

Col. Robertson Lopp and David M.
 Leatherman of Memphis & I exposed
 to them the wrong ^{& injustice of this} inquisitorial hard-
 ship imposed by the imposition of the
 "Cotton Tax." They readily assented to my
 protestation & agreed with me to represent
 & most cheerfully resist it & to unite with
 me in an organization to recover the money
 I had paid & the many millions of dollars
 paid by others & which the strong & necessitous
 Government of the United States had forced
 us to pay to help quell their large & growing
 demands. We found others willing to en-
 gage in a well concerted movement to
 recover this now large & much needed fund.
 I gave \$300. (three hundred dollars) to aid
 Gen. Anderson in Mississippi, Alabama
 & Georgia in paying his travelling expenses
 & other expenses connected with this movement.
 Col. D. M. Leatherman agreed with Gen.
 Anderson, Gen. Denree & myself to ad-
 vance three hundred dollars more for
 Gen. Anderson's expenses & the expenses
 of employing other people similarly. Col.
 Lopp made a similar agreement and
 afterwards paid Gen. Anderson the
 sum of three hundred dollars.

Leatherman died at Memphis shortly
 afterwards & thus his payment to Gen.
 Anderson was defeated & his connection
 with our company ended. Col. Robert-
 son Lopp brought into our aid and
 support a number of men living at
 Memphis, some of whom were members of
 the Chamber of Commerce & "S. S. & C."

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paying citizens. Moses Wicks, L. D. McKinnick
W. C. McClure, Sam Mosby, E. M. Doery
1 Sam Tate, E. E. Clark, Frank W. Royster
2 W. M. Farrington, Isaac Lapparan
3 Geo. Howell, Brunson Bayless, J. M.
4 Williamson, W. B. Greenlaw, Jas. Elder,
5 Archibald Wright, Jacob Thompson,
6 Mat Gallaway, C. C. McDowell, Hugh Mar-
7 tin, Jno. Johnson, W. B. Donohoe, H. D.
8 Buckley, Emmet Woodward, A. J. White, Amos
9 Woodruff, J. M. Heath, Frank Smith,
10 Poston & Bro., Ely, Haroy & Richardson,
11 Chas. Korteck & Craft, Austin Boyd,
12 Goyer, Todd & Co., Wm H. Carroll, J. H. Mar-
13 tin, Casey Young, Gilbert Meyers, Mc-
14 Kinnick & Turley, Hugh Beinkley, Edw. Lopp,
15 Jno. K. Speed, R. L. Patterson & Co., Hos.
16 Boyle, W. W. Bruce & Co., Hill, Fontaine
17 & Vance, B. M. Estes, Edw. A. Keeling,
18 Jno. M. Hazel, J. F. Frank & Co.,
19 E. M. Apperson & Co., W. R. Moore,
20 W. W. Schoolfield, Gen. Luke Wright,
21 Judge R. J. Morgan, Jas. E. Saunders,
22 Jno. Covert, J. W. Ormberg, P. M.
23 Winters, J. M. Greer, Jno. P.
24 Houston, J. M. Keating, Sam.
25 Dunscombe, J. M. Woodward and
26 others, and they have helped
27 in the past to have
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1 them to do likewise, that Col. Lapp & myself
2 were interested in the syndicate of the "Cotton
3 Tax" & would interest themselves at Washington
4 City at the Capitol in having a judicious
5 bill passed through the Congress.

6 Who brought Sam Smith into the company
7 and into the syndicate I cannot divine.
8 The chief inducement was the introduction of
9 the negro with his ribald jokes and anme
10 dots, which with his "Uncle Louis Cabin"
11 influence was to carry the republican vote
12 in congress. That proved a very disastrous
13 mistake. That with "free whiskey" circulation
14 upon which Sam Smith and the negro relied
15 proved a most abject & disastrous calamity from
16 which there was no escape. Nothing but the negro's
17 being defunct in fact, and the whiskey & the log
18 cabin have vanished and disappeared and
19 left any hope of the timely resurrection of the
20 "Cotton Tax" repayment thereof.

21 But how does Sam Smith hold a larger
22 share in the company's "Cotton Tax" syndicate,
23 say (3) three shares, than any other member.
24 It will not stand - It cannot bear the
25 light of day, and must yield to the rights
26 of the original organizers, else the failure
27 of the whole layout is complete. No mere
28 commonplace shysters who do not own a
29 dollar of the stock, never had a dollar to
30 invest therein can be countenanced by
31 the members of the Congress or of the judges
32 and members of the Court of Claims in such

1 an appeal from a barren & fruitless band of
2 wayfarers to do what? To render them a return
3 of money of which they have never invested
4 a single dime or dollar. They do not live
5 in the Country where the cotton grew, own
6 not one producing acre of the soil, and
7 pay not one cent of the current expenses
8 of producing it. Yet they ask the patience
9 and forbearance of men, who have lived
10 all their lives, and devoted their money and
11 their time, and their influence, and to make
12 an absolute surrender of their all in now
13 fastening the miserable, intemperate and demands of
14 a miserably indigent and poverty stricken
15 syndicate. To boast of an overwhelming debt
16 due to these needy & necessitous "Cotton Pop"
17 payers by the United States Government amounting
18 to (\$65,000,000) Sixty-five million dollars -
19 is to present an inconsiderate, a false, & fall-
20 cious basis upon and in the face of
21 well ascertained facts, obtained by simple
22 and intelligent means show the full
23 maximum of well established data to vary
24 but little from (\$22,000,000) Twenty-two millions
25 dollars, about one third of the real liability.
26 That delay in providing payment for an obligation
27 made in 1865 to 1868 by inconsiderate collectors
28 who executed no stable receipts to the holder and
29 owner of the cotton, induced a carelessness which
30 has lost & misled a vast majority of their ephemeral
31 claims, the owners of which have died or
32 lost all interest therein.