

Yorkville S. C.

Feb. 4. 1865.

To His Excellency Governor McQueen.

Sir:

I would respectfully ask you to renew the detail of the beaver, Mr Wm Gauden, as Overseer on my plantation in York Dist, for the present year for the following reasons:

1. I have on my place about 45 Negroes; more than 20 of whom go to the fields, and there are upwards of 15 between the ages of 18 & 30 years.
2. I reside about 11 miles from my plantation, entirely too far from it to supervise & direct it, if I were competent to do so.
3. There are several hundred Negroes on neighboring plantations, without any Capable white person to control them, and Mr Gauden has been frequently called upon to aid in the discipline & government of said Negroes - and I am perfectly willing that he should continue to do so.
4. I have several hundred bushels of Government Grain to deliver, and I fear if my overseer be taken away that much of it would be washed or stolen.

5- I would further state, that Tom Goulden has been
twice discharged from the service on account
of physical disability. And although an efficient
Overseer, I do doubt whether he could endure
the hardships incident to a Soldier's life.

I would, therefore, if consistent with the public
interest, earnestly request you to order his detail.

Very respectfully

E. W. Wallace.

The undersigned would certify that they believe
the facts stated in the foregoing petition of Mr
Wallace are true.

J. Morris Anderson

J. H. Henderson