

South Carolina &  
Spartan District, Feb 29, 1864

In His Honor The

Governor, S. E. Magrath.

We the undersigned Citizens  
Respectfully submit for your Considera-  
tion the Petition of Mr. W. S. Hyatt  
of this District. Who is by trade a  
Tanner, & who is under 45 years of age.  
& has up to this time been exempt or  
detailed from Confederate Service as such  
to carry on his trade, & we ask if in the  
power of the Executive that he be forthwith  
exempt or detailed to remain at home &  
continue his trade, on account of justice  
equity & public necessity. We certify that  
the Petitioner is skilled in his trade &  
following the same exclusively since before  
the War as his only means to support  
himself & family. He being a man in  
moderate circumstances, & has considerable  
family dependent upon him for a  
support: since the war, was well & tanned  
leathers for the surrounding Country & at  
reasonable prices. Considerably under the  
market price of the same, & liberal in  
supplying Soldiers families with Leathers  
invariably giving them the preference over  
others. And who is tanning or shares for  
the greater portion of the Planters & others  
in the surrounding Country, there being  
but one other public Tannery in any  
portion of the District, which our people  
can procure, Leathers or their Hides tanned  
to enable us to shoe ourselves or our Negroes.  
& who has now in process of tanning consid-  
erable quantities of Hides of his own & of  
others, which he is regular working out for  
making shoes, which is badly needed at  
present to anything like supply our people  
for the present winter. Should he have to  
go into the Army, his tannery will necessarily  
have to stop and the consequence put to  
further inconvenience & privations, & the  
dependent Class of the same to absolute  
want & distress.

Wishes due Consideration. and if at all  
practicable Cause him to be further  
excused or detailed. to carry on his  
trade for the support of himself &  
family. & the public benefit of our  
Community. & your humble petitions  
will ever be  
Yours &c

R. M. Miller

M. C. Potts  
J. Barber

State of South Carolina Lancaster District  
Personally appeared before me W. L.  
Hoyt and in oath sayeth that the facts  
herin stated are true & true  
Sworn to & subscribed  
before me this  
21<sup>th</sup> Decr 1864. W. L. Hoyt  
M. C. Potts, Voluntary Public.