Autauga Co. Ala.
"Oak Grove" Sept. 4th 1864.

Hon. John A. Campbell,

My Dear Sir,

I dislike to trouble you very much but I feel such a deep interest in my young friend & relative Col. Bolling Hall that I venture to drop you a short note. He was among the first who entered the Confederate Army from this section of country, raising a company of which he was made Captain & has been in the Army from that time till this, except when at home from wounds. He was in the battle of Chickamauga & commanded the 2nd Batt. Hilliard's Legion Lt Col. to which office he had been elected sometime previous — he led the desperate charge on what was called by some "Battery Hill," — our flag, you remember was pierced by eighty balls in that charge. President Davis caused the flag bearer on account of his gallantry to be promoted to the office of Lieutenant. Col. Hall's Regt carried the works, he himself being shot down & severely wounded in the very act of taking the works.

On recovering from his wounds he returned to the Army & lost his leg in one of the late severe fight's near Drury's Bluff. He is highly educated, no defect of character, prudent & sagacious. - in fact, in every respect a most promising young man. His leg is now well & he will start in the morning for his command. I know of no young man in Alabama whose appointment to a Brigadier Generalship would give more general satisfaction & I trust you will give him all the aid in your power should a vacancy occur. Col. Hall is twenty seven years old.

Very Respt

Yr Friend & Obl Servt.

Ben Fitzpatrick

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