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At Tre, W. B. Jones
Alexandria Tenn
Aug 22nd 1863

Stokes Wm B.
Col Comdr

Gives permission to
R. A. Hancock & J.
Marble, for purpose
within stated

Citizens

Recd N. J. Jones
Aug 28th 1863

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Head Quarters, U S Forces

Alexandria Tenn, Aug 22nd 1863

Permission is hereby granted R. A. Hancock and Joseph Mearns, to go through the Federal lines on the following mission,

Viz: - They are to go for the purpose of obtaining the release of Daniel Shehan and Daniel Gayley, who it is reported are confined in prison at Atlanta, Georgia. - The conditions are such that until Shehan ^{and Gayley} are released, Jacob King, Josiah Weston and Squire Weston, now held as hostages, will not be released by the Federal authorities.

All Officers and soldiers of this command are hereby requested to respect this permit, and not to molest R. A. Hancock or Joseph Mearns in the privilege herein granted

Signed W. B. Stokes
Col Commanding U. S. Forces
Alexandria Tenn.

Approved and
Signed - Jos. B. Smead
Major Prov. Marshall