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Springfield
Robertson Co. Tenn.
March 1, 1862

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M. D. Crockett

2 or more names

Represents that E. R. Crockett & W. F. Loyars, captured at Ft. Donelson, were private citizens & did not belong to the Rebel army, but visited their friends.

Asks permission to send clothing to Boys in Capt. Bidwells Co. Col. Heads Tenn. Regt. to write to & visit them. file

Where are Bidwells & Mays Cos., Col. Heads Regt., & Capt. Fykes Co., Bailey's Tenn. regt.

Asks that Capt. Bidwell's Co. be paraled. — Refers to Major Peatham, Nashville.

The Dmss March 16/62

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To the Commander in Chief of the United States Army at Nashville or whoever has the authority of the Prisoners, that was taken by the United States Army at Fort Donelson. I wish to present a Case for your consideration. The case is this:- My Sone Dr E. B. Crockette left here on the 1st of March 1861, and went to Texas, he Remained there untill about the Last of Nov 1861 when he Returned home on a visit; a few days after which he was taken sick, was confined several weeks. When he got able to ride, he went to Fort Donelson to see an only brother R. B. Crockette, belonging to Capt Bidwell's Company Col. Heads Redgement, Tennessee Volenteers, he Remained at the Fort some 5 or 6 days, Returned home, but had taken a very deep Cold, causing a severe Cough. The time he had appointed to Return to Texas had now arrived, and he was preparing to start but his Cough not being much improved, I prevailed on him to Remain yet a few days. On Thursday 13th Ult. P.M. we heard what we supposed to be the firing of Cannon at Fort Donelson. I then Requested my Sone E. B. Crockette to go to the Fort, and if his brother R. B. Crockette was Killed or wounded, to bring him home, if possible, he went, he got there on Friday 14th Ult. At the time he started I expected the fight would be over by the time he got there, but I hear it was not

he could not get away, having gone there on a Boat from Clarksville, and the boats would not bring away any person not belonging to the Army And on Sunday morning after the Fort was surrendered he with all others were taken Prisoners, he did not belong to the Army, and went there only at my request as before stated, and for no other purpose, In the Last few day, I have learned there were persons (Citizens) there on a visit, who were permitted to go home unmolested, as far as I can learn E.K. Crockette and one other young man by the name of William G. Layars, were all that were taken off that did not belong to the Army W.G. Layars was there on a visit to see some brothers in Bidwell's Company. I suppose that Crockette and Layars had been sent off before it was known, that Citizens not belonging to the Army ~~should not be~~ permit to go home &c.

You have now a Correct Statement of the Case which I will if it is requested and am permitted refer You to all my neighbors all of whome know the facts as I have stated them. Will you release my Son E.K. Crockette and W.G. Layars. if so, will you order it to be done, or will you give me, or some person for me, an order to their Keepers to release them, and a permit for some person to go to where they are with said order. Will you give the friends of those boys that belong to Capt. Bidwell's Company liberty to send them Clothing, to write to them, and those that Can to visit them, if it is agreable to Your will to grant

any or all of these requests, please give the permit to the barier of this Dr. R. G. Glover to go, or take any thing to them you may grant. &c. Will you please let us know where Capt. Bidwell's Company, Capt. Mays' Company of Col. Heads' Ridgement Tennessee Vol. also Capt. Fyke's Company of Bailys Ridgement Tenn. Vol. were sent to the barier Dr Glover will bring any information to us you may please to send. I would ask you to Parole, Capt Bidwell's Company if I thought it would avail any thing, and in this be assured that I have the hearty concurance of all their friends in this vacinity, I know and believe that there is not a man in that Company who would think of going back to the Army if Paroled, until he was regularly exchanged. My object for speaking of C. R. & W. F. Crockett's living in Texas, is for the purpose of letting you know, that he had nothing to do, nor could have nothing to do, with the Volunteering here &c I refer you to Mayor R. B. Cheatham of Nashville he being well acquainted with me If you are not the proper Commander to apply to for the above requisition, please convey this to the proper one, or inform Dr Glover (the barier) who is, and where to find him giving him a permit to go to him &c C. R. Crockette & W. F. Gayors, if released have not money with them, (that is current) to bring them home, the money they have is all on Southern Banks

Submitted very respectfully &c

M. D. Crockette