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His Excellency

Andrew Johnson

President of the United States

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Your Petitioner Bolling Hall a citizen of Autauga ~~County of~~ ~~State~~ Alabama respectfully makes this special application to your Excellency for Amnesty and pardon under the proclamation of your Excellency dated 29th May 1865. Your Petitioner if excepted from amnesty and pardon at all is so under the thirteenth exception of said proclamation. He is doubtful whether his property at the date of said proclamation was of the value of twenty thousand dollars but in order to relieve himself of anxiety he makes this application feeling confident that his motives if understood will not be considered such as render him deserving of punishment. At the commencement of hostilities four sons of your Petitioner entered the army of the so called Confederate States. They were over the Military age of eighteen years and entered said army without being influenced thereto at all by your Petitioner. They enlisted as private Soldiers and were consequently exposed to great hardships. After they had been thus in said service for some time your Petitioner feeling the affection and sympathy for his children natural to a father assisted them in raising new companies in order that they

might obtain commissions and thereby be in some measure relieved of the hardships to which they had been exposed They succeeded in raising the companies (two in number) and in getting Commissions in them Your Petitioner in order to prevent his fifth son from enlisting consented that he should go for a limited time with the army without enlisting the purpose and desire of your Petitioner really being to keep him out of service altogether After the expiration of this time Your Petitioner succeeded in getting him to leave the army but being at College and subjected to the exciting influences then prevailing he again determined to go and your Petitioner again with the purpose to keep him out of the army altogether consented he should as before go a limited time without enlisting Before the expiration of this period he was killed in the battle of Chickamauga. Your Petitioner succeeded with great difficulty in keeping his sixth son out of the army altogether though he was within the military age Your Petitioner subscribed the proceeds of sales of cotton to the amount of fifteen hundred dollars in Confederate Treasury notes to the cotton loan of the so called Confederate States He paid over this amount received a certificate therefor and disposed of the certificate long ago This subscription was made at a time when the state of public feeling was such as to produce a moral disease