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Papers in case of  
Bob, Jim & Peter  
Hedgell

Head Quarters of Brig. Genl. Haskell.  
Knoxville Tenn March 25<sup>th</sup>. 1864.

To Major J. A. Campbell  
Aft. Adj't. General  
Dept. of the Ohio.

Major:

I have the

honor, most respectfully, to call your attention  
to the following statement of facts:

A person claiming to be an agent or Overseer  
employed on the farm of William Heiskell, said  
in the streets of Knoxville, yesterday a  
boy named James, who has been employed  
as a servant of ~~J~~ A. G. M. Geo. B. Winslow,  
now absent, and carried him by force  
to the house of William Heiskell, where  
said Heiskell, as I am informed, assisted  
by the Overseer aforesaid, first put manacles  
on the boy's ankles, and then dragged him  
by his hair to an upper room, where the  
boy's clothing was stripped off, and he was  
beaten with a raw hide over the head, face  
and back, by said Heiskell, assisted by, or in  
the presence of the said overseer. The boy was  
then left tied by a rope to the bedstead,  
without food until late in the evening.

Between the hours of 9 & 10 P.M., or thereabouts,  
I have been informed that a brother of said  
James, so confined named 'Bob' by means  
of a ladder, rescued James from his  
confinement, and bore him off in his  
arms. I also learn and have cause to  
believe the statement correct, that while

Statement of George  
Wallace, concerning  
the rescue of Sim; the  
firing by Pierce,  
and conduct of Gen.  
Carter's guards.

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"Bob" was so conveying away his brother, Mr. Heiskell fired a gun at him twice with the apparent design of killing one or both of the brothers.

I am also informed and believe that the Provost Marshal General of this Department sent two or more soldiers from his escort to watch the house of said Heiskell, while the slaves were thus confined in the house; that subsequently said two guards, or others, being United States soldiers, were ordered by General Carter Provost Marshal General, to pursue, hunt down and capture the aforesaid slave boy James; and that, in obedience to said order, two soldiers of the United States, so employed as the escort of said General Carter, entered the house of Henry Clay, a free colored man in Knoxville, to search for James, hunting under the bed and in other places for the fugitive; and that while engaged in the slave hunt, the soldiers apologized for the intrusion saying to the woman, - "you must not blame us; we have been ordered to do it (search for the slave) by General Carter."

I would also respectfully represent, that said two soldiers, constituting <sup>a part of</sup> the escort of Gen. Carter arrested the boy "Bob" and confined him in the guard house, where he still remains. That "Bob" is a servant of mine, is peaceably disposed, and I have reason to believe that he has

## Statement of George Wallace.

My name is George Wallace, I formerly belonged to Wayne Wallace who is a rebel prisoner at Camp Chase, Ohio. I live in Kugerville directly opposite Mr. Heiskell's house near Cumberland Street. I was at home between 2 & 3 o'clock P.M. <sup>a Friday last</sup> and while standing in my doorway, I heard quick, hard licks given to somebody over in Mr. Heiskell's house, as if somebody was being whipped, and heard smothered cries; I could not tell whose voice it was. Mrs. Heiskell looked out of the window and saw me looking at the house. Afterwards Mr. Heiskell came to the window. I heard the whipping a quarter of an hour before I saw anybody at the window. The sound of the whip and the voice then ceased. Shortly afterward, I met "Bob" and he told me Prince had caught "Jim Poke" and was going to take him out to the farm. Toward dusk I saw one soldier sitting under the crib shed; he had on a blue overcoat and pants, and a sabre in his hair. I saw Bob hanging around Mr. Heiskell's house. sometime after dark I saw Bob under Mr. Heiskell's window where Jim was, talking to him. Jim was hanging by his hands out of the window. "Bob" told his brother to drop and he would catch him. I heard Jim

been so arrested and confined for the  
crime of having released his brother  
from duress and the cruel treatment  
of said Haskell.

