Memphis, Nov. 17th 1863.

Maj. General Hurlbut:

Your attention is respectfully called to the following facts in the Reamer case submitted to you this morning: The trial of Reamer before the Provost Marshal was, I believe, ex parte altogether. The Government proved by detective Gilbert's affidavit certain matters therein contained ~~in the Gilbert's Affidavit~~; while the accused, Charles Reamer was not permitted to bring in any evidence in his behalf or any witnesses proving his former good character. I know that Capt. Williams is an excellent good man and an able officer and a gentleman whom I like very much; but if Mr. Reamer had any witnesses in his favor upon the day of his trial or was informed that his trial was in progress, I am not aware of it. — I was acting here as Counsel, but I was unaware that his trial was going on. — I believe, that in Military as well as in Civil law the accused is to be confronted with his accuser or accusers - that they are to be "face to face", and that if the accused have witnesses or evidence in his favor or in extenuation of his guilt it shall be heard. The Constitution of our beloved Country guarantees to every man the rights here alluded to.

I admit the fact that Reamer offend

Mr. Gilbert an hundred Dollars, also that he offered our ~~worthy~~ Provost the same amount to release our Brokers; and in palliation I would say that the said Roemer is an ignorant foreigner, unfamiliar with our language, laws and institutions; and that he was not aware of the criminality of ~~what he was~~ offering the bribe.

In truth, I believe his stupidity and ignorance are proverbial.

General Hurlbut: in view of all the facts I would most respectfully request you to exercise in behalf of the poor ignorant & misguided Roemer a portion of that charity & leniency which is said to belong to you.

I have the honor
to remain
your Obt. Servt.
Thomas Leonard
atty

P.S. The fine set by the Provost Marshal is 1000.$ and a bond of 10,000 $ there are are more than he can pay or give.

T.L.