Chattanooga 16th Jan'y 1864

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Maj. Genl. Thomas,

Dear Genl.,

The accompanying document was left with me, with a special request that I sign it and forward it to you. I comply with the latter request. If the first question was excess and the rest of the document changes in several par
ticulars, I would sign it.

Very Respectfully,

Your obedient,

G. D. Jenkins
Chattanooga, Tennessee
25th January 1863.

Maj'r Geo. H. Thomas
Com'ny. Dpt. of the Cumberland

Gentlemen,
The undersigned, loyal citizens of East Tennessee, would respectfully request, that certain questions which greatly interest us and other loyal citizens, are exciting public interest and in regard to which we desire information.

1st. What if any compensation, can or will be made by your authority for property taken from us for the use of the United States?

2nd. What proof will be required of the loss of property and of the loyalty of the owner?

Property lost and destroyed may be classified as follows:

Horses taken by various detachments of the Army of the Cumberland, for which receipts have been in some cases given, and in others no receipts or vouchers have been given whatever.

Cattle, hogs, grain, hay, & provisions, that have been taken in the same way.

Buildings and other improvements destroyed.
Much of this property was taken and devoted to the use of the army. Other portions seem to have been wantonly destroyed. These losses, which are heavy, have fallen on a people who are already impoverished by the war, and it is a matter of great interest to them to know what, if any, compensation is to be allowed them, and what proof is to be made of their losses, and how and to whom the proof is to be made.

We would also respectfully urge, for the information of the loyal people, an early response to the above interrogatories.

We have the honor to be, Very Respectfully,

Your obedient,

T. E. Kentfield
J. P. Hook
A. A. Pearson
C. M. McLean
R. W. McLeish

R. Henderson

S. A. Rogers