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Memphis Tenn.
Feb 14th 1863

J. H. Welton
Captain.

The Str. "Rowena" detained at Island No. 10. by Gun Boat - New Era - Portion of her cargo taken on board New Era by order of Com. Officers. ordered to proceed to Memphis discharge ballance of cargo and return to Cairo. - The Capt. Steward - 1st & 3rd Li Clerks confined asks relief
one enclosure

2 or more
Citizen

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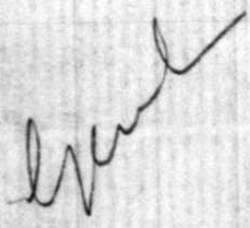

On board Steamer Rowena
Memphis Tenn February 14th 1863

To the Commander of the
Post. Memphis Tenn.

Sir:

On the twelfth of this month the Steamer Rowena was detained at Island number ten and searched by the Officers of the U. S. Gun boat New Era, and a portion of the cargo of the Rowena was removed to the New Era by order of the Officers of the latter boat.

The Rowena was placed in charge of one Mr. Frederick and the Rowena was ordered to proceed to Memphis, discharge her cargo and return to Cairo, reporting to the Gun boat New Era on her way up.

On the morning of the thirteenth instant the Captain, Steward, first and third clerks of the Steamer Rowena were arrested and placed in close confinement and are still under arrest on board said boat and the Guard have refused to allow the cargo of said boat to be discharged

We the Captain and clerk of said Steamer Rowena feel aggrieved at the course that has been pursued towards us and respectfully ask that the matter be investigated

J. H. Welborn Captn
Wm. H. Brock clerk
J. T. Purdeau agt

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U.S. Gun Boat New Era
Island No 10 1863

Sir

You will go on board of the Prize Steamer "Bowen" Bound for Memphis Tenn in company with Mr Sr Pilot Mr Dorough as Engineer as Prize Officer accompany said Steamer to Memphis Discharge such of her Cargo as is all right proper to discharge & bring said Boat with the utmost dispatch back to Cairo. to be given into the hands of Capt A. Mr. Renwick Comdg Station Reporting here on your return - Make no Landings only at Military Posts

Yr Mr Fredrick
act Engineer

I am Sir
your Obt Servt
F. W. Glassford
Comdg

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