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States in relation to the case of his brother (S. A. Scarbrough) and Mr Gober - that a Mr Beard wanted to take a family of Negroes South. Beard wished the two men to accompany him - as they were ~~lame~~ cripled and would not be subject to ~~the~~ conscription. The cavy. arrested the whole party - the owner, with the negroes were told to go where they pleased. his brother and Gober were taken to Lagrange and tried and sentenced to the Mil Prison at Alton Ills. He wishes to get the prisoners released on bail.

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Maj Genl Hurlbut

Genl.

I delivered your kind favor to Brig Genl W. L. Smith at La Grange. The cases of My Brother (L. A. Scarbrough) and Mr. Gober had been tried on the 2nd of April by a Military Commission. The sentence was imprisonment at Alton. I would like for you to know the facts in these cases before you give them your approvall or disapproval. I was at home when the arrest was made and the facts are these. A Mr. Beard wanted to take a family of Negroes South who were desirous of going. Mr. Beard wanted my Brother and Mr. Gober to go with them as they were both crippled & not subject to conscription: they consented against my advise. The Cavalry arrested the whole party. The young men were taken to La Grange and had and investigation with the above result. The owner with the Negroes were told to go where they pleased &c. If it is a reasonable request I would like to get the prisoners released on bail. It will save expense to the Govt. and the crime committed does not appear so very bad when all the facts are brought to light.

Very Respectfully

A. M. Scarbrough

N. B.
My brother is sick in the Irving Prison & the decisions of the Military Commission in the hands of Col. Smith Provost.