Jones, Edward E.

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Office - Chf of Police 5379

Nashville June 1st 1863

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Trusdail Wm Chf of Police

Had arrested E. Blummel on suspicion of having written an treasonable article printed in the Freemans Journal over the name of "Charlie" - He denied the charge and gave the name of the real author named Edwd E. Jones from N. Y. - He was arrested - He said he did not template injury to the cause - promised to publish nothing in future without approval - He was paroled until further orders - Had a conversation with Gen Morgan - He cannot understand the use of Army police - he desires to leave the post and again take the field - He has not the executive ability to command the post - Gen Mitchell would suit better in the position.

Recd Hrs DC June 2d. 1863

Office Chief Police
Nashville
June 1st 1863

Majr Genl Rosecrans.

Sir In obedience to your orders I arrested to day E Blummell (Brother) and charged him with being the Correspondent in Nashville of the "Freemans Journal" and shown him the treasonable articles that I thought him the author of. He denied the charge and said that he had never written one of these articles, but readily admitted that in his recent interview with me and the letter that he then gave me to read was calculated to lead me to infer that he was the Author of the letter over the Signature of Charlie - But to relieve my mind of all doubts, he gave me the name & the real Author, and writer of the articles over the Signature of Charlie in the Freemans Journal. I sent and arrested him - one Mr Ed E. Jones of this city. late from N.Y. and formerly from Manchester England. Jones is an Englishman - has a Son and Son in Law in the Federal Army. on the Potomac I do I believe a Catholic a friend and associate of Blummell - of about the

Same size - wears specs. constantly. and you would to see them together, pronounce them twin brothers. are no doubt Con= =genial spirits

Mr Jones denies that he contemplated injury to the cause of the Union by the articles published = affirms that he will obey all orders of the Military authorities and not again publish any article without first submitting it. for ex= =amination to the proper officer for his approval - will not publish any more letters on the War. in the least objectionable

I have paroled him to Report until further orders.

I had a full Conversation with Genl Morgan to day in regard to a Police - My intercourse with him has always been pleasant and agreeable - He did not understand why an Army requires a police as fully as you do - but has, after taking Command here favored it. He made some Suggestions which I acceded to in regard to the Police of this important Post. but he assured me that he did not desire to remain here, preferring to take

the field. He prefers that Genl Mitchell should take his place. I believe Genl. If it is agreeable to Genl Mitchell to take command again, (which I think it is his wish now to do) the change would be advisable — Genl Morgan has not (I think) the Executive Ability of Genl Mitchell — but is a very good Military Man in the field, while Genl Mitchell seems to possess both Military and Executive ability, and has much more experience in Command of this Post, and is better acquainted with the people. I have taken the liberty to say this much of the two Gentlemen — having a high opinion of them both as truly devoted, good, men

Respectfully
Jno Groesbeck
Chief Army Police

Nashville June 3. 1863

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Truesdail Wm.
Chief of Army Police.

Encloses statement of E. E. Jones -
- Jones states he is a resident of Nashville - is a correspondent of the Freemans Journal, over the name of "Charles" or "Charlie" - is not pecuniarily interested in the paper - receives no pay for his services - never acted as agent - sends his letters by mail - letters usually religious & miscellaneous - mostly compiled from city press of Nashville - is willing to confine his correspondence to religious, educational & charitable subjects

(1 Enclosure)

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Rec'd H.Q. Res. D.C. June 4 1863

Office of the Chief of A. Police
Nashville, June 3. 1863.

Brig. Genl Garfield,
Chief of Staff.

Sir.

I send herewith, a Statement of E. E. Jones, the Correspondent of "Freeman's Journal"

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
Wm. Truesdail
Chief of A. Police
By W. Brennen

The articles signed "Charles," contained some falsehood which need & knew to be such. They were written in an unfriendly spirit towards the cause for which our lives are at stake.

It ill becomes one to ~~to~~ take the sacred name of justice and right, to screen him in his hostile and unfriendly writing. There is delicate sense of justice which forbids abusing those under whose roof he lives which Mrs Jones has ignored. M S Rucker
Mrs

Nashville, Tenn., June 18, 1863.

