



Letter from Isaac Applewhite to Mississippi Governor John J. Pettus; June 6, 1862

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Columbia Marion co Miss,
June 6th /62
His Excellency Gov. Pettus
Jackson Miss.
Governor

There is greatly needed in this county a company of mounted rangers 1st" to keep The negroes in awe—who are getting quite impudent, our proximity to The enemy has had a perceptible import-ence upon them—2 To restrain disaffected citizens who I am sorry to say are too numerous—3 To aid in returning to the service furloughed soldiers where time has expired but who refuse to report themselves to their respective commands— This lost class is getting to be numerous and there seeing at present To be no efficient remedy for the evil—

Now without vanity I am the man to get the company up—I have four sons in the army the youngest only sixteen also a son-inlaw & fifteen nephews—I am a cotton factor (I might have added[ex.] of the firm of Applewhite bros. & co. for N.Orleans—have retired to This my native county, with a wife and five little ones from the storm of war and would like to be useful to my country in her

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Time of trial—(I am partially deaf, and fifty, so that I would not be rec,d in the regular service)

Now if I had a commission and author-ity to raise a company say of twenty or thirty, not subject to conscription, to arm and equip themselves and range from the Jackson R. road to Pearl river I think the thing could be easily done and I could thereby render my

country some service

Yours Truly

Isaac Applewhite

Raise the Compa-ny and is will be Recvd & when in active service will recvd pay & rations, as in Confd service

Answered
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