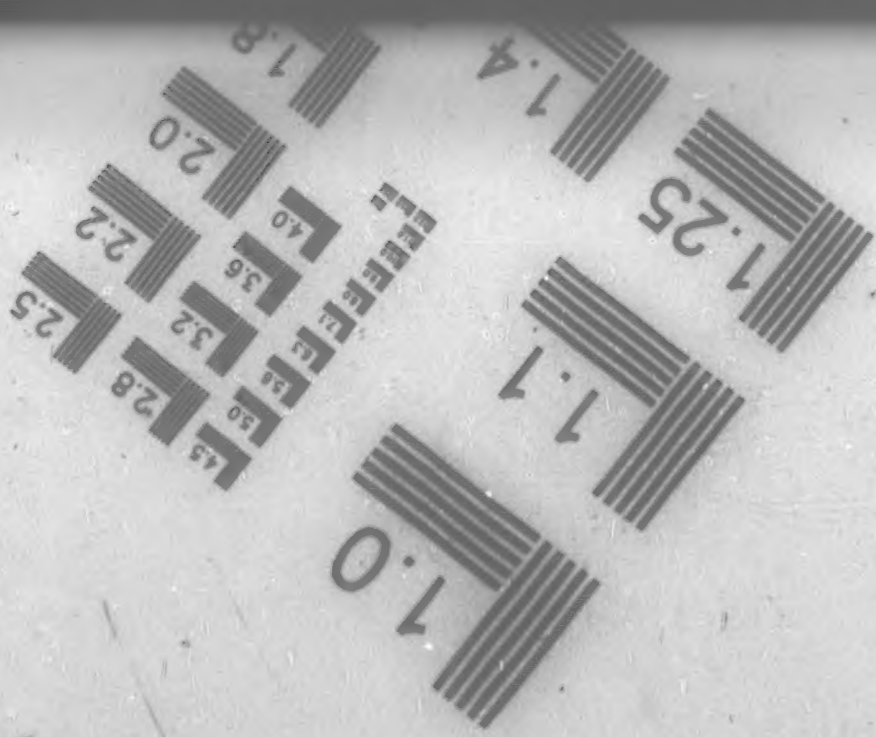
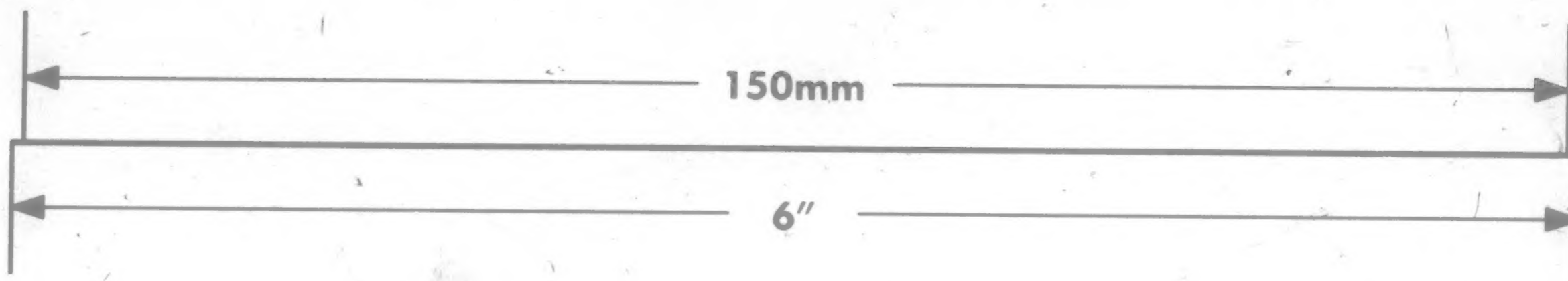
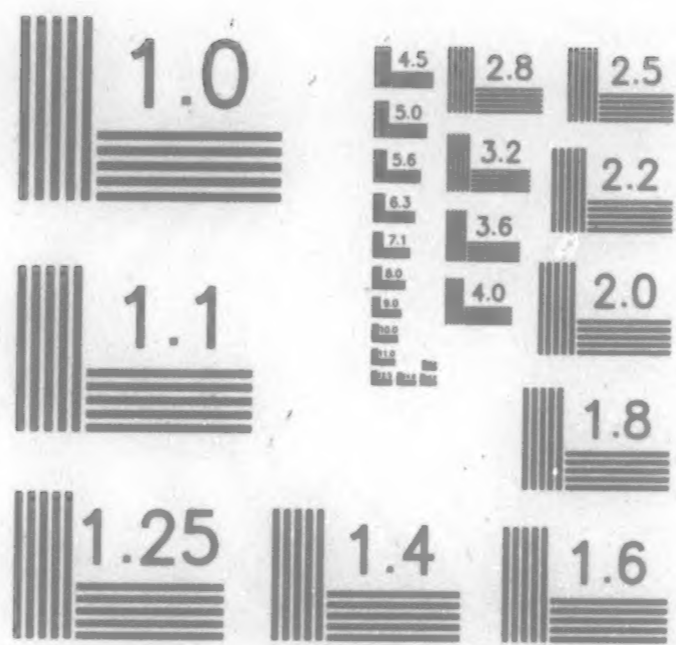
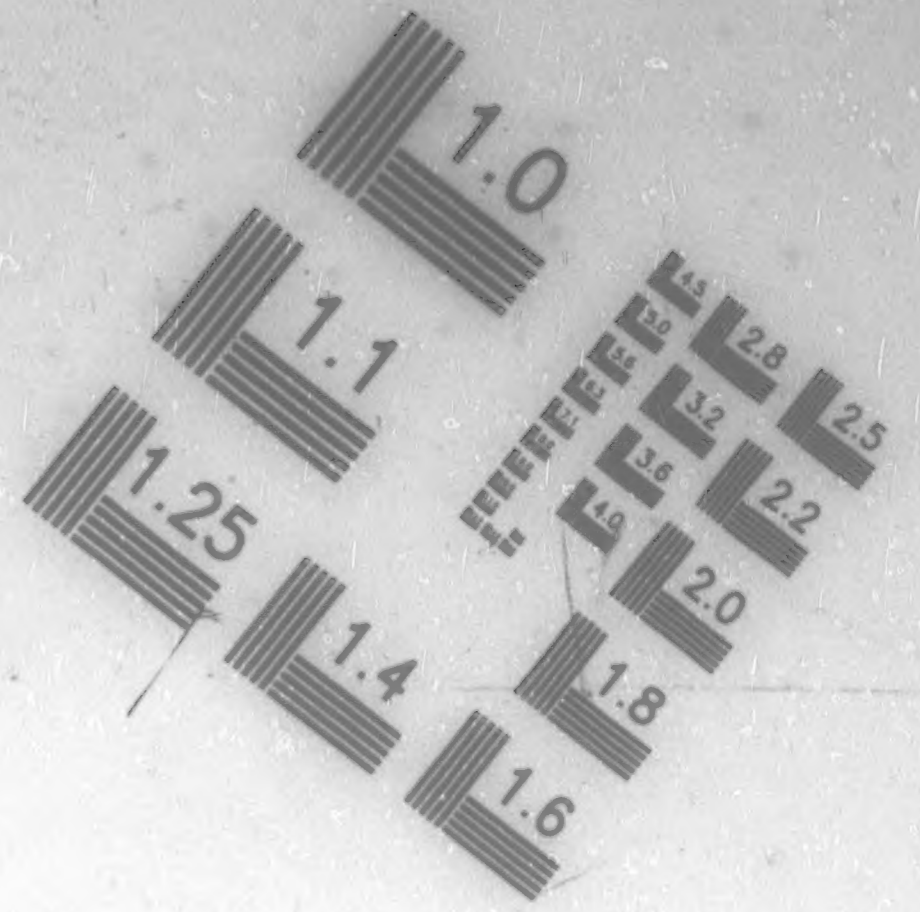
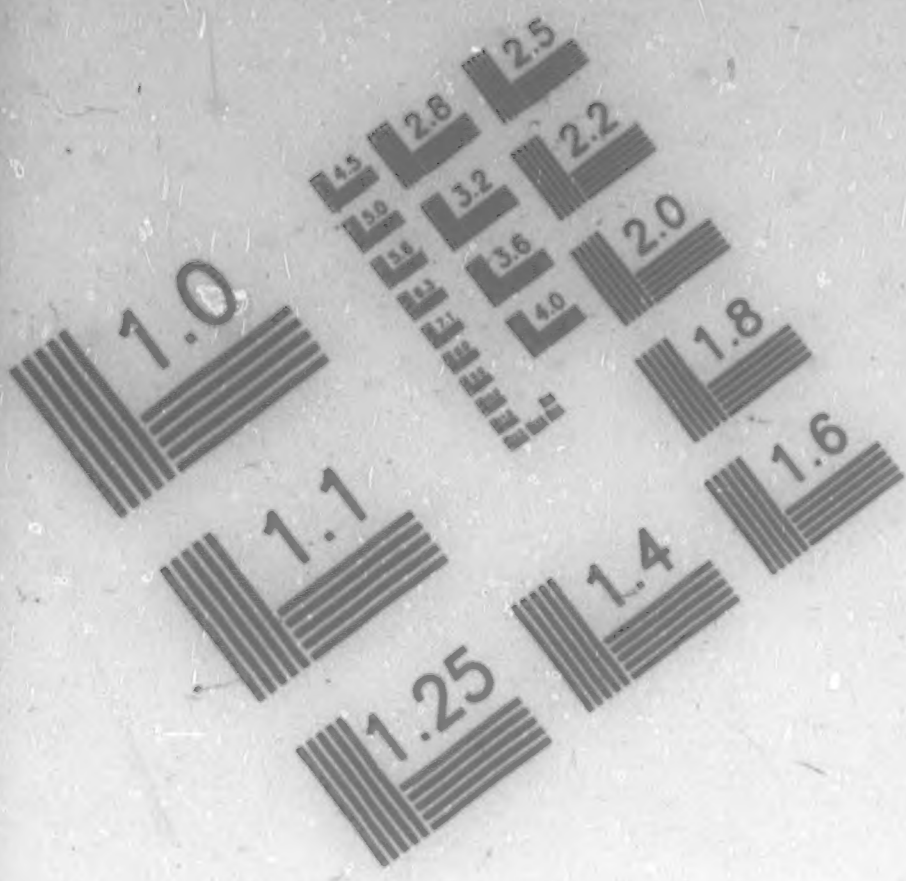


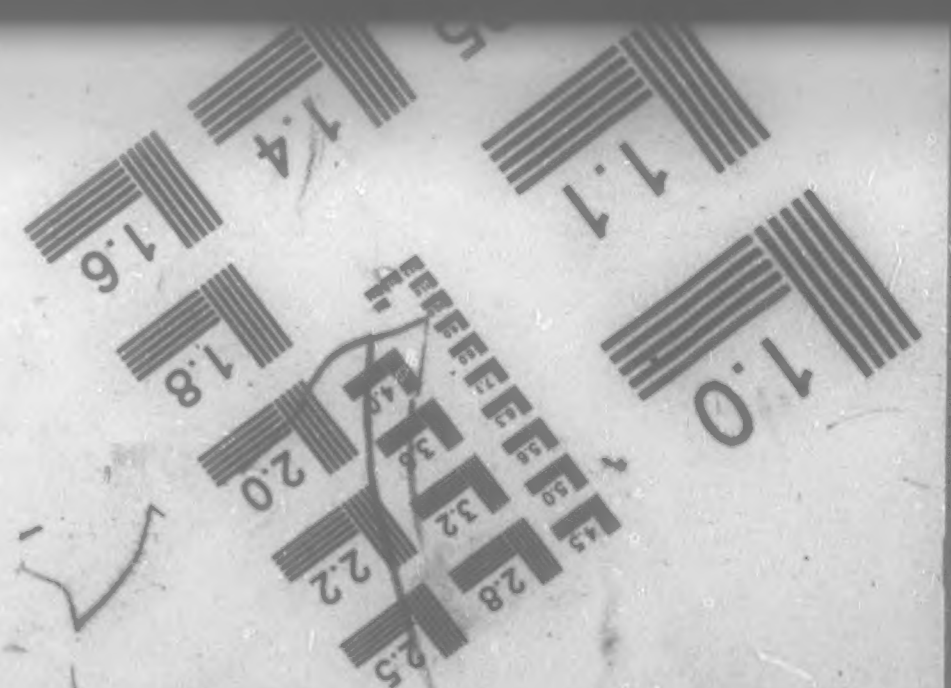


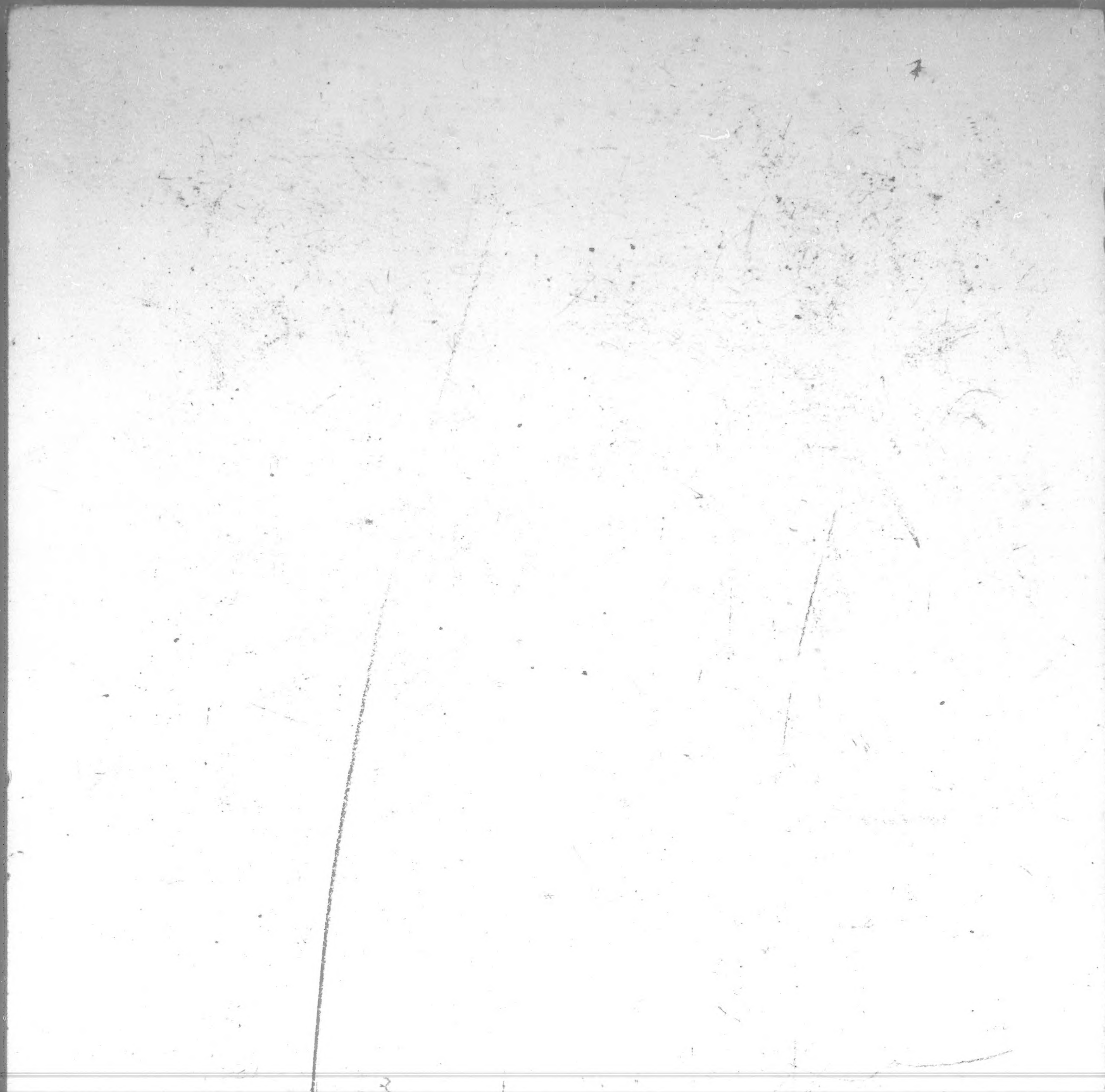
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INTRODUCTION

On the 23 rolls of this microfilm publication, M1901, are reproduced the records of the Arkansas field offices of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865-1872. These records consist of bound volumes and unbound records, containing materials that include letters and endorsements sent and received, monthly reports, applications of freedmen for rations, and other records relating to freedmen's claims and homesteads. These records are part of the Records of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, Record Group (RG) 105, in the holdings of the National Archives of the United States.

This film series completes the reproduction of all Bureau records created in Arkansas between 1865 and 1872. Many of these records were reproduced in 1975 in National Archives Microfilm Publications M979, *Records of the Assistant Commissioner for the State of Arkansas, Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865-1869*, and M980, *Records of the Superintendent of Education for the State of Arkansas, Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865-1871*.

History and Organization

The Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, also known as the Freedmen's Bureau, was established in the War Department by an act of Congress on March 3, 1865 (13 Stat. 507). The life of the Bureau was extended twice by acts of July 16, 1866 (14 Stat. 173), and July 6, 1868 (15 Stat. 83). The Bureau was responsible for the supervision and management of all matters relating to refugees and freedmen, and of lands abandoned or seized during the Civil War. In May 1865, President Andrew Johnson appointed Maj. Gen. Oliver Otis Howard as Commissioner of the Bureau, and Howard served in that position until June 30, 1872, when activities of the Bureau were terminated in accordance with an act of June 10, 1872 (17 Stat. 366). While a major part of the Bureau's early activities involved the supervision of abandoned and confiscated property, its mission was to provide relief and help freedmen become self-sufficient. Bureau officials issued rations and clothing, operated hospitals and refugee camps, and supervised labor contracts. In addition, the Bureau managed apprenticeship disputes and complaints, assisted benevolent societies in the establishment of schools, helped freedmen in legalizing

of the country. The Bureau also helped black soldiers, sailors, and their heirs collect bounty claims, pensions, and back pay.

The act of March 3, 1865, authorized the appointment of Assistant Commissioners to aid the Commissioner in supervising the work of the Bureau in the former Confederate states, the border states, and the District of Columbia. The Bureau's

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operations began in Arkansas in May 1865, when Brig. Gen. John W. Sprague took command as Assistant Commissioner. By order of Commissioner Howard in Circular No. 5, dated May 30, 1865, he established headquarters at St. Louis, MO, the next month. Bvt. Maj. Gen. Edward O. C. Ord relieved Sprague in October 1866 and was succeeded by Bvt. Maj. Gen. Charles H. Smith in March 1867.

When Sprague arrived in St. Louis, his jurisdiction encompassed areas outside Arkansas, including Missouri, Indian Territory, parts of Kansas (around Fort Leavenworth and Fort Scott), and Illinois (around Quincy and Cairo). By September 1865, Commissioner Howard felt that the laws of Missouri afforded enough protection to freedmen for the Bureau's activities to cease there. On October 16, 1865, Sprague received orders from Commissioner Howard to transfer headquarters from St. Louis to Little Rock, Arkansas, and operations of the Bureau were by-in-large withdrawn from Missouri. However, in April 1867 Frederick A. Seely was assigned as a disbursing officer for Missouri with headquarters at St. Louis, a position he held until February 1872. Although much of Seely's work related to the processing and payment of claims, he was also in charge of freedmen's affairs in Missouri. The headquarters remained in Little Rock until the Bureau's activities were terminated.

While the work performed by Assistant Commissioners in each state was similar, the organizational structure of staff officers varied from state to state. At various times, the staff could consist of a superintendent of education, an assistant adjutant general, an assistant inspector general, a disbursing officer, a chief medical officer, a chief quartermaster, and a commissary of subsistence. Subordinate to these officers were the assistant superintendents, or subassistant commissioners as they later became known, who commanded the subdistricts. The major subordinate field offices for the Bureau at Arkansas, for example, included those with headquarters at Arkadelphia, Augusta, Batesville, Camden, Lewisburg, Devall's Bluff, Fort Smith, Hamburg, Hampton, Helena, Jacksonport, Lake Village and Luna Landing, Lewisville, Little Rock, Madison, Magnolia, Marion, Monticello, Napoleon, Osceola, Ozark, Paraclifta, Pine Bluff, Princeton, South Bend, Union, and Washington. Under the direct supervision of the subassistant commissioners were the civilian and military agents. Occasionally, the Bureau retained military officers in a civilian capacity after the termination of their military service. For a list of known Arkansas subordinate field office personnel and their dates of service, see the Appendix.

The Assistant Commissioner corresponded extensively with both his superior in the Washington Bureau headquarters and his subordinate officers in the subdistricts. Based upon reports submitted to him by the subassistant commissioners and other

sioner also received letters from freedmen, local white citizens, state officials, and other non-Bureau personnel. These letters varied in nature from complaints to applications for jobs in the Bureau. Because the assistant adjutant general handled much of the mail for the Assistant Commissioner's office, it was often addressed to him instead of to the Assistant Commissioner.

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In a circular issued by Commissioner Howard in July 1865, the Assistant Commissioners were instructed to designate one officer in each state to serve as "general Superintendents of Schools." These officials were to "take cognizance of all that is being done to educate refugees and freedmen, secure proper protection to schools and teachers, promote method and efficiency, correspond with the benevolent agencies which are supplying his field, and aid the Assistant Commissioner in making his required reports." In October 1865, a degree of centralized control was established over Bureau educational activities in the states when Rev. John W. Alvord was appointed Inspector of Finances and Schools. In January 1867, Alvord was divested of his financial responsibilities, and he was appointed General Superintendent of Education.

An act of Congress, approved July 25, 1868 (15 Stat. 193), ordered that the Commissioner of the Bureau "shall, on the first day of January next, cause the said bureau to be withdrawn from the several States within which said bureau has acted and its operation shall be discontinued." Consequently, in early 1869, with the exception of the superintendents of education and the claims agents, the Assistant Commissioners and their subordinate officers were withdrawn from the states.

For the next year and a half the Bureau continued to pursue its education work and to process claims. In the summer of 1870, the superintendents of education were withdrawn from the states, and the headquarters staff was greatly reduced. From that time until the Bureau was abolished by an act of Congress approved June 10, 1872 (17 Stat. 366), effective June 30, 1872, the Bureau's functions related almost exclusively to the disposition of claims. The Bureau's records and remaining functions were then transferred to the Freedmen's Branch in the office of the Adjutant General. The records of this branch are among the Bureau's files.

Constrained by limited resources, Southern opposition, and the politics of Reconstruction, the Bureau faced an enormous challenge in its efforts to assist the freedmen and refugees. Its relief efforts, without question, saved thousands of southerners from starvation. Its attempts to assist freedmen to become self-sufficient, to provide public education, administer justice, and, to a lesser degree, to provide land, all worked with varying degrees of success to lessen the difficulties during the transition from slavery to freedom. One of the Bureau's greatest legacies is the body of records it created and received during the course of its operations. These records are arguably some of the most important documents available for the study of the Federal Government's policies, efforts to reconstruct the South, and Southern social history and genealogy.

The major activities of the Freedmen's Bureau in Arkansas and Missouri generally resembled those conducted in other states. The Bureau issued rations to both freedmen and white refugees, supervised labor contracts between planters and

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freedmen, administered justice, worked with benevolent societies in the establishment of schools, and assisted freedmen in locating land.

To prevent widespread starvation and destitution in Arkansas and Missouri, the Freedmen's Bureau issued some 1,705,055 rations to both blacks and whites from June 1865 to September 1866. In May 1865, prior to the Bureau's relief efforts in the Arkansas district, the Federal Government had issued 75,097 rations to refugees and 46,845 to destitute freedmen. After late October 1865, the Bureau's ration-relief efforts were discontinued in Missouri. Because civil authorities in the Arkansas district failed to provide medical assistance to the "destitute and starving," the Bureau, with assistance from Northern societies, established asylums, hospitals, and various kinds of relief camps. By the fall of 1866, with two commissioned medical officers, contract physicians, and male and female attendants, the Bureau had treated more than 100 refugees and over 1,500 freedmen. In late October 1866, Assistant Commissioner John W. Sprague reported that Arkansas hospitals alone had given medical aid to 3,260 people, nearly 200 of them freedmen. By the end of June 1868, Bureau hospitals in Arkansas had treated four times as many patients as in previous years, and greatly curtailed the attacks of smallpox and cholera.¹

The regulation of written labor contracts between planters and freedmen was a major concern of the Bureau in Arkansas. In Circular Number 16, issued October 26, 1865, Commissioner Sprague outlined the rules governing the free labor system in Arkansas. Sprague ordered that all contracts in the Arkansas district were to be in writing with the approval of a Bureau official. Labor agreements were not to exceed 1 year, and no fixed rates were to be established. A 10-cent fee paid by the planter was required for each laborer. Generally, men could earn \$16 per month, women \$10, and children \$6. First-class laborers could earn \$20 per month, and received room and board, medical attention, and other essentials. In some cases, freedmen worked for a share of the crop. Whatever the agreement, subordinate Bureau officers were required to keep a record of labor contacts that they approved and witnessed, and freedmen were free to seek employment where they wished. Bureau officials often encouraged freedmen to give special consideration to employers who offered schools for their children.²

In response to Commissioner Howard's orders of July 12, 1865, concerning the education of refugees and freedmen, Assistant Commissioner Sprague appointed William M. Colby as general superintendent of refugee and freedmen schools. Colby was instructed "to cooperate with the state authorities and if possible work out a general system of education for those classes." Colby faced a great deal of opposi-

¹ Thomas S. Staples, *Reconstruction in Arkansas, 1862-1874* (New York: 1923), pp. 205-207.

² House Ex. Doc. 70, 39th Cong., 1st Sess., Serial vol. 1256, pp. 77 and 255.

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this bitter opposition, however, Bureau officials in Arkansas furnished buildings for schools, and sent agents throughout the district to advise freedmen about education. From November 1865 to September 1866, working with such groups as the Indiana Friends and the Western Department of the American Freedmen's Aid Commission, the Bureau paid more than 30 percent of the cost for instructing freedmen in the alphabet, arithmetic, geography, and writing. By the summer of 1868, there were more than 30 teachers and over 1,000 pupils attending some 27 day and night schools. Some 118 teachers were instructing over 1,800 students in 24 Sabbath schools.³

In January 1869, Bvt. Maj. Gen. Charles H. Smith, then Assistant Commissioner for Arkansas, reorganized the education branch into three districts, with an assistant superintendent for each, for the purpose of cooperating with State officials in the transfer of the Bureau schools to the State's system. William M. Colby, David C. Casey, and James T. Watson were appointed to these new positions. General Smith held the position of chief superintendent of education. The Assistant Commissioner's office was abolished in April 1869, and Commissioner Howard reappointed Colby as the superintendent of education on May 1, 1869. Colby held that position until July 1870. By that time the Bureau had turned over most of the schools to the State Board of Education.

When Commissioner Sprague established his headquarters in St. Louis, several benevolent societies had already begun work on the establishment of schools for freedmen in Missouri. In 1864, the American Missionary Society established a freedmen school at Warrensburg, and the Western Freedmen Aid Society (WFAC) assisted military officials in the education of freedmen at Benton Barracks. By the time disbursing officer Frederick A. Seely opened his office in Missouri in 1867, there were more than 1,000 students attending some 30 schools in St. Louis alone. Seely, however, did provide support and assistance to local groups in the construction of additional schools in St. Louis, Warrensburg, Kansas City, Westport, and Carondolet.⁴

Safeguarding rights and securing justice for freedmen was of paramount concern to the Freedmen's Bureau. Following the Civil War, several Southern states enacted a series of laws commonly known as "black codes," which restricted the rights and legal status of freedmen. Freedmen were often given harsh sentences for petty crimes and in some instances were unable to get their cases heard in state courts. In a circular issued by Commissioner Howard on May 30, 1865, Assistant Commissioners were directed to "adjudicate, either themselves or through officers of their appoint-

³ Thomas S. Staples, *Reconstruction in Arkansas*, pp. 207-210.

⁴ Richard O. Curry, ed. *Radicalism, Racism, and Party Realignment: The Border States during Reconstruction* (Baltimore: John Hopkins Press, 1969), pp. 258-259.

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courts and freedmen courts. Freedmen courts were used when Bureau officials determined that freedmen were being treated unjustly. A freedmen court consisted of a Bureau official and two citizens of a given county. The three-member court had jurisdiction over all matters involving labor disputes and other cases relating to freedmen and refugees that did not exceed \$300, 30 days in prison, or a fine of \$100. In October 1865, Sprague appointed civilian superintendents to administer justice, especially in instances where freedmen were denied the right to testify in courts. Superintendents were told to follow state court procedures and laws as long as the laws made "no distinctions on account of color." By summer 1866, despite continued allegations of mistreatment of freedmen, all cases except those relating to labor contracts were being handled by state courts or military authorities. In 1867, when reconstruction acts placed Arkansas under the fourth military district, both state and Bureau courts were put under military supervision.⁵

The Freedmen's Bureau in the Arkansas district sought, with limited success, to secure land for refugees and freedmen. It intended to establish freedmen on lands under its control that had been abandoned or confiscated. However, its efforts were nullified by President Andrew Johnson's Amnesty Proclamation of May 29, 1865, which provided pardons and the restoration of lands to Confederates who took an oath of allegiance to the Federal Government. To minimize the impact of Johnson's Proclamation, the Bureau required that refugees and freedmen occupying land under cultivation be allowed to remain on the land until crops were harvested or just compensation was rendered. It also required that existing lease agreements be honored until they expired and that refugees and freedmen would not be moved from the land until arrangements could be made for them elsewhere. There was no complete effort to restore lands to their original owners in Arkansas until the Freedmen's Bureau was withdrawn from the State.⁶

The Southern Homestead Act (14 Stat. 66), approved by Congress on June 21, 1866, made available for public settlement 46 million acres of public lands in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, and Mississippi. Nine million acres of this Federal land was located in Arkansas. Because the Act specifically prohibited discrimination against applicants due to race, it offered an opportunity for Arkansas freedmen and others to become landowners. Generally, the Freedmen's Bureau, through "locating agents," assisted interested freedmen in finding plots, and provided them with 1-month subsistence, free transportation to their prospective tracts of land, and seeds for the initial planting. Despite his concerns that a large percentage of the Arkansas land was worthless and that many freedmen who were under labor agreements for the year would not be able to take full advantage of the Southern Homestead Act,

⁵ House Ex. Doc. No. 11, 39th Cong., 1st Sess., Serial vol. 1255, p. 45; Staples, *Reconstruction in Arkansas, 1862-1874*, pp. 211-215.

⁶ House Ex. Doc. 70, 39th Cong., 1st Sess., pp. 70-71.

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land available for entry (application) and recommended more than 400,000 acres for settlement. By fall 1867, Granger reported that of the 243 tracts he had surveyed, freedmen had entered 116 of the 143 that were suitable for settlement. A total of 26,395 entries were made in Arkansas under the Southern Homestead Act during the 10 years of the Act's existence. Less than 11,000, however, were carried to completion. Of the approximately 250 freedmen who eventually made land entries, only 25 percent completed them. Whites made most of the entries in Arkansas, and many of the freedmen who sought land there came from Georgia.⁷

Records Description

These records consist of volumes and unbound records. The volumes reproduced in this microfilm publication were originally arranged by type of record and thereunder by volume number. No numbers were assigned to series consisting of single volumes. Years later, all volumes were arbitrarily assigned numbers by the Adjutant General's Office (AGO) of the War Department after the records came into its custody. In this microfilm publication, AGO numbers are shown in parentheses to aid in identifying the volumes. The National Archives assigned the volume numbers that are not in parentheses. In some volumes, particularly in indexes and alphabetical headings of registers, there are blank numbered pages that have not been filmed.

The volumes consist of letters and endorsements sent and received, press copies of letters sent, registers of letters received, letters and orders received, registers of freedmen issued rations, special orders and circulars issued, registers of bounty claimants, and monthly reports forwarded to the Assistant Commissioner. The unbound documents consist of letters and orders received, unregistered letters and narrative reports received, special orders and circulars issued, and general orders and circulars received. The unbound records also contain monthly reports; amnesty oaths; applications of freedmen for rations; and records relating to claims, court trials, property restoration, and homesteads.

List of Book Records of Officers

The single-volume list of book records of officers in the State of Arkansas (no date) is arranged by office, with records of the Assistant Commissioner first, followed alphabetically by locations of the subdistrict office. Included in the list of book records are the type of record in each book or volume, the date of filing, and the

⁷ Paul A. Cimbala and Randall M. Miller, eds., *The Freedmen's Bureau and Reconstruction: Reconsiderations* (New York: Fordham University Press, 1999), pp. 73-77; see also Claude F. Oubre, *Forty Acres and a Mule: The Freedmen's Bureau and Black Land Ownership* (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State Univ. Press, 1978), p. 109.

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the volume number. Throughout this introductory material and in the Table of Contents, the AGO volume number appears in parentheses in the series descriptions of the records.

Offices of Staff Officers

CLAIMS DIVISION

The single volume of press copies of letters sent, April–November 1866 (25), is arranged chronologically and has a name index. The letters are to Bureau headquarters in Washington or to Bureau officers in Arkansas and relate to the processing of individual claims. The volume also contains orders sent to local citizens by the superintendent and agent at Little Rock, Arkansas, dated from April 1867 to April 1868.

Unbound letters and miscellaneous case papers, May–October 1866, are arranged chronologically.

CHIEF DISBURSING OFFICER AND CLAIMS AGENT

The five volumes of press copies of letters sent, January 1869–January 1872, 1 (38), 2 (39), 3 (40), 4 (41), and 5 (42), are arranged chronologically and there is a name index for each volume except 5 (42).

Unbound letters received, December 1868–December 1871, are arranged in four subseries. The letters dated December 1868–December 1869 are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the correspondent and thereunder chronologically; those for 1870 are in two chronological series, letters from Washington, DC, and letters from claimants or attorneys in Arkansas; those for 1871 are arranged in one chronological series. There is no register or finding aid for these letters.

The single-volume register of claimants, July 1866–October 1871 (43), is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of surname of soldier and thereunder chronologically by the date the claim was forwarded to Washington, DC. The entries at the end of the register are arranged chronologically rather than alphabetically.

The single-volume register of claimants, 1868–71 (44), is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the claimant.

The single-volume register of claimants, February 1868–October 1871 (113½), is arranged by the date the money relating to the claim was received in Washington, DC. This register gives only the date the payment was received by the disbursing

Unbound miscellaneous records relating to accounting and disbursements, 1865–68, includes copies of letters sent (April 1868); monthly return of Bureau stores from the assistant quartermaster at St. Louis (September 1865); a quarterly statement of

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articles received and expended in Dallas County (December 1866); specifications for a schoolhouse at Van Buren, Arkansas (no date); a contract for a schoolhouse at Batesville (December 1867); and an inventory and inspection report of the freedmen's hospital at Little Rock (January 1867).

Subordinate Field Offices

ARKADELPHIA (CLARK COUNTY)

The single volume of letters sent, letters and orders received, and endorsements sent and received, July 1865–January 1866 and October 1866–November 1868 (46), is arranged in three subseries: letters sent (July 1865–January 1866 and October 1866–July 1868); letters, orders, and endorsements received (December 1866–October 1868; and endorsements sent and received (December 1866–November 1868).

The single-volume register of complaints, August 1865–May 1868 (47), is arranged chronologically and contains primarily complaints of freedmen regarding assaults, thefts, or violations of contracts. The register also includes the decision rendered in each case.

The two volumes of labor contracts, July 1865–January 1868, 1 (49) and 2 (50), are arranged chronologically. There is a name index in each volume.

The single-volume register of marriages, 1865–67 (48), is arranged generally chronologically. Later entries are not chronological.

Unbound miscellaneous records, 1865–66, include affidavits, monthly reports of receipts and expenditures (1865), monthly report of condition of freedmen (August 1865), indentures of apprenticeship (1866), and circulars issued and received (1865).

AUGUSTA (WOODRUFF COUNTY)

The single volume of letters sent and endorsements sent, January–February 1867 (51), is arranged chronologically.

Unbound letters and orders received, November 1865–August 1866, are arranged chronologically.

The two volumes of registers of labor contracts, December 1865–September 1866 and January 1867–January 1868, 1 (52), and January–September 1866, 2 (53), are arranged by month. The entries in Volume 1 (52) include the name of the employer

agent William Brian at Jacksonport (December 1867–January 1868). The orders direct the recipient to appear at the agent's office to answer freedmen complaints or enjoin planters and farmers from disposing of their crops until claims against them had been investigated and settled. Volume 2 (53) includes a few miscellaneous

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entries relating to acts of violence committed against freedmen (September–October 1866)

Unbound fiscal and legal papers, 1865–66, are arranged by the type of record and include bonds, labor contracts, affidavits, and receipts for services rendered or goods produced.

BATESVILLE (INDEPENDENCE COUNTY)

The two volumes of letters sent, August 1866–December 1868, 1 (54) and 2 (55), are arranged chronologically. Volume 1 (54) was Capt. William Brian's letter book into which he copied his outgoing correspondence. (Brian was superintendent and agent at Batesville from July 1866 to February 1867.) Capt. Walter O. Lattimore, who succeeded Brian, copied his orders to local citizens in volume 1 (54) and his letters sent in volume 2 (55).

Unbound letters received, December 1865–December 1868, are arranged chronologically.

Unbound special orders and circulars, 1865–68, are arranged by type of issuance and thereunder chronologically. The orders and circulars were issued by the Office of the Assistant Commissioner for Arkansas and by the Upper White River District relating to the Batesville office.

Unbound monthly reports of persons and articles hired, May–December 1867, are arranged chronologically.

Unbound court writs, summons, and other legal papers, 1866–68, are arranged chronologically. The records include a list of justices of the peace and probate judges of Independence County (1867) and a list of persons in Searcy County disqualified to register to vote (no date).

Unbound contracts, specifications, and plans of a freedmen school, 1867, are arranged by type of record.

CAMDEN (OUCHITA COUNTY)

Union County was added to the jurisdiction of the Camden office in October 1866, and Calhoun County was added in October 1867.

Within each volume of the two volumes of letters sent and received, October 1865–August 1868, 1 (56) and 2 (58) are arranged chronologically.

Unbound letters received, July 1865–July 1868, are arranged chronologically, and there appears to be little duplication with the two volumes of letters received mentioned above.

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Within the single volume of endorsements sent and received and special orders and circulars issued and received, July 1865–October 1868 (59), the endorsements (arranged chronologically) precede the special orders and circulars (arranged chronologically as one subseries). The endorsements are dated September 1865–July 1868, and the orders and circulars are dated July 1865–October 1866. The full texts of several of the letters to which the endorsements are commentaries are copied into the volume.

Unbound general and special orders, March 1866–June 1868, are arranged chronologically.

The single-volume register of labor contracts, 1867–68 (61), is arranged by year, thereunder by county, and thereunder numerically. The volume includes the name of employer and the number of black men, women, and children, male and female, employed.

The single-volume register of school children and register of attendance of school children, February–June 1867 (63), is arranged by type of register and thereunder chronologically. The first register gives the names of the parents and the name, sex, and ages of the pupils. The second register is a daily attendance record of pupils.

Unbound affidavits and depositions, January 1866–May 1868, are arranged chronologically.

The single-volume monthly statements of accounts current and register of complaints, July 1865–June 1868 (62), is arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically. The accounts current are dated July 1865–March 1867, and the register of complaints is dated October 1867–June 1868. The register of complaints includes the name of the complainant, the person accused, the charge, and the decision made or action taken in the case. For September 1867 complaints, see pages 234 and 235 of volume 63 mentioned above.

Unbound fiscal papers of superintendents Lewis H. Carhart and Nathan Cole, July 1865–June 1866, are arranged chronologically and include monthly statements of accounts current and supporting vouchers.

LEWISBURG (CONWAY COUNTY)

The three volumes of letters sent, August 1866–March 1868, 1 (67), 2 (68), and 3 (69), are arranged chronologically. Volume 2 (68) contains two letters (dated

copies of letters sent and drafts of memorandums and reports (March and July 1868).

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Unbound letters sent, February–March 1866 and August 1867–December 1867, are arranged chronologically and are not duplicated in the three volumes of letters sent mentioned above.

The single-volume register of letters received and endorsements sent and received, December 1866–March 1868 (66), is primarily a register of letters received. The entries are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the correspondent and thereunder chronologically by the date of receipt. The entries are numbered consecutively by date of receipt regardless of alphabetic considerations. Some of the letters entered are copied in the single volume of letters received (65) mentioned below. Endorsements sent and received have been copied on 11 even-numbered pages (pages 4–22) in chronological order. This volume does not have an index.

The single volume of letters received, May 1866–March 1867 (65), is arranged chronologically and does not have a name index. Some of the letters for the period from December 1866 to March 1868 are registered in volume 66 mentioned above.

Unbound letters received, June 1866–October 1868, are arranged chronologically. Many of the letters are copied in volume 65 of letters received, and many of the endorsements are copied in volume 66 of letters received.

The single-volume special orders of the Assistant Commissioner for Arkansas, May 1866–April 1867 (70), is arranged chronologically. On the last page of this volume, Captain Morgan (superintendent and agent for Lewisburg, Arkansas) listed the six duties of the office.

The single-volume labor contracts, amnesty oaths, and marriage certificates, January 1866–January 1867 (72), is arranged chronologically regardless of type of record.

Unbound oaths of amnesty dated February 1866 (6 items) are arranged and numbered in chronological order. The oaths of amnesty are the originals, and the texts were copied into volume 72 mentioned above.

Unbound affidavits, petitions, and labor contracts, 1866–67, are arranged by type of record.

DEVALL'S BLUFF (PRAIRIE COUNTY)

That part of Monroe County west of White River was under the jurisdiction of the

The single-volume register of labor contracts, January 1865–July 1868, 1 (75) and 2 (74), are arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically.

The two volumes of registers of labor contracts, January 1865–July 1868, 1 (75) and 2 (74), are arranged in chronological order. Volume 1 (75) also includes a register

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of passes issued for railroad and river travel, March–May 1865. Volume 2 (74) includes six endorsements sent (May–July 1868), and a list of indentures (January–February 1867).

Unbound reports of persons and articles hired, orders and circulars received, and accounts current, November 1865–October 1867, are arranged by type of record and chronologically.

FORT SMITH (SEBASTIAN COUNTY)

The two volumes of letters sent and received, March 1866–May 1868, 1 (76) and 2 (77), are arranged chronologically, and Volume 1 (76) has a list of contents. For a list of contents of the time span October 1866–April 1867 of Volume 1 (77), see the single-volume register of labor contracts 1 (78) listed below. The letters received are dated March 1866–April 1867 and August–October 1867.

The unbound letters received, March 1866–October 1868, are arranged chronologically. Agents Thomas Abel (March–May 1866), Sebastian Geisreiter (May–August 1866), and Charles Banzaf (August 1866–May 1867 and August–October 1867) copied their letters received into Volumes 1 (76) and 2 (77). The other agents did not.

The single-volume register of labor contracts, March 1866–February 1867 1 (78), is arranged chronologically. This volume also includes a list of part of the contents (communications) in Volume 2 (77) for October 1866–April 1867 and a register of fees collected (August–November 1866).

The single-volume register of applications for restoration of property, register of marriages, and register of persons drawing rations, 1865–67 (80), is arranged by type of register and thereunder chronologically. The register of applications for restoration of property is dated November 1865–August 1866; the register of marriages is dated November 1865–February 1867; and the register of persons drawing rations is dated May–July 1867.

The two volumes of registers of refugees issued rations, January 1865–June 1866, 1 (81) and 2 (82), are arranged chronologically. The registers give the name of the person, the number of rations issued, the cause of destitution, and other pertinent remarks. Pasted on many of the pages of Volume 1 (81) are applications for rations from white refugees dated May–June 1866.

The single-volume register of freedmen and refugees issued rations, March–May

such descriptive information as "widow," "blind man," "freedman," or "orphan boy."

The single-volume register of rebel property in Scott, Sebastian, and Crawford Counties subject to confiscation (79) [no dates], is arranged by county and has a

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name index of owners of the property. Included are names of witnesses and owner, location, and description and value of the property. Frequent notations indicate degree of sympathy and nature of participation of the owner in the service of the Confederate States of America and, if known, his present whereabouts.

Unbound miscellaneous records, 1865-67, are arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically. Included are retained copies of receipts for clothing (January-October 1867), monthly returns of quartermaster stores (October 1866-October 1867), abstracts of articles purchased (November 1866-March 1867), rations reports (April-June 1867), reports of destitute soldiers treated at Fort Smith Hospital (August-October 1867), orders received restoring property (October 1865-June 1866), applications for rations (July-August 1866), miscellaneous court papers and school reports (May-July 1867), and reports of persons and articles hired (August-December 1866).

HAMBURG (ASHLEY COUNTY)

In September 1868, the subdistrict field office at Hamburg was moved to Fountain Hill, Arkansas.

The single volume of letters sent, July 1866-July 1868 (87), is arranged chronologically.

The single-volume register of letters received, orders issued to local citizens, and monthly reports of operations, 1867-1868 (86), is arranged by type of record. The entries in the register (February 1867-December 1868) are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of surname of correspondent and thereunder generally by date of receipt. The orders issued to local citizens are dated March 1867-January 1868, and the monthly reports of operations are dated January 1867-July 1868.

Unbound letters received, March 1866-December 1868, are arranged chronologically. The letters received by agents Isaiah S. Taylor and George Towle (March 1866-July 1868) have been entered in Volume 86 mentioned above and are numbered in chronological order.

The two volumes of registers of complaints, April 1866-July 1868, 1 (88) and 2 (89), are arranged chronologically. Volume 1 (88) also includes a register of contracts sent from Hamburg (1866) and a register of marriages (1866). Volume 2 (89) contains four letters sent from Hamburg (April 1867 and February 1868), and a register of rations issued at Monticello, Arkansas (1865-66).

Initial letter of the surname of the employer.

Unbound miscellaneous records, September 1866-July 1868, include rosters, indentures, retained copies of monthly accounts and land reports, monthly returns of quartermaster stores, and court papers.

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HAMPTON (CALHOUN COUNTY)

In October 1867, Calhoun County was added to the jurisdiction of the agent at Camden.

The single volume of letters sent and register of letters received, February–August 1867 (85), is arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically.

Unbound miscellaneous records, December 1865–January 1867, include contracts, affidavits, court papers, and one letter received (January 1866).

HELENA (PHILLIPS COUNTY)

Unbound copies of reports, 1864–67, are arranged by type of report. Included are monthly reports of freedmen, reports of refugees and freedmen receiving rations, and reports of deeds.

The single-volume register of claimants, October 1869–June 1871 (90), is arranged chronologically by date vouchers were received. The register gives the name of claimant, the date vouchers were received, the company and regiment of the soldier, the amount due the claimant, the date the vouchers were signed and returned, the date money was received from Washington, the date the money was paid to the claimant, and by whom the claimant was identified.

JACKSONPORT (UPPER WHITE RIVER DISTRICT)

The single volume of letters sent, January 1866–March 1867 (95), is arranged chronologically.

The two volumes of letters received, March 1866–February 1867, 1 (91) and 2 (92), are arranged chronologically.

Unbound letters received, May 1866–March 1867, are arranged chronologically, and some of the letters are copied in volumes 1 (91) and 2 (92).

The single volume of circular letters issued, April 1866–January 1867 (99), is arranged chronologically.

Unbound court papers and vouchers, 1866–67, are arranged by type of record.

The two-volume register of contracts and accounting records of Capt. W. W. Willis, superintendent of freedmen, mouth of the White River and St. Charles, is dated

money received and expended by Willis, but also that it was credited to the freedmen.

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JACKSONPORT (JACKSON COUNTY)

The three volumes of letters sent, July 1865–May 1868, 1 (94), 2 (96), and 3 (97), are arranged chronologically. Volume 2 (96) also contains a register of funds received from contracts and other sources dated August 1865–April 1866 and memorandums relating to settlements dated August 1866.

Unbound press copies of letters sent, August–September 1866, are arranged chronologically and were not copied in Volume 1 (94) of the letters sent mentioned above.

The single-volume register of letters received, March 1867–July 1868 (93), is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the correspondent and thereunder arranged in chronological order and numbered sequentially. The volume has a name index.

Unbound letters received, January 1867–July 1868, are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the correspondent and thereunder arranged in chronological order and numbered sequentially. The letters are registered in Volume 93 mentioned above.

Unbound unregistered letters and orders received, August 1865–August 1868, are arranged chronologically.

The single volume of special orders, circular letters, and letters of instruction received, April 1866–January 1867 (98), is arranged chronologically.

Unbound letters sent, reports, affidavits, and court papers, August 1865–January 1867, are arranged by type of record. The letters sent are dated August–September 1865 and May 1866 and are partially duplicated in Volume 1 (94) of the letters sent.

The single-volume register of contracts and register of marriages, 1865–68 (101), is arranged by type of register. The register of contracts is dated August 1865–February 1867 and is arranged chronologically. Interfiled with the contracts issued at Jacksonport are registers of contracts made at Batesville, Augusta, Franklin, and Powhattan in September 1865. The register of marriages is dated November 1865–August 1868 and is arranged chronologically with the exception of November 1865–July 1866, which follows July 1866–August 1868.

The single-volume register of complaints, January 1866–August 1868 (100), is arranged chronologically. The register of complaints is dated January 1866–August 1868.

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LAKE VILLAGE AND LUNA LANDING (CHICOT COUNTY)

This office was located at Columbia in 1868.

The two volumes of letters sent, 1 (103) and 2 (106), cover the period July 1866–June 1868. The letters within each volume are arranged chronologically. Volume 1 (103) is dated January–December 1866 and July 1867–June 1868. Volume 2 (106) is dated January–July 1867. There is a name index for the 1866 letters in Volume 1 (103). The letters for 1866 include both letters sent and received.

The single-volume register of letters received, January 1867–February 1868 (102), is arranged chronologically. The volume also includes a few endorsements and correspondence dated November 1867 relating to a black pauper named Daniel Cooper.

Unbound unregistered letters and orders received, January 1867–January 1868, are arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically.

The single-volume register of contracts and register of major landholders, April 1867–August 1868 (104), is arranged by type of register. The register of contracts is arranged chronologically. The register of landholders is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the landholder and consists of the name of the person and the agent's remarks or opinions concerning him.

The two volumes of accounting books of Fawnwood Plantation, 1 (171) and 2 (105), cover the period 1865–67. Volume 1 (171) is dated 1865–67, and Volume 2 (105) is dated 1867. The volumes consist largely of lists of goods given to employees and presumably deducted from their wages.

LEWISVILLE (LAFAYETTE COUNTY)

The single volume of press copies of letters sent, November 1866–July 1868 (109), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.

Unbound letters sent, July–September 1867, are arranged chronologically. They are not duplicated in Volume 109.

The single volume of endorsements sent and received, June 1867–March 1868 (107), is arranged chronologically and has an incomplete name index.

The single-volume register of letters received, July 1867–January 1868 (108), is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the person to whom the letters were sent.

Unbound letters received, July–December 1867, are arranged according to their entry in Volume 108.

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Unbound unregistered letters received, October 1866–December 1868, are arranged chronologically.

The single-volume register of complaints, July–November 1867 (110), is arranged chronologically.

Unbound miscellaneous records dated September 1866–February 1868 include retained copies of narrative reports, orders received, affidavits, and court papers.

LITTLE ROCK (PULASKI COUNTY)

The single-volume register of press copies of letters sent, January 1867–April 1868 (112), is arranged chronologically.

The single-volume register of letters received and endorsements received and sent, April 1867–October 1868 (111), is arranged chronologically. The last entry in the volume is dated October 29, 1868.

Unbound letters and orders received, December 1865–October 1868, are arranged chronologically.

The single-volume register of claimants, April 1866–May 1868 (113), is arranged chronologically by the date the claim was received. The register includes name, address, and company of claimant; nature of claim; and date claim was forwarded. The claims relate to pension, bounty, and pay arrearages.

The single-volume register of marriages, 1864–66 (121), is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the husband.

The single-volume register of freedmen employed on plantations, 1865–66 (120), is arranged by name of employer and has a name index of employers.

The three volumes of employment registers, 1 (116), 2 (117), and 3 (118), cover the period 1864–65. Most of these records were created before the establishment of the Bureau. Volume 1 (116) is primarily a register of employed blacks. It also contains many miscellaneous series such as a list of freedpeople at the mouth of the White River (February 1, 1864), accounting records, a register of deaths at Freedmen's Home Farm (June–July 1864), and a register of passes issued to freedpeople. Volume 2 (117) is a register of employees of freedmen and is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the employer.

August–November, but there is no indication of the exact year, although it is probably 1865.

The single-volume of miscellaneous registers and memorandums (114) covers the period 1864–65. Included in the volume are registers of rations issued, a register of

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transportation furnished to refugees and freedmen, and memorandums relating to complaints.

Unbound leases, miscellaneous court papers, and reports, 1865-68, are arranged by type of record. Included are land reports (August and September 1866, and January 1868); reports of destitute soldiers treated at a Little Rock hospital (January-February 1867); a roster (July 1865); and accounts current (February-September 1865).

The single volume of miscellaneous registers relating to Home Farm at Little Rock (115) covers the period January 1865-February 1866. Included in the volume are accounting records, lists of people in camp, and registers of rations issued.

The single volume of miscellaneous accounting records of Home Farm, November 1864-February 1865 (119), is arranged by name of freedman and has a name index.

LITTLE ROCK (SUPERINTENDENT OF FREEDMEN)

The single volume of letters sent and circulars issued, January-April 1864, October-November 1864, May 1865, and July 1865 (36), is arranged chronologically. The volume also includes an unidentified accounting record.

Unbound letters and orders received, January 1864-September 1865, are arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically.

The single-volume special orders issued, January 1864-October 1865 (37), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.

Unbound narrative school reports from teachers and superintendents of freedmen's schools, December 1864-June 1865, are arranged chronologically. The reports are from teachers and from Joel Grant, superintendent of freedmen's schools at Little Rock, and Lovejoy Johnson, superintendent of freedmen's schools at Helena.

Unbound retained copies of reports, reports received, and miscellaneous papers, 1864-65, are arranged by type of record. The retained copies of reports include narrative reports (March-August 1865) and ration reports (July and September 1865). The reports received from subordinates are dated July 1864-September 1865. Many of the miscellaneous papers relate to the Home Farm.

MADISON (ST. FRANCIS)

The single-volume register of letters received, April-August 1867 (122), is arranged chronologically and includes a register of marriages (May and August 1867) and names and addresses of claimants (1867).

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Unbound letters and orders received, March 1867–October 1868, are arranged chronologically. A few of the letters are entered in Volume 122.

The single-volume register of complaints, June 1867–April 1868 (124), is arranged chronologically and includes a register of contracts (May–November 1866) and copies of certificates of marriages (June–November 1866).

The single-volume register of contracts, April 1867–July 1868 (125), is arranged chronologically.

Unbound narrative reports, affidavits, and court papers, 1867–68, are arranged by type of record.

MAGNOLIA (COLUMBIA COUNTY)

Unbound letters received and affidavits of freedmen, May 1866–April 1867, are arranged by type of record.

MARION (CRITTENDEN COUNTY)

The three volumes of letters and endorsements sent, June 1867–December 1868, 1 (127), 2 (128), and 3 (129), are arranged chronologically and there is a list of contents in each volume.

The single-volume register of letters received, January 1867–October 1868 (126), is arranged chronologically and has a list of contents.

The single unbound letter received is dated October 21, 1867.

MONTICELLO (SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS)

The single volume of letters sent, July 1865–December 1866 (131), is arranged chronologically. The volume also contains special orders issued (August 1865–December 1866, circular letters (July 1865 and May and July 1866), and summaries of cases tried (May 1866).

The single volume of letters received, August 1865–December 1866 (130), is arranged chronologically.

Unbound letters received, October 1865–January 1867, are arranged chronologically.

The single volume register of contracts for Bradley County, January–March 1866

register is arranged numerically by the number of the contract. This volume also contains a list of indigent families, most of who seem to be soldiers' families.

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Unbound court papers and reports are arranged by type of record. The records include land reports (October 1865 and January 1866) and financial reports (August–September 1865).

MONTICELLO (DREW COUNTY)

Unbound reports, 1866, include accounts current, land reports, and ration reports.

NAPOLEON (DESHA COUNTY)

The two volumes of letters sent, April 1867–December 1868, 1 (135) and 2 (136), are arranged chronologically.

The single-volume register of letters received, April 1867–February 1868 (134), is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the correspondent and thereunder chronologically.

Unbound letters and orders received, June 1866–March 1868, are arranged chronologically, and some of the letters are entered in Volume (134).

The single-volume register of contracts and register of complaints, 1866–67 (137), is arranged by type of register. The register of contracts is dated December 1866–April 1867, and the register of complaints is dated February–November 1867.

Unbound miscellaneous records cover the period January 1866–January 1868. The records include marriage certificates, census reports, narrative reports, accounts, court papers, and a census report of freedpeople at the mouth of the Red River (1864).

OSCEOLA (MISSISSIPPI COUNTY)

The single volume of letters sent and register of claims, marriages, contracts, and indentures, 1866–68 (138), is arranged by type of record. The letters sent are dated July 1868; the register of claims, October 1866; the register of marriages, April 1866–February 1867; the register of contracts, January–October 1867; and the register of indentures, May–June 1866.

The single-volume register of complaints, March 1867–June 1868 (139), is arranged chronologically.

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The single-volume register of destitute citizens of Franklin and Johnson counties

PARACLIFTA (SEVIER COUNTY)

In April 1867, the office was moved from Paraclifta to Rocky Comfort. The officer was also responsible for Bureau affairs in Little River County.

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The single volume of letters sent and register of letters received, December 1866–December 1867 (177), is arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically. The letters sent are dated December 1866–December 1867, and the register of letters received is dated June–October 1867. Also included is a list of contents of letters sent.

The single volume of letters sent, December 1867–October 1868 (179), is arranged chronologically.

The single-volume register of letters received and endorsements sent, November 1867–May 1868 (178), is arranged chronologically.

The single volume of orders issued to local citizens, April 1867–March 1868 (180), is arranged chronologically and includes special and general orders.

The single-volume register of marriages, copies of indentures, and register of purchase vouchers issued, 1865–67 (181), is arranged by type of record. The register of marriages is dated December 1865; the indentures, December 1865–January 1866 and January–February 1867; and the register of vouchers, June–August 1867.

The single-volume register of complaints dated January 1867–July 1868 (176) is arranged chronologically and includes a list of employed freedmen (July–December 1865).

The single-volume register of employers and employees (182) [no dates] is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the employee or employer. The register gives the name of the employer or employee and number of contract.

PINE BLUFF (ARKANSAS RIVER DISTRICT)

The Arkansas River District comprised the counties of Pulaski, Prairie, Jefferson, and Arkansas, and parts of the counties of Monroe and Desha.

The single volume of letters sent, July 1866–May 1867 (144), is arranged chronologically. The volume also contains letters sent by the agent at Pine Bluff (March–May 1867).

Unbound letters and orders received, July 1866–February 1867, is arranged chronologically.

PINE BLUFF (JEFFERSON COUNTY)

The two volumes of press copies of letters sent span the period January 1866–July 1868. Both are arranged chronologically, and each volume has a name index. Volume 1 (143) includes letters from January to May 1866 and from January to

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July 1868. Volume 2 (145) includes letters from May 1867 to December 1867.

The single volume of letters sent, August–December 1868 (146), is arranged chronologically. The volume also contains a register of contracts, February–April 1864 and January–June 1865, and records of the contraband camp at Pine Bluff, February–September 1866, which include lists of persons and employees at the camp and the amount of rations issued.

The two volumes of endorsements sent cover the period January 1866–December 1868, with gaps. Volume 1 (142) is dated January–September 1866 and July–December 1868 and is arranged chronologically. Volume 2 (141) is dated September 1866–July 1868. From March to May 1867, the endorsements are arranged chronologically and include some endorsements received. From May 1867 to July 1868, the entries are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the correspondent and thereunder chronologically, and include abstracts of letters that were filed among the letters received and not sent from the office. Volume 2 (141) also includes endorsements sent by the general superintendent of the Arkansas River District at Pine Bluff for September 1866–March 1867.

Unbound letters received, March–October 1866 and March 1867–December 1868, are arranged chronologically. A few of the letters are entered in Volume 2 (141).

The single volume of special orders received, October 1865–July 1868 (147), is arranged chronologically and is incomplete with many gaps.

The single-volume register of marriages, March 1864–July 1865 (151), is arranged chronologically and some of the names in the register are also in Volume (150) mentioned below.

The single volume of copies of marriage certificates, December 1864–June 1867 (150), is arranged chronologically and has a name index. The last part of the volume, September 1866–June 1867, is a register of marriages rather than copies of the certificates.

The single-volume register of abandoned property, 1864–67 (149), is arranged by name of former owner and has a name index. The register gives a description and location of the property and notations as to when it was restored and by what authority. Many entries include accounts of rent received.

Unbound reports for all persons working on the plantation, early reports of weather and work completed, and reports of amount of cotton picked and shipped.

Unbound miscellaneous records, 1864–68, are arranged by type of record. The records include special orders and circulars received (October 1865–November

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1868), retained copies of ration reports (March 1866–December 1867), ration reports of patients in the freedmen's hospital (June–November 1867), land reports (March 1866–March 1868), and rosters (March–October 1866). There are also school reports (December 1866–July 1867), reports of persons and articles hired (July 1866–November 1867), estimates of funds (May–September 1866), and court papers and bills of lading (1864, 1866–68). In addition, there are accounting records dating from December 1864 that were created by S. W. Mallory as superintendent of freedmen for the Freedmen's Department.

PRINCETON (DALLAS COUNTY)

The single volume of contracts and monthly statements of property, 1866–68 (170), is arranged by type of record. The contracts are arranged by year (1866 and 1867) and thereunder numerically. There is a name index to the contracts. The monthly statements are arranged chronologically (July 1867–December 1868).

SOUTH BEND (ARKANSAS COUNTY)

From 1866 until February 1867, the office was at Auburn; from February to July 1867, at Fair Dale; and from July 1867 to July 1868, at South Bend.

The single volume of letters sent, February 1867–July 1868 (153), is arranged chronologically.

The single-volume register of letters received covers the period January–August 1867 and November 1867–March 1868 (152). From January to August 1867, the entries are arranged and numbered in chronological order. From November 1867 to March 1868, they are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the correspondent, and thereunder arranged and numbered in chronological order. The entries frequently include copies of endorsements sent and received.

Unbound letters received, February–August 1867, are arranged and numbered according to their entry in Volume 152. There are also some unregistered letters (November 1867–May 1868).

The single volume of orders issued to local citizens, October 1867–July 1868 (154), is arranged chronologically. The volume also contains a register of claimants (1866–67) arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the soldier, but there are entries only for A–D.

The single volume of proceedings of cases dated November 1867–April 1868 (155) is arranged chronologically.

The single volume of letters sent and register of letters received, January 1867–September 1868 (156), is arranged by letters sent and register of letters received and thereunder chronologically. There are indexes for both the letters sent and for the registers.

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Unbound letters sent and retained copies of reports, June 1866–June 1867, are arranged by type of record. Most of the letters and reports are copied in Volume 156.

The single volume of letters sent, October–December 1868 (158), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.

The single-volume register of letters received, October–December 1868 (157), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.

Unbound letters and orders received, March 1866–November 1868, are arranged chronologically. Most are entered in Volume 157.

WASHINGTON (SOUTH WEST DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS)

The single volume of letters sent, January 1865–March 1867 (161), is arranged chronologically.

The single volume of letters received at the South West District, September 1866–March 1867 (159), is arranged chronologically. The volume also contains a register of letters received by the agent at Washington (Hemstead County), for the period March 1867–September 1868, arranged chronologically.

Unbound letters received, September 1866–February 1867, are arranged chronologically. Some of the letters are copied in Volume 159.

The single volume of special orders received at the South West District, November 1865–December 1867 (164), is arranged chronologically. This volume also contains orders received by the agent at Washington (Hemstead County), for the period March–December 1867.

Unbound special orders and circulars received, November 1865–February 1867, are arranged chronologically. Some of the orders are copied in Volume 164.

WASHINGTON (HEMSTEAD COUNTY)

The single volume of letters sent and orders issued to local citizens, February 1866–March 1867 (160), is arranged chronologically. The section of letters sent covers the period February–October 1866, and that of orders issued to local citizens covers the period October 1866–March 1867.

The two volumes of letters sent, 1 (162) and 2 (163), cover the period March

are addressed to officials in Hemstead County and do not appear to be duplicated in Volume 1 (162).

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Unbound letters and orders received, April 1867–September 1868, are arranged chronologically. Some letters are entered in Volume (159), and some orders are entered in Volume 164.

The single-volume register of contracts, November 1866–September 1867 (165), is arranged numerically.

The single-volume register of complaints, August 1866–February 1868 (166), is arranged chronologically.

The single volume of marriage certificates, October 1865–February 1867 (167), is arranged chronologically. The volume also contains a register of indentures (December 1865) and an undated list of people delinquent in payments to workers.

Unbound accounts current, marriage certificates, court papers, and teachers' school reports, 1865–68, are arranged by type of record. The accounts current are dated July–September 1865. Some of the marriage certificates are copied in volume 167.

Related Records

In the same record group, RG 105, and related to records of the Bureau's field offices for Arkansas, are those of the Bureau headquarters in Washington, DC, and previously microfilmed records of the Assistant Commissioner and the superintendent of education for Arkansas. These record series are available in the following National Archives microfilm publications:

M742, Selected Series of Records Issued by the Commissioner of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865–1872

M752, Registers and Letters Received by the Commissioner of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865–1872

M803, Records of the Education Division of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865–1871

M979, Records of the Assistant Commissioner for the State of Arkansas, Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865–1869

M990, Records of the Superintendent of Education for the State of Arkansas

M1175, Marriage Records of the Office of the Commissioner, Washington Headquarters of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1861–1869

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Records in other record groups supplement those of the Assistant Commissioner. In Records of United States Army Continental Commands, 1821–1920, RG 393, are records of the military district that included Arkansas and Missouri. Records relating to employment and welfare of freedmen and abandoned property before the establishment of the Bureau are among Records of Civil War Special Agencies of the Treasury Department, RG 366. The records of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company, 1865–1874, in Records of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, RG 101, contain information relating to former slaves who maintained accounts with the bank branches at Arkansas and Missouri.

There have been numerous books, articles, and dissertations published about the Freedmen's Bureau and its operations. For general background, see Paul S. Pierce, *The Freedmen's Bureau, A Chapter in the History of Reconstruction* (Iowa City, IA: 1904); George R. Bentley, *A History of the Freedmen's Bureau* (Philadelphia, PA: 1955); and Paul A. Cimbala and Randall M. Miller, eds., *The Freedmen's Bureau and Reconstruction: Reconsiderations* (New York: 1999), especially pages 93–118. For a history of the Freedmen's Bureau and Reconstruction in Arkansas, see Thomas S. Staples, *Reconstruction in Arkansas, 1862–1874* (New York, 1923).

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	Letters and Miscellaneous Case Papers	May–Oct. 1866
	Chief Disbursing Officer and Claims Agent	
	Press Copies of Letters Sent	
	Volume 1 (38)	Jan.–Sept. 1869
2	Press Copies of Letters Sent	
	Volume 2 (39)	Sept 1869–Feb. 1870
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3	Letters Received A–W	Dec. 1868–Dec. 1869
4	Letters Received	Jan.–Dec. 1870
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6	Register of Claimants	
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	Register of Claimants	
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6	SUBORDINATE FIELD OFFICES	
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	Letters Sent, Letters and Orders Received, and Endorsements Sent and Received Volume (46)	July 1865-Jan. 1866 and Oct.-1866-Nov. 1868
	Register of Complaints Volume (47)	Aug. 1865-May 1868
	Registers of Labor Contracts Volume 1 (49)	July 1865-Dec. 1866
	Volume 2 (50)	1867-Jan. 1868
	Register of Marriages Volume (48)	1865-67
	Miscellaneous Records	1865-66
	Augusta (Woodruff County)	
	Letters and Endorsements Sent Volume (51)	Jan.-Feb. 1867
	Letters and Orders Received	Nov. 1865-Aug. 1866
	Registers of Labor Contracts Volume 1 (52)	Dec.-1865-Sept. 1866 and Jan. 1867-Jan. 1868
	Volume 2 (53)	Jan.-Sept. 1866
	Fiscal and Legal Papers	1865-66
	Batesville (Independence County)	
	Letters Sent Volume 1(54)	Aug. 1866-Jan. 1867 and Feb. 1868
	Volume 2 (55)	Apr.-Dec. 1868
	Letters Received	Dec.-1865-Dec. 1868
	Special Orders and Circulars	1865-68
	Monthly Reports of Persons and Articles Hired	May-Dec. 1867
	Court Writs, Summons, and Other Legal Papers	1866-68
	Contracts, Specifications, and Plans of a Freedmen School	1867
7	Camden (Ozark County)	
	Volume 2 (58)	June 1867-Aug. 1868
	Letters Received	July 1865-July 1868

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7 (cont.)	Endorsements Sent and Received and Special Orders and Circulars Issued and Received Volume (59)	July 1865–Oct. 1868
	General and Special Orders Register of Labor Contracts Volume (61)	Mar. 1866–June 1868 1867–68
	Register of School Children and Register of Attendance of School Children Volume (63)	Feb.–June 1867
	Affidavits and Depositions	Jan. 1866–May 1868
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	Fiscal Papers of Superintendents Carhart and Cole	July 1865–June 1866
	Lewisburg (Conway County)	
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	Volume 3 (69)	Aug. 1867–Mar. 1868
	Letters Sent	Feb.–Mar. 1866 and Aug. 1867–Dec. 1867
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	Letters Received Volume (65)	May 1866–Mar. 1867
	Letters Received	June 1866–Oct. 1868
	Special Orders of the Assistant Commissioner of Arkansas Volume (70)	May 1866–Apr. 1867
	Labor Contracts, Amnesty Oaths, and Marriage Certificates Volume (72)	Jan. 1866–Jan. 1867
	Oaths of Amnesty	Feb. 1866
	Letters Sent and Register of Letters Received Volume (73)	Oct. 1865–Oct. 1868

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8	Labor Contracts	
(cont.)	Volume 1 (75)	Jan. 1865–July 1865
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	Letters Sent and Received	
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	Volume 2 (77)	Oct. 1866–May 1868
	Letters Received	Mar. 1866–Oct. 1868
	Register of Labor Contracts	
	Volume (78)	Mar. 1866–Feb. 1867
	Register of Application for Restoration of Property, Register of Marriages, and Register of Persons Drawing Rations	
	Volume (80)	1865–67
9	Register of Refugees Issued Rations	
	Volume 1 (81)	Jan. 1865–June 1866
	Volume 2 (82)	Mar. 1865–July 1865
	Register of Freedmen and Refugees Issued Rations	
	Volume (83)	Mar.–May 1866
	Register of Rebel Property in Counties Subject to Confiscation	
	Volume (79)	No Dates
	Miscellaneous Records	1865–67
10	Hamburg (Ashley County)	
	Letters Sent	
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	Register of Letters Received, Orders Issued to Local Citizens, and Monthly Reports of Operations	
	Volume (86)	1867–68
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	Miscellaneous Records	Dec. 1865-Jan. 1867
	Helena (Phillips County)	
	Copies of Reports	1864-67
	Register of Claimants	
	Volume (90)	Oct. 1869-June 1871
	Jacksonport (Upper White River District)	
	Letters Sent	
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	Letters Received	
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12	Special Orders, Circular Letters, and Letters of Instruction Received	
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ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
12 (cont.)	Register of Complaints Volume (100)	Jan. 1866–Aug. 1868
	Lake Village and Luna Landing (Chicot County)	
	Letters Sent	
	Volume 1 (103)	July 1866–June 1868
	Volume 2 (106)	Jan.–July 1867
	Register of Letters Received	
	Volume (102)	Jan. 1867–Feb. 1868
	Unregistered Letters and Orders Received	Jan. 1867–Jan. 1868
	Register of Contracts and Register of Major Landholders	
	Volume (104)	Apr. 1867–Aug. 1868
	Accounting Books of Fawnwood Plantation	
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13	Lewisville (Lafayette County)	
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	Endorsements Sent and Received	
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	Register of Letters Received	
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	Letters Received	July–Dec. 1867
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14	Register of Complaints	
	Volume (110)	July–Nov. 1867
	Miscellaneous Records	Sept. 1866–Feb. 1868
	Little Rock (Pulaski County)	
	Press Copies of Letters Sent	
	Volume (112)	Jan. 1867–Apr. 1868
	Register of Letters Received and Endorsements Received and Sent	
	Volume (111)	Jan. 1867–Oct. 1868
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	Register of Marriages	
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15	Employment Registers Volume 1 (116)	1864
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	Miscellaneous Registers and Memorandums Volume (114)	1864-65
	Leases, Miscellaneous Court Papers, Reports	1865-68
	Miscellaneous Registers Relating to Home Farm at Little Rock Volume (115)	Jan. 1865-Feb. 1866
	Miscellaneous Accounting Records of Home Farm Volume (119)	Nov. 1864-Feb. 1865
	Little Rock (Superintendent of Freedmen) Letters Sent and Circulars Issued Volume (36)	1864-65
	Letters and Orders Received	Jan. 1864-Sept. 1865
	Special Orders Issued Volume (37)	Jan. 1864-Oct. 1865
16	Narrative School Reports from Teachers and Superintendents of Freedmen's Schools Retained Copies of Reports, Reports Received, and Miscellaneous Papers	Dec. 1864-June 1865 1864-65
	Madison (St. Francis County) Letters Sent Volume (123)	Apr. 1867-Mar. 1868
	Register of Letters Received Volume (122)	Apr.-Aug. 1867
	Letters and Orders Received	Mar. 1867-Oct. 1868
	Register of Complaints Volume (124)	June 1867-Apr. 1868
	Register of Contracts	
	Magnolia (Columbia County) Letters Received and Affidavits of Freedmen	May 1866-Apr. 1867

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ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
17	Marion (Crittenden County)	
	Letters and Endorsements Sent	
	Volume 1 (127)	June 1867–Nov. 1867
	Volume 2 (128)	Nov. 1867–Jan. 1868
	Volume 3 (129)	Jan. 1868–Dec. 1868
	Register of Letters Received	
	Volume (126)	Jan. 1867–Oct. 1868
	Single Unbound Letter Received	Oct. 21, 1867
	Monticello (South Eastern District of Arkansas)	
	Letters Sent	
	Volume (131)	July 1865–Dec. 1866
	Letters Received	
	Volume (130)	Aug. 1865–Dec. 1866
	Letters Received	Oct. 1865–Jan. 1867
	Register of Contracts for Bradley County	
	Volume (168)	Jan.–Mar. 1866
	Court Papers and Reports	1865–66
	Monticello (Drew County)	
	Reports	1866
	Napoleon (Desha County)	
	Letters Sent	
	Volume 1 (135)	Apr. 1867–Mar. 1868
	Volume 2 (136)	Feb. 1868–Dec. 1868
Register of Letters Received		
Volume (134)	Apr. 1867–Feb. 1868	
18	Letters and Orders Received	June 1866–Mar. 1868
	Register of Contracts and Register of Complaints	
	Volume (137)	1866–67
	Miscellaneous Records	Jan. 1866–Jan. 1868
	Osceola (Mississippi County)	
Letters Sent and Registers of Claims, Marriages, Contracts, and Indentures		
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Register of Destitute Citizens of Franklin and Johnson Counties Issued Rations		
Volume (140)	June 1866	

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18	Paraclyfta (Sevier County)	
(cont.)	Letters Sent and Register of Letters Received Volume (177)	Dec. 1866–Dec. 1867
	Letters Sent Volume (179)	Dec. 1867–Oct. 1868
	Register of Letters Received and Endorsements Sent Volume (178)	Nov. 1867–May 1868
	Orders Issued to Local Citizens Volume (180)	Apr. 1867–Mar. 1868
	Register of Marriages, Copies of Indentures, and Register of Purchase Vouchers Issued Volume (181)	1865–67
	Register of Complaints Volume (176)	Jan. 1867–July 1868
	Register of Employers and Employees Volume (182)	No Dates
19	Pine Bluff (Superintendent of Arkansas River District)	
	Letters Sent Volume (144)	July 1866–May 1867
	Letters and Orders Received	July 1866–Feb. 1867
	Reports of Persons and Articles Hired	July 1866–Feb. 1867
	Pine Bluff (Jefferson County)	
	Press Copies of Letters Sent Volume 1 (143)	Jan.–May 1866 and Jan.–July 1868
	Volume 2 (145)	May 1867–Dec. 1867
20	Letters Sent Volume (146)	1864, 1865, 1866, and 1868
	Endorsements Sent Volume 1 (142)	Jan. 1866–Dec. 1868
	Volume 2 (141)	Sept. 1866–July 1868
	Letters Received	Mar. 1866–Dec. 1868
	Special Orders Received Volume (147)	Oct. 1865–July 1868
	Volume (151)	Mar. 1864–July 1865
	Copies of Marriage Certificates Volume (150)	Dec. 1864–June 1867

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ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
21 (cont.)	Register of Abandoned Property Volume (149)	1864-67
	"Record of Account Book" of Mrs. Bayner's Plantation Volume (148)	Feb.-Dec. 1867
	Miscellaneous Records	1864-68
22	Princeton (Dallas County) Contracts and Monthly Statements of Property Volume (170)	1866-68
	South Bend (Arkansas County) Letters Sent Volume (153)	Feb. 1867-July 1868
	Register of Letters Received Volume (152)	Jan. 1867-Mar. 1868
	Letters Received	Feb.-Aug. 1867
	Orders Issued to Local Citizens Volume (154)	Oct. 1867-July 1868
	Proceedings of Cases Volume (155)	Nov. 1867-Apr. 1868
	Union (Fulton County) Letters Sent and Register of Letters Received Volume (156)	Jan. 1867-Sept. 1868
	Letters Sent and Retained Copies of Reports	June 1866-June 1867
	Letters Sent Volume (158)	Oct.-Dec. 1868
	Register of Letters Received Volume (157)	Oct.-Dec. 1868
	Letters and Orders Received	Mar. 1866-Nov. 1868
	Washington (South West District of Arkansas) Letters Sent Volume (161)	Jan. 1865-Mar. 1867
	Letters Received Volume (159)	Sept. 1866-Sept. 1868
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	Special Orders and Claims Received	Nov. 1865-Feb. 1867
	Washington (Hemstead County) Letters Sent and Orders Issued to Local Citizens Volume (160)	Feb. 1866-Mar. 1867

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(cont.)	Volume 1 (162)	Mar. 1867–Aug. 1868
	Volume 2 (163)	Nov. 1867–Jan. 1868
	Letters and Orders Received	Apr. 1867–Sept. 1868
	Register of Contracts	
	Volume (165)	Nov. 1866–Sept. 1867
	Register of Complaints	
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	Marriage Certificates	
	Volume (167)	Oct. 1865–Feb. 1867
	Accounts Current, Marriage Certificates, Court Papers, and Teachers' School Reports	1865–68

APPENDIX

This list provides the names and dates of service of known Freedmen's Bureau personnel at selected subordinate field offices in Arkansas. Additional information regarding persons assigned to various field offices might be found among the Bureau's Washington headquarters station books and rosters of military officers and civilians on duty in the states and other appointment-related records.

