



By his Excellency, JOSEPH E. BROWN, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy of this State, and of the Militia thereof:

To *R. H. Cates*

Greeting:

Joseph E. Brown
WE, reposing especial trust and confidence in your patriotism, valor, conduct, and fidelity, do, by these presents, constitute and appoint you *Second Lieutenant* of the *7th* District of the Militia formed for the defence of the State, and for repelling every hostile invasion thereof: You are, therefore, carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of *2nd* Lieutenant

as aforesaid, by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging. And we do strictly charge and require all officers and privates under your command, to be obedient to your orders as such. And you are to observe and follow such orders and directions, from time to time, as you shall receive from me, or a future Governor and Commander-in-Chief of this State for the time being, or any other of your superior Officers, in pursuance of the trust reposed in you. This Commission to continue in force during your usual residence within the county to which you belong, unless removed by sentence of a Court Martial, or by the Governor, on the address of two-thirds of each branch of the General Assembly.

GIVEN under my Hand and the Seal of the Executive Department at the Capitol in Milledgeville, this the *21st* day of *February* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the State of Georgia the eighty-sixth.

BY THE GOVERNOR.

Henry Wayne
ADJUTANT GENERAL.

I *R. H. Cates* do solemnly swear that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the State of Georgia, and to the utmost of my power and ability, observe, conform to, support and defend the Constitution thereof, without any reservation or equivocation whatsoever, and the Constitution of the Confederate States.

Sworn to subscribed before me, this the *10th* day of *March* 186 *3*

John W. Lewis J. P.