

copy of C. W. D. letter
in Munro & Anderson's Ha.

Plymouth N.C.
June 9th 1864

Sir

I would respectfully represent that I have recently been informed that my son William Jordan Yarborough, a youth under the age of conscription has been enlisted in Company D 59th Regiment Alabama volunteers in General Gracie's Brigade now attached to your command; I would also represent that the said youth is only sixteen years of age and was induced to enter the service by one Miller a private in the same company who enticed him into the service by the payment of fifty dollars and the promise that he would only have to serve forty days. The object of said Miller was to procure a furlough by reason of furnishing a recruit. Your petitioner solemnly avers that neither he nor the mother of the youth consented to his enlistment or knew anything of it until it had been consummated. He therefore asks for the discharge of his son as his labor on the farm is necessary to the support of his petitioner's family. But should it be determined that he should be retained in service I would request that he might be transferred to the company in which I am enlisted as being of a tender age; he and the service would both be benefitted by being under the care of his father; But I would earnestly request that in view of the con-