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May 6th

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Memphis May. 6th 1863

Major Genl Hurlbut

Commanding 16th Army Corps.

Genl,

The undersigned

are true and loyal men to the Government
of the United States, and respectfully and
earnestly ask such protection to our persons
and property as you may be able to give.

We have, months ago, of our own choice taken
the oath of allegiance, which we have and
intend to observe.

We have all planted crops
and wish to cultivate them, by being protected in
the use of such stock and supplies as we yet
have on hand.

We live about seven miles south
east of Collierville.

We apply to you for

5000

protection because being in command of
this expert Corps. your orders would be
respected by all officers and soldiers, whilst
protection from subordinate officers could only
be observed by their particular commands.

Respectfully Submitted

John A Gwin
W W Jeppcott
J C Babby
H M Stricklin

Genl Hunter

I know all the above
parties and believe them to be true
and loyal to the government of the
United States and merit your protection

Respectfully
your old Servt
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