LOCATION	DATES
Arkadelphia (Clark County)	
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT	
William A. Stuart	July-Dec. 1865
William A. Britton	Dec. 1865-Oct. 1866
Anthony E. Babricht	Oct. 1866-Dec. 1868
Augusta (Woodruff County)	
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT	
John Thorp	Nov. 1865-Nov. 1866
Lt. Sebastian Geisreiter	Nov. 1866-Feb. 1867
Batesville (Independence County)	
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT	
Reuben Harplam	Dec. 1865-ca. June 1866
Capt. William Brian	July 1866-Feb. 1867
Capt. Walter O. Lattimore	Apr. 1867
Capt. Albert H. Andrews	Apr.-Nov. 1867
Lt. John Harold	Nov.-Dec. 1867
Capt. William J. Lyster	Dec. 1867-Dec. 1868
Camden (Ouchita County)	
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT	
Lewis H. Carhart	July 1865-June 1866
Nathan Cole	June-Oct. 1866
Joseph L. Thorp	Oct. 1866-July 1868
Devall's Bluff (Prairie County)	
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT	
Willis Davis	June 1865

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Fort Smith (Sebastian County)

SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

Francis Springer	Oct. 1865–Mar. 1866
Thomas Abel	Mar.–May 1866
Sebastian Geisreiter	May–Aug. 1866
Charles Banzhaf	Aug. 1866–May 1867
Elihu G. Barker	May–Aug. 1867
Charles Banzhaf	Aug.–Oct. 1867
Pinkney Lugenbeel	Nov. 1867–Aug. 1868

Hamburg (Ashley County)

SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

Lt. Fred A. Tencate	Mar.–July 1866
Lt. Isaiah S. Taylor	July 1866–Oct. 1867
George Towle	Nov. 1867–July 1868
Sebastian Geisreiter	July–Dec. 1868

Hampton (Calhoun County)

SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

John Scroggins	Oct. 1865–Aug. 1867
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Helena (Phillips County)

SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

H. Sweeney (superintendent of freedmen)	1864–65
H. Sweeney (superintendent)	1867
James T. Watson (claims agent)	1869–71

Jacksonport (Upper White River District)

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

J. M. Bowler	Jan.–Mar. 1866
J. T. Watson	Mar. 1866–Mar. 1867

Jacksonport (Jackson County)

SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

Jonas Lindale (also provost marshal for the Department of Arkansas)	May–Aug. 1865
William Tisdale (also provost marshal for the Department of Arkansas)	Aug.–Oct. 1865
J. M. Bowler	Oct.–Dec. 1865

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Lake Village and Luna Landing (Chicot County)

SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

Thomas Abel	July–Oct. 1866
S. Geisreiter	Nov. 1866
S. Hersey	Dec. 1866–June 1867
G. Benson	July–Dec. 1867
A. G. Cunningham	Dec. 1867–Nov. 1868

Lewisburg (Conway County)

SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

John Vetter	Feb.–Mar. 1866
William Morgan	June 1866–Dec. 1868

Lewisville (Lafayette County)

SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

Nathan Cole	Oct. 1866–June 1867
V. V. Smith	July 1867–Dec. 1868

Little Rock (Pulaski County)

SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

J. Raines (superintendent of freedmen until July 1865)	Feb.–Sept. 1865
W. Tisdale	Nov. 1865–July 1866
F. Gross	July 1866–Sept. 1867
James T. Watson	Aug. 1867
A. S. Dyer	Sept. 1867–Aug. 1868

Little Rock

SUPERINTENDENT OF FREEDMEN

W. G. Sargent (superintendent at Helena)	Jan.–Mar. 1864
W. G. Sargent	Apr. 1864–Nov. 1865

Madison (St. Francis County)

SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

A. S. Dyer	Apr.–Sept. 1867
Williams	Oct. 1867–Dec. 1868

Marion (Crittenden County)

AGENT

James D. Wall

Sept. 1866–Oct. 1867

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Monticello

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE SOUTH EASTERN
DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS

E. G. Barker (agent)	July 1865–ca. Jan. 1866
E. G. Barker (general superintendent)	Jan. 1866–Jan. 1867

Monticello (Drew County)

AGENT

G. Duvall	Jan.–Oct. 1866
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Osceola (Mississippi County)

SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

Eli Mix	Apr. 1866–Oct. 1868
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Paraclifta (Sevier County)

SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

A. W. Ballard	Dec. 1865–Dec. 1866
Hiram Willis	Dec. 1866–Oct. 1868

Pine Bluff (Arkansas River District)

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

William J. Dawes	July 1866–Jan. 1867
William D. Hale	Jan.–Feb. 1867
William J. Dawes	Feb. 1867

Pine Bluff (Jefferson County)

SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

S. W. Mallory (superintendent of freedmen until July 1865)	Dec. 1864–Nov. 1865
D. H. Williams	Dec. 1865–Jan. 1866
A. Coats	Jan.–Mar. 1866
E. Wallace	Mar.–Sept. 1866
S. Geisreiter	Sept. 1866–Mar. 1867
W. J. Dawes (agent)	Mar.–May 1867
S. Geisreiter (agent)	May 1867–July 1868
R. W. Barnard	Aug.–Dec. 1868

Princeton (Dallas County)

SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

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South Bend (Arkansas County)

SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

William D. Hale

May 1866–June 1867

S. Hersey

June–Sept. 1867

A. Coats

Sept. 1867–Mar. 1868

DeWolf

Mar.–July 1868

Union (Fulton County)

SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

Simpson Mason

Oct. 1866–Sept. 1868

John Martin

Sept.–Dec. 1868

Washington (South West District of Arkansas)

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

E. W. Gantt

Nov. 1865–Oct. 1866

F. Thibant

Oct. 1866–Mar. 1867

Washington (Hemstead)

SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

John R. Montgomery

July–Dec. 1865

James Williams

Dec. 1865–July 1866

F. Thibant

July 1866–Dec. 1867

C. C. Gilbert

Dec. 1867–Dec. 1868

Note: The agent's name for the subdistrict of Dardenelle, Arkansas, is unknown, but his dates of service were Feb. 1866–Jan. 1867 and Sept. 1867–Mar. 1868.

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BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN, AND ABANDONED LANDS,
1865-1872

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SUBORDINATE FIELD OFFICES

Washington (South West District of Arkansas)

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Special Orders Received	
Volume (164)*	Nov. 1865-Dec. 1867
Special Orders and Circulars Received	Nov. 1865-Feb. 1867

Washington (Hemstead County)

Letters Sent and Orders Issued to Local Citizens	
Volume (160)	Feb. 1866-Mar. 1867
Letters Sent	
Volume 1 (162)	Mar. 1867-Aug. 1868
Volume 2 (163)	Nov. 1867-Jan. 1868
Letters and Orders Received	Apr. 1867-Sept. 1868
Register of Contracts	
Volume (165)	Nov. 1866-Sept. 1867
Register of Complaints	
Volume (166)	Aug. 1866-Feb. 1868
Marriage Certificates	
Volume (167)	Oct. 1865-Feb. 1867
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SUBORDINATE FIELD OFFICES
Washington (South West District of Arkansas)

Letters Received Sept. 1866–Feb. 1867

Confidential

War Department,
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen &
Washington Sept 19th 1866.

1st Maj Genl J. W. Sprague,
Asst Commissioner,
Little Rock, Ark.

General,

By direction of the Commissioner I en-
close herewith for your guidance, instructions
which Genl Howard wishes you to follow
in the conduct of cases which may come
within the jurisdiction of the Bureau. Where
Bureau Courts have been abolished they will not
of course apply, but will be for your guidance
at points where they may still exist, or in
case it shall become necessary to reestablish
them.

The Commissioner desires that you will not
employ any of the officers in the administration of justice,
within your department

Send each Officer and Agent a copy
privately.

I am, General,

Very Respectfully,

Your obt Servant,

1 Sgt, A. P. Kitchum

Bt Maj & A.A. Gent.

Official copy respectfully furnished for the
information and guidance of Bt Maj. F. W.
Thibaut, Genl Supt Dist S. H. Arkansas,
and the officers under his orders. These
Courts will be convened when the necessity
therefor arises.

By command of

Bt Maj Genl E. O. C. Ord. Asst Comd,

John Tyler

Capt U.S. Bt Maj & A.A.

Gent.

War Department, Bureau of
Refuges Freedmen & S. Lands
Washington Sept 19, 1866.

General.

In the organization and conduct of Bureau
courts, should you have any, or have occasion
under the law to reestablish them you will be
guided by the following instructions.

II. Bureau courts shall be composed of three
members, one of whom shall be an officer or agent
of this Bureau, and one selected by each of the
parties interested. Should one or both of the parties
interested refuse to choose a member of the court,
the Act Commissioner shall himself make such
selection.

III. Bureau courts shall have jurisdiction of all
cases relating to compensation for labor of refugees
or freedmen, and may hear and determine all
other civil cases between refugees freedmen and
they may also try offenses committed by or against
freedmen, provided the punishments inflicted
shall not exceed a fine of \$100⁰⁰, or imprisonment

for thirty days. The judgements of these courts may be enforced by military authority and shall not be obstructed by the stay laws of any State. The Agents of the Bureau serving on a Bureau Court shall keep a concise record of all cases adjudicated by the Court, including fines imposed or other punishment inflicted. On the last day of each month he shall pay to the Chief disbursing officer of the Bureau in the State, all moneys accruing from fines imposed, and shall furnish him a tabular statement of all the cases giving the names of the persons fined, the offences charged and the sentences of the Court which statement shall be used by the disbursing officer in the settlement of his account as a voucher for moneys received.

§ III Members of Bureau Courts, not paid Agents, shall receive from parties interested in the cases brought before them, reasonable compensation for their services, not exceeding the rate of five dollars

if wrongs are practiced upon freedmen, by persons without property, members of the Court will be paid for their services out of the fund arising from

Sept-19-66

C. P. Ketchum

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finer imposed for cruelties practiced upon freedmen.
The Agents or sub-assistant shall forward these ac-
counts to the Assistant Commissioner, who
will audit and order them to be paid.

IV. This Bureau, having been established by Act
of Congress, and its authority being paramount over
subjects relating to Refugees Freedmen and Aban-
doned Lands, cases adjudicated by Bureau Courts
will not be subject to revision before the State Courts
or Magistrates but will be treated precisely
according to the Usage of military tribunals.

V. All cases of capital crime felonies, or questions
relating to titles of Real Estate, will be referred to Milit-
ary commissions, the Courts of the United States, or to
of the State in which the case may occur.

By order of

O. O. Howard

Bt Maj Genl J. M. Sprague

Asst Commissioner

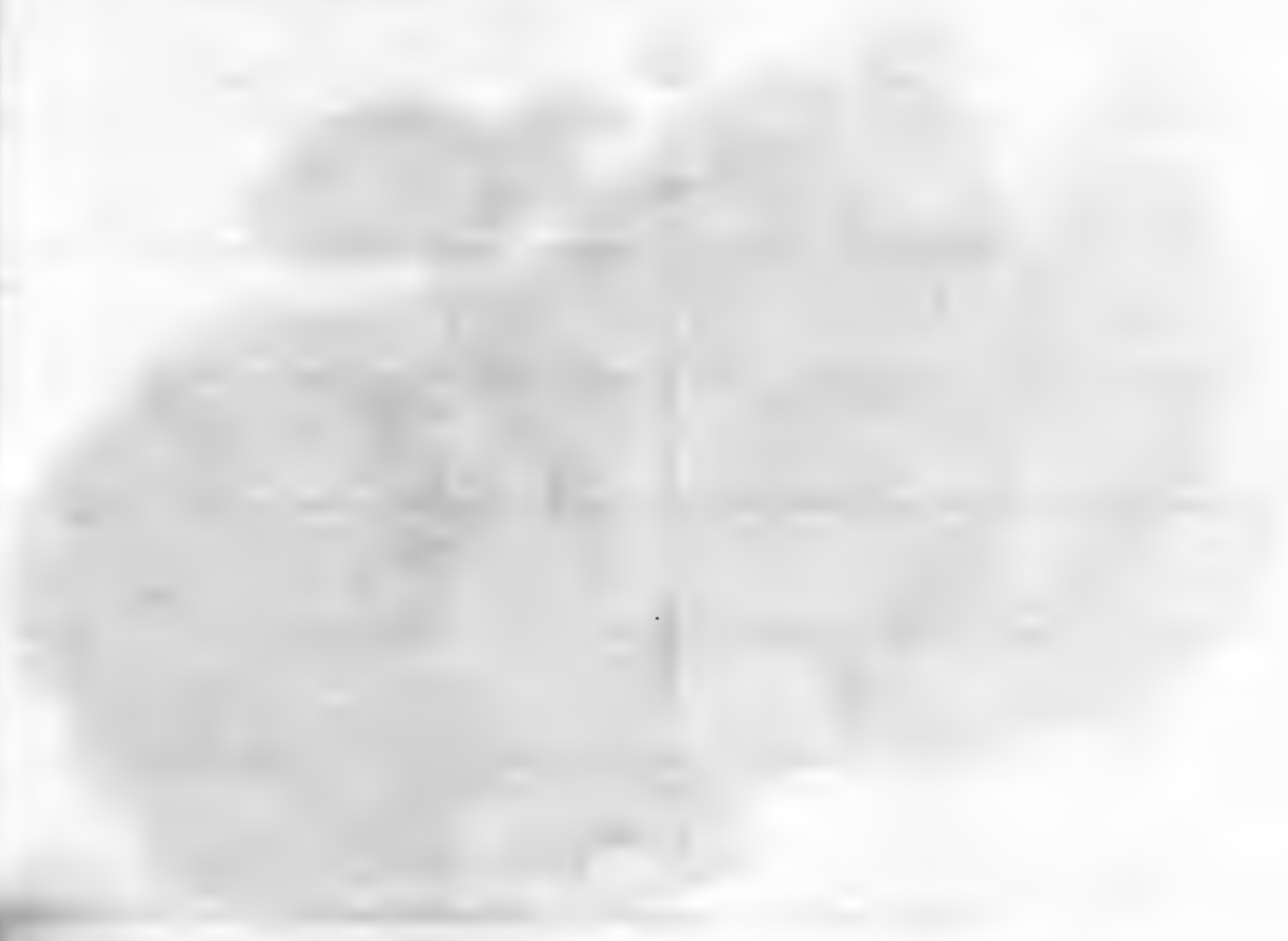
Little Rock Ark 1863

Bt Maj & A. S. Genl

Official Copy

Moyley

Capl. R. B. Moyley, 4th U.S. Artillery



Advised Capt. [unclear] and
asked Capt. [unclear] monthly
returns in case, leave with
said [unclear]

[Signature]

At Kansas

~~W. M. Officer~~
~~[Signature]~~

1866

W. H. Williams

in reference to cir

No 21

Recd Sept 1866

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI, ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.

Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., Sept 19th 1866

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Maj. G. W. Thibaud,

Sub. Refugee and Freedmen,
Washington, Ark.

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I have the honor to enclose you
copy of Circular No 21. from these
H'd G's, requesting your attention to
the Monthly Report therein called for.

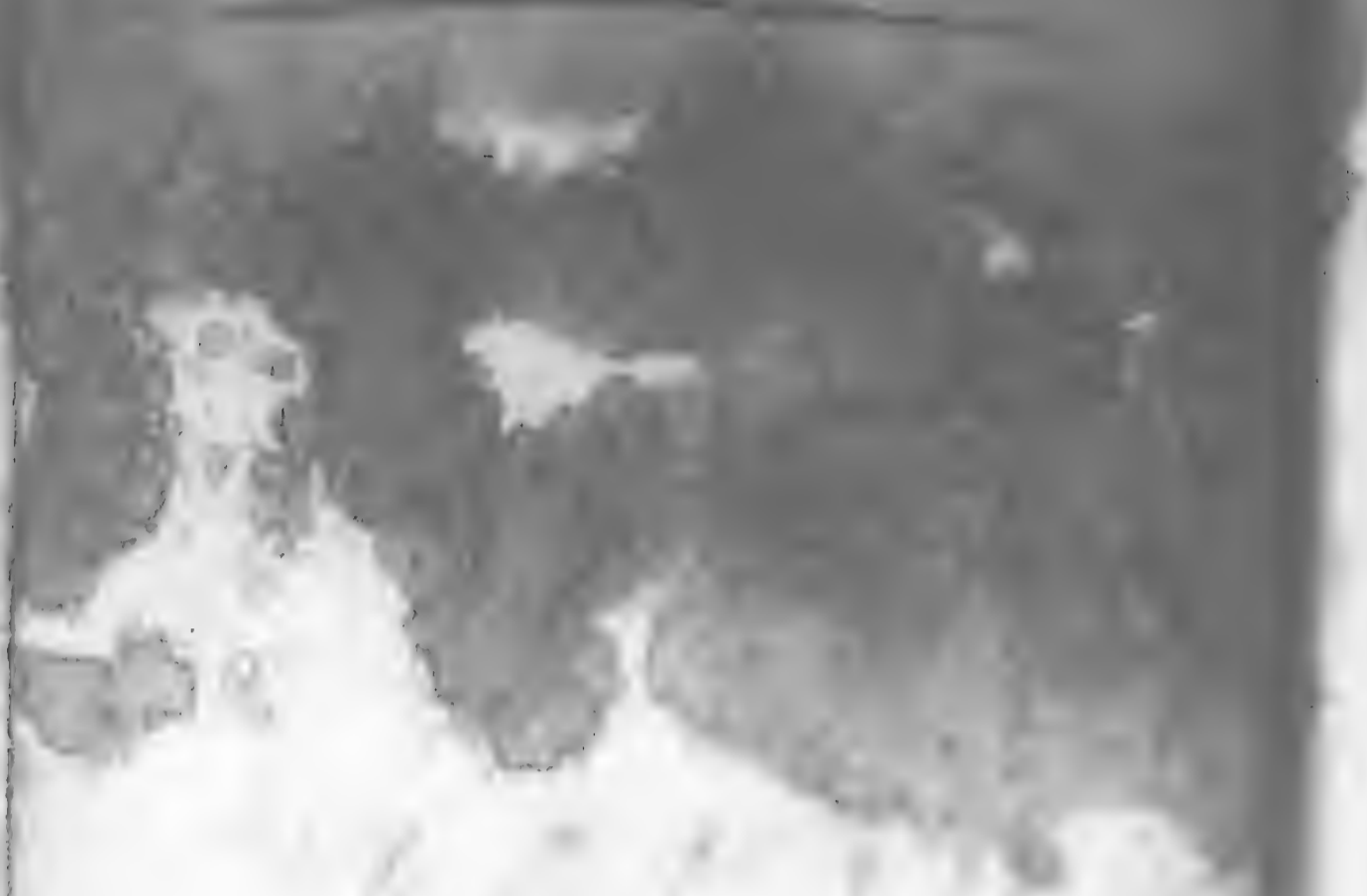
This Report has not been received
from any of the Superintendents of
Genl Gantt's District.

In his absence you will instruct
District Superintendents to carefully
keep the records as required.

Respectfully &c,

~~W. M. ...~~
Asst Adj't Genl.

Sept 19 - 1884



[Faint, illegible handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]

Head Qrs. Dept of the Arkansas
Little Rock Ark Dec 16 1866

Circular Letter

To

Commanding officer

Post of

Military commanders of
this Department receiving application for
a military force to aid in the arrest of
citizens who are guilty of murder, aggravated
assaults, robbery, rape or arson upon freedmen
or their families, will furnish the
necessary force to make the arrests, pro-

~~vided the application is accompanied with~~
copies of affidavits of credible witnesses to the
crime, and the statement of the Superintendent
of freedmen, that he has brought the

recognition thereof

The troops furnished will return to

their proper command, as soon as
the arrests have been made.

I am Sir

Very respectfully

Your obt. Servt

Egdr C. P. Greene

Asst Adjt Genl

Official copy respectfully furnished for
the information of Maj Jas T. Watson,
5th Regt S. C. C. Genl Supt R. F. & H. L.
Jacksonport, and the Superintendents
in this District.

By command of

Maj Genl C. C. C. Ord, Asst Comr.

Little Rock, Ark
Dec. 19, 1866

Mo Tyler
Capt & R. C. 1st Maj & Col.
a. a. a. Genl

100 - Little Book Club
Oct 17/66.

Hayden Ch. Club
R. P. Hall.

Forwards a circular
issued by Lib. of Date.
pertaining to contracting
negatives to foreign ^{papers}
prohibiting Libs.

Rec Oct 29/66.
L. A. 2: 4.

Act

Department of State
Washington Oct 3 1866.

Maj Genl O. O. Howard
Superintendent of the Freedmen's Bureau,
Washington D. C.

General.

This Department has information that plans are on foot to lead freedmen to move abroad, and in particular to Peru, upon a promise of higher wages than they receive at home, and probably by other inducements. As there is reason to believe that these promises will not be fulfilled, it is deemed to be the moral duty of the Government, to prevent the freedmen from being imposed upon, by them.

It is recommended to advise the freedmen to be cautious how they conclude bargains to go to foreign countries.

(over.)

I am Sir

Your Obedient Servant

(Sd) William H. Seward

Official copy respectfully furnished for the information of Col. May Genl. G. W. Hoaguen, Asst Commr for Montreal who is directed to comply with the suggestions contained in the foregoing letter of the Secretary of State. Contracts with freedmen will not be approved by Asst Commrs. when they are required by the terms of the contract, to pass beyond the limits of the United States. Such proposed contracts, if any exist, must be forwarded to Washington for the consideration of the proper authorities.

By Order of Maj Genl. Howard, Commr.

(Sd) A. P. Hetchum

Bureau A. P. H. Oct 7/56

A. P. H.

Respectfully furnished Col. May G. W. Hoaguen Asst Commr for Montreal for his information and guidance. Should any other

B. A. P. H. M. S. H. H.
Little Rock Ark Oct 1/55

Geo. C. Dayton
Chief Clerk

Samuel Stewart

Per Receipt.

Washington

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR MISSOURI, ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.
CLAIM DIVISION.

Little Rock, Ark. Oct 5th 1862

Col Maj F. A. Thibault

Col Supt Washington

Major

I have the honor to furnish herewith three (3) copies of pamphlets containing recent instructions relative to the claims of Colored Soldiers for the use of officers in your District who forward claims. The Asst Commr desires that the provisions of the Joint Resolutions approved June 15th and July 26th 1856 be made known as soon as possible.

As soon as instructions for the preparation of claims under these acts are received at this office they will be promulgated.

I am very respectfully

Your obedient servant,
John Tyler

In Charge

John Dyer

in charge of claim
agency R.F. & A.S.

Transmits information
in regard to Blanket of
Proofs of Abhabitation

pp 185

Washington

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,
FOR MISSOURI, ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.
CLAIM DIVISION.

Little Rock, Ark. Sept 10th 1866

Col Major W. M. Stewart
Fort Leff Washington

Major

By direction of the Assistant
Commissioner I have the honor to invite the
attention of officers who forward claims to
this office to a discrepancy existing in the
return furnished in respect of Washington and
Arkansas lands, on account of the omission
of the statement of the number of acres and
value of the land of the latter.

Would it not be better if the same
officers would cause the amount of acreage
to be made referring to the same statement
and value of the same lands as in the
return of the same.

Very respectfully,
Yours truly,
Capt & Co. Col. May
Washington

Dayton, George E.

Hd. Qrs. Little Rock

Oct 10th, 1866

Forwards copy of par:
J. S. O. No 86, with in-
structions to enforce it
and relieve all Supt or
Employees who cannot take
the required test with

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI, ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.

Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., October 10th 1866.

Col. Maj. F. W. Phibault
Genl Supt & Washington Ark.
Major.

I have the honor to forward
you copy of Par 3. S. O. 86 from these
Head Quarters.

You will see that the provisions of the
same are, at once carried into effect in your
Sub Districts, furnishing copies of the order
to Supts under you, and relieve all those
who cannot take the oath.

By Order of
A. W. Shreve, Asst Commr.
W. E. Dayton

No 3

Little Park

Office Asst, Com Oct 10/65

Butley, Esq. General
Asst, Commission

Forwards communication
declaring the actions of
J D Reed Esq of Lafayette
in regard to assessing a tax
fraudulent, illegal.

(Signed)

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI, ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., Oct 19. 1866

Major

I see it stated in a letter
from Mr. Habrich that Mr. Reed
has been levying a tax on Freedmen
of about two dollars per man
~~per man~~ No Agent of this Bureau
is authorized to levy a tax on
Freedmen and you will see
that none is collected. I presume
this tax if one has been levied ~~you~~
~~out~~ was made in consequence
of a conversation with me in
which I said to Mr. Reed that it
would be proper to reduce the
Freedmen on a Plantation to
allow a small deduction
from their ~~tax~~ to ~~substantially~~

who were living on the same
Plantation - The only for

Sprague J. No.

Procr May Gent
Ald. Gns. Ark Wash

Oct 10th 1866

I received notice of receiving
letter from. Hobick instructs
that no tax can be levied
upon Freedmen, also that
no lost time can be allowed
in account of wet weather
unless specially specified in
contract.

Orders issued relieving all
Supt & agents who can partake
the test oath

J. No. 10.

allowed for Approving Contracts
is 10[¢] per annum and the Charge
for the Blank - the 10 per cent
mentioned by Mr. H, is illegal
and fraudulent and will
not be allowed

No deduction for "lost time"
on account of weather should
be allowed on any Contract
unless so specified in the Con-
tract and such a Contract
should not have been app-
roved - When time is lost by
the Foreman being unable, or
unwilling to work, a fair
Charge for substituted for the
time lost is properly chargeable

An order is issued
to day relieving all Agents
and Employees who cannot
take the test oath prescribed
by Law & Congress

Wm. H. Tibbitts
Incl. Suppt
Washington

Wm. H. Tibbitts
Apr. 1864

1884 Louisiana Oct 11/88

Reid J. J.

Supt Lafayette Co

Information and request
troops to arrest a person
for murder.

1888

Office Bureau R.F. & A.S.
Lafayette Co Ark Oct 11th 1866

Capt J.W. Thibaut

Supt Bureau & C

Washington Ark

Dr Sir

The Freedman and
Frank reports to this office a case of murder
which was committed in this county a few days
since. On account of not having any guard
to arrest the party we are necessarily compelled
to postpone the matter and call upon you
for assistance. If you will send us a
guard we will arrest the party and
place him upon trial. We send you the
Freedman in order that you may learn
the particulars from him as he is the
most important witness. I am with
respect

Yours

Obt Servt
Thos J Reid Supt
Bureau & C

Little Rock Oct 15/66

Geo. S. Taylor
Chief Clerk

Asst. Comm.

Orders the release

Francis Charles Amanda and

Janis Fredels delens from
their apprenticeships.

in accordance with

Circular 25/66.

omitted to be signed.

(copy)

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI, ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.

Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., October 15th 1866

Ct Maj F. W. Phibaut
Civil Supt

Washington, Hempstead Co.

Major.

Diana Brown, (widow) states that Mr Simms Dillard, living at Greenville, Clark Co. in your District has four children, (Frances, Charles, Louis & Amanda) of Morgan Brown, ^{her husband} whom he claims were indentured to him by Capt Montgomery, white Supt. As such indentures were approved at this office and consequently they are null and void under Circular No 2 of May 10th 1866. and should be restored to their father

Geo. C. Dayton
Chief Clerk.

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Oct 22 / 66,
Washington,
Mo

Head Quarters Bureau R. I.
Genl A. S. S. W. Dir Arms.
Washington Arsd. Oct 22nd 1866

It having come to the knowledge of this office that a gang of lawless desperadoes styling themselves "Shelby's Men" are in the habit of disguising themselves shooting and maltreating Freedmen, taking and destroying their property thereby bringing the entire District into disrepute, it is requested that all law abiding citizens will use their utmost endeavors to bring such men to justice,

Should these depredations not cease measures will be taken to assess a tax upon those townships where the offences were committed to pay the Freedmen for the losses and damages sustained, or, as the Government has at times removed Freedmen from townships where they have been generally misused and maltreated to others where they can be protected it may be deemed necessary that the latter measure be taken. It will then leave

abiding citizens will suffer with the guilty.
It has come to my knowledge that some citizens who are disposed to favor law and order have held an indignation meeting for the purpose of taking steps to detect and bring to justice these 'Desperadoes', this action meets the approval of the Supt. and assistance by the military will be rendered by him if necessary.

to aid the citizens in arresting the
"defendants" when detected.

Oct 23/66
Adj 14 B 203 19 Cumber

Sam Miles
Adj 2 203 19 Inf USA

Returns a prisoner
charged with murder.
states that he be sent to
Little Rock.

2 miles

Head Quarters Camden Arkansas
Oct 23rd 1866.

Br Major Chubbuck A.R.C.

Supr R. I. S. A. L. S. N. Dist Ark.

Sir

Your communication
of the 22nd inst received, I am directed by the
Col Condit to say, that he has no facilities for
keeping prisoners here, and that Little Rock
is the only designated place, for such
prisoners, where he should be sent, and
the Guard was furnished you for that purpose.
I respectfully return the prisoner.

I am Very Respectfully

Samuel M. Mills

1st Lieut 4th Regt Art Adjutant.

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Circular Letter
dat. New York, Oct 29/60
Signed Leonard C. C. C.

a paper tending to making
out requisitions for trans-
portation for ~~indigent~~
free people and refugees.

See also 19/60 see also W. 21.
7/60

War Department
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands
Washington D.C. Oct, 29th 1866.

Circular Letter.

As many applications for transportation are received at these Head Quarters, without sufficiently detailed statements of the facts in each case, I am directed by the Commissioner, to request that Asst. Commissioners and other officers of the Bureau will endeavor to have all papers of this class, passing through their offices, conform as nearly as possible to the following suggestions.

1st The names and number of persons to be transported, or the name of the head man of each family or party, with the number of the latter, and the sex and class, (Refugees or Freedpeople) to which they belong will be stated.

2^d - Transportation will only be requested from and to the nearest railway station or Steamboat

3^d When Children are to be transported the age, and sex of those of twelve years and over, should

be stated, as full fare is charged, and the age only of those from four, to eleven, (inclusive) for whom half fare is charged. Children under four, years will not be mentioned, no charge being made for them

40 The particular necessity for the transportation should be stated, and information furnished, as to whether, the parties will not, be a charge on Government, after reaching their destination

Very respectfully

Your obt servant

(Signed) Stuart Eldridge

A. A. A. Genl.

Officially for

John Tyler

Capt. U.S. Artillery

A. A. A. C.

Spring Commission Book 1906

L. L. M. Mills

April 2nd Bath, 1906

Forwards communications
regarding the agenda to
be read to per capita.
also making out Vouchers
for medical attendance
and medicines furnished

W. H. H. 106

C. H. H.

m Jones 22, Pipe de Capitale, has the summs
now rendered, yourself and send
them to Maj. Montgomery, Chief of the
Saps. of the Co. and perhaps he will
pay them. It is the proper course of
procedure at any rate, whether he
pays them or not.

I am very respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt
Samuel W. Mills
Major, Paroquet Co.

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20 of Little Rock
Nov 1/66

John Tyler.
Lieut Gen.

Enclosed a request for
a report pertaining to
Verbal and written instructions
received from Gen Sprague.

W. H. C.

P. C. Nov 8/66

Little Rock
Nov 2/66

John Tyler
C. A. Allen

Knowing the
receipt of letter dated
Oct 23/66 approved
the views of Morgan Jones
disapproved the circular
issued to the citizens
of Nashville Tenn. Circu-
lar. Temperance will
order the recall of the same

C. A. Allen

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ~~ARKANSAS~~ ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.

Office of Assistant Commissioner.

Little Rock, Ark., Nov 2nd 1866.

Maj. J. W. Phibaut,
Genl Supt &c,
Washington, Ark.
Major,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 23rd ult. forwarding testimony of Rank Morris, Col. in case of the murder of Ebenezer Campbell (Col.) by Jim Morgan (White), reporting the arrest of Morgan, and copy of circular which you have issued relative to the party known as Shelly's gang. In reply I am directed by the Act's Comr to instruct you as follows: that your action in the arrest of Morgan and his delivery to the Com. & G. Officers at Camden is approved, and that you will publicly recall the circular, stating that it meets with the dis-

and comply the best.

I am very respectfully,

John Tyler

Capt. U.S. Army, Major, U.S. Army.

Commodore No. 5 Feb

Saml M. Mills

1st Lieut, 1st Regt, 1st Div, 1st Corps

Requests Charges to be
forwarded against
Armstrong, Leckers
and Vincents

Recd. Nov. 7th 1864.



Sean Do Camden Ark

November 5th 1866.

Br Major Hubert V.R.O

Capt. R. A. L.

I. H. Dist of Ark.

Sir

I am directed by the Col Comd to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 27th ult. and to ask you if you will please put the contents in the form of Charges, forward them to this Post, that we may transmit them to Department Head Qrs, The names of the men as given in them are

C. D. 2nd Regt. 19th Regt. Thos. Adams 1st Co 2nd Regt. 19th.

I am, My Respectfully

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1/2
Your Obedt Servt
Samuel M. Mills
1st Regt ^{Inf} Art Adj.

Samuel M. Mills
1st Regt ^{Inf} Art Adj.

Requires changes to the
formulated as in
Amstony Dickson
and Amstony

Recd. Nov. 24 1864.



No 12 P. B. T. Fall
Little Rock Mo 5/14

John Tyler Post Maj
Co. Co. Co. Gen

Forwards on Order allowing
Capt Cole Capt for Lafayette
certain public stores to be
returned by him.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR MISSOURI, ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.
~~WAR~~-DIVISION

Little Rock, Ark., Nov 5th 1866

Br's Maj F. W. Phibaux, U.S.A.
Civil Supt S. W. Ark.
Washington Ark.
Magis,

I am instructed by the Ass't
Com' to authorize you to permit
Capt Nathan Cole, Supt Co, to retain
from the public property in his pos-
session at Camden, such articles as
in your opinion may be required
by him at Lemisville.

I am very respectfully,
Yours Obedt Servt,
John Tyler.
Capt U.S.A. Br's Maj. U.S.A.
C. A. A. A. A.

M. N. Connell
Nov 8/66.

Capt Mathew Cole V. 184
Supr J. J. & W.

Acting receiver of
Specie Order No. 90 dated
Little Rock Oct 23/66

states that as soon as transportation
is furnished that he will proceed
to Louisiana Laffay etc etc
and take charge of the Business there



Recd. - 11/12/66

Office Supt. &c. L.F. & A.L.
Camden Ark. Nov 8th 1866
Bot Maj Tibbatts U.S.
Supt S. W. Dist Ark

Major

I have the
honor to acknowledge receipt of
"J.O. No 90" dated 16th Jan. L.F. & A.L.
Lt. Mo. & Ark. Little Rock Ark Oct
29th 1866 also Extracts of Same.
I will turn over the Books, Papers
& Records and proceed as soon
as transportation can be furnished
me, to Harrisville direct and
afterward come to Washington for
instructions.

Very respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt
Nathan Cole
Supt. V.R.C. Supt &c

71114 Little Rock, Nov 9/68

John Tyler Root Man
C. C. A. Gen

Forward the Power to
be entered into by the
existing agents (omitted)
Requests them to be forwarded
to Hayes with the date attached

John Tyler Root

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ~~MISSISSIPPI~~ ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.

Little Rock, Ark. Nov 9th 1860

Brig Major F. W. Shibaut
Genl. Supt. &c.
Washington Ark.

Major

I have the honor to enclose
you bonds. (inadvertently omitted
in forwarding orders) to be filled by
the Civilian Agents lately appointed
in your district.

You will please have this done
and return them to this office, together
with the required oath, and their letters
of acceptance.

I am very respectfully

Yours, Obedt. Servt
John Taylor

Capt U.R.C. Brig Major vols.

Clarrin Dio.
Little Rock Nov 12/66

John Pyles
Bot. Mag. Co. A. A. Gen

Forwards Instructions for
making out papers for
Claims of Colonel Soldiers.

Washington

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR MISSOURI, ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.
CLAIM DIVISION.

Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 12th 1866.

Bot Maj J. W. Thibault
Genl Supt. R. F. Gub A. S.
Washington Ark.

Maj.

The Adj Genl directs that letters of transmittal accompanying claims of colored Soldiers &c should give the name of the claimant, and the name, rank company and regiment of the person on whose account the claim is made.

I am Very respectfully

Yours Obedt Servt.

John Tyler

Capt. U.S.A. Bot Maj vols.

a. a. a. Gub

Nov 15 Consider

Nov 17, 1866

Dear Mr. Lupton
Cincinnati & Union Co.

acknowledges receipt
of Special Order N^o 90.

also reports that he has taken
charge of the office of Comdr.

See Nov 19/66 sep. O. N. 2.

Office Supr R 2^d vol
Campy Ark Nov 12th 1864

Prot Maj J W Thibault

Genl Supr R 2^d vol

S W Dist of Ark

Major

I have the honor
to acknowledge the receipt of Special
Order No 90th & extracts, dated
O Post Com Little Rock Ark Oct 29th
1864.

I relieved Capt A Cole
found duty as Supr on the 10th day
of Nov 1864, also received from him
for all the Book papers & records
of this office

I am

Yours Wth Sent
J W Thibault
Capt R 2^d vol

Adopted by the Board of Directors
Nov 18/66

Anthony E. Halvick
Capt. etc. —

In regard of assuming charge of
his duties.

Anthony E. Halvick

Office Bureau R. F. + A. L.
Philadelphia Arml. Nov. 18th 66
Dear Maj. J. W. Thibaut
Genl. Supt. S. H. Dist Arml.
Washington

Maj

I have the honor to report that in compliance with S. O. no 90. 4. I assumed charge of this office. Capt Britton the Supt. was not here and has been absent several weeks.

From reports heard from this office during my travels through the county and what I have heard in this town Capt Britton has not given satisfaction in a general way.

On Saturday last 19 complaints were brought to this office in most cases where parties misunderstood their contracts, which have all been mutually settled. The parties agreeing

their employment.

I shall endeavor to send the report in obedience to circular letter as soon as I can find

the contract and be able to obtain
some information about them.

Not being prepared as yet to make
a general report of my district I shall
leave further particulars until I shall
be more able to furnish a full report

I have the honor to remain

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
A. C. Habicht,
Supt. B. & O. R. R.
Clark, Co.

1217 Little Rock, Ark

Henry D. Page
U. S. M.

Forwarded funds in favor
of Mrs. Halich. Page
& Philanthropy amounting 206 ⁵⁰/₁₀₀

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS,
QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., Nov 19 1866

Br Major F W Thibault
Supt R F and A L
Washington Ark

Sir

I have the honor to inclose herewith checks on National Banks of this city for two hundred & six & ⁵⁰/₁₀₀ \$206 ⁵⁰/₁₀₀ in payment of the following vouchers

A E Habicht	97,50	Major Thibault Postage	700
J R Page	102,00		

I am very respectfully

your obedt servt

Henry Papp

Br Col & asst

1858 Office Order Com.
Little Rock Mo 19/6

John Tyler
Capt. U. S. A.
a. a. a.

Self-named is the Major
of Capt. Bullard's Regiment
with the endorsement of the
dejection of Capt. Temple for
said position.
request, also that the mental
and moral requisites
of the Candidate be taken
in consideration



Dec. 20/65

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR MISSOURI, ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.
CLAIM DIVISION.

Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 19, 1866

Dear Major P. N. Thibault
General Supt. U.S. A.S.
Washington, Ark.

Major

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of communication of Mr. Ballard of the 1st Dist. asking to be relieved as Supt. Serier Co., and recommending Mr. Charles H. Temple as his successor, with your endorsement thereon of Nov. 9th disapproving of the recommendation of Mr. Temple.

In reply, I have respectfully to request that you will select the most suitable person to fill the vacancy to be created in that county, and make report to this Office. In making this selection, care should be taken that the moral, mental, and legal qualifications of the applicant,

Very respectfully,
Wm. H. Hunt

1127

I am very respectfully

Your Obedt. Servant,
John Tyler.

Capt. U. S. Co. 15th Regt. U. S. Inf.
A. A. A. Genl.

1874
Little Rock, Mo 20 Feb

H. G. Page U. S. A.

Forward Instructions
regarding to the Account of
Dr. Scarborough.

H. G.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., Nov 20 1866

Major F W Thibault

Sept. R F and A L.

Washington Ark

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that vouchers of Dr J L Scarborough for services rendered during months of August, and September, have been received at this office. The services have now been reported. If you will make supplementary reports per form No 2, for these months, for services rendered and medicines furnished, at the rate of \$48⁵⁰/₁₀₀ for August, and \$31⁰⁰/₁₀₀ for September, forwards to this office, and if approved by the Asst Commissioner, vouchers will be paid at this office.

Wm Pugh
R. C. Osborn

W. Louisville Lafayette
20 Nov 21/66

Capt Cole Capt et c

forwards the Commission
stating his arrival at Louisville
also his Letter of Acceptance
addressed to Prof. Maj. Gen. Bell.

[Faint signature]

Office Supt. 45. D. F. & A. L.,
Linnville Lafayette Co. Ark.

Nov. 21st 1864

Maj. Fred. Thibaut V. S. G.

Supt. 45. I. N. Dist. Ark.

Majors

I have the
honor to acknowledge the receipt of
your communication dated "Nov. 9"
1864. with Cir. No 24 and circular
letter dated "Office Dist. Com. Oct 31"
enclosed. I enclose herewith as
referred by letter as required by
Cir. No 24 for transmittal to Mr. Gro.
at Little Rock. I would respect-
fully state that delay in getting

... were sooner. ... not
having yet received the books 45
of J. M. Kelso Late Supt. Col. Co. I am

Prevented from making the Reports as
soon required by Circular letter
of Oct 31st 1866. As soon ^{as} pract-
ible said Reports shall be forward-
ed through your office to H. G. W.
at Little Rock.

I am
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servant
Nathan Cole
Capt. & R. G. Supervising
Sagayute & Est. Sec.

Nov 21 Capt Philadelphia

Nov 24/56

Anthony Habichs
Luph P. D. A. H.

Requests troops, for
duties at his Bureau

Copies

Office Bureau R.D. & A.S.
No 124 delphia Mer 24th 66
Doct. Maj. J. W. Thibaut.
Genl. Supt. S. W. Dir. Armp.

Maj.

I most respectfully ask that a few troops be stationed at this place, since I have been here I have been compelled to allow two prisoners to escape one for maliciously killing a Neg and one charged with whipping his wife so severely that she was unable to appear to testify against him.

There are also two cases now before this office which should have prompt attention and it will be necessary to

summon one is for stabbing a freedman last summer, and one where a person named Pallow drove a freedman off of his

his place followed the freed man with
a gun two miles and threatened to kill
him also drove off the Freed mans
family and refused to pay the wages
due the party.

As you see it is absolutely necessary
for a small force, if you can spare
one or more mounted men they would
be a great addition and have a great
effect in this country

I have the honor to remain

Very Respectful

A. E. H. H. H.

Supr.

Clark Co.

Claims Division

Office Act Com:

Nov 27/66

John Tyler

Brig. Gen. U. S. Vol.

A. C. A. Gen.

Instructions for making
out Claims for bounty
Colored Troops.

Washington

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., Nov 24th 1866.

St. Maj. J. W. Shilans
Genl. Suptr
Washington Ark.

Major:

I am directed by the Asst. Comd to inform you that claims may now be taken under Joint Resolutions of June 15th and July 26th 1866, without furnishing proof of freedom. Claims should be made first under these resolutions, and afterward for the bounty, under the "equalization act". The necessary blanks will be furnished at the earliest possible date, and until they are received, it is suggested to the officers who forward claims that they receive the discharges of the claimants when application is made, and prepare the claims when the blanks are obtained, thus keeping the Soldiers from the hands of claim agents.

I am very respectfully

Capt V. R. G. H. Maj. Coln
J. A. Smith

7022 Little Rock
Nov 28/66

H. G. Page
Capt Col U.S.A.

Giving information in
making out Returns.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS.
QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., Nov 28 1866.

Army I N Thibaut
Supper

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of Nov 23rd 66

In reply I would most respectfully inform you that property purchased is taken up on Abst "B" form No 24. Vouches for same in forms 25. Property purchased and paid for, ~~for~~ or to be paid for, from the funds of the Bureau should be accounted for on a separate Return from property received from the Quartermaster's Dept.

I am very respectfully

your obt servant

Henry Page

Lilly Park,
No. 23, New 30/66

H. G. Page

Check now ready Receipts
for vouchers in favor of
Dr Lee's account to Mr. Lee
also requests Supplemental
Reports

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS.
QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., Nov 30. 1866.

Maj F W Thibaut
Gen Supt &c.

Sir

I have the honor to inform you
that I am ⁱⁿ receipt this day of an acct
from Dr J G Scarborough, for services & med-
icines furnished during month of October
for \$1¹⁵/₁₀₀. This voucher will have to be re-
ported the same as instructions given you
in my letter of Nov 20. 1866. before payment
can be paid.

Yours respectfully

Your obt servant

Henry Page

Bras & Co

Washington, Ark
Dec 9th 1866.

Thibaut, Bt Maj. F. H.
Genl Supt &c.

Asks whether, in ap-
proving colored
orphans, he shall
follow the blank
indentures furnished,
which require a bond
for \$5000, or the State
Statute, which require
no such bond. Also
asks shall the settlements
with the freedmen
be made in the pres-
ence of the agents

D. 63. Volume 3 66.



Bureau B. F. & A. L.
For act & Ind. Ter.
Little Rock Ark
Dec 17th 1866.

Respectfully returned
to Bt Maj. F. H. Thibaut
V. R. G. Genl Supt &c.
The blanks for inden-
tures referred to within
were furnished for use
of officers under in-
structions of the Asst
Comr issued previous
to circular No 21 and
should not now be used
neither should the
bond be required.
In the settlement of
contracts you will be
guided by your own
judgment in individ-
ual cases so far as
the necessity for the
presence of an officer

in the settlement
of accounts is re-
quired. All accounts
against freedmen
should receive a
close examination
at the hands of
Supts. If in your
opinion that will be
sufficient it will
not be necessary to
cause a Supt to
be present at set-
tlements.

By command of
Bt Maj. Genl Ord
Asst Comr

W. S. Tyler

Capt. V. R. C. Bt Maj. Col
8365, A. A. A. Genl.

Dec. 22/66.

C. P.


Bureau R. F. & C. S.
For acct & Ind Gen
Little Rock Ark
Dec 13, 1866.

~~Asst Commr~~

Respectfully returned
The forfeiture by the
employee of one dollar
per day or the full of
his rations and pay for
that time is a perfectly
fair deduction and should
be deducted from the
wages of the parties of the
second part of this
contract when such
parties fail, by time
lost, as reported within,
to perform their part
of the contract. But if
the wages and rations for
the time lost are deducted,
the one dollar additional

all the wages of the
parties for that time
have been taken.

By command of
1st Maj. Genl or do
Asst Commr


Capt. V. R. G. 1st Maj. G. S.
A. A. A. Genl.

E. 359.

Free Receipt

Little Falls

Office Cash Com No 13/66
20

Col. Henry G. Page
Chief Q M

Towards a check in favor
of Dr. Leas borough \$110 ⁶⁵/₁₀₀

Copied

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS.
QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., Dec 13th 1866.

Maj F. W. Thibault
Supt Popk F. Road.
Washington D.C.

Sir

I have the honor to inclose here -
with checks for \$110⁶⁵/₁₀₀ in payment of
Dr J. G. Scarborough's vouchers for August
September & October 1866.

I am very respectfully

your obedient servant

Henry Page

Acting Quartermaster

See Dec 20/66
Little Ferry
Office Army Com. - Dec 15/66

Dear Sir
Re: Major U.S. Volts
Co. C. 1st Gen

Forwards communication in re
answer to request for troops
for Camp C.

States that such have been ordered
also that mounted troops would
be furnished soon

C. Smith

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., Dec 13th 1866.

Bt Maj. F. W. Shibant, U. R. Co.

Gen'l Supt, &c,

Monticello, Ark,

Major,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of communication of A. E. Habicht requesting a detachment of troops to be stationed at Arkadelphia, which was forwarded by you the 3rd inst. In reply I am directed by the Asst Comr to inform you that a detachment consisting of one Sergeant and eight privates has been ordered to report to him for duty. Please notify Mr Habicht.

men for Washington, I will state that the Asst Comr is aware of the necessity for mounted men

in your District as well as in nearly all sections of this State and efforts are being made to furnish them at an early day. This will not be construed by you as meaning that you need not continue reporting outrages or showing, by any statement of affairs, the necessity for mounted troops.

I am very respectfully,
Your Obit Servt,

John Tyler
Capt. & R. S. B. T. Major. Col.
A. A. Gent.

Lewisville Ark.
Dec 15/1866

Col. Capt. Nathan
Supt &c.

Enclosing card of Chas
a. Wright &c.

Copied

Miss M. C. ...

Office Supt^g R. F. & A. L.,
For Lafayette & Columbia Cos.
Searsville, Ark.
December 15th 1864

Col. Maj. John Tyler U. S. A.
U. S. A. Gen. R. F. & A. L.

Major:

I have the
honor to transmit herewith "Cash of Bless"
Albert A. Wright

I am

Very respectfully
your Obedt Servt
Nathan Cole

Capt U. S. A. Supt^g R. F. & A. L.

This Office Gen. Supt.
S. M. Supt. Co.

Officers Comd
Little Rock Dec 27/6.

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Gen Taylor Brig Geny. West/66
C. A. Gen.

Forwarded communication
regarding the establishing
of a hospital for Destitute
Sick Refugees and Freedmen.

Copied

BUREAU 52

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., Dec 14th 1866.

1 Lt Col. F. N. Hibbard
Genl. Supdt.
Washington Ark

Major

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your report of the 11th inst. upon the condition of indigent freedmen in your vicinity.

In reply thereto, I am directed by the Assistant Commissioner to inform you that orders have been issued to the Surgeon-in-chief of this Bureau, to establish a refuge and freedmen's hospital at Washington.

It is expected that a contract will be made with A. H. Surgeon Fox now there with the Troops, to take charge of this hospital and that the Government building built at Washington for soldiers quarters will be used for this purpose. You should confer together as to the selection of buildings, and upon all matters pre-

It is expected that the planters will continue their care of these people, until the hospital can be established.

I am very respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt

John Tyler
Capt V. P. C. 1830 Maj Vols
A. A. Lewis

Office Pa. R. W. Co.
Philadelphia 10 Dec

A. C. Habicht
Sept 70,

Forwarding his bond
to agent,

Copied

Office Bureau P. O. & A. S.

Philadelphia Decr 15th 66

Dear Maj. Fred. W. Schibant

Genl Supt. S. W. Kist

Washington. D. C.

Maj.

I herewith return my official bond of \$500.00 for the faithful performance as Supt. P. O. & A. S. with the necessary stamp, it having been over worked in the bustle of business.

I remain Major

Very Respectfully

Your obt servt

J. A. C. Labright

Washington ark
Dec 15. 1866.

Thibaut F. W.
At may & Genl Supt

asks what to do with
a certain freedman,
whom he has arrested,
who stole a horse and
sold it to another
freedman & afterward
for fear of being caught
killed the horse.

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Bureau A. F. & L.
For ark & Ind Ter
Little Rock ark
Dec 31. 1866.

Respectfully returned
to At May F. W. Thibaut
Genl Supt. This
case will be adjudi-
cated by the Civil Au-
thorities if they will
take proper action in
the matter. If that
cannot be done it will
be adjudicated before
the authorities of this
Bureau at Washington
under the instructions
relative to Bureau Courts

By command of
At may Genl Supt
Asst Com

M. Taylor

Capt A. C. At may 2nd

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At May Genl Supt
Little Rock Ark

Head Qrs. Genl. Supt. R. F. A. S.,
S. H. Dist. of Arks.

Washington Arks
Dec 15th 1886

John Tyler

Capt. & R. C. Fort Maj. 206;

A. A. Genl.:

I would

most respectfully ask to be informed, in
regard to how I must proceed in regard
to a certain freedman, that I now have
in custody. The circumstances are briefly
these: The man stole a horse and sold
to another freedman, and fearful of being
caught, came and killed the horse, thinking
that he might ~~by~~ so doing, get himself
clear. I arrested the party from
the hands of another party, who were
about in the act of hanging him.
I am in a dilemma with regard to
what course to pursue, & what disposition

is per circulars and an act of congress, etc,
14 dated July 16/1886. such cases should be
tried by officers of the bureau; the circular
states where old codes of law are still in existence
also, that where states were not in constitutional relation
with the government, jurisdiction is given to officers
of the bureau, to be governed by the State Statutes

As, this is a delicate matter, I thought prudent to ask advice, before proceeding further, Please advise me, at once in this respect. and

Yours Very Respectfully,
E. W. Hilbert
Genl, Supt. P. F. A. S. M. Dist of Arks.

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Prot. Maj Gen Tyler
A. A. Genl
Little Rock Ark

Bureau R. F. Vol 1
for ark + ind ten
Little Rock ark
Dec 31. 1866.

Respectfully returned
Prot. Maj Gen Hilbert
Genl Supt. This
case will be adjudicated by the Civil authorities if they wish the proper action in the matter. If that cannot be done it will be adjudicated before the authorities of this Bureau at Washington under the instructions relative to Bureau Courts by command of
Prot. Maj Gen and
asst Com

W. S. Tyler
Capt & c. Apprs me
581. arka, 4

Washington ark
Dec 15. 1866

Subst. F. W.
Prot. Maj Gen Hilbert
states what to do in a certain instance whom he has arrested who stole a horse and sold it to another person & after some time of being caught killed the horse.

F. W. Vol 2 66



Little Rock Dec 19/40

Dr Lilly
Chief Surgeon B. P. A. C.

Information that a new
officer has been appointed
to take charge of the hosp.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS.

OFFICE OF SURGEON IN CHIEF.

Little Rock Ark, Dec, 12th 1866

Major

I have the honor to inform you that a medical Officer will be assigned to duty with Refugees & Freedmen at Washington Ark, as soon as practicable. The assignment will be made from this office.

Very Respectfully
your obed^t serv^t

Henry M. Lilly
Asst Surg, Affairs,
Surg. in Chief
Dist. Ark. & Ind. Ter.

Col Maj, J. Thibaut
Gen'l Supt.
S.W. Ark

C. Q. M. Office
B. R. F. and A. L. Case 40 S. S.
Little Rock Dec 31. 1866.

Page Henry Agan.

Receipt of Vouchers of
Aganymyham Wm Fadden
These Vouchers cannot be paid
until Circular letter from Act
Comm. of Nov 6 is complied
with.

Army Office Prof A. S. W. L.
Little Rock Ark

Dec 31. 1866.

Attn: Maj Fred. W. Whitcomb
Supt Bureau P. & S.
Washington Ark.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your purchase vouchers issued to Andy Cunningham & Warren W. Fadden. These vouchers cannot be paid, until circular letter from Office of Asst Commissioner, dated Nov 6th 1866. has been supplied with

I am very respectfully
your obedient servant,
Wm. Page
Asst. Comm.

War Dept
Washington City Dec 22/66

George T. ...
Ed Schriener
Inspector General

Forwards your orders, to have
arrangements made in proper order
in case fire should break out.
Such orders to be forwarded
to agents who are responsible
for public property.

Rec'd Dec 16/67

War Department
Washington City Dec. 22^d 1866

Lensulas

Sir,

The Secretary of War directs that you immediately give instructions to all the Officers and Agents of your Bureau who have public property under their charge to take the necessary precautions for preventing its destruction or damage by accidental fire, and also to see by personal inspection, that the apparatus for extinguishing fires, of which they have control, is in proper condition for effective use.

Very respectfully

Yours Obedt Servt
(sgd) Ed. Schrieves.

Inspector General

W. H. L.

Received

1866

Official copy respectfully furnished for the
information and guidance of B's Maj Genl.
E. O. C. Ord. Asst Genl. for Arkansas

(Sgd) H. P. Ketchum.
A. A. Genl.

Official Copy

Ino Tyler
Capt V R C. Bt Maj, vols
a. a. a. s.

Little Rock, Dec 22/66

John Tyler, Post Office,
U. S. A.

James Marriage Certificate

J. C. (A)

Little Rock Nov 27/54

1st Lt. Gray
Capt. P. Peak

request transportation

for some colored family
to Little Rock

W. P.

Office Supt. Bureau R.F.H.S.
Little Rock Arkansas
Dec 22 1866

Major Thibault
Supt Bureau R.F.H.S.
Washington Ark.

Major:

I have the honor to request your assistance in getting the family of neptam Wile (Col) to this place. His family consists of five children the oldest of which is a young woman of twenty two years of age. She is now living at Louisville but the father has written to her to start for Washington immediately when he hopes you will be able to put her on a Govt. wagon and send her to this place. Please assist

and endeavor may be secured,

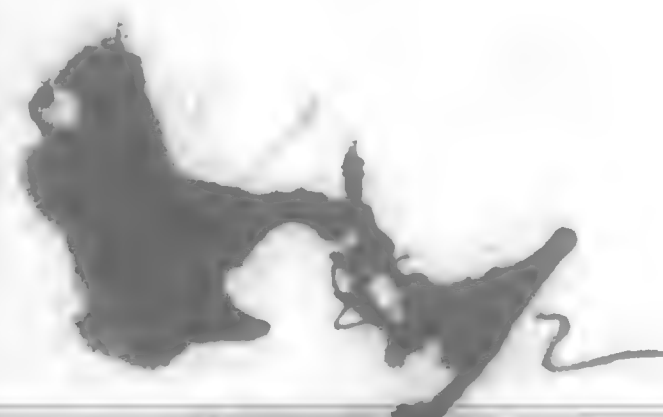
Very respectfully Yours obt servt

Frank Cross 1st Lt Supt B. R.F.H.S.

Mancliffa
Dec 25. 1852

A. M. Ballard Supper

Relative to being re-
ceived by Sicut Hiram
A. Hillis -



Office Supt. R. F.
Jamaica 1846

Dec 25 - 1846

Maj. F. W. Whitlat

Genl. Supt. R. F.

Sir

This day
St. Willis reported in compliance
with S. O. 100 - to which you & I
transferred all Books & papers in
my Office -

In relation to schools,
there has been no school taught for
several years in the County. The past
year, some of the leading farmers
have expressed the desire to have
schools established on their plantations.
Public sentiment has been & still
is so much opposed to it - that
Trachus cannot be procured here,
& I doubt if the School: Centre be

was organized two or three (at a
Sabbath Schools, in the early part
of the year & discontinued - on account
of structural instances to the Trachus,
with a few men - as Mr. Griffith, & others
are promising. I think it would be
attempts the establishment of

Schools. The Ministry discontinue
the 3 Schools for the reasons I
have given -

Will you send me
Com. of St. Nilles a certificate as
to the time I remain on duty
as Supt. I may need it in
settling for my services -

Very Respt

A. W. Ballou

Manly, N.Y.
Dec 25. 1845.

W. B. Adams

relative to being re-
vised by Smith & Horn
N.Y.

Louisville Dec 24/66

Genl J. C. Cole U.S.A.
Camp La Fayette Co.

Acknowledges receipt of the
Confidential Order and
that the note was forwarded
to Cornell

Office Supt. &c R. F. &c
Linnisville Ark. Dec 26 1866
Col. Maj. Fred T. Lumbard
Supt. &c S. H. Diet. Ark.

major
I have

the honor to acknowledge the
receipt of "Confidential Instructions"
(Two Enclosures) dated "War Dept.
Sept. 19 1866" (Copies).

Also your letter dated
Dec 21 1866 acknowledging the
receipt and transmittal to Supt.
Thorp at Camden of one note sent
by me for collection.

I am
Very Respectfully
Yours Ours. Servant
Nathan Cole
Capt. & Col. Maj. Supt
&c R. F. & A. L.

D. R. F. W. A. S. Am. Ed. 25

Office Asst Commr.

Little Rock, Dec 31st 1856.

A. G. C.

Tyler John A. S. G.

Altho Commr. does approve
request of 24th Dist to employ
Additional Clerk. Parties contrac-
ting should prepare contracts for
approval of Agents: who
should render information
cheerfully. An additional
Clerk should not be employed
specially for that purpose

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., Dec 21st 1866.

St Maj. F. W. Thibaut, V.R.C.

Genl Supt &c,

Washington, Ark,

Major,

I am directed by the Asst Commr to inform to you that he disapproves of your request of the 24th inst to employ an additional clerk whose wages will be paid by charging planters certain sums for writing their contracts. The parties contracting for labor should prepare the contracts for the approval of the Agents of the Bureau. The agents should render cheerfully all information and assistance they can with the means at hand and an additional clerk should not be employed for this purpose specially.

M. C. Lyler
Capt. V.R.C. 88th Regt. Vols.

A. A. S.

Louisville Nov 21/66

Genl. Wm. C. C. Cole V B C
Supt, eto. Lafayette Co.

Reports. depreciables Committee
as freedmen in regard of paying
their pay, obstructed by
Attachment from C. C. C. C.

Office Supt R. F. & S. L.
Linnville Ark
Dec 31 1866.

Col Maj Fred W. Thibault
Capt G. W. Dent Clarke
Major

I have the honor to state that Mr. J. R. Fenley of Magnolia Columbus Co has had Freedmen to work for him the past year. Now that his Cotton is gathered certain parties for a debt have seized an attachment on said Cotton although the Sheriff of said Co was notified by Mr Fenley that the Freedmen were dependent on said Cotton for their wages. Mr. Fenley went to Little Rock and saw the General on the subject and states that he was told to come to me and that I would seize the Cotton by military

process and apprehend Mr Fenley. I have no force here to

Collect the Freedmen's claims and
would, respectfully request it be
furnished.

I am

Very respectfully
yours
Nathan Cole
Capt. V. R. L. & Doct. Major
Capt. R. F. & A. L.

Wm. H. Lytle
Office Asst Commr
Little Rock Ark Dec 31. 1864

A. G. O.

Super John A. G.

Communication in regard
to establishment of Hospital re-
ferred to Surg in Chf who
will visit Washington shortly
to inspect and give the necessary
directions

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., Dec 31st 1866.

Bt Maj F. N. Shibant U.S.A.

Genl Supt co.

Washington, Ark.

Major,

I have the honor to inform you that so much of your communication of the 24^{inst} as refers to the establishment of a Refugee and Freedmen Hospital at Washington has been referred to the Surgeon-in-Chief for his information in giving directions upon this subject, and that he will shortly visit Washington to inspect and give the necessary directions upon this subject.

I am very respectfully,

Your Obedt Servt,

W. L. G.

W. L. G. Genl

J. R. F. U.S. Army
Office, Adjutant
Little Rock, Arkansas Dec 31 1866

A.G.O

John Tyler, A.A.S.

Refers to certain official
letters, and invites attention
to par 445 A.A.S. Official
letters should refer to them they
only does not refer to
monthly narrative reports

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., Dec 31st 1866

St Maj. F. H. Shibant U. S. A.

Genl Supt &c.

Washington, Ark.

Major,

Referring to your communication of the 24 inst relative to Ref. & Freedmen Hospital and the employment of an additional clerk in your office, and to several letters lately received from you, the Dept Comr desires your attention to be respectfully invited to Par. 445 Res. Army Regulations which reads, "official letters should refer to one matter only." This does not refer to regular monthly narrative reports.

I am very respectfully,
Your Obedt Servant,

J. S. G.

Asst. Comr. of the Bureau

A. A. S.

Little Rock

Nov 19/66

Dec 26

John Tyler Post Mtr,
U. S. A. Gen.

Informing that 10 horses
will be furnished for
this post.

This letter was received. Dec 26/66

(A. C. Cope)

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., Nov 19th 1866

Bt Maj. F. H. Shibant, U.S.C.
Gen'l Supt. &c,
Washington, Ark.

Major,

I am directed by the Asst Comr
to inform you that ten horses will
be furnished for the use of the troops
at Washington, so that detachments
of mounted troops may be attain-
able as the necessity therefor arises.

I am very respectfully,
Your Obedt Servt.

Wm. L. ...
Capt U.S.A. Bt Major, Vol.

Extract

Advice in regard to
collecting back pay of
Squadmen

(Extract)

Your question in regard to the construction of par. 4 circular no 16, I will answer that.

Whenever freed men leave their employers with or without consent the Supt. will have the accounts duly attested filed in the office and proceed to collect one half of such amount as may be due the employees. Such funds to be accounted for on J. Masters returns no. 2. (account current) and be used for the benefit of such aged, sick or infirm freed men as are unable to support themselves.

In cases where parties have contracted for a given time, the freed men should be driven off or treated in such a manner that they cannot stay, the Supt's. will cause the full amount of wages that would become due on the termination of the contract to be collected, one half of which will be paid to the party so discharged and the balance placed to the credit of the account as above specified.

By order of
J. W. Sprague

Wm. Bureau - C. S. & D. S.

Dept No & Art? ~~_____~~

To

Post Maj.

Fred W. Hibbard

Supt B. R. F. & A. S.

Kempstead Co

H. H. H.

U.S. Marshal for Illinois & Kentucky
Office East Room.

A.S.O. Little Rock Jan 2nd 1875

Tyler John A. S. G.

Requiring Agents of the Bureau
in Certain Cases to report by
letter to Chf. of M. & C. S.
of Dept. and to sign themselves
as Agents of A. C. S.

W. H. H.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Circular Letter Little Rock, Ark., Jan 25 1865.

Sir:

When detachments of troops are moving without other commissioned officers than an agent of this Bureau, such agents will report by letter to the Chief Quartermaster, Department of the Arkansas, Col. or Montgomery, as you terminate, and to the Chief Commissary of the Department Col. J. L. Canine as Commissary, in addition to his other duties, in order that he may make necessary purchases, receipts for property, &c. Each of such officers will sign himself as A. A. M. and A. C. S.

By command of

Br. Maj. Genl. E. A. C. Ved. Asst. Commr.
John Taylor

25 of 25.

U.S. Dept of the Ordnance
Little Rock Ark July 4. 1867

Approved

By command of

Bvt. Maj. Genl. E. C. Ord.

(Sgd) O. D. Greene.

Act. Adj. Genl.

Official

Mo Tyler

Capt U.S. Artillery

A. A. G.

Bvt. Maj. F. H. Spauld

Genl. Supt

Washington Ark

Philadelphia
Jan'y 2nd 1767

A. E. Fabrick
Capt &c.

Respecting murder of
2 freedmen. in his
vst

Office, Bureau R.R. & Co.

Philadelphia July 2nd 67

Br. Maj. J. W. Thibaut Genl. Sup.
S. W. Miss. Arns
Bureau R.R. & Co.

Major

Enclosed please find communication
from me and endorsement of Genl.
Ord. in reference to a murder
committed in Saline Co.

P.H. circular 4030, authorizes me
to call upon the nearest post for troops
as there are none here I am compelled
to do so. Washington is the nearest
post to this place, but Little Rock
rears to Benton where the murder
was committed, please inform me
what I must do in the premises
Am very busy now and cannot leave
the office myself.

Very respectfully

Your obt. Servant

J. C. Habicht Supr

Louisville, Jan 8/67

Post Off. - Cal. V. P. B.
Lapheta Lapheta Co

went to know why contracts
from his Dist are approved
in this office

Office Supt R. F. & B. L.
Senisville Ark
Jan 8th 1867.

Col. Maj. Thibaut,
Supt L. W. Dist Ark

Major:

I have the
honor to state as follows: I understood
that many parties from around Sullen
and other extreme points of this div.
go to your office to get contracts
approved etc, etc.

If this is the case
will it not prevent me from keeping
a correct record of contracts approved
in my dist? And when reports are
required prevent me from making
correct ones? I would respectfully
request if consistent with your idea
of the matter that you inform parties
from this dist that they must bring

I am

Very respectfully
Your obt servt

(over)

Nathan Cole
Capt. Maj. Supt. N. F. & A. S.

P.S.

I am very sorry to hear you are
so ill and wish it was so I could
call and see you

Little Rock, Ark. 11/14/1877

Henry G. Page Esq
A. D. M.

Regarding Citizens agents
to be borne on the rolls of
his office

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office,

Little Rock, Ark., Jan 11 1867.

Maj J H Thibaut
Supt A S Wood L.
Washington Ark.

Sir

Your letter of enquiry dated Dec
23^d is recd.

In answer I would most respectfully
state-

1st All citizens agents, and their em-
ployees, in your district, are borne on
the rolls of this office.

2nd - Stationery, and Claiuing will
be forwarded to you first opportunity

I am very respectfully

Your obedient servt.

Wm Page

Actg Comm

Little Rock Dec 12/64

Brat Col. H. G. Page
Chief A. M.

Request, Allesh D, of purchases
for the month Nov 1864.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office,

Little Rock, Ark., Jan'y 12th 1864.

Major F. W. Thibault
Supt A S and L.
Washington Ark.

Sir

I have the honor to inform you
that I have in this office vouchers of
Warren McFadden and Andy Cunn-
ingham, issued by you for purchase of
articles, which cannot be paid until
Abstract of purchase vouchers given, has
been furnished this office, in accordance
with Circular Letter of Nov 6th 1863, from
office of Act Comd.

I am very respectfully

your obedient servant
H. A. [Signature]

Office Genl Deputy of Lands
Little Rock Dec 14/67

W M Colby, Genl Deputy
for Schools State of Ark

Sends information that he will
explore this section of the Country
with the intention of establishing
Schools. requests also that a
Lot be secured for said
purpose.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

For Missouri, Arkansas and Indian Territory,

Office of Gen'l. Supt. of Schools.

Little Rock, Ark. Jan. 12 1867.

Major G. M. Tibbault,

Genl. Supt. Freedmen.

Washington, Arkansas.

Sir:

When my assistant arrives, which will be before many days, I shall commence quite a thorough exploration of the state, for the purpose of ascertaining where schools can be established and maintained. I respectfully suggest that such measures as your judgement approves, be taken to secure a lot for school purposes at Washington. This being done we can aid in building a school house. Let the freedmen receive the matter without delay.

Very respectfully,
Wm. M. Colby

Genl. Supt. For Schools for Ark.

Office Supt. B. A. 1864
Tennessee State Jan 17. 67

Col. B. M. Washburn,

Acknowledging Recpt
of Communication in regard
to "boy Richard" enclosing
copy of order in the case.

Referring to decision
in claim department. H.

Office Suptre R.D. & A.S.

Lewisville, Ark. Jan. 17th 1867.

Maj. Geo. W. Thebault, V.R.C.

Genl. Supt. S.W. Dist, Ark.

Major,

I have

the honor to acknowledge receipt of yours relative to the boy Richard, (Pank case) and herewith transmit copy of my order sending the boy to his mother.

I would respectfully state that I issued the order for the boy to go to his father for the reason that in the "Claim Dept." a decision is made "that back pay or Bounties due colored soldiers (deceased), must be paid to the mother if the mother was a slave under a different master than the father. In which case the mother of course had exclusive care & trouble with the child. But if the father & mother belonged to the same master, then the

the mother is the mother, and the father is entitled to Back Pay, or Bounty.

This rule as laid down by the Claim Dept. I thought would apply to such

a case as this, as the father and mother
belonged to the same master when
slaves.

I am

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

Nathan Leoley

1st Lt. Maj. & Supt. U.S.

Little Rock Ark July 15. 67

Montgomery Col. A.

Wife of Gen. Lewis re.

Returning Accounts for
fuel & quarters & directing
them to be presented to Adm
G. M. at Washington

(copy)

Headquarters Department of the Arkansas,

Office Chief Quartermaster

Little Rock, Ark. *Jan 18 1867.*

Major

Your account for Commutation
of Fuel & Quarters is herewith returned,
it should be presented to the A.A.G.M.
at Washington Ark, for payment

Very respectfully,
Your Obedt Servt
Chas. W. Murray
St. Louis Mo
(A. A. M. Dept of Ark)

Port Wm S. W. E. Cabaud
Capt 18 V R C
Washington

G. M. & Co. Office
Little Rock, Ark. Jan 19. 1871

Page Col Henry

Enclosing invoices
& receipts, & Bills of Lading
of clothing shipped to Fulton
Will have private teams if
necessary. Give vouchers &
receipts on return of persons
& articles.

(copy)

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office,

Little Rock, Ark., *January 1867*

At Maj. F. W. Whitcomb
Sul. Supt. R. G. A. S.
Washington Arks

Major

I have the honor to transmit
herewith Invoices and Receipts and Duplicates and
Public Bills of Lading for Clothing and Stationery
shipped to you this day per Ste Peter Balen

The Clothing is consigned to you at
Bullton Arks, at which place you will receive
it, and if the Post Commandant at Washington
cannot furnish the necessary teams for its
transportation to Washington, you will hire
private teams, giving vouchers for the service
and take it up on your Report of Persons and
Articles

Curry Page
Quartermaster

At Col. and A. S. H.

Official Ass't Comm
Little Rock Ark. July 21. 1867

Tyler Capt J.W.
Adj't. Genl.

Officers of the Bureau. Allow
one room for Office. Rooms
in excess furnished by the Bureau
deprives them of Commodities
of Quarters.

capt

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., Jan 21 1867.

Circular Letter.

