

Meeting Street P.O. ^{Expressed} S.C. Feb 11th 1865

To His Excellency Gov A G Magrath

I beg leave to submit the following
Statement of facts for your consideration upon
which I ask to be recalled from military
duty. I am in the Fifty ninth year of
my age - I have in the Confederate army
two sons being two in all during
the year (1864) in the Campaign in Pennsylvania
one of the two now living has a large
and destitute family of little children
who are entirely dependant on me for
support. and protection in addition to which
I have the family of my son in law in the
house with me they being four small children
also - I also support the business of two other
soldiers families and that of my aged &
infirmer father who is eighty years of
age and blind. If I am allowed to remain
at home I can by industry and close atten-
tion to business keep the above families from
suffering from hunger - but if taken away
leaving no one to attend to my farm upon
which there is three loads of work when I
am gone. My families must suffer. My health
is also such as not to admit of my being
out at night. I having had Pneumonia
for the three past winters. from & possess
Upon the above statement of fact I ask
that your Excellency grant me a detail so
long as you think the circumstances will
justify I have the honor to be your
petitioner &c. B S Cogburn

Examined and personally appeared before
J. Corbin & me J. S. Smyly and Ransom
Zimmerman after being duly sworn say that
they are well acquainted with B. S. Cooper
the with petitioner, and that the within
statement of facts are true, and we
join in asking that he be exempted
from military duty
J. S. Smyly.
Ransom Zimmerman

Sworn to before me this 11th day of Feb 1865
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Examined and I certify that I have
to Corbin & attended to B. S. Cooper
for a certain number of the three past
months, and it is my opinion that
any exposure in camp would produce
it immediately. I have no hesitancy in
giving it as my opinion that he is
totally unfit for military duty and
honestly believe that it would be very
dangerous for him to camp out one
night. He is a very useful man at
home, and I would respectfully request
that he be exempted from military
service

J. D. C. Purpkins M. D.
Sworn to before me Family Physician
The 11th of Feb 1865
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