

Socapatay Cross Co Ala Jan'y 29<sup>th</sup> 1864

Governor J. W. Watts

Sir

I received your instructions by wednesdays mail requesting me to impress negroes I will inform you that there is a man appointed and has had his orders for three weeks I dont know whether he has impressed any or not as I havent seen him since I got the notice I wrote to Mr Blunt the conscript agent at Mobile that I was unable to do the duty from my age I will be three score and ten the first of June and had helped to conscript all the hands that has been sent from the County and it is more labour than I am able to do, it is a rough country to travel over and the negroes in scattering and far apart and it is impossible to get a man near to help for there is but few men and none calculated to do it

I recommended Patrick M<sup>r</sup>. Kinney and he  
examined me and I wrote him that Mr M<sup>r</sup>.  
Kinney was twenty years younger than my  
self and a suitable man to do the duty -  
Governor I feel willing to do all that I  
am able for our cause but I am not able to  
do what you as<sup>ed</sup> me a man 40 years old  
is near the end of his row for you know  
that is all that is allotted for man, and  
besides my age I am afflicted with piles  
that it is very unpleasant to ride on horse  
back and the country is too rough and rugged  
for a buggy

With Respect

and Esteem

Yours

Leon<sup>d</sup> Marbury

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May 29 1841  
New York City  
I have over papers to the  
Governor