

The Civil War Governors' Kentucky



A Laurel County butcher, 1885. KHS.

Governor stops hog swindle

“Wanton oppression of citizens, fraud, corruption ...” Gov. Thomas Bramlette did not mince words when he described to the General Assembly how military affairs were being conducted in Kentucky.

Included in Bramlette’s 1863-64 report was a blatant act of fraud that cost Kentucky hog farmers \$300,000 when the U.S. Commissary Department shut down their markets, told farmers the government had decided to take their hogs and paid them a price well below market rate.

Bramlette assured the General Assembly that he had contacted President Abraham Lincoln “to have a stop put to this swindle.” Lincoln’s quick response, the governor said, kept the \$300,000 loss from becoming \$1 million.

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