

Hagood's Brigade

near Smithfield

Mich 26. 1865

My dear William

on arriving at camp on the
14th inst I found your letter conveying
my appointment as Judge Advocate General
I immediately tendered my resignation
& also an application for leave pending
its action by the Secretary of War.

This was approved by Genl Hagood, Hoke
& Mc Law, but I hear has been disapproved
by Genl Johnston, grounds not stated.

I enclosed with my application a copy
of your communication. There is but
one way in which the matter can
now be fixed & that is for the Govern
to telegraph & write the President
at once requesting him to accept
my resignation. This may induce
him to accept. The situation of
my family is such as to require
my presence at home & therefore
I feel deeply solicitous, that my

resignation should be accepted if possible.
I feel deeply obligated to the Governor
for his great kindness & will be glad if
you will convey my appreciation
to him & request him to act at once.
We had a severe fight with the
Enemy on the 19. 20 & 21st at Bentonville
& checked them. Sherman has fallen
to Goldsboro & we are here re-organ-
izing to oppose his progress to
Raleigh. The loss in our Brigade
was 26% I have not time to say
more but believe me

Yours most truly
Thos. G. Simons