

At Mr L. N. Walthall's,  
Marion, Ala, Aug 4, 1864

To/  
His Excellency,  
Thomas H. Watts,  
Governor of Alabama.

Sir :-

I have the honor to enclose to your Excellency a copy of my notification of election as an Assistant Instructor in the University of Alabama. I have accepted the appointment, but cannot enter upon its duties without a detail, or discharge, from the Civil Service under the Confederate Government, to which I am liable by the decision of the Medical Examining Board. I was regularly enrolled at Camp Buckner, on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May last, but have never received an appointment under the Government, and am now under Furlough. As Governor of the State, and, ex Officio, Head of its

Military School, the University, I am informed that you have the power to grant a Discharge or detail in such cases. If you think this a fit case for the exercise of such a power, you will oblige me by sending me such a paper as will enable me to report myself at Tuscaloosa for duty at the proper time. If I am not adopting the proper course in addressing you, will you have the goodness to advise me how I may best accomplish my object?

It is proper to state, that the Faculty, in electing me, were aware of my position under the Confederate Government, and believed that a detail or discharge could be had for me.

With great regard,

Your obedient servant,

S. C. Donaldson