April 22, 1865

Near by, Walthers County, Ga.

Mr. Brown: Sir, I set myself to writ to you the condition I am in, my children is in

a small alder, soldiers, familiars is in around me. Them two has no help left to themselves, I have

them 2 children, wall to small to be help me.

Mr. Brown. I cant get corn under 10 or 12

dollars per bushel and the miners say that they dont want to sell it at that price, we cant live to

increase dollars. Mr. Brown I was able to sit

for help, you no what little money we draw would mi bad as at the time it is

Mr. Brown the last time I drawed mi money I had it all for permission that I

had yet. I havent got any bread at this time

really as I havent hit Harw with out money

you could do to draw us corn in the place of

money I would be glad of Mr. Brown I want

myself if you please. See you are all of mi chance,

you dont help us we are bound to suffer it

very hard to think that soldiers cant get

bread Mr. Brown see to this and please see

hope this will take some influence on you

Mr. Brown if you will give me letter if you per se

am in trust direct your letter to green hill

in the care of Mr. Rhodes

Mrs. Elizer Lappis to Mr. Brown
Mrs Eliza Cafys
Merrimdeather Co.
Sun. April 12, 1865

Stale her deer
Turkey Com 10
dols. Each 9
no one wishing
to sell even at
that price
Apr. 20th, 1943, Milton Co.
Georgia

To His Excellency
Joseph E. Brown

Gentleman,

Sir: I am in a pitiable condition and I want to know whether I cannot receive any assistance from you as next of kin. I am as follows:

My husband is afflicted with a lingering illness which has never been pronounced by any doctor. The present is able to attend to my business in two years and rent his out of his bed in a few months. My oldest son was killed in Virginia last spring and he was my dependence for a support.
My next eldest is a girl whose is never able to do any thing at all. Then I have another girl and a little boy just large enough to begin to learn. I have four under 10 years old. You may have my address on. Before you come tell me that I hope to write to you. Because I cannot as a soldier. But so I am sure a way to Pease and if you tag it before you Pias write to me soon on the subject address me at Saint Po 7 years By

Eudolah Colhins
Mrs. Susanah Elkins
Milton, Ga
Ann. April 13, 1865

Stas, her aunts, Juism
Holmesville Ga
April 4th, 1865

To the Executive
Governor of Georgia

I, B. H. Johnson, Governor, do hereby issue an order from the appointment of several agents for the distribution of the relief fund for colored people in this state, who have been and are ever in this county, not duly and legally to determine the names of the persons

The old appointments in the county, such as

The old agents in the county, B. F. Hall, will

Appointed by the old justice in each

To the east, and they will receive the

view of us the new court, we have

done yet to appoint or an old

temporary agent in each place.

I must add that we should give some

Three or more, responsible,

Reliable men, and men who will use

I humbly beg that instead of the poor

class,

We at a new court considered that

We had a perfect right to hear such cases,

us in thought, we would that our most

advisably select the guards, but in

Their hands and run of our choice

and the rest of the guards.

We would therefore ask to state that in

her house and she have a name agent that we

recognize, having disposed of all other

affairs right, but our agents of the color

said guards.

Their being the above cause

may meet with your con
I hope you will pardon me for taking the privilege of writing to you, as I am in distress and need some assistance. I thought I would write to you, for it seems I will tell you my situation. I am a refugee away from my home, my husband in service. I am barely earning my living from my meager resources, and my board is almost exhausted. I have heard of you, Mr. Brown, and I have known one to do anything for me, and I know you have always assisted the destitute. Since this calamity has commenced, I have lost all of my property nearby by the enemy, and I am seeking assistance. I think if you have not yet gotten any further since his death, you know Miss Ella Williams, who is a relative of Bobb. Blount and my father-in-law is Ella's husband. I hope you will not think that I am a beggar or a traitor to the country. My husband is bent fighting for it, and a countryman now. I will tell you who my money is in the hands of. Mr. W. W. Watson, brother commission merchant of Savannah, Ga. now. I hope...
You will direct me if you can not grant the note without my attention, if you please add some thing for me if you can and I have some Philadelphia on hand and I would like to carry some of it to defray my expenses if I can and you will grant me permission please let me know in the course of the day what you can do for me and I may want my papers, please send them to this place to me soon for God sake don't forget me in this trying hour of distress.

Your humble servant,

Ellis E. Brown Payne

To Governor Brown of J.C.

[Handwritten signature]

[Date: Oct 10, 1845]
Sole Home. Barrosson. April 6th 1865

To His Ex. D. G. Brown
Governor


Sir,

The provisions ordered from the Commissioner's depot by your special order to me at Macon during the recess of the Legislature for the care of 2500 men, have been commandeered by Major A. B. P. D. Head, and he has informed me that nothing has been done towards the purchase of the provisions ordered immediately. I have ordered Capt. Peacock at Macon to furnish 1000 Lb. of flour this week. I will today write Capt. Peacock that I have made this application to you for an order to fill up the bill and desist him from filling for such orders to the amount of the provision you have ordered immediately.

Many of these provisions are coming here and returning to Alabamian...
After the War, the number of beneficiaries
will not exceed 133 persons - so that our
expenditures have to remain the same, as
then before.

Under the management of Mr.
Hueper, the manufacture of
appliances for the care of
sick will still proceed; there remains the cost to
the State, - so that I have much
hope, that the concern will benefit in
a large measure.

A school will be opened for the instruction of the
children by a disabled soldier, under
the care of the Board of this County, and
the superin-
tendence of the Education Board of this County.

