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S. A. Williamson
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J. G. Smith, July 62

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Citizens.

Smith [illegible] O & B.

Others also.

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To Capt Hutchens

Sir

your petitioners citizens of Obion County, respectfuly remind you that Mr S.A. Williamson, James G. Smith and A.P. Moffatt, citizens of Obion County whome you hold in custoday, was good and orderly citizens and only in common with many others Espoused the Southern Cause in our unfortunate difficulties, and we would further represent that all of them have young families looking to them for their Support and part of them possessing small means

and we are willing to vouch for and be come bound in any reasonable sum for the good & orderly conduct of the said prisoners and a strict complyance with all the requirements and general orders of the United States goverment providing you will cause them to be released and passed to their homes and families —

& we will ever remain &c

K B Crockett
E A McCown
John F Davidson
Wm Caldwell
A R Wylie
D Harberry

Jno Crockett
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Capt Hotchkiss
Commander &c

We the citizens of Obion County feel we are trespassing on your official duties by again Petitioning you in behalf the Prisoners, Williams, Moffatt & Pettitte, who have been sent to St. Louis, and we regret their conduct required such arrest but hoping you may consider they have now been confined Long Enough to atone for their imprudence.

Therefore we wish to secure your recommendation for their release which we think and believe would have a considerable influence in their discharge inasmuch as they were sent from your office

You will please pardon us for this renewal of our supplications in behalf of the Prisoners who we learn have all been in bad health since their Confinement. Perhaps it would be useless for us to aver they have never been guilty of overt acts in the Rebellion in our opinions, and Mr O D Reeder the bearer of

this Petitioner, is in reality a citizen of Cincinnati Ohio, but was in our County on business when the unfortunate difficulties commenced and has steadily stood aloof from the Rebellion and we believe he is entitled to all confidence as to his Honesty and veracity in any Statement he may make concerning the affair. and in conclusion we will comply with the obligation set forth in our former Petition and we will ever remain yours &c

Geo Crockett
D. A. Chantry
W. H. Evans
David Bright
Samuel H. Wilson

M. D. P.

E. Cr. Williamson
deeing his release —

Colonel B. G. Farrar
Provost Marshall
General
St Louis Mo

McDowell
College

Rec^d P. M. G. O.
June 23^d 1862

St Louis Mo, M'Dowell's Mo June 21st 1862
Colonel B G Farrar Provost Marshall
General,

Colonel,

I am a citizen of Troy Obion County, Tenn, was arrested in my work shop in Troy on the 5th inst and taken to Hickman Ky & from there to this place. I am accused of aiding & abetting the rebellion. I have had no trial to show how matters stand, but am anxious to have one soon. I have never been in arms against the U S in any way whatever, nor been concerned in the rebellion. I am a poor mechanic - have a large family & have to make their bread by the sweat of my brow. They are now doubtless suffering because of my absence. I want to take the oath of allegiance - give bond and be permitted to stay at home & mind my family. I hope you will let me do so, if not for my own sake, for the sake of my helpless family. Respectfully your petitioner

S A. Williamson

Petition for release of

A. P. Moffit (Gr)
S. A. Williamson
J. G. Smith (Gr)

Petition admits that the conduct of the parties deserved arrest, but think 8 weeks imprisonment sufficient punishment, and they will give bonds for good behavior.

Capt. Hutchins recommends Smith for release but cannot say much for the others —

Arrested June 5th

Citizens - Charged with guerrilla morfon, sent up from Hickman. —

Hickman Ky July 29th /62

Provost Marshal
St Louis Mo

Dear Sir

thais war three men sent to St Louis from this Place whove war Carged with Being Carred ed with Guernilla Parties near this place they hav Bin in prison about Eighth weeks and thais friends promis to Give any amount of bonds that may be required for thais Good behavior

if the Commanding officer think propper to send them Back i will see that they Give Propper Bonds thais is one of them I think that should he Be releaced would would be have him self and act the Part of a good Citizen that is mr Smith Mr Williamson & Mr Moffett I Cant say much for them

I am yours respectfuler
W D Hutchens
Capt Camp Port

Office P.M.G.
August 1. 1862

Respectfully Referred to
Lt Col Mark Allen for
action of the Cond'g Genl
with the information that
the within named were
arrested June 5. 1862 at Paducah
on charge of aiding Guerillas —
The Pro. Mil at Hickman
recommends the release of
Smith and his release is
therefore respectfully
recommended upon oath
& bond of $5000 —

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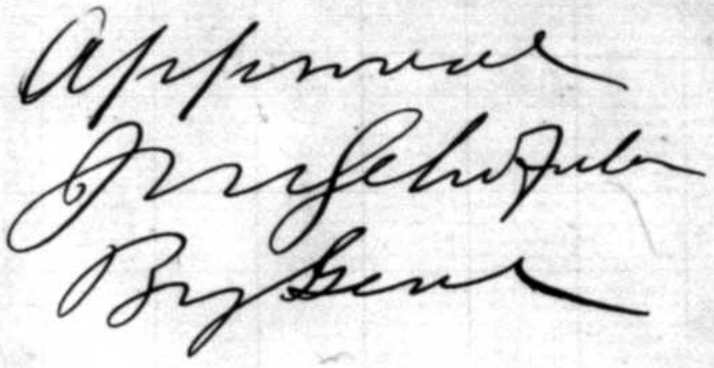
Ap't P.M.G.

Smith released Aug 2nd