No. 206. Nashville Tenn.

8439

March 22nd 1864

W W Alexander

and E L Allen.

Petitions for the privelege of giving Bail. or at least be permitted the limits of the city on parole.

Citizens.

Bail in $5000 cash
to answer any charge &c

Nashville Tenn, March 22nd 1864 -

To
Major Genl Rousseau -
Comdg Dept of Nashville Tenn -

General,
We Your Petitioners
W. W. Alexander, a citizen of the County of Madison, State of Alabama, and E. G. Allen a citizen of the County of Lincoln, State of Tennessee - Would most respectfully represent unto you - that on or about the day of March 1864, they both left their homes with the intention of visiting the city of Nashville upon peaceable & legitimate business - (to wit) for the purpose of bringing some cotton into market, and to purchase family supplies &c &c - And that while on our journey, we honestly confess that we very unfortunately partook a most too freely of Same Champaigne wine, and old Rye Whiskey which we had a long - Infact to such an extent that we both became quite inebriated -
But while in this much to be regretted, condition, as we were informed, and supposed is true - we were both arrested by the United States Authorities near Christiana, in Rutherford County Tennessee - being accused as we are informed, first, of having violated our Oaths of Amnesty - and secondly of having Committed an "assault and battery," upon the person of a Negro man - who it was said was passing along the Road at the time -

Both of which charges your Petitioners, have a very vague, and indistinct recollection -
They do remember however of having had a conversation with a Negro man, upon the Road - but as to how the conversation was brought about, or what was said, or done at the time, your Petitioners have a very faint recollection - having been under the influence of Spirits at the time - Petitioners further state that they were after having been arrested, sent to the City of Nashville, and placed in the State Penitentiary for Confinement as prisoners -

Therefore in as much as we are both very unwell, & greatly fear, that the exposure which we will necessarily have to undergo in prison will operate very greatly against our health - We would most sincerely request the privilege of giving Bail -

And be permitted at least the limits of the City, upon parole, until we can have a regular trial before the Military com - mission, if such shall be deemed necessary in your wise opinion -

And with all other, and further Relief, as your Petitioners will ever pray &c -

Petitioners

W. W. Alexander
E. L. Allen