



Letter from discharged soldier to Mississippi Governor John J. Pettus; October 3, 1862

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Transcription:

Yazoo City Oct 3, 1862
To The Hon Gov J, J, Pettis
Dear Sir

Having returned home after serving faithfully in the 18th" Miss Regt through all the hard fighting for 15 months closing after the 7 Days fighting around Richmond Va. beeing 49 years of age and honourably dis-charged, I deem it my duty to inform your Honour that ^there^ is a stout able healthy young man here who it appears has been practicing deception in order to evade the conscrip act by representing to your honour that the Negroes were getting very troublesome in this nobourhood and that he was the only protector of several families, and all of which is false, there is no one in the nobourhood who would sign his petition, and no one who wishes his protection as I herd his motherinlaw say her only son is in the war, His detale patrole is to and end he now branches off by purchasing a pattent to tan leather individually and now intends to learn to make shoes all which is to evade the conscrip act he beeing 26 years of age, speculating in tobacco from the beginning of the war he has said he would not go that he had no Negroes and that the rich might fight, for them Negroes that he did not intind to fight such is the man Robert S. Bates, I leave him under your Honourable consideration and if you think it advisable you can inform, Gen Tupper, Col Hamer of Yazoo City or the Provost Marchill Tyler of Yazoo City who is stout and hearty well known as such, I deem this my duty as an old faithfull Souldier, Allow me to remain your friend and obt
Sevt

Soldier

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