Sir,

Officers in the military service of the United States on duty in this Bureau as Superintendents are hereby informed that they are allowed one room as office and that rooms in excess of this number furnished by the Bureau, occupied by themselves as sleeping rooms or quarters, deprives such officers of the privilege of commutation their rations at 50 cents or collecting commutation for quarters.

By command of

Br Maj. Genl E. O. C. Ord Asst Commr

W. S. L. S. L.

Genl Supt
Washington

A. S. S. S. S.

S. S.

Supts Office
Granddikes.

July 21, 1867

~~Wesley J. J.~~

Acknowledges receipt
of blank forms referred
to in Cir 311,

(17/2)

Office Supt B.R. & A.S.
Camden Ark June 21 1867

St. Maj. J. H. Whitout
Genl Supt B.R. & A.S.
St. Dist. Ark

Major

I have the honor
to acknowledge the receipt of blank forms referred to
in circular No 30

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
J. H. Whorp
Supt B.R. & A.S.

Office of the Secretary of War
D. C.
Sept. 22, 1867.

Page 101 Army.

Returning returns of
Stores pertaining to the
4th A.S. with remarks
& directions in regard to
returns.

(copy)

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office,

Little Rock, Ark., Jan'y 22^d 1867.

Maj J. H. Shilcutt
Washington and
Civ

I have the honor to return herewith your
Return of Stores pertaining to Regt 5th & a Co.
for month of December 1866. with the follow-
ing remarks, viz.

Abstract D. - Voucher No. 7. wood purchases
of Aaron Hittner. vouchers show 4 Cords pur-
chased. Abstract D shows 2 Cords. & 256 feet or
1 Cord. -

Abstract L. - Storage must be expen-
ded for public animals on abstract G form No.
31. as per voucher form No 34. Wood must
be expended on abstract F form No 28. as per
voucher form No 29. One cord of wood per
month is allowed for use of an office. Sta-

form No 37. as per voucher form No 38. -

Returns - Corn is taken up both as
pounds and bushels. I would most respectfully

suggests that you drop the terms bushels and
use pounds.

I am very respectfully

your obedt servt

Henry Page

Proctorum

G. M. & Co's Office
Little Rock Ark

Jan'y 22 1867

Page Assay.

Col & G. m.

Inclosing Check for
assay hire & Rent. \$13.15⁰⁰

copy

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office,

Little Rock, Ark., *Jan'y 27 1867*

Maj A W. Shubert
Supt Dept R Road.
Washington D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to inclose herewith
checks on Merchants National Bank
of Little Rock for one hundred and thirty
one $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars in payment of the fol-
lowing vouchers, viz - James C. Pappas
and C. A. Etter & Co.

I am very respectfully
your obedient servant
Wm. Page
Asst. Comm.

Office Agent Supt Schools
Little Rock Arkansas July 23. 1867

Colby W. M.

enclosing extract of
letter from Rev J. R. Shepley
A. M. M. A. for information &c
will send a good male
teacher for the Red River
Plantation &c

(copy)

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

For Missouri, Arkansas and Indian Territory,

Office of Gen'l. Supt. of Schools.

Little Rock, Ark. Jan. 23 1867.

Ed. May. M. Thibault

Supt. Freedmen Washington, Ark.

Major:

I have the honor to transmit herewith enclosed of letter from Rev. J. R. Ship-
herd Secy. Am. M. Assn for your information and
guidance: "We will send you in a few days a com-
plete tender for the Red river plantation near Washing-
ton, upon the quarterly in Major Thibault's note of
\$30. per month and board. Please notify the Major
that every thing may be in readiness when he ar-
rives. The application of St. Leger for teachers in
Ashley county would have been all promptly filled
if it had conveyed similar assurance of co-

Very respectfully,

Wm. H. Colby

Gen'l. Supt. Schools

Super Office
Lexington Ala July 29. 1867

Col St. M. Graham.

Requesting that no
Contract be approved with
Wilson & Lewis, as he has
defrauded his bond.
w to l.

Capt.

Office Supt R F & R L,
Fenwickville Ark
Jan 24th 1867

Col Maj. Fred W. Tribbitt
Gen Supt S W Dist Ark

Major:

I have
the honor to request that no contract
be "upped" for Wilson G. Davis, Fayette
Co. he having defrauded his laborers
the previous year

I am,

Very respectfully

Nathan Cole,

Capt U.S.C. & Col Maj

Supt R F & R L.

Office Super
Lewisville Ark July 24, 67

Col R. W. Nathan.

Transmitting forms of
indentures in accordance
with laws of Ark⁴
wish to have some
printed.

(copy)

Office Supt R. F. & H. S.
Sewisville Ark
Jun 24th 1867

Det Maj Fred W Thibault U.R.C.
Gen Supt J. W. Smith, Ark.

Majors:

I have the honor to transmit herewith forms of "Indentures of Apprenticeship" made out in accordance with the laws of State of Arkansas.

You will remember that you were to have some of them printed.

I am,

Very respectfully
Your Obedt Servt

Nathan Cole

Capt 23rd U.R.C. & Det. Maj
Supt R. F. & H. S.

Office Super
Lewistown Pa July 24. 1867.

Col. B. T. Maj. Nathan.

Transmitting Contract
of F. D. Ross. & acknowledging
receipt of 2 letters re,

Office Supt R. F. & A. S.
Sensville Ark,
Jan 24th 1867.

Col-Maj, Fred W. Thibaut U. R. L.
Gen, Supt, R. F. & A. S. S. W. Dist, Ark,
Washington, Arks.

Major:

I have
the honor to acknowledge receipt
of two (2) letters from you by Mr.
Stegar. I also have the honor to
transmit one Contract of F. D. Ross the
only one on file in this Office

I am

Very respectfully

Yours Obediently

Nathan Cole

Capt U. R. L. & Pol

Maj Supt, R. F. & A. S.

B of R # 25 A. L. S. W. Dist. Utes
Office of Asst Comm.
Little Rock Utes, July 24,
1867.

Ord. E. O. C. 12th May Genl. etc.

To

Lieut J. S. Taylor Supt
at Hamburg Ashley Co.

Monthly narrative report
received. A Company of Cavalry
will be sent to
arrest murderers & desperadoes.
If the restless planters do
not interest themselves to put
a stop to murders & will
send a force of Cavalry
to sweep the County of the
free men, to what places
will troops be sent etc.
We hold the best citizens responsible
for your good treatment etc.

Bureau of Dist L
Arms & Ordnance
Little Rock Ark
Feb 8, 1867.

Respectfully returned
to Bt Mas Phibant for
whose information the
within copy of letter
to St Paylor was fur-
nished.

By command of
Bt Mas Genl ord
Asst Comm

Wm Page
Bt Col F. A. G. M.
U. S. A.

64-67

Col. G.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., June 27 1867.

Sir: J. S. Taylor
Supt. Hamburg
Hobley County Ark.

Sir:

Your monthly narrative report for November 1866 is received. A company of colored cavalry will be sent you in a short time, and you will quickly satisfy yourself of the habitation of the desperadoes and murderers in your district that they may be arrested. Take affidavits in each case. You will satisfy the wealthy land owners and planters, that if they do not interest themselves so as to put a stop to murders and outrages against soldiers, freedmen and northern men as reported by your self, Capt. Barker & others, and known to be practiced in Hobley Co. I will send a company of colored cavalry to sweep the county

of what private plantations should be sent to receive the families of freedmen and how many boats it would take to remove the rest of freed population from the county.

and had many ways it would take and where they should be directed. I am authorized to furnish to each freed person as directed to move, transportation, and will include in it rations to their place of destination which will probably be Jefferson County, where there are hundreds of plantations who treat their freedmen well, and who are daily applying for permission to bring them from remote States. Notify the intelligent freedmen of this measure and state to the best men in the county that I will hold them responsible for your good treatment, and have both the power and will to carry out my intention.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
(Sgd) E. C. B. Ord
Adjt Major Genl U.S.A.
Asst Commr

Official Copy

Henry Page
Adj Col & A. G. M.
A. A. S.

Copies to be furnished to Sub Agents

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office,

Little Rock, Ark., *Jan'y 26 1867*

Rt Maj Fred W. Thibault
Supt A F W A L
Washington Ark

Sir

I have the honor to return herewith
your Return of Stores pertaining to Regt
A F W A L for corrections.

Your attention is invited to my letter
of *Jan'y 22^d 1866*.

Abstracts D. must be supported by vouchers
as per form No. 25.

One copy of Abstracts D without vouchers
must be furnished this office.

I am very respectfully

Your obt^d servant
Wm Page

Howe Dept
B. R. F. & L.
Washington June 24, 1867

Howard O. Gray Genl.

Hereafter no fees will
be charged for services in
connection with contracts,
by officers or agents of the
Bureau.

War Department
Bureau of Refugee, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands
Washington Jan 24th 1867

General

Hereafter until further orders, no fees or charges will be exacted by Officers or Agents of the Bureau for services they may render in connection with contracts between freed people and their employers, either in the examination, approval, witnessing or registry of such contracts or otherwise.

Please instruct your subordinates to comply with this requirement. Labor contracts should be in writing. If possible persuade laborer and employers not to rely upon mere verbal agreements. They occasion much confusion. Bureau Agents are required to do all in their power to secure fair contracts for the freed people, and in offering their services for that purpose they should let it be understood that they will be rendered without charge to the parties concerned.

Very Respectfully,

Wm. M. G. C. and

Asst Comm

Little Rock Ark

John S. Edwards Commissioner

Official copy respectfully furnished
for the information and guidance of
Atty Gen F. M. Tibbitts, Genl Supt
Washington Ark. and the Agents in
his district.

By command of
Atty Gen F. M. Tibbitts, Genl Supt

Little Rock Ark.,
Feb'y 27 1867

Sam'l Page
Atty Genl Supt
Ark.

B. R. F. & A. L. Allen & Sons
Office Asst Comm
Little Rock Aug 26/87

Pay Col Henry
a a a G. }

Requesting the names
of clerks in Sh. Dist re.
that they may be appointed
U.

(Copy)

62. Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., Jan 26th 1867.

Bt Maj. F. H. Phibant,

Genl Supt,

Washington, D.C.

Major,

I have the honor to request that you furnish this office with a list of the clerks employed by Agents in your District, showing the names, date of entry on duty and rate of pay per month, that they may be recommended to the Commissioners for appointment as required by law.

I am very respectfully,

Your Obedt Servt

Wm. C. Page,
Bt Colonel Det. 9th Me.

S. R. Y. / 67. B. R. P. W. S. L.

St Joseph Louisiana
Dec 28th 1866
Jan 23rd 67

Boris S. M. H.

Propose to lease his Frenchman
Estate to Freedmen for 1867,
in lots or farms & desire to have
his proposition made known

Head Qrs Dist of Miss
Bureau R. F. W. S. L.
Vicksburg Jan 2nd 1867

Respectfully referred to Maj Genl
Howard Commissioned & with the
request that he will circulate the
information as widely as possible
Signed Thos J. Woods

Brig Maj General
Asst Commissioned &c

Bureau R. F. W. S. L. Washington

January 12th 1867

Official copy respectfully furnished
Maj Genl E. Q. C. Ord Asst Comd
for use for his information

Wm A. P. Ketabian

Acting Asst Adjt Genl

Bureau R. F. W. S. L.
Ft. Arns. W. Ind. Ill.
Little Rock Ark
Jan 23rd 1867

Official copy respectfully
furnished Br. Maj. J. W. Tibbault
Genl. Supt. Washington Arns
for his information

By command of
Br. Maj Genl Ord
Asst Comd

Wm Tyler
Capt. U.S. Ar. Maj. Vol
A. A. S.

Franklin Place St. Joseph, Mo.

December 28th 1866

Brigadier Genl. Thos. J. Wood U.S.A.
Windsburg

Dear Sir,

Allow me to say to you for the purpose of making
if known that, I propose to lease (for the culture of Cotton, Corn
and other products) to "freemen" for the year 1867, my Franklin
Estate, in lots or farms, - each Farm containing one hundred
and seventy five acres cleared land, with the benefit of all
the improvements on the Estate except those in my yards
and garden, ^{and} each say, one hundred acres in each lot or
Farm thus divided, ^{and} now offered for lease, has never yet
been under water, which you know is the first thing to
consider in leasing lands in the Mississippi bottoms. The
improvements on the estate are, a new gin house with
forty horse power engine, new Grist mill, Cotton press,
Gin stands, a large barn nearly finished, quarters for

store, I will tax one third gross of what each squad of ten or
of twelve good laborers ^{and} six good mules to a Farm, will make;
^{and} advance at market price the necessary supplies for the season

the supplies to be paid for out of the laborer portion
of the crops. I will lease me on all the lots.

Yours Very Respectfully

(Signed) A. J. Bowie M. D.

Please direct as before to Ashwood Landing.

Office Supt. N. F. & A. L.
Lewisville, Ark. July 28. 1867.

Col. B. M. Nathan.

Stating that Cir 32. has
been furnished to Judges
& Magistrates in Columbia
& Lafayette Cos. And that
Hennis Wilson, J. P. States
that he will resign before
he will admit a negro
to testify against a
white man. and it is
the rule not to summon
them, asking information
as to writing to Justices
asking what they would
do in the premises

copy

Office Supt R.F. & H.S.
Furrisville Ark.
Jan 28th 1867.

Col. Maj. Fred. W. Thibaut, U.S.A.
Gen. Supt. S.W. Dist. Ark.

Major:

I have the honor to state that in compliance with your instructions, I forwarded to the "Magistrates" of this and Desha County copies of Cir. no. 32, (Civil rights bill), Mr. Dennis Wilson Justice of the Peace at Furrisville states that before he will allow a Freedman to appear as witness against a white citizen he will resign, and although no case has yet come to my knowledge where a black witness has been summoned against whites (and it is the rule

what it would be thrown out by Justice of the Peace or Judge at the case may be /over/

I would respectfully request information
if it would be advisable to address
letters to Magistrates requesting to know
what their action would be in case
freedmen were brought forward as
witnesses against white citizens in
their courts.

I am,

Very respectfully,

Your Obedient

Nathan Cole

Capt U.S. & Post Mas.

Supt R. F. & A. S.

Dr. F. W. Johnson & Son
Office Supt Schools
Little Rock Ark. Aug 31. 1867

Colby Wm M.
Supt. v.

J. W. S.

Hope to erect a school
house in Washington
worth a \$1000 - will
furnish plan. Site in
Free Sample must be deeded
in trust to trustees v.

Dec. 1. 1867

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

For ~~Missouri~~, Arkansas and Indian Territory,

Office of Gen'l. Supt. of Schools.

Little Rock, Ark. ~~June 21~~ 1867.

12th Maj F W Shilant,
Gen'l Supt. Freedmen,
Washington, Ark.

Major:

Your favor of the 23rd inst. is at hand.
The hope to erect a school building worth
(including the labor,) at least \$1,000.00 at
Washington when assured that the freedmen
own in fee simple suitable ground for the
purpose. The deed should be made to a Board
of Trustees (colored men, & permanent residents,
in trust, for school purposes. Such is the
advice of Judge Colwell of the U.S. Circuit
Court. I can furnish a plan which I

forwarded.

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant,

Wm. Colby

Gen'l Supt. of Schools.

D R F and A. J. for A. & S. L. L. & S. L. L.
Office West Corner
Little Rock Ark. Aug 31. 1867

Pay Bt Col Henry
A. A. G. 500 m.

To Report without delay
whether any of the rooms
rented by the Bureau are
occupied as sleeping
rooms.

See page 14

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 31st 1867.

Circular letter

Sir

The Assistant Commissioner directs that you report to this office without delay whether any of the rooms rented by this Bureau at your station are occupied by you as sleeping rooms or quarters.

I am, very respectfully
Yours obdt. servt.

Henry Page
Sg. Col. & S. G. W.
A. S. S. G.

To

By way of H. Shubert

Washington
Ark

RR F. G. A. L.
Lewisville Ark

July 1st 1867.

Col. Rt Maj Washburn

Transmitting affidavits
list of W Johnson (Fines)
in regard to Byrd in
compliance with
order of court

Office Supt. P. F. & H. S.,
Seminole Ark
February 1st 1867

Col. Maj. Fred W. Thibault
Gen. Supt. P. F. & H. S.,
S. W. Dist. Ark,
Major

I have the honor to transmit herewith Affidavit of one Washington Johnson (Freed) which states what I consider to be facts relative to one Mr Byrd. In compliance with his letter dated Nov. 2nd 1866 of Arkansas Little Rock Ark, Dec 16th 1866

I would respectfully request a detail for the purpose of arresting said Byrd and giving the child Lucy to her father.

I am

Very respectfully
Yours Obedt servt

Capt 23rd U.S. Inf. ^{and Det.}
Major Vols. Supt. P. F. & H. S.

P.R. L. + M for Dates & Letters
Officers of the Court.
Little Rock Miss. July 2nd 1867

Page Henry B. God,
agent & Co. & Co.

Forwarding five Copies
of Officers Manual. to Supply
S. W. Dist.

Copied

76.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., Feb'y 2 1867

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that I have forwarded to you by mail this day five copies of the Bureau officers manual. You will please acknowledge the receipt of the same, and furnish each agent in your district with a copy.

I am very respectfully
Your obt Servt


Wm. P. Adams
Acty Commr

Sr

Genl Supt.
Washington
Ark

B. H. Lewis & Co.
 Louisville Ky
 Feb 5th 1867

Col. R. W. Washburn.

Stating that reports
 for Jan were by mis-
 take forwarded direct

Office Supt R. I. & A. S.
Fayetteville Ark
Feb 5 - 1867

Col. Maj. Fred. W. Thibault V. A. C.
Genl Supt R. I. & A. S. M. Dist. Ark

Sir,

I have the
honor in compliance with your request
to state that my reports for duty
were, by mistake, forwarded direct
to Little Rock, Ark, instead of through
your Office as directed,

I am,

Very respectfully,

Your Obedt Servt
Nathan Cole
Capt & 23 Co. A. C. and Co.
Adj. Maj. Vols. Supt.
R. I. & A. S.

BR F & A L
Lawrenceburg
July 3rd 67

Cole Pt Maj Nathan

Reporting name of
Sergeant

July 11th 67

Office Supt R. F. & A. Co.
Fayetteville Ark
July 5th 1867

Major, Fred. W. Whitcomb
Genl, Supt. R. F. & A. Co.

Major:

I have the
in compliance with your re-
quest to state as follows,

of Colk.
try in to service,
of pay pr. month,

Albert B. Wright,
Nov. 20 1867
One hundred dollars
(\$100.00)

"Oath of Office" has previously been
warded to Col. Maj. John Tyler, U.S.
A. A. Genl R. F. & A. Co.

I am

Very respectfully

Nathan Cole
Capt 23 "U.S.C. and
Col. Maj. Vols. Supt
B. of R. F. & A. Co.

B. H. F. A. L. -
Philadelphia
July 5th 1867.

Habicht - A. G.

Acknowledging receipt of
Communication of 1st.
Had an interview with
and our various former
reports direct as per
request of Col. Day.

Superior
Johnston

See List 203

Office, Bureau P. O. A. S.

Philadelphia July 5th 67

Dear Maj. J. W. Chittam

Genl. Supr P. O. A. S.

S. W. Dir. W. P.

Maj.

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your communication
of the 1st inst. and will respectfully
state in reply that I have just
returned from Little Rock
where I had an interview with
Genl. Ord, and several with
the different members of his
staff.

Col. Page a. a. g. int. (and a. g. m.)
requested me to forward my
communications direct to the

have notified them of my clerk
name and forwarded my narrative
report, agreeable to their orders

BRF & Co
Philadelphia
July 5th 1867.

Habitat - A.C.

Acronolidy notes of
Communication of 1867.
Had an interview with
Mr. C. W. Smith's former
agent direct as per
request of Col. W. B.

Recd July 7 67

Hoping my course may prove
satisfactory
I remain
Very Respectfully
Yours and Son's
A. B. Habicht
Superintendent

D R F W A L for A L & S L
Qm. & Dubuque Office.
Little Rock Ark, July 7, 1867.

Page Henry B. Col. et.

Forwarding Cheque in
favor of J. G. Scarborough for
\$32²⁵/₁₀₀ amt of vouchers
for Dec 1866. Services rendered.

copy

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office,

Little Rock, Ark., *Feb 7* 1867.

Dr. J. G. Scarborough.
Washington D. C. Ark

Sir

I have the honor to forward here
with check Merchants National Bank of
this city for Thirty two, Two Dollars
\$32.⁰⁰ amt of your vouchers for services
rendered December 1866.

Very Respectly

Henry Page

At Test

This

Maj Gen St. Hubert

Supt A. S. & L.

Washington Ark

Prof R. H. W. A. for Am & Cust
of M & Determining Office
Little Rock Ark. July 8. 1867

Page Henry B. Col
a. a. m.

Acknowledging receipt
of returns of stores for
Nov. Abstract of
must be furnished

C. J. P.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office,

Little Rock, Ark., *July 5* 1867.

Major J. H. Shilcutt
Supt A. S. W. L.

Washington St. Ark.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your return of Stores per-
taining to Bureau A. S. W. L. for month
of November 1866.

Abstract (Form No 24) with vouchers
as per form No 25. must be furnished

I am very respectfully,

Your obt servant

Wm. Page

At Col. Garrison.

3000 (3000-1)

B. R. F. & Co. for the
Q. M. & District Office
Little Rock July 9. 1867.

Pay Henry St. Col.
Q. M. & Co.

Enclosing ~~receipts~~ check
for thirty five dollars to
pay Cummins & McLadden

July 9. 1867

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office,

Little Rock, Ark., July 9th 1867.

Brig Major E. H. Leibart.
Genl Supt AR & I T
Washington Arkansas.

Major

Permit me to have the
honor to enclose my check no 171 on the
Merchants National Bank of Little Rock out
for thirty four dollars in payment of the
accounts of ~~Henry~~ Cunningham, ~~Wm~~ and
Hamon M. Dallen \$10.00. Please acknowledge
receipt.

Very respectfully

Your obt servant

Wm Payne

Brig Col & agt

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office,

Little Rock, Ark., Feb 9. 1867.

Maj Fred W. Thibaut

Supt A. F. & L.

Washington Ark

Sir

I have the honor to enclose herewith
Chas Merchants Natl Bank of this
City for one hundred twenty six & ²⁵/₁₀₀
Dollars (\$126 ²⁵/₁₀₀) in payment of the
following vouchers viz,

Maj. F. W. Thibaut	\$10 ⁰⁰	M. McFadden	\$15 ⁰⁰
Chatham & Green	18 ⁰⁰	Edgett & Co	15 ⁰⁰
E. Weideman	58 ²⁵	A. Withers	10 ⁰⁰

Abstract of Purchase vouchers, must
be certified to. Thus. - I certify that the
above abstract is correct, and that the articles
have been accounted for on my property re-

Do not indorse vouchers that are in-
tended for use in this office

over.

I am very respectfully

Your obedt servant

Wm Page

At Cal Varn.

21. 71. 2. (300 1844)

Boj R. F. M. S. L. ^{Post Office and}
Office + Accounting Office
Letter Book: Ark July 7. 1867.

Page Number, Bt loc.
A. G. M.

Acknowledges receipts
of Abstract "10" for estimate
of Nov. 66.

Recd July 22. 1867

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office,

Little Rock, Ark., July 9th 1867

Major J. W. Stewart
Supt R. I. Road L.
Washington Ark.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Abstract of
for month of November 1866.

I am very respectfully

Yours asst. Supt

Henry Page

At Cal Farm

Genl. J. E. (S. D. List)
B. O. R. F. & A. A. for S. D. & S. D. L.
Off. & Disbursing Office
Little Rock Ark. Feb 9 1867

Pay Drury B. Co.
agm. etc.

enclosing check for \$131⁰⁰/₁₀₀
for payment of J. R.
Montgomery & J. R. Page

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office,

Little Rock, Ark., Feb'y 9th 1867.

Br. Maj' Fred H. Hubant
Lieut. Supt. R. P. J. W. 23.
Washington Arks.

Maj.

I enclose herewith
my check no 176 on Merchants National Bank
of Little Rock for one hundred and thirty no
and 5/100 in payment of the accounts of
Geo R. Page and John R. Montgomery. Please
acknowledge receipt. In making out service
vouchers, you will be more explicit as to the nature
and length of service.

Very respectfully
Your obt Servant

Not a receipt
WAP

RB 114.67-2.38-08

Washington Ark
Feb 2, 1867.

Debut Lt Maj D. H.
Genl Supt

Reports the seizure of
3750 lbs cotton raised on
the plantation of Frank
Ross on Red River (after
it had been attacked
by the sheriff) for the
purpose of paying the
dues of the freedmen
who raised it.

g-

FEB 8

Resd. Commission
Bureau R. F. & H. Co
For Arts and Supts
Little Rock, Feb 11, 1867

Respectfully returned to Lt
Maj. F. W. Shibeau, Genl Supt
Washington Ark. You will af-
ter hearing of the case, taking
testimony under oath and
listening to such claimants
as may appear on due notice
being given them, act as
justice may indicate, on
the principle that the lien of
the laborer is the best. If
after a hearing you find that
the laborer is entitled to his
wages and there is nothing
but the cotton to satisfy his
claim, sell the cotton and
turn over such proceeds will
satisfy him. Notify the other
claimants that their claims
redress by suing you for

removes the case ^{if need} to the
U.S. Court here and from
thence the matter can be
appeals to taken to the U.S.
Supreme Court. I want
the right of agents of the
Bureau to act in such
cases decided before the
Supreme Court. All ex-
penses of the trial if one
is had will be paid for
you.

E. V. Cord -
Rt. Maj. Genl. U.S.A.
Asst. Secy.

8. 68. 67

not be sufficient to pay the laborers
To give you a clear history of the matter is im-
possible. All devilical means were used
thus could be, to get clear of the hands. Mr Lewis
the Overseer an old man, protested against his
taking off the Cotton, or produce until himself and
the hands were paid. For his interest, he was
murdered by Ross' Son, who made his escape into
Texas. Ross always managed to keep himself out
of matters, he used his sons, and other persons,
to do his foul work. I sent after him five
times, but he always got wind of it, and went
to Texas, or some other safe place. He is despised
by the planters generally. Mr Ogden a Merchant of
Fulton, seems to have had some hand in assisting
him. He took possession of 14 Bales of Cotton, before
I could do it & shipped it immediately, could I
not hold him responsible for it? if it is true Ross
owed him some money, but nothing near the
amount of the Cotton he was, ~~to~~ I believe there
was an understanding between them to defraud
the laborers. I respectfully ask information as
to how I shall proceed, in what manner shall

be done Freedom

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
Wm Whipant
Bt Major's Secy Supt re.

90

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., ~~Feb~~ Feb 14 1867.

Brevet Major J. H. Shubert
Genl Supt &c
Washington D.C.
Major.

In reply to
your request of the 3^d inst, I have
the honor to enclose you an order
granting you 40 forty days leave of
absence. You will not take advantage
of this leave, until another officer has
been ordered to relieve you by the
General commanding.

I am very respectfully
Yours A. S. Lewis

Henry Page
Actg. Secy

W. H. F. W. S. J. for the Adjutant
Office West Coast
Little Rock Arkansas July 11. 1867.

Special Order }
No 16 }---

Leave of Absence granted
to Brig Maj F. N. Shilant.
for forty days.

Recd July 27. 1867

Warrior Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark. Feb 11th 1867.

SPECIAL ORDERS

No. 16

[EXTRACT.]

1- Leave of absence for (40) forty days on Surgeons certificate is hereby granted the following named officers:

Pt. Major J. W. Tribaus, Capt- 18th V R b

By command of BREVET MAJOR GENERAL E. O. C. ORD, Ass't. Com'r

Genl Superintendent,
Washington, Ark

Ex. 13. 2. 1. 4. 5. 4. 2. (1. 1. 1. 1. 1.)

Office Supt. R. R. & C.
Sewerside Ave
July 19. 1867.

Wm. Nathan B. May
Supt. re.

In regard to property
in the hands of S. W.

Wester belonging to the
estate of Charles Cook
(fund) dec'd. enclosing
affidavit of said
Wester

Wm. Nathan B. May

Recd July 23 1867

Office Supt R.F. + H.S.
Suisunville Ark
Feb'y 19th 1867

Rt Maj Fred W Thibault
Genl Supt Mt Dist Ark,
Major:

I have the
honor to transmit here with an
Affidavit of G. W. Foster in ref-
erence to property in his posses-
sion belonging to the heirs of
Chester Cook (Fred) deceased.
Also in compliance with letter
dated R.F. + H.S., Suisunville Ark, Office
Genl. Supt Washington Ark Feb'y
6th 1867 to state that Foster thinks
that Chester's last wife and her
child are entitled to the property
and not his first wife and her
children. Mr Foster it appears

Chester's wife gave the title to
G. W. Foster in order to release her

cotton which was bound for payment
of said mule. The price of the mule
was one hundred dollars, (\$100.00)
I am inclined to think that Mr.
Fisher will make a correct di-
vision of the property. However,
if you think I had best make
the division I will do so.

I am

Very respectfully

your obt. servt

Nathan Cole

St. Louis, Mo.

Supp R. F. & A. S.

Affidavit of
G. W. Foster
Safeguard Co

Amk

[Faint, illegible handwritten text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]

State of Arkansas
County Lafayette 386

G. W. Foster being first duly sworn
the truth to speak deposes and
says, I have one thousand (1000)
lbs cotton in my place belonging
to the heirs of Chester Cook dis-
appeared, also about ten or fifteen
(10 or 15) bushels of corn, about
one hundred and fifty (150) bundles
of fodder, also one cow & calf,
also a few chickens, belonging
to said heirs of said Cook
which I will hold until orders
received from Rev of R. F. & H. L.

Sworn & subscribed
before me this
19th day of July 1867
Nathan Cole

Geo. W. Foster

Post Office, Little Rock, Ark. & Ind. Div.
Office, Wm. & Dist. in
Little Rock, Ark. July 21, 1867.

Page Henry B. Col. 29

Forwarded a box of
Stationary care of B. Maj.
Assistant to Lieut. Wallis.

Request that it be forwarded

Recd July 27, 1867

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office,

Little Rock, Ark. *February 21st 1867.*

Maj. F. W. Whitcomb

Col. Capt. R. W. A. S.

Washington Arkansas

Maj.

I have the honor
to inform you that a box of Stationery has
been shipped to St. Willis at Paragusta Arkansas

The box was directed in your care and
you will please receive the same and forward
to St. Willis at your earliest convenience

I am very respectfully

Your Obedt Servant

Henry Page

Col. W. A. S.

Box R 4th Ad. S. M. Diet notes
Office West Coast.

Letter Book Cases July 21, 1869

Jules John 1st Lt 27
v. a. a. 4.

7 Mailed 10 copies of Cir
No. 5. Current Series.

Annish copy to Civil
Magistrates

see July 21, 1869

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., February 21, 1867.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day mailed to your address (10) ten copies of Circular No 5. Current Series. The Assistant Commissioner directs that you send a copy to the local magistrates in your district.

I am very respectfully
Yours Obt Servt.

M. Tyler,

1st Lieut 45th U. S. Infy.

A. S. S. C.

Sir:

Br Major S. H. Shibaut
Superintendent

Washington Ark

Roll 23

Target 2

SUBORDINATE FIELD OFFICES
Washington (South West District of Arkansas)

Special Orders Received
Volume (164) Nov. 1865–Dec. 1867

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Blank pages were not filmed.

Special Order Recd.
164
Washington
Dist

Washington. Ask.

Special orders
received

No 1

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands
For the States of Missouri and Arkansas
Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 27, 1863.

Special Order }
No 463 } (Extract)

III. The Hon E. St. Gantt is hereby appointed General Superintendent of the South Western District of Arkansas, to consist of the Counties of Hempstead, Ouachita, Columbia, Lafayette, Sever, Pike, Clark & Union.

Superintendents will be appointed as soon as practicable for each of these counties.

Official Copy }
Gen. E. Dayton }
W. A. A. G. } (Sag) }
W. Sprague }
Brig Genl, Dist. Com.

L
Hon. E. St. Gantt
Genl Supt
Dist of S.W. Ark

No 2

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands
For the States of Missouri and Arkansas
Little Rock, Ark Dec 7, 1863

Special Order }
No 463 } (S -)

... hereby appointed Superintendent of Refugees and Freedmen for Clark Co Arkansas. He will take possession of all Abandoned Property or Property formerly belonging to the enemy, and report the same at this office; reporting the same through the Hon E. St. Gantt General Superintendent of the South

West District of Arkansas

Official Copy

Gen E. Dayton
A. A. G.

Sdg) W. Sprague
Brig Gen West Comr

Gen E. W. Gantt
Genl Supt
S. W. Dist of Ark

No 3

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands
For the States of Missouri and Arkansas
Little Rock Ark, Dec 12, 1865-

Special Orders }
No 51 } (Extract)

12th Mich Infy Coly having reported to the
Assistant Commissioner for orders as Su-
perintendent of Refugees and Freedmen at
Eldorado, Union Co, Ark, he is hereby as-
signed to duty as Superintendent of Ref-
ugees, Freedmen &c., in and for said County,
with office at Eldorado, and will be govern-
ed by such orders and instruction as he
may receive from this office.

Official Copy }
D. H. Williams }
A. A. G. } (Sdg)

Gen E. W. Gantt
Genl Supt
S. W. Dist of Ark

No 4

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands
For the States of Missouri and Arkansas
Little Rock Ark, Dec 15-1865

Special Orders }
No 52 } (Extract)

VII. On the recommendation
of the Gen. E. W. Gantt, General Superinten-
dent of the Southwestern District of Arkansas
James M. Williams is hereby appointed
Superintendent of Refugees and Freedmen
for Hempstead Co Ark, He will
be obeyed and respected accordingly

Official Copy }
D. H. Williams }
A. A. G. } (Sdg) W. Sprague
Brig Gen West Comr

Gen E. W. Gantt
Genl Supt
S. W. Dist of Ark

No 5

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands
For the States of Arkansas and Missouri
Little Rock, Ark., Dec 15, 1865.

Special Orders }
No 52 } (Extract)

Superintendent of the Southwestern
District of Arkansas, John W. Nelson
is hereby appointed Superin-
tendent of Refugees and Freedmen
for Columbia County Arkansas,
the appointment to date from the 15th
day of December 1865. He will
be obeyed and respected acco-

Official Copy }
L. H. Williams } (Sag)
aa & }
J. H. Sprague
Brig Genl Asst Comr

To
Genl E. W. Gantt
Genl Supt
S. W. Dist of Arks

No. 6

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands
For the States of Missouri and Arkansas
Little Rock, Dec 15th 1865.

Special Order }
No 52 } (Extract)

III. Capt J. R. Montgomery,
83d W. S. C. Infy. is hereby relieved from
duty as Superintendent and Provost Marshall
of Refugees and Freedmen of Hempsted Co.
Arkansas and after turning over to James
W. Williams all books, papers, records &c.,
in his possession as Superintendent will
report to these Head Quarters for as-
signment to duty.

Official Copy }
L. H. Williams }
aa & }

J. H. Sprague
Brig Genl Asst Comr.

To
Genl E. W. Gantt
Genl Supt
S. W. Dist of Arks.

No. 7

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands
For the States of Missouri and Arkansas
Little Rock, Ark. Dec 15, 1865.

Special Order }
No 52 } (Extract)

VIII. On the recommen-
dation of Genl E. W. Gantt, General Super-
intendent of the Southwestern District
of Arkansas, A. H. Ballard, is hereby
appointed Superintendent of Refugees
and Freedmen for Sevier Co, Arks.
He will be obeyed and respected ac-
cordingly.

Official Copy }
L. H. Williams } (Sag)
aa & }
J. H. Sprague
Brig Genl Asst Comr

To
Genl E. W. Gantt
Genl Supt
S. W. Dist of Arks.

No. 8

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands
For the States of Missouri and Arkansas
Little Rock, Arks. Jan 4th, 1866.

Special Order }
No 52 }

IX. Genl E. W. Gantt
having been by S. O. No 46, Par. 2, dated
Little Rock Nov. 27, 1865, appointed Genl.
Supt. of Refugees, Freedmen and Aban-
doned Lands for the Dist of South
Western Arkansas, consisting of the
Counties of Hempsted, Quachita, Cum-
berland, Lafayette, Pike, Sevier, Cantel.

and Union, the Superintendence of
these counties will forward all reports and
communications through his office.

Official Copy }
D. A. Williams }
A. A. Gule } (Sag.)
J. W. Sprague
Brig Genl Asst Comr.

To
Hon E. W. Gantt
Genl. Dupt. S. W. Dist Ark.,
Washington Ark.

No 9

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands
For the States of Missouri and Arkansas
Little Rock, Jan 16 1866

Special Orders }
No 10 }

III. Waris Flannigan of
Little Rock, Ark., having been specially
pardoned by the President of the United
States, in compliance with instructions
from Maj. Genl. Howard, Commissioner
dated Dec 13, 1865, the control of all
those tracts of land known as block 25
lots 1 to 10 block 26, and south 1/2 of
block 25, in the town of Arkadelphia now

nothing in the order of restoration is to be
construed as giving any claim against
the Bureau for rents or damages which
have accrued prior to the date of res-
toration

J. W. Sprague
Brig Genl Asst Comr
To
Wm W. Butler Dupt &c
Clark Co, Arkadelphia, Ark.

No 10

Bureau of P. A. & A. L.
For the States of Missouri & Arkansas
Little Rock, Ark, Jan 11 1866

Special Orders }
No 11 }

III. 1st Lieut Jas H. Hall
12th Mich, Inf Regt, as his own request is
hereby relieved from duty in this Bureau, as
Superintendent of Refugees, Freedmen &c,
for Union Co Ark, and will turn over
all books, papers, records &c pertaining to his
office to Wm J. Rowles as when he shall
taken the oath of office and filed the
bond required by the Asst. Commissioner

J. W. Sprague
Brig Genl
Asst. Comr
To
W. J. Rowles
Sub & Union Co. Ark

No 11

Bureau of P. A. & A. L.
For the States of Missouri & Arkansas
Little Rock Ark Jan 17 1866

Special Orders }
No 11 }

IV. On the recommendation
of Hon E. W. Gantt Genl Subst S. W.
Dist of Ark, and prominent citizens and
civil officers of the County of Washington

and in compliance with the
of the Asst. Commissioner and under
the orders and instructions of the
Commissioner & Asst. Commissioner
of this Bureau.

J. W. Sprague
Brig Genl
Asst. Comr
To
W. J. Rowles
Union Co Ark

No. 12

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands
For the States of Missouri and Arkansas.
Little Rock Ark, Feb 26, 1866.

Special Orders 3
No 19

VII. James E. Campbell of
Sevier Co. Ark., having been pardoned by the
President of the United States, the control
of all that tract of land in S. E. R. 28, S. E.
R. 29, S. 13, R. 30, S. 12 & 13, R. 31. with the build-
ings thereon containing 2000 acres more or
less in Sevier Co., Ark., now in possession
of this Bureau is hereby relinquished to
said James E. Campbell as admr of Jas-
W. Duckett subject to the leases of the
present lessee; the said Campbell as admr
to receive the accruing and accrued rents,
under the lease; nothing in the order of res-
toration is to be construed as giving any
claim against this Bureau for rents or dam-
ages which have accrued prior to this
date.

J. W. Sprague
Brig. Genl.
Asst. Comr.

A. B. Bullard
Supt. for Ark.
Wash. to Ark.

Transmitted to Supt. 11/25/66

No. 13

in the name of Otis Patton, now in pos-
session of this Bureau, were not "trans-
ferred" by the lawful owner as defined in
Sec 2 of the Act of Congress approved July
2, 1864, the control of said lands is
hereby relinquished to the said Otis Patton;
nothing in the order of restoration is to be
construed as giving any claim against
this Bureau for rents or damages which have
accrued prior to this date.

J. W. Sprague
Brig. Genl.
Asst. Comr.

Wm. A. Burtton
Supt. for Ark.
the 11/25/66, Genl. Supt.

No. 14

Bureau of Refugees and Abandoned Lands
For the States of Missouri & Arkansas.
Little Rock Ark Feb 27, 1866.

Special Orders 3
No 20

III. Paragraph III of S.O.
No 11 dated January 17, 1866, appointing
Hon J. Rowles Supt. for Sevier Co. Ark.,
in full and complete discharge of the

same, is hereby appointed Supt. of S. for
S. for Sevier Co. Ark., with headquarters at Camden
during the pleasure of the Asst. Comr and under
the orders and instructions of the Comr
and Asst. Comr, of this Bureau.

He will report to the
Gen. E. W. Gault, General Superintenden-
dent, District South Western Ar-
kansas, forwarding all communication

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands
For the States of Missouri and Arkansas,
Little Rock, Ark., Feb 26, 1866.

Special Orders 3
No 17

IV. It appearing by papers on
file in this office that lots No 27 & 34
in addition to Arkadelphia, registered

to these Head Quarters through him

J. W. Sprague
Brig. Genl
Asst. Comr.

To Hon. E. W. Gantt
Genl. Supt. Dist. Ark.

No 10

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands.
For the State of Missouri & Arkansas.
Little Rock, Ark. Feb 28, 1866.

Special Order
No 21

III. William H. Leake, of
Ouachita Co. Ark., having been pardoned
by the President of the United States, the
control of that tract of land, 22 miles
south-west of Camden, containing 2,200
acres more or less now in the possession of
this Bureau, is hereby relinquished to the
said William H. Leake as agent of Saml.
Leake; nothing in the order of restoration
is to be construed as giving any claim
against this Bureau for rents or dama-
ges which have accrued prior to this
date.

sent to Super. Genl. 1/26/66

A. C. G.

Asset Comr
Capt L. H. Canhart
thru E. W. Gantt
Washington Ark

No 16

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands
For the State of Missouri & Arkansas
Little Rock, Ark. Mar 3, 1866

Special Order
No 24

IV. Alfred R. Drake, of
Ouachita Co. Ark., having been pardoned by
the President of the United States, the con-
trol of that tract of land in Secs 18, 19, 20,
T. 11 S. R. 15 W. in Ouachita Co. Ark. con-
taining 720 acres, now in possession of
this Bureau is hereby relinquished to the
said Alfred R. Drake; nothing in the
order of restoration is to be construed
as giving any claim against this Bureau
for rents or damages which have accrued
prior to this date.

sent to Super. Genl. 1/26/66

J. W. Sprague
Brig. Genl
Asst. Comr.

To L. H. Canhart
Genl. Supt. Dist. Ark.

Head Qu. South West Dist of Ark
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands

Asset Comr
Pursuant to the Laws of the
United States and the orders and
regulations of my Department, I
will take possession of the Steam
boiler Mill known as the Property
of the ~~United~~ States now in
possession of James St. Clair.

will therefore be immediately delivered
over to H. St. Perkins with all its
appurtenances and fixtures, who
is the authorized agent of the of-
fice

E. W. Gantt
Genl Supt DC

No 18

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen &c
For the States of Mo & Ark.
Little Rock Ark, March 6, 1865.

Special Order
No 22

I Thomas D. Kingsbury of Clark Co Ark.
having been pardoned by the President of the United
States, the control of Lots 10, 11 and 12, Block B with
the buildings thereon, now in the possession of this
Bureau, is hereby relinquished to the said Thomas
D. Kingsbury; nothing in the order of occupation is
to be construed as giving any claim against this
Bureau for rents or damages which have accrued
prior to this date

J. H. Sprague
Brig Genl Dist. Comr.

No 19

For the States of Mo & Ark
Little Rock, Ark, April 11, 1865.

Circular Letter

Sir
Having been assigned to
duty by Par II of S. O. No 33, Dated Bureau

P. F. and A. L. Little Rock, 3rd March 65,
in charge of the Claim Division of said
Bureau, I have the honor to transmit a
part of the Blank Forms for Claims of Army
Soldiers, Sailors and their Representatives against
the United States, with printed instructions for
preparing the same, and to inform you that the
remaining forms will be furnished as soon as
they are received.

Any information upon this subject beyond
what is contained in the enclosed will be given
if desired.

I am very Respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt

John Tyler
Capt 5th U.S.C.
In Chg of Office

E. W. Gantt
Genl Supt DC
Washington Ark

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen &c
For the States of Mo & Ark
Little Rock Ark May 17th/65

Special Order
No 18

In addition to his other duties he is hereby
assigned to duty as Act Asst Quartermaster
of this Bureau, and will report to Capt
H. Skinner, Chief Quartermaster, for orders

By order of
Brig Genl J. H. Sprague, U.S.
A. H. Williams, Col. 5th
E. W. Gantt, Genl Supt DC
John Tyler, Capt 5th U.S.C.

Bureau of Refuges, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands,
For the States of Mo. Ark. & Indian Territory
Office of Asst. Commissioner
Little Rock, Ark. Nov 27th 1866

Special Orders }
No 46 }

Mr. Hon. E. M. Gault is
hereby appointed General Superintendent of
the Southwestern District of Arkansas. It
consist of the Counties of Hempstead,
Quachita, Columbia, Lafayette, Pike, Sevier,
Garth and Union.

Superintendents will be appointed as
soon as practicable for each of these
Counties

(Sgd) J. H. Sprague
Brig Genl
Asst Commr

Official
J. H. Williams

Bureau of R. F. and A. Lands
For the States of Mo and Ark and Indian Territory
Office of Asst. Commr
Little Rock, Ark. Jan'y 4th 1866.

Special Orders }
No. 36 }

Mr. E. M. Gault

having been by S.O. No. 46, Oct

2, dated Little Rock, Nov 27th 1866 appointed
Genl Superintendent of Refuges, Freedmen and
Abandoned Lands, for the District of S. W. Ark.
consisting of the Counties of Hempstead,
Quachita, Columbia, Lafayette, Pike, Sevier, Garth
and Union. The Superintendents of these
Counties will forward all reports and
communications through his office

Official
J. H. Williams
Asst. Asst. Commr

(Sgd) J. H. Sprague
Brig Genl
Asst. Commissioner

Under My Hand & Seal
J. H. Williams
Little Rock, Ark.

Bureau of Refugees, F & A Lands
For the States of Mo & Ark & Indian Territory
Office of Asst Commissioner
Little Rock Ark. July 5th 1866.

Special Orders
No 58

By James M. Williams Esq
Superintendent P. F. & A. in and for
Hempstead Co. is hereby relieved from
duty.

He will turn over to Chas May Jr
Thibault all books, papers, records
property and moneys pertaining to
his office

By Order of
Chas May Jr
Asst Commr
D. H. Williams
Asst Adjt Genl
Washington Ark

Bureau of Refugees, F & A Lands
For the States of Mo & Ark & Indian Territory
Office of Asst Commissioner
Little Rock Ark. July 5th 1866.

Special Orders
No 58

(Continued)
5 The following named
officers having reported in compliance
with Gen. O. O. No 57, G. O. War Dept Bureau
P. F. & A. Lands are hereby assigned to
duty as Superintendents and Provost Mar-
shals in the Bureau, at the places and for
the counties set opposite their respective
names. Whether they will proceed without
delay and relieve the officers there on duty
as Supts & Pro Mars reporting by letter
to the Civil Supt of the District.

Capt & Chas May Jr
Washington Hempstead County Arkansas

By Order of
Chas May Jr
Asst Commr
D. H. Williams
Asst Adjt Genl
Washington Ark

Bureau of R & F & Abandoned Lands
For the states of Mo. & Ark & Indian Territory
Office of Asst Commissioner
Little Rock, Ark. Oct 3rd 1866

Special Orders
No 82

L. Hon. E. W. Gantt, at his
own request is hereby relieved from duty
as Genl Supt District of S. W. Arkansas

M^r Gantt will turn over the books,
papers and records of his office to Brig
Maj. F. W. Thibaut, V. R. C. who is hereby
assigned to duty as Genl Supt and Pro.
Maz. of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned
Lands for the District of S. W. Arkansas

By order of

M. Sprague
Brig Major General
Asst Commissioner

Brig Maj F. W. Thibaut
Genl Supt &c.
Washington, Ark.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands
For the states of Mo. Ark & Indian Territory
Office of Asst. Commissioner
Little Rock, Ark., Oct 4th 1866

Special Orders
No. 83

Brig Maj. F. W. Thibaut, V. R. C. Genl
Supt. & Pro. Maz. of South Western Arkansas, is
hereby empowered and authorized to relieve
any officer, clerk or employee, serving in this
Bureau, in his district, for good and sufficient
cause and appoint their successor; it is
expected that this authority will only be used
when speedy action is imperatively necessary.

In each case when action under this
order is taken, he will report promptly to this
office, stating clearly the facts that called
for action

By order of

M. Sprague
Asst. Commissioner

Brig Maj. F. W. Thibaut
Genl Supt &c.
Washington, Ark

Bureau of Prisons & Ad.
for Missouri Arkansas & Ind. Ter.
Little Rock Ark. Oct 10th 1866.

Special Order
No. 86.

It being required by the Act to continue in force and amend "An Act to establish a Bureau for the relief of Freedmen and Refugees" approved July 16th 1866. that all officers, agents and employees of this Bureau before entering upon the duties of their office shall take the oath following:

I, A.B., do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have never voluntarily borne arms against the United States, since I have been a citizen thereof, that I have voluntarily giving no aid, countenance, counsel or encouragement to persons engaged in armed hostility thereto; that I have neither sought nor accepted, nor attempted to exercise the functions of any office whatever under any authority or pretended authority in hostility to the United States; that I have not yielded a voluntary support to any pretended government, authority, power, or constitution within the United States; hostile or inimical thereto; And I do further swear (or affirm) that to the best of my knowledge and ability I will support and defend the Constitution of the

and allegiance to the same that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation, or purpose of evasion and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter, So help me God.

In compliance therewith, each officer and employee of this Bureau, other

than officers of the Army, will at once take the oath required and forward it through the proper channel to their Hd. Qrs. those now on duty in the Bureau who cannot take the oath ~~required~~ prescribed are here by relieved from duty

(signed) J. W. Sprague
Asst Commr.

Special Order
No 87.

Minors B Teemster of Hempstead Co Ark having been pardoned by the President of the United States, the content of that lot with the building thereon in Sec. 15, T. 16, N. R. 30 W. in Fayetteville Washing Co Ark now in possession of this Bureau registered in the name of Joe Teemster is hereby relinquished to the said Minors B Teemster nothing in the order of restoration is to be construed as giving any claims against this Bureau for rents or damage which have accrued prior to the date of restoration

(signed) J. W. Sprague
Asst Commr.

Bureau of Refuge, D. & A. L.
Office of Assistant Commissioner
Little Rock Oct. 29 1866

Special Order
No 90

2 Capt. Matthew Cole W. R. C.
is hereby relieved as Supt and Prov. Mar.
R. D. & A. L. for Washita County Ark and will
turn over the books papers and records of
his office to J. L. Sharp. My rule then pro-
ceed without delay to Lonsville, La. Mag-
ate Gen. Ark and assume the duties of
Supt and Prov. Mar. R. D. & A. L. for
Columbia and Lafayette Counties.

Thomas J. Reid late Supt Lafayette Co
and J. W. Kelso late Supt Lafayette Co
Ark and assume the duties of Supt and
Prov. Mar. R. D. & A. L. for Columbia and La-
fayette Counties.

Thomas J. Reid late Supt Lafayette Co-
unties and J. W. Kelso late Supt Columbia Co
will turn over to Capt. Cole all the books
papers and records pertaining to their office.

By Command of
Brig. Major Genl. E. C. C. Col. Asst. Comd.
John Dyer
Brig. Major W. S. A.
S. A. A. Genl.

Office of Assistant Commissioner
Little Rock Oct 29 1866

Special Order
No 90

3 On the recommendation
of Brig. Major Genl. W. H. Hunt Supt Dist
S. W. Ark, Joseph L. Sharp is hereby appointed
Inspector General R. D. & A. L. for Washita and
Winn Counties with office at Camden
Washita County.

We will receipt to Capt. Matthew Cole
W. R. C. for all the books papers and records
pertaining to the office.

By Command of
Brig. Major Genl. E. C. C. Col. Asst. Comd.
John Dyer
Brig. Major W. S. A.
S. A. A. Genl.

Capt. Matthew Cole
Supt R. D. & A. L.
Winn County Ark
B. & A. L.

Office of Assistant Commissioner
Little Rock Oct 29 1866

Special Order
No 90

4 On recommendation
of Brig. Major Genl. W. H. Hunt Supt Dist
S. W. Ark Anthony C. Habacht is hereby

Superintendent of the S. & L. for
Clark County, Ark. with Office at Ark-
adelphia in that County

Mr. A. Britton late Supt will turn
over to Gen. Hubbert all the books papers
and records pertaining to his office

By Command of
Bvt Major Genl. E. C. C. Ord. Asst Comd
John Tyler
Bvt Maj. M. S. P.
A. A. General

Anthony S. Hubbert
Supt
Arkadelphia
Ark

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands
For Arkansas and Indian Territory
Office of Asst. Commissioner
Little Rock Ark. Dec. 10th 1867

Special Orders
No. 100

Extract
Lt. H. F. Willis 2^d V. R. C. having
reported to the Asst. Commissioner in compliance with
Par. 3, Special Orders No 99 C. S. from this Office, is
hereby ordered to proceed to Paraghatta, Izard County
Arkansas and assume the duties of Superintendent
and Provost Marshal B. R. S. T. M. in that county

Lt. Willis will report enroute to Bvt. Major
J. W. Thibaut V. R. C. Genl. Supt. at Washington
for Special instructions.

By command of
Bvt. Maj. Genl. E. C. C. Ord. Asst. Comd.
(Signed) John Tyler
Capt. V. R. C. Bvt. Maj. W. C.
A. A. Genl.

Ad. Order Genl Supt
B. R. S. T. M. A. S. M. D. K. H.
Washington Ark. Jan 4. 1867

Special Order
No. 3

George Hill of Washington
Dempehual County Arkansas, is hereby authorized
as the Agent of this Bureau to visit certain
plantations in the South Western Dist. Arkansas
and witness contracts between Employers of Freed-
men and their Employes, and confirm the
same whenever they shall conform to the
regulations of this Bureau.

Genl. W. F. Hubbert
In this W. V. C. S. M. S. D. K. H.
B. R. S. T. M. A. S. M. D. K. H.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands
For Arkansas and Indian Territory
Little Rock Ark. Jan 7th 1867

Special Order
No. 2 (Extract)

2^d Lt. W. F. Hubbert Capt. 2^d V. R. C. S.
Infantry, in addition to his present duties as
Commanding Officer, Post of Washington is hereby
ordered to

... Hubbert. District of Light, returning
with Office at Washington. This Order is to
continue in force during Bvt. Maj. F. W. Thibaut's
absence from duty, on account of illness

By Command of
Bvt. Maj. Genl. E. C. C. Ord. Asst. Comd.
John Tyler Capt. V. R. C. Bvt. Maj. W. C.
A. A. Genl.

R. F. & A. L. for Act. & Ind. Surg.
Office of Asst. Commr.
Little Rock Ark. Jan 7. 1867.

Special Orders
No 1

I. A. A. Surg. Edward C. Fox
U.S.A. is hereby assigned to duty as Surg
in charge of sick and destitute Refugees and
Freedmen at Washington Ark. and will report
in person to B. Maj Gen Whitcomb Genl Supt
S.M. Dist Ark. at Washington Ark.

II. A. A. Surg Edward Fox will
take immediate steps for the organization
of a Hospital of 40 beds for refugees and
Freedmen at Washington Ark.

Sgt Henry M. Selby
Asst Surg U.S.A.
Surg in Chg Dist
Ark & Ind.

90 Whitcomb.

R. F. & A. L. S. M. Dist Ark.
Office of Genl Supt.
Little Rock Ark. Feb 26. 67.

Special Orders
No 1

I the Order heretofore
issued authorizing George Hill to
visit certain plantations and witness

is hereby rescinded. Also the same George
Hill will take no further action in the
premises.

Sgd. J. W. Whitcomb
Bt Maj Genl Supt
R. F. & A. L. Substant

R. F. & A. L. for Act. & Ind. Surg.
Office of Asst. Commr.
Little Rock Ark. Feb 18. 1867.

Special Orders
No 16 Extract

1. Leave of Absence for (40) days
on Surgeons Certificate is hereby
granted the following named Officers

Bt Maj J. W. Whitcomb. Capt. 18. U.S.A.

By Command of
Bt Maj Genl E. O. G. Ord. Asst Commr
Sgd Henry Page.
Bt Col A. G. M. a a a Lt.

R. F. & A. L. for Act. & Ind. Surg
Office of Asst. Commr.
Little Rock Ark. Feb 14. 1867.

Special Orders
No 16. Extract.

1. A Board to consist
of the following named Officers is hereby
appointed to meet without delay at the Office
of the Genl. Superintendent at Washington Ark.

used as of Refugee & Freedmen Hospital at this
place. The Action of the Board to conform to the
provisions of Circular No 6. dated 17th Sept
Bureau R. F. & A. L. Washington D.C. Dec 14. 1866. Is
unpracticable for the Chief Quartermaster at
this Office to be appointed a Member of the Board.
Bt Maj J. W. Whitcomb Capt. 18. U.S.A.
Asst Surgeon Edw C Fox U.S.A.

By Command of
Bt Maj Genl E.O. O'Ord. Asst Comr
Sgt. Henry Page
Bt Col. + A Q M
a a a H.

Prof R. H. A. S. for Asst and Sub Surg
Office Asst Comr.
Little Rock Ark July 19. 1867.

Special Orders
No 17. 3. Extract.
6 The District of South
Western Arkansas is hereby discontinued
and Bt Maj. F. W. Whitcomb, U.S.A. is relieved as
Genl. Superintendent for that district and
assigned to duty as Superintendent R. H. and
A. S. for the Counties of Hempstead and Pike.

By Command of
Bt Maj Genl E.O. O'Ord. Asst Comr
Sgt. Jno Tyler
1st Lieut 43rd U.S. Infy
a a a H.

Prof R. H. A. S. for Asst and Sub Surg
Office Asst Comr.

Orders No 36. G.S. Quarles Department
of the Arkansas as he may require. All
cases which in the Opinion of these Superinten-
dants as require Military Aid will be
referred to the Commanding Officer of
that Post for his Consideration and Action.

By Command of
Bt Maj Genl E.O. O'Ord. Asst Comr.
Sgt. Jno Tyler
1st Lieut 43rd U.S. Infy
a a a H.

Prof R. H. A. S. for Asst and Sub Surg.
Office of Asst Comr.
Little Rock Ark July 19. 1867.
Special Orders
No 17 3. 24th Oct.
6 The Superintendants
for the Counties of Clark Dallas Anadita
Calhoun Bradley and Union will hereafter
report direct to this Office, and will also
make such reports to the Commanding
Officer Post of Vanhook rendering compliance
to Special Orders No 36. Current Series. Atlas
Quarles Department of the Arkansas as before.

and will be referred to the Commanding Officer
of that Post for his Consideration and
Action.

By Command of
Bt Maj Genl E.O. O'Ord. Asst Comr
Sgt. Jno Tyler
1st Lieut 43rd U.S. Infy
a a a H.

Special Orders
No 17 3. 7. The Superintendants
for the Counties of Hempstead Pike Lewis
Lafayette & Columbia will hereafter report
direct to this Office, and will make such
reports to the Commanding Officer Post of
Washington rendering compliance to Special

Head Quarters Post of Washington Ark
January 28th 1867.

Special Orders
No 25

A Board of Enquiry to consist of Bt Maj J. W. Whitcomb Capt 18. V.R.C. and Supt Richard Vance 28th Inf. Supt. is hereby ordered to convene at 2. O'clock P.M. this day at the office of the A.S. to examine into an alleged deficiency in a lot of Potatoes and fix the responsibility and assess the amount of damages if any there be.

By Command of
Bt Maj George J. Peirce
Sas R Vance
28th Inf Supt
Post Adjutant.

Bureau of R & A
For Arkansas
Office of Post Commissioner
Little Rock, Ark.
April 1st 1867.

Special Order

Major James E. Watson 5th U.S. Cav. having reported in compliance with Paragraph 1 Special Order No 31. Current series from this office, is hereby assigned to duty as Agent of the Bureau at Washington Hempstead County, during the temporary absence of Major J. W. Whitcomb the

The Agent of the Bureau will therefore proceed to Washington without delay in the execution of this order.

By command of
Bt Maj Genl E. B. Ord,
Post Commr
Sgt. John C. Pyle
1st Lieut. 23rd Inf
A. A. General.

Bureau of R & A
For Arkansas
Office of Post Commissioner
Little Rock, Arkansas
May 23rd 1867.

Special Orders
No 19. Extract
The Agent of the Bureau at Washington, Ark. is hereby appointed Special Inspector to examine the works, & material, on a school house to be built at Washington by Warren M. Daddens, as per contract with Bt Major J. W. Whitcomb & 8 Volunteers dated March 29th 1867.

Post Brig Genl G. H. Smith, U.S.A.
Assistant Commissioner
Sgt. Jno E. Bennett
1st Lieut 23rd U.S. Infantry
Acty. Asst. Adjt. General
Agent of Bureau
Washington, Arkansas

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, & Abandoned Land.
For Arkansas
Office of Assistant Commissioners
Little Rock, Arkansas
June 14th, 87.

Special Order
No. 22. Extract

1. Major James D. Watson
Agent at Washington is hereby directed
to proceed to DeWittville, Lafayette
County, and inspect the affairs of
the Bureau there. If on his arrival
he thinks it advisable he will tempo-
rarily close the Office at that place
until an agent can be assigned to
it, store the records in some secure
place and recommend that the
appointment of the clerk on duty
there be revoked.

Major Watson will forward as
reports of his inspections to this Office
as soon as practicable.

By command of
Brig Genl. C. H. Smith
Assistant Commissioner
Geo. E. Bennett
1st Lieut 2nd U.S. Infy
Acty Asst Adjt General

Bureau of R. D. & A. L.
For Ark. Office of Asst Comm
Little Rock, Ark. July 5th, 1867.

Special Order
No. 28. Extract

2. Brig Major D. D. Thibault
Captains, 8th Veterans Reserve Corps
having returned from leave of absence
will proceed to Washington, Arkansas,
and resume his duties as Agent at
that place relieving Major Jas D. Watson
5th Reg Cav temporarily on duty there.

By command of
Brig General C. H. Smith, 3rd
Assistant Commissioner
Signed Geo. E. Bennett
1st Lieut 2nd U.S. Infy
Acty Asst Adjt General

Head Quarters Post of Washington
Washington Ark. For 2007

Special Orders

No. 191

Extract

Private John M. Hill, Co
D. 28th U.S. Infantry, is hereby detailed on
daily duty as mounted orderly, and will
report daily to Lieut J. W. Thibault, Co
Infantry, Agent of Bureau of B. & F., at
that place.

Bureau of Refugee Treatment & Abandoned Lands
For Arkansas

Office of Assistant Commissioner
Little Rock Arkansas

October 19, 1867.

Special Orders

No. 54

Extract

1. Paragraph 2 of Special
Orders No. 20 Orders from this Office is
hereby amended to read as follows
2d Lieut J. W. Thibault
Co D U.S. Infantry, late Capt Major of Regt.
having returned from Leave of Absence
will proceed to Washington, Arkansas
and resume his duties as Agent at
that place, relieving Major J. D. Hatten
5th U.S. Infantry and duty there.

By command of
Robert J. Courteson
Capt. James Collins
1st Lieut 28th U.S. Inf
Post Adjutant

By command of
Capt Brig General C. H. Smith & Co
Assistant Commissioner
J. E. Bennett
1st Lieut 28th U.S. Infantry
Acting Asst Adjutant

Headquarters of the Department of Arkansas
U. S. Army
Office of Assistant Commissioner
Little Rock, Arkansas
December 14th, 1863.

Special Orders
No. 61

Extract

1. 2d Lieut. D. W. Thibault 672
U. S. Infantry, Agent at Washington
Arkansas, having been relieved from
duty in this Bureau, and ordered
to join his company, by Paragraph
3 of O. No. 509, C. S. A. G. O. He will turn
over the books, papers, and records
of his Office, and all property in
which he is responsible to the Com-
manding Officer, Post of Washington
who is thereby assigned to duty for him
at that Point, and ordered to receive
Lieut Thibault.

By command of
Maj Brig Genl C. H. Smith, U. S. A.
Asst. Commissioner
J. E. Bennett
1st Lieut 28th Regt Infy
Regt Asst Supt General

Roll 23

Target 3

SUBORDINATE FIELD OFFICES
Washington (South West District of Arkansas)

Special Orders and Circulars Received
Nov. 1865–Feb. 1867

James G. ...
...
dated Nov 27th 1865
appointing J. Gault Gen
Capt, of 5th Dist, of Ark

Little Rock Ark

- 1865 -

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS.

Little Rock Ark Nov 2nd 1865.
St. Louis, Mo.

SPECIAL ORDERS,

No. 46

(Extract.)

III. The Hon E. W. Gantt, is hereby appointed Civil Superintendent of the Southwestern District of Arkansas, to consist of the counties of Hempstead, Ouachita, Columbia, La Fayette, Sevier, Pike Clark and Union.

Superintendents will be appointed as soon as practicable for each of these counties.

J. W. Sprague
Prin. Inl. & pr. Com.

To

See S.O. Book pp 112 -

Appointment of Wm A Britton
as Supt of Ark Co Ark

Special Order 49

Little Rock Ark

Dec. 7. 1865.

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS.

Little Rock, Ark. Dec 7th 1865.
St. Louis, Mo.

SPECIAL ORDERS,

No. 49

(Extract.)

I William A. Foytton, is hereby appointed Superintendent of Refugees and Freedmen in Clark Co. Ark., he will take possession of all abandoned property, or property formerly belonging to the enemy, and report the same to this office; reporting through Hon E. M. Gantt, Genl Suptd. South West District of Arkansas

BY ORDER OF BRIG. GEN. JNO. W. SPRAGUE

Geo. C. Dayton,
Adj. Gen.

J. H. Sprague

Acting Asst. Adjt. Gen.

To Hon. E. M. Gantt
Genl Suptd. Dist. W. Ark.

See S. O. Book pp 2

Appointment of 1st Lieut
James H. Hays 12th
Regt Mich. Vol Infy
as Supt of Troop &c
of Minn Co Arml

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Little Rock Ark

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS.

Little Rock, Ark.

December 12th

1862

Special Orders.

No 51.

V. - 1st Lieut Jas H. Hall

12th Mich Lighty Vols. having reported to the
Asst Comm for orders as Superintendent of
Refuges & Freedmen at Eldorado Union Co Ark
he is hereby assigned to duty as Supot of
Refuges, Freedmen &c in and for said County
with office at Eldorado and will be governed
by such orders and instructions as he may receive
from this office.

J. W. Sprague

Brig Genl Asst Comm.

Official Copy

Hon E. W. Gantt

Genl Supt Dist S. W. Ark,
Washington Ark

In L. O. Book pp 5-

Appointment of A. W.
Ballard as Superintendent
of Refugee and Freedmen
of Sevier Co Ark.

Special Order
N^o 52

dated Little Rock
Dec 15th 1865
appointment of Ballard

Special Order 52
Little Rock Ark
Dec 15 1865

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS.

Little Rock, Ark., December 15th 186

Special Orders

No 52.

W. W. Ballard

W. W. Ballard - On the recommendation of Hon. E. W. Gantt Genl Supt of the Dist. of Southeastern Arkansas. W. W. Ballard is hereby appointed Superintendent of Refugees & Freedmen for Sevier Co Ark. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

By order of

W. W. Ballard

Hon. E. W. Gantt

Genl Supt R & F.

Washn Hempstead Co. Ark

W. W. Ballard

See S. O. Book pp 314

Appointment of John
M. Hesse as Supt of
Refuge and Prisoner
of Columbia Co Ark

Spec. 52

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS.

Little Rock, Ark.

December 15th

1865

Special Orders.

No. 52

III. - On the recommendation
of Hon. E. W. Gantt, Genl. Supot District of
Southwestern Arkansas, Jos. M. Kelso is
hereby appointed Superintendent of Refugees
& Freedmen for Columbia Co Ark. the
appointment to date from the 15th day
of December 1865. He will be obeyed
and respected accordingly.

By order of

Brig Genl. J. W. Sprague Asst Comm

Hon. E. W. Gantt

C. A. Galt

Genl Supot R & F

Dist S.W. Ark Washington
Hempstead Co Ark

In S O Book pp 4

Relief of Capt. Jno R.
Montgomery, as Supt.
of Refugees and Abandoned
Lands and Freeman of
Hampstead Co. Ark

Special Order 52

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Letter from Mr. [unclear]
Dec 15 to 1865
Department of the Army
Little Rock Ark

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS.

Little Rock, Ark., December 15th 1865

Special Orders
No 52

II. Capt. Geo B. Montgomery
83rd U.S. Infy is hereby relieved from duty
as Superintendent and Provost Marshall
of Refugees - Freedmen of Hempstead Co
Ark and after turning over to James P. Williams
all books, papers, records &c in
his possession as Superintendent, will report
to these Head Quarters for assignment to
duty.

By order of

Brig Genl J. W. Sprague - Act Com

Wm O H Pratt

Chief Supt Dist S. Ark
Washington Ark

A. A. Gould

In S. O. Book pp 3.

Appointment of James
M. Williams as Super
of Refuge, Truman &c
of Hempstead Co Ark

Special Order 52

Little Rock Ark
Dec 15, 1865

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS.

Little Rock, Ark.,

December 15th

1865

Special Orders
No. 52

VII. - On the recommendation
of Hon. E. W. Gantt Genl Supt of the
District of Southeastern Arkansas, James
M. Williams is hereby appointed Super-
intendent of Refugees & Freedmen for
Semiprincipal Co. Ark. - He will be obeyed
and respected accordingly.

By order of

Brig Genl J. U. Sprague Asst Comm

D. H. Williams

Hon E. W. Gantt
Genl Supt A + F.
Dist S. Ark.

Special Order

No 3

Little Rock, Ark, Jan 4/66
in reference of preceding
reports through the Office
of the Gen Supt

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Office Gen Supt

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI, ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.

Office of Assistant Commissioner.

Little Rock, Ark. Jan'y 4th 1866.

Special Orders
No. 3.

Gen. How E. W. Gantt having been by S. O. No. 46. Par. 2. dated Little Rock, Nov 24th 1865 appointed Gen'l Superintendent of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, for the District of S. W. Ark. consisting of the Counties of Hempstead, Ouachita, Columbia, Lafayette, Pike, Sevier, Clark and Union, the Superintendents of these Counties will forward all reports and communications through his office.

Official Copy,

D. H. Williams,

Asst Adj't Gen'l.

Brig. Gen'l. F. H. Thibaut

Supt. & Pres. War.

Washington, Ark.

Brig. General,

Asst Commissioner.

Special Order
No. 5:

dated Little Rock Tenn 1864
reference of certain property
belonging to John H. Ballou
to be turned over to the same

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS.

Little Rock, Ark., January 10th 1866

Special Orders
No 5.



To Geo. H. Bullock of Marengo
Co. Ala. having been pardoned by the President of
the United States, the control of all that lot No 268
Block 57. on Clifton St. in the city of Camden Ark
now in the possession of this Bureau, is hereby
relinquished to Mrs. Lizzie P. Bullock, as agent
of Geo. H. Bullock; subject to the leases of the
present lessee; nothing in the order of restoration
is to be construed as giving any claim against
this Bureau for rents or damages which have ac-
crued prior to this date.

J. W. Sprague
Assistant Comm

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Gene Supt S. W. ark
Washington ark
Copy furnished Capt Lehart

Special Order

N^o 5

dated Little Rock Jan 10/66

in reference of appointment

Thomas Reid Lupton, for

Lafayette Co.

Special Order
N^o 5

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS,

Little Rock, Ark.

January 10th 1866

Special Orders

No 5.



III. On the recommendation of Hon E. W. Gantt Genl Supt to Dist of S. W. Arkansas, Thomas J Reid is hereby appointed Superintendent of Refugees, Freedmen & for La Fayette Co Ark, during the pleasure of the asst Commissioner and under the orders and instructions of the Commr and asst Commr of this Bureau.

Reports and communications will be made through Hon E. W. Gantt Genl Supt Dist S. W. Arkansas.

To:

Brig Genl asst Commr

Hon E. W. Gantt.

Genl Supt to S. W. Ark

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Special Order

No. 50

State Little Rock Jan 19/11
in reference of certain papers
belonging to Dr. L. Logan
to be turned over to the same

made

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS,

Little Rock, Ark.,

January 10th 1866

Special Orders

No. 5.



Mr. J. S. Logan of
Ouachita Co Ark, having been pardoned by the
President of the United States, the control of all
that lot of land known as one half of Lot 170
and one half of Lot 171, with the house thereon
in Camden Ark, now in the possession of this
Bureau is hereby relinquished to the said
Mr. S. Logan: nothing in the order of restor-
ation is to be construed as giving any claim
against this Bureau for rents or damages
which have accrued prior to the date
of restoration

Brig Genl asst Commr

Hon. E. W. Gantt

Genl Supt S. W. Park

copy also furnished Capt Cochran

See S.O. P.P. 7
Appointment of Mr.
Rowles as Supr &c
of Union Co. Ark.

Special Order 11
Little Rock Ark
Jan'y. 17th 1866.

Special Order
No 11

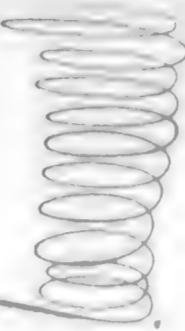
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS.

Little Rock, Ark., January 17th 1866

Special Orders

No. 11.



III. - On the recommendation of Hon E. W. Gantt Genl Supt S. W. Dist of Ark. and prominent citizens and civil officers of the County Mrs J Rowles is hereby appointed Superintendent for Union Co Ark during the pleasure of the Asst Commissioner and under the orders and instructions of the Commissioner and Asst Commissioner of this Bureau.

cc. Brig Genl
Hon E W Gantt Asst Comm
Genl Supt S. W. Ark
Washington Ark

in S.O. P.P. 7-
Relief of James H.
Hall as Supt &c
of Union Co Ark

Special Order 11

Little Rock Ark

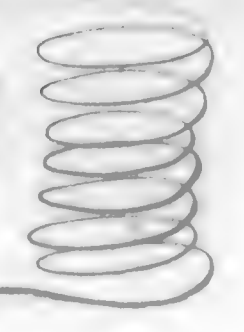
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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS,

Little Rock, Ark., January 17th 1866

Special Orders
No. 11.



Mr. Lt. Jas H. Hall
13th Mich Det. Inf. at his own request
is hereby relieved from duty in this
Bureau as Superintendent of Refugees
Freedmen &c for Union Co. Ark and will
turn over all books, papers, records &c
pertaining to his office to Mr. J. Rowles Egan
when he shall have taken the oath
and filed the bond required by
the Asst Commissioner.

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to
Hon E. W Gault
Genl Supt S. W ark
Washington ans.

By
Asst Comm

S. O. — 9 + 10

Special Order in reference
to the relief of W. J. Rowles
Supt of Union Co, Ark,
and appointment of Rev.
L. G. Freeman as his
successor.

Special Order

Little Rock Ark

Feb 27 1866

Special Order }
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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS.

Little Rock, Ark.

February 27th

1866

Special Order
No 20

Altho:- Paragraph VIII of S.O. No 11 dated January 17th 1866, appointing Mr J. Rowles Superintendent for Union Co. Ark, is hereby revoked, and on the recommendation of Hon E. W. Gantt and Asst S. G. Freeman, is hereby appointed Superintendent of Refugees, Freedmen for Union Co. Ark, with His Qu, at Eldorado, during the pleasure of the Asst Commissioner, and under the orders and instructions of the Commissioner and Asst Commissioner of this Bureau.

He will report to Hon. E. W. Gantt Genl Supt Dist S. W. Ark, forwarding all communications to His Qu, through him.

To Hon E W Gantt
Genl Supt S W Ark

W. Sprague
Brig Genl
Asst Comr

Special Order 43

Special Order
No 43

dated Little Rock May 1/66
assigning Capt. Tyler and Co.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI, ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.

Office of Assistant Commissioner.

Little Rock, Ark. May 1st 1856.

Special Orders

No. 43.

1. - Capt. Geo. Dyer, 2nd U. S. C.,
in addition to his other duties is hereby as-
signed to duty as Acty Asst. Quartermaster
in this Bureau, and will report to Capt.
H. Skinner, Chief Quartermaster, for orders.

