The 24th Ga 1695
Near Richmond, Va
January 23 1863

Adjutant & Inspector Genl.
Milledgewil, Va

Sir,

I respectfully ask to have the following named officers promoted and commissioned from the dates set opposite their names so as they may receive certain benefits liable to fall upon them by a certain Consolidation Act contemplated. They are worthy officers and have been serving a long time and should have been commissioned long a go but for some reason.
Richmond Va
Jan'y 23 1865
Col. C. B. Sanders
24 Reg't Va Vol's

Asks for Army
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of his Command

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Commision if need
Letter from the Attorney General's Office

Washington, June 30, 1865

Sir,

After consultation with the President, I desire to call your attention to, and seek your cooperation, in cases arising under the proclamations of Amnesty and Pardon of May 29th, 1865. While the Administration desires to make the operation of that instrument as general as possible, it is obvious that great dangers are to be apprehended from a loose or indiscriminate exercise of Executive clemency.

In order therefore to protect your State and the General Government from the evils resulting from such use of the President's pardoning power, I desire to refer to you hereafter the applications for pardon made, in pursuance of that Proclamation, by citizens of your State, in relation to which this Department lacks information and to ask for your a report in each case as to the propriety of granting the clemency invoked.

The special points on which information is desired are:

1. Is the petitioner (from such information as you can obtain) likely to be a peaceable and useful citizen in the future?
2nd. Have any proceedings been instituted against his property under the confiscation acts?

3rd. Is any property belonging to him now in possession of the United States authorities as "abandoned property or otherwise?"

In cases where reference is made to you, all the papers on file in this Office will be sent to you for your information and it is earnestly desired that you will give them a prompt and careful attention, and return them with your report.

The President desires these cases to be referred to you for two objects: 1st to do away, as far as may be possible, with any risk of granting pardons to disloyal or otherwise improper persons and especially to such persons as from previous conduct and character are not to be trusted with the control of that class which has been happily converted by rebellion and war, from slavery to freedom, and to which the General Government looks in the not far distant future, for support, as from intelligent and loyal citizens. 2nd. The President desires to strengthen your hands in the reorganization of society in your State by every means constitutionally belonging to him.

To you, primarily, he looks for the support of law and order in your State and for the initiation of such measures as will, at the earliest day possible, place her
in proper relations with the Federal Union and thus restore her to all the blessings of a Government which we proudly claim to be as strong as it is merciful.

The United States District Attorney has been ordered to render you any assistance you may need in these matters.

I enclose you herewith a printed form, which will indicate the conditions which have been substantially determined on by the President as essential before granting a pardon.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

(Seal)

James Speed

Attorney General

Washington July 7, 1865

I do hereby declare the above to be an exact copy of the original. James M. Wayne

Assistant Justice Sept. 11th
Copy
June 1865
To Henry L. Dawes
Hillside near
Sompian

Your Letter of Jos. Speed
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President
Maj. Genl. Math. Wayne
Jasper Geo. July 18, 1785

Geo. Washington

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Rangers and also in Conformity

with Gent orders which are to take

effect Feb'y 7th. I shall have no men

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Respectfully,

your obedient servant,

Phil. R. Simmers

Maj Genl. Math. Wayne
Jasper Geo.
Phil P. Simmons
Pickens Co
1865

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