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Suggestions in regard to preventing disorder arising from the abuse of whiskey by soldiers and others in this City. Recommending that upon the arrival of boats they be inspected &c, &c.

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To Brig Genl R. S. Granger
Commandant Post of Nashville

Sir

In response to the suggestion of Maj Genl Thomas Commanding Department, the undersigned respectfully represent that the disorder which has recently excited the just concern of the authorities, have chiefly arisen from the sale of Whiskey by Steamboats lying at the City wharves. Previous to the full opening of Navigation the present season, we think you will yourself attest, that the abuses, under consideration were not sufficient to attract especial attention But with the increase of Steamboats at the landings down Kennip has increased especially among Soldiers and department employes, the undersigned have reason to charge and believe they can prove to the satisfaction of the authorities that such persons without difficulty obtain whiskey from persons connected with Boats, It is believed also that irresponsible and unauthorised dealers obtain supplies from the same source, These last locate themselves about the purlieus of the City and suburbs retailing to disorderly Soldiers Negroes and Vagrants,

In view of these things we respectfully suggest the following plan as likely to contribute largely to the abatement of the Nuisance complained of,

1st Let the Boats be prohibited the bringing to this City as bar stores or otherwise outside their regular cargo any spirituous liquors more than say ten gallons or such amount as may be considerd sufficient for the actual wants of the Officers and Crew while in port,

2d Let the boats be inspected on arrival and any contraband Liquors found on board be confiscated and other penalties be visited on the offenders,

3d Let the sale or gift of Liquors by persons connected with Boats while in port, to any persons other than the officers and crew be strictly prohibited and measures taken to detect and punish offenders

4th Let all authorized dealers in Liquors be held responsible for their Sales - that they shall be only for the personal or family use of the buyer, or that the buyer be a regularly authorised dealer - and that they in no case sell to such parties as may be excluded from buying by your orders

5th Let the commandant require such authorization on the part of dealers as he may think proper

The undersigned Committe acting in behalf of the Merchants of this City will cheerfully conform to and assist in carrying out any regulation made by the proper Military authorities in accordance with the above suggestions. We do further pledge ourselves to do all in our power to stop the unauthorized sale of Liquors in this City - to any and all persons in furtherance of this object we propose and have raised by subscription funds to pay detectives whose duties it shall be to ferret out and report all persons engaged in the unauthorized traffic of Liquors by which we mean any and all peersons who may sell Liquor to Soldiers or any person in the Goverment employ

Respectfully Submited
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