

Chester 20th March 1865

His Excellency

A. G. Magrath;

Sir;

I have the honor of sending enclosed the ~~within~~ petition praying the detail of Jas A. Turner as a deserter for myself and Brothers be granted. Since the invasion by the enemy the negroes in our place and in the vicinity are in a state of insubordination and without the aid of our deserter we will be compelled to give up our home and find a place of safety for the female members of the family, abandoning entirely the place unless the resignation of my brother ~~next~~ be accepted.

My brother's only son, a youth
of 16 is in State Service, and
in a few more days I will have
to leave Chester District and
go to York District thus ren-
dering it impossible for me
to give any attention whatever to
the plantation.

Your earliest attention to
this matter is most earnestly
prayed for and desired.

Most Respectfully
C. G. Wilson