

Maria Ragin

July 2/68-

As Es that her son  
David Ragin be  
exempted from  
Confederate service  
as a policeman for  
her Dist, under the  
recent act of the  
Legislature

Clarendon District So. Ca

January 2<sup>nd</sup> /65

Gov A. S. Magrath

Dear Sir

I understand a late act of the Legislature gives you the right to claim from confederate service a certain number of persons as a police for the security of property and persons, I beg to say that I am now Seventy years of age. I have Four Sons and Four Daughters, Three Sons in the Army of Virginia - one Son and Three Daughters living with me and no other male in the plantation to superintend or transact any business whatever. I also have on my plantation over twenty Negroes, and on my sons the places which he also oversees over twenty more which makes over Forty slaves under his own management and no possible chance of procuring the service of any one to protect or provide for me in my helpless and Widowed condition. I would therefore most Respectfully ask at your hands the exemption of my son David Ragin as a police for this District. His confederate exemption has just expired and

I see no probability of procuring another unless  
I shall receive this demand and protection at  
your disposal which I trust you will cheerfully  
accord to me in my helpless condition please  
answer by 12 Inst

Very Respectfully

My address

Maria Ragin

Wright Bluff P. O.

Charleston S. C.

South Carolina

Charleston District } I certify the said  
Ragin the above manager of Mrs. Maria  
Ragin is his only son out of service and  
that Mrs. Ragin is a Lady of high Respect-  
ability and worthy of belief in all matters  
whatsoever

3rd January 1865 -

J. J. Jones  
Magistrate

March 1865

Feb 2/65

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