

Petition from Bates County Citizens

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Butler Bates Co. Mo.

Nov. 23d. 1860.

To His Excellency,

R.M. Stewart, Governor of Mo.

Sir,

The undersigned Citizens of this place and vicinity aware of our exposed condition have advised our fellow Citizen William H. Doak, who is known to be a reliable citizen to proceed at once to the seat of Government & ask your Excellencys aid for further protection.

Capt. Doak is known to Genl. Parsons & other Citizens of Jefferson City--& favorably known here where he has resided many years & we recommend him to you as a friend to our State and to its inhabitants and possessing in [*text stricken through*] great degree--prudence--firmness & integrity.

Fleming L. [Froann?]

Peter B. Stratton

H[.]M[.] Stratton

A.H. Spencer

Jere Jackson

Jas. S[.] Robison

J. Alex. Smith.

A.T. Jackson

Robert L[.] Duncan

Wm[.] S[.] Smith

T[.]E[.] Morgan

Jas. M. Cogswell

T.B. Cummins