

Columbin Miss, March 25th, 18

Gentlemen of Miss

I am with a regard to you that my
 affairs require - but the situation of things, just prior to the war,
 there is some few & commodities in the town that are paying
 upon the community to the amount of several millions per year
 such as Rum, Whisky, &c. They have an immense quantity of
 purchased at low prices before the present commotion. Common
 thinking they sell at 50¢ per yard Common Canvas from 50 to 75
 - and Common Cotton Checks at 50¢. Other necessary articles
 at the same value as other towns had these articles but, as many
 of the families of our town Volunteers, who are now battling in the
 defense of our beloved Country are destitute of the means to
 make clothing for us money and are dependant almost for
 clothing on the ways side of our soldiers are forced to pay nearly
 the amount of our soldiers wages for a common dress or a few
 yards of coarse blanket, such things should not be tolerated,
 and I, as one of the Officers of the Home Guard of Madison
 County by the unanimous consent of the Company, request you if
 you can do so to grant us the authority to force them to sell
 such articles at a fair price, the contemplated letting of the power
 in their own hands and with the Law but the respective provisions
 unless we require authority from you - Our destitute families
 are provided for by the Citizens generally, as the provisions, but take
 into consideration, that this is a very poor County - and you will
 perceive that we cannot meet the demands for clothing in any
 case, we have also tendered our service to the Confederate States
 provisions we are allowed to go as number men, we will arm ourselves
 and furnish our own horses. If we are not accepted, the tender our
 services to you in the same manner, for the defense of the State - we are
 a Charity crew? maintaining 800 men in age from 50 to 75. but we
 believe we can be of some service if accepted.

Respectfully
 Wm. W. W. W. W. W.
 1st Lt. Silver Gray
 of Madison County

Columbia Miss. July 17th 1862

Dear J. J. Pollard, Esq.

reference is to a notice published in
the Medical Register, Memphis Appeal, of the 10th. I see
that Congress have been instructed to pay no attention
to ~~particulars~~ ^{for} Physicians at home, or Surgeons in camp
or to discharges prior to the passage of the Conseri-
ption act, except in cases of wounds or in the service.
I cannot think such orders have been as a rule of the
Congress - as there is, however in this count, likely as conse-
quence who have ~~not~~ ^{as I understand} been advised, viz. Wm. C. Campbell,
John Pittman, Rufus Regan, James Humphrey &
Others whose names I have forgotten; these I have
known were discharged from the army, but are in
robust health, I want to see every able bodied man
depending our Country - I have five Sons Volunteers in
the army, and I don't like to see men sitting tight
at home who should be in the field; perhaps I have not made
this statement to the proper place, but I guess you must
be my excuse if so.

Respectfully &c

R. Willoughby

Columbia Miss. July 17th 1862

Dear J. J. Bell, Esq.

reference to a notice published in
the Indian Register Memphis Appeal of the South. I see
that Congress have been so slow to pay no attention
to the ^{for Congress} ~~discharge~~ of Physicians at home, or Surgeons in Camp
or to discharges prior to the passage of the Conser-
ption Act of Sept in case of wounds or in the home.
I cannot think such orders have been as a rule of the
Congress as there is ^{as I understand} ~~no~~ in the Court lately as Conser-
ipt who have ^{as I understand} ~~not~~ been arrested, viz. Wm. C. Campbell,
John Pittman, Rufus Regan, James Dimples &
Others whose names I have forgotten; these I have
known were discharged from the Army, but are in
robust health. I want to see every able bodied man
defending our Country. I have five Sons Volunteers in
the Army, and I don't like to see men sitting tight
at home who should be there; perhaps I have not made
the statement to the proper place, but ignorance must
be my excuse if so.

Respectfully &c

P. R. Willoughby

Wilmington, N.C., March 25th, 1862

Gentlemen of the
Vice

I am under a great obligation to you that my
affairs prosper - but the situation of things, just as the
there is some few hundred in the town that are paying
upon the community, the amount of 100,000 per year
such as Ammunition, Clothing, &c. They have an immense stock
purchased at low prices before the present emergency, common
shirting they sell at 50¢ per yard common Calicoes from 50 to 75
¢ - and common Cotton Shirts at 50¢. Other necessary articles
at the same value as other towns had these articles, and, as many
of the families of low born Volunteers, who are now battling in the
defense of our beloved Country are destitute of the means to
obtain Clothing, have no money, and are dependant alone for
Clothing, on the Wages rec'd by our Soldiers, are forced to pay only
the amount of our Wages for a common Dress, or a few
yards of coarse Linen, such things should not be located,
and I, as one of the Officers of the Home Guard of Madison
County, by the unanimous consent of the Company, request you (if
you can do so) to grant us the authority to force them to sell
such articles at a fair price, the contemplation being, the power
in our own hands and with the Law, but the respective provisions
of the law until we request authority from you - Our Articles, services
are provided for by the Citizens generally, as the provisions, but, hold
into consideration, that this is a very poor County - and you will
perceive that we cannot meet the demands for Clothing in any
Case, we have also tendered our Service to the Confederate States
Government we are allowed to go as mounted men, we will arm ourselves
and furnish our own horses, if we are not accepted, the tender our
Service to you in the same manner, for the defense of the State - we are
a "Shooting crew" numbering 800, ranging in age from 50 to 75, but we
believe we can be of some service if accepted.

Respectfully, &c. W. W. Willoughby
1st Lt. "Silver Greys"
of Madison County

July 17. 1862

R. Willoughby

Columbia Miss, Dec 25th 1862

Gentlemen of the
Com.

I am with a great effort that my
affairs require - but the situation of things, just prior to the war,
there is some kind of commodity in the town that are paying
upon the community to be made of essential things for your
good as necessities, clothing &c. They have an idea that these articles
purchased at low prices before the present emergency, common
thinking they cost at 50¢ per yard common Calicoes from 50 to 75
¢ - and common Cotton Checks at 50¢. Other necessary articles
at the same value as these have had their articles sold, as many
of the families of our brave Volunteers, who are now battling in the
defense of our beloved Country are destitute of the means to
obtain clothing, have no money and are dependant almost for
clothing, on the wages of their soldiers are forced to pay, and
the amount of the soldiers wages is a common 100¢ or a few
yards of coarse Calico, such things should not be taken care,
and I, as one of the Officers of the Home Guard of Madison
County by the unanimous consent of the Company, request you if
you can do so to grant us the authority to force them to sell
such articles at a fair price, the contemplated selling of the power
in their own hands and with the laws but the regulations of the
Articles until we receive authority from you - Our Articles for sale
are provided for by the Citizens generally, as the provisions, but take
into consideration, that this is a very poor County - and you will
perceive that we cannot meet the demands for clothing in any
case, we have also rendered our service to the Confederate States
provision we are allowed to get as number men, we will arm ourselves
and furnish our own horses. If we are not accepted, the tender our
services to you in the same manner, for the defense of the State - we are
a "Charley crew" man being 80, ranging in age from 50 to 75, but we
believe we can be of some service if accepted.

Respectfully
Yours
J. W. Willoughby
1st Lt. "Silver Gray"
Madison County