

Jan. 14th, 1909.

Mr. Chas. M. Snelling, Dean,
University of Georgia,
Athens, Georgia.

Dear Prof. Snelling:

I am replying to your favor of the 11th with some degree of haste, and may, therefore, not clearly give the information you desire. If this is the case, I would be very glad for you to write me again.

The General Assembly of South Carolina gave Clemson College in 1893 Thirty-three convicts to be used in doing the heavy work of the Institution. These convicts have been furnished us from time to time during the years intervening up to the present day. The last General Assembly required the College to pay \$6.00 per month, each, for service of this convicts. We are required also to clothe them and to employ the necessary guards to keep them from deserting. In all respects we have full charge of these prisoners to do any character of work which is needed and for which they are competent to carry on. These prisoners are, of course, from the rough unskilled men of the negro race, and a few white men now and then among their number. We cannot expect to select from them any character of work except of the roughest kind. The Board of Trustees make an annual appropriation of the funds of the College, with which to pay all the expenses of the clothing, feeding, guarding and State hire of these

men. As I stated above, in all respects they are under our complete control and charge, and we can command of them any service for which they are competent.

I will be glad to answer any specific question you may ask, and if I can be of service to you, not only in this regard, but all other matters relating to your important position as Dean of Franklin College, I will be glad to respond.

Mrs. Mell joins me in kind regards to yourself and members of your family.

Yours very truly,

President.