State of Georgia
McIntosh County

Wedge Near Darien Oct. 14, 1863
Mayors Office

To his Excellency Governor Brown
Millengeville

Sir,

On the 11th of June last five Yankee Gunboats—made their way from Darien to Darien at about 11 o'clock A.M. The command to shell the town I went in my buggy as near as one mile to the City, finding no shelters except the Waudels there. I returned to the Ridge when I was at the corner of my fence. My fence is three miles from Darien. I met the picket from East Lane Company which I understand had been were than Darien. I asked them what they were doing there and told them there. The place was where the Red was and told them that if they did not come I certainly would have a shot at the 11:00 A.M. Some of the soldiers remarked that would be glad if they had the command they would be glad to follow me. The City was then all in fire on every section. Since then the command of Capt. Hopkins was sent to the Ridge and stationed about five miles from Darien finding that carts and wagons from every part of the county were being picked up all of the week that the fire had left. I went directly to Capt. Hopkins and requested him to visit me in stopping the depredations as much as possible and to direct his pickets to follow me in town without a pass from me, which complied with, and prevent me. That means to prevent depredations about the beginning of September Capt. C. C. Hopkins and Company was ordered back to Savannah and Capt. Price moved his from the Ridge about 4 miles back on the Savannah & Darien stage road.
While leaving the ridge on which there is a great deal of valuable property undestroyed, unprotected, under these circumstances I would suspect some delay in giving us some protection from the enemy when we are in the position they have made the threat. They have after promising to burn your place that the ridge would be occupied.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Dr. L. Short

Telamon Cuyler Collection
University of Georgia
Charleston
South Carolina
Nov. 13, 1863

Federal attack on
Sumter & doing of
the artillery

[Signature]

[Handwritten note]
the opposing Federal
army
Oct. 6th 1863

Atlanta Oct. 6th, 1863

Genl. Head Quarters

His Excellency

Joseph E. Brown

Marietta 3 Gov.

In reply to your note of 22nd ult., I have the pleasure to inform you that I have succeeded in raising a company in Forsyth county, and through the courtesy of Genl. Cobb the companies organized in Dawson county have been placed under my command.

During my recent expedition to North Eastern Georgia, quite a number of deserters, stragglers, marauders &c. were arrested and sent under guard to the proper points; and I have so ordered and arranged my command in that section of the State as I think will result in the prompt & effectual execution of the work committed to my charge.

In a few days I will do myself the pleasure of calling on you in person, when I will confer with...
you on business of a particular

I take this occasion to renew
my thanks for the uniform courtesy
& kindness which you have evinced
towards me personally, & in my
official character; and with afeu-
crances of my continued regard &
esteem, I remain

Yours Truly,

G. W. Lee

J. S. Wright

Gen'l

Actg. J. Adj.

Commanding

P.S. My observation and information
obtained from friends in the Mountain
Counties lead one to believe that the
result of the approaching election will
afford gratifying evidence of the
regard in which you are held offi-
cially, in that portion of the State.
Helen Ga. Oct. 6th, 1861
To His Excellency, Joseph E. Brown,
If authorized by the proper Authority, I can raise a company of infantry to serve at Atlanta or at any post of duty in the State of Georgia, if the company can be assured that it will not be taken out of the State. The company of such will be recruited, shall be composed of men between the ages of sixteen and eighteen together with those who have been drafted into the Confederate Service. I have twenty five names already subscribed on the above service condition. I have served in the 91st Ga. Regt. for one term and was discharged on account of age being under eighteen years of age. I will be eighteen next January. Please let me know if such a company can be commissioned and if members of those can be transferred to this. I am

With high regard,
Your humble servant,

A.M. Dobbs
A. B. Lowry
Weston
Webster Co.

14 Oct 1863

Proposes to raise a Company
of persons between the age
of 16 and 18, and others
with substitutes to serve
anywhere in the State.
Head Quarters
State Troops
Atlanta Ga. 7 Oct. 1863

His Excellency
Joseph E. Brown

Enclosed I send you copies of a correspondence between
Genl. Bragg & myself. I shall be
happy to render you any assistance
in my power in carrying out
the suggestions of said Bragg in
hurrying the bridges on the State
road complicated to meet any
future emergency. I doubt not
however that you have done in
that respect, all that can be done.
I only send the correspondence that
you may see the importance
attached to it by Genl. Bragg.

I am very respectfully
Truly yours,

[Signature]

May. Genl. C.
[Signature]
THE SOUTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANIES.

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J. R. DOWELL, Gen'l Sup't, Richmond, Va.  W. S. MORRIS, Pres't, Richmond, Va.

Received at [illegible] 5 1863 at 6 o'clock, minutes.

