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Mills
Capt. & 2 M. W. Co.

Respecting Wood Contract with Messrs.
Hughes & Haskell & Co.

etc

Rec'd H. G. Office, Nashville, Tenn. March 4. 1863.

Assistant Quartermaster's Office,

Nashville, Tenn. March 4th 1863.

Brig Genl Mitchell,

The contents of your letter touching the conduct of Messrs Hughes & Hoaskell have been read & considered - This was the first intimation I have had of any complaint, in that direction - Mr Hughes, is a citizen of Nashville, at whose house, I understand you remain often, both night & board - He is reported to me, to be in the confidence of the public Custodians of this City - Mr Hoaskell, is from Iowa, & claims an intimate if not a blood relationship with Lt. Col. Taylor Chief, Quartermaster - Some weeks before since, when we were in need of fuel, they individually applied to me for some contract to supply the post, with more or less wood, as they might be able to furnish it - I stipulated with them as to the price I would be a debit to the yard & in accordance with that understanding, they have furnished a small quantity - No funds have been paid nor demanded, & until further orders will not be

Very Respectfully
Yours Most Obedt
W. M. Cobb.