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Dist. of Jackson.
Howell. Chresp. & Co

Petition for redress in reference to Cotton Contract with parties who fail to fulfil, according to agreement

Headquarters District of Jackson
Jackson Tenn. Dec. 5. 1862
Respectfully referred to Major M. Smith, District Provost Marshall, for investigation and report.

By order of Brig. Genl. Sullivan,
T. H. Harris,
Asst. Adjt. Genl.

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Citizens

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Gen Sullivan

Commander of District East Jackson Tenn

Respected Sir

The undersigned petitioners, citizens of Haywood County State of Tennessee, would respectfully state that on the 26th of June 1862 W. L. McCorkle purchased of W. L. Capell of Haywood County his entire Crop of Cotton supposed to be seventy or seventy five bales and that shortly thereafter said McCorkle sold and transferred said contract to us and that said contract was ratified with us by said Capell receiving from us a large portion of the purchase money, all of which we can establish by written contract and other proof if necessary. Said Capell has delivered to us thirty four (34) Bales of said cotton and has on hand enough to make up the entire complement seventy five bales, but refuses to deliver any more.

We also about the same time say about the last of June 1862 purchased of Dr E Davis of Haywood County one hundred (100) Bales cotton, of which he has delivered to us fifty six (56) Bales, and has on hand enough to make up the complement (100) Bales, but refu

-ses to let us have the remainder.
We have at all times been ready to comply with our part of the contract and have incurred all risks upon said cotton from the time of purchase. Both of the above named parties have refused to comply with their contracts because we were selling cotton in loyal cities and to loyal men and have claimed protection from confederates troops against their contracts. In the absence of civil law we are compelled to appeal to you for such redress as in your judgment you may think we are entitled to. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Dec 4th 1862

Hamell Christ & Co.
By D. B. Thomas

Office Dist Prov. Marshal
Jackson, Tenn, March 9, 1863

Not having as yet been able to secure evidence in this case, and the Dist Provost Marshals having been relieved by order from Dpt. Hd. Qrs, the within Petition is respectfully returned

By order
M. Smith
Maj. & Dist. Prov. Marshal