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Featherman D.W.
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Citizens -

Petition to be excepted
from the effects of Gen
Ord No 65 for reasons
not stated

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Memphis May 29th 1863.

Major Genl. J. A. Muller

Dear Sir,

We have rec'd General order no. 65, and wish to address you a few words, with reference to its bearing on ourselves personally.

During the confederate rule here, our position of open and avowed hostility, to secession, was universally known. When this subject we took issue, with our neighbors, friends, and kinsmen, never hesitating frankly to avow our views. We were known in this community, and having credit for pure motives, and honesty of purpose, we suspece, through the trying ordeal unresisted by our own people, although, there was bitter antagonism. Towards persons, who cherished sentiments like ours. It is true after the advent, of the United States forces, we were informed, that Beauregard, had sent here in order, for the arrest, of at least two of us, with several of our friends, to be taken South. The arrival of the Federal forces, prevented the

execution of this order. We have resided at our homes, in case near Memphis, ever since the evacuation of the place, by the Confederates, and it cannot be said to our charge that we have ever attempted the infraction, of any military order, or regulation, published for the government of this command.

Now Gent Hurlbut, there are reasons, that we are sure, would be appreciated by you, for our desiring, not to be constrained, to take the oath required by order No. 65. These reasons involve no danger, to service in which you are engaged, since this application is not intended to imply hostility to the Government, but affect ourselves alone. With this assurance from us we hope you will, not deem it inconsistent, with the duty of your position, to grant us exemption from the effect of order No. 65. and accept our parole instead.

We remain,

Very Respectfully,

D. McLeathem

M. A. Slyter

Wm. B. Hamlin