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Jackson Tenn

30 June 1863

Stilwell W. H.

Mitchell J. M.

Citizens

~~Hambolt~~

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Submit petition in the
 case of E. Solomon arrested
 and tried for carrying Rebel
 Mail within the Federal line
 - State than they have known
 him for seven years, that he is
 a good and loyal citizen, that
 he was forced into the con-
 federate service from which
 he obtained a discharge as
 soon as it was possible and
 that the mail he was car-
 rying was from soldiers of
 his Regiment - and solely
 for their accommodation

Recd H. C. [unclear] [unclear] June 1863

In the matter of
C Salomon

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50) Maj. Gen. S. A. Sturlbut
Commanding &c at Memphis Tenn.

The undersigned Wm. H. Stilwell
and J. M. Mitchell respectfully state and show,
that they are citizens of the County of Gibson and
State of Tennessee and at the town of Humboldt
in said County - that they are practicing phy-
sicians - that they are acquainted and have
been for the past two or three years with C.
Salomon a citizen of said town of Humboldt
who was put on trial on Monday last (the 1st
day of June 1863) before a Special Commission
in the town of Jackson Tennessee - charged
with carrying a rebel mail and clothing to
persons engaged in rebellion against the govern-
ment of the United States The undersigned
respectfully state, that the said Salomon was
for a time connected with the Confederate Army
that he was discharged therefrom, as they are
informed, and that his discharge was left by him
with Genl. Oglesby at Jackson Tennessee, in whose
custody they suppose the same now is

They would further state and show

that the said C. Salomon previous to his entering the Confederate Army was a Union man and from their knowledge of him both before and since his discharge from the army they have no doubt of the fact and still regard him as a loyal citizen to the government of the United States - they know the fact to be that in entering the Confederate Army it was against his will, and was the result of outside pressure, moral influence and threats and that he left the same as soon as he could get a discharge therefrom - returned to Humboldt where he had formerly resided. They would further state and show, that there were monies due him by persons remaining in the army, as they are informed and believe and that he returned to Shelbyville for the purpose of collecting the same. They further state, that at the time of his entering the army he was engaged in the Mercantile business at Humboldt and that during his absence and before his return his partner in business one Levi Perl quit business and removed to Philadelphia and has not returned which left the said C. Salomon without any resources at home on his return from the Confederate Army and involved the necessity of his looking after what might be due him by those

remaining in the army.

The undersigned would further state and show, that two regiments were organized in the County of Gibson for the Confederate Service One Commanded by Col. Russell, the other by Col. Hill - that the defendant Salomon was a private in a Company attached to Russell's regt - that both of said regts are attached to the Command of Genl Bragg and are or have been stationed at or near Shelbyville Tennessee - that in these two Regts there were a number of Citizens whose residences were in the Counties of Gibson and Carroll who as they suppose availed themselves of the opportunity of writing home by the defendant Salomon to their relations a number of these persons thus writing they have no doubt were Army acquaintances of the said Salomon a portion of whom belonged to the same Regt to which he had once been attached and these letters were found on his person when he was arrested. The undersigned would further state, that from their general knowledge of the Character and deportment of the said Salomon they have no idea that in conveying the said letters he was aware of the fact that it was wrong or that any punishment would be inflicted upon him

therefor, in case he was found with the same in his possession - that it was done for the accomodation of the parties writing and for no other or different purpose

They state that they are now and ever have been true and loyal Citizens to the government of the United States - ~~that they are against the~~
~~the business of buying - that they are~~
~~and they are~~
~~and they are~~ And they respectfully ask a petition, that in consideration of the premises that you will inflict (if any) the lightest possible punishment that you can consistent with a sense of duty upon the said Salomon and they know and here state that such a course will be gratifying to and receive the cordial approbation of the true and loyal men of the County Gibson, where the said Salomon is known and correctly appreciated.

All of which is respectfully submitted

Sworn to before me
at Jackson Tenn.
by both of the above /
parties ~~day~~ day of June 1863

W. N. Stilwell
J. M. Mitchell

Guy S. Alexander
Deputy Sheriff

I state that I am acquainted with C. Salmon
the party above spoken of by Doctors Stilwell
& Mitchell, and have been for several years
- that I have heard read their Statement in
relation to him - his Connection with the Army
- his political predilections - Circumstances under
which he entered the Army &c &c, and that
I fully concur in their Statement in Substance
and in detail

M. G. Spivey

Sworn to before me
at Jackson Tenn. this
the 3rd of June 1863

Guy S. Alexander
Lieut. & Provost Marshal of the Dist.