Maj Gen. Rosecrans,

Commander Department Cumberland —

Sir — Asking pardon for presuming to trespass upon your valuable time, I beg a few moments of your leisure. I believe that malicious misrepresentations made to you have caused you unwittingly to do an uncharitable act. I have been arrested, accused of holding treasonable correspondence with the N. Y. Freeman's Journal, over the signature of Charles, or Charlie. The penalty, so far as I can learn, was, first, to go South; afterwards, at the recommendation of Col. Truesdail, to take the oath of allegiance and to give bonds. To the former I believe I have given my objections; to the latter, my conscience presents an insurmountable barrier. I am not sure that you have had an opportunity to examine into my case, because false statements have been presented to you which I think, upon

what I believe of you, would have prompted you to say, in the goodness of your heart, "Sir no more, and you are forgiven." I have just returned from an interview with Gen. Granger. He seems stern and inflexible, and yet so just is my cause that I am desirous to submit my case to him, if you have not the time to look into it. Here witnesses can be readily obtained, and facts proven, if necessary, to form a just judgment. I beg, therefore, that you will do me the honor of reading my statement, made under oath, and also my letter to Col. Truesdail, intended for you, or grant your permission for Gen. Granger to decide the case, and I will remain, with many thanks,

Your humble servant

E. E. Jones,

Dispatch Office, Nashville, Tenn.

Nashville June 18th 1863.

Jones E. E. Dispatch Off. Nashville

Has been arrested, accused of holding reasonable correspondence with the N. Y. Freeman's Journal over the signature of "Charles" or "Charlie" - wishes to have his case submitted to Gen. Granger -

J 253 DC 1863

Citizen

Hd. Qrs. Dept. Cumberland
Murfreesboro June 21st /63
Respy. referred to Brig. Genl. R. S. Granger who will investigate the case and state on what terms this individual can be allowed to remain within the lines, if at all.
By Order of Maj. Genl Rosecrans

E. B. 499

C. Goddard
Lt. Col & AAG

Rec'd Hd. Qrs. D. C. June 21st 1863.

Mr. Innes was released before any action was taken on these papers

W. Wirt

Atty.

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J. B. Patterson

Lieut:

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		For Amt per receipt May 22. 62	66	25

February 3rd 1865.

Juan A. Rizzini

Statement of

E. E. Jones,

Correspondent of
"Freemans Journal"

(Copy)

Office of the Chief of Q. Police,
Nashville, June 3. 1863.

Statement of Edward E. Jones.

I am a resident of this city. I am a correspondent of Freeman's Journal. I have been a voluntary correspondent of that paper for many years - probably eighteen years. My communications are over the signature of "Charles" or "Charlie" - most of them over that of "Charles." I am not pecuniarily interested in said paper, in any manner whatever. Have never received anything for my services as correspondent, excepting a free paper. I have never acted as agent for that paper - Have never sent them a dollar for a subscriber, as far as I can remember. My letters have all been sent by mail, without any concealment properly and fully directed to the editor of said paper. I was not aware of violating any military order by sending said communications or by their contents. My letters usually were religious and miscellaneous - all the news and much of the miscellany was compiled from the city press of Nashville. - One of the anecdotes complained of by the "Press" in relation to taking the

oath" was copied from that paper and the other was related by B. C. Truman, Editor of the "Press" in my presence.

If an opportunity is afforded me I think I can show that I am not a dangerous person. I am willing to confine the correspondence to religious, educational and charitable subjects

E. E. Jones

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of June, 1863

Jno. Brennen
Pro' Judge

Office Ch. Army Police
Nashville June 3d/63
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Recd Hd. Qrs D.C. June 15/63.

Statement of

E. E. Jones

Correspondent of
"Freeman's Journal"

Asst Chief
Army Police
Nashville
Jan 2/63

Brig Genl Garfield
Chief Staff-

Sir I would
Respectfully, ~~Recommend~~
that Ed. E. Jones, be required
to give Bonds in Sum 2500$
+ to take the Oath of Allegiance to the Govmnt
U.S. + allowed to Stay
in Nashville

Wm Truesdail
Chief Army Police

Office of Chief of the Army Police
Nashville June 3rd 1865

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E. E. Jones.

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before me this 3rd day of
June AD 1865

Wm Brunner
Pro. Judge.