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This is a letter written by Emma A. Shoolbred to Colonel Cathey in March of 1863. She is asking him for an ox and corn since her ox ran away and food is scarce.

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Flat Rock
March 30th 1863

Col. Cathey,

Sir,

Though personally a stranger
to you, I know that you are acquainted
with my son James, and am induced
to apply to you in a time of difficulty.
I have been a Widow for three years, and
James and his two younger brothers being
in the Army, in Virginia, and my el-
dest Son at Seaside, I am entirely with-
out any one to assist me. The war has
greatly reduced my circumstances,
and I find it hard to live. I have
many small negro children beside
their parents to feed, and would be
glad to know if I can purchase
some corn from you at a reasonable
price, and if you would allow me
to purchase from you an Ox, as I
have lately lost one of mine, and
understand from Mr. Tabor that I
cannot procure one in this neigh-

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yours respectfully,

E.A. Shoolbred
Flat Rock, N.C.

Please name the price of the ox corn and flour if I can obtain them from you or in your neighborhood.

Emma A. Shoolbred

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