By order of

Brig. Genl J. W. Sprague, Asst. Comr.

D. H. Williams,

Wm. C. W. Gault

Genl. Supt. Freedmen Dist S. W. Ark.

Washington, Ark.

P. R. J. Esq. A. L. for Ark.
Office Asst Com Little Rock
May 1st 1866

Sprague ^{5.03}
J. W.

Brig Genl & Asst Com

Announces Capt John
Tyler 2nd V.R.C. as A. A. M.
for the Bureau

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI, ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.

Office of Assistant Commissioner.

Little Rock, Ark. May 1st 1866.

Special Orders

No. 3

1. - Capt. Jno Pyles, 2nd V. R. C. in addition to his other duties is hereby assigned to duty as Actg Chief Quartermaster in this Bureau, and will report to Capt. Skinner, Chief Quartermaster, for orders.

By order of

Brig. Genl J. W. Sprague, Actg Comr.

D. H. Williams,

Luller Park

June 9/66

Circular Letter

Capt Tyler.

in charge of Comm. Div.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

For Missouri, Arkansas and Indian Territory,

CLAIM DIVISION.

Little Rock, Arkansas 9th 1866.

Circular Letter

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that no revenue stamps are required upon any papers whatever used in the work of collecting claims and to furnish you with the following extract of section 160 of the act of June 30th 1864 amended March 3rd 1865 "That no stamp duty shall be required on papers of attorney or any other papers relating to applications for bounties, arrearages of pay or pensions, or to the receipt therefor from time to time."

I am Very Respectfully

Yours Obedt. Servt

John Tyler

Capt. & Director

Hon. C. H. Smith

Washington

Ark

Little Rock
July 3/66

Particular Letter

John Tyler
Pres. of U.S. Vols

John

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

For Missouri, Arkansas and Indian Territory,

CLAIM DIVISION.

Little Rock, Ark. 29 July 1866.

Circular Letter

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that the Chief Auditor of the Treasury has decided that in all cases where fathers who have been slaves make claim for arrears of pay and bounty on account of their deceased sons, evidence is required showing whether the father and mother were slaves of the same master and lived upon the same plantation. If they lived upon different plantations and were slaves of different masters, a claim in favor of the father will in no case be allowed and should be made out in favor of the mother. If they lived upon the same plantation and were slaves of the same master the father's claim will be allowed.

This decision is understood to be based on the fact that

were slaves of separate masters, the children went with the mother who had the entire care and support of them and the father cannot be regarded as having borne any

of the responsibilities or having assumed any of
the duties of a parent.

Please notify such officers as forward
claims to this office, of the foregoing ruling.

Very Respectfully

James Abbott Smith

John Tyler

Capt and VRC Bot May Vols

In charge of office

Am. C. G. Smith

Washington

1862

Special Order
No. 58.

dated Little Rock,
July 5th 1866

Special Order 58.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI, ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.

Office of Assistant Commissioner.

Little Rock, Ark. July 5th 1866.

Special Orders
No 58

J. James M. Williams, Esq.
Superintendent R. F. M. in and for Hemp-
stead Co. is hereby relieved from duty.

He will turn over to Cot Maj F. W.
Chibaut, all books, papers, records, property
and moneys pertaining to his office.

By Order of

C. H. ...

Genl Capt. Dist S. M. Ark. D. H. Williams,

Washington, Ark.

Asst Adj Genl.

Little Book

July 6/66.

Circular Letter

By

Wm. May Jr. R. C.

A. A. A. Gen.

Letter

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

For Missouri, Arkansas and Indian Territory,

CLAIM DIVISION.

Little Rock, Ark. 6th July 1866.

Circular Letter

Sir

I have the honor to call your attention to an omission in the blank declarations in claims of colored soldiers, seamen, and their heirs for arrears of pay etc. and bounty - The judicial or other officers before whom the declarations are executed should certify as follows

"And I hereby certify that the foregoing declaration and affidavit was carefully read over and contents explained to declarant and affiant before they signed and made oath to the same - and that I have no interest whatever in this application."

In all additional evidence the affiants should state their disinterestedness in the claim in question - and the judicial or other officers before whom the papers

as required in declarations, certify to their credibility

Please call the attention of all officers of the Bureau, under you, who forward claims to this

officer to this omission.

Ormy Reedy
James Holt Grant
John Tyler
Capt and Vols Bot May Vols
In charge of officer

Hon E W Gault
Sub Supt
Washington
D.C.

1 Bureau R.F. & L.
Washington D.C. Sept 1966

H.P. Ketchum
B+ Maj. & A.A.A.G.

Private Instruction

Circular Letter

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New Department Bureau of
Refugees Freedmen & Lands.
Washington Sept. 19th 1866.

General,

In the organization and conduct of Bureau Courts, should you have any, or have occasion under the law to reestablish them, you will be guided by the following instructions.

I. Bureau courts shall be composed of three members one of whom shall be an officer or agent of this Bureau and one selected by each of the parties interested. Should one or both of the parties interested refuse to choose a member of the court, the asst. Commissioner shall himself make such selection.

II. Bureau Courts shall have jurisdiction of all cases relating to compensation of labor for refugees or freedmen and may hear and determine all other civil cases between refugees, freedmen, and others not involving more than the sum of \$300.00. They may also try offences committed by or against freedmen provided the punishment

may amount for sixty days. The judgement of these courts may be enforced by Military authority and shall not be obstructed by the stay laws of any state. The agent of the Bureau serving on a Bureau Court shall keep a concise record of all cases adjudicated by the court including fines paid or other punishment inflicted. On the last day of each month he shall pay to the Chief Deputing

Officer of the Bureau in the State, all moneys accruing from fines imposed and shall furnish him a tabular statement of all the cases giving the name of the persons fined, the offences charged and the sentences of the court which statement shall be used by the disbursing officer in the settlement of his accounts as a voucher for moneys received.

III. Members of Bureau Courts not paid agents shall receive from parties interested in the cases brought before them reasonable compensation for their services not exceeding the rate of five dollars per diem. When crimes are committed against or wrongs are practiced upon freedmen by persons without property members of the court will be paid for their services out of the fund arising from fines imposed for crimes practiced upon freedmen. The agent or sub-assistant shall forward these accounts to the act. Commissioner who will audit and order them to be paid.

IV. This Bureau having been established by act of Congress and its authority being paramount over subjects relating to Refugees Freedmen and Abandoned Lands cases adjudicated by Bureau Courts will not be subject to revision before the State Courts or Magistrates.

V. All cases of Capital crime felonies or questions relating to titles of Real Estate will be referred to Military Commissions the court of the United States or of the state in which the case may occur.

By order of
A. Howard

Sgt. H. P. Hetchum
Det. Major T. A. Hull

Det. Major Genl. J. W. Sprague
Asst. Commissioner
Little Rock Ark.

Det. Quater Master F. W. Tibaut,
Genl. Supt. South-western District B. & O. Rd.

Little Duck

October 9/66

John Tyler

Brig Geny USVols.

^{General}
forwards instructions
in regard of Claims for
Bounties to Col Soldiers.

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR MISSOURI, ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.
CLAIM DIVISION.

Little Rock, Ark., Oct 9th 1866

Circular Letter

Sir

Attention is respectfully invited to notes in printed instructions giving information respecting bounties provided by the act of July 28th 1866

Claims for the additional bounties provided by this act are now received by the Department. Printed forms and rules and regulations will be supplied as soon as they are received from Washington

By order of

Col Maj Paul Sprague

John Tyler

Col Maj Vols

Col Maj W. H. Stewart

Washington

Arms

Special Order
No. 86

dated Little Rock, October
in reference to an bath
required to be taken by
Officials of the Bureau
as by Act of Congress

Bureau, Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands
For Missouri, Arkansas & Indian Territory
Little Rock, Ark. Oct 10th 1866.

Special Orders
No 86

3. It being required by the Act to continue in force and amend "An Act to establish a Bureau for the relief of Freedmen and ~~Freedmen~~ ^{Refugees}" approved July 16th 1866, that all officers, agents and employees of this Bureau before entering upon the duties of their office, shall take the oath following:

"I, A. B., do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have never voluntarily borne arms against the United States, since I have been a citizen thereof; that I have voluntarily given aid, countenance, counsel or encouragement to persons engaged in armed hostility thereto; that I

do not exercise the functions of any office whatever under any authority or pretended authority in hostility to the United States; that I have not

yielded a voluntary support to any pretended government, authority, power or constitution within the United States, hostile or inimical thereto.

And I do further swear, (or affirm) that to the best of my knowledge and ability I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter:
So help me God."

In compliance therewith, each officer, agent and employee of this Bureau, other than officers of the Army, will at once take the oath required and forward it through the proper channel to their O&S Div; those now on duty in the Bureau who

relieved from duty.

Cat. Maj. P. W. Phibaut
Genl. Supt. J. W. Holt

J. W. Sprague
Act. Commr.

S. R. F. & A. L. for Arkansas
Office. Asst Comd Little Rock
Oct 10th / 1866.

Sprague ^{S. O. J.}
₈₆₅ W.

Brig Genl & Asst Comd.

Directs that all Agents
and Employees in the P. & O.
- F. & A. L. shall take the pro-
scribed Oath, all who can
not being relieved.

NARA

Bureau P.D. & A.S.
For Missouri, Arkansas, & Ind. Terr.
Little Rock Ark. Oct 15th 1866

Special Order
No 86.

3. It being required by the act to continue in force and amend an "Act to establish a Bureau for the relief of Freedmen and Refugees" approved July 16th 1866, that all officers, agents and employees of this Bureau before entering upon the duties of their office shall take the prescribed oath;

In compliance therewith, every officer, agent and employee of this Bureau, others than officers of the Army will at once take the oath required and forward through the proper channel to these Head Quarters, those now on duty in the Bureau who cannot take the oath prescribed are hereby relieved

Wm. Sprague

Wm. Sprague
J. B. Whitcomb

Capt. & Honor. Major, U.S.A.
Genl. Dist. J. B. Davis S. W. Davis actd.

Special Order

No 60. dated 12/2/01

In reference to a payment
Philip Thomas, Geo Lupton
SW 1/4 of 1/4
of Quachita Union Co.
Little Rock Ark

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,
FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI, ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.

Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., Oct 29th 1866

Special Orders 3

No. 96. 3

3.- On the recommendation of Brig Major J. H. Philant, Genl Supt. Dist. S. W. Ark., Joseph L. Phelps is hereby appointed Superintendent P. M. S. for Washita and Union Counties with office at Camden Washita Co.

He will report to Capt. Nathan Col. 100 for all the books papers and records pertaining to the office.

By Command of

Brig Major J. H. Philant,

Genl Supt. S. W.

Washington, Ark.

Assistant

Brig Major U. S. A.

A. A. Gould

Special Order
No. 90

Antietam Little Hook Oct. 29/66

In reference to appointing
Anthony Habicht Supt, for
Clark Co.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI, ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., Oct 29th 1866.

Special Orders 3
No. 91.

4. On the recommendation
of Brig Maj. P. H. Phiburn, Genl Supt Dist S. W.
Ark., Anthony C. Halick, is hereby appointed
Superintendent S. D. & L. for Clark County Ark.
with office at Arkadelphia in that County
A. A. Bitter Col. Supt will turn over to
Mr. Halick all the books papers and record
pertaining to his office.

By Command of
Brig Maj. Genl C. C. Wood Genl Supt
John T. ...

Brig Maj. P. H. Phiburn,
Genl Supt & co,
Washington, Ark.

A. A. Bitter.

Special Order
No. 90

Dated Little Rock Oct 29/66
in reference to appointing
Capt. Nathaniel Cole Capt.
for Lafayette & Columbia Co

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI, ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.

Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., Oct 29 1866

Special Order 3
No 93 3

2- Capt Yathaw Cole U.S.C. is hereby relieved as Supt and Pro Man R.F.S. for Washita Co. Ark, and will turn over the books papers and records of his office to J. S. Purpe. He will then proceed without delay to Lewisville, La-Fayette County, Ark, and assume the duties of Supt and Pro Man R.F.S. for Columbia and LaFayette Counties.

Thomas J. Reid, late Supt LaFayette Co and J. M. Keller, late Supt Columbia Co will turn over to Capt Cole all the books, papers and records pertaining to their offices.

By Command of

1 Bvt Maj Genl. E. C. G. Genl. Arty Genl.

1 Bvt Maj. G. H. Thibault

Genl Supt &c

Washington Ark

1 Bvt Major U.S.C.

Actt Genl.

Office Ass^y Com^{rs}
Little Rock, Dec 10/64

Special Order n^o 100

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Relieving Capt Ballard
by J^r Willis & 2nd Lt B^r

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., Dec 10th 1866

Special Orders
No 100

(Extract)

1st Lt N. S. Willis 22^d V. R. C. -
having reported to the Asst. Comr. in compli-
ance with Par 3. Special Orders No 99. C. S.
from this office, is hereby ordered to proceed to
Paraghatta, Sevier County, Arkansas, and as-
sume the duties of Superintendent and Towns-
Marshal C. S. & L. for that county and ad-
jacent country in place of H. H. Ballard, who
is hereby relieved.

Lt Willis will report en route to Bt Maj
J. N. Thibaut V. R. C. Genl Supt at Washington for
special instructions

By command of

Bt Major Genl. C. C. C. Ogden Asst Comr

Bt Maj. J. N. Thibaut,
Genl Supt &c,
Washington, Ark.

Recd at Little Rock
A. A. A. Genl

No 42 Dept of the Army
Little Rock Dec 16/1866
A.S.O.
Circular Letter.

Requiring Military Comdors
to furnish troops to arrest
Citizens guilty of Crime
against American
Citizens of African descent

Circular Letter

Respecting furnishing
Troops for arrest & D
of persons, for murder &
of freedmen, when Cognizance
is not taken by civil
authority

Dec 16. 1866

Head Qrs. Dept of the Arkansas
Little Rock, Ark. Dec 16, 1866.

Circular Letter
To

Commanding Officers
Post of

Military Commanders of
this Department, receiving application for a
military force to aid the arrest of citizens
who have been guilty of murder, robbing,
aggravated assault, rape or arson upon
freedmen, freedwomen or their families, will
furnish the necessary force to make the
arrest. Provided the application is accom-
panied with copies of affidavits of credible
witnesses to the crime, and the statement of
the superintendent of freedmen, that he
has been unable to arrest the same by
civil authorities of the State and they have
failed or refused to take cognizance thereof.
The troops furnished will return to their

proper command, as soon as the
arrests have been made.

I am Sir

Very respectfully

Your Obedt Servt,

(Sgd) C. D. Greene

Actg Adjt Genl.

Approved copy of report furnished for
the information of 1st Maj J. H. Philbert,
1st Lt Genl, 1st Regt A. S. Cavalry,
1st Div, 1st Army Corps, 1st Army,
Washington.

By command of

1st Maj Genl C. D. Greene

M. S. Tyler

1st Lt Col 1st Regt A. S. Cavalry

A. S. Cavalry

1st Lt Col 1st Regt A. S. Cavalry
1st Div, 1st Army Corps

Special Letter

Authorizing agents of
Bureau, to purchase
furniture &c.

Dec 20 1866

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., Dec 21 1866.

Circular Letter.

Sir,

By direction of the Asst. Commr.
I have the honor to authorize you and the
officers and agents under your orders, to
make purchase of a desk, chairs, and other
office furniture necessary to the proper
conduct of the business of the offices. The
attention of civilian Superintendents, acting
under this authority is invited to Circular
No 34, dated at this office the 17th inst.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.

John Tyler
Capt. U.S.A. Bt. Major Genl.

To

Attn. of the Asst. Commr.

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Washington D.C.

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Circular

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War Department
Washington City Dec 23rd 1866.

Circular

Sir,
The Secretary of War direct that you immediately give instructions to all the Officers and Agents of your Bureau who have public property under their charge, to take the necessary precautions for preventing its destruction or damage by accidental fire. And also to see by personal inspection that the apparatus for extinguishing fire, of which they have control is in proper condition for effective use.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
(Dgd) E. Schriver,
Inspector General.

To the Commissioner
Bureau Refugees Freedmen & Abandoned Lands.

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Official Copy respectfully furnished for the
information and guidance of Bt Maj Genl.
E.O.C. Ord. Asst Comr for Arkansas
(Sgt) A.P. Ketchum
Asst Genl

Official Copy.
(Sgt) John Tyler.
Capt V.R.C. Bt Maj 2ds
a.a.a.s.

(Sgt) W. Philbert
Sgt of U.S. 10th
a.a.a.s.
S. 10th Hill,

Recd Feb 11th 1867

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War Department
Washington Dec 22, 1866

Circular.

War Department
Washington City
December 22^d 1866

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Very respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

Inspector Genl.

To the Commissioner,
Bureau of Refugees and Abandoned Lands

Official Copy respectfully furnished for the
information and guidance of Pt. Maj. Genl.
E. O. C. Ord. Asst. Commissioner for Arkansas.

Sgd. A. P. Ketchum
A. A. A. Genl

Official Copy
Sgd. Jno Tyler
Capt. W. P. C. Pt. Maj. Genl.
A. A. A. Genl

Official Copy
J. S. Patton,
Maj. & Genl. Supt. &c
B. R. F. & A. L.

~~General Letter~~

Respecting the word
"Slave" being used in
connection of 57th and
63d U.S.C. (Infantry and
4th Regt. U.S.C. Artillery)

Dec. 27, 1866

Referring to Circular
No. 321 and to further
Orders to Agents and
Further effects (see)

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., Dec 27th 1866

Circular Letters

Sir,

The Asst Commr directs that copies of Circulars Nos 30 and 32 Current Series be furnished to the Judges and Justices of the Peace in your District for their information. A sufficient number will be furnished for this purpose

I am very respectfully
Yours at service

John Tyler

Capt & C. B. May Jr

Washington Dec

Circular Letter

Respecting the word "slave"
being used in connection
of 57th and 63rd U.S. I. I.
(Infantry) and 4th reg^t
U.S.C. Art^y (Heavy).

December 27, 1866,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Circular Letter. Little Rock, Ark., Dec 27th, 1866

Sir,

Upon the examination of the rolls of the regiments of colored troops mustered out in this Department, it is found that the word "slave" appears opposite the names of each man of the 54th and 68th U. S. Co. I. (Infantry) and the 4th Regiment U. S. C. Arty (Heavy.) Therefore claims will not be taken for bounty on account of discharged soldiers of these regiments, under the Joint Resolutions of Congress of June 15th and July 26th, 1866, and Act of Congress of July 28th, 1866. (Equalization Act) except the applicants can furnish satisfactory proof that the person on whose account the claim is made was free on or before April 19th, 1866.

I am very respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

Genl Dupis re
Washington

Arkansas

Leapt V. R. Co. B. C. Maj Vals

A. A. Genl

P.R. 111 & Act of 1857
Officer in Charge
A.R. Jan 7. 1867.

Special Order
No. 1

Assigning Arthur Edw.
Foy to duty in chg of
P.H. at Washington.
Instructing him to take
immediate steps to organize
Hospital at.

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR THE STATES OF ~~MISSOURI~~ AND ARKANSAS, and Ind. Ter.,
OFFICE OF SURGEON IN CHIEF.

Little Rock Ark. Jan. 7th 1867

Special Order 3
No. 13

I x A. A. Surg. Edward C. Fox u.s.a. is hereby assigned to duty as Surg. in charge of sick and destitute Refugees and Freedmen at Washington Ark. and will report in person to Brig. Maj. Fred Thibaut Gen'l Supt. S.W. Dist. Ark. at Washington Ark.

II A. A. Surg. Edward C. Fox will take immediate steps for the organization of a Hosp. of 40 beds for Refugees and Freedmen at Washington Ark.

Henry M. Lilly
Asst. Surgeon

Fred. Thibaut } Dist. Ark. and Ind. Ter.
Gen'l Supt. S.W. }
Dist. Ark. }

P.R.F. ^{2nd} A.L. for Antk.
Office of Act Comd L. Rock
July 10th 1864

Tyler John
Capt V.P.C. ^{2nd} A.A. Sub

Directs the course pursued
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of Barratry to be advisory
and, to refer such cases to the civil
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P. H. ...
 B. R. ...
 Office of Assistant Commissioner
 Little Rock Ark Jan 10th 1867.
 Original Letter
 to ...

The Assistant Commissioner
 directs that the Comprehensions by Officers
 of this Bureau in Complaints of Bastardy
 be restricted to an Advisory one only.
 They will refer the Complainants to the
 Civil Authorities, endeavoring by advise
 to induce such authorities to apply the
 laws of the State to the freed people

I am Very Respectfully
 Your Obedt Servant
 (Signed) J. W. Taylor
 Capt U.S. Bt Maj Vols.
 A. S. S. S. S.

J. W. Taylor
 Bt Maj Vols & Genl Supt
 B. R. ...

B. R. F. & A. L. Adm^r & Sec^y.
Office West Coast
L. R. July 10th 1867.

A. G. O.

Yours Truly A. L. S.

Circular Letter

Directing the Course to be
pursued in Certain Cases
by Officers of the Bureau.

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., June 10th 1864.

Private

Circular Letter

Sir,

The Asst. Commissioner directs that the course pursued by officers of this Bureau in complaints of bastardy, be restricted to and advising only. They will refer the complaints to the Civil Authorities, as deeming best advice to induce such authorities to apply the laws of the State to the freed people.

I am very respectfully
Yours Obedt Servant.

M. C. Butler

Wm. G. S. Purce
Genl Supd
Washington.

A. A. A. A. A.

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Gen A. H. & H. Lewis
For Ark & Ind Day
Little Rock Ark
Jun 10th / 86 7

Circular letter

Dylan Jno, Capt & Co.
& Army A. H. & Lewis

The course pursued
by officers in the
Bureau, in cases
of bushy mill
seized by
visiting ones only,
they will refer the
complaints to the
Civil authorities
regularly then to take
action according to
the laws of the State,

Subscribed

1866

B.R. No. 45 A.L. for Carr. & Ins. Long
Little Rock. Ark. Jan 10th 1867.

Insert

Circular Letter.

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directs that the course pursued by Officers of
this Bureau in Complaints of Bastardy be
restricted to an advisory one only.

They will refer the Complainants to the
Civil Authorities endeavoring by advice
to induce such Authorities to apply the laws
of the State to the facts of the case.

I am Very Respectfully

Yours Obedt Servant.

(initials)

J. W. Tyler
Capt V.R.C. Bt Maj 20th
Actd Seal.

Officer Copy, J. W. Tyler
Capt V.R.C. Bt Maj 20th

3rd Dist. Office.

Office West Com
Little Rock Ark
Jan 21 "1867

Circular Letter,

Officers in Bureau
are allowed but not
sent for Office

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B. R. Folsom, Clerk of Justice
Office West Court
Little Rock July 14, 1867

Special Orders }
No 18 }

At May 7. M. Thibaut and A. W.
Smyth Edward C. Foy appointed
a board to establish the
amount of Rent to be paid
for building to be used as
a Hospital.

Indian Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark. Feb. 14 1867.

SPECIAL ORDERS

No. 18

[EXTRACT.]

A Board to consist of the following named officers, is hereby appointed to meet without delay at the office of the General Superintendent at Washington Ark. for the purpose of establishing the amount of rent to be paid by the Bureau for a building to be used as a Refugee and Freedmen Hospital at that place. The action of the Board to conform to the provisions of Circular No. 6. Dated War Department Bureau D. O. at W. Washington D. C. Dec. 4th 1866. It is impracticable for the Chief Quartermaster at this office to be appointed a member of the Board.

1st Maj. F. W. Tibbault Captain 18th V. R. Co.
1st Surgeon Edw. L. Fox U. S. A.

1st Maj. F. W. Tibbault

Capt. Lupt

Washington Ark.

Wm. C. ...
ACT'G ASS'T ADJ'T GEN'L.

Little Rock Ark
Feb. 16. 1867.

Special Order
No 36

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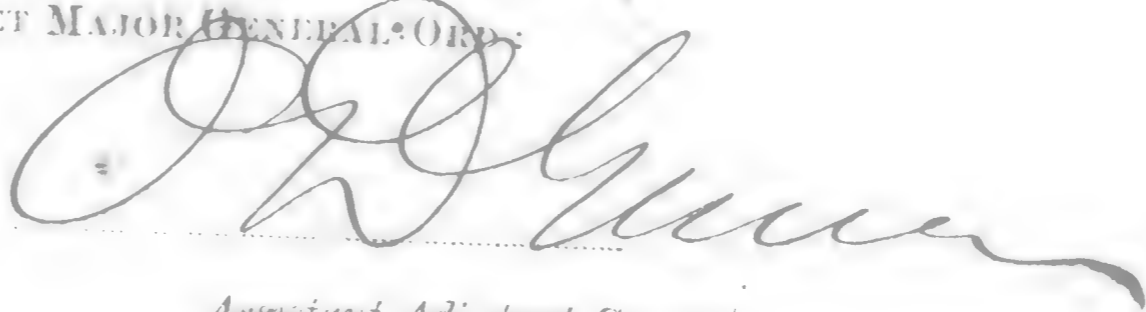
SPECIAL ORDERS }
No. 26. }

HEADQUARTERS,
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARKANSAS,
Little Rock, Ark., February 16th, 1867.
[EXTRACT.]

1. In addition to their present duties, the Commanding officers of the posts of Camden and Washington, Arkansas, will take general supervision of the affairs of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, in the districts of country adjacent to their respective posts, composed of the counties of Clark, Dallas, Ouachita, Calhoun, Bradley, Columbia and Union for the district under the Commanding officer of Camden, and the counties of Hempstead, Pike, Sevier and LaFayette under the Commanding officer of Washington. The officers referred to will report by letter to the Assistant Commissioner of the Bureau for the State of Arkansas, and will obey such instructions as they may receive from him.

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By command of BREVET MAJOR GENERAL:



Assistant Adjutant General.

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Bio R. F. & A. L.
for Ark & Ind. Army
Office West Bend,
Fulton Rock Ark
Feb 19 1867

Dylan John Lt 43 Regt
A. N. A. & R. F. & A. L.

Special order no 19
Extract

The extract of Gen
Ark is hereby dis
continued & removed
The book is retained
as Genl Supt. & is
appointed Supt for
Hempstead & Pike Co's

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Prof. R. Aus. Ad. for Arkansas and Ind. Army.
Office Asst Commr.
Little Rock Ark. July 19. 1867.

Special Orders
No 19. 3. Extract.

The Dist of South
Western Arkansas is hereby discontinued
and Bt Maj J. W. Threlant, U.S.A. is relieved
as General Superintendent for that district
and assigned to duty as Supt. R. F. Aus. Ad.
for the Counties of Hempstead and Pike.

By Command of
Bt Maj Genl. E. O. Ord. Asst Comr.

A, A, A, G.

copy sent to
of Bt Major
1. 1. Maj W. G.

Box R. F. W. H. for Capt. S. S. Terry
Office, West Coast
Little Rock, Ark., July 19, 1867.

Special Orders
No 17

In the Sup't of the
Counties of Hempstead
Perre Sevier Lafayette &
Columbia. Report
direct to the West Coast
Office. And when military
assistance may be
required will report
to the Commanding Officer
Post of Washington

ureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark. Feb'y 19. 1867.

SPECIAL ORDERS

No. 19.

[EXTRACT.]

The Superintendents for the Counties of Hempstead, Pike, Sevier, Lafayette and Columbia will hereafter report direct to this office, and will also make such reports to the Commanding officer Post of Washington—rendering compliance to Special Orders No 36. C. S. Head Quarters, Department of the Arkansas—as he may require. All cases which, in the opinion of these Superintendents, as require military aid, will be reported to the Commanding officer of that Post for his consideration and action.

By command of BREYER MASON GRAYSON, F. O. C. O.

St. Mas. H. H. Thibault

Superintendent

Washington Ark

W. S. S. S. S.
Lieut 43rd U.S. Infy
ACT'G ASS'T ADJ'T GEN'L.

410 1/2 Post Office Building
July 28. 1867.

Special Orders
No 215-3

I am writing a
Board of Survey to
consist of 3 Majors
Major & 2 Lieut Vols
to examine an alleged
deficiency in Potatoes

Approved July 28. 1867

Head Quarters Post of Washington Arks
February 28th 1864

Special Order
No 25

A Board of Survey to consist
of 1st Lt May "G. H. Thibault. Capt 18th W. R. C. and 2^d Lt
Richard Vance 28th W. Inf. is hereby ordered to convene
at 200. Pm. ^{this day} at the office of the A. G. S. to examine into an alleged
deficiency in a lot of Potatoes and to fix the responsi-
bility and assess the amount of damages if any
there be

By Command of
1st Lt May "George V. Vance
R Vance
2nd Lt 28th W. Inf
Post Adjutant

Roll 23

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SUBORDINATE FIELD OFFICES
Washington (Hemstead County)

Letters Sent and Orders Issued to Local Citizens
Volume (160) Feb. 1866–Mar. 1867

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from Feby 16/66
to Mar 21/67

Letters received
from Aug 18/66
to Oct 11/66

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Office Supt R F A S.
District Army of Mississippi
Washington Arkansas
February 16th 1866.

Col.

Since forwarding my report for the month of January I have ascertained that there is a Steam grist mill in this County, known as Government property. I have been informed by citizens of the county that it is being used for the U. S. Government (i.e.) Ed Bourne, the U. S. Treasury agt at this place has taken possession of the mill, and has placed a citizen of the County there to run it, as I am informed by some citizens on the place. I would continue for the purpose of Cir. No. 13, Bureau & Tro War Dept. as authorizing me to take charge of said mill, and I inquired of this U. S. Treasury agt under what authority he assumed charge of the mill, when he replied that he "took charge of it under orders from Ed Gamble." I asked for the "orders," or permission to read them but he (Bourne) remarked that he could not find them, and remarked that if I wished to get control of the mill, he would not relinquish his rights until he was ordered to do so by higher authority.

It is my duty to take charge of the mill I only ask for the necessary orders to do so. ^{among the citizens} The mill is being used for the benefit of the U. S. Government.

Hoping that speedy action may be taken in this matter

Salp. W. W. W.

Atty Genl

Missouri

I have the honor to be
Yours obt. servant
D. H. Williams
Supt R F A S.

Office Supt R. P. A. S.
Washington Arkansas
Feb 21st 1866.

Captain

Your letter of the 9th inst. advising
me of the approval of my estimate of funds
for January has been rec^d. I inclose
receipts for One Hundred and thirty four
dollars which and you will pay over to
Capt Wm S. Sherman at Mobile Junction W.B. Dist Ark.
I cannot use the apt on Memphis

Respectfully
Yr Obedt Servt
J. M. Williams
Supt R. P. A. S.

Capt Holly Skinner
Ark. P. A. S.
Little Rock Ark.

Office Supt R. P. A. S.
Washington Ark
February 25th 1866

Capt

You will confer a favor on
me by presenting the enclosed letter and
receipts to Capt Holly Skinner and get the
amount of funds they call for and hand to
me on your return of
Yrs respectfully

Supt R. P. A. S.

Office Supt R. P. A. S.
Washington Ark
March 21st 1866.

Capt H. Skinner
Ark P. A. S.
Little Rock Ark

Enclosed find
Estimates for the ensuing month of April.
As there is so much delay between this place
and Little Rock, please forward them at your
earliest convenience so that I may be enabled
to get the funds raised the ^{needed} time, than has hitherto
been the case. Hope you are well. - I made
my trip home without difficulty - the waters being
fordable.

Very respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
J. M. Williams
Supt R. P. A. S.

Office Supt R. P. A. S.
Washington Ark
March 17th 1866

Mr. Gamst -

I am under the necessity,
under orders & instructions from Headquarters of
this Bureau to call upon you to appear at
this office without delay and show cause

and labor attendant upon you. - You will save
time and trouble by attending to this matter immediately.

Very respectfully,
J. M. Williams
Supt R. P. A. S.

Mr. Charles E. Gamst

Per 2 mo. less 3 days = John 1 mo. & 3 days

Office, Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Washington, Arkansas

Mr. Sims P. Willard

Sir

Morgan Proctor (colored) who claims to be father of the four children apprenticed to you in December last, complains to this office that the apprenticeship is illegal. You represented to me, as well as to Ed Gault, that the father had totally abandoned the children, ~~and the papers for apprenticeship were~~ written in accordance with your statements.

Morgan now comes forward and makes his statement to this effect that he did ^{not} abandon the children, but that you would not allow him to visit them. In order to have this matter thoroughly investigated and settled permanently, it is necessary for you to appear at this office with the necessary evidence on Monday, April 2nd 1866, the day set apart for trial of this cause.

Very respectfully
J. W. Williams
Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Washington Arkansas
April 3rd 1866

Encl -

My report for the month of March. Agreeably to verbal instructions of Capt. H. Skinner, I have forwarded my cash papers directly to him. The accompanying report of Mr. Henry Shutter, Teacher of the school at this place, will explain itself. The trustees of the Baptist Church at this place have made application to me for the building in which Mr. Shutter is

teaching. - Being at a loss to know what course to pursue I forwarded the application to you for endorsement. I do not know by what authority the teacher occupies the church.

There appears to be no disposition, thus far, on the part of the county authorities, to take charge of paupers. There are several dependents adults, and a number of orphans who have no means of support, save the charity of the citizens. The citizens are becoming many of them burden, and threaten to bring them and set them down at my office. If they should do so what am I to do with them? There are no trains flying between here and Little Rock.

The paper concerning the Steam Grind Mill is hereby returned - The Proprietor, Etienne Chavigny advertised the mill for sale, and before the day appointed for sale he left the country. What am I to do now?

Yours respectfully &c
J. W. Williams
Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Phil. Lee M. Strayer
Act. Commr.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Washington Ark April 6th 1866

Dear Bob,

Please present the accompanying note to him, if he pays the amt. hand him my receipts for same, and forward the money by the first opportunity.

Yours Truly &c
J. W. Williams
Supt. R. F. & A. L.

W. R. Eder
Little Rock Ark

Office Supt R.F. H.S.
Washington
April 6th 1866

Capt H.S. Kinney
of Gen Sprague
Little Rock Ark

Please pay to Mr.
R.B. Ether the sum of two hundred and fifty
Eight dollars (\$258⁰⁰) amt of estimates
for March and April - He will hand you
my receipts for same

Very respectfully
Your obt servant
J.C. Williams
Supt R.F. H.S.

Office Supt R.F. H.S.
Washington
April 10th 1866.

Mr. Wright

Sancho Panza appears at this
office and makes his statement to the effect
that he has planted the corn and bedded
the land for the cotton - According to the
customs of farmers when the crop is planted
it is considered half complete - I have
consulted some gentlemen with regard to such
cases and have arrived at the conclusion that
Sancho's labor on the farm is worth at least

land - He claims that he has planted 20 acres
in corn and bedded 2 acres of cottonland
which will amount to \$110⁰⁰ from this
amount you will deduct whatever advances
you may have made to him - Hope you
may be able to settle without the necessity of coming to
this office

Respectfully
J.C. Williams
Supt R.F. H.S.

S.H. Wright

Office Supt R.F. H.S.
Washington
April 11th 1866.

Mr Sandefur

Maek Cot (Colored)
makes complaint to this office that you had
him at ten dollars per month; and that he
worked for you two months, when you
forced him to leave your place without
compensation for labor.

According to Circular No. 10
R.F. H.S. from Little Rock Ark's Bureau who
neglect to make written contracts for the
year will be required, should dispute
arise as to compensation to pay the highest
wages in their section of country. It will
be greatly to your interest to settle with
Maek at home instead of waiting the
necessity of coming to this office for
a settlement. I am sworn bound to
these matters according to instructions
from Gen Sprague at Little Rock,
and in no consideration will I make
a decision which will injure me

Very respectfully
J.C. Williams
Supt R.F. H.S.

Mr. Ed. Sandefur

Office Supt R.F. H.S.
Washington Arkansas
April 17th 1866

Mr Johnson

Augustus and Alfred Johnson (Colored) represents that they are charged by you with stealing, and that they are afraid that you will seize them - They have come down for protection, and it is my duty to do it. I will see that they have a trial according to law. If you have any such charge against either of them it is your duty as a good citizen to bring that case before the civil authorities, just as you would me if I had stolen your property. If you have sufficient proof you could swear out a warrant for the arrest of the parties, but you cannot touch them and be safe yourself by any but legal process. I advise you to be careful.

Very respectfully
J. H. Williams
Supt R.F. H.S.

J. H. Johnson
Columbus, Ark.

Office Supt R.F. H.S.
Washington Arkansas
April 20th 1866

Mrs Crump -
Fulton Ark.

Jim Doms (Colored) complains that your son forced him to leave your place. He states that he has been working for six or seven months of crop. But that your son forces him away without compensation. If you are not willing to contract with him state your objections to this office. If you do not keep him you will have to pay him for services rendered. Let me hear from you immediately.

Very respectfully
J. H. Williams
Supt R.F. H.S.

Mrs Anna Crump -
Fulton Ark.

Office Supt RFD AS
Washington DC
April 21 1866

Chief Clerk W. G. Brown
Bureau RFD AS
Little Rock.

Sir
I have with
forward Indenture with W. Hoover and
Geo. Pittman - The Probate Judge's sig-
nature is omitted because he refuses
to have the approval of the Bureau
just. when he signs the paper
becomes a record of his Court and
according to the Statute of the State
is complete within itself, therefore
he not wishing to come in contact
with the regulations of the Bureau
on this subject, refuses to have its
approval before making the
Indenture a record, thereby
making it strictly comply with
the Statute, as well as the
Regulations of the Bureau.
You will observe that the
Indenture is made drawn in
perfect accordance with the
requirements of the Statute of
the State

W. G. Brown
Supt RFD AS

Office Supt RFD AS
Washington DC
May 1st 1866.

Mr. Calvin Lyons
Sir

Will Permon
reports that him and his wife have
been working in your field since about
January 22 1866 without contract and
that you are forcing him away without
compensation - You are directed to appear
at this office on Monday May 7th 1866
and make statement showing evidence
if any you have, why you should not
remunerate them for their services.
You can come and save yourself
trouble or not and abide the consequences
This is my duty

Respectfully
J. M. Williams
Supt RFD AS

Office Supt R F W A S
Washington Ark^s
May 15th 1866

Capt A Spinner
Chf Qm R F W A S
Little Rock Ark^s

I enclose
you report of Persons and articles employed No
and account current for April; also Estimate
Funds for June. My reasons for sending my Estimate
in so far in advance is accounted for by the
unfavorable opportunities of getting mail matter
through from Little Rock to this place. It is not
uncommon to receive letters that have been 4 or 5
weeks out from Little Rock. When they ought to
come within three days or four at farthest. You
promised to write Hon E W Hunt that you had
authorized me to send my Qm Papers direct to
you - He has not received such notice only from me.

Very Truly Yrs
Jas M Williams
Supt R F W A S.

Office Supt R F W A S
Washington Ark^s
May 15th 1866

Mr Jas Davis
Greenwell Ark^s
Sir

Fredrick Norwood a
Freedman who is now at this Office represents that
he left you in consequence of maltreatment - That
a man named Joe Norwood on your place striped
Fredricks shirt off and chastised him - As supervi-
sintendant for this County and under authority from the
Sers of this Bureau. I demand an explanation of this
Case. If Freedman do not please you it is not the
duty or even the prerogative of the employer to abuse them.
But he must report the facts to this Office of the Supt who
will hear all complaints and decide in accordance to
Law and equity. So long as the People persist in abusing
the Colored People. Just so long will they remain under
Military Rule. There is a Company of Colored Troops
at this place placed here simply because some People
wer showing by there acts that they determined to oppose
the freedom of the Negroes - If this course is not
stoped we cannot have Peace and harmony in this
Country. I am addressing for your own interest and
well fare. I was raised in this Country (in this State)
and have seen fit to accept the position or office which
I hold, not to give favor to the People of the Country which
is detrimental to the Negroes right under the Law; but
to administer justice according to Law and equity.

I am unable to think you in case of violation of
law I disposed to do so. If I sit in my office and had out
the complaints of the Freedman. What think you
would be the result why I would be removed arrested and
tried by Court Martial and some stranger to be
employed placed here who in all probability would
transcend his authority and arrest you with out
any investigation at all & in all probability would keep
you confined with the beyond of the Colored Troops.

Come forward like a man and make your statement
and don't wait for their consequences

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Serv
Jas Mc Williams

Office Supt R F & A L
Washington Ark^s
May 4th 1866

Mr A J Norman

Sir

You are hereby notified to
appear at this Office to morrow morning, at 10 o'clock
for the purpose of investigating the matter between
you and Andy Harvey with regard to a horse now
in your possession.

James Mc Williams
Supt R F & A L

Office Supt R F & A L
Washington Ark^s
May 10th 1866

Dr Henry Mc Lally
Surgeon in Chief
Dist of MO & Ark^s

Sir

In reply to yours
of the 10th ultimo received yesterday (insert in the
way) I would state that so far as I am able to
ascertain there are no destitute Refugees or Freedmen
in this county, who are blind deaf or dumb
my means of ascertaining these facts are very
limited at present - If the People of the county
would respond to a request that I might make
asking for such information it would be no
difficult matter to give you the desired
information - There having been no census taken
in this county for several years the ~~old~~ one
would be no advantage to me in getting the
information - It is impossible for me to
ascertain and report in accordance with
your request, without canvassing the district
thoroughly (i.e) visiting every household

Very Respectfully
Jas Mc Williams
Supt R F & A L
Per Norman Williams

Office Supt R.F. & A.S.
Washington Arkansas
May 16th 1866

Brig Gen Sprague
Supt Gen
Little Rock
Arkansas

Sir

with stepping Moore
Enclosed find duplicate
of one being signed and the other blank - It
has been recorded and acted upon by the County. Please
turn at your earliest convenience.

Truly Yrs
Jas M. Williams
Supt R.F. & A.S.

Office Supt R.F. & A.S.
Washington May 19th 1866

Mr Stephens
Mr J. P. Stearns

The man Charles who was under
contract with you up to 23rd of March comm
and reported to Gen E. W. Gantt that you
paid him, but 28 dollars specie, which at
that time was worth 35-40 dollars in Green Backs
of course that you owe him more - my understanding
is that you would pay him his full wages up to
the which would be as follows

Charley	68 days	@ 11 th per man	42 th per day	2856
Rosa	68 "	@ 3 rd "	" 19 "	1292
Liza	68 "	6 th "	" 33 "	1400

Charley lost 4 days	@ 4 th	170
Rations 4 "	25-	100
Balance due Charley	\$ 7.22	

Respectfully
Jas M. Williams
Supt R.F. & A.S.

Office Supt R.F. & A.S.
Washington Ark's
May 21st 1866

Mr A. S. Norman
Sir

Under instructions
from Hon E. W. Gantt Gen Supt Bureau
R.F. & A.S., I hereby notify you to appear
at my office in person for the purpose of
settling the case between yourself and Samuel
Simpson - You will bring the horse with you

Very Respectfully
Jas M. Williams
Supt R.F. & A.S.

Office Supt R.F. & A.S.
Washington May 31st 1866

Capt H. Skinner
Chf 2nd Co Reg R.F. & A.S.
Little Rock
Ark's

Sir

Yours of the 10th Inst
just to hand acknowledging receipt of return for
April and estimate of funds for June. Please
send final returns for May & estimate funds for
July. I forwarded receipts to be handed you
some time since for previous estimates for
funds. Which are as follows

Assignment in that respect which you
will let me hear from you at your earliest
convenience - My chest has no money and I
feel embarrassed every time I meet my com-
-mand - He looks like he would prefer some
other brand. Please attend to this matter im-
-mediately

Very Respectfully
Jas M. Williams
Supt R.F. & A.S.

Office Supt R F W A S
Washington Ark^s
May 31st 1866

Brigadier Genl Sprague
Spt Com'r
Little Rock
Arkansas

Sir

Inclosed please find
returns for month of May 1st 1866.

Very Respectfully
Jas M Williams
Supt R F W A S

Office Supt R F W A S
Washington Ark^s
June 13th 1866

Alfred Johnson & Lindsey
Gentlemen

The two
Freedmen in your employ Alfred Johnson
and Fred Johnson who wer charged with Larceny
appear at this Office with their bondsmen
who represent that they (the Freedmen) are set at
liberty - Now therefore said Freedmen are
directed to return to their respective vocations
and so long as they conduct themselves in
accordance with the laws of the Country they
will be

Very Respectfully
Jas M Williams
Supt R F W A S

Office Supt R F W A S
Washington Ark^s June 14th 1866

Capt A Skinner
Chf Q M R
Little Rock
Arkansas

Sir

Inclosed please
find statement of 2 M's Property made up
according to Cir 3 was Dept (excepting that it is
made on letter instead of Fool scap paper the
latter of which I have not a single sheet.

Very Respectfully
Jas M Williams
Supt R F W A S

Office Supt R. F. A. L.
Washington Ark
June 15th 1866

W. W. King J. P.
Washington Ark

Dear Sir

The peaver
Moses Turner comes to my office with
complaints against Wm. A. Turner - My
construction of the U. S. Law is that where
there are difficulties arising between whites
and freedmen, that where the Civil authorities
refuse or neglect to administer justice,
the U. S. Commissioners and agents of the Freedmen
Bureau are empowered and are required
to arrest offenders of the laws of the United
States, and institute suits against all such
offenders. To this end I hereby transfer the
case in question to the jurisdiction of your courts.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servant
J. M. Williams
Supt R. F. A. L.

Reply to the above -
June 15th 1866

Mr Williams,
Sir

not ful computation
(Signed) W. T. King

Office Supt R. F. A. L.
June 15th 1866

W. W. King Esq
Dear Sir

Your note was just recd. Please make
your indorsement on my communication to
you of this date, declining to take action
in the matter referred to between Moses
Turner and Wm. A. Turner that I may set
myself right in the premises

Very respectfully
J. M. Williams
Supt R. F. A. L.

Office Supt R. F. A. L.
Washington Arkansas
June 15th 1866

William A. Turner Esq
Sir

You are reported to
this office with making an assault with
intent to kill upon the person of Moses Turner
a freedman in your employ.
This case has been transferred to the Magistrates
court and you are advised to appear in defense
of yourself immediately, to appear in defense
as the case will be tried without delay -
By appearing immediately you will save being
arrested by the proper authorities

Very Respectfully
J. M. Williams
Supt R. F. A. L.

Orders to Dr. Scarborough
 Aug 9. Wife of Sarah King
 12. America
 19. Harriet Jones
 22. Wife of at least 2nd
 child, captain
 30. Rebecca Adams
 31. Maud William
 Sept 3. Wm. Hopkins

Office R. F. & A. S.
 Washington Aug 3rd 1866
 Capt Jas Tyler
 Little Rock

Capt
 I have the honor to acknowledge
 the receipt of twenty blank forms
 appertaining to claims of colored soldiers
 which I will distribute according to your
 directions.

I am very respectfully
 Your obt servant
 (signed) G. W. Thibault
 Capt & Brig Maj etc.

Office Bureau R. F. & A. S.
 Washing in Capt. Aug 7th 1866
 Capt O. W. Ballard
 Supt. Parachute
 Capt

I have the honor
 of enclosing to you (4) four blank forms
 No 5. Pay department, These blank forms are used
 in cases where enlisted men apply for arrears
 of pay on their own account

Also one copy of circular no 7.
 I am very respectfully
 your obt servant

Supt. & Supt R. F. & A. S.
 A. G. Supt

one copy of the above to
 T. J. Reid
 Lewisville
 Wm A. Britton
 Arkadelphia

Bureau R. I. & A. S.
 Washington Aug 4th 66
 Brig. Maj. Genl. J. W. Sprague
 Dist. Commissioner R. I. & A. S.

Sir,

In accordance with your instructions I have the honor to forward a report appertaining to a certain Grist Mill seized by the U. S. Treasury Department, with the different exhibits appertaining to the same.

Said mill was in operation in Fulton, Newport, Geo., for use of the said so-called Confederate Government. After surrender said mill was transported to this city by a citizen named W. R. Jacobs. He having acted under orders as per exhibit A, which also shows that the same was used by the U. S. Department for the use of the army and citizens.

Said mill was afterwards rented by the Treasury agent Bourne to a citizen named Simon Fair for \$24. per week, it remained in his charge for three months when suddenly the said Dr Bourne disappeared.

January 1866 a citizen named W. B. Stuart, claimed said property

houses were his own, although in presence he merely claimed the houses and had no objections to my claiming the mill. Exhibit B is a statement made by Mr. Hempstead an atty. a law, who claims to be agent for a certain Dr Scull who also claims said mill as having belonged to him before the war and

taken by the so called Confederate Government without ever receiving compensation therefor.

From private sources I heard that a certain individual wanted to buy said property on which occasion said Dr Scull claimed ownership, it would therefore be necessary to hear his own statement.

The mill is at present not in running order, the boiler having exploded, machinery damaged and no machinists here capable of making necessary repairs.

Exhibit "D" are papers that have accumulated in this office prior to my possession, concerning said property.

Awaiting your further instructions

I have the honor to remain

Your obt. servt.

(signed) Fred. W. Thibault

Capt & Brig. Maj. R. I. & A. S.

P.M. & Sup't B. R. I. & A. S.

Office Bureau R. I. & A. S.

August 6th 1866

James B. Johnson

Sir

Complaint has been entered against you by a certain Frederick

against her, it is expected that you fulfill your contract or come to some settlement, in case you ^{refuse to settle} with the latter I am compelled to levy the full amount I agreed to on your crop.

(signed) Fred. W. Thibault

Capt & Brig. Maj. R. I. & A. S.

P.M. & Sup't B. R. I. & A. S.

Office Bureau R.F. & A.S.
Washington Aug 6th 66

Mr William Turner
Sir

John Simms a freedman employed by you states that you charge him at the rate of One (1) dollar per day for lost time and that he only received from you Eleven (11) dollars per month.

This is entirely against all orders and rules, whenever said John Simms loses time you are only allowed to deduct his actual pay lost and for his rations at the rate of 30 cents per day.

It is the duty of this department to do justice to all parties and you will please therefore take this decision as I am instructed

By order of
Fred W. Thibault
Capt & Brer Maj. U.S.A.
P.M. & Supt B.R.F. & A.S.

Office etc
Washington Aug 7th 66

Mr Wesley Overmood
Sir

There was an order sent you last week from this office requesting your appearance to answer charges brought against

as you did not appear it becomes my duty to forward this by a guard you will therefore report to this office to save you further trouble

You will please return with this guard or state when a certain day or hour when you will appear at this office

signed F.W. Thibault etc

Office Bureau R.F. & A.S.
Washington Aug 8th 66

To all to whom it may concern
The bearer of this Susanna Disney Medlock is empowered to collect from the employers of Daniel Briggs (freed man) the sum of six dollars (\$6) per month being the amount assessed against him for the support of said Susanna D. Medlock, as being his former wife and two children in her possession
signed Fred W. Thibault
Capt & Brer Maj. U.S.A.
P.M. & Supt B.R.F. & A.S.

State of Arkansas }
County of Hempstead } ss
Personally appeared before me this 8th day of August 1866, Daniel Briggs, who deposes and says that he is lawfully married to Mary J. Evans, and that he has annulled all former engagements with Susanna D. Medlock, wherefore he agrees to pay to Susanna Disney Medlock for the support of her children the sum of six dollars (\$6) per month
signed Fred W. Thibault
Capt & Brer Maj. U.S.A.
P.M. & Supt B.R.F. & A.S.

Office Bureau R.F. & A.S.
Washington Aug 9th 66

we her three dollars (\$3) for work done for you and that you refuse to pay her saying that you will not pay for the hire of freed people, to save yourself further trouble you will forthwith settle her account with her or you will be summoned to appear to this office which will subject you to a fine and costs.

By order of Fred W. Thibault

Bureau of F. B. & A.
Washington Ark Aug 8/66.

Mr. E. J. [unclear] Complaints has been entered in this
Office against you, by Hamilton a freedman forming
in your employ, he states that he had been discharged
by your overseer, he claims pay for 4 months
Please call at this office Saturday the 11th inst
to answer to said charges.

J. W. Whitcomb
Capt. & Postmaster
Supt. of F. B. & A.

Bureau of F. B. & A.
Washington Ark Aug 8/66

Mr. Carmel W. Monroe a freedman in your
employ complains that you are in the habit
of taking corn of a certain field from which you
are entitled to one fourth part only, in time
of settlement the parties have a right in charging
you with the corn already taken, but to stop
further disputes, it would be better for you in
not using any of said corn till the shares are
equally divided.

J. W. Whitcomb

Bureau of F. B. & A.
Washington Ark Aug 9/66

Lt. Col. J. H. Williams
Adj. R. F. & A.
Little Rock, Ark.
Sir

In compliance with the request of
Maj. Genl. J. W. Sprague I take the
liberty of forwarding to you a report of pertain-
ing to the condition of the freed men in my
district.

The manner in which the Bureau has been
conducted by my predecessor seems to have
caused a great deal of dissatisfaction, so that
it will take some time in establishing the
required confidence.

The general complaints were that parties
have not been brought to justice as prompt
and regular as should have been done, also
in regard of allowing forty cents per return
to be charged in case of loss of time which
I have accordingly reduced to 20¢ & 50¢.

There are contracts on file allowing \$20. per month
for 7 hands from which 5 are allowed, how is it
possible that those hands are able to support them-
selves when these contracts run out, they must
then become a burden to the Government.

As you are aware all kinds of tricks had
been used by certain planters to induce their

and am determined to arrange every one and
make them come to some settlement.

The hardest time will yet come, when the
time of settlement arrives, they will try all kinds
of experiments to beat the hands out of their just
earned wages.

There are also a great many planters who
try every thing in their power to satisfy

their hands, especially the large planters who work with some kind of system and in general settle their own disputes.

There are also many complaints coming in from the adjoining counties i.e. Lafayette, Sevier, Columbia, & Pike the latter county had been assigned to my district by Mr Gantt previous to my arrival generally referred those parties to their respective agents but it seems they have no confidence in citizen agents, when I first opened my office I was over-run by those parties,

I was requested by the clerk of Mr Gantt to assume the duties of acting ^{Gantt} Supt. during the absence of Mr Gantt. I have forwarded the different orders issued to the respective Supt. of districts.

The physical condition of the Negro population in and around my district is very poor, they are dying by scores most in want of proper food and also proper medical treatment. As this is the central point and principal city in this section of the country a great many gather here from Tex. the Indian Territory and adjoining counties so that actually the town is filled with destitutes amongst whom are a great many old and infirm some are in a starving condition it is a pitiful sight. I would therefore most respectfully request that rations and clothing be furnished

in the state.

I would also most respectfully suggest that a surgeon be contracted for this and adjoining counties it is hard to see men die daily who could easily be saved if they received proper medical attention.

Dr Lilly requested me to report some facts concerning a certain Dr Scarborough

the said Dr S. was acting as surgeon for the freed men in this district, as I understood by order from Mr Gantt, he has performed his duties faithfully as far as I could ascertain, but on account of not receiving compensation therefore he left matters in statu quo.

According to a circular No. 17, dated Mar. Dept. Bureau, of F. R. and A. S. Washington D. C. Aug. 17th 65 certain districts in case of necessity, are allowed to have a surgeon, contracted.

I would therefore most respectfully recommend to your kind approbation the above mentioned Dr S. as a qualified person to attend to the sick freed men in this district.

I undertook to plead with the civil authorities in behalf of the freed men but there is no show from those quarters at present, but it is possible in case the Government should undertake to fix up a hospital that they would be willing to give a building for said purpose.

I have the honor to be
Your most obt. ser
(signed) Fred W. Thibault
Capt & Post. Maj. U.S.A.
Dept B. R. F. & A. S.
Memphised Co. Miss.

Bureau of F. R. & A. S.

Sir!

You will please furnish medical attendance to the Child of Sarah King a freed woman of this town.

Fred W. Thibault, Capt & Post. Maj. U.S.A.
Supt of F. R. & A. S.

Office etc
Washington Aug 12.

Dr Scarborough

Will please furnish medical attendance to

Amos Fred

signed Fred W. Thibault
Capt + Post Mag. etc

Office etc
Washington Aug 13th 66

William Holt. Esq
Sir

Joseph Scott (freedman) says that he has contracted with his daughter to you. to work your crop on shares, he now complains that you will not allow his daughter to remain on your place, if you have any charges to make against her it is your duty to report the facts to this office.

Joseph is an old man and would like to retain his daughter with him, if you will not allow her to remain you will first bring the charges against her to this office also the contract that it may be cancelled.

(signed) Fred W. Thibault
Capt etc.

Office Bureau R.F. + A.S.
Washington Aug 13th 66

Mr. Colenden has this morning turned away the bearer of this (Orange) freed man) from orders to this office from the War Department it is the duty of the Supt. to see that the freed men are not discharged from their contract without just cause. should Mr. C. have any charges to make sufficient to cancel said contract he will report the

facts to this office otherwise I shall consider the said Orange justly entitled to his year's salary signed Fred W. Thibault
Capt + Post Mag. etc

Office Bureau R.F. + A.S.
Washington Aug 13th 66

Mr. H. Tate
Sir

The bearer of this states that you informed him that as your crop was now "laid by" that he would have to furnish himself with provisions and still work for you.

If you made a contract for the year with your hands it is your duty to furnish them rations for that period even if you have nothing for them to do.

You can keep them employed in repairing fences or doing other work which comes legitimately under the head of farming on the place which they actually cultivated.

By giving this your attention it may save you trouble on the cancelling of your contract

By orders of
Fred W. Thibault

+ act. asst. Supt.

Office Bureau R.F. & A.S.
Washington Aug 14 1866
Mr J. A. Reid supr R.F. & A.S.
Louisville

Sir

You will please examine the account of the bearer of this John Green with his former employers.

Said Green asserts that he has been charged with more time lost than is correct

By Par. II in the printed contract you will see that time lost can only be charged to the employees when such accounts are reported and approved by the supr. monthly

I have etc
signed Fred W. Thibault.
Capt & Post Major etc

Office etc Washington Aug 14 1866
Capt H. S. Slinger a.g.m.
R.F. & A.S.
Little Rock

Capt.

I most respectfully request that you send me the following blanks as I find the office entirely out of: G.M. Blanks no 57 Vouchers no 22. Requisition for forage no 32. I also find on my arrival here that I have no blanks for claims for bounty, and would most

of contract coming under my supervision, and in most instances they are settled by note payable on the last of December, it becomes necessary that there should be a stamp attached and as there are no stamps here to be had I would ask that some be sent and the same charged to me.

On my arrival here I found the office

of the bureau situated on the second floor of a public hotel building with no ventilation whatever, very difficult of access, and consequently compelled to engage another room which will account for the difference in the amount charged for rent of office in my estimate for funds required for the month of August

I have the honor to be very etc
(signed) Fred W. Thibault
Capt etc

Office Bureau etc Washington Aug 14 1866
Mr Walter Cheatham
Sir

I am sorry to state that there is another charge against your foreman by driving from your place one of your employees, and threatened to shoot him if he should again visit the place.

I deem sir that your overseers are taking entirely to much authority upon themselves, should there be any more complaints entered against them it will be come my duty to arrest them and forward them to Little Rock to be tried by military commission

If you will not take the bearer of

bring the account of John Clayburn to this office tomorrow Wednesday the 10th inst and settle his account to date
(signed) Fred W. Thibault
Capt etc

Office Bureau R.F. & A.S.
 Washington Aug 14th 66
 Mr Col. W. Williams ady.
 R.F. & A.S.
 Little Rock

Col.

I have the honor to report the receipt of Blank forms mailed to the Hon. E. W. Gault Capt of this district and have distributed the same to the different offices in this district I will also state that during the absence of the Hon. Mr. Gault I have assumed the responsibilities of his office.

The creditors of Mr Gault having during the last few days attached all his effects I have ordered that all paper appertaining to the Bureau be transferred to me. of which I will take charge until further orders.

Mr Gault has also been largely engaged in the cultivation of Cotton & hence therefore ordered a lien to be taken on the crops of the said Mr Gault to recompense the freed men employed for their labor

Hoping that my course will prove satisfactorily to yourself

I have the honor etc
 signed Fred W. Thibault
 Capt. & Post. Maj. U.S.A. etc

Said Nelson Davis says that he is engaged by a Freed man on your place and is not subject to your orders

By being some what more lenient in the treatment of freedmen you may save yourself a great deal of trouble in the future

very etc
 signed Fred W. Thibault
 Capt. etc.

Office Bureau R.F. & A.S.
 Washington Aug 15th 1866

Mrs Walker

Sam (Freed man) says that he has a sorrel mare on your place and that you will not let him have it.

You will perthwith let the said Sam have his mare and if you have any charges against him you will file the same in this office and I will see that your account shall be settled

I am Madam
 your etc
 signed Fred. W. Thibault
 Capt. etc

Office Bureau R.F. & A.S.

Sir

Nelson Davis enters complaint that you yesterday afternoon did beat him (Nelson) with a walking stick

According to orders to this office from the War Department you have made yourself subject to a fine of one hundred and fifty dollars.

Hamden Ark.

Since enclosed please find requisition for forage for the month of Sept 1866 for one Public Horse in my service. which you will please forward at your earliest convenience, also the forage due me for this month

signed Fred W. Thibault
 Capt. & Post. Maj. etc

Office Bureau R.F. & A.S.
Washington Ark Aug 16th 1866

Sir Sam. M. Mills 19th inst

Post Adj't
Camden Ark.

Sir

I have the honor of forwarding, to you the enclosed communication, which has been handed to me by Gov R. Montgomery late Capt. U.S. Vols. which will explain itself. Thinking you the proper officer to whom it should be addressed.

I would also most respectfully call your attention to the fact that this place is the centre point of the counties of Pike, Columbia, Sevier, Lafayette, and Sevier, and that during the absence of the Hon. Mr. Gantt I am acting in his stead as assist. Surg. Genl. and the Freed men not having the required confidence in citizen Surg. there is a heavy duty devolving on this office, and it is necessary every day for one or more orderlies to be sent with rations and orders for meat throughout this and the adjoining counties, which makes their duty very heavy besides there has been an average report each morning of three sick during the last ten days.

Parachute being but a nominal post and this post not necessary for all the troops stationed there and this post looked

that a portion of said Detachment at Parachute be sent to this post to assist me in the duties required.

I have the honor to be
etc

(signed) Fred W. Shilbourn
Capt. & Brig. Surg. etc.

Office B. R. F. & A.S.
Washington Ark Aug 17th 1866

Oliver Ferguson Esq.

You will please let Levity Brandon & his husband have what effect you may have of hands on your place.

Having refused to answer a request of your appearance to this office last week I shall consider all contracts complained of by Freedmen to this office cancelled.

(signed) F. W. Shilbourn
Capt. etc.

Office Bureau R.F. & A.S.
Washington Ark, Aug 20th 1866

Cool W. J. Turner
Sir

By special orders from War Department Washington D.C. forwarded to me by assist. commissaries at Little Rock. I have been instructed to investigate and report the particulars of a difficulty said to have occurred between you and Moses Turner Freedman formerly in your employ.

You will therefore please call at this office some day this week, that I may ascertain the full particulars and report the facts to the proper authorities.

(signed) Fred W. Shilbourn etc

D. J. Scarborough

Will please furnish medical attendance to Harriet Jones (Freed) and charge the account to this office.

(signed) Fred W. Shilbourn

Office Bureau R.F. & A.S.
Washington Aug 21st 66

Mrs Hamilton

Madam

Moses Hamilton (Freedman)

entire complaint that he last year helped to
make your crop, for which he was to receive a
part of one half, he says he never received any thing

By making a just and fair settlement with
him you may save yourself time and
expense and trouble from reporting to
settles at this office

very str

(Signed) Fred W Thibault

Office Bureau R.F. & A.S.
Washington D.C. Aug 22^d /66.

Genl. J.W. Sprague

Asst. Commissioner R.F. & A.S.
Little Rock

General

Several cases of importance having
come to my personal knowledge since my last and
thinking they required prompt attention I have
the honor of transmitting to you some facts
and also make a few enquiries for the benefit
of this and other counties where superintendents
have referred cases of the kind to me.

Report has been brought to this office
where the Capt. of Clark Co. had bucked and

where a freed man had been bucked and
cragged until blood issued from his
mouth and nose from the effects of
which he died in three days afterwards.

Some ten days ago a Negro was
shot dead in the streets of Orkadelphia
by a Texan. From all accounts I can hear
the superintendent there took no cognizance

of the affair whatever

Stimorous complaints have been brought
here by freed men, ^{from Texas} who have been driven from
their contracts without pay or compensation
and in several cases where they had been
shamefully whipped and abused. In one
case where I ordered a person to report
he sent back a very insulting note, said
he would not report to any Texas Bureau
for any charges preferred against him by
any Negro, not having a sufficient number
of troops and only three of them mounted
and these horses unserviceable I was
unable to do anything in the premises. Of
convenience to obtain a list of officers
of the Bureau of the border counties of
Texas I would be glad to receive them, to
be able to refer such cases to them as may
come to my personal knowledge

I have applied to Col. Gilbert Comandj,
Post of Camden for additional troops to
make this Bureau more efficient and also
to assist the adjoining counties as they
rely principally on this post for aid.

Knowing that a tax is being assessed
on all able bodied freedmen in the county of
Lafayette for the support and relief of
the aged, sick and infirm for the coming
winter I would ask whether such an
course would be justified. I have

of such, but their being no provisions
made by the county and the Treasury very
much depleted they at present cannot
do anything for them. I would therefore
suggest that such a tax be allowed as it
will greatly benefit and alleviate the
of such as are actually in need.

I have also consulted with a number of

per come from this section of the State who will occupy seats in the two branches of the Legislature the coming session, who speak very favorably for the advancement of the freedmen understanding that by them (the freedmen) this country will have to look for their labor and are using all those efforts to retain it in their respective counties and districts.

There have been several cases of sickness of freedmen here that required immediate attention, in such cases I have called in the services of Dr Scarborough and hope such expense will be allowed this office, as Dr. S. has been very untiring in his efforts to alleviate the suffering of the freedmen in this vicinity.

There are a number of applications filed for indentures of apprenticeship of orphans (colored) I would like to be informed of the propriety of making such indentures in conformity with circular no 21 dated Little Rock May 10th 66.

I would respectfully ask the privilege be granted and assurances made for publishing so much of circular no 16th dated Little Rock Oct 26/65 as will tend to inform parties of their duties in making contracts for the coming season, there being a great deal of trouble arising where such

great deal of trouble, in not being able to produce the contracts.

At the last regular meeting of the association of the freedmen here I had caused to be read to the members thereof several circulars informing them of their duties as freedmen, their rights and privileges in making contracts and also

circular no 7. dated Washington D.C. July 2^d 66. since which time there have been a great many applications to enter land but there being no land commissioners here I am unadvised how to act.

I have the honor to remain

very respectfully your obedient servant
signed Thos. M. Shubert
Post Mgr. N. R. L. & S. A. S.
P. M. S. F. & A. S.

July 28th Orders to Dr Scarborough for attendance per wife of Estlin Woods (Angelina) Baby (no mother)

Office Bureau etc
— Washington July 28th 66

Mr James E. Johnson.

Sir

Robin Johnson (freed) enters complaint that you yesterday did tell him to leave your place where he had contracted to work for one year and that you refused to settle.

As you have broken your part of the contract it is my duty to see that Robin gets his wages in full for the time the contract reads. Should you be able to make arrangements with him

to this office forthwith and also Robin that they may be settled

Very etc

signed Thos. M. Shubert Post Mgr.

Office Bureau, R.F. & A.S.
 Washington Aug 30th 66
 Capt Holly Strimer a.g.m.
 Bureau, R.F. & A.S.
 Little Rock

Capt
 I have the honor to forward to you my reports for the month of August. As per report of account current there is a balance of seventy one ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars due the Government which I shall forward at the first opportunity. I have the honor to remain
 signed Fred W. Shubert
 Capt. & Post. Mag. S.R.C.

Office Bureau, R.F. & A.S.
 Washington Aug 30th 66
 Lieut. G.D. Williams
 Bureau, R.F. & A.S.
 Little Rock

Capt.
 I have the honor to forward the affidavits of Caham Woods in regard to the case of breaking and gassing, Freedman in Clark Co. which was reflected in my report of Aug 28th 66. I have the honor to remain
 signed Fred W. Shubert

Aug 30th 66
 Dr Scarborough
 Will please furnish medical attendance and medicines for Rebecca Adams freed & charge the same to account of this office
 Fred W. Shubert
 S.R.C.

Office Bureau, R.F. & A.S.
 Washington Aug 30th 66
 Dr Scarborough
 Will please furnish medicines for Uncle William colored
 Fred W. Shubert
 Post. Mag. R.F. & A.S.

Office Bureau, R.F. & A.S.
 Washington Ark. Sept 1st 66
 Lieut. G.D. Williams
 Post adjt.
 Camden

Lieut
 I have the honor of reporting some fact concerning the squad of men stationed at this post. Oscar Phillips (private) last night left his camp without permission from the Sergt. attended a Ball given by Freedmen and from there did carry off a revolver belonging to a Freedman. The revolver has since been recovered, but not sufficient evidence could be procured for forwarding charges and specifications against him. The said Phillips has been reporting since for some time to evade duty, by leaving the post from camp of the Sergt. he is able to go 5 miles or more about the country and return laden with Whisky & Melons. Another case is of one Chapman (private) who it appears has made propositions to a citizen in this town

may entice others to do the same. With such men and only two or three fit for duty at a time it is impossible for me to make the Bureau as effective as would be wished. I would therefore most respectfully request that such men be relieved and others sent in their places, and if convenient that the force at this post be increased as I am greatly in need of men for duty.

Office Bureau R. I. & A. S.
Washington Sept 3rd 66

London

Will please make a coffin for
the woman that died yesterday and find
some one to dig a grave and charge the
same to account of this office
yours truly
Fred W. Tibbitts
Bot Maj etc

Washington Sept 3rd 66

London

Will please make a coffin for the
child of Mary Duffee and charge the same
to this office

Office Bureau R. I. & A. S.

Washington Sept 4th 66

Sir Sam. M. Mills, 9th U.S. Inf

Post adjt.

Camden Ark

Sir

Since my last report by mail dated
Sept 1st 66, reporting the attempt of private
Shampson to desert, other facts have been disclosed
regarding the said Shampson.

Sunday night about 10 o'clock, three of the
men stationed here, (Oscar Phillips, Asst. Co. E
and Sgt. Cooper) found these uniforms

Shampson was it appears instead of attempting
to desert himself, was watching these parties
and reporting the facts to the Sergt. in command,
Cooper was recaptured the same night,
the others (Phillips & McEllie) being closely pursued
up the hills, and took to the woods.

Myself, Sgt. Chas. R. West, and two
others started in pursuit, but not being

acquainted with the country, we were compelled
to call the assistance of citizens, informing
them of the reward for recapturing deserters,
Monday night the 3rd inst they were recaptured
by James M. Sanders a citizen of this
County, who claims the reward.

I now have the three under guard
here, and would respectfully request that
men be sent here to guard them to Camden,
as I have not men here to spare.

The Sergeant Chas. R. West and private
Shampson have shown a great deal of courage
fore sight and endurance in causing their
recapture, having been for 36 hours without
rest and hunting for them.

Requesting that other troops be sent
to these places, and more if they can
be spared.

I have the honor to be Sir

Very respectfully etc

Yours truly
Fred W. Tibbitts

Bureau of P. I. & A. S.
Washington Wash Sept 4/66

To Sec. Army to

please furnish med: atten done
to Annica Ferguson, a freedwomen and charge the
same to this Bureau.

Fred W. Tibbitts
Bot Maj. U. S. A.

please furnish medical attention to
Mary Clegg a freedwoman & charge the same
to this Bureau.

Fred W. Tibbitts
Bot Maj. U. S. A.
Supy of P. I. & A. S.

Office Bureau R.I. & A.S.
Washington D.C. Sept 11, 1866

Br Maj Genl. J.W. Sprague
asst Commissioner
Bureau R.I. & A.S.
Little Rock Ark.

Genl

I have the honor to inform you that several cases of small pox have appeared in both my district, which have alarmed the citizens of both color to a great extent.

I have therefore in connection with the common council, took immediate steps to prevent the spread of the said disease, by establishing Quarantine in a building at the cross streets of the town, in which we collected all those freedmen who have come in contact with said afflicted. Having no rations whatever furnished me I was compelled to make some arrangements to have the said sick supplied by private parties.

I applied to the civil authorities to take the matter in charge, but their treasury being entirely out of funds they could do nothing towards feeding them, they have however furnished a physician and nurses, to see to the sick & therefore made arrangements with private parties for their subsistence which I shall itemize in my next report and apply for the amount in my next report, and apply for the amount so needed in my estimate for funds

freedmen as young or those that are not able to pay, I have made arrangements with Dr Scarborough to vaccinate such as have an order from this office and charge the same (20 cents each) to acct. of Medical treatments for destitute freedmen.

There is considerable trouble in this county about orphan children Capt Montgomery while he was Supt. here placed some children out to

nurses for which the parties now claim pay, the county authorities refuse to have anything to do in the matter and will make no provision whatever.

Every week there are orphans reported I have now some 13 all under the age of 5 years have placed some out with promise that parties should be paid for attention, it being the only way to secure their having any attention paid them.

The Freedmen mostly not being inclined to attend to their own affairs, the refuse to attend to orphans for reasons that with children they are unable to get work, on any reasonable pay if they are fortunate enough to find any.

I therefore as R for information have to dispose of such cases there is no way whatever here to attend and until they are removed from here to some place where they can be properly attended to, they will be a heavy expense to the government, as it is, impossible to get any one to attend to them and clothe and feed them for less than \$6. per week each.

Hoping to be informed of what course to pursue or that something will be done to favor the orphans

I have the honor etc
(signed) Fred W. Hubbard
Br Maj etc

please furnish Medicines etc
for Draney Waters (Fred)

Sept 11th
Dr Scarborough
Medicines for Eliza Allen

Bureau of F. I. & A. S.
Washington Ark Sept 12/66

Dr Scarborough
Please furnish to Brewer Mary Allen medical
attention & charge they come to this Bureau.

Fred W. Thibault
Supt. F. I. & A. S.

Bureau R. I. & A. S.
Washington Ark Sept 14/66

Erasmus Leitchman peddler
You are hereby ordered to take
charge of your two children now in charge
of their Grandparents on the plantation of
Dr Burtis.

Should not comply with this order
further, the Bureau will levy so much
on you wages as will be necessary to
support the said children

By order of

Office Bureau R. I. & A. S.
Washington Ark. Sept. 12th 1866

Sieur H. M. Smith
Camden Ark.

Sieur
Some two weeks ago I sent your
request for forage for the months of Sept &
October and am informed there is none

as I am entitled to forage & and there being
some 15 days for the month of August still
due me I shall expect it to be forwarded
at once or I shall hand in my account
for purchases and request your approval
before that post be supplied with
a wagon for a few weeks to haul wood
for the men stationed here. It will

be necessary for them to lay up a supply
before the wet weather sets in as the roads
become so bad it will be most impossible
to haul wood then.

Wishing to receive a favorable answer
and receive the forage now

I have the honor to remain
(signed) Fred. W. Thibault

Office Bureau R. I. & A. S.
Washington Sept 13th 6

Dr Scarborough
Will please furnish the beaver with
medicine (Alpel He san)

Dr Scarborough Sept 13

Will extract a bullet and furnish the
beaver with medicine.

Office Bureau R. I. & A. S.
Washington Sept. 18th 1866

Syrt. Thatcher

Will ~~please~~ proceed to the plantation of
Mr Pollock, and arrest all male persons found
on said place, more particularly James Pollock
charged with murder, and bring the same to this
office.

By order of
Fred W. Thibault

Dr Scarborough
furnish medicine for J. B. Pollock
(sold us)

Sept 22/

Dr Scarborough
Will please furnish medicine for
John Ann.

