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Hd. Qns. Provost Mar-
-shal. Jan 9/63

Statements of three negroes brought into the Fort by a Scouting party this morning. They confess to have stolen one horse and 3 mules from plantations in the neighborhood of Memphis.

Respectfully forwarded to Genl Asboth
(signed) H. Park
Capt + Prov. Mar.

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Respectfully forwarded to Major General Hurlbut Commanding. —

Numerous depredations

having been committed
by contrabands who
are generously taken
care of by our Govern-
-ment I respect-
-fully urge that
a most severe example
be made and the
within named thieves
be executed, to stop
the daily robberies and
restore order and secu-
-rity in and around
the City of Memphis.
The animals stolen are in
Charge of Capt. McKay A.Q.M.
for delivery to the lawful
owners.

The prisoners are on their way

to be delivered
to the District provost
Marshal.

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Head Quarters Provost Marshal
Ft Pickering Tenn Jany 9th 1863.

Brig Genl Asboth
Comdg Ft Pickering
General.

The following statements were made by the three Negroes. (Mose Herron, Punch & Mannell Sinclair) brought into the Fort by a detachment of Col. Howe's Cav. together with three Mules and one horse.

1st My name is Mose Herron, was owned by John Herron, who lives six or seven miles from the river. I went last night to John Herrons plantation and got a black horse and a sorrell mule. John Herron did not know that I took the animals I wanted them to haul wood with, no other animals was taken from Herron's plantation as I know of. On my way back I overtook two other colored men (Punch & Mannill Sinclair) they had each a mule, don't know where they got the mules. The Cav. brought us in the Fort.

2d My name is Punch, was owned by Thos Holeman who lives about seven miles East of the Fort. I went out to my master Holemans last night to get some things I left there (Blankets) Mannell Sinclair went with me. on our way back we stopped at Mr Johnson's plantation about

a mile this side Master Holemans, and got two mules, one black and one sorrell mule. Mr Johnson did not know that we took the mules, on our way back Mose Herron overtook us, he had a black horse and a sorrell mule, don't know where he got them. The Cav. brought us into the Fort

3d My name is Maunill Sinclair, was owned by Robert Sinclair in Mo. I went with Punch to help him carry some bedding from his Master Holemans. coming back from Mr Holemans we stopped at Mr Johnsons plantation and took two mules one black the other sorrell. Mr Johnson did not know that we got the mules

We met Mose Herron on our way back, he had a black horse and a sorrell mule He said he took them from his old Master John Herron, Some Cav. brought us into the Fort

All three of above named negroes frankly plead guilty of taking the horse and mules. In my opinion all three clear cases of theft.

Very Respectfully
(signed) Horace Park Capt
& Provost Marshal.