Montgomery, Ala.
18th May 1866

My dear Sir:

This morning Robert called on the Governor and presented your letter, asking at the same time that your commission be forwarded to you. While the Governor does not refuse to issue the commission, he advises that you will not insist upon its issuance just now. Last evening he received a telegram from the authorities at Washington, stating that you would not be allowed to fill the office until officially pardoned by the President.

To-day the governor promises to write you on the subject, and in the mean time will not issue

the commission until he hears from you. He does not refuse the papers that will enable you to fill the position to which you have been elected, but says that if you insist, he will forward them.

With kindest regards to your family, I am, my dear sir:

Very truly &c

William Knox