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(One Enclosure)

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HEAD-QUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND,

OFFICE PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL,

Chattanooga, Aug 16th 1864

Maj. Genl. Thomas,

Dear Genl,

The accompanying document was left with me, with a special request that I sign it and forward to you. I comply with the latter request. If the first question was erased and the rest of the document changed in several particulars, I would sign it.

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
G. A. Gowin

Chattanooga Tennessee
15th Jany 1863.

Maj. Genl Geo. H. Thomas
Comndg. Dept. of the Cumberland
Genl.

The undersigned, loyal citizens of East Tennessee would respectfully represent, that certain questions which greatly interest us and other loyal citizens, are exciting public interest and in regard to which we desire information.

1st, What if any compensation, can or will be made by your authority for property taken from us for the use of the United States?

2d What proof will be required of the loss of property and of the loyalty of the owners?

Property lost and destroyed may be classified as follows,

Horses taken by various detachments of the Army of the Cumberland for which receipts have ~~been~~ in some cases been given, and in others no receipts or vouchers have been given whatever

Cattle, hogs, grain, hay & provisions, that have been taken in the same way

Buildings and other improvements destroyed

Much of this property was taken and devoted to the use of the army, Other portions seemed to have been wantonly destroyed, These losses, which are heavy have fallen On a people who are already impoverished by the war, and it is a matter of great interest to them to know, what, if any, compensation is to be allowed them, and what proof is to be made of their losses, and how and to whom the proof is to be made:

We would ~~also~~ most respectfully urge, for the information of the loyal people, an early response to the above interrogatories

We have the honor to be, Genl,

Very Respt &c

Your Obt Servts

Tom Crutchfield

Jas. R. Flood

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