Tullahomia Inn
December 31, 1863

Col. Cranor S.
Col. Comdg. Post.

Reports operations of party sent to the vicinity of Mulberry to capture Guadalupe.

D. B. 12th Army, 72nd Tex.

Col. Cranor, Comdg.
Dear Col. Morse,

Okt., Adj. Gen., 12th to Col.,

Col. I have the honour to report that, in obedience to orders from Col. Ste. & 24th, a detachment of men (mounted) was on the 29th last sent into the neighborhood of Milling for the purpose of arresting guerrillas. The detachment returned last night, & reported the arrest of three operations No one who can be identified with the recent murder of the Major of the 9th Ohio Volti. Ira. arrested, Polly Selfhoed to be the leader of the gang, made his escape. From the neighborhood the day our party arrived there. Several were made in the neighborhood, for other leading guerrillas but without success. (I held Telly the father of Newton Sully) was arrested & brought in according to instructions. Also, Thomas Haley, Doctor Philander Whitter & Newton Whitter. These men have been reported by authority as guerrillas.
And especially that they harboured feed
the crows there, they are now in the guard
house awaiting further orders.

On yesterday morning after
the train had started home, (The Lieut reports)
A Negro named, let's say, to the burn of John
Gallay which was burned down. The report
is to make that has been working on the salt
pond, not connected with the post or
with the party that was sent out, the
report was arrested and now detained
in the provost guard house.

The Lieut in Command
of the Detachment was instructed that no
Case be enlarged to positive proof of giving
Gallays guilt or the old man's participation
in the crime of murdering our men, to become
the house about buildings of John Gallay
he reports upon this subject that he failed
in getting proof sufficient to justify this
case and therefore did not execute that
part of the order and gave the Command
of authority for the same. The burning
of the barn, was not authorized.
Let Ioving learned from the people near them that the Negro had returned to burn their houses before he saw away from them. Alleging that Kelley had run his wife and children south. The Negro took the property of the Widow Brown sister of John Liddle.

I suspect fully suspect that the only means to break up and destroy the guerrillas in that neighborhood is to send a sufficient force of cavalry in there entirely disconcerted with a foraging party, and take sufficient time for that purpose and scour the whole county as far south as Myrtle Hill, I think two hundred mounted men would be sufficient. If that force could be placed at any desired place I am willing to take command of, I and go in person, I have every confidence to the


I respect fully

Your obt. serv.
Silas Colyar and Col,