By telegraph from Millwoodville 3 3/4 hrs. 3/4 Brown.

Just received letter from Polk, he wants the Agent sent immediately.

12/11/2 C. Lewis Come
June 9th 1863

To Mrs. Brown Dear Sir permit me to write you a letter to inform you somewhat of the condition of our section at present. We have many and destitute families and soldiers' wives who have been in service for 2 years and who have worked hard and are now in want of the best possible food. Through this exertion made corn enough to have done there that has not to dye a sudden lift it will raise and the consequence there was a poor sick man in the house that had made corn enough to have bled her own people and driven up to her house and the with tears in her eyes implora them to spare her little corn she had worked hard to make and laugh at her and took her corn in sight of the depot where there was 3000 Bushels Corn for the Government we know that they were not from necessity to assist and fed the poor for their in sight of the depot where there was 3000 Bushels Corn for them, we cannot make our corn and we will be compelled to abandon our farms. We cannot support our families, they killed some 30 or more Negroes for this and then away and sold the nicest of bacon and sold some of my hogs to citizens after they had them cleared. I mention these circumstances so that you may be posted as to our condition.
what I have stated to you are facts and half it not half it is a general thing throughout these and the adjoining countries is it not strange such men cannot be compelled to stay with their command and made to face the enemy instead of stealing and robbing our citizens of the eat house cow and hog the people born they are no friends to the south they are working for the enemy and a money one of them hired by the uncles to help to subjugate the south they are the most treacherous men have a herd of one three old men who have been born in the war and as good soldiers as ever stood a trigger always at their left the old men had hired and worked hard to make his bread they went to his house and took the last four women and killed every hog and let him destroy he asked them if they not for him to his farm and hogs they told him to go to hell for it 1 how it will break the enemy of if there is not a change some we go round certain men cannot stay in the service and their wives and childrens staying at home so as the effect it will have on our soldiers in the field enough to this time you got every vote of our precinct but 1 out of 3 4 yours very respectfully Thos Smith
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J. R. DOWELL, Gen’l Sup’t, Richmond, Va.
W. S. MORRIS, Pres’t, Richmond, Va.

Received at Harwillo Ga Oct 8 1863 at o’clock, minutes,

By telegraph from Richmond 7 1/2 miles Dr. H. N. Brown

Understand a deputation is to be sent to you. When the R. R. N. B. road please wait until you receive any letter from us by

Trans. F. M. Garnett
THE SOUTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANIES

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The Southern Telegraph Company guarantees the transmission of messages with every message of importance at the rate of Ten Dollars per word. All messages are transmitted with the utmost dispatch, and every effort is made to ensure their safe delivery. The company is not responsible for any delay or damage that may occur during transmission.

WM. FORBES, General Manager

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Received at Marietta Oct 1863 at o’clock, minutes.

By telegraph from Atlanta to Dr. Geo. Brown

E. C. Brown

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Received at Marietta Oct 8 1863 at o'clock, minutes,

By telegraph from Augusta Oct 8. To Gen'l Brown

Bribery voted yesterday on the back not interrupted and not nearly unanimous, for each say one thousand mapping.

19, 87K for C15W Geo. Miller.
Morganton
Oct 8th 1863

His Excellency
Joseph & Brown

My dear sir,

In accordance with your request, I herewith enclose you the result of the vote of this county for Governor and Congress.

Brown 199
Hill 94
Jackson 155
Knight 65
Allen 15

The entire Tory party of the county voted for Hill & Wright, except those who have been driven off. The entire strength of the Tories had been pulled. I believe they would have carried the county.

This is a bad state of affairs and unless these troops are kept in the county, they (the Tories) will take the county, but I do trust that you will use your influence to have the troops kept here, until these men are either killed or captured. No man can feel safe here either in person or property. They are constantly robbing the loyal citizens of horses and other property and many have been entirely broke up.

I will write you again in a few days upon another subject.

Very respectfully,

your friend,

E. H. Chastain
E. M. Chastain

Give me of
       — County for
Your & Courts
Whitfield Co. Ga Oct 8th 1863

Mr. Brown

Permit me to lay our de-
position before you and when we consider our
Case it is one of a number of families
in this County, but husbands are both in the
War fighting for the independence of our
Common Country, in Stephenson Division.

Now Under Gen. Grant at Chattanooga,
We are entirely destitute of any provision
To support ourselves or our families. We
Appeal to you in our distress to relieve us.
In this Cry of the orphans and the distressed
Soldiers, Have have always found sympathy
When at your Bosom, We Know of no
Other common Friend that is disposed
To assist us, therefore we trust that
As far as in you lies you will not neglect
Us or Leave us with our Poor families
To perish. We are willing to bear all that
Is possible but when our Poor Children
Came to us for Bread & we have none to give
Them the Case is Harrowing Beyond Description.
We therefore hope & trust that this moving Applause will meet with a favourable reac-
tion from your Excellency & thar as our
Common Guardian you will not Leave us
To suffer during the approaching Winter.
We Remain Your Most 
Respectfully

Delilah & Berenda

Jessica E. Clements
JNNN. B. WILSON
Wharf Co.
Oct 12, 1830.

