

Washed the 17th 1723
Pierce Okla
to the Governor of South
Carolina your honor i
send in a Paper An
Inher that that here was
a Law to Persion the old
slaves how served in
that state so i am now
of them served i am some
Inher about 73 or 70 years
old my masters name was
William Connell and
my name is Dennis Connell
i still go in his name
i am Drifed i fell out of
the head Inher i was a baby
i was Born in Chester so
my master would to
your County Inher i was
freed my master sold

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me to his son John Charles
i lived him 2 years and he
had to go to the war then i
had to go back to the old man
so that was Mr John Charles
and my master for any
other information i will
be Pleas to answer Pleas
by cause my writing for i
nothing but a old corn
field hand but it is not
much i can do now. Pleas
excep that i may be here
soon Dennis Connell

Pierce Okla
West Star Bought
Box 27

March 23, 1923.

Dennis Corwell,

Box 27, West Star Route,

Pierce, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:-

Governor McLeod has received your letter of the 17th of March, and asks me to write you and tell you that the statement you saw in the newspaper is true. A law has been passed by the Legislature granting a pension to ex-slaves who served their masters during the Civil War. In order to get a pension you will have to take the matter up with the Probate Judge of Chester County, as you state that you and your master lived there. You should give the Probate Judge information as to who your master was and what your service to him during the War was. He will then give you the necessary instructions how to apply for a pension.

Yours very truly,

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Secretary to the Governor.