Finally, I respectfully request that  
my servant "Bob" may be released  
from confinement: that the boy James  
may be protected from further cruel treat-  
ment by said Haskell and his over-  
seer; and that the soldiers of the U.S.  
Army may not be permitted to hunt  
runaway negroes in this Department.

Very Respectfully,  
Your Obedt Servt.

Elias Smith  
V. A. D. C.  
Brig. Genl. Harrell's Staff.

say he was afraid he would be hurt.  
About five minutes afterward, I saw  
"Bob" bring a ladder and set it over the fence,  
and up to the window. Jim was coming  
down the ladder; Bob told Jim to let loose  
and he would catch him. The window  
below was fastened, and just at the time  
Jim dropped, I saw Pierce raise the window  
and shoot out. He fired twice. There was  
a light in the window; the gun was a  
double barrelled shot gun. The shot  
struck the ash hopper before the door. If  
I had not stepped behind the ash hopper  
I would have been hit. Two other colored  
men were standing near by at the time.  
The two men were not assisting "Bob".  
Bob ran off with his brother. Pierce  
raised the window again and asked the  
guard, if they hadn't better have a  
light. The guard replied "yes, we  
have." Pierce came out with a  
candle, but about the same time the  
guard said "the ladder is up to the  
window, and the boy is out and  
gone." I heard the escorts of General  
Carter run out of their house and

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lay out - ' here they go; hallo there! halt!" The next morning I saw the boy Quince about Mr. Heiskell's house and in the yard. I saw also a soldier with the boy. He was a small soldier, and had on a cavalry jacket and a Sabre. The soldier followed the boy wherever he went, and seemed to be watching him very close. The black boy walked lame and with difficulty. I told Ammily that Quince had been whipped, & thought so from the way he walked.

George <sup>his</sup> Wallace  
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I Certify on honor that the foregoing statement was read over by me to the person subscribing the same; that he subscribed the same by his mark, and under oath duly administered by me to him, says all the facts herein stated are correct and true.

(A. McKeith Esq Col)  
County Post of  
Knoxville Tenn

Office Pro. M. G. of D. Tenn.  
Tennville, March 26<sup>th</sup> 1864

Major J. A. Campbell  
A. A. G.

Major,

In compliance with instructions from  
Dept. Headqrs. in an endorsement on a letter signed "Chas  
Smith A.A. S.C. Brig. Gen. Harcall's Staff," on the subject of  
ordering the arrest of a mulatto boy named "Bob," for aiding  
his brother "Jim" to escape from the house of W. William  
Heiskill - I have the honor to submit the following:

A few mornings since W. Heiskill came to my office  
& stated, the last of his servants had left him, that he was  
without any help - that, some of them were about town  
living in idleness. I told him I had no jurisdiction  
in the matter & could give him no assistance - but would  
give him a note to Gen. Tillson stating the case &c &c.  
a copy of which is inclosed marked A.

I heard nothing more of the matter until yes-  
terday afternoon (after 4<sup>th</sup> P.M.) when W. Heiskill came to  
the office with two persons, who were introduced as Mr.  
White & Mr. Pierce. W. Heiskill reported that his  
life was threatened by a mulatto boy, who had been his body  
servant named "Bob Heiskill" - that he received his in-  
formation from Mr. White. The latter stated that, this boy  
(in company with other negroes) while standing near  
the corner of the street, had said he intended to shoot  
W. Heiskill while on his way from his office to his house.

Statement of "Sim"  
Heiskell, of his cruel  
treatment &c.

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if he failed to do so at that time he would kill him after he got home. I wrote a note to the City Pro. Marshal (a copy of which is inclosed marked B) directing him to arrest a mulatto boy named "Bob," for threatening to take the life of his former master & to hold him in the guard house until the matter could be investigated. I also sent a verbal order to the Surgt. of the escort to send two or three men to W. H. Hick's house to guard it, so as to prevent any assault on the owner by the boy "Bob." The city Pro. Marshal reported to me to day that, he arrested "Bob" W. H. Hick's last night & found him armed with a revolver.

The above is a statement of my entire connection with or knowledge of the affair.

