Oct 8

Macon Tenn, 12th 1868.

Maj. Gen. Hurlbut;

Sir:

The undersigned, citizens of Fayette Co. in the vicinity of Macon and Lafayette beg leave to respectfully and earnestly call your prompt attention to acts perpetrated in this community by armed bands from Lafayette. We humbly ask your attention to the following brief statement of facts. Viz.

On Thursday night, Oct 1st the home of Mr. G.R. Jones was visited by an armed band, composed chiefly of Negroes, who formed a line of battle in his yard. About the same time Mrs. Stone and Mr. Farley were similarly visited and Farley fired on.

On Saturday night Oct 3rd, the house of Mr. Jas. Waller was entered at about 10 & 11 o'clock, by armed men who ordered the family to be quiet, pretended to be in search of a man, but permitted no light to be made. The desk of Mr. Waller was taken out into the yard and robbed of a considerable amt. of money, notes, and other valuable papers. Other property was taken, and an attempt made to fire an out-house.

On Saturday night, Oct. 10th One of these bands visited the homes of Mr. G.D. Jordan, Mr. J. H. Mebane and Mrs. Moore. Mr. Jordan was fired on several times. At all the places poultry was taken, and inquiries made for money.

They threatened to visit Macon on Saturday night Oct 17 Inst.

From the time and manner of these raids you perceive it is impossible for persons to designate all the individuals engaged in them, or even any, except by accident. From the best information we have, the bands were composed chiefly of Negroes, but a few whites accompanied them in every instance.

A boy that left Mr. Jas. Waller, named King, was with the raids of the 3rd & 10th Insts. and is connected with the threat to visit Macon on the 17th Inst.

We will not burden this paper, nor trespass on your valuable time, by attempting to describe the consternation produced, especially among the females by these night-raids. Of that your imagination can better conceive

We are aware that such acts are in violation of general Orders, issued from your Head Quarters, and also, of Maj. Gen. Grants Order No. 151.

We earnestly solicit the protection guarantied in Your orders, and implied in oaths of allegiance. Being unarmed, we are powerless to resist, or protect ourselves from, these midnight raids. We appeal to you with the more confidence, because we are helpless.

If you can permit us the use of arms for self-defence, we will assist in preserving quiet in our community.

Application has been made to Capt. Campbell of Lafayette, on the subject of this memorial, but his power has not proved adequate, to afford the protection we need.

With highest regard for your personal and official Character, we are your humble memorialists and petitioners.

Names of citizens believing the facts in the above memorial and asking redress of grievances.		The list of Witnesses to the facts stated in the above memorial. No one being a witness to all.
E. H. Porter	H. F. Jones	T. I. Waller
William Jack	Geo. F. Hunter	Jno. H. Mebane
F. M. Walker	Mm Crawford	J. Farley
J. W. Hughes	E. B. Yarbrough	Tabitha Stone
W. Ivie	Howel Webb	Julie F. Farley
	N. R. Cartwright	G. D. Jordan
	W. J. Moore	Eliza A Jordan
	J. E. G. Waller	Mrs E B Moore
	D. L. Bassett	Mag Moore
	G. W. Tarip	Mollie Moore
	Thos. G. Neal	John Brown
	I. I. Williamson	Soloman Crook.
	Ann W. Williamson	
	M. L. M. Edenton	
	R. A. Donohoo	
	Thos. Castles	
	Jas. C. Edenton	
	W. H. Tarpley	
	A. Moore	
	A. J. Connell	
	Wm Johnson	