

To His Excellency

Pendleton Anderson Dist. So. Carolina

Governor Brown

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 point proprietor of a remarkable property in the en-viroy of Clarksville Habersham County Georgia. The water power is singularly fine, as to the quantity and the case with which it may be controlled. Indeed the stream is dained(?) 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 malleable metal a grist mill, saw mill with vanory(?) work shops outhouses &c. The property is on the Soque [river in Clarksville] River healthy, and possessing advantages namely offered by nature. Certainly not rivaled in the southern confederacy in 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 Commissioney appointed by that government to test the qualities of the different iron made in the United States, pronounced I say by those messers to be sup-erior to any other known to them either from manufactories in the United States or elsewhere, and at the time the malleable metal was eagerly sought after by [intliy] for(?) the making of cutting investments.

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 subser-vient 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

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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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