W. C. McKinley, 14th June 1863

Dr. [illegible] James C.
Brig. Gen.

States he has four men in the fort who are here to serve in confinement. Now he has an armed steamer and is satisfied that these should be confined in some safe place during the war. Requests an order to send them to allow to be kept until released by competent authority.

1st enclosures:

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Said these foregoing to allow me to buy arms later during the war. Genl
N. Geo Dist of Memphis
Memphs, Tennessee
24 June 1863

To Col Bissmire
A. A. General
16th Army Corps

There are now confined in the Post four desperate men who are hard to keep in confinement.
They are
George M. Simms
George Brooks
Robt. Shuster
Chas. Wadeworth

I have carefully examined the case of each and am fully satisfied that they should be confined in some safe place during the war.
I respectfully ask the order of the Maj. Genl. B. to send them to Alton to be kept until released by competent authority.

Respectfully,

[Signature]
Brig. Gen.