

His Excellency
A.G. Magrath

Sir,

I beg leave respectfully to apply for a detail to perform Patrol duty in the neighborhood of Statesburg, Sumter District S.C. on the following [?].

Within a circle of five miles, making my plantation the center, there are about twenty five hundred slaves.

W.E. Richardson and A. Norris are at least sixty five years old, and are the oldest men in the boundary specified above, the latter of them has been an invalid for the last two or three months.

I am the next oldest white man, being in my fifty seventh year. I have only two sons both of whom are in Confederate service on the coast near Charleston. I have for two years past managed the planting interest of my son James, he has thirty five slaves and thee is no white person on his place. I also manage my own planting interest. I have one hundred and fifteen slaves and I work sixty six hands.

My daughter Susan (nineteen years old) has had rheumatism for four years and is still a great sufferer, is as helpless as an infant, her limbs being contracted. It is a matter of upset to me to be under this necessity of making this affliction but in addition to what I have stated, I have considerable trouble in my chest on the left side. It is of eight years standing. Besides, I am clumsy and unfit for service.

Respectfully Submitted
James M. Caldwell

South Carolina
Sumter District

Personally appeared before Mr. [James A. Armin?] magistrate. James M. Caldwell who being duly sworn made oath that the foregoing statements are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

James M. Caldwell

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12th Jan. 1865

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