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(Firm of Allen Copp & Nesbit
St Louis. Bankers)

Citizens

States that before the Rebel-
-ion the firm of Allen Copp &
Nesbit was dealing with the
firm of "Coor and Norton" a
Mercantile firm of Memphis
which firm is now indebted to
them in the sum of $5.593.-
that Coor is now absent in the
South collecting debts due the
firm of which he is a member
that Norton is still a resident of
Memphis and a Loyal man, anxious
to pay the debt but that he is
dependant upon the rents of prop-
-erty owned by the firm in Memphis
for the funds necessary to its pay-
-ment that the most of the
said property which they own in
Memphis is in the possession of
the U.S. Govt and for which the
said Norton has recd no rents—
asks the aid and advice of the Comg
General that he will cause the rents
of the property to be paid to the firm of
Allen Copp & Nesbit until the debt is
liquidated

Recd "C.O." A.C. 20 July 1863

In the Matter of
Allen Copp & Nesbit's
Claim against
Cook & Norton

Spec. Ord. No. 16549.

Memphis Tenn.
June 24, 1863.

Major Gen. S. A. Hurlbut,
Comdg 16th Army Corps, U.S.A.

The undersigned Robert N. Nisbet, one of the firm of Allen, Copp & Nisbet, Bankers doing business in the City of Saint Louis, in the State of Missouri, respectfully represents, that the said firm is composed of Thomas Allen, Samuel Copp Jr. and Robert N. Nisbet.

That the individuals composing said firm are each and all loyal citizens of the United States, and that they have firmly adhered to the Government during the whole period since the commencement of the Rebellion.

That before the City of Memphis, Tenn. was in Rebellion against the Government the said firm, in its capacity as Bankers, was doing business with the mercantile firm of Cook & Company of Memphis. The persons composing said firm are David R. Cook and Stephen A. Norton.

That three bills of Exchange of the following description of dates and amounts were drawn by Spalding Bell & Co of St. Louis

upon the said firm of Cook & Co. of Memphis, which were accepted by the said Cook & Co., and are now held and owned by the said firm of Allen, Copp & Nesbit -

On Bill Dated St. Louis 17th Dec. 1860, payable six Months after date - due 20th June 1861 $1820.

On do. same date, at 12 Mos. due 20th Dec. 1861. 1873.

On do, same date, at 15 Mos. due 20 Mch 1862 1900

Making a total of principal of $5593

All of which, together with the interest accrued thereon remains unpaid, and is rightfully and legally due to the said firm of Allen, Copp & Nesbit.

That one of said firm of Cook & Norton, viz: W. Stephen A. Norton, is now a citizen and resident of Memphis, and is, as the undersigned is informed and believes, a true loyal citizen of the United States. W. Cook of that firm the undersigned is informed is somewhere in the South endeavoring to collect debts and recover property which the firm had in the South before the Rebellion.

That the said firm of Cook & Norton own the following described property in the City of Memphis - Brick,

Two Story, and the upper rooms over the same, and the ground occupied by the same

in what is known as the "Clay Block", in the City of Memphis.
The Block occupies ~~two Lots, No. 345 & 346,~~ Lot No. 106, in the Original plan of Memphis.
There are 3 Stores on the ground. The South & Middle Stores are owned by said firm of Cook & Norton, as tenants in Common.
The Government has assumed possession of the Middle Store, which is now occupied by Lonstine & Brothers. The South Store is not occupied or rented by the Government, but Mr. Norton is allowed to rent and receive the rents for the same, together with a portion of the upper rooms - a part of said rooms being occupied by Government Officers, for the use of which he has received no pay from the Government.

They also own two of the three buildings composing the "Irving Block". That Block occupies two Original Lots - No. 345 & 346. They own the North & Middle buildings, or tenements, and the ground on which they stand.

"Irving Block" is occupied by the Government as a Military prison, and no payment has been made for the use thereof by the Government.

They also own the property know as the "Stable property," on Jefferson Street next East of the Theatre. It is 75 feet by 148½, off of the West side of Lot No. 550 in the Original plan of Memphis

The undersigned further respectfully represents that the said Stephen A. Norton is anxious to pay the debt due to the said firm of Allen Copp & Nesbit. That he is willing to assess upon and State the precise amount due, and is willing to have the rents of all the property herein discribed belonging to himself & Mr Cook applied to the payment & satisfaction of the same - and willing that any amount due from the Government for the use of the said property, shall be applied to the payment of the said debt.

In view of the foregoing facts, the undersigned asks the advice and aid of the Commanding General. That he will make such order as shall authorize and require the rents of the partnership property to be paid to the said firm of Allen, Copp & Nesbit; And that he will cause an estimate to be made of the reasonable rent which

the Government should pay for the use of the above described property occupied and used by the Government, and cause proper Government Vouchers to be issued therefor - And that he will grant all such aid in the premises as shall be consistent with official duty and tend to the furtherance of right and justice in the matter.

Robt. N. Nisbet

State of Tennessee }
County of Shelby } ss:

Robert N. Nisbet, of the City of Saint Louis, in the State of Missouri, having been first duly sworn, on oath says, that he has heard read the foregoing statement subscribed by him, and knows the contents thereof, & that the same is true of his own knowledge except as to those matters stated upon information & belief, and as to those he believes said statement to be true.

Subscribed & sworn to before me }
this 26th day of June 1863 }

C. A. Mallory J.P.

Robt. N. Nisbet