State of Tennessee
Hardin County
Hill of Jackson
Bethel, Dec 27, 1862

Hinkle
Sheriff, Botet

State, and of conection of member of Congress of the United States of America.

O Condr. Pat
Jackson, Jan 19th, 1863

Respectfully referred:
W. A. Lincoln
Cal. Cong.
State of Tennessee
Hardin County

I, Caleb Hinkle, Sheriff of said County do certify that in obedience to an order emanating from the Military Authorities of the United States, I convened an Election to be held on Wednesday, the 24th inst. in the second precinct birth from the eighth, eleventh, twelfth, and thirteenth civil districts of said County, for the purpose of electing a member to the Congress of the United States from the congressional district including the County of Hardin, and that I have been unable to obtain return from the mouth district, and that in the third seventh district, the vote for Alexander F. Mott, non-freer, Henry and Thomas R. and Herring, Ernst obtained thirty seven votes; I further certify that owing to the disturbed condition of the County, and the want of sufficient time I was unable to convene an Election to be held in seven civil districts, in said County, as we tried my best and sealed on 27th December 1862.

Caleb Hinkle
Sheriff