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Headquarters Post of Bolivar,
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Capt. J. H. Harris

Asst. Adjt. Genl. Dist. of Jackson-

Sir:-

I wish to call official attention to the defective manner in which police regulations appear to be enforced in the city of Memphis.

I have proof that Richardson's and Burrows Guerrilla bands now securely encamped near Kalloway switch on the Memphis and Ohio Railroad, west of Somerville, make regular details to go to Memphis for supplies.

They take the oath of course, They dress as citizens. They rob Union men of cotton, or buy of rebels, carry it openly to Memphis, and as openly return with supplies direct to their camp.

They procure permits and licences in many names and thus accumulate their loads. Rebel sympathizers in Memphis buy for them, load the parcels in separate wagons, carry them beyond the lines - load up the guerrillas, thus eluding regulations.

A man now with me, whom they had a prisoner in their camp, saw a wagon load of powder, & guns, pistols, sabres, all kinds of military clothing, infantry and cavalry equipments, U. S. blankets, abundance of salt, and other supplies - all these things

just brought from Memphis, with scarcely an attempt at concealment. They boast of their easy access to the markets of Memphis, and freely explain how their supplies are procured.

Through their aid and protection the Cotton of Rebels is being carried to Memphis by disguised guerrillas - who having taken the oath pass without difficulty.

Men come here for permission to buy salt - perhaps only a barrel - are denied, and tell me that they can get it in wagon loads in Memphis.

These bands of robbers, and the people among whom they find sympathy and aid, are much better supplied than the people here under the restrictions we impose.

Will Genl. Sullivan make this statement of mine known in the right quarter, that the intolerable evil complained of may find a remedy.

Respy. Yours &c

M. Brayman
Brig. Genl. Comdg.