

Richmond, Feb. 1st, 1865.

Lieut. Gen. Grant,

General:

We had the honor to forward to you on the 14th of January, by flag of truce-boat, an application for commission to proceed to the United States for the purpose of supplying the wants of prisoners from the State of Alabama. The closing of that mode of communication by the ice in the river has induced our Government to grant us permission to communicate with you by another channel. We enclose a copy (substantially) of our former letter and as it is a matter of the highest interest to the Government and people of our State, most respectfully ask that we may be permitted to confer with you in person in regard to it. If such an interview should be deemed by you inconsistent with the interest of your Government or inconvenient to yourself, we would be pleased to receive your decision on our application of the 14th ultimo.

. We have the honor to be, most respectfully, your obedient servants,

M. Lehman,

I.T. Tichenor.

Agents of the State of Alabama.

