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Dist. of J. O. Bethel

Head Ars Post

March 5. 1863. 4068

Sanford

Col W. W. Comdg Post

Encloses letter from his scout and ask advice in regard to rebels who may be captured.

Citizen's

Head Qrs Post
Bethel Tennessee
March 5. 1863.

Capt. T. H. Harris A. A. Genl
Head Quarters Dist of Tennessee.

The enclosed letter from Mr Cravens will state for itself what he wants. Mr Cravens is one of my scouts who live on the River he is a good loyal man and a man of property and influence. his statement can be relied upon. If you will ~~farnish~~ permit me to do so I think I can get up an expedition to capture these Rebels. Please advise me what to do at once.

W. W. Sanford
Col 45th Ills
Comdg Post.

S97 Also,
Dist. of Jackson

Cravens Landing Tennessee River
March the 4. 1863.

Col Sanford Sir

I have just learned from Mrs Berton that there is about two hundred rebel cavalry stationed at Old town six miles from this place she informs me that she was at their camp last night she says there are about half of them armed and they have about one hundred conscripts up stairs in the store house at that place. Mrs Berton & Mrs Black crossed the river this evening to see if there could be any help got to rescue the conscripts and capture the Rebels the chance for crossing the river here is tolerable good for foot men but not much for cavelry - They are making a general search for men and horses and taking all they can get that belongs to loyal citizens. The rebels say they are going to cross the river and give us a call on this side of the river, if they do, we will give them a warm reception. I see that the river is watched by pickets every night as far

as we are able to watch it.

Yours in haste

A. M. Craven.

P. S. If you will telegraph for a Gunboat and send us two hundred men we will capture the last rebel,

Yours confidentialy A. M. C.

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