

Gadsden Ala March 11/76

Hon J. H. Caldwell M.
Washington D.C.

My dear Sir

I wish you to trouble your-
self a little in my behalf. While
I was a Georgian, I cast my wants
on Genl Geo B. Gordon

In the years of 1837 & 38, I
received a disabling wound, while in
line of my duty, as Col of 3rd Regt
of Geo. Mt. Volunteers, under command
of Genl Charles A. Nelson, in warfaring
against the Seminole Indians in Fla.

After many years suffering
I applied for a Pension: (having
been delayed from false pride) and
without any trouble received a
warrant for \$360.⁰⁰ per annum, to
be paid semiannually at Savannah
Geo. Agency - I drew the same regularly
for several years until that State
seceded - Have not drawn any since.

At the date of secession, an amt.
was due me, but from disarrangements

in the Department I failed to receive it - so matters stand to this day

Early after the surrender, I applied & received a special Pardon from President Andrew Johnson's Counter signed by Mr H. Seward then Secy. of State - but these Pardons, have not been recognized

I desire you to present my claim to the proper authorities and make a tick case - I am satisfied that I am entitled to pay - much up, till I participated in the "Rebellion" and equally entitled after I was pardoned, if not during the entire time -

I have all the papers, but by referring to the Pension Record at Washington, you will find the record of entire case -

I entered the service as Col. of 2nd Regt. of Gov. M^t. Volunteers under command of Brig. Genl. C. H. Nelson in the fall of 1837. against the Seminal Indians then in Fla. - let me hear from you soon
Yours &c, Ira R Foster