

Peter Vaught, Sr. to SC Gov. Francis W. Pickens, June 22, 1861

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All Saints Parish, June 22 – 1861

His Excellency Governor Pickens



Peter Vaught, Sr. & Jr.
ca. 1864

Dear Sir permit me to trouble you with a feeling in regard to the exposed situation of this place - The Bar of Little River is but little inferior to Geo Town Bar. Strange vessels have been seen anchored off & sending boats in sounding the channel. The inhabitants are fearful of a visit from our northern friends – we have built a Fort at our own expense but it is unoccupied and we have no powder or ball and in its present situation might be used to our injury – Our men at first were attentive to drilling but finding themselves neglected have quit. I hope your Excellency will think of this place & give us what assistance [is] in your power. The men have arms but no ammunition.

In haste very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt –
Peter Vaught Senr.

[Written on back of the letter]

Letter from Peter Vaught Senr to Gov. enquiring about Coast Defense
June 22nd / [illegible initials]

Col. Moses will write & say – Col. Manigault is organizing a regt. to protect that coast & refer him to Col. Manigault.
FWP