Office Bureau R. G. & A. S.,
Washington Sept 22/66

Capt A. W. Ballard
Subt, Paraclefto
Sir

The enclosed note and the bearer
of this will explain themselves, you
will please attend to his case and see that
he receives his share of what crops would
have been his had he be allowed to attend
to them

By order of
J. M. Johnston

Sept 27th 66

Dr Scarborough
furnish medicine to bearer
Dick Stewart.
furnish medicine for May Duffie

Sept 30th 66

Dr Scarborough
Please furnish med for John
Apple
J. M. Johnston

0

October 1st 66

Dr Scarborough
Please furnish medicines for
Hama Raf in full charge account
to Bureau

J. M. Johnston per acct

Washington Oct 4th 66

Major

When I sent you the returns I was
unable to get the signatures of Judge Ray and
Warren (it being Sunday) and forgot to
put in the estimate for funds, all of
which you will find enclosed

Things in the office are about as usual
Pollock the Father of the boy that struck the
Freedman with an axe the night before you
left has not yet reported, the Freedman must
killed and is in a fair way of
recovery he however has a very severe gash
in the back of the head, expecting
you back before now I have not again
sent for him but have them closely
watched and reported to the office twice
a week and will now wait until your
return.

There have been several complaints
been brought here from the neighborhood
of Wadley Grey and Fuller, where
some dozen or more men are

of Freedmen taken them out of their
beds and lashed and whipped them with
sticks and straps it being close
to the line of Lafayette and Boier
countries I presume they are the same
squad you heard of at Paraclefto.

Col Hervey has been here from Lafayette
county and wished to know what to do

in regard to the tax assessed in that Co. by Col. Reed the Supt there. Col. R. demands a tax of two dollars from each freedman contracted which will make it alone on Col. Hervey's plantations over \$500. and then he says that all accounts against freedmen must be approved by him (although he does not examine the items but merely signs the receipts) for which he charges 10 per cent on the gross earnings of the freedmen for the time they draw their pay. Col. H. Freedmen at that rate will be taxed by this Supt Reed upwards of \$3000. which will make quite a deduction in the Freedmen's wages.

Several Freedmen from Lafayette Co have been here that have settled there and one of them assured me that he was taxed \$18⁶⁰/₁₀₀ by Col. Reed for merely going to the office and showing the account he had from his employer or showing his discharge and the amount of wages received for himself and family.

Col. Hervey request you to ascertain to do in the premises as he has refused to pay the tax or allow Supt Reed to collect the 10 per cent. from his freedmen until he receives further instructions from you. please let me know what to tell

isought against Freedmen in his county for time lost of all wet weather and for the time of the overflow which lasted some three months, during which time the Freedmen were employed in protecting the fences and making fences. For all of which they allowed the Freedmen nothing and charged for these reasons at the

rate of 49 cents per day and now claim that the freedmen are employed instead of the employers wrong Freedmen - etc

Very

Office Bureau R. F. & A. S.
Washington October 4th 1866

L. W. Ballard

Supt. B. R. F. & A. S.

Paralella Ark.

Sir

I have the honor to forward you copies of circulars sent to this office for distribution

By letter received from Lt. Col. D. H. Williams say. no report of operations children apprenticed as per cir 00017 & 00020 have been received and it is ordered that such reports be made monthly and Supt. are also ordered to carefully keep such records.

Please acknowledge receipt of these

By order of
Fred. W. Thibault Secy. May
W. R. C. Supt B. R. F. & A. S.

Copy of the above to
J. J. Reid at
Lynchville Ark.

W. C. Scarborough

Will please furnish medicines for leaves. Joe Turner & charge the same to Bureau

J. W. J.

Oct 5th 1866
 Dr Scarborough
 Please furnish medicine to
 attendants to Belia Mitchell & charge to B.
 J. W. J.

Office Bureau R.F. & A.S.
 Washington Oct 6th 1866.
 W. B. Morgan
 Sir

Upon George Morrison reports
 that he left your employ with your consent
 George's accounts as per his report is
 Do labor performed as per his from January 12th
 to Sept 21st 1866 being 8 months and 8 days
 at \$125.7 per annum.

By order on store	12.00	
		86.42
	<u>28.00</u>	
Balance due George		<u>29.00</u>
		\$66.42

George says he also owes a doctors bill of
 \$15 or so which he will pay him self.

You will therefore please call at this
 office and give him your note with security
 for the balance due him ~~and~~ payable on or
 before the 1st of Jan'y 67.

Please inform George of the day and
 time that you will at this office that
 he may meet you here

By order of
 J. W. J.

Office Bureau, R.F. & A.S.
 Washington Oct 8th 1866
 J. J. Reid
 Supt etc,
 Lewisville

Sir
 You will collect from Dr Nansen
 who lives some 13 miles from Lewisville in
 your District the wages due the Freedmen
 (some 18) whom he discharged, two of his
 Freedmen are here entirely destitute
 viz John Roberts who was to receive \$200,
 and Eliza Reed who was to receive \$65,
 which amount \$265; you will collect and
 forward to this office

Dr Nansen is also charged with whipping
 Eliza Reed for which he will be held respon. ~~able~~
 Should he refuse to pay you will inform him
 to report to this office before the 1st of Nov.
 or he will be compelled to send the
 military for him as it is the intention
 of this Bureau to enforce all orders should
 it require a Regiment of soldiers to do it,
 By your etc

Yours etc
 J. W. J. per etc

Office Bureau etc Oct 8th 1866

Mr Lear

By order of J. W. J.

It is our duty to see that freedmen get their wages that they
 may not become a burden to the Government, and would
 advise you to pay her a reasonable price or
 you will put your self to unnecessary expense
 By order of

Oct 10th 1866

Dr Scarborough

Will please furnish medicines to Lewis
Cowan Phillips (John) & charge the same to account of B.

Oct 10th 66

Dr Scarborough

Will please furnish medicine to Lewis
Jeff Cook & charge it

Office Bureau R.F. & A.S.
Washington Oct 10th 1866

George East, Sam Parrell, & Bill Jones &
Jacob Burnett charged with stealing 12 bushels
of wheat by Mr Parrell to all of which they
plead guilty, and were ordered to pay to
Mr Parrell the sum of \$24. for which he received
orders on their employers for \$6. each.

Office Bureau R.F. & A.S.
Washington Oct 10th 1866

Serge Hatchel

Will furnish two men summoned to
repair to the plantation of Mr May well and
call Dick Spears to appear at this office
forthwith, for assault with intent to kill Bill
Mc Donough Freed man.
Bill struck with a rail By order of

Office Oct 11th 1866

Madam

You will let the freedmen who
have worked for your place this season
have their full share of the crops they made
there is no contract filed in this office
by you neither is there any account
of time lost here approved, you are
therefore not entitled to charge for any
time lost

By letting them take their full share
you will save yourself time, trouble,
and expense.

By order of A.

Cross

Office S.W.D. Oct 12th 1866

J. J. Reid

Just in

You will examine into the contract
between James McClinton of the family
of Minjer McFadden is not contracted
you will inform Mr McClinton to settle
with them to date and allow them to
move off on their own where they please

By

Office Oct 13th

J. J. Reid

Will report two (2) men summoned
to this office to proceed to the plantation of
Mr Bremer about 2 miles west of Memphis here
and cause S. Henry Evans to appear at this
office forthwith.

By order of

in your county should they refuse to act you will
take their written reply and forward to this
office, in the mean time I shall apply to
Col. Gilbert or command for a force sufficient
to arrest the murderer should the authorities
in Lafayette county refuse to act

By order of

G. J. Rice Office etc Oct 17th 1866

Supt etc
Seminole

Sir

You will please forward to this office forthwith a report of all offenses, outrages, and depredations, committed upon Freed men in your district

As it is the intention to have this report forwarded before the departure of the asst. Comm. for Washington D.C. I shall look for it by return mail

You will as far as practicable give a full account together with the dates and names
By order of

Office etc Oct 17th 1866

W. A. Britton Supt etc
Delaware

Sir

You will please make a report and send to this office as soon as possible of all outrages and depredations committed in your county during your administration giving as near as possible a statement of the facts connected with the case together with the dates and names so far as they can be collected.

As it is the intention of having this report before the departure of the asst

By order etc

Office etc Oct 14th 1866

To Thomas H. Lear
W. O. Baird
Gents

Doct Alexander

knigs your due bill to this office for 14⁰⁰ which you will agree to pay or before the 25th day Decr 1867. such settlement will not be allowed, had there been any reasonable length of time been given I would have allowed it to pass, but to give a note to a Freed man (for his labor for which he looks for support) payable a year and two months after date with the other clause which was put in looks as if you intended to defraud the man of his wages. Therefore to save your self further trouble & expense it will be to your advantage to call at this office forthwith and settle that note or I will be compelled to collect it myself

By order of me

Office of S. P. A. G.

Washington Oct 14/66

Dr Scarborough

Please furnish medical attendance to P. Misworthy a freedwoman living about 2 miles from this town

Office of S. P. A. G.

Washington Oct 18/66

Robert Pollock Esq:

You will see that the corn belongs to Giles's freedmen in your employ be gathered, and you also will furnish him with the necessary teams, to do so. I suspect that you will

Comply with the above mentioned orders without
hesitation otherwise I am compelled to have
said corn gather on your expense

By order of
J. M. Whitehead
Maj. U.S.A.
Gen. Leph of P. & A.D.

Director of P. & A.D.
Washington Oct 14/66

Proprietor Prob. M. Sweeney & five men will
proceed at once to the plantation of Miss. Wash.
who will direct them to the houses of Eliza Smith
and Corral Kelly, arrest and bring the parties
to this office (charge assault with intent to kill)

By order of
J. M. Whitehead
Maj. U.S.A.
Gen. Leph of S.W. Dist of Ark.

A. S. G. S. Oct 22/66

Col. Turner

You have failed to appear to settle
the cases pending in this office. I deem it my
duty to notify you that in dividing your crops
you will collect the shares due to Moses Turner
and Mellville and Eliza Turner.
This office will hold you responsible for the amount
due them.

Eliza Turner

By giving this your attention you will
save yourself time and expense

Henry S. W. Dick of Ark.
Washington Oct 22/66

J. M. Whitehead

Sir.

Ben White contracted to you for the
fourth part of the crop, states that you
had ordered him to plow a wheat field
according to laws and contract he is only
entitled to work on the land were he has
actually a share on. Keep fence and every
thing appertaining to said place in
order.

In case there should be any misunderstanding
please call at this office with Ben to have
matters rectified

J. M. Whitehead

Office Oct 22 1866

Wm. S. M. Mills, etc.

I have with me of Jones Morgan charged
with the murder of Ebenezer Campbell Freeman whom
you will please retain in custody until further orders
The danger of the prisoner excites him Morgan out
on bond and if that does not succeed they will
endeavor to release him on a writ of Habeas Corpus.
I have written to Sister Reed for further instructions
and you will please

By order

Henry S. M. Bishop Clerk
Bureau of Pr. & A. C.
Washington Oct 27/66

Dear Martin Esq:

Sir
You promised to beaver Sallis Callaway
a Freedman formerly in your employ
the sum of thirty six dollars and fifty
cents for labor performed, and gave him your
note due the 10th Oct 1866, by him presenting
said note you have refused to pay him
I herewith notify you either to pay him
at once, otherwise the Bureau is compelled
to collect the said note, which would put
you to some expense.
Yours.

Office B. P. & A. C. Washington Oct 27/66

J. R. Grop
Sir

Your communication of 16th is received
and contents noted and in reply will state
that no teacher here at present but your request
has been forwarded to the proper authority at
Little Rock and will be promptly attended
to, and as soon as I shall receive an answer
I will take pleasure in notifying you
Please let me know what wages you will
allow a teacher also what length of time you

will allow
etc.

Bureau of Pr. & A. C.
Washington Oct 27/66

Thomas Brewer Esq.

Sir
Salmon Leath complains that you
are withholding a certain share of sweet
potatoes, belonging to him as per contract.
Pay comply with your contract should
you will save yourself trouble & expenses
Yours.

Office Oct 27th

W. C. King etc
Sir

There is a boy in your place
named Guy said to be the son of Sam, as
Sam does not attend and support his wife, she
should be justly entitled to the services of
the children, you will therefore allow the
beaver to take charge of the boy Guy provided
you have no contract with him, should you
have him contracted you will pay him
his wages at the end of the contract and
not to the Father as the mother is more
entitled to his labor

Office at Washington Dec 29
Supt. Hatcher
With etc.

... and all the Freedmen
implicated in the offence of Sol. Johnson
and bring the same to their office
P. J. Gorder of

Head Quarters S.W. District
 Bureau N.D. & A.D.
 Washington D.C. Oct 31, 1866
 Supt West 19th St, D.C.

Will with four mounted men proceed
 to the plantation of Mr. Michael Bush in
 Pike Co to secure his services and proceed
 to arrest Samuel Kelly & Elijah Smith
 and bring the same to this office

Order of

Head Quarters etc Nov 1, 1866
 Mr Benton

You will allow Jenny (freedwoman)
 and her daughter Bessie to have such clothing
 and other property they may have on your
 place. such articles of clothing as have been
 destroyed by you belonging to them you
 will pay them for, and settle with Jenny
 to her satisfaction and it will save
 your self trouble, expense and the
 necessity of reporting to this office.

I remain etc
 Nov 2/66

Dr Scarborough will furnish medical
 attendance to Eliza Binsworthy

Nov 3rd 66
 Dr Scarborough

Dr Scarborough Nov 4/66
 Please furnish medical attendance
 to Lizzie Fulmer.

Head Quarters S.W. District
 Washington Nov 5, 1866
 J.H. L
 Dr Scarborough

Medicines, to be used as soon as they are
 and charge the same to this bureau

J.W. Shelburne

Hogan S.W. Dist, Ark
 Nov 9/66

Sales Exp.

Sir!
 Charles Marks a free man
 in your employ complains that a certain
 John Henry threatened to kill him, you will
 please attend to this affair otherwise I am
 compelled to have said John Henry arrested
 and forwarded to Little Rock under charges
 (assault with intent to kill)
 The U.S. Gov. expects, that in all cases the
 employer has to give full protection to
 his hands.

Yours
 J.W. Shelburne
 Maj. G. R. Co
 In Dept. S.W. Dist

It appears that one of your
 employees took a shot gun from a certain
 James Wesley, charging the the same with
 shooting one of your boys, if that is the fact
 you ought to turn him over to civil authorities
 but in no case has any body a right to take the
 law in his own hands, please attend to this

matter otherwise I am compelled as per You to
N^o 44 to arrest said Hume and force will bring
to Little Rock for trial.

Yours respectfully
J. D. Whitehead

Ben Jones Esq. Nov 9/66

Erasmus Jones complains that
you have charged him for pulling 280 lbs
of fadder by taking one half for payment
he also states that he never entered a contract
with you for such.

As for statement you owe him for 7 1/2 days
labor performed as Carpenter, the usual pay
is \$3.00 per day, which give a sum in his
favor of \$22.50

You have furnished him with a mule
for 3 days, which you are entitled to charge for.
I would advise you to settle the matter
between you, to both satisfaction otherwise
I deem it my duty to make a settlement
Yours

Nov 9/66 Mrs Sanderford!

Madame
Jane Thurstall enters a Complaint
against you, for withholding a certain dress
you had given her. she also stated that she
had worked for you.

In cases where is no Contract between parties
we are authorized to accept the highest wages
given in the County in such cases.
I would therefore advise you to come to
some settlement otherwise I am compelled to
interfer in the matter.

H. G. P. P. P. P. P.
Washington Nov 12/66

Thos J. Brunson

You will at the house of John
have what clothing he may have at your place
you will also pay him the balance due in
his wages, as his contract is cancelled
with you for such treatment. Should you
fail to comply with the above request
or attempt any cruelty upon John
I shall be compelled to assess a heavy fine
upon you

P. D. your order of

Nov 12/66 Dr Brunson

Erasmus Cheatum complains that he had
been struck with a piece of wood by your
overseer Gordon, injuring him considerably and
him also of stating he would kill him if he returns
Employers are responsible for the acts of their
overseers, consequently I declare the contract
between you and Erasmus cancelled.
You would oblige me the same time by coming
to a firm settlement

Mspro Dupre & Smith

I settling account with the Freed man
in your employ you will bring their account
to this office for approval, as no contract
will be made.

Nov 13 Dr. Scarborough

Furnish to bearer Cassini Jones
medical attendance and charge the same
to this bearer.

H. J. ...
 Washington Nov 14th 1866
 Corporal M. Lehman 19th U.S. Infy
 Still repairs to the plantation of
 Mrs Walker and arrest and bring to this office
 the overseer on the place named Shoffney also
 bring one small Mare the property of Sam
 (Dredman) formerly in the employ of Mrs
 Walker.

By order of
 H. J. ...
 Nov 14.

J. W. Allen Esq.
 You have been notified to appear to this
 Office Saturday the 10th inst. you have failed to appear.
 You will therefore proceed with the guard to this
 Office forthwith and answer to such charges that may be
 brought against you

By Order
 Philbrick

H. J. ...
 Bureau of P. & A.
 Washington Nov 17/66

Mrs. Perry Good day,

M. D. ...
 Complainants that you charged them freely with
 stealing some meat, also that parties have entered their
 premises searching for it

further otherwise the Bureau will hold you responsible
 signed Philbrick

H. J. ...
 Bureau of P. & A.
 Washington Nov 17/66

Henry Conway Esq.

Sir
 James Stewart formerly in your employ
 enters a Complaint, that you refused to bring
 the amount of \$2000 which he claims is the
 same you owe him for services rendered -
 call at my Office for settlement of said matter
 signed Philbrick

Dr. Scarborough
 furnish to medical attention
 and medicines to T. J. ...
 same to his office

H. J. ...

Eliah Ferguson Esq.

Sir
 You will oblige me very much by
 calling at my Office regarding some
 settlements on the Smith Estate

Philbrick

Nov 23 Dr. Scarborough
 furnish medical attendance
 to ...

No 23 Dr. Scarborough

will extract one tooth
 Ellery Mitchell charge the same to this Bureau
 Philbrick

Hyge 3 W Day of Oct
Bureau of B. P. Ad.
Washington Nov 23/68

John Owens Esq.

Nov 23/68

Sir,
You will appear in my Office without delay, to show cause why you don't furnish support to your two children, John Owens Molly Owen now in the hands of Louise Mitchell a freedwoman in this town.

In case you should not comply with this, the case will be turned over to civil Courts.

Signed: Thilant

Nov 23/68

Dr James Williams

Sir,
Juliane Hope reported this morning I gave her a good Reform and she promises to be a good girl in the future.

If you wish to have her name cancelled, please forward the accounts you may have against her

Signed: Thilant

Woods Esq.

You will please turn over to Paty Gilmore all her accounts, apparel and bedding etc the states she left, such in your charge Danvers Mass

Nov 25/68

Dr Fear benough

will furnish medical Attendance to Edwin etc and charge the same to his Bureau

Signed: Thilant

Hyge
Dr Fear benough!
You will proceed to the present of J. D. Williamson and see to a certain Anthony a freedman in the employ of said Williamson who was shot through the arm. report the condition of said Anthony to this office

Rich Guilburn Esq.

Sir,
I've a freedman complains that you will not allow him to remain in his house on certain public land. You will report to this Office as once and show cause why you will not let him remain there.

Rich Esq.
prosecuting Anthony

Sir,
I have the honor to report that a certain freedman Anthony was shot on the 24th day of November by Rich John D. Williamson a citizen of this County. Circumstances are unknown to me there fear

Hambton

Signed: Thilant

your report, to come to a settlement between you

Signed: Thilant

Nov 26/66

James & Wilson Esq.
Hays S W Litch Esq

Sir,
I herewith return to you, two freedmen
employed by you, Nick & Henry Lason, they were
both on their way to the Arkansas River.
It seems they have been in duress by a certain Mel
Curry from Point Pluff to do so.
I could not get sufficient evidence against him
otherwise I would have fined him \$200⁰⁰
for interfering of hands from their respective employe.
Both of this boys are minors, you will therefore
be required to make a settlement with their parents
on the expiration of their contracts in this office
Your accounts for lost time are ready.

Yours respectfully
P. H. Pileant

Nov 29/66

Ezra Lewis Esq.

Sir
William Cuzall a freedman complains
that you owe him a balance of \$6⁵⁰ for
work performed in 1865 by paying the amount
at once you will save yourself time & trouble
Signed P. H. Pileant

Nov 28/66

James M. K. Esq.

complaint of a certain sum of
money (\$75⁰⁰) for work performed by putting
up a house and removing the same 3 miles or so
Please see that the above mentioned amount
gets his money otherwise I am compelled to
have the matter adjusted in this office
Signed P. H. Pileant

Nov 30/66

J. A. Jones Esq.

Hays S W Litch Esq
Bureau of A. P. S. L.

Sir
William Jones a freedman formerly in
your employe complains that you have
turned him off in May last on account of the
over flow without paying him for labor performed
For your own Interest I advise you to come
to a settlement otherwise the Bureau will
hold you responsible for the full years wages
As you can't hold a freedman responsible
for misfortune
Signed P. H. Pileant

Nov 29/66

Smith Esq.

William W. Gill complains that
you have taken the advantage of him in a horse trade
and besides that such was made on Sunday, according
to the laws of the state you both made yourselves
liable to be fined.
In case matter can't be adjusted between yourself
and factory, it is my duty to see that just is done
to him

Nov 29/66 E. Ferguson

P. H. Pileant

complaints may have not been finally
dealt with in settlements.
You will therefore please call at my
Office with all accounts and papers
appertaining to said settlements.

Nov 24/66 Dr Leeborough
will give med. letter dance to
Charity Evelyn and charge the same to
the Bureau
Thebaunt

Dr Leeborough
will furnish med attention
to Cassie Walker and charge the same to
Bureau,
J. W. Thebaunt

Head Qrs 7th R + A S.
Washington Ark
Dec 12, 1866

Mr Neal
The Freedman Solomon reports
that he has cotton, and that he cannot
get it on account of your objections
I respectfully notify you that all
settlements must be made, and all
claims properly proven, and adjusted
through this office
(sgd) Thebaunt

Nov 13/66 Robert Penley Esq.
Louis Austin states that you
have hired him to pull Packer at 1.00 per day
and that you

say the above to allance as once you
will save yourself much in conscience
In case you should not come to a settlement
you will appear in this Office later day morning
at 10 a.m Dec 15/66 to have said matter adjusted
Signed
Thebaunt

Nov 13/66 Mrs M. Packer
Sarah M. Packer states
that the house she is living in is her own
that she built said house, of her own money
and material
You will therefore allow her a few days to
remove said house and whatever property
she may have
Signed
Thebaunt

45 S. W. Dist of Ark
Nov 10 70 A.C.
Washington Ark Dec 12

Geo S Pierce
Capt 19th Infy 1st Maj U.S.A.
Com'g Post
Major

I respectfully
request three mounted men to pursue
a distance of 18 miles to arrest and
bring to this office a certain Dick
Jones, a citizen of this County
Signed
Thebaunt

Dec 13/66 Mr Rich Jones.
You promised to

you have failed to do so. You will
report immediately with the bearer
if you should fail. I will be com-
pelled to take the full amount
out of your efforts.
sgd. Thebaunt

Office Genl Supt of BtAC,
S.W. Dist of Ark
Dec 17 1866
Washington Ark

Messrs Johnson & Xendray

Gentlemen

I have been re-
ported to by William Alford that he can-
not make settlement with you properly. It
seems that no contract exists with him
exists. The law by which I am instructed
to be governed states as follows " That persons
who refuse or neglect to make written
contracts for the next year, with the few
people employed by them, will be required
should disputes arise as to compensation,
to pay the highest wages paid for the
same in this section of country."

I advise you to come down so that
the matter may be understood and properly
adjusted through this office

I remain Gentlemen,

Respectly Yours &c.

(Sgd) Whitcomb &c &c.

Washington Ark
Dec 17 1866

Mr Clark Elliott

Sir

I am informed by
Henry Williams that

... saying, these boards he represents
to have purchased, and placed upon
the house himself, if so they properly
belong to him, he is fully entitled to
them and should have them.

I am conversant with these building
and know they were put up by Professor
Drops. - My instructions allow me to take

charge of all such property. but I
will make nothing for the house. - You will
let Williams have the boards referred to, if
they rightfully belong to him.

Very Respectfully
Yours Oth. Supt &c.
(Sgd) Whitcomb &c &c.

Washington Ark
Dec. 17th 1866.

Mr. Wesley Norwood

Washington Ark.

Sir:

William Jones,
an old man, living with Mr. Norw. states
that you have a white girl daughter of
his, in your possession. he is anxious to
get her back. - You have no just right
for the world to retain her, no contract
appears in this or the Clerk's Office, binding
this girl to you - and all such bounden
contracts made at the time you got this
girl, and for some time since have been
annulled. You can make such contracts
now only by consent of the parents, and
through this office

You will let the old man have
his daughter, upon application.

Very Respectfully &c
(Sgd) Whitcomb &c &c.

Washington Ark
Dec 17th 1866

Mr. Wm Moore

Sir:

Jane Liles states her husband
James, who was in your employ is now
deceased. - It is essential that you
appear with this woman and make the
necessary settlement through this office (Sgd) Whitcomb

Washington Arkansas
Dec 17. 1866.

Wm. Bradley,
Son

Gadson Witherspoon the bearer
came for advice with regard to the children
of Richd Witherspoon a freed man in
your employ, who has recently died.
It seems that Gadson wishes (by the last
request) of said Richard, to make some
arrangements for their welfare, and that
he has been requested to look to their
interest &c.

It was your duty to have reported the
death of Dick to this Office. You will
please appear here on Wednesday the 19th
init with these parties, that this matter
may be properly adjusted.

Respectfully &c
Thos W Whitcomb, Bot Maj. U.S.A.
Civil Supt. N. F. & S. St Dist Ark.

Attest so, Bm. R. F. & S.
Washington Ark, Dec 18/66

Major Paul Gibson

I am informed by Albert
Pennington (a freedman) that his wife's sister
did not go to your place and, whilst in your
employ, saw that no satisfaction has been
made in regard to her pay &c.

be thoroughly understood.
Please come to this Office in order that
this matter may be thoroughly understood.
Call at your earliest convenience.
I am Very Respectfully
(Sgd) Thos W. Whitcomb &c.

Washington Ark
Dec 21. 1866.

D. Scarborough

Please visit Phil. who is
reported sick at Maj Gibson's & render
him attention if necessary.
(Sgd) Thos W. Whitcomb, Bot Maj. U.S.A.
Civil Supt. N. F. & S. St Dist Ark.

Washington Ark
Dec. 27. 1866.

Mr. Deavis,
Sir

I have received your note
the contract shows Jas J. Vickers as
Agent for Mr Jordan, your question in
regard to freedman leaving on 25 Dec
can be answered thus: ~~that they agree to remain until~~
the 31st Dec, when a proper settlement
should be made with them, the contract
is binding and must be complied with
by all parties concerned. You can charge
them with all lost time, excluding
wet weather.

I am Very Respectfully
(Sgd) Thos W. Whitcomb &c.

R.D. A partner of both parties &c.

returned the contract will be enforced

D. Scarborough

Please furnish the freedman Siller with
living at the body place, medical attention
&c.

Thos W. Whitcomb &c.

Jefferson Russell Esq

You will please appear at this Office the 27 day of Dec, at 10 o'clock, A.M. to come to a settlement with Albert & Emma, Burns, bring all accounts with you, that you may have against them, along with you.

By M. W. Thibault
Capt. & Qu. Supt. S. H. Det. Ark.
Dec, 24, 1866

Office Qu. Supt. S. H. Det. Ark.
S. H. Det. Ark. Dec 24/66

to settlement on place
Dr. R. P. Jones
You will be required to return the place, when you have worked this year, in good order, as required by your Contract: fix up fences, roll up the logs for burning, return implements in thorough repair. If this is not complied with your Contract will be retained to him this done.

M. W. Thibault

Mr. Wilson,

through Office if you cannot settle without call & make settlement through this Office. Please appoint time to appear with him.

Respectfully to
Thibault
Capt. Maj. & Co

Dr. Henry S. Nelson.

You will make a satisfactory settlement with Payton for three months work with you, or else appear with him as soon as possible & make settlement through this Office. Please report to this Office when you will be able to appear.

Dec 25/66

Respectfully to
Thibault Capt. Maj. & Co

Amos W. Phelps,

Isaac Williams complains about his settlement made for him & when complaints are made settlements must be made through this Office, all parties are required to be present. - You will call and make settlement with Isaac,

Dec 25/66

Respectfully to
Thibault Maj. & Co

Chief Dr. S. H. Det. Ark.
Bureau of R. O. & S.
Washington Dec 25 1866.

John Arnold Esq

I will turn over to Paul Arnold a Handman his brother Sam Arnold, at once, as it appears you have no settlement & at

(Signed)
M. W. Thibault
Capt. Maj. & Co
Qu. Supt. S. H. Det. Ark.
S. H. Det. Ark.

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Dd Capt's W. Smith Arks.
W. H. & A. S. Dec 26/86

Mr. James Pillards
Fayetteville Arks.

Sir A

By order of Genl
Sprengle Asst. Quar at Little Rock, I find
you have in your possession four children
of Diana Brown (col'd). You are required by
this order to turn them over to their father
Morgan Brown who will appear for them. Please
allow them to him when called for. Your
attention is called to marked points in
Enclosed Circular.

Very Respectfully
Yrs W. H. Thibault
Capt & Co

Washington Arks.
Dec 26. 1866

Mrs Sandifer

Moses & Abram Johnson freedmen
who have worked upon your place com-
plain about settlement it is required when
dissatisfaction to make settlement through
this office. Please send your Agent to this
office with all accounts &c. so that proper
settlement may be made.

(Copy) Thibault Capt & Co

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Washington Arkansas
Dec 26, 1866

Mr. A. H. Smith

Andrew & Berry Smith report
that they with others worked upon your place
in 1868. from June to Christmas, and have not
received pay for the same. Please furnish this
office a full statement of this affair. They
have made complaints to this office in con-
sequence. Please state when you can appear
to attend to this matter.

Respectfully
Yrs W. H. Thibault Capt & Co

Washington Arkansas.
Dec 26th 1866

Mr. William Toland,

Mr. Judeman Maw,
and Jim Crow report that a satisfactory
settlement cannot be made with you
for ~~the~~ years work. It is required that
when settlements cannot be made satis-
factory, that they shall be settled through
this office. It is not my desire, and I
am compelled to make them but would
much prefer their being made between
parties themselves, amicably. Please appear
at this office with the parties as usual

Bring your accounts &c.

Respectfully
Yrs W. H. Thibault Capt & Co

Washington Ark's
Dec 27. 1866.

Mr. Heibel
Sir:

I desire to call your attention to the fact that complaints have been entered against you for non-settlement with and non-payment of a certain freedman viz: Adeline Hall who alleges certain services were by him rendered for you at a certain specified price viz \$14.

In default of settlement and payment the case will have to be adjudicated by a Freedman's Board, Court composed of the Superintendent, and two jurors, at this Office, at your expense the jurors fees being five dollars per day each. I would therefore advise you as the bill does not amount to much, that the better and cheaper way would be to promptly without further trouble.

(sgd) Thibault Major

Head Qrs AR Army, Wash D.C.
Washington Dec. 27. 66

Mr John Eaton
Sir

to answer complaint of and make settlement with Alex Ross (Freedman)

Respectfully
(sgd) Thibault Major

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Head Qrs AR Army
Washington Dec. 27. 66

Col Stephen Moore
Sir:

You will please report to this office on Monday Dec. 31. at 10 P.M. to make settlement with Sarah Moore (Freedwoman) who has been Cook at your place.
M. W. Thibault Major

Mr Thomas Brandon
James Wilkinson states that you owe her for four months wages it is required that when settlements cannot be made satisfactory, that they should be made through this Office. Please appear & make settlement as soon as you can & bring your accounts &c against her.

(sgd) Thibault Major
Per Eaton appeared & satisfied Dec 29 66

Dec 29. 1866.

Abner Hornum

Sir you will report to this office this day at 3 o'clock P.M. to answer certain charges preferred against you. And to make settlement with Isaac Smith (Freedman) Your prompt compliance with this order will save you trouble.

Washington Arkansas
Dec 29. 1866.

Major Jones.

Scott Hunt (a freedman) states that he worked for you from 1st Jan to 17th Apl. at \$15.00 per month. It seems from his report there is some difficulty

about settlements; it is required that when these things occur settlement should be made through this Office. Please come around to with the man so that this matter may be investigated

Very Respectfully &c.
Ego Thibault

Mr Thomas Hendricks
Sir

Please let Jordan Hendricks (freedman) have what clothing & things belonging to him, that is now in your possession. You will not molest him otherwise this Office will take cognizance of such interruptions.

Dec 31 1866.

Thibault

Mr Levett
Sir

You will please let Nancy Hamilton have her son Charles (a minor) who is now with you as she desires him this year herself.

Washington
Jan 1 1867.
Per Ego

Respectfully &c.
(Ego) Thibault

Washington Ark, Jan 4 67
Miss Bell & Co.
Red River
Ego

You will appear at this office on Monday, the 7th day of January to make settlement with George Washington Jordan (freedman)
Respectfully &c.
(Ego) Thibault

Office Genl Supt R.F. & A.L.
Washington Ark, Jan 5 1867

Dr Thos Carr

Sir You will report to this Office on Monday the 15th day of Jan 1867 to make settlement with George Hamilton (freedman) for services rendered by himself and family in 1866

(Ego for freedman)

Ego Thibault

Office B. R. Frost
S. W. Dist of Ark,
Washington Arkansas
Jan 5 1867.

E. S. Johnson
Sir

Dick Johnson asserts, that you

Washington Ark
Jan 1 1867.

Miss Helen & Cole.

Edmund James reports that he worked three months for you, on your place and was then driven off without settlement being made with him please report with him & make settlement so that he can report. Thibault

must be made through this Office. You will please come down next week say Monday next & bring papers &c in order to make settlement with him.

Respectfully &c.
Thibault
when returns from Ark
of certain amount.

Office B. R. P. & S.
S. W. Dist Arkansas.
Washington Arkansas.

Mr. James Vickus
Agent of Mrs Jordan.

You will please call at
this office and make settlement with freedmen
engaged on said place at work, as per contract
on file in this office, which shows you are agent
for Mrs Jordan, Come up Wednesday that all
matters pending may be had in this matter.

The freedmen will be here to meet you,
Respectfully &c,
(45) Thibault

Adypts. S. W. Dist Ark.
B R P & S.
Washington Ark
July 5th 1867.

Henry Sage,
S. W. Dist Ark.
Col.

I have the honor to receive
of Mr returns, pertaining to Bureau, B. R. P. & S. for
November corrected as per instructions.

I am Colonel,
Very respectfully,
Your Obedt Servt

Adypts. S. W. Dist Ark.
Washington Ark July 5th 1867.

Maj Alex Montgomery.

S. W. Dist Ark.

I herewith transmit you
my Quartermaster returns for month of November
A. M. T.

Bureau B. R. P. & S.
S. W. Dist of Ark.
Washington Ark July 7/67

A. E. Habicht
Supt &c.
Ch.

Enclosed find Circulars No 30, 32 &
33, from Asst Commr Office, Little Rock Ark also
200 blanks for contracts. Please acknowledge
receipt of same.

Very respectfully,
Your Obedt Servt,
Fred W Thibault
Supt &c.

Copies forwarded to:
Capt. Nathan Cole.
S. W. Dist.
A. E. Habicht
Lt. James S. Hillis

Washington Arkansas
July 7. 1867.

Mr Harrison Lewis,

You will let Caroline Chatham
have her corn if she has any on your
place. She desires to sell it in order to get
money - You will not withhold from her that
which justly belongs to her.
Yours &c.

Office Genl Supt &c, D.A. &c,
Washington City,
Jan'y 7. 67

William Johnson,

I am instructed to inform you that where freedmen have been working for part of crop on plantation; they can remain and gather same; and by no means can the Superintendent on place force them to leave without making satisfactory settlement with them.

I am very respectfully
Yours obt. Servant
G. W. Whitcomb
Act. Mij. &c. Genl Supt & S. W. D. &c.

Office Supt &c,
Washington Jan'y 7. 67

Henry Brewer,
for

You will retain of the wages of Daniel Briggs in your employ the amount of six dollars per month. to pay Susana, Dilsey Medlock, as per stipulations of his contract filed in this office. Said Susana, having to maintain two children of his.

By order,

G. W. Whitcomb, Act. Mij. &c.

Office Col. F. & A. Lands,
S. W. Dist. Arkansas,
January 8th 1867,

Mr. Schumert,

It is reported that you have taken the loom or part of it belonging to a freedman Tildy Burt. for a debt of another party. You will turn this over to Bob the son of said Tildy - and avoid trouble &c.

Respectfully &c,
G. W. Whitcomb
Genl. Supt. F. & A. Lands, S. W.
Dist. Arkansas.

G. W. Whitcomb

Office Col. F. & A. Lands,
Washington City,
Jan'y 8th 1867,

Dr. Scarborough,

Please administer careful medicine to a child of Sarah King (freedwoman) who is reported to be sick, (see what medicine she needs &c, charge same & refer account to this office)

Yours &c,
(G. W.) Whitcomb

Caroline Cheatham, Jan'y 8th 1867,

You will appear here and make settlement with Mr. Lewis. It appears that you have come to this office and made false statements - You make no settlements with Mr. Lewis, until you

appear here with him and have your
Contract and all matters between you
thoroughly understood
You will move nothing in the
way of crops, until this matter is settled
through this Office

Respectfully
Fred W. Hubert
Capt. D.R. 4th A.C.
D. Siskin

D.R. 4th A.C. S.W. Dist. Act.
Washington January 9th 1867.

Mr D. V. Reaves

Sir You will report to this office
on Friday the 11th inst for the purpose of making
Settlement with the Freedmen worked on the
plantation of Mrs Jordan, their wages were
due on the first of January, and they are
entitled to Settlement. and in the mean time
your Cotton will not be removed until they
are secured. Your prompt compliance with this
order will save all parties trouble
for want.

Sgt Whitcomb

Office D.R. 4th A.C. S.W. Dist. Act.
Washington Act. Aug 11.

Send medical attention for Verna Johnsons child.
for want
Sgt Whitcomb

D.R. 4th A.C. S.W. Dist. Act.
Office Genl Supt
Washington Jan 14 1867.

Mr Alfred Ann Larimer

Sir As the Admr of Gen Sussals
estate it is reported that you have
transported some of the crop to parties to
whom he was indebted, instead of paying the
labours who produced the crop. By an Act
of Congress labours hold a lien on the crop
for their wages. You will therefore be held
individually responsible for any balance
due Albert Baw for services in 1867 under Contract
with Jas A. Sussal. You will report to this
Office and make the proper settlement with
the Freedmen Baw on the 16th (Wednesday next)
in default of which the matter will be
referred for the action of the Assistant Commissioner
at Little Rock. Any transportation you may
furnish him the said Baw for his property
to this place will be allowed against his
account at reasonable rates
Sgt Whitcomb

Jan 15/66 Henry Hooper freedmen

You will pay at once to the
Beuren Melinda My at the sum of \$400
or equivalent in produce she may accept
for a mutton you received from her at the
above amount.

Wm J. West Esq.
Bureau R.F. & A.S.
Washington Aug 10. 1867.

Maj Nathan Cole V.R.L.
Supt R.F. & A.S.

Major

Maria Hanson complains that you issued an order that a certain boy Richard her son should be turned over at once into the charge of a Freedman by the name of James Mc Clam

R.F. & A.S. Supt
Office Genl Supt.
Washington Aug 14 1867.

Col W. H. Tracy

Sir

Stephen South's complains that Maj Cole and others wanted to force him to enter into a contract against his will. Such action is not permitted.

He also states that he worked for a portion of the crop last year that his share of the Cotton is not ginned and baled, and that he ~~legally~~ was employed in building Cabbins he is justly entitled to payment for such outside work.

Please let him complete his work on his crop which ought to have been

Sgt. Kirtland

R.F. & A.S. Supt
Office Genl Supt.
Washington Aug 14. 1867

Sam Bradley

(Freedman)

It appears from Contract on file in this Office that you contracted with Jesse Sewel for the year 1867.

You will go to his place immediately as required by orders and your Contract if not you will be required to pay the damages out of your wages for the year ~~next~~ ^{substant}

Wm J. West Esq.
Bureau R.F. & A.S. Washington Aug 15 1867.

May H. W. Tracy

Sir Isaac H. ~~South~~ and Francis

Paup the wife of Isaac Paup has been Contracted to a certain Col Tracy. I suppose that you was not aware of the same otherwise you would have made yourself liable to a heavy fine. Orders and rules regarding the Contractors System must be preserved for the safety of the planters. You please turn over to this Office without delay the above delinquents otherwise they may will be turned over to Col Tracy the original Contractor

Signed, Supt.

Office Genl Supt.
Washington Jan 15 1867

Serjt James W. Burns

Write proceed without delay to the plantation of a certain Frank Ross and arrest him if possible. Also ascertain how much cotton there is on said plantation. Report the amount without delay to this Office. As per orders

Said Cotton is not ginned and baled. It will therefore be necessary to put said Cotton in portable condition. Inform the Bureau of the same so said bagging and rope may be purchased. Said Cotton to be levied for the benefit of the Freed men who have cultivated said place and not paid for their labor.

Eg^d Whitcomb.

B. R. F. 2nd A. D. South W. Dist. Ark.
Office Genl. Supt.
Washington July 7. 1867.

Wm. M. Ogden

Sir The freedman George Kelley has been contracted for in this office by Bell and Lee. Since which time it has been reported at this office you have induced him to go to your plantation by bribing you will immediately release the said George Kelley with instructions to go to Bell & Lee's plantation, and further furnish him with the necessary transportation for himself and family and any goods or property he may have at your place.

Your immediate compliance with this order will relieve you from the penalties imposed by the order and regulations of this Bureau and save you trouble and expense.

B. R. F. 2nd A. D. S. W. Dist. Ark.
Office Genl. Supt.
Washington Ark. July 16, 1867

G. W. White
Sir

It is reported at this office that there is a disagreement between yourself and freedmen in settlement and division of crop of 1866. In all such cases settlement is required to be made at this office.

You will therefore appear at this office on Friday the 18th for the purpose of such settlement and will please bring with you all accounts and papers touching the matter.

Eg^d Whitcomb

W. H. S. S. W. Dist. Ark.
B. R. F. 2nd A. D.
Washington July 18th 1867

John S. Meason Esqr

Sir

Silas Collins a freedman boy in your charge has been regularly contracted by consent of his mother to W. S. Bright. You will therefore turn over said boy into the charge of W. S. Bright.

Yours respectfully
Whitcomb

B. R. F. 2nd A. D.
Washington July 17, 1867

M. T. Holt Esqr
Sheriff Hempstead Co. Ark.

Sir

I have ascertained that those Revolvers taken from Alfred and Geo Johnson. (Sentenced for their services for

papers) are in the hands of James
Hammill Constable (one Revolver and
one Revolver) will you have the kindness
in ordering him to return them to this
Bureau and oblige

Your Most Obedt Servt
Sgt Thibault
Rt Major

B.R.F. & A.S. S. M. Dist. Adm.
Office Gen. Supt.
Washington July 18th 1867

Gen A. Sutton Esq.
Justice of the Peace
Ozark Sp. Hempstead Co Ark.

Sir

You are hereby
notified according to Law (there being no coroner
in the County) that the dead body of a man
(freeman) has been found about two miles
from this place on or near the Springhill road
cause of death unknown. This notice is
forwarded to you in order that such action
as the Law requires may be taken.

Signed Thibault

B.R.F. & A.S. S. M. Dist. Adm.

Mr J. A. Jones

Sir Yours of the 11th inst came
to hand this morning and was presented to
Mr Amos as per request without success

The time has past when the payment
should have been made as per request
I cannot wait longer and request the immediate
liquidation of the note. Sgt Thibault

B.R.F. & A.S. S. M. Dist. Adm.
Office Gen. Supt.
Washington July 18th 1867

Mr M. G. Easthouse

Sir

You will please call
at this office at your earliest convenience
for the purpose of transacting business
of great importance.

Signed Thibault
Rt Major

A. S. S. M. Dist. Adm.
B.R.F. & A.S.
Washington July 19th 1867.

Henry Wilson Esq.

William Thompson complains
that you have one of his children in your
hands, which you refuse to return.

The child is not legally bound
to you you will therefore turn over
said child to her mother.

Signed Thibault

Jan 22/62

Robert Ch. Leahy

Henry Wright complains that
you are withholding a certain portion of
his crop, for make me him have the same

your contract, permitting such
He further states that he had \$5000
Bills already, by rights he is entitled to pay for
such.

By giving this your ear, with attention further
by turning over several parts of the crop at
once to said H. Wright, you will save your
trouble and expense.

B.R.F. for A.S. Dist. Ct. Wash DC
Office Genl Supt
Washington July 24. 1867

Col Sumner
Sir

You will please call at this office at your earliest convenience to settle with the following freedmen viz Moses Sumner Eliza Sumner & others.
\$95 Thibault

B.R.F. for A.S. Dist. Ct. Wash DC
Office Genl Supt
Washington July 24. 1867.

Mr A.S. Justice
Sir

The bearer Brown Beard a (freedman) claims that you have a minor son belonging to him in your possession.

He has a right to control him and you will deliver the boy to him upon receipt of this order.

Respectfully
Sgd Thibault.

B.R.F. for A.S. Dist. Ct. Wash DC
Office Genl Supt
Washington July 30 1867

Ben Nelson
Freedman

Henry Clay complains that you have in your possession a gun belonging

to him and that he can neither get the gun or the money for it.

You will at once deliver to him the gun or satisfy him for it in money for it or show cause at this office forthwith why it is not done.

Sgd Thibault.

January 31/67

Dr Delong.

You have rented certain lands to Robert Johnson freedman said contract was entered in December 1866

A certain Parker is occupying said property and is not disposed to leave said premises even threatened the life of said freedmen further injures their stock

It is your duty to see that justice is done to the freedmen on said place otherwise you may be held liable for damages

Sgd Thibault

B.R.F. for A.S. Dist. Ct. Wash DC
Office Genl Supt
Washington July 4. 1867

Mr Bunday
Sir

You will turn

his father who has furnished sufficient evidence in this office that he is entitled to the possession and control of the boy

Sgd Thibault

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John F. Kingfield

You have been notified to appear at this office to answer to certain charges preferred against you. You have failed to do so. You will therefore proceed with the Bureau to this office as once otherwise you will be held responsible for your acts.

Signed
Thibault

B.R.F. No. 12
Office Genl Supt.
Washington D.C. Feb 5, 1867

Paul E. W. Spaulth

Sir Lewis Cheatham complains that Jasper & Parker Cheatham sons of his worked for the parties who cultivated the fake Walker plantation on Red river he further represents that they were hired by Mr. Clark whom you bought out and assumed all his liabilities. that the boys worked there until about the last of July and that they are entitled to pay for the time that they labored. each of the parties are responsible for the debts of the firm. Will you see that the matter is satisfactorily adjudicated and that the further is paid for the services of his sons.

would attend to this matter
Sgd Thibault

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Commanding Officer
Post Washington D.C.
Sir

I have the honor to request that you detain the prisoner George Washington in custody and confinement until further orders.
Sgd Thibault

B.R.F. No. 12
Office Genl Supt
Washington D.C. Feb 7, 1867

To
Anthony Bouldin }
Riley Bouldin } Freeman

You will appear at this office on Saturday February 16th 1867. To answer certain charges preferred against you by Rev. J. A. Stanley, Sgd Thibault
Rev. A. B. Winfield & The (Fred) Simon & Susan Simon as wits,

Leplm Moore
You will please appear at this office with Anderson as freedmen formerly in your employ regarding a settlement you have made with him.

Thibault

Washington Dec 13/67

Samy Oldbrooks Esq.

According to the statements made by
Dimpina Smith freedwoman in your employ
I have to release her from obligations entered
with you. You will therefore allow her to take
whatever property she may have on your premises

Signed Thibault

B.R. F. & A. S. W. Dist. Ct. Sec.
Office Genl. Supt.
Washington Dec 14 1867

James Leroy Esq.

You will please report
to this office on Saturday Feb 16.
at 10 o'clock A.M. for the purpose of
settling with Saucha Fanga freedman
Sgt Thibault.

B.R. F. & A. S. W. Dist. Ct. Sec.
Office Genl. Supt.
Washington Dec 16, 1867

M. L. Williamson

Adm^r of the estate of
Thos Williamson Dec.

Sir,

have a lien on the crops for their labor
And as the Agent of the freedmen
I hereby notify you that the whole
produce of the Williamson estate will
be held by me until settlement is made
as per contract. They are at least entitled
to one third of the produce of the place
and I hereby protest against

any sale of said produce until the rights
of the parties are adjudicated.
Sgt Thibault

B.R. F. & A. S. W. Dist. Ct. Sec.
Office Genl. Supt.
Washington Dec 19, 1867

Wm G. Baylis

Adm^r of the estate of
Thos Williamson Dec.

Sir You are hereby notified that all
the crops produced on the Williamson
plantation in the year 1866. will be held
for the labor of the freedmen on said place
and that you will be held responsible
for all sold by you as such Adm^r -
Sgt Thibault.

B.R. F. & A. S. W. Dist. Ct. Sec.
Office Genl. Supt.
Washington Dec 23, 1867

Mr Henry Wilson

Sir

Julia Ann Thompson
(freedwoman) complains that you
detain from her her minor daughter
who if she is under age is subject

demand. Deliver the girl Laura
Ann to her mother and save
this office and yourself further
trouble.
Sgt Thibault.

Offy. P. R. 7th & A. L.
S. M. Dist. Aris.
Washington July 28. 1867.

Lieut
Viram F. Willis V. R. G.
Supt. re.

Sir.
I respectfully request that the matter between Rena Carr versus the Widow Gilliam concerning the binding of her daughter Barrett be investigated. She complains that the news gave the consent to said steps - relations, and furthermore is desirous of having her returned.

See Circular 21. dated May 10 1866. You may get her released on that circular.

Sgt Whitcomb

Offy. P. R. 7th & A. L. S. M. Dist. Aris.
Office Supt. Supt.
Washington Aris July 26. 1867.

Dr. J. A. Williams

Sir.
Wm. Ogden (Groomer) reported to this Office this morning in rather a bad condition physically.

Otherwise the Contract will be canceled and yourself be liable to be fined.

You will therefore please report to this Office on Thursday July 28. at 10 o'clock for the purpose above indicated.

Respectfully
Sgt Whitcomb

Offy. P. R. 7th & A. L. for Supt. & S. M. Dist. Aris.
Office Supt.
Washington Aris July 29. 1867.

Walter Hoover Esq.
Sir.

You will report to this Office on Friday the 1st day of August at 3 o'clock P.M. for the purpose of making Settlement with Anthony Leman & Tom George free men who complain that they can't proceed from you a Settlement. Your compliance with this order will save both yourself and this office trouble.

Sgt Whitcomb

Offy. P. R. 7th & A. L. Office of Supt.
Washington Aris. March 12. 1867.

Mr. J. D. Ross.

Sir.
I hereby notify you that I have no presumptive orders to sell the cotton now in my hands for the purpose of satisfying the demands of the free men in your employ in 1866. who produced the cotton said claims amount to \$2088⁰⁰ as per contract and accounts. You

an o'clock A.M. for the purpose of producing and substantiating any demands you may have against them.

Respectfully
Sgt Whitcomb

Prof. R. F. W. A. S.
Office Supt
Washington Ark
March 14/1867

Dr R. A. Brown
Sir

Will you please come to this office on Wednesday the sixth day of March for the purpose of making settlement with Wiley Cheatham. Please bring with you your copy of Contract and accounts
Sgd Whitcomb

Prof R F W A S. Office Supt.
Mr James Peyton.
Sir

Moses was reported to this Office, he is ordered to return and go to work. You will of course keep the gun you sold him and pay him the twenty five dollars back immediately and settle with him for last years work

Respy. re.
Sgd Whitcomb
Bt Maj Vol Supt

March 2nd 1867

Mr G. B. Bridgman.

Sir
Juste Jones. Complain that you refuse to make a proper settlement with him in all such cases settlements are required to be made at this

Office
You will therefore report to this office on the fourth day of the month (Monday) at 10 o'clock for that purpose
Sgd Whitcomb

Office Supt. R. F. W. A. S.
Washington Ark
March 4, 1867

To whom it may concern,
Daniel Richardson (freeman) having furnished sufficient evidence to this Office that he has a wife and six children in the possession of and control of one Henry of Bowie County Texas. and that upon demand made said Henry refused to allow him to control his family.

Under the laws of the Country he has a right to his family and they cannot contract without his consent Any Officer to whom this is presented will please render the necessary assistance.

Respy. re.
Sgd Whitcomb

Marshall Cheatham Esq
Sir

You will please appear Friday morning March 8, 1867 to make settlement with Wiley Cheatham a freeman formerly in your employ. You are requested to bring along all accounts of last time to against said Wiley. - to facilitate a speedy settlement.

Office Supt R. F. W. A. L.
Washington D.C. March 7, 1867.

Mr John S. Best

Sir
Elias Cheatham & Charles
Cheatham complain at this office
that they are dissatisfied with the settlement
with you for last years labor and claim
that they do not understand the same
In all such cases settlements are required
to be made in this office

You will therefore please report to
this office on Saturday March 9. at
10 o'clock for the purpose of having the
settlement aforesaid reviewed.

Respectfully,
Edw. Whittaker

Math Cheatham Esq.

Sir

You have failed to appear as
directed. Consequently made yourself liable to be
summoned, in case you should refuse to comply with
summons issued by this office, I am compelled to
have matters referred to the ass. Com who will appoint
a referee to make a complete settlement with all
your hands.

Supposing that you will name a certain day to
the parties by settling settlements, come a person will

J. W. Whittaker

March 7/67

Sam Pratt Esq.

Dealy M. Pauley complains
that you are indebted to her for 8 months
labor at 8⁰⁰ per month also her daughters
for the same amount, further does she claim
\$1⁰⁰ Money she had loaned to you.

You will either come to a settlement with
the parties otherwise appear to this office
next Saturday March 16/67 10 o'clock am
to answer to see a Com for same.

Signed
Whittaker

Prof R. F. W. A. L.

Washington D.C. March 13, 1867.

R. M. Wilson Esq.

Sir

I have the honor to
refer the bearer Aaron Habron to you
as the proper Civil Authority for redress
for an Alleged assault upon his
person by Charles Sumner and
Cal. Reed. he desires to file his
affidavit for an assault with
intent to kill we expect the Civil
Authorities to take cognizance of these
outrages.

I am very Respectfully

Office Supt R. F. W. A. L.
Washington D.C. March 14th 1867.

Messrs. Lindsay and Johnson
Gents

You will appear
at this Office on Saturday March
16th 1867. at 10. O'clock A.M. for the
purpose of settlement with Ben
West Farmen as to last years
labor
Respy. &c.
Sgt. Mubant

Office Supt R. F. W. A. L.
~~Washington D.C.~~

March 16th 1867

Mr Greenwood.

Sir The brass March Malcom
Complains that you are indebted to him in
the sum of One dollar and fifty Cents
for chickens sold and delivered to you
in December last. If you do not
settle the matter I will be under the
necessity of ordering you to this Office
for settlement.

Respy. &c.
Mubant

Office Supt R. F. W. A. L.
Washington D.C. March 22nd 67.

Thomas Smith Esqr
Sir

A certain
Alertbrook Complains that you employ
a Freedman on your plantation Lloyd
Pulham Although you have been

aware that said Freedman was
properly contracted to him.
You will please turn over to the brass
the Freedman says, he is to appear
at this Office to show cause why
he has left his former employer.
Yours Respy. &c.
Fred W. Mubant
1st Maj. U.S. Vols.
agent.

Office Supt R. F. W. A. L.
Washington D.C. March 21. 1867.

Sir You will proceed to Mr Bundy's
in company with the Freedman
you allow and take and deliver to
the said Freedman his son William
now in the possession of the
said Bundy and in default
of the said Bundy delivring
said boy as per order heretofore
issued you will immediately
arrest him and report with
him to this Office.
Sgt Mubant

Office Supt R. F. W. A. L.
Washington D.C.

Sir. Please have the following
Freedmen viz James Selmer, Melly
Gilpin, John Divine, Aaron L.
Thomson, Hannah, Thomson, Ned
Owens, Samuel Samble to report
to this Office on Saturday next
at 10 o'clock for the purpose

of receiving their respective shares
of the proceeds of the sales of
Benton in payment of labor for
J. D. Ross.

Sgd Hubert

Same as above

To Best + 211 claim

for Perry Thompson Jim
Thompson Henry Rabery Ben Hutson
Marrah Charles Homie Lee Emma
Harris.

Same

To David Nixon

for Bradford Brandon
Julia Brandon + Giles Brandon

William White Esq.
near Christian meeting house

March 2/67

You have failed to answer to a summons
issued by this Office February 23/67
Consequently you made yourself liable to a
heavy fine.

a freeman formerly in your employ
otherwise is. Compelled to have you brought
to this Office by military force to have
settlements made at the Office

Sgd Hubert

Office Bureau R. I.
 Parachute Artillery Aug 12th 66
 Supt. R. I.
 Comptead Co
 Sir

There is a blind man King-Boof-land in this country leaving with W. J. Pugh without any one to look after him. W. J. Pugh has kept him for the past of 12 months. His sons living at the widows of Anders Johnson near Columbia told me they would take him and care for him but have failed to do so. His sons are working for wages. I wish you to send for them and have them make some provisions for their father at once. I have not their names but a letter investigation will get them. Will you please attend to this and advise the blind father

signed A. M. Ballard
 Supt etc

Bureau of R. I. & A. S.
 for the States of Mo & Ark.
 Office Surgeon in Chief
 Little Rock Ark Aug 19th 66

Sir
 Your endorsement of Aug 8th has been read. In reply I have the honor to state that Dr

Hunt. for reasons that have already been fully explained to the doctor, you can employ him in case of emergency and his account for such services will be approved in this office provided they are made out strictly as in case of enlisted men accordance with paragraph 1310 of the revised Army Regulations. If not made out in compliance with that

paragraph they will be rejected. They should be made out in triplicate & should also be approved by yourself.

I am instructed by the Asst. Commissioner to inform you that no Hospital will be established at your post for the treatment of destitute refugees & Freed men.

A medical officer will however be stationed at your post, as soon as a suitable one can be found. No contract can be given to Dr. Scarborough for the reason that he reports himself unable to take the oath

Very Respectfully etc
signed Henry M. Hilley
Asst. Surg. Mf.
Surgeon in chief Dist Me & Ark

Sr.
Maj. J. H. Thibaut
Asst. Surgeon
Washington

Resolution in regard to Small Pox
Whereas it is made known to us that the Small Pox is within our town and there is imminent danger of its spreading.

Resolved by the Common Council of the Town of Washington
That the Mayor be and is hereby

may be approved by the agent of the Freedmen's Bureau to prevent the spread of said disease by the isolation of all those who are ~~are~~ all likely to become infected by it.

2nd That the Mayor is hereby authorized to employ at the expense of the corporation one physician and so many attendants as may be necessary for attending to those

who may be attacked with the disease and for the purpose of enforcing such quarantine regulations as said physicians may advise to be necessary.

3rd That Major Thibaut asst. Superintendent Freedman etc be requested to cooperate with the Mayor and constable in isolating any of the Freed people who may require it, and maintaining such quarantine regulations as may be necessary until all danger of the spread of the disease may be past.

4th That a copy of these resolutions be furnished to Maj Thibaut forthwith and he is hereby requested to cooperate with the municipal authorities in carrying the same into effect and also to exercise his authority in procuring the vaccination all the Freed people in this vicinity

Test.
signed J. E. Borden Recd Appr. 2 Sept 11 1866
signed R. B. Carrigan Mayor

Office Supr R. O. & A. S.
Paraclytic Court July 28

Sir
Your communication respecting the horse of Sam Stewart at Mrs Walkers, I would send at once but have no soldiers here able to make

I will attend to the matter as soon as I get some mounted troops, I hope that will be soon

Very Resp.
signed A. W. Ballard
Supr R. O. & A. S.
Senior

Little Rock Aug 24th 1866
Br. Maj. J. W. Thibaut
Supt. in Washington
Mayer

In reply to your request in letter to Capt Skinner of the 104th inst for blanks pertaining to the claim Division, I have the honor to state that a few copies of blanks of all description were furnished at different times during the past few months to Hon. S. W. Cantt Genl. Supt. and that now there are none on hand at this office for distribution. If he retained none of them they were probably sent to Capt Cole at Camden from whom you may obtain them as he will have a small surplus.

An estimate for more blanks was forwarded to Washington some time ago and as soon as the blanks are furnished you will be supplied.

I am very respectfully
your obt. servant
Signed John Tyler
Br. Maj. U.S.A.
In dis. Claim Division

Little Rock Aug 28th 1866
Maj. J. W. Thibaut Supt. in Washington
Hampden Co will investigate & report upon the accusation contained in the

general conduct as an officer of this Bureau

By order of
Br. Maj. Genl. J. M. Sponner
D. D. Williams
Asst. Adj. Genl.

Office Bureau R. I.
Paradise Ark. Aug 11th 1866
J. Supt. R. I.
Washington
Sir

John Davis a Freed man of this county sold about Dec 25 to All Hopson freedom now living with Mr Johnson near Columbus one black Bay Horse for \$30. He has entirely failed to comply with his contract and refuses to give up the Horse or pay for the same. I wish you to make such an order in the premises as will cause said Hopson to pay for said Horse or deliver the same to John Davis

Very Resp^t.
Signed A. W. Ballard
Supt. Ark.

Recd. Sept 12th

Bureau R. I. & A.S.
Chief Quartermaster Dept
Little Rock Sept. 12th 1866

Br. Maj. J. W. Thibaut
Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt at this office of the following Returns from you for the month of August 1866. viz. Account & current in duplicate one copy of which I have forwarded to the Chief

Washington A.S.

Very resp^t etc
A. S. Skinner
Br. Lt. Col. & Chief Q.M.

Treasury Department
Third Auditor's Office
September 17th 1866

Sir

Your Bureau R.F. & A.S. accounts
for the month of August, 1866, has been
received at this office

Very respectfully
Yours ass. Servt.
(signed) Am. G. un. comes
For Auditor

Wm. J. Thibault
Washingtn
W.M.P.

Bureau of R.F. & A.S.
for the State of Mo. Ark. & D.
Little Rock Sept 19th 1866
Post. Maj. J. W. Thibault
Supt R.F. & A.S.
Washington

Major

I have the honor to enclose you
copy of circular No 24 from these Hd.
Qrs. requesting your attention to the Monthly
Report therein called for.

This report has not been received from
any of the Superintendents of Genl.
Quarters Districts.

In his absence you will instruct

Respectfully
(signed) D. H. Williams
Asst. Adj. Genl.

Bureau R.F. & A.S. 181
Little Rock Oct 5th 1866

Post. Maj. J. W. Thibault
Genl. Supt Washington
Maj

I have the honor to furnish
you with three (3) copies of pamphlet - containing
recent instructions, relative to the claim of colored
Soldiers for the use of officers in your district
who of course claims. The asst. Commissioner
deems that the provisions of the joint
resolutions approved June 15th and July 26th
1866 be made known as soon as possible.

As soon as instructions for the prepara-
tion of claims under these acts are
received at this office they will be
promulgated

Done at
signed John Tyler
Capt. Genl.

Quartermaster General's Office
Washington D.C. Sept 20th 1866
Jr. Post. Maj. Fred W. Thibault
Sir

Your returns of Quartermaster Stores as
Supt R.F. for the month of Aug 1866 has been
received and when examined will be sent to
the Third Auditor of the Treasury for settlement
of which you will be duly notified
By order of the Q.M. Genl

Post. Maj. Fred W. Thibault

Bureau R.F. & A.S.
Little Rock Oct 3rd 1866
Special Orders }
No 82 }

1 Gen E.W. Gantt at his own request, is hereby relieved from duty as Genl. Supt. Dist of S. W. Arkansas.

Mr Gantt will turn over the books papers and records of his office to Col. Maj. J.W. Thibaut V.R.C. who is hereby assigned to duty as Genl. Supt. and Pro. Mar. of R.F. & A.S. for the district of S.W. Ark.

signed J.W. Sprague
Col. Major General
Asst. Commissioner

Bureau R.F. & A.S.
Little Rock Oct 4th 1866
Special Orders }
No 83 }

Col. Maj. J.W. Thibaut V.R.C. Genl. Supt. and Pro. Mar. of South Western Arkansas is hereby empowered and authorized to relieve any officer, clerk or employee serving in this Bureau in his district for good and sufficient cause and appoint their successors; it is expected that this authority will only be used when speedy action is imperatively necessary.

office stating clearly the facts that called for action

signed J.W. Sprague
Asst. Commissioner

Bureau R.F. & A.S.
Little Rock Oct 6th 66
Col. Maj. J.W. Thibaut
Genl Supt Washington

By direction of the Assistant Commissioner I have the honor to invite the attention of officers who forward claims to this office to a discrepancy existing in the forms furnished for "Proofs of Co-habitation and Census Reports" in account of the omission of the statements of the number of names and ages of the children of the parties

Until correct printed forms are received officers will cause manuscript affidavits to be made adhering to the forms as printed and adding the number and ages of the children

Yours etc
(signed) John Dyer

Office Bureau R.F. & A.S.
Lafayette Co Ark Oct 11th 66
Capt J.W. Thibaut
Supt etc

The Freedman Hawk reports to this office a case of murder which was committed in county a few days ago, on account of not having any guard to arrest the party we are necessary compelled to post pone the matter and call upon you for assistance. If you will

the Freedman in order that you may be the parties take from him as he is the most improper witness

Yours etc
(signed) J.D. Reid

Jan 23/67

To Branson

Frank Green freedmen in your employ
 complains that your overseer Mr Gordon
 promised him \$5⁰⁰ per month out of his wages
 if said Frank Green would attend to the hoe hands
 he further states that Mr Gordon Branson is a
 Wharf to said agreement, if such is the case
 you would oblige me very much by deducting the
 amount out of said Gordon's pay, or if you should
 have paid him already you will ask for it
 the Cotton at present on your place to be removed
 till said Green is free

James P
 Hartwell

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Washington Ark

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from March 31/67

to Aug 31/68

contracts made, and the number of employees contracted to the present time

No. of contracts	Adults		Children		Total
	Men	Women	Boys	Girls	
246	798	366	114	88	1366

The number is not as large, as that at same time last year, but it can be accounted for by the manner in which the records were kept. All of the above are able hands, it was not so last year, adults who made several contracts with different parties, and little children, not able to work, were counted, thereby increasing the aggregate, this not being like this year, there is a decrease in the figures only, not in the laborers contracted,

As a general rule the stipulations in contracts are very favorable. Some of the employers have not yet settled with the employees they contracted with last year, this is owing to their not having received returns yet for cotton raised.

I anticipate some trouble with these parties, particularly two of them, whom I believe meditate fraud, and I am afraid I will get nothing from them, as what has been done

erected here, will be completed inside of four months, arrangements have been made to procure thoroughly seasoned lumber for it, and I intend to hurry the completion of it, as much as possible.

There is apparently nothing being done towards the erection of the

Shedman's Hospital. The A. A. Surgeon who has the work in charge lacks energy to push it forward, the hospital should have been completed, & ready for the reception of patients some time ago, but I have not interfered not having any control over it. The above is respectfully submitted signed, Thibaut.

Bureau of R. D. & Co.
April 1st 1864
Lieut. H. M. Smith
Post Adjutant
Washington
Ark.
Lieut.
A copy of the above narrative report, signed, Thibaut.

Bureau of R. D. & Co.
April 15th 1864
A. Harrison, Esq.
Probate Judge.
Dir. I would respectfully request that H. Moss, Esq. of this County be appointed guardian to the children of John Owen, J. D. & Co.

willing to act as such, & as there is some property, stock, funds, blacksmith tools &c, as well as some outstanding debts, & H. Moss understands his affairs, I think he is a fit person, signed, Thibaut.

Bureau of R. D. & Co.
April 5th, 1864

Dr. E. B. Dorr, Jr.

Dear Sir
An orderly will report to you with three colored children, whom you will take charge of, & furnish with subsistence, & quarters, until proper persons be found who want them, when they will be bound out.

signed, Watson.

Bureau of R. D. & Co.
April 9th, 1864

St. H. N. Smith,
W. D. D. H.,
Washington,
Ark.

Dear Sir,
Having arrived at this Post in obedience to O. No. 55, Dated Office of Assistant Commr R. D. & Co. Little Rock, Ark. April 4th, 1864. I respectfully request that you furnish me with quarters for my own use.

signed, Watson.

Bureau of R. D. & Co.
April 11th, 1864

You are respectfully requested to furnish this office, with a report of names of persons, drawing rations at, or receiving medical attendance in the Freedmen's Hospital under your charge, giving date of entry, age, sex, & reason of their being admitted, also report from time to time,

any changes that may occur, by reason of death, discharge, or otherwise,
signed, Watson.

Bureau of R. D. & Co.
April 13th, 1864

Mr. Lee, Jr.

Dear Sir,
Please let bearer have the stores belonging to the Freedmen's Hospital at this place, giving him those called for by Dr. E. B. Dorr, Jr. for the first load.

signed, Watson.

Bureau of R. D. & Co.
April 19th, 1864

Mr. J. King Esq,
Justice of the Peace

Dear Sir
I have the honor to request that you call at my Office at your earliest convenience.

signed, Watson.

Bureau of R. D. & Co.
April 21st, 1864

Post Col. Henry Page,
City of Little Rock.

I would request that you furnish me with

- 28, copies blank returns of C. B. & O. E.
- 28, copies blank returns of L. H. B.
- 28, copies blank Accounts Current
- 12, copies each of Report of Payroll, & Articles employed & hired, & Requisition for forage for private horses.

signed, Watson.

Bureau of R. & D.
Washington, Ark's.
April 27, '47.

O. S. Draper

Div. You will please call at this office at your earliest convenience, I wish to obtain from you information concerning a dispute between Frank Mc Gee & Christman, Walters arising from a failure to make a settlement for last years services.

signed J. D. Watson.

Bureau of R. & D.
Washington, Ark's.
April 29, '47.

Doctor Eaton

You are requested to call at this Office this afternoon, at as early an hour as possible

signed J. D. Watson.

Bureau of R. & D.
Washington, Ark's.
May 1st, 1847.

Major Genl O. S. Howard
Commissioner R. & D.
Washington, D. C.

known to inform you that I am on duty at this place, as Agent of the Bureau of Refugees & Freedmen. per O. O. No 35.
Office of Asst Commissioner Bureau of R. & D. for Ark's & Ind Territory Little Rock, Ark's. April 1st, 1847.

signed J. D. Watson.

Bureau of R. & D.
Washington, Ark's.
May 1st, 1847.

Adjutant General
W. H. Day
Washington, D. C.

A copy of the foregoing letter signed J. D. Watson.

Bureau of R. & D.
Washington, Ark's.
May 1st, 1847.

Bot Col. Henry Page
Chief L. H. ... Colonel.

I have the honor to transmit herewith my Quarterly Statement of L. H. Property, and Bureau Stores, marked "A" & "B", respectively, for the Quarter ending on March 31st, 1847. Not having had any C, B, & G, E, during the Quarter I have not forwarded form "D".
4. Enclosures. signed J. D. Watson.

Bureau of R. & D.
Washington, Ark's.
May 1st, 1847.

L. H. ...

I have the honor to transmit herewith the oath of Office of Aaron Bodin, messenger whom I have employed at a salary of twenty five dollars a month commencing April 1st, 1847.
signed J. D. Watson.

Bureau of N. & D.
Washington, D.C.
May 1st 1864

Col. Gen. Henry Rorer
Chief of H. G. Co
Colonel.

I have the honor to transmit herewith my report of persons & articles for month of April, 1864, also vouchers in favor of Alfred Smith, James Brown, and James Page. I would respectfully request that the vouchers be paid as soon as convenient.

"u. Enclosures." signed J. D. Watson,

Bureau of Refugees, and Freedmen,
Washington, Hempstead St., Ark.
May 1st, 1864.

Lieut. Jas. Dyer,
A. G. A. Dist.
Quar. of N. & D.
Little Rock, Ark.
Lieutenant.

I have the honor to submit the following narrative report, for the month of April, 1864. On the 21st inst. I arrived at this place, and on the 8th assumed charge of the Office, relieving Post

Sir Ark's. & D. Territory, Little Rock, Ark's, April 1st, 1864. During the month I effected several settlements on behalf of Freedmen, for labor performed last year. In all of these cases the planters refused to pay them by reason of having failed last year in making a crop, as this was not the

fault of the freedmen, I insisted on the stipulation of the contract being carried out. Some cases of shooting, and otherwise mistreating freedmen have occurred during the month. A son of one J. D. Stewart, got into a quarrel with a freedman, and struck him several times, the freedman called on Stewart to interfere, this he did not do, and the freedman struck the boy in self defence, then Stewart interfered, and shot the freedman, wounding him severely. He was arrested by the Civil Authorities, and bound over in the sum of five hundred dollars to appear at next term of Court. I investigated the matter, and being satisfied that it was a deliberate attempt at murder, without the slightest provocation, on the part of the freedman, I had the bond increased to four thousand dollars. One Wm. Brown shot a freedwoman, & shot at her, the woman's brother remonstrated with Brown for doing so, Brown then shot at him, the ball passing through his clothes, and over his shoulder. Three days afterwards the woman complained at this office, no action having been taken by the civil authorities. It is to be noted that

Stewart was then lodged over to the Civil Authorities, & by them bound over to next term of Court, in the sum of fifteen hundred dollars. There were several other cases of minor importance, I find that the civil authorities generally take action in these matters when they are brought to their attention by this office, otherwise

there is more little energy, or promptness displayed by them in bringing guilty parties to justice.

The following is a report of contracts approved, & filed during the month

No of contracts	Adults		Children		Dol.
	Men	Women	Boys	Girls	
17	21	6	40	3	40

As a general rule the stipulations in the contracts are very favorable, & the indications are that the freedmen will be successful in raising good crops. They seem contented, and inclined to work faithfully.

In this District there are two schools for freedmen established. One in this town taught by Mr. Casey. average attendance during month 24.

The other on a plantation near Red river, taught by Mr. Wright. average attendance during month 34.

The freedmen express a willingness to support these schools, and some of those planters who at first opposed them, now realize that the organization of such schools will be a benefit to both Employers, & Employees. The school house for freedmen now in process of erection at this place is progressing rapidly towards completion.

The freedmen's hospital is sufficiently completed to receive patients. Several are now in it, & others will be as soon as the Hospital stores now at Dutton can be brought here. It has been a difficult matter to procure transportation for that purpose. The above is respectfully submitted. (sgd.) Watson

Bureau of F. & J. May 4th, 1864.
Col. Watson
Chief L. H. ...

I have the honor to transmit herewith my return of stores pertaining to the Bureau of F. & J. for the month of April 1864.

I also vouchers in favor of Warren Mc Dadden for office furniture purchased during the month, please forward check for the amount as soon as convenient.

Very Respectfully,
signed, J. D. Watson.

Bureau of F. & J. May, 10th, 1864.
Col. Watson
Chief L. H. ...

I have the honor to transmit herewith vouchers for five hundred dollars in favor of Warren Mc Dadden, it being the 2nd installment on the contract for the erection of a school house for freedmen at M. M.

as a ... statement, and thinking that you were the proper person to do so.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant,
sgd. J. D. Watson.
3 Enclosures.

Bureau of R. & D.
May 9th, 1864.

Colonel, I have the honor to transmit herewith my report of losses & Articles for April, 1864 & would request that you return to me those I have already forwarded to your office for same month, I also transmit to you vouchers for 500 dollars in favor of Warren M. Madden. If these vouchers are not to cover the funds already advanced to M. Madden, I would request that they be returned also.

Signed, J. D. Watson.
Col. Henry Page
Chief L. & M.

Bureau of R. & D.
May 12th, 1864

J. D. E. Bennett
Act. Asst. Surg. Genl.
Lieut. Genl.

I have the honor to inform you that a Surgeon Ed. G. Fox, who was in charge of the Hospital for Refugees, & the Amputees at this place, had desert on the 9th inst.

require daily attention, one particularly whose life depends on it. I have employed a doctor for that purpose. If this action meets with your approval, I would request instructions as regards paying said doctor for his services.

Signed, J. D. Watson.

Bureau of R. & D.
May 17, 1864.

Col. Henry Page
Chief L. & M.
Colonel.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 10th inst. enclosing check no. 1596. for One hundred & twenty four, & 7/100 dollars.

