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Dpt. Cumberland.
Murfreesboro. May 15th

Stanley Jas.

Capt & Insp Cav.

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Statement in regard to Citizens
living near our outer pickets.
on the Shelbyville, Wartrace
and Manchester roads - -
I. Their relatives and friends visit
them under the cover of night.
II. The enemy ~~have~~ been informed
of the position of our reserves
and Cav. ~~Units~~, on these roads.
III. They have ~~done~~ concealed
on their premises.

Their names are - Alexander.
Benton - Norman and Widow
Nelson.

Headquarters
May 15th 1863
Respectfully perma-
-nent, it is recom-
-mend that these
persons be caused
to leave, and any
building that is used
as a shelter by
the enemy be burnt.

J. S. Stanley

Rec'd. Jno. D. May 1863 My Qrs.

Head-Quarters, Chief of Cavalry,

Dey't of the Cumberland.

Murfreesboro. May 15th 1863.

General:-

For the last few weeks I have carefully watched the conduct of the citizens living near our Cavalry pickets on the Shelbyville - Wartrace, and Manchester roads, and am satisfied of the following —

I. That without exception, they sympathize with the enemy, and their relatives & friends, now in the Rebel Army visit them frequently under the cover of night.

II. That they have systematized modes of getting information to the enemy and this so effectually, that he is acquainted with the position of the Reserves and each Cavalry Vidette.

III. That they have arms concealed on their premises to be used against us, when the opportunity offers.

Therefore I recommend that the houses of — Alexander — Burton's — Normans, and Widow Nelson's be burned, after a proper time has been given them, to remove their valuables.

In the house of the last named (Widow Nelson) a few days ago, I found arms, contrary to her declaration.

I remain Very Respy.

Your Obdt. Servt.

J. A. Hawg.

Capt & Insp Cav.

J. A. Garfield
Brig Genl & Chf. of Staff