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Nashville Tenn. Feb. 3rd 1864.

Statement of Mrs G. M. Gee In the case of
Mr Porter and Mrs Martin

Questioned by Lieut A. W. Barr

Did you hear
Mr Porter say that the Government
of the U.S. had essent. all the wood
within fifteen miles of the City of Nashville?

Answer, Yes Sir!
(Signed) Elyza M. Gee

Sworn and subscribed before
me this the 3rd day of Feb. A.D. 1864.
(Signed) A. W. Barr 1st Lieut.
3rd Tenn Cav & Adj. Pro. Mo. A.

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Statement of R. H. Mallay

Mr Porter
at his own house, said to Mr Hamuck
that the Government was going to
press all the wood within fifteen⁽¹⁵⁾
miles of Nashville, and that Mr
Jack Williams place would be
pressed the next Monday, and
said that we better be looking out
for ourselves.

He left the impression
that he was going to cut all
the timber on said place.

(Signed)

R. H. Mallay

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Statement of Mrs Martin
in the Case of herself
and My Petter

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Nashville Tenn.

July 3rd 1864

Statement of Mrs Martin in the case of
herself and Mr Porter.

Mr Porter came over to see me and made
the remark that he had understood that I had
some wood to sell that Dr Williams had infor-
med him so I told him that I had several
tenants on the place and have to furnish
them all with wood. I said to him look over
the hill and tell me if you think that I
have got any wood to spare. He remarked
that I had not any to spare them but did
I not have some back further to spare I
told him that there was more wood there
than anywhere else. But not any more than
I wood want for my plantation. He then
remarked that there has been an order
passed to condemn all the wood within
fifteen (15) miles around the City of
Nashville and that they would certainly be
cut and take mine. Well then said I
if they came 15 miles they will take
mine he then said that I wood cut
enough to satisfy the Government and if
they come just all there that you had sold

to me already for the Government.

I told him not to cut any timber that
Bull do to make rails he said that all
trees of that kind of wood he reserved I
further more told him that all ash, Hickory
Walnut and oak should not be cut he said
then that he would not cut any of them
above mentioned he said then in three, 3,
days that the Government would send out hands
and press all the wood in the neighbourhood
he said that it was for my interest that
he was looking at not to the Government.
And that the Government had present some
land belonging to Mr Jack Stillburne and
that he had gone twice and released it.
I then remarked something about the price
he then said that he would give me the
same that Mr Duncan got for Mr Coopers
wood. In about (10) days afterwards I was
passing over and ascertained from Mr Muzell
that the Wagon was passing through his
place and he complained to me and
asked me why I permitted Mr Porter to drive
his wagons through his place for I told
him the Government would get the wood
the shortest way that they could. He then
remarked to me that the Government had
never been out after wood but it was

private persons that was hauling wood
off of the place. Question. Mrs Martin -
was it your understanding from Mr Porter
that all the wood that he was cut in
your land was for the Government of the
U.S. Answer Yes.

Question. Did Mr Porter seem in a hurry about the
matter.

Answer. Yes he wanted me to give my decision right off
Question. Did Mr Porter say to you if you would let
him have the wood, that he could keep off all
other Contractors.

Answer. Yes he said if any came to tell them that
he had bought all for the Government that I
had to spare

Sworn and Subscribed to

before me this the 3rd day of Feb^y 1864

(Signed) A. W. Carr 1st Lieut
3rd Iowa Cavalry and asst P. M.

No 824

Statement of Mr J M Lee
on Contract between
Mr Porter & Mrs Martin

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Statement of Mr S. W. Gee

When the contract was made between Mr Paster and Mrs Martin I was not present.

Mr Paster made the statement at my table before the contract was made that the Government of the U.S. had impressed all wood within fifteen (15) miles of Nashville, and that he heard the Order read, and that it would be published in a day or two for all concerned, and that being that he was a friend to his neighbors, he would go around and buy the wood so that they would get their money for the same, and keep Contrabands out of the neighborhood and that he was buying and selling wood for the Government of the U.S.

The next morning he was up at the shop, and he said that he had bought Mrs. Martin's wood, and that he was only going to cut a small portion of it, and that S. and Mr. Webb

was to go and select such wood as he should cut. And that he would come by when he got ready to cut. And that I and Mr. Witt, must go and let him know what trees to cut. And that after this, if any one else should come, that he or Mr. Martin, or I, could tell them that he had cut all of Mrs. Martin's wood, i.e. all she had to spare. And he remarked that he would be by the next morning for me to go with him.

I did not see Mr. Parter the next morning. But that evening, when I came home I heard that he was cutting, so I got on my horse and rode over to see them, and it looked to me as though they were cutting every tree that they came to.

I remarked to one of the choppers that he must not cut all of the trees, for it was the contract between Mr. Martin and Mr. Parter that he should leave all the rail timber, and all the ash and Hickory.

Mr. Bunton made the statement that there was no rail timber there.

I came home and told

Mrs. Martin that I did not think
that Mr. Porter was going to do what
was right about the wood, and
that they was cutting the wood
as they came to it.

(Signed)

J. W. Lee

Sworn and subscribed to
before me this the 7th day of February
A. D. 1864.

(Signed)

A. W. Bass ^{1st Lieut}
7th Tenn Cav and Asst. Pro. Mor.