State of Tennessee,
Bradley County.
April 30th. '64.

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McClarey, J. C.
and others.

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State of Tenn Bradley county

we the undersigned agree to organize ourselves into a home Guard for the protection of our neighbourhood against our common enemy and propose to obey our commanders and be subject to the outhority of the government of the United States

G C McClary
Daniel Johnson
Joel Johnson
James Johnson
Joel Johnson jun
James Gain
John Gain
Hugh Gain
William Gain
Wesly Gain
Daniel Gain
William Gain

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The citizens of Bradley Co. Tenn. Petition the General Commanding D. C. — they claiming to be loyal — to have a Board of Claims appointed to estimate the damage to property and remunerate them for such articles of subsistence as have been taken by the Federal Army and not receipted for. Submits the following named persons as suitable for said Board: — T. M. C. Miles, Jesse H. Gant, citizens of Cleveland. Requested upon grounds of equality with other citizens of the State compensated for losses. Signed by John C. Gant and others

Citizens

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Letter to Gen Stanley.
Cleveland

The General Comdg has rec'd a ~~letter~~ Com. signed by ~~from various~~ several citizens of Cleveland & vicinity, asking the appt of a Board of claims for the assessment of losses of property by loyal citizens of Bradley & Polk Cos. by reason of the United States Army. They mention the names of Major Pleasant M. Craigmiles and Jesse H. Grant as proper persons to sit on such a Board.

The Genl directs that you ascertain whether the gentlemen mentioned will answer the purpose of so whether they are willing to perform the labor gratuitously. He also desires that you send the names of three officers of your command suitable to be detailed as members of such a Board.

H.S.

Cleveland Tennessee

April 2nd 1864.

Maj. Gen. George H. Thomas Commanding the Army of the Cumberland.

We the undersigned citizens of Bradley county Tennessee, respectfully represent to you, that the exigencies of the war, and the necessities of the Federal Army, have resulted in the appropriation of nearly all the personal property of the Loyal citizens in Bradley & Polk counties, to the use and benefit of the soldiers of the Army of the Union. This taking of said property was done and committed by the soldiers of the different commands, passing through said counties, in forced marches, and Scouts and commands stationed in our county. In the large majority of the cases, the officers & soldiers gave to the citizens no Receipts or Vouchers for the property taken, and in the large majority of instances the officers and soldiers were strangers to the citizens, leaving them without the Means of procuring Vouchers for their property. The Commanding General in the department of the Ohio, embracing all of East Tennessee, North of the Hiwassee River, has been so kind as to appoint two citizens at Knoxville to act as Commissioners to adjudicate the claims of citizens and order Vouchers to be issued to Loyal claimants. In so doing the Loyal people have been greatly benefited and their cases ameliorated.

We humbly pray that you will appoint a board of two Loyal citizens at Cleveland Tennessee to adjudicate the

the claims of loyal citizens South of the Hiwassee River and issue, or order vouchers to be issued to such claimants. This would place our citizens on an equal footing with those embraced within the lines of the Army of the Ohio, and they could thereby secure compensation for their property, of which they have been deprived for the use and benefit of the Federal Army; and such citizens would then have some means to buy supplies for themselves and families. He kindly hope and trust that this application will meet with your approval. If so, we here suggest the names of Pleasant M. Craig Miles & Jesse H. Gant, two citizens of Cleveland, and who are known to be loyal men to the United States Government, as being well fitted and qualified to act as such count or commissioners of claims.

We are your obt. servt.

W. M. Witthoft
C. A. Norman
R. J. F. Calloway
G. B. Thompson
John Boone
F. W. Norwood
Jas H. Norman
J. S. Kirby
A. J. Parks
T. L. Cate
John McPherson
J. F. Cleveland

John C. Gant
D. C. McMillin
Euclid Waterhouse
Jos. H. Davis
A. J. White
D. B. O'Neil
James Batt
Samuel Grigsby
Wm Blair
Isaac Low
Wm J. Campbell
S. Beeler

A J Dunean
James Kirk patrick
S C Geren
W K Trewhitt
A R Potts
J. W. Hicks
James S. Bradford
A J Trewhitt