Permit me to call your attention to the fact, that the vouchers given by me to James R. Page for thirty dollars for rent of Office for month of April 64, had not yet been cashed.

Signed, J. D. Watson

Bureau of R. & D.
May 23, 1864.

J. M. Sandefur & Co.
Gens.

Until further instructions from this Office you are hereby ordered to retain, all funds now in your possession, pertaining to the estate of the late John C. Arnott, deceased.

Signed, J. D. Watson

Superintendent of Schools.

I would respectfully request that you furnish me at your earliest convenience as complete information as possible as regards the arrangements of the stoves in the School House now in process of erection in

in this file.
Very Respectfully
Yours Obedtly
Signed J. D. Watson

Bureau of N. D.
May 24. 67.
Capt. Henry Page,
Chief L. M. Co.
Colonel.

I have the honor
to request instructions as regards pro-
-curing clothing for destitute freed-
-women & children, particularly
such of them as are now, or may be
inmates of the N. D. Hospital at
this place.

Signed, J. D. Watson.

Bureau of N. D. & A. S.
May 26th. 1867.
Capt. Henry Page,
Chief L. M. Co.
Colonel.

I have the honor
to request that you furnish me with
the following L. M. blanks,
Doubly four copies each of -
- Monthly Returns of L. M. Stores.
- Monthly Returns of L. M. & E. Smith

- Report of Receipts & Articles.
- Requisitions for forage, private horses.
Signed, J. D. Watson.

Bureau R. D. & A. S.
May 28. 1867.
Jas. R. Ritchie Esq
Pres. Attorney,
6th. Jud. Dist.
Arkansas,

Sir,
I have received information
that one Jenny Denguson freed-
-man. has been indicted by the
Grand Jury for theft, and that
you propose prosecuting him
for said offences.

Jenny Denguson was tried for
this offence, & punishment imposed
by the Agent of the Bureau in his
official capacity, before the Grand
Jury took any action in the case.
You will therefore cease all further
proceedings in the premises.
Signed, J. D. Watson.

Bureau R. D. & A. S.
May 28. 1867.
Bt Brig Gen J. E. Bennett
Act Asst Adj Gen
Little Rock
Arkansas.

General. I would respectfully
request to be informed at your

to the orders of Capt. & Post Lt. Col.
J. B. Mulligan, Comdg Post of
Washington, Ark.

I have endeavored to avoid having
this question raised between my-
self & the Comdg Officers of the
Post, but it has been forced upon
me, & I can find nothing in my

orders requiring me to be subject to the orders of an Officer whose rank is not equal to my own, or in fact to receive orders from any source, other than the Asst Commissioner or through his Office,
 signed, J. D. Watson.

Bureau of R. D. & A. S.
 May 28th 1867.
 Bt Col Henry Page
 Chief of Dept
 Little Rock,
 Arkansas.

Colonel, I have the honor to transmit herewith vouchers for five hundred dollars in favor of James M. Daddens, it being the second installment as per contract.
 signed, J. D. Watson.

Bureau of R. D. and A. S.
 June 1st 1867.
 Major Genl O. O. Howard
 Commissioner
 Washington
 D. C.

honors to inform you that I am on duty at this place as Agent of the Bureau of R. D. & A. S. July 25th 1867. dated Office of Asst Commissioner for Ark. Dep. Little Rock, Ark. on April 1st 1867.
 signed, J. D. Watson.

Bureau of R. D. & A. S.
 June 1st 1867.
 Adjutant General Dept
 Washington
 D. C.
 A copy of the foregoing letters.
 signed, J. D. Watson.

Bureau of R. D. & A. S.
 June 1st 1867.
 Bt Col Henry Page
 Chief of Dept
 Colonel
 I have the honor to transmit herewith my Return of R. D. & A. S. Property for month of May 1867.
 signed, J. D. Watson.

Bureau of R. D. & A. S.
 June 1st 1867.
 Bt Col Henry Page
 Chief of Dept
 Colonel
 I have the honor to transmit herewith corrected vouchers in favor of James R. Page for rent of room for month of April 1867.
 signed, J. D. Watson.

Bureau of R. D. & A. S.
 June 2nd 1867.
 Bt Col Henry Page
 Chief of Dept
 Colonel
 I have the honor to transmit herewith my Report of Persons & Articles for May, also vouchers in favor of James R. Page & Aaron Brown.

Bureau of R & A
Washington, Ark.
June 4th. 1867.

Col. Brig. Genl. Jas. E. Bennett,
Acty. Dir. Adjt. General,
Little Rock, Ark.
General.

I have the honor
to submit herewith the following
narrative report for the month
of May, 1867.

During the month my time has
been mostly occupied in making
settlements between Freedmen &
Planters for labor performed
last year. A number of these dis-
putes are caused by planters
failing last year to make a crop,
& being unable to pay their hands
as per contract. In such cases I
direct that notice be given payable
when this year's crop is disposed
of.

I have issued clothing to some
destitute freedmen, but am at a
loss how to procure clothing for
destitute freedwomen and children.
I have received several applications
of this kind.

I have not made any estimate -

by and by there will be a necessity
for its. You account of the late
heavy and continued rains which
has caused an overflow of all the
rivers, numerous plantations ad-
jacent to Red River are completely
submerged, and I apprehend a
number of cases of destitution.

Very few contracts have been filed
in the Office during the month,
nearly all of the contracts for this
year have been made.

As regards wilfully and persistently
violating contracts I have adopted
the plan of punishing freedmen
who do so, by placing them at
work in the garden of the R & A
Hospital, thereby saving the
Bureau the expense of paying
laborers. Very few cases of this
kind have happened.

This month the District Court has
been in session. The Grand Jury
took action in the cases of Stuart
and Brandon, mentioned in my Report
for the month of April. They brought
in a bill of manslaughter for the case
of Stuart, and a bill of An assault
with intent to kill, against Brandon.
The parties have not yet been tried.
The Court continues its session in
month of June. That the Grand
Jury took action in these cases, is
mainly owing to the influence
of the Bureau, and the Military
Authorities.

About the 1st of the month Doctor
Ed. Dr. is Dir. of the U.S. Inspr.

has not been heard of since.
As there were several patients in
Hospital who required daily atten-
tion. Particularly the freedmen shot
by P. W. Stewart I employed a doctor
for that purpose and reported
my action to your Office.
The freedmen's school taught by Mrs
O'Beary is in a prosperous condi-

conditions. He reports as follows for the month of May.
 Number of scholars in attendance 101.
 Averaged attendance during month 93.
 Amount of tuition collected \$31.00
 Amount due and uncollected \$19.00.

His report has been received from Mrs Wright who has been teaching school on H. & Jones' plantation on Red River. It is rumored that the school is closed and that Mrs Wright is intending to go into other business.

The school house for freedmen now being erected in this place, as per contract with Warren M. Dadden is sufficiently advanced to justify the payment of part of the amount now on present appearance and of the opinion that it will be completed within the time specified in the contract.

I am General
 Very Respectfully
 Yours Obedt Servt.
 J. D. Watson
 Major & Agent

Bureau of R. D. & A. S.
 Washington, Arkansas.
 June 12th 67.

Jacob Hoos, Esq.

Information has been filed in this Office that you are employing freedmen who have been regularly contracted to other parties.

You are hereby notified that by so doing you render yourself liable to be dealt with by this Office, & also that the laws of Arkansas impose a fine of 500 dollars for such of. Recess.

Should you after receiving this communication continue to employ freedmen who have made contracts with other parties you will be dealt with as the law in such cases directs.

J. D. Watson
 Major & Agent

Bureau of R. D. & A. I.
Washington, Arkansas

June 19th 17

W. H. Shaw, Esq.
Post Adjutant
Washington
Ark's

Lieutenant

I have the honor to state that I have arrested one John Lyons of this County who is charged with assaulting a Freedwoman with a deadly weapon.

Devoutly request that this man be retained in confinement as the civil authorities have shown that when Freedmen are plaintiff justice will not be impartially administered.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servant

[Signature]

James D. Watson
Major, & Agt. Bureau of R. D. & A. I.

Bureau of R. D. & A. I.
Washington Ark's

June 19, 17

E. A. Payton, Esq.

Dir. Information is received at this Office that you are unlawfully detaining a horse belonging to the

... without delay release, or cause to be released said horse, to the said Sam Payton. A prompt compliance with this order will be enforced.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servant

James D. Watson
Major, & Agt. of Bureau

Bureau of R. D. & A. I.
Washington, Arkansas

June 19th 17

Mr. Wm. M. Holly
Supt. of Education
Bureau of R. D. & A. I.
Arkansas
Little Rock
Ark's

Sir

In reply to your communication of the 8th inst. I have the honor to inform you that the school house for Freedmen now being erected in this place, is progressing rapidly towards completion.

The contractor Warren M. Dadden is a Freedman and takes an interest in it, and so far the work is very well done. The building is entirely enclosed, and nearly ready for plastering. The sash and doors are all made. There was some difficulty experienced in understanding the specification in regard to the placing of the floors but this has been obviated by your letter of explanation on that subject.

It is my duty to inform you that the school is now ready for occupancy, and those of them that care seems willing to support a school.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servant

[Signature]

James D. Watson
Major, & Agt. of Bureau

Bureau of R. D. and A. S.
 Washington, Arkansas
 June 20th, 1867.
 Lieut. J. W. Shaw, U.S.A.
 Post Adjutant
 Washington, Ark.

Sir,
 In reply to your communication of this date, I have the honor to state that I have visited some of the dwellings of the freedmen of this town, but not nearly all of them.

The members of the Board of Health, and myself have never had sufficient leisure at the same time to enable us to make any extended tour.

Very Respectfully
 Yours Obedt Servant
 Jas. D. Watson
 Major & Agt of 1st Div

Bureau of R. D. and A. S.
 Washington, Ark., June 20th, 1867
 Lieut. J. W. Shaw, U.S.A.
 Post Adjt.

Sir,
 I have the honor to state that by instructions of the Adjutant

General, Arkansas, the troops which are at that place will therefore be no longer needed for Bureau purposes.

Very Respectfully
 Yours Obedt Servant
 Jas. D. Watson
 Major & Agt of 1st Div

Bureau of R. D. and A. S.
 Washington, Arkansas,
 June 21st, 1867.

1st Lt Colonel, Henry Page,
 A. G. M. & Co.
 Bureau of R. D. and A. S.
 Fort Arkansas
 Little Rock, Ark.

I have the honor to transmit herewith vouchers in favor of Warren M. Waddens for second & fourth installment, as per contract for the erection of a school house for freedmen at this place. The work on the building has progressed sufficiently to warrant the payments.

Very Respectfully
 Yours Obedt Servant
 Jas. D. Watson
 Major & Agt of 1st Div

Bureau of R. D. and A. S.
 Washington, Ark., June 27th, 1867
 1st Lt Col. Henry Page,
 A. G. M. & Co.

Colonel,
 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the enclosed

check as follows: One check for \$49.00 on Merchants National Bank of Little Rock Arkansas for fifty dollars.

The check payable to the order of Jas. R. Page for thirty dollars.
 Yours Obedt Servant
 Jas. D. Watson
 Major, and Agt of 1st Div

Bureau of R. D. and A. S.
Washington, Arkansas
June 23rd 1864.

Col. Henry Page.

Ch. of the Chief of the
Bureau of R. D. and A. S.
Arkansas
Little Rock.

Colonel.

I have the honor to transmit herewith my Report of Persons and Articles, Arms &c. for the month of June, 1864.

Also vouchers in duplicate in favor of James R. Page, for rent of rooms, occupied by me as an Office, and Aaron W. Brown for salary as messenger.

Very Respectfully
Yours Obedient Servant
Signed, J. D. Watson
Major, & Agt of this

Bureau of R. D. and A. S.
Washington, Arkansas
June 23rd 1864.

Lieut. John E. Bennett

Acty Sect Agt General
Buri of R. D. and A. S.
Arkansas.
Little Rock, Ark.

Lieutenant.

I have the honor to submit the following as my Report of Freedmen for the month of June, 1864. This Office has been very busily engaged during the month in adjudicating, and settling all cases which have come before it. There has not been many cases during the month of violent assaults, or abuse of freedmen. About the first of the month a man by the name of Richard Patterson, shot and killed in cold blood a freedman by the name of Edw. Nash. This occurrence took place about five miles from this place. I immediately took steps to procure his arrest, requesting a mounted detachment for that purpose. Patterson however had made his escape. After several attempts to catch him with troops, I found that his arrest could only be accomplished by citizens who were acquainted with the country. I induced your citizens to undertake the arrest. The Sheriff of the County also telling them that he thought the Governor of the State would allow them a reward. In two days they brought Patterson to this place and he was lodged in jail. The Grand Jury had already found a bill against him, and the Court being in session immediately proceeded with the trial.

The evidence was very positive that Patterson had no reasons for killing Tash, and that it was a premeditated, coldblooded murder. Yet the Court only found him guilty of manslaughter, and sentenced him for imprisonment for a term of two years. That the finding of the Court was entirely inadequate to the offense Patterson has been taken to the Penitentiary at Little Rock.

The case of the shooting of Crockett Walker freedman by W. A. Stewart, which was mentioned in my Report for May, has been continued to the next term of Court.

There were several other cases in Court wherein freedmen alone were concerned, most of which were settled satisfactorily to all parties.

There has been some difficulty arising from the overflow of Red River, and I anticipate much more in the future. Nearly every plantation on the River was entirely submerged and of course most of the crops of cotton & corn were destroyed. Many of these places were carried on by freedmen, who had invested all they had. Of course it will be impossible for these men to recover from its effects this year. Other places were controlled by men who had freedmen in their employ and who were destroyed.

with a difficulty in making satisfactory settlements.

These people are very much discouraged but they are again starting out in earnest. Some remain on their places and are trying to repair their losses as far as possible. Others have gone to work for wages on higher lands. I think there will be very little actual suffering among them.

There is some disposition on the part of both whites, and freedmen, to disregard contracts, and some parties desire to have them annulled. In all such cases I require contracts to be strictly complied with, not annulling any unless both parties are willing, or there is good and sufficient cause.

The school at this place has progressed finely during the month. The freedmen manifest great interest in the subject of Education which is shown by the rapid progress made by most of the scholars some of whom have shown remarkable proficiency. The school house is being rapidly completed, and I think will be ready for use by the time specified in the contract. The freedmen have a very large Sabbath school, which is very well conducted, and is as orderly as any I have seen. They have two preachers who are intelligent, and sensible men, and whose influence on the morals of the freedpeople is very good.

The Hospital at this place is now under the supervision of Det. Asst. Surgeon A. Welch, and is in a prosperous condition.

There are at present nineteen cases in Hospital. There are a great many applicants for admission.

support them.

In compliance with instructions from your Office, I closed the Office of the Bureau at Lewisville on the 20th of the month.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
Jas D Water
Major & Asst of Bureau

Bureau of R. D. & A. S.
Washington, Ark.

July 1st 1867.

Brigadier General One Bennett
Adj. Genl. Dept. General
Bun of R. D. & A. S. Don Arka
Little Rock Ark

General

I have the honor to report that in compliance with instructions from Office of Dist Commissioner I have visit-
ed Leviville, and made a personal and rigid inspection of Books and Records pertaining to the Office of the Agent at that place. I found the Books and all Records connected with said Office complete and in the best condition.

The Clerk Mr Wright had already sent in his resignation, and I would respectfully request that it be accept-
ed.

I closed the Office deeming it desirable to do so, securing the books and records as directed.

Very Respectfully
Your Oth Servant
Jas. D. Watson
Major & Agent of Bun

Bureau of R. D. & A. S.
Washington, Arkansas

July 1st 1867.

Lieut. John E. Bennett
Adj. Genl. Dept. Genl.
Bun of R. D. & A. S.
Don Arkansas
Little Rock, Ark

Lieut

I have the honor to transmit herewith vouchers for one E. R. Williamson for the hire of horses employed for the purpose of aiding in arresting one Patterson the nephew of a freedman named Best Mack.

As there were no Gov't horses here at that time, it was absolutely necessary in order to secure the mur-
der that I should employ the horses

I would respectfully request that you approve the enclosed vouchers.

Very Respectfully
Your Oth Servant
Jas. D. Watson
Major & Agent of Bun

Bureau of R. D. and A. L.
Washington, Arkansas
July 20th, 1867

Mr. W. H. Kelley
Supt of Education,
Bureau of R. D. and A. L.
Ft. Arkansas,
Little Rock, Ark

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you of the fact of Mr. E. P. Wright, giving up his school, and leaving this District, it is supposed for New Orleans.

Previous to his departure he collected about One hundred dollars from the freedmen in his vicinity, ostensibly for the purpose of purchasing books, this sum was in addition to his salary as a teacher, which he also collected.

The gentleman he was living with one J. D. Smith Esq. on Major H. H. Jones's plantation, lent him a horse, saddle, bridle, and revolver, for the purpose of going as far as Chenevort, Louisiana, he expecting to take a boat at that place. Wright sold this property at Spring Hill in this County. Mr. Smith has adopted legal measures to recover his property.

The inference is, that Mr. Wright

This fact is to be regretted as the school was in a very prosperous condition, the freedmen taking a deep interest in its welfare. This fact is evinced by their willingness to contribute for the purchase of books

W. W. Chibaut
Act of Bureau

Bureau of R. D. and A. L.
Washington, Arkansas
July 21st, 1867

Lieut John S. Bennett,
Acty. Asst. Adjt. General,
Bureau of R. D. and A. L.
Ft. Arkansas
Little Rock, Ark

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that some time in April of this year, I forwarded to your Office some vouchers in favor of John W. Ester for Eighteen dollars for publishing some orders, also proposals for the erection of a school house for freedmen in this place.

I would request that they be returned to me, as they are not correctly made out, I understand the Asst Gen's Dept pays one, and the L. & M. Department the other, I supposed the L. & M. Dept paid both.

I am Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
W. W. Chibaut
Lieut Col & Bvt

Bureau of L. D. & A. S.
Washington, D. C., July 27, 67

Col. Henry Page, 2nd Regt.
Chief of B. Bureau of L. D. & A. S.
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Colonel
I have the honor to transmit herewith the enclosed "Statement" in compliance with instructions from your Office dated July 16th, 1867.

I am, Colonel,
Very Respectfully,
Yours Obedt Servt
Wm. W. Mitchell
Lieut. 1st US Cavalry.

Bureau of L. D. & A. S.
Washington, D. C., July 28, 67

Brig Genl Jno E Bennett,
Act Asst Adj Genl,
War Arkansas
Little Rock Ark.

General,
I have the honor to submit the following Report (narrative) for the month ending 31st Sept. 1867.

Since my arrival at this Post July 16th, there has been but seven cases (complaints) in this Office by both Whites and Freedmen. Most of them were complaints of...

...that were attempts to man...
the Freedmen. They would prefer charges and try to sustain them for the purpose of having their contracts cancelled. thereby saving the expense of feeding the Freedmen, as that crops are laid by. The same thing was attempted last year. This year they do not succeed as well.

About the 25th of the month I was notified of a

notorious demonstration of freedmen on a plantation near Red River owned by one Henry A. Jones, and this year worked by one J. D. Smith. Thirteen freedmen armed with various weapons went on the plantation for the purpose of beating a freedman with whom they had a quarrel the night previous. I procured a detail of mounted men and sent them out to arrest the parties. Upon being brought in I sentenced them to ten days imprisonment in Camp, but Mr Phillips their Employer stating that his crops would suffer by their absence I fined them five dollars each. The whole amount to be turned over to the Freedmen's Benevolent Society.

With this one exception the conduct of the mass of the Freedpeople in this County is so far worthy of all praise. They have worked well and faithfully, and as far evidence of it the crops look very well. There will be an abundance of corn, and in some sections the cotton crop will be equally as good.

A case occurred this month of a Freedman being released by a writ of Habeas Corpus from prison in the County Jail. He was arrested and tried by one Parke for stealing bacon, and by him committed to prison, although there was not a particle of evidence against him.

The new schoolhouse will be completed in a few days. The Contractor has fulfilled his Contract to my satisfaction, he having fully complied with the specifications.

The D. and W. Hospital at this place under the supervision of Act Asst Surgeon Alfred Mitchell has improved greatly. There are now 24 patients in it. They are well cared for, and the Hospital is a great

benefit to this locality.

There is a subject to which I wish to call your attention viz. the marriage relations of the Freedpeople. which is a source of annoyance and will be until a plan is adopted to settle it. Very many of them have taken up with each other and frequently change, not realizing the importance or necessity of being married. I would suggest that an order be issued embodying the enclosed form requiring all parties living together to go to the County Clerk of the County in which they reside. and register themselves as prescribed by an Act passed by the last General Assembly of this State.

The County Clerk giving them one of these forms. in lieu of a marriage certificate.

I think such an Order would effectually check any further troubles of this nature.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant,
Wm. W. Thibault
Lieut. 6th U.S. Infantry.

Bureau of Refugee Freedmen & Sufferers
Washington, Hempstead Co. Ark. Aug. 1867.
Major General O. S. Howard, U.S.A.
Commissioner Bureau of R. D. and A. S.
Washington D.C.

General.

I have the honor to report that I am on duty as Agent of the Bureau of R. D. and A. S., at this place in compliance with S. O. No. 2. Dated. Office of Asst Commr Bureau of R. D. and A. S., Fort Arkansas Little Rock, Arkansas. July 6th. 1867.

I am General. Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant.

signed. Wm. W. Thibault

Lieut 6th Infantry, U.S.A.

Agent of Bureau

A copy of the above letter forwarded this date to the A. G. O. U.S. Washington D.C.

Bureau of R D W 2 2
Washington, Ark
August 15 47

Lieut. Collins, Esq
Post Adjt
Washington
Ark's

Lieut
I have the honor to report that the Civil Authorities have failed to commit Henry Henderson charged with stealing a gun from a certain Ruler freedmen of this County, although there was sufficient evidence.

Understand that the reasons for his acquittal were, his lawyer in his argument, stated that it was not necessary to feed the prisoners until next Term of Court, as the Grand Jury could not find a bill on the evidence given. I would respectfully suggest that the Authorities be requested to furnish a transcript of their proceedings in said case for your review, which will probably convince you that such is not the fact.

I would further respectfully ask that the said Henderson be re-arrested, and held until your decision.

Lieut. W. H. DeFurter,
Sgt of Bureau.

Bureau of R D W 2 2
Washington, Ark
August 15 47

Lieut Collins
Post Adjt
Washington
Ark's

Sir
I have the honor to call your attention to the accompanying note and would request that action be taken to secure the arrest of Daniel Rands. There does not seem to have been any effort made by the Civil Authorities to do so.

Very Respectfully,
C. B. Whitehead
Lieut. & Adjutant
Sgt of Bureau

Bureau of R. O. & A. S.
Washington, Arkansas
August 21st 64

Bot Colonel Henry Page
Daily Officer
Little Rock, Ark
Colonel.

I have the honor
to acknowledge the receipt of the fol-
lowing specified checks on the Merchants
National Bank at Little Rock, Ark

One check, No 675. For five hundred dol-
lars, in favor of Warren M. Braden

One check, No 684. For twenty five dollars
in favor of Lamon Brown.

One check No 690. For twenty five dollars
in favor of James Page

Yours Colonel
Very respectfully
Wm Whitbread
Lieut. & S. Adjutant
Ark. M. L.

Bureau of R. O. & A. S.
Washington, Ark
August 29th 64

Bot Col Henry Page
Little Rock
Arkansas

Col
I have the honor to acknow-
ledge the receipt of the following
checks

One check on Merchants Natl
Bank, Little Rock, Arkansas for
Eighty seven ⁰⁸/₁₀₀ dollars in favor
of E. D. Jett No 713.

One check on Merchants Natl
Bank, Little Rock, Ark for 97 ⁵⁰/₁₀₀
dollars in favor of Ed J Jett
No 714.

Very respectfully
Wm Whitbread
Lieut. & S. Adjutant
Agent of R. O. & A. S.

Bureau of A. D. & A. S.
Washington, Arkansas

August 29. 64

Bot Colonel Henry Page
Disbursing Officer
Little Rock, Ark

Colonel I have the honor to transmit herewith Receipts for all Property found by me at Leimerville, and for which Nathan Cole, Capt and Bt Major was responsible

As there is a discrepancy between his invoices and my Receipts. I would request that he be directed to make others, and forward them at his earliest convenience

I am Colonel
Very Respectfully
Wm. H. Thibault
Bt Major

Bureau of A. D. & A. S.
Washington, Ark

August 29. 64

Bot Col Henry Page
Little Rock, Ark's
Colonel

I have the honor to request information regarding certain vouchers forwarded to you for forage by Mr. P. P. Smith, Agent at Leimerville, about the first of the present month, and which I understand you have paid

As the horse for which the forage was purchased is accounted for by me for the present month, I would ask if it is your intention to transfer said amount of forage for me, if not who expends forage for said horse for month of August and in general

I am Colonel
Very Respectfully
Wm. H. Thibault
Bt Major
Agent of

Bureau of R. F. and A. L.
Washington Arkansas
August 30th 67

A. Boynton Esqr
Sir

Mr Gates from Tennessee is
in town and authorized to the free
Pleasant land Dease Outs back to their parents.
In accordance with Circular No 2
Dated May 10th 66 office of Asst. Commissioner
Bureau of R. F. and A. L. Little Rock Arkansas.
All incentives have been annulled, You will
therefore order paid Pleasant land Dease to
report at this office tomorrow morning at
7 o'clock for the purpose of accompanying
said Mr Gates to their parents.

Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
W. H. Whitcomb
Agent of Bureau

Bureau of R. F. and A. L.
Washington Ark
August 29th 67

Col. Henry Page
Little Rock Ark
Colonel

I have the honor to
acknowledge the receipt of your
communication of the 27th inst.

For services for July 67.

I am Colonel
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.

Bureau of R. F. and A. L.
Washington Arkansas
August 31st 67

Spint. Jno E. Bennett
Acting Asst. Adjutant, General,
Bureau of R. F. and A. L.
for Arkansas
Little Rock Arkansas
Spintenant

I have the
honor to transmit the following narrative report
for the month of August 1867
During this month registration has occupied
the minds of the freedmen of this County,
and I have ascertained from reliable sources
that all of the freedmen have registered,
this has been done their requesting their work.
In fact no undue excitement seemed to
exist among them, on account of ill health
I could not visit many plantations, but I
caused freedmen to organize societies and
send out Committees to remove prejudices.
So that all had due and timely notice, and
I have not heard of a single instance of a
white citizen attempting to mislead or prevent
in any way any of them from registering.
The crops in this County are so far as
heard from very good, and although some
complaints are made that the negro

such a way as to deprive the charge
by their own statements. As regards the
matter of complaints, the tenor of most
of them is, that when crops are laid by,
those employees who are working on shares
refuse to work until it is gathering time,
the employers object to giving them rations
under those circumstances. but I take a
sensible view of the contract, and

- its enforcement, and advise both parties for their best interests.
 The School House at this place is completed. It will be opened by Mr D. C. Casey the school teacher on Monday Sept 9th 67. The attendance looks fair to be very large and all the freedmen feel justly proud of it and are very anxious that it may prove successful. (The freedmen School on Red River is closed) A number of persons from that vicinity are very anxious to have a teacher sent to them. As it is a good locality I would respectfully suggest, that if possible a teacher be sent. I could find good locations for three teachers if they were sent down, there are now in the Hospital at this place nineteen patients the health of this District is very good.

I am Sir
 Very Respectfully
 O. W. Hibbard
 Lieut 6th U.S. Infantry

Bureau of B. F. A. L. (Washington Arkansas)

Sept 1st 67

Col. G. H. Page
 Distg Officer
 Little Rock Ark

Col I have the honor to transmit herewith my Report of Personal and Articles employed and hired for month of August 67 with vouchers in favor of Alf. H. Mitchell Jack Page and Aaron Brown

I am Sir
 Very Respectfully
 Your obedient Serv

Bureau of B. F. A. L. Washington
 September 1st 1867

Major General D. O. Howard
 Commissioner
 Washington D.C.

General. I have the honor to report that I am on duty as Agent of the Bureau of B. F. A. L. at this Post in accordance with Special Orders No 28. dated Office of Assistant

I am General
 Very Respectfully
 Your Obedt Serv
 J. H. Deane
 Lieut Col 1st Regt
 Dept of Revenue

The same to A. G. Washington

Bureau of R. F. and A. L.
Washington Arkansas
Sept 4th 67

Bot Col Henry Page
Duty Officer
Little Rock
Arkansas

Sir I have the
honor to transmit herewith my return
C. & Q. Equipage for month of August 67
I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt

W. D. Whelan

Bureau of R. F. and A. L.
Washington Arkansas
Sept 4th 67

Bot Col Henry Page
Duty Officer
Little Rock
Arkansas

Sir I have the
honor to transmit herewith my report of
Quarter Masters Property for the month of
August 67

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt

W. D. Whelan

Bureau of U.S. ^{Dist. Ct.} Ark. & L.
Washington Arkansas
Sept 4th 67

But Col. Henry Page
Dist. Officer,
Little Rock
Arkansas

I have the honor to transmit herewith my report of Property pertaining to Bureau of U.S. Dist. Ct. Ark. & L. for month of August 67.

I am Sir,
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servant
J. W. Thibault

Bureau of U.S. ^{Dist. Ct.} Ark. & L.
Washington Arkansas
Sept 5th 67

But Col. Henry Page
Field & Co. Clerk
Colonel.

I have the honor to transmit herewith my Report of Persons and Articles for month of August 1867.

I also venture in favor of
A. R. Mitchell Clerk
James R. Page Dist. Court
Baron Robinson Messenger

I am Colonel
Very Respectfully
J. W. Thibault
Sept 5th 67

Bureau of A. O. & R. Co.
Washington
September 21, 1864

Bot. Col. Henry Page
Quills, Adk. Books
Colonel

I have the honor
to transmit herewith receipts properly
signed for the following B. O. Property:

- 1. One, Horse
- 2. One, Halls

Also for the following Bureau Property:

- 1. One, Office Desk.

Long Books
September 10th 64

Business for a
Office. valid
should be report

from what	General
of Office	Company
down	12.00
unknown	2.00

7.
in
respect of
Older Book
D. W. Thickett
agent of the
Book of Rome

Dear Colonel
Very respectfully
Yours
Chas. W. Thickett

Bureau of A. D. & A.
Washington, Ark.
September 24 1864

Br Colonel Henry Page,
Green Rock, Ark's
Colonel

I have the honor
to transmit herewith an Estimate
of Stationery for three months ending
September 31st '64, and would re-
spectfully request that it be forward-
ed as soon as practicable.

I am Sir
Very respectfully
Yours Obedt
B. W. Whitcomb

Bureau of A. D. & A.
Washington, Ark.
September 24 1864

Br Colonel Henry Page,
Green Rock, Ark's
Colonel

I have the honor
to acknowledge the receipt of the
following checks:

- One check No 771 on the Merchants
National Bank for One hundred and
forty nine ^{11.00} dollars in payment of
St. Mitchell services for August 77.14
- Baron Brown " " " 20.00
- Jack Page, Rent " " 20.00
- One check 790 on Merchants National
Bank for fifteen dollars in pay-
ment of
- St. J. G. Thibault Postage 10.00

I am Colonel
Very respectfully
Yours Obedt
B. W. Whitcomb

Bureau of A. D. & P. S.
Washington, Arkansas
Sept 20. 67.

Lieut. Jno. E. Bennett
Serg. Wm. S. G. G. G.
Zeller Koch, Ark's

Permit me to call your attention
the following facts, stated to me
by a person who is cognizant of them
but who does not wish his name
to be used in connection therewith.
A certain Major Smith last year
employed about fifty freedmen on
what is known as the Mc Gregory
plantations about seven miles from Pine
Bluff in this State. In the Spring of
this year he disposed of his cotton,
without paying his employees, who
are still waiting, and anxiously ex-
pecting to be paid out of the proceeds
of said cotton. Said Smith is now
entering into business as a Commission
Merchant at Memphis Tenn. He is now
in this town visiting, and will probably
remain but a short time. I do not
think he is planting in this State this
year, and I could not take any action
in the matter as no complaint has
been made. I forward this infor-

case in this County.

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt
W. W. Whitehead

Bureau of A. D. & P. S.
Washington, Ark
Sept 29. 67.

Lieut. Jno. E. Bennett
Serg. Wm. S. G. G. G.
Zeller Koch, Ark's

I have the honor to transmit
herewith two affidavits in reference
to an outrage committed on the person
of a freedman one Jim Johnson at
Columbus in this County, in the year
1865, and I would respectfully re-
quest information as to what action
can be taken in the premises.
The affidavits are one by Jim
Johnson, the victim of the outrage,
and one by Stephen Drimble the one
who was compelled to inflict it.

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt
W. W. Whitehead

Bureau of Refugee Freedmen
 Washington, Arkansas
 October 1st. 64.
 Messrs Landreth, do
 Washington
 Arkansas

Sirs. You are hereby directed to
 turn over to this Office, all funds
 that are now, or were on the 23^d.
 of May 64. in your possession, per-
 taining to the estate of the late
 John B. Amott deceased.
 Your attention is invited to
 communication of May 23^d. 64. for-
 warded to you on said date, in
 reference to the above.

I am Sirs
 J. W. Libbent
 Bot Major, Lieut. U. S. A.
 Agent of Bureau

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John E. Bennett
 Acting Asst. Atty. Gen.
 Sub District Ark.
 Little Rock Ark

General. I have the honor to transmit the
 following narrative Report for the month of
 Sept 64. In my Report for August 64.
 I spoke of this bug in this country as being
 remarkably good. Every one seemed confident
 of an abundant harvest, but since the date
 of said report there has been a great change.
 The worms have appeared and devastated
 the cotton fields to such an extent that but
 few plants will make more than half
 a crop and quite a number not so much.
 This fact causes me to apprehend a great
 deal of difficulty in settling claims for
 employees. During the present month
 about sixty such claims have been satis-
 factorily settled in this Office. Some of them
 claims for wages for last year. Others of a
 criminal character and a great many of
 a trifling nature. Some criminal cases

being this case to an issue partially as
 a test but more particularly as an example
 and a warning to the freed people of this
 District. One Willis Jordan took up with
 a girl in 63 and since that time had
 recognized her as his wife. During Septem-
 he deserted her and was married by a justice
 of the Peace to another. I had him arrested
 on the above named charge, and secured the

services of two lawyers to prosecute the case. Hill's also procured the services of two for the defense. The legal contest was very exciting and crowds of freedmen came to town to listen to it. Hill's was finally committed to the next term of the District Court. The defense then endeavored to release him by a writ of Habeas Corpus, but failed. This case has exerted a great influence for good among the freedmen. As regards the real benefits to be derived from the result of this case, a great deal depends on the action of the next Grand Jury.

Two complaints were lately entered against one C. C. Gindley a Justice of the Peace in and for Bois De Ark township in this County, one of them an assault on a freedman with intent to kill. The other an attempt to swindle a freedman out of a yoke of steers taken up by said freedman as estrays. The evidence was not sufficient to procure an indictment against him in this part of the State, but I informed him should any other charges be preferred against him he should be tried by Military Commission, and I would suggest that his Commission as a Justice of the Peace be revoked, and some other be appointed in his stead.

I regret to be compelled to state that crimes against freedmen committed by whites are not as earnestly prosecuted as they should be.

The cases to the Port Commandant and through his energy one of the murderers has been arrested and will I think be tried by the Military Commission now in session.

On the 29th of September I forwarded a special to your office enclosing affidavits in regard to a horrible outrage committed on the person of a freedman on 1865 by Matt Cheatham

one of the leading citizens of this County, and foreman of the Grand Jury of this County at the last term of Court. I am now preparing a similar outrage perpetrated by the same man (Matt Cheatham) on another freedman but far more fiendish in its character viz. removing said freedman's teeth and compelling a freedwoman to eat them. I know the facts in the case but I am in search of the victim. Men who commit such crimes cannot possibly administer impartial justice to freedmen, and I think ought to be severely dealt with.

The land office has been opened by Mr. Tuttle and the freedmen are aware of its benefits. I am selecting a large tract of land in one township about 14 miles from town and propose locating about fifty families in a colony to themselves. I can get that number of families who have means and are industrious and are anxious to settle in this manner. My reasons for so doing are, I think it will cause the planters to take better care of the freedmen to treat them better fearing that they would locate, and thus the planters be deprived of their labor. A few days ago I forwarded a letter from Capt. Newey to Hon. J. M. Colby, requesting that a teacher be forwarded for the benefit of the freedmen in the school.

and will guarantee a good teacher thirty dollars per month and board and think that his compensation will be much more. The Rand Hospital proves to be a great benefit to the freedmen in this District and to the community in general. There are twenty patients in hospital, several of the class of unfortunate blind crippled and they are well cared for

The Freedmen's School is now open by Mr
Cady, it bids fair to be successful, there
is a great demand for admission but as
money is scarce a large number are not
able to pay their tuition. The School requires
an assistant teacher but the freedmen can
hardly support one, I understand that
the American Missionary Association is willing
to pay one teacher, if such is the case and one
furnished it would be a great benefit.
If it was possible to procure pecuniary aid
for the erection of a school house, there is
a very good location for it about 15 miles
from town. The freedmen are willing to
assist me in the erection of said house
I think I could collect about one hundred
dollars, the expense would be about two hun-
dred more. The freedmen in town have
organized a temperance Society it numbers
about twenty and I expect the membership
will be largely increased. I would invite
your attention to the accompanying certificate
of membership adopted by the Trustees of the
Dixwell Academy, the name of the school at
this place. I am instructing the freedmen
in these matters and for that purpose placed
the management of said School wholly
in their hands so that in future they can
control it.

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Yours
John W. Cady
2^d Lieut. 7th Regt.

Bureau of A. S. & A. B.
Washington Arkansas
October 1st 1867

Col. Geo. Henry Page
Little Rock Arkansas.
Colonel.

I have the honor to
transmit herewith my Return as follows:

Return of Quartermasters Reports for
the month ending Sept 30. 67. with the
Voucher.

Return of A. C. & G. Equipage for same
month accompanied by one certificate

Bureau of A. S. & A. B.
Washington Arkansas
October 1st 1867

Major General. O. C. Howards
Commissioner
Washington D. C.
General.

I have the honor to report you
that I am on duty as Agent of the Bureau
of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands
at this Post in accordance with Special
Orders No. 28. Dated Office of Asst.
Commissioner for Arkansas. Little Rock.
Arks. July 6th 1867.

A copy of the above forwarded this date to
A. C. B. Washington D. C.

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
and Lieut Col Infantry
Agent of Bureau

I am General
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
Lt Col Infantry
Agent

Office Bureau City A. S.
Washington D. C.
October 3rd 1867

Col. Brig. Gen. J. E. Smith
A. S. Adjt. General

Sir,
I have the honor to return herewith the accompanying papers with the following explanation. Your letter (original) dated July 10th 1867 was never received by me. I would have made you acquainted with the following facts immediately.

Dr. Fox, as you are undoubtedly aware, departed in the early part of May 1867. The Hospital had been in process of repair and was not quite finished when he left. At that time there were about 9 patients in the Hospital who needed daily attendance.

There were no Records and no returns in fact the Hospital was in a desperate condition, a perfect chaos.

In view of these facts, I understood that Col. James B. Mulligan, Comd'g Post and Supervisor of the Bureau in consultation with Major J. D. Watson at the time act. Asst. asked Mister A. Mitchell, who was then at the post and is such at the present time to take charge of the Administrative Department with the understanding that, as there was no Surgeon

in the hands of Mr. Carrington whose services were at once engaged, and who, I deem it my duty to state, did attend to his functions faithfully. Alfred Mitchell, I understand has studied Medicine, but has not graduated as a Physician, and he was too conscientious to undertake the treatment of the Patients.

Dr. Carrington is an eminent Surgeon

of Washington. Since the surrender he has attended to hundreds of sick freed persons without for or expecting the slightest compensation, and this fact being well established Col. Mulligan and Major Watson, men of the opinion that he was deserving of the benefit of said position. I deem it further my duty to state, that through the exertions of Alfred Mitchell matters have been regulated and the Hospital put in proper order, and further that he has never neglected his duties as Clerk in my Office during said time; that he frequently set up until 3-4 o'clock in the morning attending to his Hospital Business.

It seems to me that my predecessor, ought to have made you acquainted with these facts on his arrival at Little Rock, it would have saved probably many inconveniences.

The conclusions I would respectfully ask for information how to act in future. Not having a Surgeon qualified to take the oaths, and also respectfully recommend that some action may be taken to secure payment to Dr. W. C. Carrington for services rendered.

I am General.
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt

2nd Lieut. Col. W. C. Carrington
Adj. G. B. F. F. F.

Bureau of C. F. & A. S.
Washington D.C.
October 4th 1867

Col Henry Page
Little Rock,
Ark.

Col. I have the honor to transmit
herewith my Return of Persons, and
Articles employed and hired for the
month ending Sept 30th 1867 also Vouchers
in full as per said Report

I am Colonel,
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt

Lt Lieut 6th Infantry
Agent of Bureau

Bureau of C. F. & A. S.
Washington D.C.
October 4th 1867

Col Henry Page
Little Rock,
Ark.

Colonel. I have the honor to transmit
herewith my Return of Property pertaining
to Bureau of C. F. & A. S. for month ending
Sept 30th 1867 accompanied by one complete
set of vouchers.

I am Colonel
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt

Lt Lieut 6th Infantry
Agent of Bureau

Bureau of C. F. & A. S.
Washington Arkansas
October 6th 67.

Quartermaster General U.S.A.
Washington D. C.

Sir,
I would respectfully request a
Certificate of non indebtedness for the months
of August, September, October, November and
December, 1866 and January, February, & 1/2
March, April, May, June 1867. In those
months I have held the rank of Captain
in the 18th Regt. U. S. A. Col. Major U. S. A.
I have been honorably discharged as such
by Special Order No 390. A. G. O. Dated at
Washington D. C. August 2nd 1867 and
now I hold the rank of 2nd Lieutenant
6th U. S. Infantry.
I am desirous of procuring a final
settlement as a Volunteer Officer

I am General
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servant

2nd Lieut 6th Infantry
Agent

Bureau of C. F. & A. S.
Washington Arkansas
October 6th 1867

Col. Henry Sage,
Little Rock Arkansas.

Sir,
I have the honor to transmit
herewith vouchers for forage for two
horses for the months of October, November
and December of this year. The horses
are in my possession and on duty in
the Bureau of C. F. & A. S. One at this
place and one at Lewisville Ark.

I am Colonel
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servant

2nd Lieut 6th Infantry
Agent of Bureau

Bureau of R. H. & A. C.
Washington D.C.
Oct 7th 1867

Capt. Col. Henry Page
Little Rock Ark

Colonel.

I would respectfully request
that you forward the following specific
Blanks at your earliest convenience.

(11) Thirty Six Copies of Form 2 Report
of Persons & Articles employed and
hired

(12) Twelve Copies of Form 12 Vouchers.
Also two sets of Receipts and Invoices for
P. H. Property and One of L. C. & G
Equipage.

I am, Sir,
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servant

2nd Lieut 6th Inftry
Agent of Bureau

Bureau of R. H. & A. C.
Washington Arkansas
October 7th 1867

Mr. W. W. Smith
Agent
Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the articles specified
in your communication of Sept 30th 67.

When you issue what clothing you
have retained or any part thereof, please
notify this Office of the name of the re-
cipient, and date, and number of articles
issued, so that they may be dropped from
my Returns.

I am, Sir
Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servant

Lieut 6th Infantry
Agent

Bureau of R^h & A^L
 Washington Arkansas
 Oct 10th 1867

Mr Jones
 Sir

If any more complaints are made from your plantation in regard to the division of your crops or the treatment of your hands I will be compelled to place some competent person on the plantation to make such division.

You should put the hands even in a crib by itself - not with yours. If they are in debt to you it will be paid you in a satisfactory manner but the settlement must be made in this office, and you are cautioned against removing your crop or any part thereof until said settlement is made.

I would be pleased to see you in this office in reference to the above

I am Sir very Respectfully
 Yours Obedt^{ly}

2nd Lieut C^{apt} Duffly
 Agent of Bureau

Bureau R^h & A^L
 Washington Arkansas
 Oct 12th 1867

Mrs Wm Saunders & Co
 Gentlemen

You are required to pay and turn over to this office any and all funds in your hands due or in any wise pertaining to the late John C Arnett for his estate, growing out of the purchase by you of certain bales of cotton of said Arnett, which said cotton had been by him purchased of certain freedmen to wit:

And for which he had never paid and is still indebted to them and the proceeds for any balance which may be in your hands is justly due to said Arnett's.

You may construe this as a peremptory order of our this office which if not complied with, will be promptly enforced by the means at my command

Respectfully
 Yrs

2nd Lieut C^{apt} Duffly
 Agent of Bureau

Washington Arkansas
October 12, 1864.

Received of Wm Sandefur the sum of
Two hundred and sixty dollars,
the amount of funds in their possession per-
taining to the estate of the late John C. Arnett.
Declared, the said amount being in part
payment to certain freedmen for cotton
sold to said Arnett by said freedmen and
not paid for by said Arnett.

This money is paid in obedience to
the requirements of the accompanying
order

Lieut. U.S. Infantry
Agent of Freedmen

Bureau of Freedmen
Washington Ark
Oct 17 1864.

Fort England
Actg Asst Adjt General
Sub District. Ark
Little Rock
Ark.

General.
I have the honor to in-
form you of the following facts. It
would respectfully request your
instructions in the premises.

Last Spring about seven
freedmen, entrusted their cotton to
one John C. Arnett, to ship, & sell it for
them. They did this contrary to my
advice, given to them at the time.

Said Arnett never accounted to the
freedmen for this cotton, & in July
of this year he killed himself. The
freedmen then applied to this office
for the proceeds of said cotton.
Major Watson who was then Agent
ascertained that said Arnett gave the
cotton to the firm of Sandefur & Co
to ship for him to New Orleans,
and that said Sandefur & Co had

Major Watson attached, but was re-
ceived at this Post before the busi-
ness was completed.

The case then came up before me
and I do day ordered said funds
attached by Major Watson, to be tur-
ned over to me. It was in the act of
paying said amount to said freed-
men when a certain J. R. Hayes

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The attorney appeared & protested
against said payment claiming
one half of the whole amount &
had received from Sandefur & Co
saying that after Arnolds death
Mrs Arnold employed him as a
lawyer in an arbitration case
between John C Arnolds Estate &
Sandefur & Co. promising him one
half of the amount he should rec-
ieve from said Sandefur & Co
The Arbitration in the case found
that Sandefur & Co who transacted
business for the said Arnold were
indebted to the said Arnold in
the sum of two hundred & sixty
two dollars. The amount I have
taken. Of this Page claims half
but I refuse to give it to him on
the ground that this money is
the proceeds of said estate given
to the said Arnold by the said
freemen & justly belongs to them
I would respectfully request your
instructions

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
Zient & Co
Agent

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Bureau of A D & the
Washington Arkansas
October 20. 67

Bot Colonel Henry Page
Lieut Popk Arkansas
Colonel

I have the honor to transmit
herewith forms 38 in duplicate as
per instructions from your office.

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
Zient & Co
Agent

Bureau of R & A
Washington Ark
October 24th 97

Col Colonel Henry Page
Little Rock Ark

Colonel I have the honor to trans-
mit herewith vouchers in favor of
E. Wiedemann for 140⁰⁰ of excelsior
for wood purchased from him for
use in R & A Hospital at this place.
for the office of the Agents of the
Bureau at Lewisville and for my
office at this place.

I also send you receipts
for the wood as per your instructions.
Please furnish me as early
as practicable with invoices for the
money transferred by you this
month.

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
Zinta & Co
Agent

Bureau of R & A
Washington Ark
October 24th 97

Col Colonel Henry Page
Disbursing Office
Little Rock
Ark

Colonel I have the honor to trans-
acknowledge the receipt of your
check No 892 for Three hundred &
Twenty ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ dollars

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
Zinta & Co
Agent

Bureau of R. D. & A. S.
Washington, Arkansas

October 24. 07
Wm. H. Keeton Esq.
Justice of the Peace
Hempstead Co
Ark

Sir
Your attention is (now pending) respectfully invited to the case before your Court of Henry vs. Smith. This case is on file in this office, and it appears that one one Perkins gave to Smith the defendant a note for 75.00 dollars for working for him. That Henry the complainant bought note from Smith for forty dollars in store goods. That he procured Smith's endorsement to said note fraudulently, which can be proven, because knew not the consequences of endorsing said note. This was fraud on the part of Henry in buying the note from Smith, he openly professed to hold Perkins responsible, but secretly made Smith responsible, making him endorse it on account of his ignorance. In selling the note Smith sold his claim on Perkins for the same which

collected it.
I would also call your attention to the refusal of the Constable in your Township to summon Smith's witnesses unless he Smith paid him two 75 dollars in advance.
I would warn all interested parties as to seizing Smith's crop or disposing

of it, and by virtue of my authority as Agent of the Bureau for this County, I hereby call on you to furnish this office at once, at the conclusion of this trial, a transcript of the proceedings in the officially signed by yourself

I am Sir
Respectfully
S. C. Duffey
Agent

Bureau of A. D. & A.
Washington, Arkansas
October 24th 67

Rt Colonel Henry Page
Disbursing Officer
Little Rock
Ark

Colonel I have the honor to transmit
herewith receipts for forage trans-
ferred by you this month.

Bureau of A. D. & A.
Washington, Arkansas
October 27th 67

Rt Maj Lewis C Donsy
Chief Clerk
Dept. Ark.

Major I have the honor to trans-
mit herewith an application for
commutation of Travel & Quarters
& left the date of my application
blank and would respectfully re-
quest that you cause it to be filed
to date with the order assigning me
to duty which order I left in
your office.
If you cannot pay these accounts
please notify me how to proceed in
the premises.

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Yours Old But
Lieut & Co. Duffey
Agent

I am Major
Very Respectfully
Yours Old But
Lieut & Co. Duffey
Agent

Enclosure of A. D. D. A. S.
Washington, D. C.
Oct 27, 1867.

Act Col. J. E. Donnell,
Command Post,
Colonel

I have the honor to inform you that a certain E. D. Primmer (Deputy Sheriff of Red River Co. La) arrested a certain Simon a Freedman, claiming him to be an escaped prisoner from the Jail of said County, and that he has been convicted at Zanesville, on the 15th of August of this year.

The Sheriff wishes to take him back to Texas, and it is one of the opinions that he can not do so, unless he procures a requisition upon the Governor of the State.

Please give me your opinion of the matter.

Yours
Very respectfully
James O. H. Ford
Lieut. & Co. In the
Regt.

Enclosure of A. D. D. A. S.
Washington, D. C.
October 30, 67

Lieut. Geo. E. Bennett,
Acty. Asst. Asst. Genl.
Little Rock, Ark.

Lieutenant
I have the honor to submit the following report for the month of October, 1867. The freedmen in this County seem to be doing very well. Most of them have their crops gathered and cribbed, and are busily engaged in picking their cotton. The planters are constantly complaining of poor crops. Freedmen losing time & so, as regards crops they will make more this year, than they are willing to admit. I think most of the freedmen will have more coming to them this year than they had last. As regards that time when few freedmen lose any, the reason of idleness, but a large number are tired by coming to town to land freedmen. They also lost time during Registration, and they will lose more when voting. The planters who complain are men who are opposed to freedmen having any of their rights or privileges.

should have been made.
During the month Circulars No. 17 and 18 from your office have been received. The former No. 17, has been distributed among the planters, & so far they seem willing to comply with its provisions. The latter No. 18, was not received until almost the close of the month, consequently I visited but a few plantations.

Bureau of R. D. & A. S.
Washington, Arkansas.
November 1st 67.

Major General O. O. Howard
Commissioner
Washington
D.C.

General,
I have the honor to report
that I am on duty at this Post as
Agent of the Bureau, in accordance
with Special Order No 27, Part 2, Title
of Assistant Commissioner, Fort. Arkansas
Little Rock, Ark. Dated July 6th 67.

A similar letter forwarded to the
Adjutant General, W.D. Washington
D.C. of same date.

Also same date to the Major
of the 6th U.S. Infantry, Fort Gibson
T. N. Indian Territory

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Yours O. O. Howard

Lieut. Col. D. S.
Agent

Bureau of R. D. & A. S.
Washington, Arkansas
November 4th 67.

Lieut. Col. E. Bennett
Atty. Atty. Supt. Genl.
Little Rock Ark.

Lieut.
In accordance with Bureau
letter from your office dated Oct 27 67
I have the honor to report as follows.
I did not visit any plantations
in the month of August and September
could not do so on account of sickness
but I organized Committees of Freedmen
who travelled through the County notify-
ing the others of the approaching registra-
tion, and explaining it to them, also af-
terwards notifying them of the presence of
speakers, & of the approaching election.

I am satisfied that the freedmen
of this Co. with the exception of a very few
have registered. There may be included in
the column entitled to be registered, who
are not, but it is doubtful if there is
that many.

They all seem to understand that
registering & voting are privileges granted
to them, & all eagerly avail themselves of
them. I have not heard of a single in-
stance of any one refusing to register

of any kind on account of registering and
while showing a wish to register.

The narrative report for Sept stated as
regards my visiting plantations & the effort
I made to inform the freedmen of their new
privileges, and thinking that would be
sufficient, made no special report as per
Gen letter of Aug 12 67.

Col. E. O. Howard

Bureau of A. D. 32
Washington, Arkansas
Nov 2nd 1867

Bot Col. Henry Pagen
Little Rock Ark
Col

I have the honor to transmit herewith vouchers, form 12, and duplicate receipts for three coffins purchased from Warren Mc Padden, and for use at the A. D. Hospital in this place

Yours Colored
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
Lieut. W. H. Dyer
Sgt of Regt

Bureau of A. D. 32
Washington, Arkansas
November 12th 1867

Lieut. W. E. Bennett
Little Rock, Ark
Quisenberry

I have the honor to report as follows. Since the elections in this County I find that a number of citizens evince a disposition to injure as much as possible all of those freedmen who voted for a convention. That in these malicious actions they are openly aided by certain Justices of the Peace. These latter issue warrants for petty accusations. - give the freedmen a form of a trial. - refuse to allow them to procure witnesses, and in default of exorbitant bail commit them to prison. This is done so openly that their malice is evident, and no freedmen can get justice done him by these parties.

I respectfully invite your attention to the following cases.

1st. See enclosure marked A. One Jar Byers a freedman was tried before J. L. Harrison for stealing an ax, and was by him found guilty, and in default of three hundred dollars bail was committed to prison. Yet was acquitted by a party of armed men.

2d. One Knack had been in the yard because he was crying, and took his son, a lad of 12, and tried to extort by threats, a confession that would criminate his father. Said Harrison refused to allow said Knack any witnesses, and refused to take justice as his bondsmen.

3d. See enclosure marked B. One Anthony this is working on shares with several

Beement & Bowling, near Nashville in
 this County. All of the parties buy
 as per contract, for plantations, mules,
 and farming utensils to one Delany
 who owes all. consequently the freedman
 King has as much right to use a mule
 outside of the crops as Beement & Bowling.
 On the day previous to the election King
 asked Bowling if he could ride a mule
 to election. Bowling said that he supposed
 he must ride some thing. Next morning King
 rode a mule to Nashville. & whilst there, &
 for voting as he did, he was arrested and
 committed to prison for stealing the same.
 This by J. H. Repton, Justice of the Peace.
 I would earnestly request that said
 Repton be at once removed and M. J. ~~Walden~~
 Walden be appointed in his stead. also
 and if possible more particularly that J. L.
 Harrison J.P. be removed, and M. R. ~~Curran~~
 Curran appointed in his stead. These persons whom
 I recommend have served in our Army dur-
 ing the war, & served with distinction, and
 from what I have heard of them I believe
 them to be fully competent.
 I think the removal of the parties named
 aside from the fact that they disagree
 their positions, will have a moral effect
 on others, and will intimidate them from
 committing like acts.

I am Sir
 Very Respectfully
 Yours Obedt Servt
 Lieut & Adjutant
 Agent

Bureau of R. I. & C.
 Washington, Arkansas
 Jan 20th 1863.

Lieut Jas Collins Esq
 Post Adjutant
 Lieut

I would respectfully request that
 our mounted order be furnished, so
 report at this Office every morning.
 Now that the time has arrived for
 settlements between Pensioners & Employees
 the duties of the Office require such an
 one very frequently.

Very Respectfully
 Yours Obedt Servant
 Lieut & Adjutant
 Agent

Bureau of P. O. & A.
Washington Arkansas
Nov 24th. 97.

Post Col Henry Puges
Little Rock Ark
Colonel

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your check No 1047, for
Five hundred & forty nine & 7/100 dollars
in payment of

Ref R. Mitchell 99.⁵⁰
J. R. Puges 25.⁰⁰
Samson Brown 25.⁰⁰

Very Respectfully
Your Old Servant

Lieut C. H. Infantez
Agent

Bureau of P. O. & A.
Washington Arkansas
Nov 27th. 97.

Lieut J. W. Greene
Post Adjutant

Lieut
I have the honor to transmit here
with an affidavit in regard to an out-
rage committed on a certain freedman &
his wife by one Poole, and another freedman
These parties reside in or near to
Haskell in this County, and I would
respectfully request that they be arrested
& held for trial by Military Commission

Yours truly
Very Respectfully
Your Old Servant

Lieut C. H. Infantez
Agent

Bureau of R. I. & A.
Washington, Arkansas
Dec. 27, 47.

Major General O. O. Howard.
Commissioner
Washington
D. C.

General
I have the honor to report that I am on duty at this Post as Agent of the Bureau of R. I. & A. in accordance with Special Order No. 25. Dated Office of Act. Commissioner for Ark. Little Rock, Ark. July 6th. 47.

A copy of the above forwarded the same date to the Adjutant General D. C. C.

A copy of the above forwarded the same date to the Comdg Officer Co. "H", 6th Infy, Eda. Clinton, South Carolina.

A copy of the above, dated as the above, forwarded on the 9th inst. to Genl J. G. Munson Adjutant, 6th Infy, Fort Pitt, Pa. C. C.

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Yours Obed Servant
Lieut Col J. G. Munson
Agent

Bureau of R. I. & A.
Washington, Arkansas
Dec. 27, 47.

Lieut Col E. Bennett.
Act. and Act. General
Little Rock, Arkansas

Lieut
I would respectfully request that you furnish me at your earliest convenience with a copy of the order from your Office assigning me to duty at this Post as Agent of the Bureau.
By some means the copy you have already furnished me, has been mislaid

Very Respectfully
Yours Obed Servant
Lieut Col J. G. Munson
Agent

Bureau of R. Q. & A. Co
Washington, Arkansas
Dec 3rd 67.

Quartermaster General, 3rd
Washington, D.C.

General

In reply to your communication
of November 4th 67. I would respectfully
inform you that as regards witnessing
my Receipt rolls of issues of clothing
at destitute freed persons, it is impossible
for me to procure any persons having any
Military rank to witness them.

Mr. A. R. Mitchell who has signed
said rolls as a witness is a regularly
appointed clerk in this Bureau.

Yours General
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
Levin W. Dyer
Agent

Bureau of R. Q. & A. Co
Washington, Arkansas
Dec 7 67.

But Colonel Henry Page
Disbursing Officer
Little Rock
Arkansas.

Colonel

I have the honor to transmit here
with my Returns cash in triplicate of
Quartermaster James, and Clothing, Camp
& Garrison Campages, for the month ending
Nov 30th 67.

Another letter to Col Page same date en-
closing Returns of Property pertaining to
the Bureau, in duplicate with one set of
vouchers.

Yours Colonel
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
Levin W. Dyer
Agent

Minister of Refuges Freedmen, &c
Washington Hempstead Co. Arkansas
December 1st, 1867.

Genl. Geo E Bennett, Esq.
aaageneral
Little Rock, Ark

Sir
I have the honor to submit the following
Report for the month of Nov. 67.
During the month a number of settlements
has been made in my office and most of
them were with those freedmen who re-
ceive a share of the crop for their labor.
in most all of these settlements I find that the
laborers receive barely sufficient to pay the
debts contracted by them during the year, &
very many of them when the settlements are
made are yet in debt. The failure of the crop
this year and the very low price of cotton are
the causes of this state of things. There is a
record kept in this office of all settlements
showing the name of the Planter, total crop
raised, how many laborers employed, what
share they receive, & their indebtedness to the
Planter. This will enable me to give you at the
end of the year, such statements in regard
to the matter as you may desire.

The years 1866 & 67 have been very unfa-
vorable to both Planters & laborers, & unfortun-
ately those laborers who were paid money

Overseers for their office of that town
Little Rock, Ark Oct 17th 67 requires me to give
my views based upon my experience as to
the best system of making contracts in the
ensuing year. I would suggest regulated
money wages, but here a question arises,
Are the planters able to procure sufficient
funds at the proper time. Cotton is the only

marketable article in this section of the
State. There is no market for cotton
now so that the planters spend solely on
their cotton and if this product should
remain as low in price as it is at the pre-
sent time. The planters cannot raise suffi-
cient funds to pay their laborers, & would
therefore be compelled to pay them in pro-
duce or stock. The laborers in order to pro-
cure clothing, subsistence and other necessa-
ries would be compelled to go in debt to
the merchants. These latter do now, & will
continue to take all possible advantage of
them. They charge them enormous prices, &
I understand that some of them give the
planters 20% cent of the amount traded to said
planters laborers at their stores, provided
the planters encourage said laborers, to do so,
giving orders, &c. The freedmen are of course
the sufferers, very few of them know any-
thing of economy, and I know of no way,
by which I can counteract this evil.

The District Court is in session in this
town, & but one case has come before it
which requires to be mentioned in this re-
port. The case is one I mentioned in a
previous report as coming before a Justice's
Court. A freedman Felix Brimble was
living with a woman for several years &
received her as his wife. The act of the Stat

said act legalized his living with her, &
recognized his being married. He left this
woman this year & was married by a Justice
of the Peace to another. He was then arrest-
ed for bigamy, and bound over to this
Term of Court, but the Grand Jury failed
to find a Bill, & he is now released. He re-
marks away his first & legal wife, & is living

with the other women. his first wife being no home, or support.

This is going to cause a great deal of trouble. others will follow the example of Hillis. & women & children will be without homes, or bread. It is rumored. & I believe there is some truth in it that Hillis escaped the law, because he was a good Conservative, and I believe he made a speech declaring himself so.

The R. & F. Hospital at this place is closed and a Dispensary opened in its stead. The Lincoln Academy (Freedmen's School) is in a prosperous condition. Mr. L. C. Casey, the teacher, has about seventy scholars, and all of them are making rapid progress.

During the past month I invited the attention of the proper County Authorities to the fact that some indigent freedpersons in this County required assistance, and now that the Hospital was closed it devolved on the County to render it. They manifested a willingness to do so, and I think steps will be at once taken, to properly care for all of this class.

I am Lieutenant
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
Ed. L. S. 2d Lieut. 6th. Infy
Agent, &c

Bureau of A. S. S. S. S.
Washington, D. C.
Dec. 1862

Brig. Gen. James P. Page
District Office
Little Rock
Arkansas

Colonel,
I have the honor to return the vouchers you forwarded to me for signature on the 9th inst. They are properly signed & witnessed.

I am Colonel,
Very Respectfully,
Your Obedt Servt
Lieut. J. S. S.

Bureau of R. I. & A. I.
Washington, D. C.
Dec 12 1867

Second Auditor of Treasury.
Washington D. C.

I have the honor to inform you that I am directed by the Auditor General to advise you for a certificate of non-indebtedness for the period during which I am a Volunteer Officer served in the Bureau of R. I. & A. I. namely from August 1st 66. to June 1st 67. At the latter date I was mustered out as Capt. 1st Regt I. R. C. 1st Regt. Ill. in order to accept the appointment of 1st Lieut 68th R. I. & A. I. which rank I now hold.

I would respectfully invite your attention to the accompanying letter from the A. G. Genl. also to a copy of a certificate of non indebtedness while in the I. R. C.

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Yours etc

Wm. J. Rogers

Office of Agent Bureau of R. I. & A. I.
Washington, Hempstead Co. Arkansas
December 21st 1867

1st Lieut John S. Bennett.
28th. U S Infantry
A A A General.

Sir.

As Agent of Bureau of R. I. & A. I. at Washington, Arkansas, I have the honor to make the following Report for the month of December 1867.

There have as yet been few contracts made with the Freedmen for the coming year. Contracts for the past year are now being settled.

There has been a general failure of the crop in this County during the past year, and freedmen have realized but very little for their labor, as most of them worked for shares. Those freedmen who worked for wages are in better condition, as nearly all of this class have, on settlement, a balance in their favor over and above the support of their families. I have not yet found one case in which the share of the crop belonging to the freedmen was sufficient to balance their indebtedness for subsistence.

It seems much better for all parties that the freedmen should at present, work for wages. It is better for the planter as well

as making them sure of means of support. It is a kind of speculation to work for shares of the proceeds. If the crop is valued it is well, but if the crop fails, the freedmen have nothing for their labor, and the freedmen are not rich enough to take chances for their subsistence. Besides it does not seem best to encourage the freedmen in

A sudden accumulation of wealth,
 They already have quite enough of such
 desire, so much that they are not gener-
 ally content to work for simple wages,
 and I believe most of the contracts for
 the coming year will be for shares of
 the crop.

I find a much better feeling on the
 part of Employees towards Freedmen
 than I expected. So far as I have seen
 settlements made there has been no conspic-
 uous dislike manifested towards the freed-
 men, and no greater desire to overreach
 them than is common among white people.

The Freedmen's school at this place is
 in flourishing condition. I think the
 Freedmen generally desire the education
 of their children.

Contracts for the coming year will be
 made, and filed in this office as heretofore,
 but whenever any agreement or trade is
 made between Freedmen, or others, whether
 filed in this office, or not, if no fraud
 upon the Freedmen appears, I shall deem
 it a duty to assist in the enforcement of
 such contract.

All of which is respectfully submitted

Capt 25th Infy, Art Coy 2d S2
 Bondg Post of Washington
 Agent of Am R.R. & A.C.

Bureau of Refugee Freedmen & Homeless
 Washington Hospital Society, Arkansas
 January 9th, 1862

Post Col Henry Page,
 Recruiting Officer
 Little Rock, Ark

Sir,
 I have the honor to inform you
 that I have discharged Aaron Brown
 messenger at this Office, to date Dec
 31st, 61, for the reason that the services of
 a messenger are no longer required.

Very Respectfully
 Yours Obedient Servant

Capt 25th Infy, Art Coy 2d S2
 Bondg Post of Washington
 Agent of R.R. & A.C.

Bureau of Refugee Freedmen 3
Washington, Hempstead County, Ark.

January 21st 68.

Lieut John O Bennett
18th Infy Regt
A. A. A. General.

Lieutenant

I have the honor to inform you that upon assuming charge of the Office of the Bureau of R. & F. at this Post, I ascertained that there was a small building here that was Bureau Property, & was formerly a part of the R and F. Hospital

This building I desire to convert into an Office of the Bureau, and to move it near to Camp. My object in this is to have my different Offices as near together as possible, so that I can devote more of my time to Bureau business than I can at present, they being so far apart.

The change will also benefit the Bureau in a pecuniary sense. The present outlay of funds for rent, will be avoided.

I would request that I be authorized to expend on this building the sum of \$30. for the purpose of repairing the roof, & lathing, and plastering the room. It will then make a very good Office. In the event of its ever being sold for the benefit

the amount of the expenditure will only be a little more than one month's rent of the present office.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant
Edward O. Bennett

Bureau of Refugee Freedmen 3
Washington, Hempstead County, Ark.

January 21st 1868.

Lieut John O Bennett
A. A. A. General.

Lieutenant

I have the honor to invite your attention to the following case, which has been reported in full in the Monthly Report from this Office, for the months of Sept & November 67, and would ask, at your earliest convenience, for positive instructions in the premises.

A freedman Willis Simons had been living with a freedwoman, & recognizing her as his wife, for a few years previous to the passage of the Act of the last Legislature of this State legalizing such cohabitation. These parties continued to live together until June 1867, at which time Willis deserted her, and was married by a Justice of the Peace to another woman. He was then arrested for bigamy, and bound over to the next Term of the District Court for trial. Said Court met on the first Monday in November, and the Grand Jury failed to find a Bill of Indictment, consequently he was released, and since that time, he refuses to aid his lawful wife in procuring a support for herself and family. The woman his wife

Willis will be the father of the child. If it is possible for me to take action in this case, I am very desirous of doing so, for the reason that other freedpersons are following the example of Willis, and stout bodied men are leaving their wives & families without homes, or bread, and will probably in time name against some other

places, increasing the number of fam-
ilies, by leaving their lawful wives and
children destitute and to be supported
by parents who cannot possibly afford to
do so.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, & Abandoned Lands
Washington, D.C. ^{Arkansas}
January 2nd, 1868.

Lieut. John S. Bennett,
25th Infantry, U.S.A.,
Actg. Asst. Adjt. General,
Lieutenants

As directed in Bureau Letter from
your Office, Dated January 4th, 1868. I have the
honor to submit the following report.
No cases of Whites being killed, or assaulted by
Whites, appear on the records of this Office.
A number of such cases have occurred, during
the period mentioned in said Bureau, and
the names of families, dates, &c., could probably
be obtained from the Civil Officers of the County

No cases of Whites being killed or assaulted by
Blacks, appear on the records of this Office,
and I have no evidence, any such cases have
occurred in the period above mentioned

Blacks killed, or assaulted by Blacks, as follows
Dan White vs Tom Hinton, assault, May 21st 67
Hanna Dan vs Helen Dan, assault, June 24th 67
Cynthia Reynolds vs Moses Stamps, assault, July 23rd 67
Anthony King vs Lucius Baker, assault, Aug 14th 67
Freedmen (name unknown) vs Joseph Taborn
Moses Hamilton vs Andy Phifer, chal. assault, Dec 22nd 67
Sam Perry vs George Perry, assault, Dec 24th 67

Lucy Johnson vs John Johnson, assault, Aug 29th 67

Blacks killed, or assaulted by Whites as follows
John Watson vs Bear Seal, assault, March 2nd 67
Chas Smith vs Henry Smith, assault, Apr 11th 67
Catherine Ogden vs Wm Brandon, assault, Apr 18th 67
Jim Gary vs Wm Jackson, assault, May 9th 67
Abram Oile vs Tom Arnold, assault, June 4th 67

Very Respectfully
Yours obedient servant
Harrison H. Hurd
Capt 25th Inf. Post Major Regt
Company Post of Washington
Agent of Bureau R. B. 22

Scott Nash vs Richard Patterson. Killed. June 20
 Mary E Cheatham vs John Lyons. Assault. June 12. 67
 Brockwell Walker vs J. W. Stubbs. Killed. Apr 9. 67
 Prince Wilson vs Frank & Sam McLean. Assault. May 11. 67
 David King vs Cyrus Bailey. Assault. May 10. 67
 William Mullins vs David Purdy. Killed. Aug 14. 67
 Isaac Johnson vs G. C. Hindley. I.P. Assault. Sep. 1. 67
 Martin Wilson vs James Williams. Assault. Sep 20. 67
 Judge Danson vs Thos M. Ballum. Assault. Nov 9. 67
 Calvin Wilson vs Tom Stunt. Assault. Nov 9. 67
 Ed Cheatham vs Paul Booker. Assault. Nov 29. 67
 Hugh Columbus vs A. D. Hrew. Assault. Nov 27. 67
 Solomon Johnson vs John Sanding. Killed. Jan 14. 68

The foregoing cases all occurred in Hempstead County, Arkansas. There were other cases of Blacks assaulted by Blacks, but they were trivial in nature, and not recorded.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant
 Capt. 28th Inf. R. H. Hagon
 Bonds Post of Washington
 Agent, Bureau of R. & A.

Bureau of Refugee, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands
 Washington, Hempstead County, Arkansas
 January 18th 1868

Lieut. John E. Bennett
 28th Infantry U.S.A.
 Acty Asst. Adjt. General

Lieutenant
 As Agent of the Bureau of R. & A. at this Post, I have the honor to submit the following Report, for the month ending Jan'y 3rd 68

During the month very few contracts have been filed in this Office. But I have reason to believe that a great number of contracts have been made, & will be filed this month. Planters are taking advantage of Circular No. 7, of 1867 from your Office. This saves them the expense, and trouble of bringing the freedmen long distances to the Office for the purpose of making their contracts. I am satisfied from the complaints frequently received at this Office of freedmen committing depredations on stock, that there are yet large numbers of them without homes for this year, and who do not manifest a disposition to make contracts as to procure homes. This evil I am endeavoring to remedy by enforcing Circular Letter from your Office dated Dec 24th 1867. I have directed all civil Officers to take action in the matter, and proceed against them as therein directed. No return has as yet been

As a reason for this indisposition of the freedmen to make contracts for this year, I would mention the fact that they are discouraged, and I think the reason of it is this. During the past year, planters did not as a general rule pay their hands cash, but would at all times give them an order to some particular store for goods. These orders were

The end of the year up to and often in excess of their wages, they either balancing their freedmen's accounts or bringing them into debt. This state of things the freedmen can not understand, and they think that in some way they are cheated. I am satisfied that in these cases they are not fairly dealt with. The planters receive a large percentage from these shares, on all the orders given the freedmen, and the freedmen pay in many cases exorbitant prices for goods, so that in reality they do not get the amounts of wages promised them by the Planter.

As regards the percentage given by merchants to the planters, on account of the sale of their employees, it would be impossible to prove it, but I am supported in my opinion by both Col. & E. Loucheux & Co. here in command of this Post, and by others who have had long experience in the Bureau, and are fully competent to form an opinion which can be relied on. I would respectfully suggest that, if practicable, an order be issued prohibiting this system, and also prohibiting planters from assuming any debts due to freedmen.

The business of this Office consists now as at the present time in making settlements between planters, and freedmen for labor performed last year by the latter. The

the reasons previously assigned. Those planters who are owing them find it a difficult matter to procure funds wherewith to pay them. Many of them are compelled to wait until the proceeds of the cotton are received. This will be some time yet, as the shipment of cotton has been delayed by reason of low water in our rivers.

The prospect in this County for this year is as far favorable. There is a sufficiency of employment for all of our freedmen, but wages are considerably reduced below what they have been. Wages for this year range from ten to fifteen dollars for most those working on shares receiving about the same as they did last year, so far more have been employed for shares of the crop than for wages. The freedmen prefer the former system.

During the month Circular Letter, Dated July 12th of this year, was received from your Office. It will be complied with at once. I would respectfully invite your attention to a special report forwarded to your Office on the 2nd inst in relation to a certain freedman deserting his wife and family, and afterwards being guilty of Bigamy. This is a case that requires some action on the part of the Bureau, particularly as the Grand Jury for this County, refused to indict said freedman for the crime of Bigamy, they think they can do the same, and so many are deserting their families, that some means should be adopted to check it.

The freedmen's school at this place under charge of Mr. Carey and Miss Fuller is in a prosperous condition. The children are making rapid progress, and the feeling on the part of the community is decidedly in favor of educating them. The Dispensary under charge of Mr. David Evans is also doing at a good rate

by it. During the month I issued clothing to 64 freedmen, it was much needed by them and was thankfully received. The foregoing reports is respectfully submitted.

Wm. C. Tucker
Rd. 1, Union, S.C., County of Richland

of Refugee Freedmen, &c.
Wm. Hempstead County, Ark.
February 11, 1868

E. Bennett
Sergeant, U.S.A.
Acting Asst. Asst. General.

wants to your endorsement of
No. 68. I have the honor to in-
form that Willis Trimble (freedman
released from confinement in the
at this Post, my further record
in his case.

Explanation of the foregoing. In
my remarks. that his wife stated
that she was with eight men. Two before
with Willis, and the balance with
at this time.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant,
W. H. Hilbert
Major 20th Inf. Regt. 3rd
Cavalry Post of Washington
Agent of Bureau R. & F. Co.

Bureau of Refugee Freedmen, &c.
Washington, Hempstead Co., Ark.
February 11, 1868

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John L. Thrope, Esq.
Agent, Camden, Arkansas;

Sir

I have the honor to invite your attention to the
case of a freedman, one Willis Trimble who has de-
serted his wife (made so by Act of Legislature of
Arkansas, passed at its early session,) and is now
married to another woman by a Justice of the Peace
and is supposed to be living with her at Camden.

