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Lt. Col & Pro. Mar.

Relating to the
Bellows Gillespie
appair.

Citran

Memphis Tenn
Apl 21. 1813
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Distr. of Jackson
Lt. Col L Kent

Citizen

Encloses by Exp'ce $8/2 00
of the Gillespie Money with
remark & John Gillespie's
Receipt for the same. which
was taken from him by
Bellows

Citizen

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Office of the District Provost Marshal,

Jackson, Tenn., April 4th 1863.

Capt. E. D. Mason
Asst Adjt. General

Sir—

I have to report that the man Bellows, I unfortunately introduced to the General, has turned out a rascal. I will briefly relate the facts.

He came into my office on Thursday P.M. while I was very busy, and at a time when I was expecting to leave the following day for Bolivar. And asked if I objected to his going to Memphis the following day. I said I had not, and immediately resumed my business.

He, at that time, had money he obtained of a man named Gillespie, who gave it to him, he (Bellows) claiming to be their friend &c. I expected Bellows back soon as he agreed, when I intended to have him leave the money in my possession. Contrary to my expectation he never came near again, and I since learn, went to Memphis on the yesterday morning 5 o'clock train.

Fearing that there might be something wrong, I, this morning, telegraphed to know if he was at the Gayoso House, and find that he is not there. Have since telegraphed

to Provost Marshal at Memphis, to have him arrested and confined. I will also write to detectives in Northern cities for same purpose.

I did not once think that he would not come back when he left my office, and I looked about for him during the evening. I will do my best to recover him and the money he took away. I most respectfully acknowledge myself sold by a U.S. detective. Will take better precautions in future.

Very Respy
Your Obt Svt
L Rust Head
& Dist Provost Marshal