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Major General
George H. Thomas,
General

The undersigned, as well as many others who have come from the Northern states for the purpose, have made arrangements for the cultivation of Cotton in this vicinity by free labor. Every thing seems to favor the experiment except the scarcity of Cotton seed. There is not in this county seed enough for the cultivators. Under these circumstances they look to Alabama for a supply and are informed that at Huntsville it may be had in abundance. But the prices of transportation are so high as to render the cost here excessive amounting to sixty six cents per bushel in addition to the original price.

Believing that the cultivation of Cotton this year is very important to the country, and that those who are

attempting it by free labor are entitled to the reasonable protection and encouragement of the Government we would respectfully ask you, General, to allow us to transport five car loads of Cotton seed from Huntsville to this place free of charge, and we pledge ourselves that the seed so transported shall be planted by us or distributed at cost among cotton cultivators.

Yours very respectfully
Edwd. S. Jordan
W. Y. Elliott
William C. Russel
lately of Am York city
Charles Tollen
lately of Boston