

Augusta Geo.

17th April 1865.

Dear
General,

I trust you will
send me your ear for a few
minutes, while I state what you
will be interested in; viz, the real
condition of our low Country rela-
tive to the enemy; to say which before
the outbreak, I have travelled be-
hinds you within a short distance
from the Sea board, the main North
Protection, and our Country lies at
the mercy of the Yankees. Charleston
district is being rindled ad litem;
property carried off to an alarming
extent, and the Citizens kept in des-
potic, subversive to the will of
those, who regard might synonymous
with right. The latter all was so
absolutely successful, as well as lucra-
tive, as to give little doubt of such
repetition, as will leave the planters

without money and also without
prisoners. Hence, new towns, citi-
zens made prisoners for the time, whole
plantations desisted of their entire op-
erative force, clothing, ^{and furniture} and
small "littles," and every species of
money nullified, without personal
violence, which malice contin-
tent, or power, carry into effect. In-
surrection has been fomented, slays
armed against their enemies, am-
munition and a drill made fur-
nished by the army, and, but for
timely interference, much more
followed. In at least two cases,
Conspiracies against life were
detected in time to prevent. It is true
there are a few troops in our Country,
but personal experience overrules
and in stating that the numbers are
scarcely sufficient to resist such
parties as and sent up from the
City of Charleston, the best of it

of artillery infantry & mounted men.
The Cavalry from the Savannah to the
Santee is eminently worth protecting &
~~is~~ supporting an effective
force for the land, if transportation be
afforded for the removal of provisions
from the immediate vicinity of the line.
The pickets of the Santee are stationed at
the four mile house and no light are
our informants. The main artillery for closing
the river, Cavalry for outpost duty are
my authority for our lines.

Almost our entire population
is at hand, of the females & children,
and by far too many of the males.
The Santee mill, girth at hand and are
anxious to do so. Corn rice and honey
forage are plentiful & beef must
suffice our men. Be pleased to
remember us early & make for us such
provision as a suffering people require.
Very Respectfully
O. G. White

To Governor A. Magrath
Columbia

C. G. White

April 17/68.

In Re-Condition of
the lower part of
the State