

Edmund Bradford Seeks a Pardon, 1865 Transcription

Norfolk Sept. 3rd 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 Genl. 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 of General J.E. Johnston. Your petition avers, that he has since returned to Norfolk, and on the 17th of May 1865 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 the 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.

[signed] Edmund Bradford

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Petition of Edmund Bradford of the City of Norfolk for Pardon
I recommend the petitioner for pardon
F.H. Pierpoint

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