John Sylvester Hippenc
Came to Mr. Rousbroad
To take the Oath.

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Nashville, Feb. 9, 1864

Maj. Gen. S. H. Rousseau

Commanding District

General,—The three gentlemen bearing this come to me recommended by S. D. Graham, Esq., of Hickman county, as reliable worthy gentlemen. They do not profess to have been always loyal, but two of them, Meps. Caruthers and Calvin Pittspon have taken the oaths and given bond, and say they have done so in good faith. The other, W. A. Pittspon, is ready to take the oath, and says he has never taken part in the rebellion.

As for Mr. Graham who vouches for the good general character of these gentlemen, they could not be recommended by a better or more reliable man—a man always loyal, and of good judgment, and careful as to whom he may recommend,

Yours very respectfully, John Sellyett.