

Fairfield Dist S.C. Feb 1865

To his Excellency:

The Governor of South Carolina:

We the undersigned Trustees of the Chinguepin Grove Academy, at which place a school has been kept open for the last six years under the very satisfactory & competent supervision of our principle Mr Samuel. N. True, who is now second Sergeant in the 3rd Regt. of South Carolina State Troops, at Camp Chesnut Adams Run S.C. and who is willing to shoulder his gun at any time to defend the rights of his State, & will do so after this ~~at~~ provided your Excellency shall call upon him, But in detriment to our Interests as a Teacher & one who has quite a number of boys from twelve to fifteen years of age under his charge, and as a useful & Superior Teacher & strict disciplinarian, relative to training his boys for usefulness, both to them & their Country, the importance of this plea we would strenuously urge, as our primary reasons, for asking as Trustees of his Academy for his release & return, at least for a while, in order that he may resume his very great & beneficial labour.

P.S. It may not be improper to say that the Academy belongs to our Teacher Mr S. N. True & unless he returns, no person else can take charge unless his consent.

Given under our hands & Seal This 10th day of February 1865

Your approval will be thankfully & Trustee }
very gratefully received. Robert Hawthorn }
magt. }
H. H. Scruggs
J. Copeland
Thomas Stone
George Glover

Exemption
L. V. True