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the privations, dangers, & fatigues of the
last Springs migration, while death

stared him in the face - at every bend
of the river or crook of the roads -
were manfully encountered & overcome
with a zeal for the character of the
government as well as the safety
of the emigrants under his care
which alone would command
confidence that he is worthy of
any trust that could be bestowed
upon him. He is a young man
of the first order of talents - pro-
sper of sober habits & a happy
disposition. And if it be in your
power to reward meritorious ser-
vices by detailing him for duty
in a more southern climate & that
of a more profitable character to him-
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Your patronage would be gratefully acknowledged when ever an opportunity is presented by all who know him & most especially by the undersigned who have the honor to be

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt & humble Servant

Ben. Lawrence Supt of C

Wm. M. Davis
Enrolling & Appraising Agent

Montgomery, Ala.

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