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Brig Gen. S. M. S. G. W. A. N.

General

I wish very much it  
was in my power to provide for St.  
Jones. He is highly commended by you.

I am restricted to the employment  
of officers in commissioning.

allow me to use the occasion  
to express my satisfaction at your  
well earned and well deserved  
promotion. I am confident you  
will "tell" in the service and  
reap high honor for yourself.

Very truly, Respectfully  
Yrs  
Wm. A. Boston

Gen John S. Preston -  
of Columbia S.C.