I never sent men of my escort to arrest slaves, or those claimed as slaves. I knew nothing of the existence of such a boy as "Jim," nor of his confinement in the house of W. H. Hick's; nor of his ill treatment; nor that the boy "Bob" was the servant of an officer - until I learned the facts through Mr. Smith's letter - & partly from another party today. The arrest of "Bob" was ordered simply on account of his reported threat to take the life of W. H. Hick's for no other reason. He was not arrested as a slave, nor is he held as one. A white man would have been dealt with in exactly the same way.

I will state that, I have never yet used a military, or any other force to apprehend slaves & turn them over to their claimants. If men of my escort were engaged last night or at any other time, searching for the boy "Bob," or any other negro - they did so without orders from me.

I am respectfully  
J. G. Carter  
B. G. & P.M.L. of E. Tenn.

# Statement of Jim Haskell.

My name is Jim; I have been living on Bull Run, with a man by the name of Pierce; they called him Cromwell Pierce. I ran off from him nearly two months ago, because he treated me so mean; he half starved and whipped me. I was whipped three or four times a week, sometime with a cowhide, and sometime with a hickory. He put so much work on me I could not do it; chopping & hauling road and lumber logs. I am about thirteen years old. I got a pretty good meal at dinner, but he only gave us a pint of milk for breakfast and supper, with corn bread. I ran away to town; I had a brother "Bob" living in Knoxville, and other boys I knew. I would have stayed on the plantation if it had been well used. I wanted also to see some pleasure in town. I tried myself to Capt. Smith as a servant, and went to work as a waiter in Quarter Master Winslow's office as a waiter for the mess. After Capt. Winslow went home, I went to live with Bob, helping him. Last Friday just after dinner, I saw Pier-

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Mr. Heiskell, a master. He caught me on  
Gay street; he ran after me, and carried  
me down Cumberland street to Mr. Heiskell's  
house. Mr. Heiskell, his wife and two  
sons, and a daughter were in the house.  
Mr. Heiskell asked me what made me run  
away; he grabbed me by the back of the  
ears, and jerked me down on the floor  
on my face; Mr. Pierce held me and Mr.  
Heiskell put irons on my legs. Mr.  
Heiskell took me by the hair of my head,  
and Mr. Pierce took me around my body;  
they carried me up the stairs, and then Mr.  
Heiskell dragged me into a room by my  
hair. They made me stand up, and  
then they laid me down on my belly &  
pulled off my breeches as far as they <sup>came</sup>,  
and turned my shirt and jacket up over  
my head. (I heard Mr. Heiskell ask for  
the cowhide before he started up the next  
stairs.) Mr. Pierce held my legs, and Mr.  
Heiskell got a straddle of me, and whip-  
ped me with the raw hide on my back &  
legs. Mr. Pierce is a large man, and  
very strong. Mr. Heiskell rested two  
or three times, and began again. I  
hollered "Oh, Lord" all the time. They  
whipped me, it seemed to me, half an hour.

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Office P. M. G. of S. Army.

Hampton March 22. 1864.

Brig. Genl. D. Ulster  
Chief of Artillery &c &c  
My Dear General

This will be handed  
to you by one of the worthiest and most  
devotedly loyal men of the Govt. - Col. Thos.  
Neiswell. He is an agent of the Treasury  
Department. His negroes have left him;  
they are in town, and as he is left with-  
out any help at home I trust you will  
give him the necessary advice to get  
possession of his property, and prevent  
any interference with it by the soldiers.  
The Proclamation of the President cer-  
tainly secures him in his rights to  
this property.

