

D. I.

Kashville, Tenn Jan 29, 63  
3453

Pillier Joseph R.  
To the General Comd.

States that Gen Mitchell gave him permission to bring 15 bales cotton from Alamogordo 30 miles west of Sonoma & when his wagons arrived there one Berryman Ferguson indicated the cotton should not be taken to Nashville but gave no reason. Ferguson is wealthy & a rebel - has a lot of sheep & other stock.

Wife

Office Prov. Mar. Genl.  
Dept Cumberland, Murfreesboro, Jan 27/63

Respy ref'd to Col.  
J. W. Burke <sup>who will investigate & report</sup> in this Comd  
at Stewart's Crk. If, as charged  
Ferguson has committed an  
overt act against the Govt  
of the U.S. he will be arrested  
and forwarded with  
charges to the Adjutant.

By command of  
Maj Gen Roanoke  
Thos M. Wiles  
Capt & P.M.G.

Rec'd P.M.G.'s Office (D.C.) Jan 29, 63

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Head Quarter Dept. of the  
Manufacture July 21/63

Respectfully referred to  
Capt. Wm. Miles Provost  
Marshal General -

By order of the Genl. Foreman.

Chas. F. Thompson  
Capt. U.S.C.

Respectfully referred to  
10<sup>th</sup> Dist Comdr at Steam  
Lodg, who will investigate  
and report. If ~~there~~ <sup>an</sup> charge  
is proven then some notice can  
be set against the Genl  
Foreman. The District States  
he will be arrested and some  
other charges taken. His Genl.

Hd. Qrs 10<sup>th</sup> Ind. Vols  
Starratts Creek Tenn.

Chas R Thompson. January 29 1863

Capt 4<sup>th</sup> Cal. Dr. Co.

Sir

I have investigated  
the charges preferred against Benjamin  
Ferguson and find that he has com-  
mitted no such act against the Gov-  
-ernment of the U.S. as charged on this  
He is indebted by a rebel, and has  
a large amount of forage, and con-  
-siderable stock, which I shall take  
for the use of the Army-

Respectfully

Yours &c.

N. A. Marshall Col.  
Comdg 10<sup>th</sup> Ind.

Nashville Tennessee Jan 20<sup>th</sup> 1863  
May Gen W. S. Rosserans  
Comd Department of the Cumberland  
General on the 17<sup>th</sup> inst I procured a  
pass from Gen Mitchel to bring to this  
Cit. thirteen Bales of Cotton which I  
had at Alanson Carrons about 3 Miles  
North of Smyrna Tenn which is 10 Miles  
this side of Murfreesboro, When my teams  
arrived or shortly afterward Mr  
Berryman Gurgerson (Who live near  
by) Came up & insisted that the Cotton  
Should not be brought to Nashville,  
So I am informed by Mr. Baughn  
Who went for the Cotton, The grounds upon  
which he objected he did not state but  
the presumption is that it was his  
Idea of inflicting a blow upon the  
United States to withhold Cotton  
Mr Gurgerson is a notorious Rebel,  
He is quite wealthy, has a very fine  
Lot of Sheep & Stock of all kinds which  
could be used to advantage by your  
Army Respectfully Jos. R. Dillin

Over

This Morning I informed Col.  
Ashburn, ~~this morning~~ the substance of  
the Within the telegraphed you upon  
the Subject  
J. P. Willin