

Ritchie County, Va.
Camp Bone Creek
October 2nd 1862

To His Excellency F. H. Pierpont
Governor of Virginia

Where as a large Rebel Force, under the command of the notorious rebel A. G. Jenkins, has been and still is menacing our vicinity, killing our citizens, stealing our horses, plundering our dwellings &c. We the Bone Creek Home Guards voluntary went into camp on Monday morning September 29th 1862, and at about one o'clock same day, while at dinner, was surprised by a furious attack, of about one hundred mounted guerrillas under Major Herndon. And after a sharp engagement of about 30 minutes, the enemy was repulsed without the loss of a man: (a neighbor boy who was in camp was mortally wounded and has since died) the enemy's loss not known, two horses with empty saddles and sabers attached were found on the field after the engagement. Being still threatened by the enemy who is prowling about in the adjacent county. We have continued in camp making every arrangement in our power, to defend our camp and country from an invading foe. Therefore your petitioners pray your Excellency to order this company to continue in camp for a term of time not less than 30 days as your petitioners verily believe that the safety of the country demand it. And your petitioners will ever pray.

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