

E.M. Bradford Seeks a Pardon, 1865

Transcript of Edmund Bradford letter to President Andrew Johnson

Norfolk, VA Sept. 3, 1865

To His Excellency Andrew Johnson President of the United States

Petition of Edmund Bradford of the City of Norfolk respectfully represents that he is a graduate of West Point of the class of 1837 and remained in the Army until the Spring of 1849, having during that time served through the Florida and Mexican-American Wars that her married a daughter of the late Governor Tazewell of the City of Norfolk where he has resided ever since pursuing the vocation of farmer. In November 1859 he was elected Captain of a volunteer company in the City of Norfolk, which he commanded at the time Virginia seceded in April 1861, but was soon afterwards appointed major by the Governor of Virginia and subsequently after-Inspector General of the forces in and around Norfolk, by General Gwynn. Before the evacuation of Norfolk by the Confederate Army he ceased to be in the service of either state or government. He then went through North Carolina and remained there until her received the appointment of major and quartermaster in the Confederate Army in June 1863 and subsequently was appointed Inspector of the Quartermasters collecting the tax in kind., which position

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He held until the surrender of General J.E. Johnston's. Your petition covers that he has since returned to Norfolk and on the 17th of May 1865 he took the amnesty oath under the proclamation of December 8th, 1863 and on the 2nd of June he took the oath under the proclamation of your Excellency of May 29th 1865. He is advised that he is within one of your exceptions of your proclamation by reason of having been educated at West Point and that it is necessary that he should procure a pardon at your hands in order to restore him to the full enjoyment of the rights of a citizen of the United States. He therefore prays that your Excellency be pleased to grant him a pardon on the usual terms.

Edmund Bradford (signed)

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I recommend the petitioner for pardon

F.H. Pierpont

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