

Gov & J Magrath

Your Excellency

I propose
as major of the 44th Regt S C M to raise a
mounted Infantry Company for the defense
of Clarendon District and have thought it
proper to write and ask your consent to the
same. Our Object will be to meet small -
raiding parties from the enemy whenever
we can strike an effectual blow, and to leg-
alize the matter in case any of us should
be captured we wish the authority of the
state to sustain us, and also that we may
draw rations from the public supplies col-
lected in the District when on duty.

I would respectfully submit that such
an organization in our midst would be
of the greatest benefit for the following
reasons - to say nothing of the sense of
security it would afford the citizens -

We have some three points on the
Santee River to guard, at either of which
a small force could confine one -
numerically stronger to the north bank -
of the River. in fact the farms are
defensible with a very limited number
of men - against very great odds -

The deserters are numerous and committing
many excesses in the District; they could
be kept down by the presence of such -
a force and we hope captured, the reg-
oes also need some wholesome checks
of the sort in order that acts of insub-
ordination may be nipped in its incipien-
cy. We have endeavored on two occa-

to have this done by calling out the
Regt (44th) but there is an evident
dis-inclination on the part of the
men as a map to do duty of any-
kind. There are however quite a number
of patriotic gentlemen in its ranks who
are willing may anxious to do something
for the defense of the country - these gentle-
men are willing to form a volunteer
association - and in my humble opinion
would be far more effective than the entire
Regiment drafted as it would be -

Your excellency would oblige me
greatly by conferring with me on this subject
and giving me if you see proper what
ever power may be necessary toward
carrying out the ends in view -

I am Your excellency with
much regard
W. Theo. Lisenro

Please address me
at Manning, S.C.

We, the undersigned, a commit-
tee on the part of the Citizens of Charleston District,
do most earnestly recommend the above petition,
and pray your Excellency will give it your earliest
consideration.

Committee

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