OCT. 7

Shaco - Penna 12th 1868

Maj. Gen. Herbstreit,

Sir:

The undersigned citizens of Shaco, in the vicinity of Shaco and Lafayette, beg leave to respectfully and earnestly call your prompt attention to acts perpetrated in this community by armed bands from Lafayette. Desirous of drawing your attention to the following brief statement of facts.

On Thursday night, Oct. 5th, the homes of Mr. Gilroy's was visited by an armed band, composed chiefly of negroes, who formed a line of battle in the yard. At the same time Mr. Stone and Mr. Farley were similarly visited and Farley fired on.

On Saturday night, Oct. 7th, the house of Mr. Haller was entered at about 10 o'clock. An armed man, who entered the family to be quiet, pretended to be in search of a maim, but permitted no light to be made. The desk of Mr. Haller was taken out into the yard and robbed of a considerable amount of money, stock, and other valuable property. This property was taken, and an attempt made to set an oil-bucket.

On Saturday night, Oct. 7th, one of these bands visited the homes of Mr. G. Jordan, Mr. J. W. Mahan and Mr. M. M. Merri. The gtalen was fired on several times. At all the places poultry was taken, and inquiries made for money.

They threatened to visit Shaco on Saturday night.

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From the time and manner of these raids you perceive it is impossible for persons to designate all the individuals engaged in them, or even any, except by accident. From the best information we have, the bands were composed chiefly of negroes, but a few whites accompanied them in every instance.

A boy that left Mr. Haller's house, named King, was with the raids of the 7th inst., and is connected with the threat to visit Shaco on the 7th inst.

We will not burden this letter with your valuable time, by attempting to describe the consideration produced, especially among the females by these night raids. Of that your imagination can better conceive.
We are aware that such acts are in violation of
general orders issued from your Head Quarters,
and also of Maj. Gen. Grant's Order No. 111.
We earnestly solicit the protection guaranteed us
under said, and implied edict of allegiances.
Being unarmed we are powerless to resist or protect
ourselves from these midnight raids. The appeal to
you with the more confidence, because we are helpless.
If you can permit us the use of arms for self
defense, we will assist in preserving quiet in our
community.

Application has been made to Capt. Campbell
of Lafayette, on the subject of this memorial; but his
power has not proved adequate, to afford the protection
we need.

With highest respect for your personal and
official Chardot, we are your humble memori-
lists and petitioners.


Names of citizens believing
the facts in this memorial
and anxious for protection.

1. N. Donley
2. B. W. Hopper
3. W. Surr
4. B. G. Hunter
5. W. H. Crawford
6. E. B. Jackson
7. J. B. Brown
8. W. J. Robertson
9. M. M. Moore
10. C. L. Smith
11. C. G. Johnson
12. J. C. Smith

List of witnesses to the facts
stated in the above memorial.

1. J. D. Waller
2. W. H. McComb
3. R. C. Stone
4. J. F. Starley
5. J. B. Jordan
6. D. S. Jordan
7. E. H. Stone
8. L. H. Stone
9. W. B. Stone
10. W. W. Stone
11. J. Brown
12. Solomon Creek.