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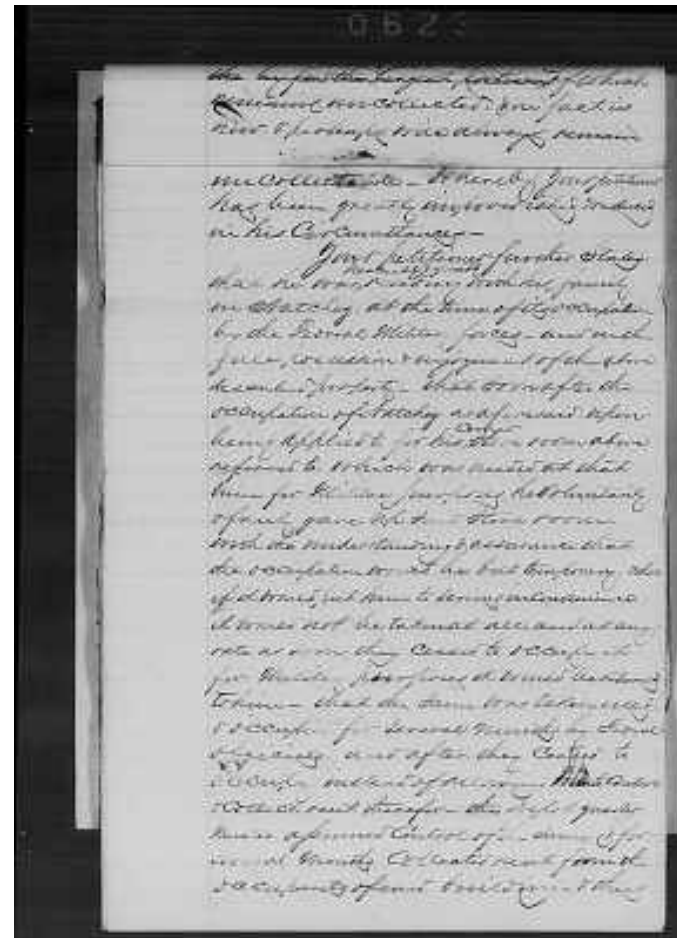
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~~the by far the largest portion~~ of which remains uncollected, & in fact is now & perhaps will always remain uncollectable - whereby your petitioner has been greatly impoverished & reduced in his circumstances -

Your petitioner further states, that he was peaceably & quietly residing with his family in Natchez, at the time of its occupation by the Federal Military forces - and in the full possession & enjoyment of the above described property - that soon after the occupation of Natchez as aforesaid, upon being applied to for his corner store room above referred to, which was needed at that time for Military purposes he voluntarily & freely gave up said store room, with the understanding & assurance that the occupation would be but temporary, that if it would put him to serious inconvenience it would not be taken at all, and at any rate as soon they ceased to occupy it for Military purposes it would be returned to him - that the same was taken, used, & occupied for several months by Federal officials, and after they ceased to occupy instead of allowing him to control & collect rent therefor - the Depot quarter Master assumed control of the same & for several months, collected rent from the occupants of said building - & thus



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