I am Genl. Yours truly

(Yd) S. P. Carter

B.G. & P. M. G. f.c.t.

a true copy

J. S. Bullock  
Capt. r.a.a.s.c.

They then told me to get up and dress, and said if you I did not behave myself up there they would come up again and whip me again at night. The irons were left on my legs. Mr. Heiskell came up at dark and asked me what that "yellow nigger" was talking to me about. He meant my brother Bob, who had been talking to me opposite the house I was standing up and when he (Mr. Heiskell) asked me about the "yellow niggers", he kicked me with his right foot in my hip and knocked me over on the floor. as the irons were on my feet I could not catch myself. I knew my brother Bob was around the house trying to get me out. About one hour by sun two soldiers came to the house, one staid and the other went away. I saw them through the window. They had sabres. I thought they had come to guard me take me & Bob from getting me. I heard Bob whistling, and went to the window and looked through the curtain. Bob told me to hoist the window, put something under it & swing out of the window. I did as

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My brother told me, and hung by my  
hands. Bob said "drop", but I said  
I was afraid I would hurt myself.  
Bob said "wait a minute and I will  
get a ladder". He brought a ladder and  
put it against the house, under the  
window. I got halfway down be-  
fore they hoisted the window; I fled  
and Bob caught me and ran off with  
me in his arms. I saw Mr. Pierce  
sitting at the window, he had a  
double-barreled gun in his hands.  
By the time I could count three I  
heard a <sup>gun</sup> fire two or three times, quickly;  
I heard Mr. Pierce call "Jim" "Jim"  
and the guards hollered "halt, halt".  
I had no leather shoes on. We both hid  
and laid flat on the ground. I  
saw the guards running around the  
hunting forces. After lying there until  
the guards had gone away, we got up  
and Bob carried me to a friend's house.  
I had the irons on my legs, I got some  
supper and staid there until next day.  
My irons were taken off by a colored  
man, who carried me to the hospital.  
I am now employed working in the  
hospital No 1.

Jim <sup>his</sup> Hukell  
mark

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Office P. M. G. of E. Tenn.

Knoxville Tenn. March 25. 1864.

Capt. Ridder

Actg. Post Marshal, Knoxville  
Captain.

Col. Wm. Hickok U. S.

Treasury Agent, reports to me that one  
of his servants known as "Bob Hickok",  
who is now and has been for some  
months about town, has threatened to-day  
that he would shoot his former master  
to-night. You will have him arrested  
and put in the Guard House for safe  
keeping until the matter can be investi-  
gated. It is said that other negroes  
are probably connected with "Bob"  
in this design on the life of Col. Hickok  
but their names are not known at this  
office.

I am, Captain

Respectfully &c

(S. C.) S. P. Carter

B. G. & P. M. G. of  
E. Tenn.

A true copy

J. S. Bullock  
Captain, U. S.

I certify on honor that the foregoing statement was read over by me to the person subscribing the same, that he subscribed the same by his mark, and under oath duly administered by me to him ~~same~~ says all the facts in said statement are correct.

H. W. Keith, Col.  
County Part of  
Knoxville Tenn

Statement of James  
Thomas.

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Statement of  
Robert Heiskell (Bob)  
concerning the taking  
of his brother Jim from  
Heiskell's house, the firing  
at him, his arrest by  
Gul Carter's escort etc.

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## Statement of James Thomas.

My Name is James Thomas, I am employ-  
ed in Hospital No. 4. I have heard the  
statement of Maria Heiskell. I live in  
the same house, but in a separate part.  
At about the hour mentioned by Maria  
some men knocked at the door of our  
room. They said "if you don't open the door  
we will knock it down. Little Fred. said  
"it is Mr Steward Out there!" meaning  
the Hospital Steward. - I will let him  
in. Fred. got up and unlocked the door.  
A man came in who I found to be  
Pierce, also two others, one in Citizen's  
clothes, and the other a soldier, wearing  
a short jacket with a broad yellow  
stripe on his left arm. Pierce went  
to Pierce's bed and ordered him to  
get up and put on his clothes, and to  
do it "damned quick or he would  
take him without his clothes. The soldier  
also said to the boy - "get up and put on  
your clothes as your master told you".  
The soldier then said to Pierce, "Show  
your Authority". Pierce took out a  
paper and showed it to the soldier  
who said - "all right." The boy was

Statement of Robert Haskell  
servant of Capt E Smith.

