Let these men be watched for & answered. Prentiss should watch me. See that necessary delays are taken.

H. Fairfield
May 7th.
Head Quarters Car Div.
Memphis Tenn. Oct 5, 1863

Genl. M. Chase.
this day directe
that the afores
named parties
be arrested as
soon as possible

H. P. Bragg

Briggs
The 18th June, 1st Mph. 20.

States that.

E. E. Bayley lives on mile N. W. Clin Branch and brings cotton in to Memphis and takes out sugar to sell to citizens or soldiers. His mate, Mr. E. Bayley living at Byhalia acts as his agent at that place.

John D. Williams, living seven miles South of Byhalia at Hatton's also Stovar is regularly engaged in bringing Cotton to Memphis. Sometimes twice a week, their boys of this Regiment say that Williams does Chalmer's men good harm by bringing cotton in. Has often been arrested & taken before Chalmer who always releases him. He has been seen with a pass from Chalmer to bring in cotton. Has hence that he claims to be a spy for Chalmer. Has hence of men killing guns of him.

Blair living at Great Mills on the Coler River South West of Mt Pleasant, speculate in Cotton and takes out goods from Memphis. Has heard boys of various Regiments say they bought boots & calicoes to make shirts from him.

William (?) Morrison lives about four miles East of Byhalia is engaged in Cotton Speculating and takes
affaged which he tells to his neighbors at
cost. Does not know that he has ever stood about
Soldiers but does not think he would hesitate
to do so if he had then to share
Passion into Montana nearly every week during
the last Summer.

These men all profess to be loyal to the
South, with their neighbors, and profess loyalty to
the Federal Government, with whom in the presence of
our Troops.

Thos. B. Smith, Jr., 1st Mts. Bn., was captured
at Big Saline on the 2nd Inst. Dares to take
the oath of allegiance to the U. S. Makes this
Statement,
Oct. 4th 1863