

Monticello, Fla. June 5th, 1865

Patton Anderson
Paroled prisoner and Maj. Gen. in late C.S.A.
Requests safe conduct to Albermarle County, Va., reasons given

June 11, 1865
Respectfully forwarded for the action of the Major General Comdg. The Department—
approved, the applicant to defray the expenses of transportation
I Vogdes
Brig. Gen. Vols.
Commanding

June 15 1865
Genl. Vogdes' endorsement on the written application is approved
L.A. Gilmore [?]

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General,

The exposure and fatigue incident to army life, have much impaired my health. My family, consisting of a wife and four small children, have [has] also suffered from the debilitating influences of more than half a dozen summers in Florida. We are all in much need of a more bracing climate; with a view of obtaining which I had sold my home in Fla. shortly before the war broke out, and have been compelled to rent a house ever since. To carry out my intentions entertained before the war, strengthened by the experience of four more years spent in this latitude, I desire to visit Albemarle County Virginia, where a brother-in-law resides and who, when I last heard from him was anxious I should remove to that region, and who tendered assistance and advice in regard to my permanent settlement there. The object of my visit to Virginia is solely for the purpose obtaining a home for myself and family more congenial to health and more suitable to our altered condition. Unwilling to undertake the trip without the consent of the military authorities first being obtained, let it might be regarded as a violation of my parole, I would respectfully request that at your earliest convenience you would grant or procure for me a permit or Safe Conduct to travel from Monticello, Fla., to Albemarle, Virginia, either by land or water. If required to do so, I would engage to report my presence in Va. to the nearest military commander, upon arriving there.

This application is made in good faith, with the object stated and I doubt not it will be considered and acted upon in a similar spirit.

I am General
Very Respectfully
Yr. obt. svt.
Patton Anderson
(Paroled prisoner and Maj. Genl. in late C.S.A.)

Brig. Genl. Israel Vogdes

Comd'g *etc.*
Jacksonville, Fla.

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