

Abbeville Dist
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I hereby certify that I have been
the family physician of Major Geo.
Graves for a good many years
and have been often called to
prescribe for him - He is a con-
firmed invalid from rheuma-
tic affections - Every year of
his life he has violent attacks
of inflammatory Rheumatism
and when it is not inflamma-
tory it is chronic and is located
in the small of his back
and legs & feet - From my kn-
owledge of him he has been
a long time unable to ride
any distance on horse back or
to walk on foot and has to travel
about in a buggy - He is unable
to withstand the least exposure
to bad weather and therefore
will be wholly unfit for the duties
of a Camp life - Dr. Mabry and
myself have examined him closely
and have come to the conclus-
ion that his heart is seriously
affected -

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