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Memphis Tenn
23 July 1863

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McDonald John [illegible]
(10) others Citizens of
Memphis Tenn and
St Louis Mo

Petition for the release of
J. H. Townsend now confined
in Fort Pickering

Cits

Recd [illegible] 28 July 1863

To Maj Genl S. A. Hurlburt

The undersigned residents and citizens of Memphis Tenn and loyal to the United States Government, would respectfully represent.

That they are well acquainted with J. H. Townsend and have been for the past Eighteen Months - that he is an industrious peaceable man and we full satisfied that he would not do any dishonest act and full satisfied that he has no sympathy for the Rebellion we therefore ask if consistent that he may be discharged from arrest -

July 28th 1863

John McDonald
H. L. Sanderson
Saml W. Pease
R L McGhee
Chas B Church
O L Clore
J. D. Tobin
J F Hicks
W C Page

To Maj Genl S. A. Hurlbut

The
Petition of Isaiah Townsend a loyal
citizen of the United States would
respectfully represent that he is
a citizen and resident of the City
of Saint Louis in the State of Missouri
where he has been a resident for the
last Twenty years! That he is the
father of J. H. Townsend who is now
under arrest and confined in
Fort Pickering! That his said son
is a Steam Boat Pilot on the
Mississippi River; and has been
engaged in such Business for
the past fourteen years!

Petitioner
would further state that it is his
firm belief that the only object
his son had in trading in
Mississippi was for the purpose
of making Money and not
on account of any sympathy
he had for the Rebels!

He therefore
asks that he may be discharged
from arrest as in duty bound
will ever pray &c

July 24th 1863

Isaiah Townsend

To Maj Genl S. A. Hurlburt

The Petition of Mrs Anna Townsend a loyal citizen of the United States would respectfully represent that She is the wife of J. H. Townsend who is now under arrest in Fort Pickering - that She is a resident of Saint Louis Mo - That She has four children by the said J. H. Townsend and that the oldest one is ~~about~~ years old and relies entirely upon her Said Husband for a Support for herself and family that her husband is an industrious Saber and energetic Man - That he is by occupation a Steam Boat Pilot on the Mississippi River - and has been engaged in Such Business since our Said Marriage -

She therefore Prays that he May be discharged from arrest as in duty Bound will ever pray &c.

July 23d 1863

Anna Townsend