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I hereby certify that I have been the family physician of Major George Graves for a good many years and have been often called to prescribe for him. He is a confirmed invalid from rheumatic afflictions. Every year of his life he has violent attacks of inflammation rheumatism and when it is not inflammatory it is chronic and is located in the small of his back and leg & feet. From my knowledge of him he has been a long time unable to ride any distance on horseback or to walk on foot and has to travel about in a buggy. He is unable to withstand the least [unreadable] and to bad weather and therefore will be wholly unfit for the duties of camp life. Dr Mabry and myself have examined him closely and have come to the conclusion that his heart is seriously affected.

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