

Gadsden Ala March 11/76
Hon J.H. Caldwell M.C.
Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir,

I wish you to trouble yourself a little in my behalf. While I was a Georgian, I cast my wants on Genl. Jno B. Gordon
[John B. Gordon]

In the years of 1837 & 38, I received a disabling wound, while in line of my duty, as Col of 2nd Regt. of Gor. Mil. Volunteers, under command of Genl. Charles H. Nelson, in war faring 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 Gor. Agency. I drew the same regularly for several years until that state seceded. Have not drawn any since.

At this date of secession, an amt was due me, but from derangements

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 countersigned by Wm. H. Seward [William H. Seward] then Secty. of State - but these pardons, have not been recognized.

I desire you to present my claim to the proper authorities and make a test case. I am satisfied that I am entitled to payment 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 Gor. Mil. Volunteers under command of Brig. Gen. C.H. Nelson [Charles H. Nelson] in the fall of 1837 against the Seminole Indians then in Fla. let me hear from you soon Yours &c,

Ira R Foster