Memphis Tenn March 14th 1864

Named Wm.
Dated 76

Yours

Make $5
Head Quarters
District of Memphis
15th March 1864

Respectfully returned
Permission granted

By order of

Myself

Alf. Mathies

A. C. U.
Memphis, Tenn. March 14, 1862

Sir: Gent. R. P. Buckland,

Gent. District Memphis.

Gent: This will serve to introduce Mr. W. H. Vawer whom I desire to recommend to your favorable consideration.

I have known Mr. Vawer a considerable length of time, and know him to be a truly loyal and respectable citizen, and hope you will not find it inconsistent with your duties to grant any reasonable request he may make.

Very Respectfully

[Signature]

J. M. Tomney
Memphis, Tenn. Mar. 14th 1861

Brig. Genl. R. P. Buckland
Comdg. Dist. of Memphis

Genl.

Your Petitioners W. T. Vance and M. Gates report

in business under the firm names of

W. T. Vance & Co. respectfully state that

they are both loyal citizens of the United

States. That they are contractors of a saw and

grist-mill situated on the north bank of

Wolf river about three miles from this

City and about three fourths of a mile

beyond the piers. That they are contractors

with the City of Memphis for the furnishing

to said City of one million feet of lumber

for bridges and culverts to be used in the

repairing and building of the same. That

the said Wolf river runs between their

said mill and the said City rendering

it necessary to cross the same in reaching

the City. That there is now no means

within practicable distance

of crossing said river. That without facilities of crossing they will not be able to

get the said lumber from their said mill

where the same is to be delivered to the

City and in consequence will not be

able to perform said contract although

the public interests require that the same
should be performed, if possible. Therefore your petitioners pray that they may be allowed to keep a flat-bottomed boat, at a nearly opposite to the said mill for the purpose of ferrying for the said mill exclusively and enabling them timely to crop over the said lumber as the same is manufactured to be supplied to the City upon their said contract. And your said petitioners propose to execute said bond as may be required with good and approved sureties conditioned for their faithful observance of all the conditions and requirements upon which they have the privilege of keeping said boat for the said purposes, may be granted to them.

Your petitioners believe that by granting their prayer, the public interests will be consulted and loyal men fairly treated.

Your said petitioners M. W. Vance has the sole control and management of the said Mill and its operations. He files herewith a letter addressed to yourself from Mr. J. M. Donnelly showing his character and status, which is attached hereunto marked "E X A."

Your said Petitioner, Gates, is about...