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Nashville, June 25th 1864

Maj. Gen. T.H. Rosseau

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 represent themselves as Federal soldiers and dressed in Federal uniforms who rob indiscriminately. Peaceable and quiet citizens of all ages, men, women and children, are robbed of their property and left destitute. The negroes have become very much demoralized and leave their homes to visit others and demand a year's subsistence of their own. When refused, threatening a military force of all troops, we are of opinion that a company of the 5th Leu. 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 characters infesting our county.

Hoping you will investigate our complaints and act as your better judgment may dictate, we are respectfully,

M.W. Carter

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W. F. Davis

W.H. Dyer

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