

The State of South Carolina  
Executive Department  
Charleston, S. C.  
28 February 1865.

General.

I avail myself of the earliest opportunity to offer you in behalf of the State, my thanks for the defence of the town of Aiken, & the protection given in that defence to the population of that town. To be saved as was that town & its population from the mischief of which it was attacked, calls not only for the thanks of those who were immediately exposed: but to the grateful remembrance of all Clashes of our Citizens. To you & through you to that portion of your command which participated in the conflict for the possession of Aiken I tender you the thanks of the State.

I avail myself also of this opportunity to send you a copy of a circular which I have addressed to the Militia & Sheriffs Officers of the State; & in which I have been obliged to define for them certain duties; in consequence of the outrages practised by persons, who roam through this State: pretending to have authority from you to seize & take with force, the private property of citizens. I have not waited for your assurance that these persons were not only acting against your wishes, but without your orders. And the treatment I have ordered that they should receive, is I am sure, such treatment as you will say they deserve.

I am, General,

Respectfully &c &c

A. G. Magrath

Gen. Wheeler.

To Miss Wheeler

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Compliments as to  
services rendered  
at the Bar &c.