

Tusculum March 15th 1864

To His Excellency

Thos. H. Watts. Governor &c

Dear Sir

I received your letter a few days since, informing me that I am exempt, under the law from Military service, and that if necessary to the discharge of the duties of the office, under special application, the Deputy will also be exempted.

I have made affidavit which is herewith enclosed, setting forth the fact that it is necessary to the discharge of the duties of the office, that I be allowed to have and keep one Deputy. I hope your Excellency will send me as early as convenient, such a showing for his Exemption as will prevent his being taken up by the military authorities.

I have had some trouble with the military at this place, they have on several occasions had both my self and Deputy before them, and up to this time they have yielded to the statute of the state and allowed me to have one deputy. But as the late act of Congress refers this matter to the Governor of the state, I desire that your Excellency will settle the matter, and thus prevent any further trouble on the part of the military authorities.

Very Respectfully

Your obt. Servt.
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