State their facts.

Full condition
Camp Head Christamanga. Oct 16th, 1863

His Excellency Joseph E. Brown
Governor of Georgia

Governor

I have the honor to ask whether or not the troops from Georgia have the right to elect their field officers and Company officers or do the Brigade or has a right to pass and order promotion a staff to lie in and a major to sit in without subjecting them to an examination or in other words does the law allow the said officer or major to go up by promotion to subject the senior captain to a strict examination be for a board of examiners who decides whether he shall be promoted or not. Regardless of the wishes of the subordinate officer and privates is it a right for a company to do without it because A may not have men who are willing to subject them selves to an examination. That having been a good deal of question of your said our regiment I have thought proper by the request of money other offices of this regiment to ask a reply at your earliest convenience will oblige me very much

Yours Very Respectfully

Your Most Serv.

W.M. Grantham Capt

Capt Co 83rd Ga Regt
Athens Oct 12 1863

Grown Brown

Dr. Dear

I received last night the enclosed communication from Miss Sibilla Bechtel & her relatives. Accorded Alabama. I can

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made your complaint

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public man must

be proud to call it

pursuing it.
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Creese In Oct. 1843
This spelling is Joseph J. Brown.

Dear Sir,

I drop you a line for the purpose of getting some information in relation to the matters of the Peace. I joined the Home Guards according to your Proclamation of the County and I understand that the quota is made without a check of the person. One would think he would be liable to contest or not. I joined the Home Guards and aid intend going if the quota had not been made without me, but as it was made I don't think I am liable. I wish to know your opinion yours respectfully.

John H. Holaday
John Y. McElroy
Dasher
Utto

12 Oct 63 =

Can P. be held of
the quota, has been
overruled =

Telamon Cuyler Collection
University of Georgia

Ans 24 Oct 63
L.H.C.

To his Excellency.

Joseph E. Brown
Governor.

At the breaking out of the revolution I held a Militia Commission which was given by you; as soon as the conflict began I resigned my Commission and joined the C.S. Army, as the Commission of Capt. R. of the C.S. army resigned my Commission came home, I joined the State Troop for local defense. Being by the Company, an Commission by you, I ranked as first Capt. of the whole Company. You inquire the existing circumstance of my affairs, whether I am exempt from Conscription, or whether I am subject to Conscription. Please answer soon, at I am anxious to know the result.

Yours Very obedient,

[Signature]
J. B. N. Crews
Blount Ferry
Ala

14 Oct 63 =

May Militia Officers intend Confederate service. May his Commission Thence vacated?

Aug 22 Oct 63

S. W. B.
XXVII. Generals Commanding U.S. Forces are hereby authorized to grant leaves of absence and furloughs during the Session of the Ga. Legislature, to all members and officers thereof attached to their respective Commands, to enable them to attend said Legislature, which will meet the 1st Wednesday in November next.

By command of the Secretary of War.

[Signature]

Assistant Adjutant General.
Adjutant and Inspector General's Office

Richmond, OCT 22, 1863.

SPECIAL ORDERS,

No. 252

XXXVI. The execution of the Conscribto

Law, price $200,000, to be paid by the following named

Counties in the State of Georgia, unless otherwise

ordered:

Rabun - Tylertown - Habersham -

White - Lumpkin - Harris -

Bibb - Tannino - Union -

By command of the Secretary of War.

[Signature]

Assistant Adjutant General,

His Excellency the Gov. of Geo.

Milledgeville Geo.
OCTOBER 25th, 1863

To: Secretary Joseph E. Brown

From: I am in command of home guard company in Murray County. There is no Roster in my company. The Militia Officers who has been breveted as such by the CO of the County and who Chair Exemption from the Conscription. I have refused to give them up until I am advised by you they have complied with all your Order as well. When you Ordered the Militia Officers to Savannah they must have discharged all the duty of these officers and in compliance with your proclamation of the 22 of June last they attached them below to my Company of Home guard. I want you to let us understand whether I have done right or not the Concept of my order, that an officer cannot, do it. I trust that your answer soon. Respectfully your obedient