Has been a servant of Mr Haskell  
Left said Haskell about three months ago  
I know Cromwell Pierce. saw him last  
Friday near the City Guard house. he is  
an overseer on Mr Haskell's plantation. I heard  
that he had my Brother Jim. and was going  
to take him to his plantation. I asked  
him where he (Jim) was. He answered that  
it was no matter, that he would soon have me.  
I told him he should not leave the town with  
that boy (Jim) before he (Pierce or myself) would  
be badly hurt.

Afterwards a colored man named Archy  
Crozier. told me he saw Pierce carrying Jim  
by the back of the neck down Cumberland Street  
and that he (Jim) was crying; I then followed  
down Cumberland Street and stopped opposite  
Mr Haskell's house; while standing there I looked  
across to the house and saw Jim at an upper  
window. he raised the curtain and showed  
me that he was handcuffed. he was crying  
at the time. he called to me to assist him, I had  
no weapon at that time. Mrs. Haskell came to the  
window and ordered me away, speaking roughly.  
I went away, a short time before this, however,  
a colored man named Geo. Wallace told me he  
heard two men in an upper room whipping him

frightened and began to cry. Pierce took him by the wrist and led him out. The boy said "let me get my shirt." Pierce answered "I have'nt time, come along." The soldier said, damn it, let the boy get his shirt." He was then led by Pierce through the women's room, when the soldier said, "let the boy loose, and let him go in and get his shirt, and you can take hold of him when he comes out." The boy was then released by Pierce and went in and got his shirt. The boy was crying. I heard Pierce say, while he was in the house that he had authority from General Carter to take the boy. He was carried off and I have not seen him until today, when I saw him at a brick house on Cumberland Street.

James <sup>his</sup> Thomas  
mark

I certify on honor that the above statement was read <sup>and</sup> by me to the person subscribing the same; that he subscribed the same by his mark, and under oath duly administered by me, says all the facts in said statement are correct.

J. McKeith Lt Col  
Coandy <sup>part of</sup> Knoxville Tenn

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While standing there, I saw a corporal, to be two men from Gen Carter's Escort and went with them to Mr Haskell's house and left one as a guard. Said guard had a sabre. I saw Mr Haskell call back the corporal and other soldier as they were leaving, and gave them something to drink, which I supposed to be whisky, a few minutes after this I went to my home for my coat as it was raining; I then borrowed a pistol which was loaded, thinking I could in this way scare Mr. Piece away from my brother, but had no intention of shooting him.

I had never made any threats against Mr Haskell since I was born and don't now wish to do him any harm, and never intend to.

After dark I went across the street and whistled to Jim, he came to the window, I told him to jump out, he whispered back and said he was afraid he would hurt himself, as his hands and feet were tied. His hands being tied with a rope and irons on his ankles.

I told him to prop up window and swing out, and I would catch him, he did swing out, and I got a ladder and I assisted him down and while doing so, his feet being ironed he fell about six feet, and I caught him in my arms and ran off with him, and as I was going some one shot at us twice, on hearing the report of the gun, I looked around and saw Mr Piece at the window, and supposed he was the one who had shot.

Just then several soldiers came out of Gen Carter's Escort's quarters, they having heard the report of the gun.

Statement of claim  
Julia Heiskell

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and hollered, halt! halt!

I laid down in the mud, at street corner with Jim, the poor w<sup>o</sup> was bare headed and bare footed, his hat and shoes having been taken from him, at Mr. Haskell's

While lying there I saw Mr. Pierce with a candle in hand, come out, and he and the guards made search for me, I noticed that the guards had on jackets with yellow stripes down their backs and around their sleeves, I quietly made my way with Jim to an old friend's house where I had him care for as he was suffering with cold, and from the abuse of whipping, he complained of not having had any food since he was caught in the morning, it was about ten o'clock when I left Jim at my friend's house and went home,

I had been at home about an hour after I got home two guards came and arrested me, saying that it was by order of Gen Carter - and that it was for breaking open Mr. Haskell's house and taking out the boy Jim, they asked me where Jim was, and told me I must get him immediately, and that I need not expect to get through the lines with him, One of the guards appeared to be under the influence of liquor and remarked that if Mr. Haskell had not given him so much to drink, he would not be running around hunting negroes.

