Statement of
Mr. O. McClellan
in the Case of Mr. Horace
My Martin

May 4, 1864
Head Quarters District of Nashville
Post Office
Nashville, Tenn. Feb. 9th 1864

Statement of Mrs. C.W. Gill in the case of
Mr. Porter and Mrs. Martin

Questioned by Lieut. A. W. Barr
Did you hear Mr. Porter say that the Government
of the U.S. had seized all the wood
within fifteen miles of the City of Nashville?
Answer, Yes, Sir!
(Signed) Eliza M. Gill

Sworn and subscribed before me this the 9th day of Feb. A.D. 1864.

(Signed) A. W. Barr 1st Lieut.
J. D. Fielding, Clerk & Asst. In. War.
Headquarters District of Nashville
Provost Mar Office
Nashville Tenn. February 5th 1864

Statement of A.H. Mallay.

Mr. Porter at his own house said to Mr. Hancock that the Government was going to press all the wood within fifteen (15) miles of Nashville, and that Mr. Jack Williams place would be pressed the next Monday and said that we better be looking out for ourselves.

He left the impression that he was going to cut all the timber on said place.

(Signed) A.H. Mallay
Statement of my master in the case of herself and my persons
Statement of Mrs. Martin in the Case of
herself and Mr. Porter.

Mr. Porter came over to see me and made
the remark that he had understood that I had
some wood to sell that Mr. Williams had infor-
med him to. I told him that I had several
tenants on the place and have to furnish
them all with wood. I said to him there is
the bille and tell me if you think that I
have got any wood to share. He remarked
that I did not any to share them. But did
I not have come back farther to share I
told him that there was more wood there
than anywhere else, but not any more than
I could want for my plantation. He then
remarked that there had been an order
passed to Condemn all the wood within
fifteen (15) miles around the City of
Nashville And that they would certainly be
put and take mine. Well then said I
if they came 15 miles they will take
mine. He then said that I was out
enough to satisfy the Government And if
they come just tell them that you had foolish
To me are set for the Government.
I told them not to cut any timber that
but to make rails he said that all
trees of that kind of wood he reserved. I
further more told him that all Ash, Hickory,
Walnut and Oak should not be cut. He said
then that the wood not out any of them
above mentioned he said then the 29th, 31
days that the Government would look out hands
and press all the wood in the neighborhood.
He said that it was for my interest that
he was looking at not to the Government.
And that the Government had present land
belonging to Mr. Jack Holdeman and
that he had gone twice and released it.
I then remarked something about the land
he then said that he would give me the
same that Mr. Duncan got for Mr. Cofer
now. In about 10 days afterwards I was
pacing over and ascertained from Mr. Holdeman
that the Wagon was passing through his
place and he complained to me and
asked me why I permitted Mr. Porter to drive
the Wagon through his place for I told
him the Government would get the wood
the shortest way that they could. He then
remarked to me that the Government had
never been out after wood but that it was
private persons that was hauling wood off of the Hall Question, Mr. Martin had it your understanding from Mr. Porter that all the wood that he was cut on your land was for the Government of the U.S. Answer Yes.

Question: Did Mr. Porter seem in a hurry about the matter.
Answer: Yes, he wanted me to give my decision right off.

Question: Did Mr. Porter say to you if you would let him have the wood that he could keep off all other Contractors.
Answer: Yes, he said if any came to tell them that he had bought all for the Government that I had to share.

Sworn and Subscribed to,
before me this the 3rd day of Feb'y 1864

(Signed) J.H. Dell - Clerk

J.H. Burns Deputy Ass't P.M.
Statement of [Blank] on Contract between Mr. Porter & Mrs. Martin.
Head Quarter District Nashville
Mr. Marshal Office
Nashville Tenn. Feb 5th 1864.

Statement of Mr. J.W. Lee

When the contract was made between Mr. Foster and Mrs. Martin I was not present.

Mr. Foster made the statement at my table, before the contract was made, that the Government of the U.S. had suppressed all wood within fifteen (15) miles of Nashville, and that he heard the Order read, and that it would be published in a day or two for all concerned. And that being that he was a friend to his neighbors, he would go around and buy the wood so that they would get their money for the same, and keep Contrabands out of the neighborhood. And that he was buying and selling would for the Government of the U.S.

The next morning he was up at the shop and he said that he had bought Mrs. Martin's wood, and that he was only going to cut a small portion of it, and that he and Mr. Wash
was to go and select such wood as he
should cut. And that he would come
by when he got ready to cut. And that
he and Mr. Wells must go and let him
know what trees to cut. And that after
this, if any one else should come, that he
Mr. Martin, or I, could tell them
that he had cut all of Mrs. Martin's wood,
I.e. all she had to spare, and he
remarked that he would be by the next
morning for me to go with him.
I did not see Mr. Porter
the next morning. But that evening,
when I came home I heard that he
was cutting, so I got on my horse
and rode over to see them. And it
looked to me as though they were cutting
every tree that they came to.
I remarked to one of the shappers
that he must not cut all of the trees, for
it was the Contract between Mr. Martin
and Mr. Porter that he should leave
all the rail timber, and all the ash
and Hickory.
Mr. Brantner made the
statement that there was no rail
timber there,
I came home and told
Mrs. Martin that I did not think that Mr. Porter was going to do what was right about the wood. And that they was cutting the wood as they came to it.

(Signed) A.W. Goo

Sworn and subscribed to before me this the 5th day of February A.D. 1864.

(Signed) A.W. Bell

J. F. Car and A. T. Theor.