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Nashville Jan'y 25<sup>th</sup> 1864

Major Genl L H Rousseau

The undersigned loyal citizens  
of Wilson Smith and DeKalb counties respectfully  
submit to your consideration some of our grievances.  
There are small bands of robbers, some of whom repre-  
sent themselves as Federal soldiers and dressed in Federal  
uniforms who rob indiscriminately peaceful and quiet  
citizens of all money and horses and mules and there  
are no sections of our counties except from them.  
The negroes have become very much demoralized and leave  
their homes & take their families to out houses and  
demand a year's subsistence of their owners  
and on refusal threaten a military form of attack.

We are of opinion that a company of the 5<sup>th</sup>  
Ten Cavalry (many of whom are citizens of our  
counties) to each county would be quite sufficient  
to restore order and catch up many of the bad  
character infesting our country.

Hoping you will investigate our complaints  
and act as your better judgment may dictate

We are respectfully

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