

Beauvoir,

Harrison Co.

Mississippi

14<sup>th</sup> Oct 1880.

Genl. W. A. Pendleton,

My dear Friend,

It is true that I have not often written to you. It is equally true that you have never been long absent from my memory, and never removed from the high esteem & tender affection with which I have for many years regarded you.

It was not however to give you this, which I hope is an unnecessary assurance, that I now write to you. In the preparation of the work on which I am engaged, I wish to illustrate by a group of the most distinguished & worthy officers in that arm of the service of which

you were the head.

Will you send me the names of those  
you would thus distinguish, not only  
the Army of Virginia, but elsewhere,  
and whether commanding Divisions,  
or Regiments, or Batteries of Artillery.

We cannot hope to rescue all the  
brave & meritorious from the forgetful-  
ness which naturally results from  
the onward movement of the busy  
world, but I wish to do something  
for those who deserve most, but per-  
haps did not acquire all the dis-  
tinction they merited. I shall not  
attempt to imitate Old Mortality,  
but I have a great respect for  
the character saved from oblivion  
by Sir Walter Scott.

Mrs Davis joins me in kindest  
remembrance and best wishes for  
you and yours.

Ever truly Your friend  
J. G. Davis