W. Bond
C. W. Bond
Spring Place
25 Oct. 63
A. H. B.
Lieutenant Drake Co Va

Governor Brown

My dear Sir,

I write to you for information in relation to the contest here. In September 1861, there was an election held in this County for Major to reorganize the Militia of this State, myself and another individual were ran and both received commissions. Myself as Major of the 1st Battalion of the 1st Regiment and the other as Major for the 2nd Battalion while communicating this date the 4th Sept. 1861. I accepted the commission and was sworn in on the 2nd October 1861, and did all military service when able required of me. I joined in the 2nd Ten Day's Volunteer and went into the Service under the Call that was made for the 5000 men under your proclamation and have been done all duty required of me in the organization known as the "Georgia State Guard." I had supposed and still think that my commission as Major exempts me from Confederate Conscription. I have however within the last day been required by a Captain Church who from Florida, who claim to have the authority from a Col. Finly Col. Knox (I do not know which) to go to Sandy Nead.
Quarters on the Chattoochee Rive. The law has a
regular Consript office, in this county who has reg-
erly accorded an exemption my Commission as
an exception from Confederate Consription
by Capt. Eimer disregards my commission and also I a
find Cobb order No. 10 as to the manner in which
Consripts are subject to be reached in the State in
"Georgia State Guard," organization and forces m. Sa
to the Head Deaetors of Earl, Head under the Ordi-
plea or pretense that my Commission was illegil I
issued the other individual who my Enactpla
Wife being Consripted at the same I supposed for
we were both properly Consripted the County an
being entitled I apply to you Major
I am willing to conform to all legal and
Constitutional requirements of my county and land
should have been long since in the Confederate
service but for the peculiar Circumstances in
which I am placed and would never have claimed my
exemption under the Consription I hold from you
as Major. The information I now want is to
from you is to know whether my Consription
exempt me from Confederate Consription and can
whether I Can be Consripted in any other way to
(y liable) than is laid down in Earl Cobb's that
Order No. 10, as before referred to. Capt. Henry
has refused, on excuse of the right of electing the
own Comman or Army if running the ship shall
be decided at Genl. tidy is the Comman to them
also. I am not exempt.

I could I suppose have claimed exemption
under another proceeding of the Crn right. I
am the owner of forty eight slaves in my own
right and am the Trustee and manager
也为 an Estate of nineteen slaves, all excepted out
of the plantation, and here at my own risk and
expense for either but myself, and have intended only
therein the desire of I have to keep up Cornum to
the hope that I may be allowed to remain
sub my Country in the management of the Land
and plantation than I have been properly to
abandon the field. I have raised a thousand for you per
thousand bushel of Corn in my district in
the head of Hope for march and have only
go and into the hands of the right man with
the support of holding family.

I hope to hear from you at your
and earliest convenience and if I am put the
way to any protection of your hands in the
so that it will be given at a early day a
I hope this note finds you in high spirits. The news of the
departure of the Commission and that he is expected
directed to only one more of the ten were also of the
news of the days passed. A letter from them to us that is being
to be taken to face yesterday and of which to
be told out by White. Command for this purpose
were kept. The story can be as follows:
1. The given to the place of the pursuant and
2. The attempt to force the Sino-Japanese

To Mr. C. Wagner

J. E. C.
MILLEDGEVILLE AND MACON TELEGRAPH LINE.
CONNECTING WITH ALL LINES EAST, WEST, NORTH AND SOUTH.

Dated Richmond 29th 1863

To Governor Ross

Following Special Order was issued 18th inst. Genl's Commanding C.S. Forces will grant leave of absence of Furloughs during the session of the Georgia Legislature to all Men, Officers thereof, attached to their 36th Regiment Commands, to enable them to attend said Legislature which will meet the first Monday in November next.

S. Cooper

J. J. Bone
Adt. Carl Cooper
Order to furlough
Member of the
Guard Service

1863.
Martinsville,
Oct. 25th 1863.

To His Excellency --
Joseph E. Brown:

Please inform me whether or not the acceptance of a Lieu Tenantry in a Volunteer Company of Volunteers, will vacate my Commission as Maj. Gen. of the 5th Division S. M. I.

Very Respectfully,

Your obdt. Servt.

James M. Dobbs
Monticello, Ga.
October 30th, 1863.

Major General C.
James M. Drane.

Will the acceptance
of a commission in
the service of State
Troops vacate his com
mission as Major General
of Militia.

Annex Jan. 24 '63.
October 31st, 1863

Dear Sir,

I send you within an Affidavit and Warrant to arrest Alfred W. H. Nichols, who it has been ascertained is in Alabama. I shall send a Demand on the Governor of Alabama for his arrest and return him for trial. Eben W. Jeffers will take charge of it, as I have known his name invited in the Demand as the aid of the State to execute the Process.

As I shall be out of Town, please send the Paper to W. R. Phillips, Mayor.

I am very respectfully,

[Signature]

His Ex: Gov: Brown

[Signature]