My wife recognized one of the guards, as the same person who had been at my house early in the evening to get me to play the fiddle at Mr. Carter's starts, I was taken by them and locked up in the guard house, I there saw <sup>a man</sup> by the name of Gordon who had, as he informed me, been arrested also by order

Statement of Ann Julia Heiskell,

I am a daughter of Maria Heiskell. I work for Hospital at 4. And lodge with my Mother. I have heard the statement which my mother has made about the search for a boy by the three men, and say that it is correct. I was present and heard and saw all that passed.

Ann Julia <sup>her</sup> Heiskell  
mark

I Certify on honor that the above statement was read over by me to the person subscribing the same; that she subscribed the same by her mark, and under oath duly administered by me says all the facts in said statement are correct and true.

H. W. Keith Q.D. Col  
County Past of  
Knoxville Times

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of Ben Carter, and he also told me that Ben Carter had ordered every Colored man found on the streets to be arrested,

I remained in Prison three days when I was released by the Military Authority.

Robert <sup>his</sup> Haskell  
mark

Head Jno, Provost Guards  
Knoxville Tenn, Mar 29, 64

I hereby certify that the Robert Haskell - a Colored man, appeared before me this day and did make the above statement,

D. D. Dray Lieut 7<sup>th</sup> U.S. H.A.  
Comdg' Provost Guards

I certify on honor that the above statement was read over by me to the person subscribing the same, that he subscribed the same by his mark, and under oath duly administered by me to him, and says all the facts in said statement are true.

J. M. Keith Lt Col  
Comdg' Part of  
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Statement of Maria  
Keiskill.

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Statement of Henry  
Clay and Margaret  
Clay his wife.

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## Statement of Maria Heiskell

My name is Maria Heiskell. I am employed in Hospital N<sup>o</sup> 4. And sleep in the quarters with the other women. About 10 o'clock P.M. on Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> three men came to the house. The women live in one part and the men in the other part. The door of the women's part was not locked. The men opened the door and came in; they lighted a candle. One of the men was Pierce, the overseer of William Heiskell, another was in citizen's clothes, and there was a soldier wearing a jacket with one wide yellow stripe on the left arm. The soldier said "I am hunting for a yellow boy that has run off." They searched in every woman's bed, and then went out, and we heard the same men knocking at the door of the men's part. Afterwards, the boy Pierce, who has been employed in the hospital, came in crying and asked for his shirt. It was taken to him and he went away with Pierce the overseer.

Maria X Heiskell  
mark

I certify ~~that~~ know that the above statement

Statement of Henry Clay and his Wife Margaret Clay.

Henry Clay testifies as follows: My name is Henry Clay. I live in Knoxville, to the rear of the business office of the Provost Marshal General; I am free, and am employed as a servant by Capt. Briggs of the Signal Corps. On Friday night between 11 & 12 o'clock some persons came and knocked very hard at my door. I was asleep, and waked up frightened, thinking some rowdies were there and intended harm to me and my wife. When I waked I said "hello." The person knocking said "open the door." I asked "who is that?" he said it was "a friend - open the door." I asked him "what do you want?" he again said "I want you to open the door." I told him I could not open the door unless he told me what he wanted, or who he was. He replied "then I shall have to open it myself." I said "if you do open it, you will stand in your own light" intending to defend my house. He then said "I am on business from General Carter's Headquarters." I then answered "Well, sir, if you are on business from General Carter's Headquarters you can come in and I threw the door wide open. Two men came in. I did not know them, but one of them knew me. They had called for a light and struck one of their own matches while I

