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Hall.

Wm Brothers,

~~H&C A.G.O. citizens~~

~~Dist. of Jackson~~

16 A.C.

Application to have money refunded, paid under S.O. No 15. State they are loyal citizens

$26,751.36

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Pd. to Comdr Bethel Tenn

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Hall W. B.
& others
citizens

Application to have money refunded, paid under Special Order No. 15 — state that they are loyal citizens &c

Assist to corr
Damage done to
Henderson Station

To Captain T. A. Harris
Aft. Adjt. General

The petition of William B. Hall, John L. Cawthon & John West citizens of Henderson County, Tennessee would respectfully represent and show, that they, together with certain other citizens of the said County, together with a few citizens of Madison County and who all reside in the neighborhood of Henderson Station on the Mobile and Ohio Rail Road, have been assessed to pay the sum of Twenty six thousand, seven hundred & fifty one 36/100 Dollars ($26,751.36) in pursuance of Special Order No. 15. issued from the Head Quarters, District of Jackson, Tennessee;- a copy of which said order accompanies this petition as Exhibit "A" & prayed to be taken and treated as a part hereof & dated the day of 1862.

Petitioners would further show, that of the aggregate sum so also mentioned as having been assessed as aforesaid, Co-petitioner Wm B. Hall was assessed to pay & has paid the sum of $652.00 & his citation to pay & receipt for the payment thereof will be duly produced if required.

That Co-petitioner John L. Cawthon was assessed to pay & has paid the sum of $652.00 & his citation to pay & receipt for the same is suppressed

to & in possession of the Government as Exhibits "B." & "C." & prayed to be taken as part hereof.
That Co-petitioner John West, erroneously called "Thomas" West in the order of assessment, was assessed to pay & has paid the sum of Eight hundred & fifteen Dollars & his citation & receipt are herewith referred to as Exhibits "D & E" & also in the possession of the Government & prayed to be taken as part of this petition:
That said order of assessment issued from the Head Quarters Post of Bethel Tennessee on the 14th December 1862 by W. J. Stephenson Captain Commanding the Post & based as stated, upon Special order No. 15 issued from Head Quarters, District of Jackson, Jackson, Tennessee, & to whom petitioners have paid in full the amounts assessed against them as aforesaid.
Petitioners would also further state:
that sometime in the latter part of November 1862, the Depot or Freight House & Water Tank situated at Henderson Station on the Mobile & Ohio Rail Road were destroyed by fire by a battallion, as they have been informed, of Forrest's Cavalry, commanded by one Major Cox; and that a considerable amount of Cotton there collected for shipment and transportation on the Rail Road and the property altogether, as petitioners are informed, of private individuals, was at the same time consumed; and that in pursuance to said special order No 15. as before stated, an order

of apepsment was issued from Post Head-
Quarters at Bethel Tennessee, of Date 14th
December 1862, apeping your petitioners and
others therein named as liable to pay the Said
Sum of $26.751.36 & that petitioners are
informed & believe that the Same has been
fully paid to the Commander of the Post
at Bethel Tennessee, - "for Damages to the
property of the Government of the United
States & the property of Loyal citizens."
Further: petitioners state that they each & all
have duly taken the Oath of Allegiance to the
United States; that they have faithfully ob-
served and kept the Same in all its parts,
and if required, can make due & proper
proof thereof.
Petitioners after this recitation respectfully
insist that they should not be taxed & apes-
ed to pay the damages incident to the raid
of Said Battalion of Cavalry; that they
were not advised that Said Raid would
be made [redacted] knowledge of the Same until
the damages were inflicted & [redacted] never
could they by any means possible in their
power have prevented the Same - that they
reside Several miles distant from
Said Henderson Station, and that, therefore,
they ought not to be liable to pay or apesed
to pay the damages incurred thereby -
And if So adjudged liable that they should
only be compelled to pay the Damages

incurred by the Government of the United States in the loss of the Freight House, water Tank & other property belonging to the Government.

They pray, therefore, that an estimate be made of the actual loss to Government & to individuals by the destruction of the cotton as aforesaid, & that that portion of the assessment made against them & which is to be appropriated to private individuals be refunded to them before any payments are made, or before any distribution is made to the individual claimants.

Wm B Hall
John L Cawthon
John West

Sworn to before me at Jackson, Tennessee the 21st day of March 1863,
S. A. Stockdale
Capt and Provost Marshal
Pr. Rec'd C.R.