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Petition —

Approved &
Respectfully forwarded
E. Brig. Gen. R. S.
Granger
J. Hopt. Bench
Capt Co "I" 4th Iowa Cavalry
Comdg. Post Pinney field
Iowa

Respectfully
Refer to Brig Gen
Rousseau
R. Granger
Brig Gen

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Cobb

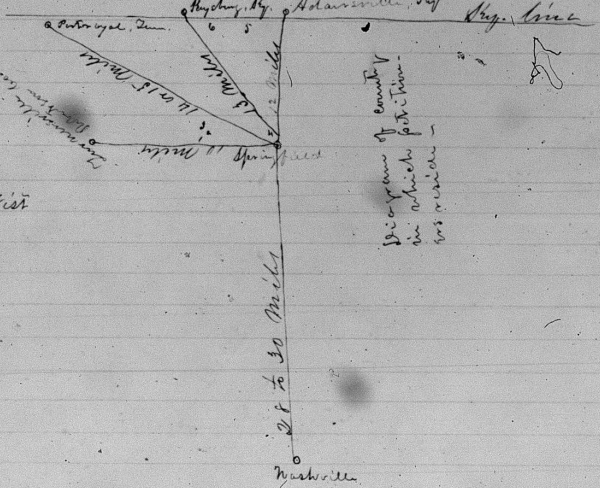
We the undersigned citizens & distillers of Robertson County Tenn. respectfully represent that we are loyal & law abiding men & in obedience to orders emanating from Post Head Quarters (Nashville) our business is now suspended, greatly to our private injury, & as we hope to show, without benefit to the government of the U.S. The section of country in which we live & operate is without practicable roads & so isolated & hilly as to be inaccessible to foraging waggons. We propose also & ask permission to deliver our whiskey to T.A. Atchison in Nashville for sale, first tendering it to the Medical Department through the said Atchison our agent. We offer our hogs also the product of our Mills to the Government, & would represent that the slop after it has been distilled loses but little of the strength it possessed in the corn ear. Indeed many of our most experienced distillers contend that 150 bushells of corn in the ear will produce no more proof than the same quantity of corn rendered into slop through the process of distillation. Our united product will not exceed twenty or thirty barrells per week. If permission to sell in Nashville be not granted we still pray for authority to resume our business. Reference is herein made to the accompanying diagram of neighborhood in which petitioners reside & other papers -

Robertson Co Tenn
Dec. 7th 1863 -

G W Garrett
H Powell
Starke Murphy
mark
Q Benton
Pleas Powell
William Thomas
mark

Diagram of
County in which
Smithson is residing

North



1 Stark & Mansfield
2 W. Powell
3 Wm. Morris
4 F. St. Leonard
5 J. M. Powell
6 Green Benton

South