To his Excellency

Governor Brown

Pendleton Anderson Dist. So. Carolina

April 13th 1862

Sir

It was my intention some time back to have conferred with you on a subject of importance to the State of Georgia as well as the Confederate States. Ill health with other circumstances have prevented from executing that intention until the present moment.

Some years back I became joint proprietor of a remarkable property in the environs of Clarkesville Habersham County Georgia. The water power is singularly fine, as to quantity and the ease with which it may be controuled. Indeed the Steam is dasried by a natural cliff of Syenite with a fall, if recollect aright, of Sixty feet. When it was purchased there was a high furnace in a condition for operation Several forges for manufacturing bar Iron or Maleable Metal a grist Mill, Saw Mill with various work Shops out houses &c. The property is on the Soqui River healthy, and possessing advantages rarely offered by nature, certainly not rivaled in the Southern Confederacy for many advantages. For years it has been idle and it is probable from the character of other properties to remain so without outside influence is brought in to cooperate -

The quality of Iron made there was pronounced, by Bache & Johnston U. States Commissioners appointed by that Government to test the qualities of the different Irons made in the United States, pronounced I say by those possessing to be superior to any other known to them either from Manufactories in the United States or elsewhere, and at the time the maleable Metal was eagerly sought after by cutlers for the making of cutting instruments.

It would be a source of satisfaction to me, far above the value of my interest, if I could be the instrument in making these great natural gifts subservient to the interests of our Cause now and hereafter. If Sir you should see a mode by which I could serve you & the cause which you have personally aided so Materially I would be pleased to confer with you upon the

Subject and if thought it advisable would pay my respects to you in Georgia –

Believe Sir in the consideration with which I have the honour to be

Most respectfully your obedient servant

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