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J P McKeith Esq Col  
Caudy Post of  
Knoxville Tenn

was trying to blow up the fire. One man was dressed in a <sup>cavalry</sup> jacket, with stripes of yellow on the collar, over the front; blue pants and black hat. He had a heavy stick in his hand. The other was also a soldier, with an overcoat and blue pants. The one with the stick said, "O, I know you, my business here is looking for that boy "Jim" of Haskell's. We had to go & do something to night he didn't like to do; we had to go and arrest Bob, and take him out of bed from his woman, and I hated like damnation to do it; but expected 'Bob' to fiddle forth, at a shindig to night." He said "Bob has been to Haskell to night and broke open the house, and took his brother out, and threatened to shoot old Haskell." He took the candle and looked in the beds, and under the beds, and all round, and then said "I am satisfied that he is not here (the boy is not here.) While the search was going on, I noticed three persons standing outside of the door. One of them was a small, young looking soldier, having on a striped cavalry jacket, blue pants and a cap; another was a little black boy having on a soldier's jacket and a cap. I did not notice his pants. The boy stood with both hands behind him. The other was a very large, tall man, dressed in a

Cunningh, Suz. R. W.

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Statement of facts  
regarding Jim Neishell.

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kind of jeans, drab pock coat, dark pants,  
and black soft hat; he had a stick. Neither  
of these persons outside said a word. I  
had walked to the door with the candle in  
my hand, and shined the light upon them.  
After I found out they were from Headquarters,  
I apologized to them for speaking rough, and  
told them there were loafers going round at  
night, a raisin' carcass with people, and  
I did'nt know <sup>but</sup> they were some of them.  
Then the soldier who did the searching said -  
"You must excuse us, too; we are sorry to do  
it, but we were ordered to do it from head-  
quarters." They all started off then, but  
one came back - it was the soldier with the  
overcoat who was standing by and took  
no part in the search - and asked me for  
some chewing tobacco, speaking loud. He  
then said, in a low tone of voice, as if he  
did not wish the others to hear him - "I  
dout care a damn whether I find him or not,  
for I woold a damn sight rather be asleep  
than be running around here a hunting him,"  
said, good night" and went away.  
I then fastened the door and went to bed.

Henry <sup>is</sup> Clay

I certify on honor that the above statement was read  
over by me to the person subscribing the same, that he subscribed  
<sup>mark</sup>

On the morning of Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> to  
1864, my attention was called to the con-  
dition of a little colored boy, of about  
twelve years of age, named "Jim" or "James,"  
and claimed as the property of one William  
Heiskell, Deputy Special Agent at Knoxville,  
of the U. S. Treasury Department.

I found the boy in a place of concealment  
where I believe him to have been placed by his  
brother or some other interested person, to shield  
him from inhumanity at the hands of said  
Heiskell, and of one Pierce, overseer to said  
Heiskell.

The boy had, on his left leg, a shackle,  
the fellow to which was hung to it by the  
usual link, having been broken by force from  
the right ankle. The bore upon his  
head, face and back, unmistakable signs  
of having been mercilessly whipped, and  
I have every reason to believe, and do believe,  
that he had recently been inhumanly flagella-  
ted by the person claiming him as his prop-

the same by his mark. And under oath duly administered  
by me to him says all the facts in said statement are  
true,

H. M. Keith Esq  
County Post at  
Kingsville Tex

sity, or by some other person at his (Heckells) instigation.

The boy in question has, to my knowledge, been a servant in the employ of Capt. George S. Winslow, A.D.M., now absent on Surgeon's certificate, and was regarded as quiet, faithful, and of good disposition.

Ralph W. Cummings.  
Surgeon 1<sup>st</sup> M.S. Col Arty (Navy)

Moxville E. Penn, March 30<sup>th</sup> 1864.

Statement of Margaret Clay, wife of Henry Clay.

