

TRIALS OF A WAR GOVERNOR

HOW VANCE STOOD UP FOR HIS STATE

Extracts of Much Historical Interest from the Governor's Letters to the Legislature...

Delaware, and his health is daily giving way from his confinement. As it seems to me that the only way to relieve him is to be much obliged if our government would grant him this privilege...

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February 23, the Legislature adopted a resolution opposing the policy of arming slaves as soldiers.

February 24 Major Hodge, of the Confederate service, 5135 slaves were in the State, exempt from military service...

Gen. Joseph E. Johnston March 1 expressed a desire to change the gauge of the North Carolina Railroad to 4 feet 6 inches...

General J. E. Johnston replied, "The change of gauge was ordered by the Confederate government..."

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