State of Tennessee,
Bradley County,
Muller, March 30th, 186-
McClary, J. C.
and others,

Propose to form themselves into an organization for the protection of that part of the country against a common enemy and to be come subject to the authority of the U. S. Government.

...
Apr 30th 1864

State of Ten. Bradley county

We the undersigned agree to
organize ourselves into some
body for the protection of our
neighbourhood against our
common enemy and propose to obey our
commander and subjects to the
authority of the government
of the United States

G. W. McBryan
Daniel Johnson
Joel Gobron
James Johnson
Joel Johnson Geo
James Gwinn
John Gwinn
Hugh Gwinn
William Gwinn
Wesly Gwinn
Daniel Gwinn
William Gwinn
Citizens

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The citizens of Brownsville, Tex., to the Governor of Texas etc.:

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City of Brownsville, Apr. 6, 1844.

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Cleveland, Tennessee
April 3rd, 1864.

My Gen. George H. Thomas, Commanding the Army of the Cumberland.

The undersigned citizens of Bradley County, Tennessee, respectfully represent to you, that the exigencies of the war and the necessities of the Federal Army have resulted in the appropriation of nearly all the personal property of the loyal citizens in Bradley and Polk Counties, to the use and benefit of the soldiers of the Army of the Union. This taking of said property was done and committed by the soldiers of the different commands moving through said counties, in forced marches, and schools and commands stationed in these counties. In the large majority of the cases, the officers and soldiers gone to the citizens' houses, and demanded for the property taken, and in the large majority of instances the officers and soldiers were strangers to the citizens, leaving them without the means of procuring food, clothing, for their property. The Commanding General in the department of the Ohio, embracing all of East Tennessee, North of the Hiwassee River, has been so kind as to appoint two citizens at Knoxville to act as Commissioners to adjust the claims of citizens and order warrants to be issued to legal claimants. I am among the loyal people have been greatly benefited and thank for the act done.

I hereby pray that you will appoint a board of two loyal citizens at Cleveland, Tennessee, to adjust the
the claims of loyal citizens South of the Kentucky River and issue, or order vouchers to be issued to such claimants. This would place our citizens on an equal footing with those employed with the Army of the Ohio, and they would fairly receive compensation for their property of which they have been deprived for the use and benefit of the Federal Army, and such citizens would then have some means to buy supplies for themselves and families. I kindly hope and trust that this application will meet with your approval.

If so, I will suggest the names of Pleasant M. Craig, Mills & Jesse H. Gant, two citizens of Cleveland, and who are known to be loyal men to the United States Government, as being well fitted and qualified to act as such court or commissioners of claims.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

John C. Gant

D.C. M. Millik

Eulclid Waterhouse

J. & H. Davis

A.H. White

J. B. Arnie

James B. Bar

Samuel Grigsby

Mr. Blair

Isaac Low

Wm. Campbell

J. Beene
A J: mean
James Kirkpatrick
J. H.uren
W. Frenton
A. K. Ford
J. W. Hanks
James A. Bradford
A. J. Frenton.