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Mr. John H. Johnson

Auditor Public accounts
Richmond Va.

Dear Sir:-

By request of Mr. Richard E. Ellis with whom I am personally acquainted, and have been closely associated with him for past several years I take the liberty to write to you in reference to him securing an allowance from the government which he served so faithfully during the last great struggle between the North and the South,

I know this to be a very deserving case, a case that the applicant needs what assistance he can get, he not only has been shot through the body but he is ruptured so that his intestines are protruding in such a manner that he at times is absolutely helpless this affliction is so distressing that you can notice it through his clothes at all times, now I wish to say that if it would be of any assistance to him in getting this small allowance that I will see that he comes to Richmond for personal examination, and if it will be possible to get this through for this fall and you will advise what steps to pursue I will assist him in carrying out your instructions; because it will be useless to try to give him this assistance in a few more years after he has answered the the last roll call, so let us do something before it is too late:-

In referring to the property matter I have an affidavit from our commissioner which I am forwarding with this letter and will be self explanatory, I might add that I am personally acquainted with the business affairs of Mr. R. E. Ellis and family and that all this property is in his wife's name, that she has for several years past distributed it among her children and they have had possession and they have received the benefits thereby cutting this old gentleman out of only what he needs to eat;

Regretting to have to trouble you with this long account but will thank you to kindly consider and advise me at once

Yours very truly

Willet H. Rush