The circumstances of the case are as follows.
At July, 1867, said Willis owing to a quarrel with his
wife, deserted her, and immediately married again.
His first wife made complaint at this Office of
the facts in the case, and Willis was arrested and
bound over to the Circuit Court of this County, to
answer to a charge of Bigamy. At the Septem-
ber Term of said Court, the Grand Jury failed to find
a Bill, and Willis was discharged. He instead of
supporting his legal wife and family, continued
to live with his second wife. The case was again re-
ported at this Office, and Willis again arrested, but
was released in a short time he manifesting a
disposition to live with his first wife, and support
his family, but as soon as released he and the
second wife, as previously stated, left this Post,
for Camden where they intend to reside.

I would suggest to you that you should
charge of Bigamy against Willis

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant,
W. H. Hilbert
Major 20th Inf. Regt. 3rd
Cavalry Post of Washington
Agent of Bureau R. & F. Co.

Bureau of R. & A. S. Washington, Arkansas.
February 1, 1868.

W. C. Williams, Esq.

Sir

There is a note on file in this Office signed by you in favor of a certain freedman for the sum of One hundred and twenty five dollars. This note fell due on the 1st day of January 1868, and payment of the same is hereby demanded. It is imperatively necessary that all such unfinished business in this Office be completed at once.

W. C. Williams, Esq. Bondy Post

A similar notice sent to James Scott, Farmer in regard to a note for One hundred and twenty five dollars, which fell due January 1st 68.

Also to John Hunt Black in regard to a note the aggregate value of which is One hundred and twenty nine dollars. These notes are due since Dec 31st.

Bureau of R. & A. S. for the County of Hempstead Washington, Hempstead County, Arkansas. Feb 1st 68

W. C. Williams, Esq.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication...

...that the prosecution, now and the future in the manner suggested.

Respectfully
Ch. Gilbert

W. C. Williams, Esq. Bondy Post
Agent of Bureau of R. & A. S.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands
Washington, Hempstead County, Arkansas
February 23rd 1868

Lieut. John E. Bennett

28th Infantry, U.S. Army.

Acting and Adj. General.

Lieutenant

I have the honor

to submit the following report in relation to affairs in the Bureau of R. & A. S. for Hempstead County, in the month ending on the 23rd day of February, 1868.

During the month Circular letters from your Office, dated the 3rd inst. also General Orders No. 6. Dated January 27th 68, from Head Quarters 2nd Military District, were received at this Office. In compliance therewith almost all the business heretofore transacted in this Office has been transferred to the Civil Courts of the County. In this connection I would remark that no complaints have been made at this Office in regard to any Civil Officer, to whom this business has been transferred failing to perform his duty in the premises. On the contrary settlements made by them seem to be satisfactory to all parties.

The freedmen in this County all seem to be employed and I do not apprehend any considerable amount of suffering, or destitution.

...that contracts have generally been made throughout the County. Renting and freedmen in numerous instances do not wish to transact their business here, feeling as though it would be of no benefit for them to do so, as settlements and disputes under contracts would have to be adjusted by the Civil Courts. Freedmen in large numbers continue to call at the Office for advice or...

almost all subjects.
 During the month I visited the Freedmen's school and, and desire to state that the scholars appear to take much interest in learning. I would suggest that the teachers be instructed not to keep their pupils in the school-room more than an hour and a half at a time that is, in a session of three hours there should be an intermission of fifteen minutes and a thorough ventilation of the schoolroom.

The foregoing report is respectfully submitted.

C. C. Hillcutt
 Colonel 28th Regt
 Comd'g Post of Washington
 Agent Bureau of R. I. & A.

8. Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands.
 Washington, Hempstead County, Arkansas.
 February 29th 1868.

Lieutenant John S. Bennett
 28th Infantry U.S.A.
 Actg Asst Adjutant General
 Lieutenant

I have the honor to transmit herewith my Annual Educational Report, for the month ending the 29th day of February 1868.

C. C. Hillcutt
 Colonel 28th Regt
 Comd'g Post of Washington
 Agent Bureau of R. I. & A.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands.
 Washington, Hempstead County, Arkansas.
 February 29th 1868.

Henry Page, Esq
 P.O. For Arkansas.
 Little Rock, Ark.
 Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith an estimate of Stationery and Blanks, required for use in this Office and would respectfully request that they be forwarded as soon as practicable.

Very Respectfully
 Yours Obedient Servant
C. C. Hillcutt
 Colonel 28th Regt
 Comd'g Post of Washington
 Agent Bureau R. I. & A.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands.
 Washington, Hempstead County, Arkansas.
 March 6th 1868.

Henry Page, Esq
 P.O.
 Sir.

I have the honor to transmit the following Return, as Agent Bureau of R. I. & A. for Hempstead by J. S. Bennett, 29th Feb 1868.

Handly Return of 16th and 3rd Exchange, with one set of vouchers pertaining to each.

Very Respectfully
 Yours Obedient Servant
C. C. Hillcutt
 Colonel 28th Regt
 Comd'g Post of Washington
 Agent of Bureau R. I. & A.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, & Abandoned Lands
Washington, Hempstead County, Arkansas
March 3rd, 1868.

Henry Page Esq. D.D.
Hon Arkansas
Little Rock, Ark
Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 24th of February 68, enclosing your check, No 1361 for Twenty five dollars, in favor of James R. Page for rent of room used as Office in the month of January 68, and informing me that you had paid to Mr Joseph Myers the sum of ninety nine and ¹¹/₁₀₀ dollars, it being the salary of Mr Mitchell for the month of January, 1868.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
C. B. Hillcutt
Pt Major 28th Regt Col. 28th Regt
Comdg Post of Washington
Agent Bureau of R. F. and A. L. S.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands
Washington, Hempstead County, Ark. March 2nd 68

Henry Page Esq
Dist Officer, Hon Arkansas
Little Rock, Arkansas

Knowledge of receipt of your communication dated the 9th inst enclosing vouchers in favor of Alfred R. Mitchell and James R. Page for signature.

Enclosed please find said vouchers properly signed.
I would request that instead of forwarding your check for the amount, you would deposit the same in the Bank at Little Rock to the credit of

Robt Major Howard & Stansbury, etc. by his private account, who will upon being notified of said deposits being made pay the parties who have signed the above mentioned vouchers.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
C. B. Hillcutt
Major 28th Regt Col. 28th Regt
Comdg Post and Agent.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands
Washington, Hempstead County, Arkansas
March 21st, 1868.

Henry Page Esq
D.D. Hon Arkansas
Little Rock, Ark
Sir.

I have the honor to inform you that I have given up possession of the building used as an Office, and which has been rented from Mr James R. Page, to date the 29th day of February 1868, and now occupy a building that is Bureau Property, so that the payment of rent is not required for the present month.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
C. B. Hillcutt
Major 28th Regt Col. 28th Regt
Comdg Post and Agent.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands
Washington, Hempstead County, Arkansas
March 21st 68.

Henry Page Esq, D.D.
Little Rock, Ark
Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication dated the 9th inst, and enclosing Receipts and

and invoices for Stationery Transformed
 by you. Enclosed please find Receipts
 properly signed, also Bill of Lading.
 Very Respectfully
 Your Obedient Servant
C. C. Gilbert
 Major 28th Reg. Col. Ala
 Comdg Post. 3 Agent

6 Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, & Abandoned Lands
 Washington, Hempstead County, Arkansas
 March 25th 1868.
John E. Ince, Esq.
 Sir,
 By direction of the Comdg Officer
 Post of Washington, Arkansas, you are hereby
 directed to report at this Office at your ear-
 liest convenience
 Robt Major 28th Reg. Col. Ala

7 Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands
 Washington, Hempstead County, Arkansas
 March 25th 1868.
Quincy Lewis, Esq.
 Hempstead County
 Arkansas
 Sir, You are hereby requested to accompany
 the bearer of this communication to this Office
 for the purpose of furnishing information

concerning compliance that such is the case.
 Very Respectfully
C. C. Gilbert
 Major 28th Reg. Col. Ala
 Comdg Post. and Agent

8 Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, & Abandoned Lands
 Washington Hempstead County, Arkansas
 March 31st 1868.
Lieut. John O. Bennett, Esq.
 Acty. Arit. Adjt. General.
 Bureau of R. F. & A. L. for Ark.
 Little Rock Arkansas.
 Lieutenant

I have the honor to transmit the
 following report of affairs in the Bureau of
 R. F. & A. L. for Hempstead County, Arkansas,
 for the month ending March 31st 1868.
 In my last report I mentioned the
 fact that all cases of settlements between
 Employers and Employees, were turned over
 to the local magistrates in accordance with
 certain Circulars issued from your Office,
 and I then mentioned that settlements made
 by said local magistrates were so far as heard
 from satisfactory to both parties. Now I find
 that such is not the case. At several settlements
 during the month of March, I was present by
 request of the freedmen interested, and used
 my influence to have such cases equitably set-
 tled. In remote townships it is not possible
 for the Agent to be present, and in such cases
 I refer the freedmen to parties living there
 whom I request to watch the proceedings in
 the case and report to this Office, if in their
 judgment the case is not fairly dealt with.

During the late election party feeling
 in some precincts was very violent, and threats
 made against certain freedmen, but this was
 done by irresponsible parties and in no instance
 have I heard of any threats being carried out.

All our good citizens condemn such actions, and have manifested a willingness to conform to the laws, and allow freedmen to exercise their newly acquired privileges in whatever manner they deem fit, many of them furnishing their employees with horses, and mules, to ride to their places for the purpose of working. Whilst doing this the freedmen have conducted themselves very well. I have not heard a single complaint against them.

There is a state of things existing in some parts of this County, which I am fearful will cause a great deal of annoyance, and as a continued course of trouble until such time as new crops can be gathered. I allude to the fact of freedmen, and white men, entering land, and endeavoring to raise a crop without having any means at command to aid them in so doing.

Some of these parties have neither meat, nor corn, and no person knows how they live, so that all depredations on stock, robbing of corn cribs, and smoke houses, is charged to their accounts, the freedmen generally getting all the blame of it.

A case of this kind occurred about the 20th of the month. A widow lady in this County, was robbed that night of a lot of meat, some cloth, clothing, and so forth. Her son was absent at the time but returned shortly after the robbery, and hearing of it, immediately charged two freedmen with committing the same. He and

at first of the stolen property, but found nothing else. A few nights afterwards, three men, with faces blacked, came to the house of one of these freedmen, and by him were recognized as being Kindred Hampton, the son of the widow lady whose house was robbed, and the others named J. C. Stone, and Cal Holan. They took this freedman out in the woods, and hung him for a short

time. They beat him, and tried to pull his coat off, for the reason as they told him they wanted him to confess all about the robbery, but failing to extract a confession from him, they released him threatening to kill him if he repeated what they had done. Next morning the case was reported to this Office, and I sent out a detachment to arrest the parties. I succeeded in arresting one of them Kindred Hampton, the others had escaped, and are supposed to be out of the State on the Arkansas river, ten miles above Little Rock. Charges have been preferred against all of them, and forwarded to Head Quarters Fourth Military District, Dicksonburg, Missouri.

No complaints have been received at this Office, this year, as regards freedmen not working. On the contrary all those, whom I have from, and are under contract, are working well, and faithfully.

Very few cases of destitution among the freedpeople, have been brought to my notice. In all such cases the County Court acts promptly to relieve the same. I continued to issue clothing to those who are destitute, but there is not as much demand for it as there was during the winter months.

As regards the freedmen's school-house and Education generally throughout my district I would state that I have taken steps to improve the same, by causing a certain number of

freedmen to volunteer on Saturdays, to work for a few hours. I shall keep up this system until the place is thoroughly renovated. In this District, Hempstead and Pike Counties, there ought to be four schools, besides the one already organized, but as I find it almost impossible to induce the freedmen to comply with circular, No. 15, dated, War Dept, Wash.

D. C. Dec 22nd 67. I cannot suggest any way whereby said school might be organized. The foregoing Report is respectfully submitted.

L. C. Gilbert

Major 28th Inf. Bot Col. USA
Comd'g Post of Washington
Agent of Bureau R. & L. A. 30

my Educational Report for the month ending the 31st day of March 68.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
L. C. Gilbert
Colonel USA, Comd'g Post
Agent of Bureau R. & L. A. 30

1.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, & Abandoned Lands
Washington Hempstead County, Arkansas.
April 1st 1868.

Lieutenant John E. Bennett, USA
Actg. Asst. Adjt. General
Bureau of R. & L. A. 30, Fort Ark
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Lieutenant
I have the honor to transmit a petition of certain freedmen residents of Franklin Township, Little River County, who believe themselves aggrieved in the matter of a certain settlement made by N. H. Kelly, Agent of said County, between their Employers, and themselves, and who ask for an investigation in the premises.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
L. C. Gilbert
1st Lt. Col. USA, Comd'g Post,
Agent Bureau of R. & L. A. 30

3.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, & Abandoned Lands
Washington, Hempstead County, Arkansas.
April 4th 1868.

James F. Johnson, Esq.
Columbus, Arkansas.
Sir,

You are hereby directed to appear at this office on to-morrow April 5th 68, to answer to a certain charge preferred against you by one of your Employees, James Snagging, to the effect that you had ordered him off of your plantation, and refused to pay him for his work, also that certain parties in your employ attempted to assault him.

L. C. Gilbert
Colonel USA, Comd'g Post
Agent, R. & L. A. 30

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, & Abandoned Lands
Washington, Hempstead County, Arkansas.
April 7th 1868.

Henry P. & D. ...

Little Rock, Arkansas
Sir, I have the honor to transmit herewith the following Returns for Property, for which I am responsible as Agent Bureau of R. & L. A. 30 for the month of March 68.
Handley Return of Quarter Master Hasting Stoney.
Handley Return of Bureau Property.
Handley Return of Clothing, Camp & Garrison Company with one set of vouchers for each.

Washington, Hempstead County, Arkansas.

April 1st 1868.
Lieutenant John E. Bennett, USA
Actg. Asst. Adjt. General
Bureau of R. & L. A. 30, Fort Ark
Little Rock Arkansas.

Lieutenant
I have the honor to transmit herewith

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands
Washington, Hempstead County, Arkansas
April 7th 1865.

Henry Page, Esq
Disbursing Officer
Little Rock
Arkansas.

Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 4th inst. Enclosed please find vouchers in favor of Dep. K. Hiechew and James K. Page. The former properly signed the latter returned without signature for the reason that the payment of rent for an Office ceased on February 27th as per communication forwarded you from this Office. Dated March 2nd 1865.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
L. B. Tillotson
Major 25th Inf. Col. 32nd Regt.
Comdg. Post, Agent of Bureau

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands
Washington, Hempstead County, Arkansas
April 20th 1865.

Quartermaster General
Washington, D. C.

General.
In reply to your communication dated

My receipt roll of clothing issued to freedmen
freedmen, is a regularly appointed clerk in
the Bureau, and duly sworn as such. Further
that it is not possible for me to procure a
person having military rank to witness said
issues, and that my clerk is the only available
person.

Very Respectfully

John D. ...
L. B. Tillotson
Major 25th Inf. Col. 32nd Regt.
Comdg. Post of Washington
Agent of Bureau.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands
Washington, Hempstead County, Arkansas
April 24th 1865.

Henry Page, Disbursing Officer.
for Arkansas
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication dated the 20th inst. enclosing your check No. 1039, and the check National Bank for One hundred and ninety two and 2/100 dollars, in payment as follows:
Dep. K. Hiechew 97.17.
J. K. ... 75.00

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
L. B. Tillotson
Major 25th Inf. Col. 32nd Regt.
Comdg. Post, and Agent.

Bureau of R. F. D. A. S.
Washington, Arkansas

General
Little Rock, Arkansas
Lieutenant

The Report of
affairs in the Bureau of R. F. D. A. S. for the month
of April 1865, is but a repetition of the Report for-
warded you last month.

The business of the Office as regards the freed-
men has been entirely of an advisory character.

in nature of business of which they were eq-
-ivalent, and in endeavoring to settle disputes
without their having recourse to law. Thinking
that it would benefit them socially and financially
not to encourage law-suits amongst them, unless
in cases of absolute necessity.

Cotton shipped for judgment by the Bureau
in last December, and demand, has been sold
and at prices ranging from 1/2 to 2 cents. I will
be able in a few days to account to the freedmen
for it, as I shall then have received the proceeds.

A case occurred during the month, and was
referred to you on the 27th inst. for your in-
-structions in the premises. It is that of a freed-
-man owning property before emancipation and
it being taken from him afterwards, he now pre-
-sents a claim for it. Under the Statute Law the
slave did not own property, any more than he
owned himself. The Emancipation proclamation
gave the slave his own property body, did it
not also give him the clothes which he wore at the
time, as well as other articles of property which
according to the customs of the country, he owned
just as much, as his clothes, and shoes.

There has been this year seventy-four contracts
for labor filed in this Office. Almost all of them
are for shares of the crop, and as a general
thing, they are not so favorable terms as the
contracts of last year, but it is my opinion
that at the end of this year the freedmen will be

regards squandering their means. The opinion is
that they do not intend going into debt this year,
and I am, and shall continue to do all I can to
prevent them from doing so.

As regards Education I have no remarks to
add, other than to invite your attention to my
Monthly Educational Report already forwarded
to your office.

Respectfully
Col. H. H. H.
Major 28th Regt. Col. 1st Div. 2^d Army
Comd'g Post of Washington
Agent of R. F. & A. Co.

Bureau of R. F. and A. Co.
For General Bureau
Washington, D. C.
May 26. 58

Lieut John E. Bennett, U.S. Army.
A. A. General, Fort Arls
Green Rock, Ark.

Lieutenant
I have the

Honor to transmit herewith my Monthly Report
Education for the month of April 58.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
Col. H. H. H.
R. F. & A. Co. Agent

Bureau of R. F. and A. Co.
Washington, D. C.
May, 30. 58

Ernest Friedman Esq.

Sir,
You will please forward to
me...

A list of one of recent...
account for...
specify the...
to there being the original...
and parties, also give an account of the...
you make against the bar owned by...

Respectfully
Col. H. H. H.
R. F. & A. Co.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, & Abandoned Lands
Washington, Hempstead County, Arkansas

June 4th 1868
Lieut John E. Bennett, Esq.
A. A. General, For Col's.
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Lieutenant
I have the honor to report as follows
in relation to affairs in this county for
the month of May, 1868.

Very favorable reports have been
received as regards the freedmen workers.
Planters generally seem satisfied with them
and all excepting that portion on Red river
are anticipating a very successful crop se-
ason. The overflowing of Red river has again
destroyed the crops, and will I fear cause
suffering and distress amongst the laboring
class, as well as increased financial embarras-
ment of the planters in the vicinity.

During the month several com-
plaints have been filed by freedmen to the
effect that planters are still indebted to them
for labor last year. Some of these freedmen
accepted promises to pay, and on the strength
of these promises commenced this year farming
to themselves, now they find these promises
worthless. The planters making them being in-
solvent, and the Civil Courts can take no action
so that the freedmen are in an almost destitute

were made previous to the reception of 9. 2
No. 6. from Head Quarters with Military Dist
which transfers such cases to the Civil Courts.

In the matter of Education I have
been endeavoring to procure a site for a school
house near Columbus in this county, as yet I
have not been successful. Circular No. 2. from
your Office requires a valid title to be obtained

to the land previous to any steps being taken
towards the erection of the school house. I
find a different matter, and the indiffer-
ence of the citizens in relation to these matters
makes it still more so. However I think it will
be successful, as two of the leading citizens
have promised me their cooperation.

Columbus is a central place, and a large
number of freedmen reside in the vicinity,
who are all extremely anxious that a school
should be established.

Respectfully Submitted

B. H. L. & A. Agents.

Bureau of R. I. & A. Agents
Washington, Arkansas
June 4th 1868.

Quarter Master General, Esq.
Washington, D. C.
Thru, Office of Distributing Officer,
Little Rock, Arkansas.
General.

In reply to
your letter of May 20th 1868, I have the honor
to transmit herewith, an official requisition
for stationery, to be filed with my Returns of
Bureau Property for the month of March 1868.
Very Respectfully

B. H. L. & A. Agents

B. H. L. & A. for Hempstead Co.
Washington, Arkansas
June 4th 1868

Lieut John E. Bennett, Esq.
a a a general
Little Rock, Arkansas

I have the honor to transmit herewith my
Educational Report for the month of May 68.
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant

Robalove, 2d Lt. Agent.

Bureau of R. I. and A. I.
Washington, Arkansas
June 4th 68.

Henry Page Esq. Dist. Officer.
Little Rock, Arkansas.
Sir.

I have the honor to request that you forward blanks as follows:
1. copies dunder marking returns
2. copies to C. I. of Campage Returns.
3. Requisitions for Stationery
4. Abstracts of Stationery
5. July Invoices & receipts L. H.
6. July Invoices & receipts C. I. & E.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant

Robalove, 2d Lt. Agent

Bureau R. I. and A. I.
Washington, Arkansas
June 6th 68.

Henry Page Esq. District Officer

I have the honor to transmit herewith my returns as follows for the month of May 68.
Returns of Bureau and L. H. Stone, also return of C. I. of Campage with proper vouchers to each

Robalove, 2d Lt. Agent

Bureau of R. I. and A. I.
Washington, Arkansas
June 27th 68

Lieut John E. Bennett, 2d Lt
Little Rock, Arkansas.
Lieutenant

I have the honor to inform you that I have made careful inquiry as regards the parties mentioned in your circular letter of June 3rd, and I am of the opinion that they are not residents of this County.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant

Robalove, 2d Lt. Agent
Agent of Bureau

Bureau of R. I. and A. I.
Washington, Arkansas
June 27th 68

Henry Page Esq. Dist. Officer
Little Rock, Arkansas.
Sir.

I have the honor to return herewith vouchers for transportation in favor of Sunday and Lucy Simpson, destitute freedpersons. They are returned to your Office as the same.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant

Robalove, 2d Lt. Agent
Agent of Bureau

Bureau of R & A
Washington Arkansas
June 27th 68.

Lieut John E Bennett, Esq
Little Rock Arkansas.
Lieutenant

I have the honor to inform you that upon assuming charge of the Bureau at this Post. I became responsible for property part of which was in charge of Mr Smith Agent for Lafayette Co. at Ferrisville in said County. Having determined to turn over the Quarter Master Property to the A & A at this Post. as the same was not required for use by the Bureau I directed Mr Smith to send said Q M Property to this Post for that purpose. This he did with the exception of one recruiting flag and he states in his letter "a copy of which is enclosed that it is worn out and he cannot find any of the pieces. I would respectfully request that Mr Smith be held responsible for this flag and that you issue an order authorizing me to drop it from my returns.

Your Obedient Servant
Robert W. Adams
Agent of Bureau

Bureau of R & A
Washington Ark
July 2. 68.

Lieut John E Bennett, Esq
Little Rock Arkansas
Lieut

I have the honor to transmit herewith my monthly Educational Report for the month of June 1868.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
Robert W. Adams Agent

Bureau of R & A
Washington Ark
July 4th 68.

Henry Page Esq
Disbursing Officer

Sir I have the honor to transmit herewith the following Returns for the month of June 1868.
Monthly returns of Q M Property.
Monthly returns of Bureau Property
Monthly returns of R & A Equipage
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt

Bureau of R & A
Washington Arkansas
July 6th 68.

Henry Page Esq
Disbursing Officer
Little Rock Ark.

Sir
Lieut

respectfully request that you forward
 for use in this Office twenty four
 blank copies of Returns of Clothing
 Camp. & Garrison's Equipage
 Yours Obedient Servant
 R. Col. USA, Agent

Bureau of R. & A. & S.
 Washington, Arkansas
 July 6th. 68.

J. D. Smith Esq
 Agent
 Sir.

By direction of the Asst Comm
 you will please forward to this Office with
 out delay affidavits in duplicate in regard
 to the fact, that the recruiting flag, your re-
 port as lost, had been in your possession
 and also as to whether it was lost or worn
 out through any fault or neglect on your
 part.

Respectfully
 Your Obedient Servant
 R. Col. USA, Agent
 Agent of Bureau

Bureau of R. & A. & S.

Lieut John S. Bennett Major
 A. A. General
 Sir. I have the honor
 to transmit herewith my Honorable Edu-
 cational Report for June 1868
 Your Obedient Servant
 R. Col. USA, Agent

Bureau of R. & A. & S.
 Washington, Arkansas
 July 20th. 1868.

R. W. Wilson Esq
 Justice of the Peace
 Sir.

The Reciver of this
 communication desires you in your Civil
 capacity to aid her in collecting wages
 due her husband from J. W. Stuart, Senior.
 The facts are as follows
 her husband Brockett Walker was hired by
 said Stuart in January 1867, and killed
 by the said Stuart in April 1867. For which
 I believe he is yet under bonds to appear
 at our Circuit Court. As there has not been
 any settlement you are hereby instructed
 to bring suit against said Stuart for
 the whole amount of the crop of '67 which
 would have belonged to Brockett had he not
 been killed

Respectfully
 Your Obedient Servant
 R. Col. USA, Agent

Bureau of R. & A. & S.
 Washington, Arkansas
 July 20th. 68

M. A. S.

Sir
 I have the honor to
 transmit herewith my Returns of Bureau
 Property and C. & E. of Equipage for the month
 of July 1868.
 Your Obedient Servant
 R. Col. USA, Agent

Bureau of R & A
Washington, D.C.
August 24th 1868.

Henry Page Esq
Dist. Officer
Sir

I have the honor to trans-
mit herewith vouchers in favor of Tom
Lamm for thirty five dollars for work
done repairing Office of Agent of Bureau
at this Post.

In connection therewith
I would invite your attention to your
several endorsements dated and marked
respectively February 4th. 68. \$ 13.68. and
February 8th. 68. \$ 19.68.

The vouchers are signed
in blank, except the amount being specified
in receipt.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servant

Rot Col. U.S.A. Agent

Bureau of R & A
Washington, Arkansas
August 1st 68

Henry Page Esq
Dist. Officer
Sir

month of August 1868.

Monthly Returns of Bureau Property
Monthly Return of 667 of Campaign. with
the vouchers pertaining thereto.

Your Obedient Servant

Rot Col. U.S.A. Agent

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Copy of Bill of sale left in office by Bill Stoney
Freedman.

Due Bill Stoney Fifteen dollars
\$15.00 to be paid in set of wheel harness in
Blacking brushes leather Hames & traces Due him for a
Red roan and four Oxen and 1 log chain and
two yokes of Oxen of yokes for which I now paid
him 1 mule with one eye 1 sorrel Horse with a
star in fore head 1 Black Horse stallion 3 years old
for which I guarantee a good title to all of said
said Horses and Mules

attest
M. Morse (signed)

signed ^{his} Lewis Wilson
with

also 1 Red steer to weigh 500 lbs to be delivered
in ten days from this date

at true copy
C. E. Fabre

Roll 23

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SUBORDINATE FIELD OFFICES
Washington (Hemstead County)

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Letters sent,

from Nov 21/67

to Jan 28/68



Bureau of P. O. & C.
Washington Arkansas
November 21, 1862

Hon. E. M. Holt
Sheriff Hempstead Co.
Arkansas.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with orders from the Assistant Commissioner for Arkansas, all laborers are required to be paid, or security given that they will be paid, previous to the execution of any civil process against their employers.

I would therefore respectfully invite your attention to the fact that Mr. D. T. Brad-ley, whose property you as Sheriff control is indebted to one Jackson Michael Greene for labor performed, in the sum of Fifty dollars.

It will be necessary that this sum be paid previous to your disposing of said Bradley's property.

I am Sir

Respectfully

Wm. H. Jeffrey
Agent

Bureau of P. O. & C.
Washington Arkansas

Hempstead County
Arkansas.

Sir,

I have the honor to invite your attention to the fact that there are several freedpersons in this vicinity, who are now almost destitute of them totally so. This is owing to the fact that the Bureau through the medium of the Hospital at this place, has been supplying them with rations. This subject is now under

...by reason of the hospital being closed, and I apply to you as the prob- or County officer, so that they can be assist- ed by the County.

The parties named are Gely Pope, age 107. Peter Harrison, age 82, blind, and Lewis Wilson age 81, crippled, who reside in Washington, also Mary Diery, age 87, with Rob Diery, about 7 miles from town on Camden road.

Please inform you at your earliest conve- nience as to what action may be taken in the premises

Very Respectfully
Lieut. & H. Infaney
Agent

Bureau of R. D. & A. S.
Washington Arkansas
November 23. 97

Hon. H. D. Holt, Sheriff
Memphred County,
Arkansas.

Sir In accordance with Circular No. 19, Office of Post Commis for Arkis. dated Nov 6th 97, I have the honor to invite your attention to the following cases. Dr R. A. Brunson is indebted to the following freed persons. Minner Bradley 180⁰⁰ dollars. Maria Bradley 65⁰⁰ dollars. Melinda Bradley 60⁰⁰ dollars. Mary Brunson 120⁰⁰ dollars. Amos J. Walker is also indebted to King

as complied with before the execution of the Civil Processes now pending against said Brunson, and Walker.

Please inform me as to what action you may take in the premises.
I am Sir
Respectfully

Lieut. & H. Infaney
Agent

Bureau of R. D. & A. S.
Washington Arkansas
Nov 27. 97

R. H. Wilson Esq
J. P.
Sir

The bearer of this communication is Ed Cheatham, an freedman will report to you the facts in the case of an accused on him Dr Paul Booker. You will please take all care and render to said freedman impartial justice.

When the trial is concluded you are kindly requested to inform this office by letter or otherwise.
Respectfully

Lieut. & H. Infaney
Agent

Bureau of R. D. & A. S.
Washington Arkansas
Dec 4. 97

Lieut. J. C. Collins, U.S.A.
Post Adjutant
Sir

I would respectfully request that the statements of Henry [unclear] his wife who accompanies him be taken. These are the proceedings of Paul, of [unclear] the parties whom I reported to you in [unclear] as whipping Henry, by twisting his [unclear]

...to parties near [unclear] extensive to him to be absent from his [unclear] employment.

Respectfully

Lieut. & Agent

Bureau of R. D. & A. S.
Washington Arkansas

Respectfully
J. P.

The Bureau Office desires to know in
respect the result of her case. For the same
has ordered her away and she has not re-
ceived home or means. You are respectfully
requested to take cognizance of this case, as
if possible under the laws of the State
that justice is rendered her

I am Sir
Respectfully

Agent

L. 1. Bureau of Refugee Treatment, of
Washington Hempstead County Ark's
January 27th 68.

J. J. Mathison Esq
Justice of the Peace
Hempstead Co,
Arkansas

Sir,
On next Tuesday a freedwoman will
enter a complaint before you in regard to
the fact of her being deserted by her husband
one Andrew Jackson. The woman's name is,
Susan Jackson. She states that her husband
took from her, her clothes, spinning wheel &c
You are hereby requested to take cogniz-
ance of this case, and if possible under the
laws of this State restore to said freedwoman
her property, also if Andrew should marry or
be married to another, prosecute him for Big-
amy.

Respectfully
Howard C. Sturtevant
Pt. Maj. Bondy Post
Agent of Bureau.

L. 2. Bureau of Refugee Treatment, of Abandoned Lands,
Washington Hempstead County, Arkansas,
January 27th 1868.

Sir A. A. Cannon
County Judge Hempstead Co,

Sir
At the last session of your Honor's Court
the enclosed account, I am informed was
presented, and payment on said account
refused, no reasons for such refusal being
given.

As Mr. H. E. Goodwin, assumed charge of the
freedman Prince Wilson (an insane pauper) on
the instance of Major James T. Watson who was
at that time Agent of the Bureau, and for the
reason that at the time, said pauper could not
be transported to the Refugee & Freedmen's Hos-
pital at this Post, I would request that you
indorse this communication with your reasons
for not paying said account, and return the
same at your earliest convenience.

I am Sir
Respectfully
Howard C. Sturtevant
Pt. Maj. Bondy Post
Agent of Bureau.

L. 3. Bureau of Refugee Treatment, of Abandoned Lands,
Washington Hempstead County, Arkansas,
January 28th 1868.

Wesley T. Holt Esq.
Sheriff Hempstead Co,
Arkansas.

Sir, You have in your custody, at certain jail
man, one Simon, who is I understand charged
with being a runaway slave.

This Office at your earliest convenience, by
what authority, he is still retained, and if what
he is charged, also if he has been tried for the
offense charged, and sentenced, by a competent
Court, and what his sentence is.

Respectfully
Howard C. Sturtevant
Pt. Maj. Bondy Post
Agent of Bureau.



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SUBORDINATE FIELD OFFICES
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SUBORDINATE FIELD OFFICES
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Little Rock Ark
Apr 1 1867

Special Order
No 35 —

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark. April 1st 1867.

SPECIAL ORDERS

No. 35

[EXTRACT.]

1st Major James J. Watson, 5th U. S. C. Cavalry,
Having reported in compliance with Paragraph 1, Special
Order No. 31, Current Series from this office, is hereby assigned
to duty as Agent of the Bureau at Washington, Hemp-
stead County during the temporary absence of Major
J. H. Thibault, the Agent, Major Watson will therefore
proceed to Washington without delay in the execution
of this order.

By command of BREVET MAJOR GENERAL F. O. C. ORD, Ass't Com'r

Let Major J. H. Thibault,
Capt. 4th U. S. C.
Washington, 1867

J. H. Thibault
1st Lieut. 4th U. S. Infantry.
ACT'G ASST ADJ'T GEN'L.

General A. D. A. G.
Office of Artillery
Fort Mifflin
April 1st 1817

Ordered

1st Lt. J. B. Dwyer
Adj. Genl.

Acknowledges receipt
of communication of
29th inst. approves
contents. Part 1 & 4 to
1052 the Army Reg will
govern contracts.

John B. Dwyer

Bureau of Refugees Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,

Office of Assistant Commissioner,

195.

Little Rock, Ark., April 1st 1867.

Brereton Major F. H. Stewart, U.S. Co.

Agent, Washington, Ark.

Major

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of
your communication of the 27th ult. relative to the
actions of the school house at Washington with
regarding instructions relative to contracts for the
erection. In reply I am directed to state that
your course is approved and to inform you that
Paragrap 1044 to 1053 revised Army Regulations
will govern relative to contracts.

I am very respectfully,

your obedient servant,

Jno. Tyler.

Coly Capt Adj't Genl.

Received of Lord 25
Dr. Arkansas
Little Rock, Ark.
April 11. 67.

Circular letter May 2

Direct Agents in
want of clerks to ap-
ply to the Assistant
Commissioner

Recd May 21. 67.


Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR MISSOURI, ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.

CLAIM DIVISION.

Little Rock, Ark., April 11th 1867.

General S. L. Lott

Sir

I am directed by the Assistant Commis-
sioner to inform you that this office is in frequent
receipt of applications for clerkships from persons
well qualified for the positions for which they
apply, and if you should at any time be in
need of a good clerk, request therefor may be
made to this office, and endeavors will be made
to provide such.

I am very respectfully
Yours Obedt. Servt

C. N. Tyler

Agent
Washington, Arkansas.

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no 85 }

Bureau of Land and S.S.
of the Oregon and Indiana Territory
Office of Chief Clerk
April 18, 1841

~~Dear General B. B. Col~~
~~Chief Clerk~~
Circular letter.

Call attention to
Par. 6. Art. 2 Bureau
Officers Manual, in
relation to quarterly
Statement of Stores re-
ceived, issued & remain-
ing on hand.

Received Apr 21 1841

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office,

Little Rock, Ark., April 18 1867.

The attention of Officers serving in the
R. I. & A. Sub. Dist of Ariz. is respectfully
Pursuant to Article 2. Bureau Officers Manual,
requires a quarterly statement of all Stores, rec'd
remaining on hand to be made at the close
quarter. All officers serving in the sub. Dist
will make statements in accordance with Bureau
Officers Manual, for the quarter ending March
and forward to this office without delay.

Henry Pige
Sub. Dist Ariz.

Statement
of
Ariz.

Bureau of H. O. & A. S.

Dr. Arkansas

Office of Dist. Commr.

Little Rock Ark

Jan 22^d 1874

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Circular letter

Direct that
efforts be made to find
certain children, & to
report as soon as prac-
-ticable.

Recd. Jan 30^d 1874

ureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
For Arkansas.

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER,

Little Rock, Ark., April 22nd, 1867.

Circular Letter

Sir

I am instructed by the Assistant Commissioner to furnish you with the following extract from letters of Henry A. Bragg of Jefferson City, Mo. dated April 9th 1867, and directions that you make every effort to ascertain the whereabouts of the children and report as soon as practicable whether the children can be found:

"My object in addressing you is to restore some children to their parents. In August, 1864, five children, black or nearly so, were taken by bushwhackers from their then owner, John Henry, living 16 miles from Jefferson City, Mo. They are supposed to be taken to Arkansas. I give their names and approximate ages. They are well grown for their ages.

A. S.

Lucy " 12 " 15 "

" Fannie " 11 " 12 "

Boy Spences " 9 " 10 "

Tom, small boy, probably 5 to 7 years.

The first four children are sisters and brothers.
Their father's name is Coleman, a black man
over fifty years of age and for a number of
years employed as Porter at McCarly's Hotel in
this place. The boy Tom is not of the same im-
mediate family, though taken from the same place
and same owner at the time. Coleman is a very
worthy old man.

I am very respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt

Mo Tyler

Co 4th Regt U. S. Infantry
Acty Chief Adjt Genl

S,

Major James G. Watson

Washington
Arkansas

Om of N. O. & C.
For Ark. & Ind. Army
Office of Chf. Q. M.

April 30th 1864

^{May 9}
Page Henry, B. Col.

Direct that Warren
McFadden be reported
in report of losses, and
Articles, for Apr 14th & to
forward vouchers for
500 dollars, in his favor

Geo. M. ...

BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office,

Little Rock, Ark., April 20 1867.

Major James S. Watson
Agent

Washington Ark

Major

You will report on your Report
of Persons and Articles, for April 1867, the
services of Warren McGadden, and issue
vouchers (Form No. 22) for the sum of Five
hundred dollars (\$500), if the work is
sufficiently advanced to warrant the
payment.

I am very respectfully

Yours obedt servant
Wm. Page

Washington D.C.
April 30. 1867.

S.O. }
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Detail of 2 Privates for Lewis-
ville Ark.-

WAR 5 16
Hd. Qrs. Post of Washington,
Washington, Arkansas, Apr. 30th 1867.

Special Orders
No. 54.

I. A Detail of two (2) Privates of
the 28th Infantry, will proceed without delay to
Leviaville, Arkansas and relieve the detail of the 28th
Infantry, now at that place.

The detail there on being relieved
will without delay, return to this Post.

By Command of
Bvt. Lt. Col. W. D. Mulligan
Henry M. Smith
1st Lieut. 28th Infantry
Post Adjutant.

Little Rock, Ark.
May 10. 1871.

Page Henry
Capt. Chief 2. M. 52

Transmits check no
391. for One hundred &
twenty-four & ¹⁰⁰/₁₀₀ dollars.
asked that receipt of
same be acknowledged

L. & E. B. 88. 1. 100 P. R. 100

Received May 2. 1871.

Little Rock Arkansas
May 10th 1867

May Jas S. Watson.
Agent B R & O A R
Washington D.C.

May

Enclosed please
find my check no 396 on Merchants National
Bank of Little Rock, for one hundred & twenty
five ^{and} ¹⁷/₁₀₀ dollars in payment of accounts of
A. R. Whitaker, \$99 ⁷/₁₀₀ and Aaron Brown, \$25⁰⁰.

Please acknowledge
receipt.

Yours obt servt.
Hump Page
B R & O A R

H.H.H. 3-19
Ad. Sec. Post of Washington
Washington, Arkansas

May 17. 67

Jas B. Mulligan
Bot. Sicut. Col. U.S.A.

Orders for evidence in the
case of one Ferguson a ci-
tizen arrested for threat-
ening & abusive language.

To E. Post. by B. C. D. etc.

Received May 17 1867

Hd. Qrs. Post of Washington,
Washington, D.C. May 17. 67.

Major Watson,
Agent B. of R. F. and A.S.
Washington, D.C.
Major

I have arrested one Ferguson of
this place for threatening to shoot you through
your window, in words to the effect that
there was a good chance to shoot a dam-
ned Yankee son of a bitch but he did not
care to leave town just yet. - I shall send
him to the Rock and have him tried by Mili-
tary Commission. You will please work
up the evidence. - Furnish names of par-

town etc. -

very Respectfully &c.
Capt. J. M. Sullivan
Bot. Lieut. Col. U.S.A., Quid.

L R 324. O. A. G. Ariz. 1867

Washington, D.C.
May 12. 1867

Major General J. S.
Agent

Reports that A. A. Surge
Fox in charge of the
A. I. Hospital deserted
on the 9 inst and he
was obliged to hire a
doctor to take charge
of the cases in the hos-
pital. How he
shall be paid for his
services.

Bureau U. S. A. G.

Fort Snelling
Little Rock, Ark.
May 20. 1867.

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Respectfully returned to Major
J. S. Watson, Agent of Wash-
ington Ark, who will make
a temporary arrangement
for the care of the sick in
the hospital, until the return
of the Surgeon in Chief from
a temporary absence, when the
case will be referred to him
for action.

By commands of
1st Brig Genl G. S. Smith,
Acting Commissioner,
M. C. Smith
1st Lieut. 28th U. S. Infantry.

Atty Genl J. S. Smith

Bureau of Refugees, and Freedmen,
Washington, Arkansas.

Lieut. John, E. Bennett.
May, 25th, 1867.

Act. Asst. Surg. Genl.

Comd'g U. S. A. I.

Little Rock, Arkansas.

Lieutenant,

I have the honor to in-
form you that Act. Asst. Surgeon Ed
C. Fox, U. S. A. who was in charge of the
Hospital for Refugees, & Freedmen, at this
place, did desert on the 9th inst. In con-
-sequence of there being several cases in the
Hospital who require daily attention, one
particularly whose life depends on it.
I have employed a doctor for that purpose
and I request your attention to the same.

I request your attention as
regards paying said doctor for his services.

Dear Sir

Very Respectfully

Young Obedient Servant.
D. Watson.
Major, 5th U. S. Cav.
Capt B. A. D. W.

Bureau of R M & A 20

For Arkansas

Little Rock. May 28th 67

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8-19.

Appoints Agent of
the Bureau at Wash
ington Ark. Special
Inspector to examine
work & material of a
school house to be
erected at that place
by Warren M. Daddens.

Recd June 6th 67

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS.

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER.

Little Rock, Ark., May 23rd, 1867.

Special Orders }
No. 19. }

(Extract)

The Agent of this Bureau at
Washington, Ark. is hereby appointed Special In-
spector to examine the work and material on a
school house to be built at Washington by Harriet
W. Fadden, as per contract with Colonel Major S. H.
Thibault, U. S. Volunteers, dated March 29th 1867.

By command of

Brigadier General G. H. Smith, U. S. A.

Agent of Bureau
at Washington
Arks


1st Lieut. 28th U. S. Infantry

Actg. Asst. Adj. Genl.

Little Rock Ark
May 23^d 1867

Bennett Geo. C.
A. A. A. G.

Special Order No 19
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appointing Bu. Sgt at
Washington Ark. Special In-
-spector to examine work &c
on S. H. in said place

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,
FOR ARKANSAS.

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER,

Little Rock, Ark., May 23rd, 1867.

Special Orders }
No. 19

(Extract)

The Agent of this Bureau at Washington, Ark. is hereby appointed Special Inspector, to examine the work and material on a school house to be built at Washington by Warren McFadden as per contract with Bot. Major, F. W. Thibout, U. S. Volunteers, dated March 29, 1867.

By command of

Bot. Brigadier General C. W. Smith, U. S. A.

John P. Smith

1st Lieut. 28th U. S. Infantry,

Actg. Asst. Adjt. Genl.

(Sgd) Geo. E. Bennett

1st Lieut 28th U. S. Infantry

Actg. Asst. Adjt. Genl.

March 5/67

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Wm. H. Gilbert
Special Agent
U.S. Dept. of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Office Bureau of R. I. & H.
Camden Ark March 5/17

Complaint was

made at this Office on the 4th inst by a freedman
named ~~Edward Johnson~~ Hildeth to the effect that one Ed-
ward Johnson (Col) stole a gun from the said
Hildeth and had since gone to Washington
Ark. - The Complaint was not made at this
Office until some two days after the Com-
- mission of the theft - Said Edward John-
- son is tall, heavy set, yellow complexion with
a slight beard upon his chin -

I would respectfully request that if possible
efforts be made to return the said Johnson
to this place where he may be dealt with
according to law

The Civil Authorities informed me they had no jurisdiction in
the matter

Yours very respectfully,
Wm. H. Gilbert

Agent B. R. H. Co. E.

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MARCH 5

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office,

Little Rock, Ark., March 5th 1867.

Sir,
You will please forward to this office immediately a requisition for the necessary authorized blank books for use in your office, which will be forwarded to you on receipt thereof.

Very respectfully
Yours obediently
M. W. P. [Signature]
at Little Rock

Attest
[Signature]
Washington

Major R. H. A. Lytle & Co. Surveyors
Office West Corner
Little Rock Arkansas, 1867.

July 14th 1867
Actuals 3

A five cent stamp
should be affixed for
each party on the
Contract. To be paid
for by the parties &
not by the Bureau

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Bureau of Refugees Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,

Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark. March 6 1867.

#27

Brother Major F. W. Stribaut

Agent RR & Co.

Washington Ark.

Major

In reply to your communication of the 25th ult. I am directed by the Assistant Commissioner to inform you that contracts require to have affixed at the time of making them, a five cent Revenue stamp for the name of each party to the contract. Each employe, whether one person or a firm, is considered a party, and each freedperson signing the contract, is considered a party, but where the head of a family contracts for himself and family a five cent stamp will be sufficient for the whole family. The stamps will be paid for

this Bureau, or any funds now on hand.

I am very respectfully

Yours O. S. Stribaut

over

Mr. Tyler
P. O. 43 U. S. Supt.
A. C. C. C.

Washington Ark.

March 9. 1867

S.O. }
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A detail ordered to Louisville
Ark.

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Head Qrs Post of Washington Ark:
Washington March 9th 1867

Special Orders
No 27

I. Corporal Jacob Sterne of Company 5th 28th M.S. Infantry will with eight men proceed to Louisville Arkansas and report to Bvt. Major Nathan Cole Supt. R. I. and A. L. at that place the Detachment will carry Rations to include March 31st 1867.

II On the arrival of Corporal Sterne at Louisville Arkansas he will relieve Supt. Patrick Roche of Co 5th 28th M.S. Infy and Det. of eight men now serving at that place who will proceed to join the command at Washington Ark.

By Command of Bvt. Major
George Lence
Commanding Post
Rance

Vol One Post Washington
Washington Ar Kansas
March 9th 1867,

Special Order No. 27.
Pence Geo S Pt May
28th N, S, H,

Corporal Jacob Steiner
with eight men of
28th Infy will proceed
to Linnville Ar K and
bring back Patrick Roche
& detachment who will
proceed to Washington
Army

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Head Quarters Post Washington Ark
Washington March 9th 1867

Special Orders
No. 27

II. Corporal Jacob Stone Company
"F" 28th U.S. Infantry with eight men proceed
to Lewisville Arkansas and report to Bt. Maj
Nathan Cole Supt B, R, F, & A, S., at that the
detachment will carry rations to include
March 31st 1867.

III. On arrival of Corporal Stone at Lewis-
ville Ark. he will relieve Supt Patrick
Beach of Co. F, 28th U.S.I., and det. of eight
men now serving at that place who will
proceed to join their command at Washington
Ark.

By Command of Bt. Maj
George S. Pearce,
Command Post

sd / R. Vance

1st Lt. S. S. S. S. S.

A true copy
Nathan Cole
Capt 25th U.S.I., & Acting Supt
Supt B, R, F, & A, S.

Office of the Secretary
Little Rock March 7. 1864.
Circular Letter 16
By the John Smith Co. & Co.

Circular No 30 has
not been suspended by
any subsequent orders.

District Agents will be
the judges of when arrests
are necessary.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., March 9th 1867

Circulars Letter.

Sir,

I am directed by the Assistant Commissioner to inform you that Circulars No 30 series of 1866, from this office, has not been superseded by any Circulars recently issued.

The military commanders at Camden, Washington and Batesville are, however, as Supervisory Agents of the Bureau, authorized to judge of the necessity for retaining prisoners arrested in these Districts, and when agents request force with which to make arrests, they will, each in their respective district, be the judge of the necessity.

I am very respectfully

Your Obedt Servant.

O. F. A.

To

1st Regiment 3rd U.S. Infantry.

Col. Maj. F. W. Phibank

a. a. a.

Agent Washington and

Prof R. H. Wall.
Office of Best Court
Watts Rock - Nov 11th 1867.

J. J. Taylor
S. A. A. G.

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Enclosing Plan & Spec-
ification for Teachers
School House. Not to
cost to exceed \$2500.00
to be built by contract or
under immediate supervision
Teachers to be paid by the
State.

Full report of your action in deciding upon the manner of building, is desired as soon as it is determined.

If you should find it necessary to leave your station on your leave of absence, these instructions will be transferred to your successor, Maj Watson, upon his arrival. He is expected to start for Washington in about a week.

I am very respectfully,

Yours &c &c Genl.

Wm. Tyler.

1st Lieut 43rd U. S. Infantry.

Acty Asst Adjt Genl.

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Bureau of Refugees Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,

Office of Assistant Commissioner,

#139.

Little Rock, Ark. March 11th 1867.

BP Major J. W. Whitcomb U.S.A.

Agent at Washington, D.C.

Major

I have the honor to forward you, enclosed, the plan and specifications, approved, for the school house to be erected at Washington. The Assistant Commissioner directs that you take immediate steps toward building it, at a cost not to exceed \$2500. Two thousand five hundred dollars, by contract, or under your personal superintendence if you cannot obtain an economical and satisfactory contract. Bids for its erection will be advertised for in the usual manner. If you find it necessary to build it under your personal superintendence you will purchase the necessary lumber and other material and employ the necessary labor to perform

Quartermaster. who has instructions to pay your vouchers for this purpose. Your vouchers should be submitted to the Chief Quartermaster a little in advance.

Full report of your action in deciding upon the manner of building, is desired as soon as it is determined.

If you should find it necessary to leave your station on your leave of absence, these instructions will be transferred to your successor, Maj Watson, upon his arrival. He is expected to start for Washington in about a week.

I am very respectfully,

Your Obedt Servant,

Wm. Tyler.

1st Lieut 43rd 76th S. Infantry,

Stacy Street Adjt Genl.

Official West Coast
Little Rock Barracks. March 12, 67

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Lyle Lieut John

Art of G-

Galveston Austin San Antonio
Fort Mason Ringold Barracks
& Brownsville are the
posts of Texas. Cases of
Sufficient ~~importance~~ importance
Should be sent to this
office to be referred to the
West Coast of Texas

Mar 12 1867

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

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Little Rock, Ark., March 12th 1867.

Cornet Major F. W. Shubank

Agent, Washington Ark.

Major

In reply to your communication of the 11th inst
asking for a list of the Military Posts in Texas, I have the
honor to inform you that it appears by the Lists of Posts
of that Department, that Galveston, Austin, San Antonio,
Fort Mason, Fugate Barracks and Brownsville are the Posts
in that State. When no Post Commanding in Texas is suf-
ficiently near the place of the occurrence of the outrage
to warrant you to refer your complaints to him as indicated in
your communication report of the case, if it is of suf-
ficient importance, may be submitted to this office for
reference to the Assistant Commissioner of Texas or De-
partment Commanding or such other action as may be
deemed advisable.

Your Obedt Servant
J. M. Tyler
Assistant Com. of Texas
Little Rock, Ark.

R. F. Wall A. L.
Office of Miss Kistig.
Little Rock March 15th 1867
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Paper of Col. Drury.

Invoice for public
House will be procured
from G. M. at Washington
will forward Report
in accordance with
Cir. No 2 par 2. Was
Report R. F. Wall A. L. Drury
15th 1867

Recd. March 15, 1867

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office,

Little Rock, Ark. March 12 1867.

Maj J. H. Thibault
Supt A. F. & L.
Washington DC

Major

I have the honor to inform you
that in the future you will procure for-
age for the public horse in your posses-
sion from the Quartermaster's Department.

No more vouchers for the purchase of
forage at Washington Ark will be paid
at this office.

You will make out, and forward
through this office immediately, a report
in accordance with paragraph 2, Cir-
cular 2, War Dept Dept of A. F. & L. Wash-
ington DC, July 1, 1867.

Yours obedt servant

Wm. P. ...
A. F. & L.

Post Office, Wash. D.C.
Office Asst. Commr.
Little Rock Ark. Mch 12, 1867.

Circular Letter. 16
Lyle John.
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Circular No. 7. Current
Series to be published twice
Receipts bills for printing
to be rendered to A. G. B.
direct.

Mar 14 1867

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR MISSISSIPPI, ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.
~~CLAIM DIVISION~~

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Little Rock, Ark., March 12th 1867

Circulars Letters.

Sir,

The Assistant Commissioner directs that you cause Circular No. 7 Current Series to be published twice as an advertisement in the newspapers in your County having the largest circulation. Receipts bills of the publisher, in duplicate, for this advertising, will be rendered direct to this office for payment, each bill accompanied with a copy of advertisement.

I am very respectfully,

Yours Obedt Servant,

Wm. Tyler.

1st Lieut 43rd U. S. Infantry

Sr.

Washington, Ark.

Prof. W. A. L. ...
Q. M. ... Office
Little Rock Ark. Feb 13,
1867.

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Transmitting check
No 224. for \$131.⁵⁰/₁₀₀

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Bureau Belongees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office,

Little Rock, Ark., May 13th 1867.

But May' Ord No 218
Supt Bu of R & B Lands
Washington Arkansas.

May'

I have the honor to
enclose herewith my check no 224 on Merchants
& National Bank of Little Rock Ark., for the sum of
one hundred & thirty one & ³⁰/₁₀₀ dollars in payment
of the accounts of Jno. R. Montgomery \$97⁰⁰, and
James, R. Page \$34⁰⁰. Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully

Your obt. servt.

Wm. H. Page

But Belongees

Office Supt. N. S. H. S.
Paradise, N. S. H. March 19, 1866.

Willis Lunt N. S. H.

In relation to indentures
of apprenticeship of
Colored Child of Rena
Carr. was made and
filed Nov 17, 1866.

Child is in good hands.
W. L.

[Faint, illegible handwriting]

Office Capt. P. P. S. S. S.
Panola Ala. March 14th 1867

Maj. J. H. Shilcutt
Capt. P. P. S. S. S.
Washington Ala.

Sir, In answer to your communication of Feb. 28th 1867 relative to the matter between Rose Carr, freedwoman, vs. Milton Gilliam, I have the honor to state that I have made full inquiry about the child being apprenticed, and find that the Indenture is on file in the Office of the County Clerk, signed and filed by the Judge of this county. The Indenture was made on the 12th day of November 1866, and reads that the mother of said colored child came and personally stated that she gave her consent to have said child bound to Mrs. F. J. Gilliam till she was of age. Mr. Todd of this place, said he heard the mother of Harriette, the colored child, give her consent to have it bound to Mrs. Gilliam.

In conclusion I can say the child has an excellent home, is well provided for, has plenty of good clothing, and sleeps right in the same room with other children at Mrs. Gilliam's.

Very respectfully,
Wm. C. [unclear]
[unclear]
[unclear]

By A. W. [unclear] [unclear]
Q. M. [unclear] [unclear]
Letter No. [unclear] [unclear]

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Page 13 of Henry
Circular Letter.

Officers of this Bureau
are hereby cautioned
to state on the face
of vouchers the person
or persons rendered
explicitly.

BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office,

Little Rock, Ark. ^{15th} March 1867.

Circular Letter,

Officers of this Bureau who issue vouchers for the purchase of property are hereby cautioned of the importance of stating explicitly on the face of the voucher for what purpose the articles are purchased, to enable the Department at Washington to charge the cost of the articles against the proper appropriation.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
J. M. [Signature]

Subant. Bot. May 3rd 1867
Supt. Bu. of. F. & A. L.
Washington Arkansas.

B of R. D. and A. S.
2^d M. Office
Little Rock Ark

March 18. 67.

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Bot. Col. Chj 2^d M.

Enclosing return
of stores pertaining to
Bureau of R. D. & A. S.
returned for correction.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office,

Little Rock, Ark., Feb 18. 1867.

At Maj J. W. Thibault
Supt R & L
Washington Ark
Major

I have the honor to return herewith
your Return of Stores pertaining to Bureau
R. & L. for corrections.

A discrepancy of 10 Pds may exist, (issued
10 Pds more than received)

This must be taken upon abstract
As see Article 2, paragraph 9. Bureau
Officers Manual

I am very respectfully

Yours obedient servant

Henry Page

J. W. Patterson
In attendance of Col Page

Box 207 A 3
Office of Asst. Com.
Little Rock Ark
March 21. 64

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Direct Agents of
the Bureau to render
such service as they
can consistent with
their other duties in
obtaining recruits for
the 10th Regt. I. S. C.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ~~MISSISSIPPI~~, ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.
~~CHIEF DIVISION.~~

Little Rock, Ark., March 21st 1864

Circulars Letters.

Sir,

I am directed by the Assistant
Commissioner to inform you that he
wishes the Agents of the Bureau to render
such service as they can, consistent with
their other duties, in obtaining recruits
for the 10th Regiment 26th S. Cavalry, Colored.
When it comes to the knowledge of any Agent
that there are colored men suitable for,
and desiring to enlist in, this regiment,
he will at once report the facts by tele-
graph or letter to Capt J. W. Walsh, 10th
26th S. Cavalry, Little Rock, Arkansas.

All recruits must be at least 5 feet
furnish to the Agents a few prospectus
giving all the terms of an enlistment.
Any expenses incurred by telegraphing

in obtaining recruits
or otherwise, will be paid by Capt Hall.
Agents will inform the colored men
through the medium of their preachers
that recruits are wanted for this regi-
ment and the manner of effecting an
enlistment.

I am very respectfully,
Your Obedt Servant,

M. S. Tyler,

1st Lieut 48th U. S. Infantry,
Actg Asst Adj't Genl.

To

St. Maj. Geo. W. Shibus

Agents

Washington

B. R. D. A. G.
Ch. Clerk & Ind. Secy
Office of Asst. Com.
Little Rock, Ark.
March 25, 1874

Dyler Jno. Esq.
A. A. A. Gen.

Acknowledges receipt
of communication of
18th inst.

The plan therein
suggested for the founda-
tion of the school-
house at Washington
is approved by the
Asst. Comm.

Funds can only be
forwarded upon the
receipt of vouchers.
They can be submitted
in advance.

Respectfully,
B. R. D. A. G.

Bureau of Refugees Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,

Office of Assistant Commissioner,

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Little Rock, Ark., March 22^d 1867.

Bt Maj. G. H. Shibaut

Agent, Washington, Ark.

Major,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 18th inst relating to the school building to be erected at Washington.

In reply thereto I am directed by the Assistant Commissioner to inform you that the plan you suggest relative to the foundation for this building is approved. Funds can be sent to you by the disbursing Officer only upon the receipt of your vouchers but they can be submitted somewhat in advance if it is thought sufficiently in advance to enable you to carry on the work of building.

I am very respectfully,

M. T. Tyler

1st Lieut 4th 76th E. Infantry.

Acty Asst Asst Genl.

Little Rock, Ark.

June 8th 17

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Colly. Wm. L.
Supt of Education.

Request a brief
statement in regard
to the progress of the
work on the school
houses for freedmen
being erected at
Washington, Ark.

Recd June 14th 17

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

Office of Superintendent of Education,

Little Rock, Ark., June 8th 1867.

Agent E. R. J. A. L.
Washington, Ark.

Sir:

Wishing all accessible data for my forthcoming report I would respectfully ask for a brief statement in regard to the progress of the work on your school house for freedmen; also what interest the freedmen manifest concerning it.

I have excellent reports from Mr. Casey, the teacher there.

Building will soon be completed at Helena and work is progressing very satisfactorily on the one at this place.

I Am very Respectfully,

Your obedient Servant,

Wm. L. G.

General R. V. W. R.

Office Chief of the U. S. A.

Little Rock Arkansas

June 10th 1867.

Respectfully returned

You will make requisition
on me for the required supplies
based on the the supply Table
in Bureau Officers Manual (see
page 44 under head of
"Hospital clothing"). You will
also observe the requirements
of Part 5. Article 14. Bureau
Officers Manual.

Henry Pope

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Office of Agent, B. R. D. & A. S.
Washington, Arkansas.
May 24th, 1867.

Col. Henry Sage,
Chief Q. M. S.
Little Rock,

Arkansas.

Colonel,

I have the honor to request instructions
as regards procuring clothing for destitute
freedwomen, & children, particularly such of
them as are now, or may be inmates of the
K. and D. Hospital at this place.

I am Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servant.

Wm. S. H. H. Cavalry
Agent, B. R. D. & A. S.

J. M. & D. Office.
Little Rock, Ark.
June 13th 1867

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Page Henry
Bot. Col. & A. G. M.

Calls attention of Agents
to the necessity
of promptness in
the transmission
of purchase vouchers

Recd 17. 6. 67. Bureau, Va.

Q. M. & D. Office.
Little Rock, Ark.
June 13th 1877

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Wm. Henry
Bot. Col. & A. G. M.

Calls attention of Agents
to the necessity
of promptness in
the transmission
of purchase vouchers

Recd 17. 6. 17. Bureau, Va.

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., June 3rd, 1867.

Circular Letter.

Sir,

The attention of all agents of this Bureau making purchases under the provisions of Act 7 dated Office Act Genl B R & A Little Rock Ark's May 20th 1867 is called to the urgent necessity of promptness in the transmission of their purchase vouchers. All purchases must be made on the first of each month. The vouchers therefore accompanied by receipts for the property so purchased, must be forwarded to this office on or before the 15th day of each month to enable the officer accounting for the property to forward his returns within the time prescribed by law. Immediately upon their receipt Invoices will

Yours respectfully

John C. Page
Acting Quartermaster

Wm. J. Shuman

Washington 1867

L. M. D. Office
Pine Rock Rock
June, 1956, 1957
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Page Henry
Botchell, & Co. L.L.C.

Transmits check No
49552 Merchants Na-
tional Bank for fifty
dollars in payment
of
Ramon Brown 25.00
Jack Page 25.00
Reqs that receipt be
acknowledged

Received by B

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., June 19, 1867.

Major James H. Mason

Major R. G. Wood

Washington D.C.

Major

Inclosed herewith I have you
check No 495 on Merchants Natl Bk
of Little Rock for \$50 in payment of the
following vouchers. Viz.

Parson Brown \$25. Jacob A. Page \$25

Please acknowledge receipts

I am very respy

Your obedt servant

Wm. H. Page
Acting Quartermaster

Q. M. D. Office
Little Rock, Ark
June 19th 64
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Page Henry
Bless, and A. G. M.

States that error
occurred in May
Report of Persons, &c.
also that it has been correct-
ed. Gives directions for
reporting Warren Mc-
Cadden, for month of
June on same Report

Read at 11. B

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., June 19, 1867.

Maj Jas J. Harrison

Fort R. S. and L.

Washington Fort

Majr

I have the honor to inform you that an error occurs in your report of Persons & Articles for May 1867, in the case of Warren McFadden. You have reported the second installment of McF's service when it should properly be the third.

The first installment was reported by Maj Tibaut in the month of March 1867 vouchers were earned, and have been paid.

The second appeared on your report for April 1867, and May report should

have corrected your report for May to correspond with the above. The fourth installment will be reported by you in the month of June 1867.

I am very respectfully

Your obedient servant

Henry Page

Archie Street 25 7/11

29th St Office
Little Rock, Ark
June 19th 67

Page Henry
Botbol & A. L. H.

Transmits check pay-
able to the order of
James K. Page for
"thirty dollars"
Asks that receipt
be acknowledged.

Recd 26-6-67 Bureau

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., June 19, 1867.

Major J. T. Watson

Fort R. S. and L.

Washington Ark

Major

I have the honor to inclose here
with check payable to order of James
R. Page for amt of his voucher for
rent for month of April \$30

Please acknowledge receipt

I am very respectfully

Your obdt servant

J. M. Page
C. O. of Fort R. S. and L.

MS. A.

Little Rock, Ark.
June 24, 1867

Circular Letter

[Faint, illegible handwriting]

Prof R. F. Asst. for Asst & Sub Secy
Office of Asst Commr.

Little Rock Ark. June 24, 1867.

Lieut J. S. Taylor.

Supt Hamburg.

Ashley Co Ark.

Lieut.

Your monthly narrative report for
December 1866 is received. A Company of Colored
Cavalry will be sent you in a short time, and
you will quietly notify yourself of the habitation
of the desperadoes and murderers in your
district, that they may be arrested. Take
affidavits in each case. You will notify
the wealthy land owners, and planters, that if
they do not interest themselves so as to put
a stop to murders and outrages against
soldiers freedmen and northern men
as reported by yourself Capt Butler and
others, and known to be practiced in Ashley
County. I will send a force of Colored Cavalry

person in it, as a measure of safety to that
class of people. I wish you to report to me
at what points ~~staid out~~ should be
sent, to receive the families of freedmen

and how many boats it would take to carry
across the whole free population from
the County. And how many wagons it would
take and where they should rendezvous.

I am authorized to furnish to such free
persons, as desire to move transportation
and will include in it rations to their place
of destination, which will probably Jefferson
County where there are hundreds of
planters who treat their free men well
and who are daily applying for permis-
sion to bring them from remote states.

Notify the intelligent free men of this
measure, and state to the best men in the
County that I will hold them responsible
for your good ~~conduct~~ treatment of
and have both the power and will to
carry out my intentions.

Very Respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt
Capt E. O. Cord.
1st Major Genl USA
Asst Commr.

(Official Copy)

J. B. McPherson

Major Genl.

Head Quarters 1st Corps
Richmond Va

1st Col + a g. M
Recd.

24433, M. 1. 1867.
Washington State
June 8, 1867

Mathew Maj Jas G
Agent

Check whether he is sub-
ject to the orders of Bt Genl
Col Jas B Mulligan. Could
Prof. and if so to what
Extent.

Bureau of Land Office
Washington
June 22, 1867

Respectfully returned to Mr
Jas G Mathew Agent Washington
and returned ^{enclosed} to ^{subject} of
the said order dated 20th Feb 67
and of the 1st Feb 67 and
of an explanatory letter from this
office dated April 9, 1867 which
clearly answers all the points
in issue.

In command of
John C. Smith
Agent
John C. Smith
Agent
June 22, 1867

John C. Smith

(235) (7)



Office Capt. Lewis N. S. & Co.
Washington Ark.

June 8th 1862

But Brig Genl Geo. C. Bennett

Attd Genl

Little Rock,

Ark.

General
I would respectfully request
to be informed at your earliest
convenience, as to whether as
Agent of the Bureau, am subject to
the orders of Capt. and But Lt Col J. B.
Mulligan Comdr Post of Washington
Arkansas, and if so, to what extent,
I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Thos. D. S. 1-

Thos. D. S.
1st Maj 5th U.S.C. Co.,
and Capt. N. S. & Co.

Letter of Office
Little Rock, Ark
June 24, 67

Page Henry
B. Colv & Co

Transmits check pay-
able to order of Ham-
ile Dadden for 500 dollars
Third installment on
School house at Wash-
ington. States that
second installment
will be paid on receipt
of vouchers.

Recd 29-6-67 Bureau

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., June 24, 1867.

Maj Jas I Watson

Agent R. I. O. L.

Washington Ark

Majr

I have the honor to inclose herewith
check payable to order of Harmon McFadden
for \$500 third installment on school land
at Washington.

Vouchers issued in payment of 2^d in-
stallment as shown by your report of
'Persons & Articles hired' for month of
April 1867, have not been paid. Checks
will be forwarded on receipt of vouchers
Indorsement from this office of June 10th.

of - installments

Very respectfully

Yours truly

Wm. Page

Philip West Bennett
Little Rock Ark
June 24th 1867

Bennett John E
a general

Introducing Mr J J Smith
who is en route to Lewis-
ville to take charge of
the office. Directs that if the
Office at that place is
closed as directed in previous
orders that the Books and papers
to be turned over to
Mr Smith.

Recd 29-1-67 Bennett

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,
FOR ARKANSAS.

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OFFICE OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER,

Little Rock, Ark., June 20th, 1867.

Maj. Jas. S. Watson,

Agent Washington, Ark.

Misses.

Allow me to introduce to your favorable consideration
Mr. W. Z. Smith a recently appointed Agent of the
Bureau who is enroute to Lewisville, Ark. to take charge
of that office. I am directed by the Assistant Commis-
sioner to say that any advice, instructions or courtesies
intended to see Smith while at your place will be ap-
preciated by him. If you have temporarily closed
the office at Lewisville as directed in letter of June 14th you
will turn over the books property and effects of the same
to Mr. Smith who will give you a memorandum receipt
for the same.

I am very respectfully,

Yours Obedt Servt.

M. O. Smith
Lieut. 25th U.S. Infantry
Acty. Asst. Adjt. Genl.

Samuel Clark,
Et al,

J. F. Bond

\$300.00

Madison Ky

St Francis 3 Oct

Know all men by these presents that the Samuel Clark as principal and James Coldwell as his security acknowledge ourselves jointly and severally to owe and be indebted unto in the first and full sum of three Hundred dollars lawful money of the United States of America for the payment whereof well and truly to be made we and each of us do hereby bind ourselves our heirs and legal representatives jointly by these presents with our hands and seals at Madison Wis the 26th June A.D. 1868

Now the condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bounden Samuel Clark is held under arrest by Brecht Lt Col J. C. Williams Comd Post Madison St Francis Co - Arkansas Now if the said Samuel Clark shall appear whenever called upon by said Military Authorities then this

obligation is to be and remain in full force and effect

Samuel Clark Seal
Jas L. Catwell Seal

Washington Arms.
July 1, 1867

Special Order
no 92

Hd. Qrs. Post of Washington,
Washington Ariz. July 18th 67.

Special Orders }
No 92. } (Extract)

III. A Detail of two Primos of the 28th Infantry will proceed, at once, to Lewisville, Arkansas, and relieve the detail of the 28th Infantry, now at that place, serving with the B of R. S. Ariz. - The detail there on being relieved, will without delay return to this post, and report for duty to the Commanding Officer of their resp. Companies. -

By Command of
Capt. L. M. Col: C. B. Mulligan
J. D. Shum

2nd Lt: 28th Infantry
Post Adjutant.

P. H. & Co. Office
Little Rock, Ark.

July 6th, 1867.
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Paye Henry
Cash. & A. G. L.

Transmit check
Ark. Natl Bank
for 40 dollars pay-
able to ³Harmon & Co
Waddell for purchase
of Office furniture

Recd 12-7-67 Bureau

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE.

Little Rock, Ark., July 6, 1867.

Major Jas. P. Watson

Asst. Q. M. S.

Washington Ark

Major

I have the honor to inclose
Ch on Merchants National Bank of
this City for \$40 payable to order of
Warren McFadden for purchase of
Office furniture

I am very respectfully

Yours obdy servt

Wm. Page

Asst. Q. M. S.

L. H. R. Coffin

Little Rock, Ark

July 20th, 1867

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Bot Col by A. G. C.

Transmits checks on
North Natl Bank
of Little Rock, Ark
for 50 dolls. in payment
of

W. H. Page - - 25.00

Canon Brown - 25.00

Notes that need not
be acknowledged

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE.

Little Rock, Ark., July 8th, 1867.

Maj Gen. J. Watson
Camp Rock L.
Washington Ark.

Majr

I have the honor to inclose herewith
checks on Merch. Natl. Bk. of Little Rock and
for \$500 in payment of the following vouchers
viz:

James R. Gage Deputy Office June	\$20.00
Harro Brown Service "	25.00

Please acknowledge receipt

I am very respectfully

Yours truly

Wm. P. [unclear]
At Col + Dist Army

L. H. E. Doffin

Beils River Arkansas

July 16th 1867

July 24

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Ret. Col. P. A. G. M.

Direct: that a list of
all property on hand
June 30th 1867, be forwarded
showing whether it is ser-
viceable, unnecessary or
worthless. Also what
articles are no longer
required by the Bureau

Received June 2 1867

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands.

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark. July 16, 1867.

Bot Maj J. N. Shibaner

agt B. R. D. O. A. L.

Washington, Ark.

Maj

You will
furnish this office at your earliest convenience
with a list of D. M. Property on hand at
your office on the 30th June 1867.

The list must show the condition of the
several articles, whether serviceable, unserviceable
or worthless, also such as are no longer
required for use in this Bureau.

Very respectfully

J. W. H. Hoge

Bot Capt ag m

Falls Rock - Duke
August 12th 1857
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Duty Office

Private that Mr. Hays
is presently in town
from which we can
~~be seen~~
at 12 o'clock, right at the
well at 10 o'clock as we
are to be there

Received August 12th 1857

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., Aug 1st, 1867.

Bot Maj F. W. Tibbalt

Agent re Washington Co. Ark.

Sir,

In reply to your endorsement of the 24th ult. you are respectfully informed that as Mr V. V. Smith - in whose possession the stores referred to now are - being a civilian cannot legally receipt and account for the said property. It is desirable that all property in use of this Bureau be carried on the returns of commissioned officers. It will make not little additional labor as you are already making returns. The property should be accounted for in the same manner as clothing. He should do so in your name taking receipts on receipt roll in the same manner as your clerk would do were he to make issues under your direction.

I am Major

Very Respy

Your Obedt Servt.

Henry Page

Derby Officer R.R. 1845

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., Aug 5, 1867.

Maj J. H. Thibault

Agent R. I. W. A. L.

Hartington Ark

Major

I have the honor to inclose herewith
with transportation order for Sandy
and Lucy Simpson from Fulton Ark to
New Orleans La Enroute from Hartington
Ark to South Carolina. in case the
goods should do not being to use it you
will return it to this office immediately
by for cancellation

Your obedient servant,
Henry Page
District Officer

Little Rock Ark

Aug. 6. 1867.

Special } No 33
Orders } -

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS.

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER.

Little Rock, Ark., August 6th, 1867.

Special Orders

No 33.

(Extract.)

A Board of Survey to consist of the following named officers is hereby appointed to meet at Washington, Ark. immediately on receipt of this order for the purpose of taking an inventory of all Medical and Hospital Property for which Edward G. Fox, late Actg. Assistant Surgeon, U. S. A. (deceased) was responsible. Duplicate copies of the proceedings will be forwarded to this office.

2nd Lieut. P. W. Shilcutt, 6th U. S. Infantry (Reg. Major Vols.)

Actg. Assistant Surgeon Alfred Mitchell, U. S. A.

By commands of

2nd Lieut. P. W. Shilcutt

Agent U. S. F. & A. Co.

Washington, Ark.

J. W. O. Smith

1st Lieut. 28th U. S. Infantry

Actg. Chief Adjt. Genl.

Little Rock, Ark.
August 10, 1864

Wm. B. Holt
Director of Education

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your communication
of the 7th inst. in relation to
the school at Little Rock, Ark.
I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your communication
of the 7th inst. in relation to
the school at Little Rock, Ark.
I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your communication
of the 7th inst. in relation to
the school at Little Rock, Ark.

Respectfully,
Wm. B. Holt

B. S. 196

Ou. R. I. + A. L.
Office Supt. Education,
Little Rock, Ark. Aug. 7 1867.

Brvt. Major G. W. Shubant,
Agent B. R. I. and A. L.,
Washington, Ark. -

Sir:

Your favor of July 30th enquiring on
behalf of Warren M^c. Ladden builder of the
Washington School house in regard to liquid
slating for blackboard for the same is
this day received. In reply, I would say
that I shall go north in a few days to make
some purchases for school houses at Little Rock
Keokuk and Pine Bluff and will order at
Chicago one and a half gallons of liquid
slate for the Washington house the rest of

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Wm M Colby,

Supt. Education, Ark.

