

Edmund Bradford Seeks a Pardon, 1865

Norfolk Sept 2nd 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 Wars - that
he married a daughter of the late Gov Tazewell of
the City of Norfolk, where he has resided ever since,
pursuing the avocation of a 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 Asst-Inspector General of the Forces in and
around Norfolk, by Gen' 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
to North Carolina, and remained there until he received
the appointment of Major and Quartermaster in the
Confederate Army in June 1863, and subsequently was
appointed Inspector of Quartermasters collecting the Tax
in kind, which position he held until the surrender

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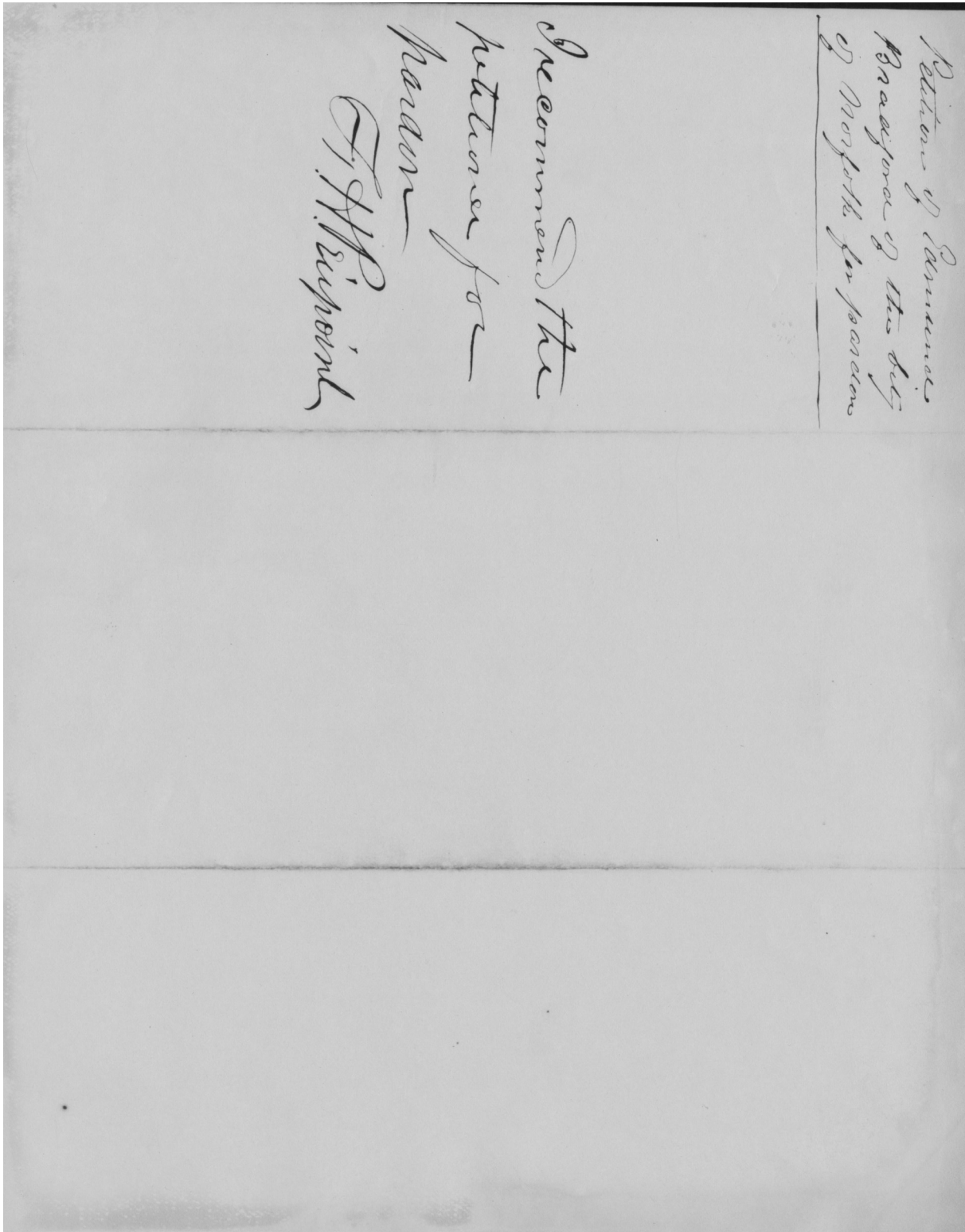
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of Gen^l J E Johnston - Your petitioner avers, that he has since returned to Norfolk, and on the 17th of May 1865 took the Amnesty oath under the Proclamation of Dec 8th 1863, and on the 2nd of June he took the oath under the Proclamation of your Excellency of May 29th 1865. He is advised that he is within one of the exceptions of your Proclamation, by reason of having been educated at West Point, and that it is necessary 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 will be pleased to grant him a pardon on the usual terms

Edm^d Bradford

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