Respectfully yours,

Milton A. Candle
Eighth St.
L.

Date
State of Georgia

To His excellency

Montgomery County, Joseph O'Brown.

The undersigned justices of the

Lower Court of said County respectfully

represent to your excellency, that owing

to the condition and position of the arm-

nie, at the present time, our County is

greatly troubled with straggling bands

of cavalry, who are and have been

committling many depredations on the

peaceable citizens of the County, and

we further beg to show, that if the

men between 50 & 55 are ordered

off we will be without any police

and will be entirely at the mercy

of the lawless bands. We therefore

pray your excellency to allow the men

between 50 & 55 to remain in the County

until the condition of things is changed

in this section. They are organized

done all in their power to preserve

property and arrest these stragglers.

We have been urgently requested

by the citizens of the County to make

this appeal to your excellency,

and we trust that it will meet
year favorable Consideration

Very Respectfully

John W. M
A. Peterson
J. M. Wall

C. L. A. A. B. W. M.

Attest James, O. Clement

Clark
Montgomery Co.

Date April 7, 1865

The situation in Montgomery Co. after those between 30 and 55 were ordered off.
Stewart Insr. Court
April 7th 1865

Governor Brown,
Sir & to the Secretary of the Agent appointed to purchase provisions for the indigent soldiers families of this County.

Very Respectfully yours,
J. P Rockwell J.L.C.
John West J.L.C.
Robt W. Watson J.L.C.

Respect
G. M. springs
C. J. C.
E. G. Birkeny
Par. &gt _
per Student
Co. _ pro Esedés
families
1865
As Secretary Joseph E. Brown,

My dear Sir:

It was I think in

Deb. Lab. I knew best for O. Gardner & T. A. Allen & two citizens of this county. The former one of our representatives in the Legislature of Geo. The latter one of our justices of the di. Court. It was after a frank statement

of the utter destitution of myself and family, I learned from these gentlemen that a liberal appropriation to meet such cases had been made by the Legislature of the State. The utterly destitute of money and means to receive such aid gratefully. While those in my situation would be required to pay what it might cost the State to bring it to Marietta. These facts presented to me by the aforesaid gentlemen were so plain and simple — so little liable to any construction — as to quiet any apprehensions and make me easy.

I pray you to listen to my story. It shall be as brief as I can make it. In the Autumn of 1863 I began to make arrangements for breadstuffs for 1864 & 65. I bought as much corn as I could in this county. At from 65 to $1.00 per bushel. I bought some corn in barrels and a
Car -load in the streak in South Western Ga. I en- 
deavored at the same time to reduce my corn expen- 
siture to its minimum. I hereby need not say to your 
Excellency I had no eye to a speculation. It is a sim- 
ple truth I never did attempt to make a speculation of 
any kind in my life. My motive is clearly explained 
& Geo. was our granary. Henry was the agent 
of the Manatee Depot. Through him & his friends I 
accomplished my object with the conviction that my 
heavily infirnities of deafness & blindness were grow- 
ing more inevitable. The enemy came upon 
us. & myself decided to remain at home. 
I did so. The enemy respected nothing but our per- 
sons and dwellings. They broke open stables, cribs, barns, 
food stores. The carried off my horse, hogs, cattle and 
poultry with the exception of one milk cow. They car- 
ried off my corn, wheat, oats, etc. Clover, fodder & hay 
that which was gathered as well as that in the field. 
They destroyed my gardens and my orchards. In 
short, with a wanton spirit which can be an - 
no parallel in the darkest ages. They ruthlessly plundered 
fellaged corn & laide waste as they went, the bome of with 
former as least without complaint. I endeavored to 
believe the country was doing the best they could for us.
He knew our God would not forget us. We were closely confined in Manila for four months and four
than days, from 3 July to the 19 Nov. last. Our was
morally - class captivity. Then passed a through another
class trial. It was the triumph of unsuching, bare-
faced degradation. I can not venture upon this topic.
It had "its entrance and its exit." I waited anxiously
the return of law and order. It has come - to some
extent, I do not intend to harrow the feelings of by
a catalogue of my losses. I regret the one entity that com-
pels me to write this. My whole family consisting of
wife, Henry's widow, child, and myself - and seven ser-
veants constitute the household dependent upon me for
bread. I scarce not day we have nothing to eat. For I have
told you where we have been. For myself I am a help-
less incurable invalid. I have neither house nor store -
- if I have a conveyance I am on a count of kind-
ness and daubars in capable of getting about. I have
in vain tried to employ agents. They have failed me
utterly. I cannot even get away from this place!
My daughter-in-law (Henry's widow) and child escaped
from Columbia 3.6 to her home with us. That can I do? My
infirmities hold me as closely as iron bars and bolts. I
can buy nothing with my money. I cannot even get away.
Can I ask your help? Do I not come within the purview of the late liberal appropriation of the Legislature? I do not ask bread as a gift; but that you will authorize Mr. Moore Esq., your agent, here to sell one for the support of my family. Otherwise I see not how I am to escape starving. Remember I am here alone utterly. This clause is not a mere figure of speech.

I am sorry to have trespassed so long upon your attention. Whatever may be your decision in this case, I shall feel sure it has been guided by your convictions of duty and justice as heretofore, or remain with high considerations of respect. Your humble friend & obedient servant,

Mr. J. Williams

N.B. Dr. and Mrs. Shy's wife to get here from Columbia SC more than $3000--you can guess who pays for that duty.

[Signature]

Dr. C.M. 1813

F. F. Williams