Margaret Clay testifies as follows:

I am the wife of Henry Clay; I have heard the statements made by my husband read, and they are correct as to all which I saw and heard while lying in bed. I did not get up at all. The soldiers were not rude, and seemed sorry to disturb me and my husband. The one that searched was here (at the house) about 3 or 4 o'clock in the evening. I was sitting at my back window, and saw him get over the fence, out of the back yard of the then Marshal's office. He came in the house, and asked if Bob lived here, and said he wanted him, Bob, to play for him at a shin-dig to-night. This was Friday. I told him "Bob" had moved away and gone to Columbus, Powell's blis. I told him it was uncertain if he could get Bob, as he had lost his brother, and he was trying to get him. He said he would go & see him, anyway, and went away.

Margaret <sup>her</sup> Clay  
Mark

I certify in honor that the above statement was read over by me to the person subscribing the same, that she subscribed the same

Head Quarters Brig. Gen. Rosecrans  
Knoxville Tenn. March 31<sup>st</sup> 64  
8<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> S - 2010. - 1812  
Smith,

Elias, T. A. D. C.

Subm. to statements  
touching fugitive slave  
cases and illtreatment of  
the captives with the part  
taken in the same by  
the soldiers of Generals  
Patterson's Bodieguard.

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by her mark, and under oath duly administered by me to her, and says all the facts in said statement are true:

H W Keith Esq Col  
County Fair at  
Knoxville Tenn

Had Quarters Proj. Genl. Fascall's  
Knoxville Tenn. March 31<sup>st</sup> 1864.

To  
Major J. S. Campbell  
Asst. Adj't. Genl.  
Dept. of the Ohio

Major:

Herewith I have

the honor to return to you the original  
papers referring to the hunting and capture  
of fugitiveslaves in Knoxville, and partic-  
ularly in relation to the illtreatment  
of the boy 'Jim' and 'Quince'; the imprison-  
ment of 'Bob' and the part alledged to  
have been taken in the pursuit of 'Jim'  
the fugitive, and the guarding of the  
slave boy 'Quince'; by the Escort or Guards  
of Gen. Carter - with such further more  
accurate information of the facts re-  
ferred to in my communication of the  
25<sup>th</sup> inst. as I am able to obtain up to this  
time.

Very Respectfully  
& Truly

Yours,  
Elias Smith  
V. A. D. C.

8<sup>th</sup> 1863 (D.O. - 1<sup>st</sup>)

Knoxville, March 25, 1864.

Smith, Elias,

Val. A. D. C. to Gen. Howard.

Statement relative to  
the cruel treatment which  
was received by "James" &  
"Bob", two colored boys, at  
the hands of Mr. H. W. Hei-  
kell, overseer. The former  
is a negro servant belong-  
ing to Capt. Winslow, A. M.  
the latter to Mr. Smith.

Bob was arrested and con-  
fined in the guardhouse for  
no other reason than that  
he released his brother, when  
tied to a bedstead and se-  
verely hurt.

Headquarters of the Ohio  
Knoxville, Tenn., March 26, 1864.  
Respectfully referred  
to Langham & P. Corbin,  
P. M. G. East Tenn., for  
immediate and full  
report of all the cir-  
cumstances of this  
case, and his con-  
nection with the  
affair.

By orders of  
~~Major~~ Schofield

~~Major~~ Kelly

A. M. 11. 24. 1864.

Recd - 10. 0 - 3pm <sup>26</sup> 1864 R. 8.50 am - 26 7m

Office P.M. G of Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Knoxville Tenn  
March 28/64

Respectfully returned  
to Deptt of? Enclosed with  
full report enclosed.

A. Carter  
By Genl & Pmsb Esq<sup>r</sup>

P.M. G Esq. 178.

Head Quarters Deptt. of the Ohio.  
Knoxville. March 28. 1864.

Esq<sup>r</sup> M. 215. D.O. 1864

Respectfully returned to  
Mr. Elias Smith, for  
his more accurate informa-  
tion of the facts refer-  
red to in his communi-  
cation of the 25th.

Mr. Smith's servant "Bob"  
will be released from Con-  
finement upon Mr. Smith  
giving satisfactory secu-  
rity that he (Bob) will

keep the peace,

By command of  
Maj. Gen. Schofield  
R. Morrison  
a. a. g.

R. D. M. March 28. 64

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