

La Fayette Ala. Feby 23rd 1864

Your excellency Thomas V. Watts
Governor of The State of Ala

Scarcely a day or two since I received a notice from John R. Alford of this county to have an able bodied negro man at Tusseta² ^{more or less} with the three days provisions to go to Mobile to work on fortifications for 60 days. Mr. Alford styles himself ~~press~~ - my agent for Chambers County by order of Col Blount. Will you be so good, as to inform me by what authority Col. Blount makes the call or requisition upon me and by what authority he has appointed Mr. Alford my press agent. I was called upon in Decr 1862 by the State to send a negro man to Mobile to work on the fortifications I sent a negro I was called upon by the order of Gen. Maury to send last Oct for same purpose I sent an able man about 28 years old he came home sick about 1st Decr last. The Dr who attended expected him to die for several days he went to the plantation to work the first time on 11th of this month I have been informed that some persons in this

county who own several slaves have
 never been called upon to send one
 to Mobile or elsewhere I believe the
 call upon me purporting to be
 by the order of Col. Blount to be with-
 out authority of Law I also believe the
 call purporting to have been made last
 Oct by Gen. Maury was without authority
 of law I am and have always been
 willing and ready to do all in my
 power to aid in establishing the
 Independence of the Confederate
 States I have been confined to my
 room and generally to my bed for
 the use of three years and I write
 this upon my bed please give me
 upon the reception of this the
 much desired information to
 most respectfully
 P. M. Allison

Doyne Russ
 Wm Curran
 J. H. W
 Gov-

Ans. a Feb 25th
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