Little Rock, Ark
August 12, 1867

Rev. Mr. [unclear]
Recording Office

Enclosed please find
in 8 or 10 sheets of paper
a copy of the Little Rock
and a copy of the [unclear] in
[unclear] to [unclear] [unclear]

Received August 12, 1867

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., Aug 7, 1867.

Maj F M Shilans

Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.,
Washington, Arkansas.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith my Check
No. 628, on the Merchant's National Bank, of Little Rock, Ark.,
for ~~Twenty two~~ dollars, in payment
of the following vouchers, viz:

E. K. Williamson (Wine of 3 horses by
Maj. Nations) \$22.50

Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours Obedt Servant
Henry Page
Lieut. Colonel and A. D. A.

Rem of the 31st 1852
Dorchester. Office of Public
Little Rock. Ark
Amount \$172

Rem of the 31st 1852
Dorchester. Ark

Rem of the 31st 1852
Ark. Office of Public
Little Rock. Ark
Amount \$172

Rem of the 31st 1852
Washington. Ark
Amount \$172

Inductfully return
The accompanying
The has been paid
Amount \$172

Rem of the 31st 1852
Ark. Office of Public

Rem of the 31st 1852

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS.

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

#168.

Little Rock, Ark., August 7th, 1867.

Lieut. F. H. Thibaut,

Agent,

Washington, Ark.

Lieutenant,

You will please have your clerk,
Alfred Mitchell, take and subscribe to the
enclosed oath, and return the same without
delay to this office.

I am very respectfully,

Yours Obedt Servant,

J. S. Smith

Journal Book. 1875
August 15, 1875

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Admission receipts
to the ...
to the ...
...
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...

Received ...

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., August 12, 1867.

Maj F. H. Hibbard

Agent R. F. and L.

Washington Ark

Majors

Vouchers for services of A. R. Mitchell
as clerk for month of July have been re-
ceived at this office but cannot be paid un-
til certificate of the Act Comr has been
furnished, that oath required by law has
been taken

I am very sorry

Yr obdt servant
Henry Page

(Howard's)
H. P.

Little Rock, Ark
August 21, 1877

Benjamin
W. H. H. H.

Dear Sir,
I have enclosed herewith
a copy of Harmon's
Principles of Arithmetic
which you may find
of interest. I have also
enclosed a copy of
the receipt for the same.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., August 15, 1867.

Maj Genl W Thibaut

Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.,

Washington, Arkansas.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith my Check
- No. 675, on the Merchant's National Bank, of Little Rock, Ark.,
for Five hundred \$ _____ dollars, in payment
of the following vouchers, viz:

Warren McFadden 5th and last in-
stallment on school house at Washington

You will please retain this Check in
your possession, until building is entirely
completed and accepted.
Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours Obedt Servant,

Henry Jones

Quartermaster's Office

Bot. Colonel and A. Q. M.

Little Rock, Ark.

August 24, 1904

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Business Officer

Transmits check No
684 for Twenty five
dollars in favor of
Aaron Brown

Received Aug 25, 1904

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE.

Little Rock, Ark., Aug 17th, 1867.

Maj Fred W. Thibault

Agent Bureau R. T. and A. L.,

Washington, Arkansas,

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith my Check
No. 684, on the Merchant's National Bank, of Little Rock, Ark.,
for Twenty five dollars, in payment
of the following vouchers, viz:

Aaron Brown Services for July 1867 \$25

Please acknowledge receipt.

Your Obedt Servant,

Wm. Page
Sutby Officer

But Colonel and A. D. M.

True Book No 10
August 17, 57

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Dirby Officer

Drummond's check No
686 for twenty five
dollars in favor of
James R. Page for
rent in month of July

Received Aug 20, 57

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE.

Little Rock, Ark., August 27, 1867,

Major F. M. Hubbard

Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.,

Washington, Arkansas.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith my Check
- No. 686, on the Merchant's National Bank, of Little Rock, Ark.,
for Twenty five \$ _____ dollars, in payment
of the following vouchers, viz:

James A. Payne Rent for July \$25.00

Please acknowledge receipt.

Your Obedt. Servant,

J. Quincy Payne

Disbursing Officer

Brig. Colonel and A. D. A.

2470 Office
Little Rock, Ark.

August 21st 67
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Wristy Officer

Transmits check for
39 ¹⁷/₁₀₀ Dollars. Requests
the receipt of it. to be
acknowledged

Received August 22, 67

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE.

Little Rock, Ark., *Sept 21*, 1867.

Maj. J. M. Pleasant

Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.,

Washington, Arkansas.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith my Check
No. 707, on the Merchant's National Bank, of Little Rock, Ark.,
for *Ninety nine* ^{1/2} dollars, in payment
of the following vouchers, viz:

Alfred Mitchell Services for July 99^{1/2}

Please acknowledge receipt.

Your Obedt Servant,

Henry Boyd
Disbursing Officer
Bvt. Colonel and A. D. M.

Q. M. & A. Office
Little Rock, Ark.
Aug. 21. 1867

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Distg Officer

Transmits check for \$4⁰⁰/₁₀₀
Dollars. Requests the
receipt of it to be acknowledged

Received August 21. 67

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., Aug. 2 1867.

Maj A. H. Philant

Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.,

Washington, Arkansas.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith my Check
No. 713 on the Merchant's National Bank, of Little Rock, Ark.,
for Eighty four ⁰⁸/₁₀₀ dollars, in payment
of the following vouchers, viz:

Ed Jett purchase of forage.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours Respectfully

Wm. Page
Quartermaster
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands.

Q M & P Office
Little Rock, Ark.

Aug 22. 1897

Page Henry

Act & Do for Ark

Transmits Services & Claims
Receipts for Storage &
Requests receipts to be signed
and returned

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., Aug 27, 1867.

Leut Geo W Choquet

at R R 2 + at

Washington ark

Enclosed please
find Invoices and blank receipts
for Garages.

Please sign and return receipts
at your earliest convenience

Very respectfully

Henry Page

S. A. D. O. for ark

Q. M. V. I. Office
Little Rock, Ark.
Aug 23. 1867
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Transmits check for
the Decans report
Receipt of it to be un-
derstood.

Received Aug 26 07

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., Augt 23^d, 1867.

Maj J W Thibaut

Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.,

Washington, Arkansas.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith my Check
No. 717, on the Merchant's National Bank, of Little Rock, Ark.,
for Ninety Seven ⁵⁰/₁₀₀ dollars, in payment
of the following vouchers, viz:

Dr J J Gaines Services as a surgeon
from December 23^d 1865 to January 22^d
1866. Check payable to order of E. S.
Jett & Co a directed by Dr Gaines

Please acknowledge receipt.

Your Obedt Servant,

Wm. P. Bay

Bot. Colonel and A. D. M.

Washington Area
Aug 27 1867

Special Order /
No 135

Headquarters Post of Washington,
Washington, Arks. Aug. 27th 67.

Special Orders
No. 135.

Corporal Edward Welsh and
Private Michael Schmidt of Company "K" and
Private Paul Schreff ^{Guzerri Dittcher}
Private Bruno Meade and Christian Backdorff
of Company "K" 28th Inf. Infy, will proceed, mounted,
to Lewisville, Arkansas, and report for duty
to the Agent of the Bureau of R. I. and A. S. at
that place. -

The party will be furnished
with rations and forage to include Sept. 30th 67.

Upon the arrival of Corpl.
Welsh and party at Lewisville, the Agent of the
Bureau at that place will relieve Corpl.
Lauders of Company "K" 28th Infy and party,
who will return to this Post, and report to
their resp. Company Commanders for duty.

By command of

Bot. Col. J. E. Fort-Clotte U.S.A.

Asst. Cent. 28th Infy.
Post Adjutant.

Corpl. Edward Welsh
Co. K. 28th Infy.

Q. M. & D. Office

Little Rock Ark.

Sept. 2. 67

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S. & D. B. R. F. & S.

Acknowledges receipt for
Property at Lewisville Ark.
Capt. Cole mustered out. Service
Letter forwarded showing
discrepancy in Inventory of
Horse & Mules received at
receipt - State Service.
Receipt will be forwarded.

Received Sept 6. 67.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., Sept 20, 1867.

Genl J. M. Whitaker
agr BR 20 a k
Washington ark

Your receipts for property at Louisiana have been received. In reply I have to state that Capt Nathan Cole has been mustered out of the service, and I have no control over him. I have forwarded your letter showing that a discrepancy exists between invoices and receipts and have advised him to confer with you on the subject.

I have taken the liberty to cross out the amount on the receipts, as I had receipts to Capt Cole for

& receipts for them will be forwarded you in a few days

Very Ours &c. &c. &c.

BR 20 a k

Q M & D Office
Little Rock Ark.
Sept 2. 67

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Page Henry
S.A. & D.O. & M. & D.

informs that the person
referred to was receipted
for by him in the
month of June & returned
on his Return. Will
be paid Storage for Aug.
& forward Invoice of same

Received Sept 6, 67

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark, Sept 2, 1867.

Lieut D. W. Thibault
agt Q R & A. L.

Washington ark

In reply to your favor
of the 29th ult. I have to inform you that
the Horse referred to was receipted for by
me in the month of June, and has since been
accounted for on my return. I will expend the
necessary forage for the month of August, and
will forward Invoice for the Horse dated Sept 1st
1867.

Very respectfully
Henry Page

D. W. Thibault

Washington Ave
Sept 8. 1867

Special Order
No. 148

Headquarters Post of Washington
Washington, Arkansas, Sept. 8th 67.

Special Orders
No. 148. (Extract)

* * * * *
Private James Drummond
Company I. and Morgan Sharp Company
K 28th Infy, are hereby detailed to proceed,
mounted, to Lewisville, Arkansas -

Upon their arrival at Lewisville,
they will report for duty to the Agent of B.
of R. I. and A. at that place, relieving Private
Paul Schroff Company I. and Michael Schmidt
Company K, 28th Infy, now serving with the
Bureau, who will at once return to this
Post, and report for duty to their resp. Company
Commanders. -

The party for Lewisville will be
provided with rations and forage to include
the 12th instant. -

the necessary transportation. -

By Command of
Br. Col. J. E. Donnell, Capt.
J. H. Allen
1st Lieut. 28th Inf. Infy.
Post Adjutant.

Private James Drummond,
both 28th Infy. -

Given B. B. 794 AL
Every 100.00
Sept 10. 07

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Wells Hiram D
100.00

Wells Hiram D
100.00
forwarded to him

Received 100.00

Office Agent S. R. F. & S.
Rocky Comfort acts
Sept 1867

1st Maj. J. Thibault
Sgt. R. R. F. & S.
Washington D.C.

Major, I have the honor to
request that the box of Stationery consigned to
you by Post Col. Henry Page be forwarded to me
by the next military train leaving your Post at the
end of this month. - I am nearly out of stationery.

I am Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
William A. Willis

Sept 27, 1867

Sgt. R. R. F. & S.

Office Supt. Education
Little Rock Ark
Sept 12, 67

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Willetts Book No.
West Sup. Education

Requests to know the
desired limits for location
of schools, the number of
pupils, board & pay
of teachers & proposed to
furnish them

Received Sept 16, 67

Office Supt Education
Little Rock, Ark. Sept 12th 1863.

Lt. J. W. Thibault,

Agent Bu. R. F. & U. S.

Washington, Ark.

Sir:

From an extract of your report for Aug. forwarded for my information by the Assistant Commissioner, I learn that you are taking an active interest in the education of the Freedmen. We are glad to receive such favorable reports from Washington, also to learn that there is such an eagerness for the establishment of schools in your country; You say, "If three teachers were to be sent, I could find good positions for them, as several parties have spoken to me about it, white citizens, who will aid in organizing and sustaining schools".

We shall be happy to supply you with teachers, but
it is necessary that you should first ascertain
the number of scholars in the schools, that suitable
school buildings are provided, the estimated number
of pupils at each point, and whether a male or
a female teacher is desired.

With this information, and the assurance that our
teachers will be provided with suitable boarding, and
receive in payment \$30 per month, we will procure
teachers.

I am Sir, very respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

Enoch K. Miller,

Ass't Sup't of Education.

By Lyman, Clerk.

Wm. L. Ogden
Sault Rock, Ark
Sept 12. 67

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Page Henry
Sisty Officer

Transmits check for
\$7. Dollars, and
the receipt of it to be
acknowledged.

Wm. L. Ogden

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., Sept 12, 1867.

Maj S H Thibaut

Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.,
Washington, Arkansas,

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith my Check
No. 771, on the Merchant's National Bank, of Little Rock, Ark.,
for One hundred forty nine dollars, in payment
of the following vouchers, viz:

A. R. Mitchell	services for Augt	\$ 99 ¹²
Taron Brown	" " "	25
Jack Page	Sept " "	25

Please acknowledge receipt

Your Obedt Servant,
Wm Page
Acting Officer
Bvt. Colonel and A. D. A.

Robt. D. Office
Little Rock Ark
Sept 10. 09

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Page Henry
Disty Office

Transmits check for
15⁰⁰ Dollars. Receipt
sent to her
and is on file.

Received Sept 20 / 09

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., Sept 16, 1867.

Lucius M. Phisant

Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.,

Washington, Arkansas.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith my Check
No. 795, on the Merchant's National Bank, of Little Rock, Ark.,
for Fifteen \$ _____ dollars, in payment
of the following vouchers, viz:

St. J. M. Phisant Postage. \$1.00

Please acknowledge receipt.

Your Obedt Servant,

Henry Page

Acty. Q. M. S.

Brig. Colonel and A. Q. M.

Qm & Co Office
Little Rock Ark
Sept 18. 67

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Page Henry
City Officer R. P. H. & Co

Transmits duplicate
invoices & receipts to
Office Dec 12 - 1867
receipts signed & returned

Received Sept 24. 67

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., Sept 21, 1867.

Genl J W Tubaut

Washington Ariz

Enclosed please

find duplicate invoices and blank receipts
for our office desk.

Please sign and return receipts at
your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully

Henry Page

Duty Officer. B.R. 7012

H

R.M. & D. Office
Linn. Root, etc.
Sept 17. 67

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Geo Henry
C. C. O. R. R. F. V. L.

Transmits duplicate
Memoranda & Reports
to Horse & Mules &
Requests receipts to
be signed and returned

Received Sept 22 67

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark. Sept 17th, 1867.

Genl J. W. Thibault
Capt R. R. D. A. L.
Washington Ark

Enclosed please find duplicate Invoices and blank Receipts for one Horse and one Halber for which I have receipts to Maj Cole

Please sign and return Receipts (at your earliest convenience).

Very respectfully
Henry Page

Specul. Agt. Q. M. S. & Distg Officer

pr J

Receives from the
Dept. of the Army
Oct 27

Willis H. H.
Lieut & Agent

Howards a. d. a.

Citizens Freedmen
from Service to be
admission to the
Hospitals at Wash
ington

Received of the

Very Respectfully,
Rocky Comfort Ark.
September 30th 1867

Dear Agent F. W. Stewart,
211 1/2 St. N. W. Wash. D. C.
Washington Ark.

Major, I have the
honor to forward you one dismountable colored regiment
from Crater Point Texas Co. Ark. for care in the
Providence Hospital at Washington Ark. in compliance
with instructions from the Asst. Commr.
at Little Rock Ark.

Yours Truly,
Very Respectfully,
F. W. Stewart,
Agent F. W. Stewart
Sept 22nd 1867
Agent F. W. Stewart

Mr. D. Office

Will. Rockwell

Sept 25 1871

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Page Henry

List Office

Commits Duplicate
Division & receipt, per
2nd copy of card, sign
with & each to signed &
returned

Received Sept 25/71

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE.

Little Rock, Ark., Sept 25, 1867.

Genl J. N. Thibault

Agt. Q. M. & D. O.

Washington Ark.

Enclosed please
find duplicate invoice and blank receipt
for $3\frac{1}{2}$ cords wood purchased for use of
Hospital at Washington. The original purchase
was five cords but I have Dr. Mitchell's receipt
for $1\frac{1}{2}$ cords leaving the balance invoiced
to you.

Please sign and return receipt at
your earliest convenience

Very respectfully

Nancy Page

Office of R. H. [unclear]
Rocky Mountain
Sept 21 67

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Willis Hiram
Ag. Bureau

Acknowledges the
receipt of Stationery

Received Sept 24 1867

Quincy N. H. (no) A. L.
Rocky Comfort notes
September 21st 1867

J. W. Tibbault
Lieut 6th U.S. Infantry
Sgt B. P. F. A. L.
Washington, D.C.

I have received the box of
stationary you allude to in your letter of the 14th inst -
I draw my stationary by estimate using form of U. S.
A. Regulations, not numbering the articles however
and omitting the column of Dollars and cents, sub-
stituting a column of Remarks - The stationary is
then carried to me and receipted for -

I am Lieutenant
Very Respectfully
J. W. Tibbault
Lieutenant
Sgt B. P. F. A. L.

3. H. H. II 2

Harlington ~~Pa~~ ^{Appl}
Sept 28 1867

Special Order
No. 161.

Ed. Qu Det of Washington,
Washington, Ark. Sept 28 '67.

Special Orders

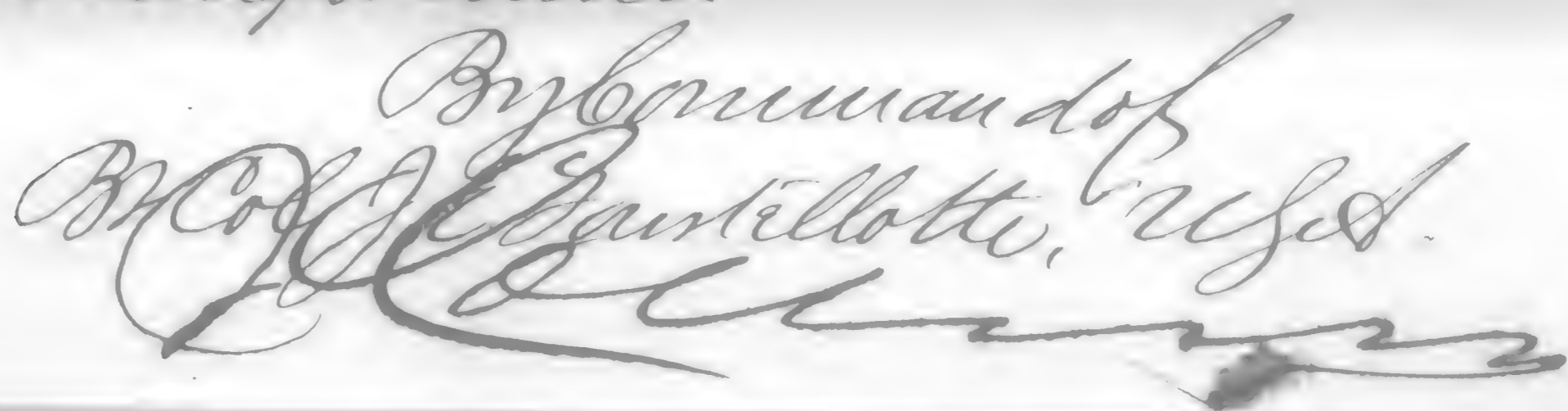
No 161.

Captain Edward Welsh Company 76
28 Infy in charge of a Det. 28 Infy at Lewis-
ville, Arkansas, and at present at this post,
will at once, return to that place, taking with
him Privates George Mooney, Patrick Roche, Co.
1st Lt John Rody Co K 28 Infy. -

Upon arrival at Lewisville, Arkansas,
Capt Welsh will relieve his party, consisting of
2 Privates of this Command, now at that place,
who will at once return to this Post reporting
to their resp. Company Commanders.

The party will be ~~maintained~~, and provided
with rations and forage to include Oct 31 '67

cessary transportation. -

By Command of
M Col J Santillotto, U.S.A.


1st Lieut: 28th Infy
Post Adjutant

Capt. Edward Welsh
Co 7th 28th Infy.

Washington
Sept 28-1867
Special Orders
No. 161

Office B. R. D. & L.
Lewisville, Mo.
Sept 30, 1877
O. C. 2

Wm. V. 21
Off. B. R. D. & L.

Acknowledges receipt
of communication of
25th State, that a
copy of the same
is forwarded
forwards. Should a
copy be sent to
the receipt of them be
acknowledged.

O. C. 1

Office Supt. Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands,
For LAFAYETTE AND COLUMBIA COUNTIES, ARKANSAS,

Louisville, Lafayette County, Ark., Sept 30th, 1867

Lieut. S. W. Thibault
6th U. S. Infantry
Agent

Lieutenant,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 25th inst.

I find by referring to Messrs Copy that on the 17th inst vouchers of Owen Winchester for shoeing public horse were mailed to you, and on the 20th inst vouchers of E. A. Murphy for forage for public horse for month of Sept. were also mailed to your address. Mr Murphy is at present absent from town, upon his return I will have him sign ^{immediately}

40	pairs	Shoes	
30	"	Carriers	
40	"	Shirts	
3	"	Pants	
50	"	Sackits	Over

10 Blankets

Please acknowledge receipt

I am very respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt.

W W Smith

War Department
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.
Chief QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE.

Washington D.C. ~~Little Rock, Ark.~~, Sept 27th, 1867.

Col. H. P. Page D.C.

Little Rock Ark.

Col.

Your report of Persons & articles
Surrendered at Evansburg Ark for Aug 1867 has been received

Hereafter you will please transmit a con-
solidated monthly report of Persons & articles
Surrendered in your district to this office in lieu
of the reports from the several sub-districts
that you have heretofore transmitted.

Very Respectfully

Robt Bng Leitch D.C.

W. H. 1171. C. H. No. 1561

Washington, D.C.
Sept 29th 1864
Oct 1

Major General G. M.
Agent

Forwards affidavits of
John Johnson & Stephen
Doubled in regard to
an outrage committed
in said prison in 1862,
and also what action
may be taken thereon.
1 Enclosure

Major General G. M.
Agent
Little Rock, Ark
Oct 15th 1864.

Report is returned to Lieut
G. M. Doubled, Agent of Wash-
ington, with instructions
to send Capt. Cheatham
a certified and bound to-
get a certificate for ex-
amination. The Agent
will follow the case up
with the civil authorities
& act justly if possible.
Cheatham might, if he
is committed to jail.

By command of
P. G. T. (C. H.) with
doubtless information

J. O. D. [Signature]

Recd back Oct 7. 64.

Bureau of Prisons & L
Washington, D.C.
Sept 23 1864

Dear Mr. Bennett

I have just recd your

letter of the 20th

concerning

the case of

the man who was
detained in the
penitentiary in
reference to the
outrage committed in the
prison of the
District of Columbia
in 1863. I would respectfully
request information as to what
action can be taken in the
premises. The prisoners are
the Jim Johnson, the victim of
the outrage, and the man who was
accused of inflicting it.

I am Sir

Very truly
Yours

W. H. Stribant

Agent in Charge

Bureau of Prisons

Received of
Sept 22 1847
Oct 4

Willis Hinds
Agent

States that he has
received a return
from Perry Taylor
of Lewis & Clark
and also from
two persons named
Sam

Received October 20
Oct 20 1847

Offi Agent Bureau A. F. S. L.
Rocky Comfort acts
Sept 24th 1867

J. H. Hunt
2nd Lieut U. S. A.
Cty B. R. F. S. L.
Washington Arkansas

Lieutenant -

I have the honor
to state that I have made the settlement between Billy
Taylor freedman and Louis Locke. Mr Locke was
not able to pay the money, but I took his note for \$141.⁰⁰
which he promises to pay soon - Twenty Dollars of this
will be taken out for Mr Ayres who moved them
to Washington acts and beyond there.

I am Lieutenant
Very Respectfully
Yr. Obedt Servant
James Willis

Jim Johnson

vs

Wm. S. Graham

affidavit of

Jim Johnson

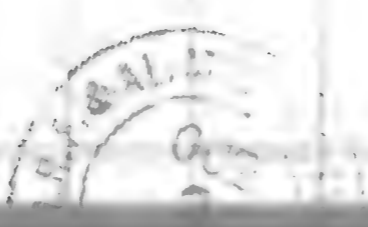
and

Stephen D. Sims

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1888

State of Arkansas
County of Hempstead.

I, Jim Johnson do
solemnly swear that I was formerly the
slave of one Mr. Jeff Johnson a citizen of
the County of Hempstead, and State of Ark-
ansas, who is deceased in the Town of Sec-
omus in said County and State. That said
Jeff Johnson died some ten or twelve years
ago. That I still belonged to the said Jeff
Johnson's estate. That one Matt Beathan
a resident then and now of said Town of
Secomus, County of Hempstead, and State of
Arkansas, was appointed Administrator
of said estate. That in the year 1855 there
was I was in a neighbors house one night
and the said Matt Beathan had me whipped
that I ran away and staid in a woods
for some time, some of my friends
to me Matt Beathan. Administration
is necessary. Was going to have me cut and
burned. Was whipped and in fact I was

burned. and another man one Andy Johnson
once deceased, caused him to be hung for a
few minutes, with a rope about his neck. He

a visit. Then took him down and the said
 Hall & Heathem Administrators of said Estate
 impressed one Stephen also a slave belong-
 -ing to said Estate. To cut him, which the
 said Stephen did then, and there do, removing
 both of the stones & articles. I was laid up
 three or four months by it. I am positive
 that this took place in Eighteen hundred
 and thirty five. It was done on the planta-
 -tion of the said Doct Johnson, with a dull
 pocket knife, and the fact is known to
 Mr Julius Johnson, son of Doct Johnson & Decatur
 Mr Janson, former overseer for Hall & Heathem
 Steven Johnson, former slave
 of Doct Johnson (White) was present but since dead
 and another slave named Stephen. This state-
 -ment is correct and true. To help me find
 -

I do hereby certify
 Given at Washington, D.C. and subscribed before me, after

at Washington, D.C. on the 27th day of September 1862

R. W. Tibbels
 Agent of Bureau of A.S.

State of Arkansas

County of Hempstead

I Stephen Prindle do solemnly swear that I know Jim Johnson that he and I were for some slaves of one Dock Johnson. That Dock Johnson is dead some ten or twelve years that when he was at said Dock Johnson one Matt Cheatham became administrator of said Dock Johnson's estate. That all the families mentioned above lived at Columbus in this County, and that Matt Cheatham is administrator as aforesaid lives at Columbus now. That I know all the particulars of the killing of said Dock Johnson which are as follows. In the year before the summer Jim Johnson was whipped by order of Matt Cheatham for no just cause. That Jim ran away. Healed off about three months, and was caught in February of the year of the surrender, namely in 1865. When he was

let him down, and asked him if he would rather be hung, or cut. He said he did not want them to do either. They hung him up again, and once more let him down and asked

him the same question. He said he would rather be cut, than then took him down. He beat him, and threw him on his side, and Matt Sheathem told me to cut him. Said if I refused, he would cut me. Then cut him taking out both stones. I have heard them called "testicles". There were present at the time Matt Sheathem, who ordered the whole thing, and another white man named Andy Johnson. There were three slaves. He was made to kick me. Jim's grandmother Maria, and his grandfather Jack, all belonging to the slave. Matt Sheathem told us that we had better do as he said, that it was the best way for us to get along. So we did. Matt Sheathem was cut & was in bed for about three or four months. After it happened Julius Johnson, son of Matt Johnson, accused, and one of the heirs

Matt Sheathem's overseen came up. He knows the infamies. He said he was sorry he was to live. He would like to have seen the gun.

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The foregoing statement has been read, and explained to me by Mr R. Mitchell, Clerk in the Bureau of R. D. & S. and it is the truth. The whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help me God

Witness

Stephen ^{his} ~~Principal~~ _{mark}

Mr R. Mitchell

Seen by and subscribed before me at Washington, District of Columbia, this 24th day of September 1860

W. H. Tibbitts

Agent of the U. S. Bureau of R. D. & S.

Office Secty of Education
Columbia River Ark
October 21. 67

Colly. Wm. M.
Secty of Education

States that he has
forwarded C. M. Ken-
ney's application for
a teachers. Heretofore
no such written con-
tract to be made with
teachers. I filed in
Office of Agt of Bureau

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,
FOR THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

Office of Superintendent of Education,

Little Rock, Ark., Oct. 2nd, 1867.

Major J. W. Thibault,
Agent, B. R. & A. L.,
Washington, Ark.

Sir: I forward this day Mr. L. M. Hervey's application for teacher to Rev. Jacob R. Shepherd Secy Am. Miss. Assoc. hoping it may be promptly responded to. In future, teachers are expected to have written contracts, filed with the agent of the county, that remuneration may be positively assured. Mr. Shepherd informs me that the self-supporting schools, so called, have

no expense of conducting them.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Wm. M. Coffey
Supt. Education.

Office Dept of Education
Baltimore Rock. Ark
October 8, 1897

Colby, J. W.
Dept of Education

States that there is
a box of Hollenbach
liquid slating in
the Express office.
From the Schools Con-
tractors at this place
but no name of Bus
Mason. D. H. Thibault

Recd Oct 10 1897

Office Supt. Education,
Little Rock, Ark.
Oct 8th 1867. —

Maj. J. H. Thibaut,
Agent B. R. F. & A. G.
Washington, Ark.

Sir:

I have the honor to state that there is a box at the Southern Express Office in this city containing a quantity of Nealbrook's Liquid Slate, to your address but designed for the contractor on the Washington School house - Mr. H. M. Sadden. The charges ("C. O. D.") are \$20.00 I would forward it by stage if their charges were moderate. I wait advices from you, as the goods were ordered by request through

very respectfully,

Wm. M. Colby
Supt. Education

L. H. G. Brady
Fossil Rock. Ark.
October 8th

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Page Henry
Accounting Office

Transmits communications of Gen. Breese
Chief of W. A. Washington
H. B. G. direct that
all persons & articles
employed & hired in
transferred on June
3rd. L. further report
forms & required

Two enclosures

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE.

Little Rock, Ark., Oct 8th, 1867.

Sicut Fred M Hubert
agrc. Washington Ark.

Sicut.

Enclosed please find copy
of communication of Gen Balloch Chief of BUREAU. In
compliance therewith the asst Commr directs that you
immediately transfer to me on Form 53 your Army Reg
all Persons & articles now borne on your Form 2 to date your
Oct 1st 1867 with no pay due. Hereafter the services of all
Persons & articles held in this district will be reported
by me and vouchers sent from this office for signature
on the return of which properly receipted check for
the amt will be sent to your address in payment
of the same. No report Form 2 will hereafter be re-

promptly reported to this office as soon as made that
my report Form 2 may be promptly and correctly
made and forwarded to the Chief of Bureau
BUREAU.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
Henry Page
S. C. C. C.

Duty Office

Little Rock

Oct 12, 67.

Page ¹⁶ Henry
Resbraving Office

Transmits Invoice & Receipt
for article purchased
in Washington in month
of October. States that
he has instructed Mr
Mitchell to draw word
from me on request in
Articles that word be pur-
chased on best terms.
& vouchers & receipts
transmitted to his
Office

Disbursing office P. A. P. & A. L.

Liquor Book Ark Oct 12th 1867

Lieut P W Thibault

Agt P. A. P. & A. L.

Washington Ark.

Enclosed herewith please find duplicate Invoices and blank receipts for articles purchased at Washington in the month of October 1867 - Please sign and return receipts at your earliest convenience.

I have instructed Dr Mitchell that he can procure Fuel for Hospital by requisition on you for the regular allowance each month. The wood will be purchased by you in such quantities as

vouchers for the same, with your official receipt (Form 27.2.M.D.) to this office and my check for the amount accompanied with Invoices of the

property will be promptly returned to
you

Very respectfully
Almon Page
Disbursing officer

Duby Rice

Little Rock Ark

Oct 14th 67

Page ²¹ Henry
Disbursing Officer

Transmits check No
893 for three hundred
& twenty eight ⁵⁰/₁₀₀
dollars Ark. that
receipt be acknowledged

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., Oct 14, 1867.

Genl. A. M. Whitcomb

Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.,
Washington, Arkansas.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith my Check
No. 893, on the Merchant's National Bank, of Little Rock, Ark.,
for Three hundred and twenty eight ³⁴ dollars, in payment
of the following vouchers, viz:

Warrick Padden	5 ⁰⁰	James B. Pagan	25 ⁰⁰
Oran Mitchem	6 ⁰⁰	Sam Brown	25 ⁰⁰
Alfred Mitchem	99 ¹⁷	E. D. Jett	118 ¹⁷

Please acknowledge receipt.

Your Obedt Servant,

Henry Dyer
Disbursing Officer
Capt. Colonel and A. G. A.

Office Supt Education
Little Rock
Oct 15th 67

Lobby W. H.
Supt of Education

Acknowledges re-
ceipt of report of
school matters in
Hempstead County.
States that word
has not yet been is-
sued to schools by
the Bureau. but thinks
it might be. That the
Rev. E. H. Hillen has
started on a tour of
inspection & will
visit Washington

L. S. 240.

Office Supt. Education,

Little Rock Arkansas,

Oct. 14. '67.

Major J. H. Shibant,

Agent &c. Washington Arst.

Sir:

Your report of school matters dated the 10th inst. is just received, and contains precisely the information that is always needed at this office, and assures me that the Agent at Washington continues as heretofore fully alive to the school interests of the freedmen.

You have placed the financial management right where it belongs - with the freedmen themselves. Congress has probably made the last appropriation to aid in this work; now

let them help themselves.

Your action in prohibiting the use of the school building for meetings of all kinds is judicious.

I have already written you that the liquid slate awaits your order at the Effner Office in this city - charges \$21.00.

Food has never been furnished to schools by the Bureau in this district, though I am not prepared to say that the Assistant Commissioner would not for good reasons, and as an exceptional case, authorize a moderate expenditure for that purpose.

I know of no benevolent Society that is now furnishing supplies of clothing or material for the same. Probably any supplies for Washington could only be secured by special efforts made to supply that particular point. I will see what can be done. -

Rev. E. K. Miller, Asst. Supt. of Education started on a tour of inspection and labor south-westward ^{to-day} and will probably reach Washington the 19th or 20th of the present month. He is an earnest and practical worker, and

able to render. I suggest the propriety of dedicating your school house during his stay at Washington. An interest could be

awakened on such an occasion that would not only benefit your own locality but extend to other neighborhoods.

I am, Major,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Wm. M. Colby,

Superintendent of Education.

Office of Act Commission
Little Rock, Ark

October 14th 1867
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Bennett, J. E.

Acty Acty Adjt Genl

Acknowledges receipt
of monthly reports, states
that C. L. Lindley J. P.
can be removed on proof
or representations. To
the name of a suitable
man, who can do his
the work. Approves
plans for a Freedmen
Colony

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS.

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OFFICE OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER.

Little Rock, Ark., October 14th, 1867.

Genl. J. M. Shiloh,

Agent,

Washington, D.C.

Friend,

I am directed by the Assistant Commis-
sioner to acknowledge the receipt of your monthly report
of the operations of the Bureau, etc. for the month of Sep-
tember, and to inform you that C. C. Hendley, Jr. S.
can be removed upon proper representation and for-
warding the name of a suitable man as his successor,
who will accept, and can take the iron clad oath.

The plan for a freedmen's colony is approved.
The Assistant Superintendent of Education is going to
Washington and can be consulted on educational matters.

I am very respectfully

J. M. D. Smith
Acty. Chas. Adm. General

Office of Adm Comdr
Little Rock Ark.

Feb 14. 67
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Bennett, Dr. E.

Acty Asst Adjt Genl

Acknowledges receipt
of letter explaining why
Alfred Wheeler was
employed as A S
Surgeon. States that
the explanation is
satisfactory

Received Feb 21. 67

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
For Arkansas.

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OFFICE OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER.

Little Rock, Ark., ~~Oct 26~~, 1867.

Lieut F. W. Phibant,

agent,

Washington, Ark.

Lieutenant,

I am directed by the asst
Commissioner to acknowledge receipt
of your letter and enclosures explaining
the circumstances under which Alfred
Mitchell was employed as A. A. Surgeon,
in addition to his duties as clerk, and to
inform you that the explanation is
satisfactory, and Mr Mitchell will be
paid as A. A. Surgeon.

I am very respectfully,

Your Obt Servant,

J. W. Thomas
Acty Asst Adjt Genl.

Major J. Smith
Dept. of War
Washington, D.C.
Oct 17/1877
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Respectfully referred to
Lieut. J. M. Smith, Agent
at Washington, in the
attention to the
of "Logan's Dr. J. M. Smith, Agent
at New York."
Respectfully,
J. M. Smith, (Ct. S. M.)
New York

J. M. Smith
New York
C. C. S. M. C. C. C.

W. R. 1104 (A) (A) 1867
Washington, D.C.
Sept 26th 1867

Subscribed by F. W.
Agent

Reports the case of one
Smith who last year bought
about fifty freed men on the
W. G. Gregory plantation about
seven miles from Pine Bluff.
Smith has dispossessed
him without paying
his hands, who are waiting
for their pay, and is about
to commence business in
Columbia, Tenn. as a
negro merchant. He is
in Washington, D.C.



Sumner R. I. S. D.
For Arkansas,
Little Rock, Ark.
Sept 30th 1867

Respectfully referred to
Genl. S. S. Smith, Agent
of Pine Bluff, for invest-
igation & report.

By commands of
M. J. G. G. G. G. G.
Agent Commission

J. O. Smith
Atty. Genl. Ark. D. C.
E. H. 95. 07.

Barren R. S. D.
Pine Bluff Ark
October 18th 1867

Respectfully returned.
J. O. Smith Esq. was in
partnership last year with
one Stowers & Gregor on a
plantation the freed men were
employed. St. Gregor is equally
responsible with Smith. He has
a large crop of cotton this year
and I purpose taking action
under General Order 3019
of the 2nd Div. of the 4th Mil. Dist. The
accounts as they now stand
show a balance due from most
of the freedmen to St. Gregor & Smith.
No settlement has been had and the

J. O. Smith
E. H. 190. 1867
Sept & Oct 1867

Resident of R. O. and A. S. Washington, Arkansas
September 20th 1867

Dear Mr. Bennett

Very Respt. Adjt. General

Little Rock Arkansas.

Permit me to call your attention
to the following facts, stated to me by one who
knows them to be true, but does not wish his
name to be used, in certain regard. I will
ask your employees about Gitty freedmen, on
what is known as the Mc Gregory plantation
about 4 miles from Pine Bluff on this State. I will
ask them how disposed of his cotton crop without
paying his employees, and they the employees
the other waiting, and anxiously expecting to
be paid out of said cotton crop, or rather the
proceeds of it, Smith is about commencing
business in Memphis Tenn, as a commission
merchant. He is now in this town waiting to
see somebody else but a short time. I do not think
it is necessary to say more at this time.

As yet been preferred, and to forward this
statement so that the Agent at Pine Bluff, be
made aware of his presence here, and the freed
men should be paid for their services.

Dear Madam

Very respectfully

Yours Obedient Servant
W. H. Thibault

22 d. Decr. 67 H. B. D. S. S. S.
Agent Paris R. D. S. S. S.

J. R. 1277, Oct 18 1867

W. S. Foster, Esq.
October 12th 1867
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W. S. Foster, Esq.
Agent

Respect to the following case, some
freemen entrusted their notes to
J. C. Amatt this employe, to sell
for them. Amatt turned it over
to a firm in Washington to ship for
him. In July last he killed his
wife. The firm held the proceeds
of the notes except \$262, for debt.
The Agent has possession of the
amount in behalf of the freemen.
J. R. Page, Atty, claims half of this
amount as fee for settling the estate
of Amatt. Case if he shall pay the
claim of him over all the money to
the freemen.

Wm S. Foster Esq
107 S. Street
Little Rock, Ark.
Oct 12th 1867
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Respectfully returned to Wm S.
Foster, Agent, from the
facts as within stated it does
not appear that the Attorney, J.
R. Page, has any claim on the
same. The whole sum will ac-
cordingly be apportioned among
the freemen at the discretion
of the Agent.

In command of
St. Brig Genl. C. R. Smith,
Dist. Comm'r.

J. M. O'Connell
Capt. Regt. Light Cav.

Recd back Oct 22 67

Received of R. B. ...
Washington, Arkansas
October 12, 1857

Friend Mr. Bennett
I have just sent you
a little book

and
I have the honor to inform you
that following your kind request
I have made a collection in the
Arkansas

and I have about fifteen specimens
collected in the cotton. As you told Mr. Bennett
to send me all the good plants, they had not
a chance to get better, when the plants in
the field, and Mr. Bennett's own records
on the specimens from this cotton, and on
July 10, 1857, you are killed, and in
the collection of specimens, the specimens
then referred to, are still in the process

of being preserved, and I have sent you
the cotton as the gift of Landreth & Co
to help you in the New Orleans of that
land, and I hope to see you in your
necessities, referring to Mr. Bennett.

The amount of the cotton attached
but was relieved at this place before
the business was completed.

The case came up before me, and I
on that day ordered said funds attached
to the cotton to be turned over to
the Bond was in the act of paying to a
amount to said proceeds, when a
certain James S. Page, a lawyer, appeared
and protested against said payment
claiming one half of the whole amount
I had received from Sanders & Co
saying that after Arnold's death, the
Arnold employed him as a lawyer, in
an arbitration case, between said John S
Arnold & Co, and said Sanders & Co
paying him one half of the amount
I should receive from said Sanders
& Co. The arbitrators in the case found
that the claim of Co was successful, but
that the said Arnold were indebted
to the said Co.

I have taken of this Page claims back
but I refuse to give it to him on the
ground that this money is the proceeds
of said cotton, given to the said Arnold

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I, said gentlemen, and finally belong
to them. I would respectfully request
your instructions.

I would say that the said Arnold
after receiving said cotton from said
Regiment, Charles was said cotton by
said Regt. & he is chief, for him. This
explains how said Regt. to the said
issue of said funds.

I am Sir,

Wm. W. Whitcomb
Lieutenant Col. 1st Regt.
Agent of the Regt.

Richy Office
Little Rock, Ark

Oct 28, 07

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Page Henry
Disbursing Officer

Transmits Invoices &
Receipts for Station
transferred on 2^d line
Ark that Receipts be
signed & returned

Oct 31, 07

Disbursing office RR&A

Fairbank Ark Oct 28th 1867

Gen J W Tibbitts

Agent RR&A

Washington Ark

I enclose herewith
Invoices and receipts for Stationery
transferred to you on the 2^d Inst.

Please sign and return receipts at
your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully

Henry Payne

Disb. office
J

Residence of
Little Rock Ark

Oct 28. 27
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Page Henry
Business Office

Amounts deposited
Receipts for amounts
Bonds of wood.

Oct 28. 27

Disby office B R F V a h
Fitts Rock ark Oct 28th 1847

Lieut J W Thibaut

agt B R F V a h

Washington ark

Enclosed please

find duplicate Invoices for Twenty
Cords wood

Very respectfully

Henry Page

Disby office
J

Reimbursing Office
Green Rock, Ark

Oct 29. 67

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Page Twenty
Reimbursing Office

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Amounts check 70
for 10 dollars
to name of E. Tideman
has been forwarded
from him.

Oct 29. 67

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., Oct 29, 1867.

Sieur F. H. Thibaut

Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.,

Washington, Arkansas.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith my Check
No 961, on the Merchant's National Bank, of Little Rock, Ark.,
for one hundred and forty dollars, in payment
of the following vouchers, viz:

O. Weideman

\$140⁰⁰

Please acknowledge receipt.

Your Obedt Servant,

Wm. R. Dyer

Disbursing Officer

Brig. Colonel and A. Q. M.

Little Rock Ark
Nov. 21. 67

Colby. Ives
Supt of Education

States that the apt
Commissioner has
~~advised~~ furnished
declined freedom
thinks some might
be obtained by ap-
plication to Genl
Bennett.

Nov 21. 67

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATE OF ARKANSAS,

Office of Superintendent of Education,

Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 1st, 1867.

Maj. S. W. Thibaut,
Agent, Washington, Ark.,

Sir:

I am informed by the Asst. Commissioner that he has now on hand clothing for issue to destitute freedmen. This clothing is I presume similar in kind to that heretofore issued by the Bureau. Application for some of this clothing made through Genl Bennett would I presume ^{receive} attention at once as there has not yet been much call for clothing.

I am Major,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant

Sup't. Education,

Washington Office
Letter Book No. 10

Nov 12. 64
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Page Henry
District Office

Transmit enclosed

in enclosed.

Wm R. Hamilton

Wm R. Page

Wm Henry Hamilton

James Brown

Wm Hamilton.

Nov 14. 64

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Ark., Nov 12th, 1867.

Lieut A. H. Hubaut

Agent Bureau A. F. and A. L.,

Washington, Arkansas.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith for signature vouchers as follows:

Alf R. Whitless	\$99 ^{00/100}
James A. Page	\$25 ⁰⁰
Mary Stimpert	\$15 ⁰⁰
Carroll Brown	\$25 ⁰⁰

You will please have all signatures to the receipts written the same as in the heading. All signatures by mark you will please witness.

Your obedient servant,

Wm. Page

Disbursing Officer B. R. F. and A. L.

act.

Disbursing Office
Green Rock, Ark.
Nov 15th 67

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Page Henry
Disbursing Officer

Transmitted B of L of
Stationery shipped
last month. Request
that B of L be dated
(signed) and returned,
so that transportation
can be paid.

Nov 17. 67.

Suby. Office B.R.D. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark Nov 15th 1867

Lieut. D. W. Whitcomb

Ag. & Co. Washington Ark.

Lieut.

I enclose herewith \$5. for the stationery shipped you last month. Please sign the receipt on the back of \$5. dating the same and return to this office that I can be reimbursed account.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servant

Suby. Officer
Bureau B.R.D. & A.L.

Major Genl. F. S. [unclear]
Washington, D. C.
Greenwich, N. Y.

Special Orders
No. 91.

Details of the 1st [unclear]
Regt. 2d [unclear] Orderly
and orders him to
report to Genl. [unclear]
[unclear] 3rd [unclear]
Agent of [unclear]

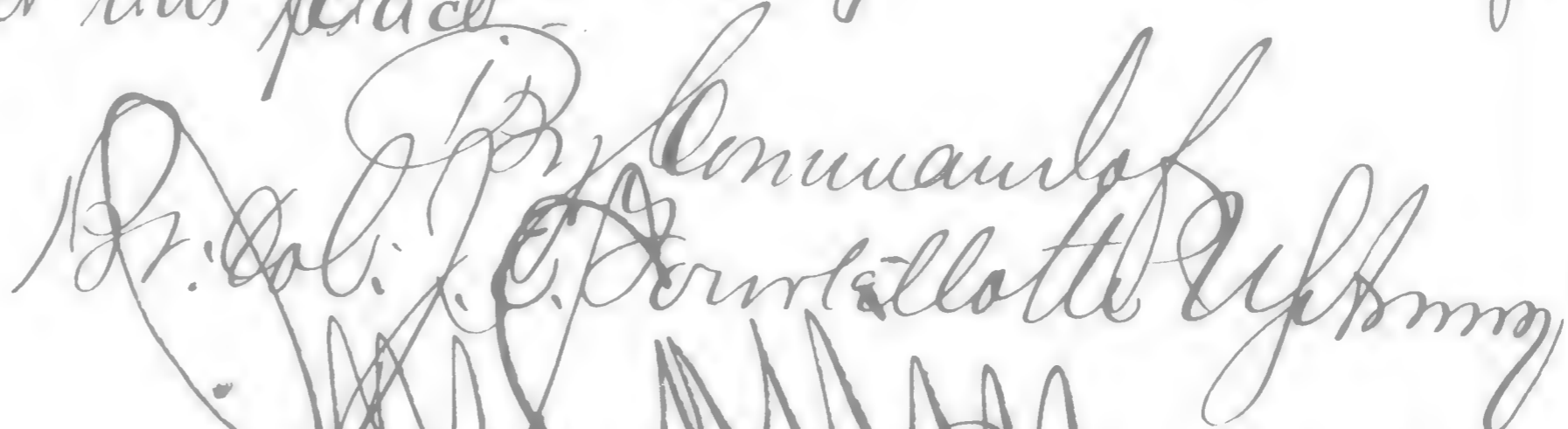
Washington

Headquarters Post of Washington
Washington, Arkansas, Nov 21st 67.

Special Orders
No. 191.

(Extract)

* Private John M. Keil, Company "F",
28th Inf. Infantry, is hereby detailed on daily duty
as mounted orderly, and will report daily to
Lieut. D. W. Hibant, 6th Infy Agent Quartermaster of
Post at this place.

By Command of
Dr. Col. E. Courttlotte U.S. Army

1st Lieut. 28 Infy Post Adjutant.

Lieut. D. W. Hibant, 6th Infy
Agent Quartermaster of Post

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The President of the United States
Washington, D.C.
November 2, 1847

William J. Lewis Esq
Post Adjutant

It is requested that the Genl. be
directed to issue an order that
a mounted order will
be detailed to report
to Genl. J. H. ...
of the ... Agent
at ... of ...

Yours truly
Wm. J. Lewis

Washington, Arkansas.
November 21st 1867.

Lieut. F. W. Hibant, 6th U.S. Infy.
Agt. Bureau of R. & A. S.
Washington, ARKs.

Sir:

I am directed by the Post-
Col. Comdr. to say, that a mounted orderly
will be detailed as requested in your commu-
nication of the 20th instant, but that your
communication should have been address-
ed to the Post Adjutant.

I am, Sir,

very respectfully,

Your obedient servant.

[Signature]
Lieut. Asst. Adjt. Gen.

Q. M. Dickson
Little Rock Ark.
Nov 22 1867

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Page Henry
Disbursing Officer

Transmits check to
1867 for one hundred
eighty nine & 1/2 dollars
in payment of

Alfred Hitchell

W. R. Page

Daron Brown

Requests that receipt
be acknowledged,

Recd Nov 26 H. 67.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE.

Little Rock, Ark., *Nov 22*, 1867.

L. D. N. Thibault

Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.,

Washington, Arkansas.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith my Check
No. 1047, on the Merchant's National Bank, of Little Rock, Ark.,
for *one hundred and forty nine* ¹⁷ dollars, in payment
of the following vouchers, viz:

<i>Alf R Mitchell</i>	<i>99 17</i>
<i>James R Page</i>	<i>25 00</i>
<i>Aaron Brown</i>	<i>25 00</i>
	<i>149 17</i>

Please acknowledge receipt.

Your Obedt Servant,

Wm. H. ...
Resubstg officer
Bvt. Colonel and A. D. M.

Little Rock, Ark
Dec 9th 67.
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Page Henry
Shipping Officer

Transmit vouchers
for signature as fol-
lows

~~Richard R. Mitchell~~

James R. Payer

Amos Brown

Insert that signature
be written, same as in
ending

Rec'd Dec 11th 67.

Disbursing Office U. S. F. and A. S.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 9th, 1867.

Genl. J. H. Lubant

agent Bureau U. S. and A. S.,

Washington, Arkansas.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith for signature vouchers as follows:

Alfred R. Mitchell	# 99 ¹⁷
Carow Brown	# 25 ¹⁰
Jas. R. Page.	# 25 ⁰¹

You will please have all signatures to the receipts written the same as in the heading. All signatures by mark you will please witness.

Jas. R. Page

Disbursing Officer U. S. F. and A. S.

not.

Washington Ark Sept 9th 67
Dec 14
Shubaut

Fred. W.

Agent P. B. F. & A. S.
D. R. # 136. # 15-
Requests investigation in
the case of Thos P. Hahn
and Jackson Daughin
(Freedman) in regard to last
years labor

Also that account of
Delilah Johnson (Freedman)
for washing (879) to be collected
from C. E. 28th & Duffly

Recd Office P. B. F. & A. S. Sept 17th 67
Recd Cash Dec 17th 67

Office Tinsaw of R. F. H. &
Camden Ark Dec 14th 67

Respectfully returned to Tinsaw
Shubaut Agent & at Washing-
ton Ark with the information
that I have investigated the
account of T. J. Nolan against
the freedwoman Daughin and find
it to be as follows

T. J. Nolan ac for articles furnished	393.37
Amount owed Andrew Moore for work	60.80
" " J. Hamilton " " " "	50.10
Charges on three bales of Cotton from Shipman	67.18
Total	471.35

To work for Nolan	34.62
1273 Lbs Cotton at 28 th per lb.	356.10
237 " " " 28 " " "	663.80
Total	454.52

Amount still due T. J. Nolan \$ 14.23.

In regard to the freedwoman's account
for washing nothing can be done
with it unless it was presented
giving each man's indubitable signature

J. H. Thrust
Dec 17. 67

Review of R B and A Q
Washington, Arkansas
September 9th 07.

H. J. Phelps
Agent, Camden, Ark.

I would respectfully
request that you take action in the
case of one Phil. J. Han. living near Cam-
den. who is indebted to Jackson Dyer
Greedman for labor performed last year.
The accompanying document will show
some light on the subject.

Please authenticate his account of 259.⁰⁰
dollars, against said Jackson, and in-
form me at your earliest convenience
as to what can be done.

I would also
request that you present to the Board
of the "R" about \$1000 as a debt

for services as a landress for said
company, amounting to 75 dollars. so
that the same may be credited on the
arrival of a Pay Master.

Owen

Dear Sir
 Very respectfully
 Yours
 Wm. H. Hill
 Agent of Bureau

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Disbursing Office U. S. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Arkansas,

Dec 21 1867.

John D. Stewart

Agent Bureau U. S. F. and A. L.,

Washington, Arkansas.

I have the honor to enclose herewith, my check, No. 1187

on the MERCHANTS' NATIONAL BANK, of Little

Rock, Arkansas, for one hundred and forty nine ¹⁷/₁₀₀

dollars, in payment of the following accounts:

all R. Mitchell	99.17
Sam. R. Pan	20.00
Geo. R. ...	20.83
	<hr/>
	140.00

Please acknowledge receipt

Your obedient servant,

Wm. Perry Page
Disbursing Officer.

Casey, D. C.

Forwards Monthly School Report
for December 1867
To Agt Bur R F & A L
Washington Ark

1868

Rec'd Jan'y 2 d 1868

Washington Arkansas
January 2nd 1868

Bot Col J. Fortelotte, U.S.A.,
Comd'g Post of Washington,
and Agt Quar Regt 4th A.S.

Colonel,

I have the honor
to forward herewith my monthly School Report for
the month of December 1867. The labors of the past
year have been difficult and arduous. Manifestly
I have been in a school largely attended and with
many adverse circumstances to contend with. I am
gladified to know that my labor has not all been in
vain but that success has in a measure crowned our
efforts. Trusting that the Educational interests of the State
so long neglected will ere long revive, and the education of
the masses of her people be the cherished object of all within
her borders.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
David C. Cassey

Head Quarters 1st Regt. Arty.
Little Rock Arkansas
January 16th 68

Miss G. H.
Adj. Gen. 20th of Feb
Actg. Asst. Adj. General

Directs that the Post
Quarter Master take up
and pay whatever bill
claim may have accrued
in consequence of the de-
part of troops stationed
at Fayetteville prior to
the Order of 10. Dated
Dec 24, 67. same as claims
which were subsequently

Recd. Post of Washington
Jan 21 68

Headquarters Sub-District of Arkansas,

Little Rock, Ark., January 16, 1868.

Commanding Officer,
Post of Washington Ark.

For The Brig Genl
Commanding directs that you order your Post Qu-
arter Master to take up & pay whatever Quarter Master claims
may have accrued in consequence of the detachment
of troops stationed at Searsville prior to General
Orders No 16. dated December 24. 1867 in so far as
contemplated in that order for claims which arise
subsequently

Yours Sir

Very Respectfully

(Signed)

Amos W. Mills

1st Lieut & Adj. 28. U.S. Infantry

Official Copy

1st Lieut & Adj. 28. U.S. Infantry
Chas. West Staff Genl.

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Page Henry
Disby Officer

Transmits vouchers
in favor of Alfredo
R. Mitchell, Jas R. Page
& Aaron Brown.
Requests that they be
signed & returned.

Rec'd January 23-1868

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Ark. *Jan 21, 1865.*

Wm E Doucette

Bureau A. F. and A. L.,

Washington., Arkansas.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith for signature vouchers as follows:

<i>Wm R. Mitchell</i>	\$ 99 ⁰⁰
<i>James R. Page</i>	\$ 20 ⁰⁰
<i>Aaron Brown</i>	\$ 25 ⁰⁰

You will please have all signatures to the receipts written the same as in the heading. All signatures by mark you will please witness.

Your Obedient Servant,

James R. Page
Disbursing Officer B. R. F. and A. L.

Recd

L. B. D. C. M. A. S. Co. 1868

Washington, Ariz.
January 21st 1868.

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Stansbury, Prof. Waj. H. E.
Agent.

Reports case of Willis Trimble,
(col) who deserted his wife, leaving
her in destitute circumstances
as in a fair way to soon become
an object of charity, as married
another woman. Requests instruc-
tions, as other freemen are
following Trimble's example.

Rec'd back. July 4, 1868.

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Suppose J. F. W. A. S.
St. Arkansas.
Little Rock, Ariz.
July 30th 1868.
July 4

Respectfully returned to Prof. Waj. H. E.
Stansbury, Agent. Ordinarily these
cases should be tried by the Civil Court
but in special cases like the one within
reported, he may take such arbitrary
action as he may deem expedient to
remedy the evil consequences of reporting
such action to the office of appeal.

In copy of
J. F. W. A. S.
St. Arkansas.

J. F. W. A. S.
St. Arkansas.
July 30th 1868.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, & Abandoned Lands
Washington, Hempstead County, Arkansas
January 21st, 1868.

Lieut. Genl. S. Bennett,
28th U. S. Infantry.

U. S. Arsenal,

Lieutenant

I would respectfully
draw your attention to the following case which
has been reported in full in the Monthly report
from this Office for the month of September, &
November, and would ask for positive in-
structions in the premises, at your earliest con-
venience.

A freedman, Willis Dumble had been living
with a freedwoman, and recognizing her as his
wife for a few years previous to the passage
of the Act by the last Legislature of this State

together with some 1867, at which time Willis
deserted her, and was married by a Justice of
the Peace to another. He was then arrested for
Kidnaping, and bound over to the next Term of the
District Court for trial. Said Court met at the

month of November, and the Grand Jury failed
to find a Bill of indictment, consequently
Hillis was released, and since that time, he
refuses to aid his lawful wife in procuring
a support for herself, and family. This woman
his wife, will soon be an object of charity, as
she is on a way to shortly become a mother,
and Hillis will be the father of the child.

If it is possible for me to take action in
this case, I am very desirous of doing so, for the
reason, that other freedpersons, are following
the example of Hillis, and stout, able-bodied men,
leaving their wives, and children, without homes,
or bread, and will probably, in time, marry again
in some other place; increasing the number of
paupers, by leaving their lawful wives, and fam-
ilies destitute, and to be supported, by persons,
who cannot possibly afford to do so.

Very respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

Wm. W. Turner

Capt 20th Inf, Post Major Ida

Condé Post of Washington

Post of Bureau

January 31-68

<p>1000</p> <p>1000</p> <p>1000</p>	<p>1000</p> <p>1000</p> <p>1000</p>	<p>1000</p> <p>1000</p> <p>1000</p>
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Disbursing Office U. S. F. and A. D.

Little Rock, Arkansas,

January 31, 1868.

Capt H. E. Stambury

Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.,

Washington, Arkansas.

I have the honor to enclose herewith, my check, No. 1285

on the **INTERMEDIATE NATIONAL BANK**, of Little

Rock, Arkansas, for *One hundred and sixty five* ¹⁷

dollars, in payment of the following accounts:

Carroll Brown 25.00

Alfred R. Mitchell 99.17

Alfred Mitchell 6.00

James R. Page 25.00

A. Williams 100.00
165.17

Please enclose this receipt

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Henry Page
Disbursing Officer

Jan 31. 1868

Recd of Refugee Freedmen's
Washington, Arkansas
January 28th 1865
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Stansbury, Howard, Esq.
Feb 28th - Maj Gen
Comdr of Wash DC
Agent Bureau of F & S

States that one Simon a
freedman has been held in
confinement since Oct 27, 64
supposed to be an escaped
prisoner from some county
in Texas. As by what aut.
hority he is still retained
of what he is charged, &c

Washington, Ark, Feb 1st 1865

Respectfully returned to
Maj. Stansbury with the
following endorsement:-

The negro mentioned within
was arrested by the Deputy
Sheriff of Red River County,
Texas, who made an affidavit
in due form of law,
before Wesley V. King, a jus-
tice of the Peace for this
(Hempstead) County, that
said negro was an escaped
convict from the Penitentiary
of the State of Texas, having
been convicted by the Circuit
Court of Red River County,
in said State, and conveyed
by him, said Deputy Sheriff,
to the Penitentiary, from
which he afterwards escaped.
About a month after said
negro was confined by me,
upon a warrant of commitment
directed to me, I received
a letter from said Deputy
Sheriff of Red River County,

such request being necessary
before the Department of the State
of Texas should make a
requisition upon the Governor
of this State for said
convict. I sent the receipt
as requested and pre-
sume that the necessary
requisition will be
made by the Governor
of Texas as soon as
the facts come to his
knowledge, if he has
not already done so.

The negro himself has
frequently confessed to
me that ^{he} was guilty
of the charge ^{that he} and ^{is}
in fact an escaped
convict from the Peniten-
tiary of the State of
Texas.

Very Respectfully,
Milton T. Woolh
Sheriff of
Hempstead County, Ark.

Bureau of Refugee Treatment &c

Jan. 68
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Washington Hempstead Co. Ark

January 28th 1868.

Wm. J. Hoar Esq

Sheriff. Hempstead Co

Arkansas

Sir,

You have in your custody a certain freed-
-man, one Simon, who is, I understand, charged
with being an escaped prisoner from some
County in Texas. He has now been held in
confinement by you since October 27th 67. Please
inform this Office at your earliest convenience
by what authority he is still retained, and
if what he is charged, also if he has been
tried for the offence charged, and sentenced,
by a competent Court, and what his sentence
is.

Respectfully
Yours &c
Rt Major Comdg Post
Agent of Bureau

General A. S. ...
Little Rock, Ark.
February 1868.

Respectfully returned
to Major W. E. Staunton
at his office (the ...
The expenditure of \$35
for the repair of the ...
mentioned building, ...
is hereby authorized
with endorsement
of the ...
St. Louis, Mo.
J. M. E. / J. M. ...
St. Louis, Mo.

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BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS.
FOR ARKANSAS.
QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE.

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 8. 1868

Respectfully forwarded
to Col. W. E. Staunton
Agent &c. inviting attention
to endorsement of Asst.
Commr hereon.

Henry Page
Special Agent and Disbursing Officer

135. O. O. A. L. 1868

Washington D.C.
Jan'y 21st 1868.

Standbury, Howard E
Billago, H. W. Agent.

States that the Bureau
owns a small building
at that post formerly
a part of the R & F Hospital
Desires to convert this
into an office as by this
means the monthly ex-
penditure for rent will
be avoided, and asks an
appropriation of \$35
to repair the building
for that purpose.

Col Page

Respectfully referred to
Little Rock Ark. Jan'y 30 1868.

Respectfully referred to
Henry Page Disbursing
Officer for remarks
I command of
J. H. G. H. C. H. H.
J. H. G. H. C. H. H.

J. H. G. H. C. H. H.
Acty. Sub. Adjt. Genl.
E. 213. 68.



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BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS.
FOR ARKANSAS
QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE.

Little Rock, Ark. Feb. 1st 1868.

Respectfully returned to
Lieut. Geo E. Bennett A.
A. G. Genl. with recommend-
ation that the expenditure
of \$35⁰⁰ be authorized if
you doing the office
now rented of H. W. Page
at \$25⁰⁰ per month for
Bureau purposes can be
reduced with.



Henry Page

Special Agent and Disbursing Officer,

Bureau R., F. and A. L.
E. 223/10

Bureau of B. O. and A. S.
Washington Arkansas

January 2, 1868.

Lieut John E. Bennett

2205, U. S. Infantry.

U. S. A. General.

Lieut.

I have the honor to inform you that about assuming charge of the Office of the Bureau of B. O. & A. S. at this Post, I ascertained that there was a small building here that was Bureau Property, and was formerly a part of the B. and A. Hospital at this Post.

This building, I desire to convert into an Office of the Bureau, and to move it near to Camp. My object in this, is to have my different Offices, as near each other as possible, so that I can devote more of my time to Bureau

for a part.

This change will also benefit the Bureau in a pecuniary sense. The present outlay of funds, for rent, will be avoided.

I would request that I be authorized to expend on this building the sum of thirty five dollars for the purpose of repairing the roof and lathing, and plastering the room. it will then make a very good Office and in the event of its ever being sold for the benefit of the Bureau, this expenditure will cause it to sell for something near its real value, and the amount of the expenditures will only be a little more than one month's rent of the present office.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

Thomas E. Lawrence

Capt 24th Inf. St. James Bldg
Army Post, Washington
rent of Bureau of \$100.00

July 24/68.

Disbursing Office R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Arkansas,

July 24, 1868.

Capt H. E. Stambury

Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.,

Washington, Arkansas.

I have the honor to enclose herewith, my check, No. 1341

on the **MERCHANTS' NATIONAL BANK**, of Little

Rock, Arkansas, for Twenty five

dollars, in payment of the following accounts:

James R. Page 25⁰⁰
My check No 1341 - for 99¹⁷ in payment of Mr
Mitchell's salary for January, was handed to Mr Joseph
Weger as requested

Please acknowledge receipt.

Your obedient servant

H. E. Stambury
Disbursing Officer.

Feb 24/68

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J. J. H. 5/19/93

Office Bureau of R. P. H. S.
Camden Ark July 24

Mr. C. C. Gilbert
County Post W. Agent
Washington Ark.

Dear Sir

I have the honor

to acknowledge herewith the receipt of your communication of the 17th in regard to inquiring before the Grand Jury of this County are Willis Smith (widow), for Criminal Trial, Bigamy - In reply I would respectfully state that the matter has been referred to the Pres. Atty. Gen. Judicial District with instructions to act as you suggested in your letter

I am very respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
Agent Bureau of R. P. H. S.

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May 14/68

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATE OF ARKANSAS,

Office of Superintendent of Education,

Little Rock, Ark., May 14, 1868.

Dear Sir:

In your report on Education of Refugees and Freedmen for March you state that four school houses are wanted in your district.

You are entitled to a portion of the fund appropriated by Congress to aid the freedmen in building these houses as set forth in Circular 21 Series of 1867, the principal condition being a clear title to suitable sites.

It seems important that whatever can be done in this direction should be done without much delay. I trust you will be able to secure at least one good site in your district and have it built in two months. Such an enterprise would encourage the despondent freedmen and re-awaken that interest in schools which poverty

and politics have tended during the past year to dissipate. It is not probable that the State can do much toward building school houses during the next two years. In the mean time if a neat and commodious school house can be erected in any locality it will not only be a standing lecture on education but will be, pecuniarily, a net gain to the neighborhood.

Very truly yours,

Wm M Colby,

Supt. Education.

May 14. 88

Disty Office

Green Road 204

June 2nd 1862

Page Henry

Transmits vouchers
for signature of
Mr. R. H. Hitchell for
27¹⁵ dollars for May

Recd June 2nd 1862

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Ark., June 3rd, 1867.

Col. G. C. Gilbert

Bureau A. F. and A. L.,

Washington, Arkansas.

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose herewith for signature vouchers as follows:

Alfred R. Mitchell 99.17

You will please have all signatures to the receipts written the same as in the heading. All signatures by mark you will please witness.

Very respectfully,

May

Disbursing Officer B. R. F. and A. L.

OFFICE OF
GAINES & EGGLESTON,
Cotton Factors and Commission Merchants,
143 GRAVIER STREET.

RICHARD GAINES
J. P. EGGLESTON.

New Orleans, January 15th 1868

Cal. Gilbert
to Office
Washington

Dear Sir,

Dear Sir,

A draft of yours for George Taylor for balances due by James Eggleston to A. Block, Dublin Street & Employer Williams Hill was presented to us by Messrs Lewis & Co of this City on the 16th. Having paid A. Block's balance in his order to J. J. Thomas Esq, we offered to pay the balance of the other two, but the holder declined receiving part

... separate drafts were not given that we might have paid such as we owed. Mr. Gaines leaves for Washington on the 20th

And to avoid confusion we hope you
will await his arrival for settlement
of all matters connected with Fred-
man.

Very Respectfully
James C. Egbert

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Office of Asst Comm
Green Rock Ark
July 1st 68

Bennett No. 6. It
a a a general

Replies to letter of Aug
July 27th 68 and states
that the Asst Comm
cannot issue an order
to drop the remaining
stay from returning
but that an affidavit
from Mr Smith as to
its disposition will
be a good voucher.

Received July 1st 68

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS.

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OFFICE OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

Little Rock, Ark., July 1st, 1868.

Dear Colonel C. C. Gilbert.

Agent.

Washington, Ark.

Colonel.

In reply to your letter of the 27th ultimo,
I am directed to inform you that the Assistant
Commissioner cannot issue an order for you to drop
a recruiting flag from your papers, but that the
affidavit of Mr. Smith as to its disposition and to
the fact that it was never delivered to your possession,
will be a good voucher.

I am, very respectfully,

Your Obedt. Servt.

Wm. E. Smith
Acty. Asst. Supt. General.

Duty Office
Little Rock Ark
July 26th

Page Henry

Transmitting vouchers
for signature of
R. H. Fitchell

21. 2. 1868

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Ark., July 8, 1868.

Col. C. C. Gilbert

Bureau A. F. and A. L.,

Washington, Arkansas.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith for signature vouchers as follows:

Alfred Whitehead 99.17

You will please have all signatures to the receipts written the same as in the heading. All signatures by mark you will please witness.

Very respectfully,

Henry Page

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Lewisville Ark
July 15. 68.

Smith & S

Transmitting Affidavits
in relation to
the loss of a recruit
ing flag

Smith & S

Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Leicester July 15th 1868

P. R. Mitchell Esq
Clerk R.F. & A.L.

Sir

I have the honor
to forward herewith an affidavit in
duplicate in relation to the recruit-
ing flag worn out & lost. at this place
should it not be satisfactory please
write out such an affidavit as
is necessary to send to you so

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
J. H. [unclear]

[Faint, illegible text]

Dusby Office
Lulu Root
Aug 1st 68

Page Henry

Transmittal check for
17.50 on Monday at
Bank in favor of
Tom Lanning for 3
dollars

Washington

Disbursing Office U. S. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Arkansas,

Aug 31st 1868.

Carl G. Gubert *upt*

Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.

County Post Washington Arkansas.

I have the honor to enclose herewith, my check, No. 1940

on the **MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK**, of Little

Rock, Arkansas, for

Thirty five _____

dollars, in payment of the following accounts:

Thomas Luman

35⁰⁰

Please acknowledge receipt.

Your obedient servant,

Mary Page

Disbursing Officer.

M P

Dist. Office
Little Rock Ark.
Aug 3rd 68

Page Henry

Transmitting vouchers
for the signature of
J R Mitchell

Recd. Aug 10th 68

MARK 53

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Ark., Aug 3rd, 1867.

Mr. Herbert.

Bureau A. F. and A. G.,

Washington Arkansas.

I have the honor to enclose herewith for signature vouchers as follows:

Alfred R. Mitchell 99.17

All please have all signatures to the receipts written the same

ing. All signatures by mark you will please witness.

Done at Little Rock, Ark.,

August 3rd 1867.

Henry Page

Disbursing Officer B. R. F. and A. L.

Mar 7/68

Disbursing Office U. S. F. and A. S.

Little Rock, Ark., March 7th, 1868.

Major G. C. Gilbert
agent re Washington Ark
Major

I enclose herewith Invoices & blank receipts
for Stationery shipped you this day. Please sign
the receipts and return at your earliest convenience

Very respectfully

Harold Abert Smith
H. A. Smith

March 9/68

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Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Ark., March 9, 1868.

May C. C. Gilbert

Bureau A. F. and A. L.,

Washington Arkansas.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith for signature vouchers as follows:

A. R. Mitchell	# 99 ¹⁷
J. R. Page-	# 23 ⁰⁰

You will please have all signatures to the receipts written the same as in the heading. All signatures by mark you will please witness.

Truly,

Your Obedient Servant,

Henry Page

Disbursing Officer B. R. F. and A. L.

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April 4/68

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April 6th 68

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Ark., April 4th, 1868.

Col. C. C. Gilbert

Bureau A. F. and A. L.,

Washington, Arkansas.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith for signature vouchers as follows:

James B. Page 25⁰⁰

Asst. R. Mitchell 99.17.

You will please have all signatures to the receipts written the same as in the heading. All signatures by mark you will please witness.

Very respectfully,

Wash.

James B. Page

Disbursing Officer B. R. F. and A. L.

He.

April 14/68

Disbursing Office U. S. F. and A. D.

Little Rock, Arkansas,

Apr 14 1868.

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Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.

Washington Arkansas.

I have the honor to enclose herewith, my check, No. 1539

on the MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK, of Little

Rock, Arkansas, for One hundred and ninety four ¹⁷/₁₀₀

dollars, in payment of the following accounts:

Alfred B Mitchell	99 17
Warren M Farnum	95 00
	<u>194.17</u>

Please acknowledge receipt.

FOR THE DEPARTMENT,
H. M. Page
Disbursing Officer.

1868

Received of the Hon. Secy of War
\$1000.00
May 25
James Lane

6-22-1868
I have received certain papers
which he claims as his and
says that one Johnson was
disposed of in a certain manner
since that Johnson was Admin-
istrator of the State of
Louisiana. Some papers were
sent in 1863, that this paper
was in my possession until Jan-
uary being then closed, but
the name of James Lane was
to was not able to return until
in that Johnson said to be
his name because Lane was
with the papers, but he got
away as well as to return
the papers to me.

Office of Genl. D. A. Smith
Washington, D. C.
April 15, 1868

Respectfully referred to
Genl. D. A. Smith
in connection as well as
the system of the Bureau
in various cases similar
to the one referred to above.



C. L. Gilberd
James Lane

Received of the Hon. Secy of War
\$1000.00
May 25, 1868

Washington
Respectfully referred to
St. C. C. Gilberd
Agent, Washington, D. C.
with the information
that this case does not
fall within the jurisdic-
tion of this Bureau.
By command of
Bt. Brig. Genl. C. N. Smith
Asst. Commr.

J. M. O. Smith
Agent, Wash. D. C.
No 330.08

Missouri Landship Hempstead Co., Arkansas
April 24th. 68.

To the Agent of the Bureau,
Washington, Ark.

Sir

I would respectfully inform you that a citizen in this Territory by name James Johnson has a lot of property, which I claim as belonging to me, and that said property consists of a year of corn, a wagon, two cows and calves, a mare, some spinning wheel, reel, cotton cards, and household furniture, and that said Johnson has disposed of some of this property and now refuses to give up the balance not disposed of, or account to me for what he has sold.

The circumstances in the case are as follows. I was formerly the slave of the late James of Ouachita County and James is now dead, died in 1863. He bequeathed his slaves to accumulate, and to hold property, and never claimed the pro-

perty, the above named James Johnson was Administrator of the Estate, and he regarded this property as mine, and it was in my possession up to the time General Steele's army

arrived in this part of the State. When the
Army returned I was taken with them to
Fort Gibson. And I have not been able
to return until now, and I now find that the
said Johnson has disposed of my property,
because as he says I went away with the
federals, my fellow servants who staid here,
have been permitted to retain their property,
which they acquired in the same manner as
I did mine.

In view of the foregoing facts
I would respectfully request that the Bureau
take some action, so as to restore said property
to me.

Witness to signature,
A. T. Mitchell
Clark, Bureau, &c

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
L. J. [unclear]

May 6th / 68

1868

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Ark., May 6, 1868.

Major G. Gilbert U.S.A.

Bureau A. S. and A. L.,

Washington, Arkansas.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith for signature vouchers as follows:

A R Mitchell. 99:17

You will please have all signatures to the receipts written the same as in the heading. All signatures by mark you will please witness.

Your Obedient Servant,

Henry Page

Disbursing Officer B. R. F. and A. L.

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Office Surveyor R. D. Allen
Camden Ark March 17th 1858

J. C. Gilbert

Comdy Post of Ark
Washington Ark

The Surveyor of this State
that he has a brother living in
in Hraupshad & with a party who he
is afraid ~~you~~ what he learned while
myself will refuse to give him up

The brother is living in Tennessee and
wishes to take his brother then with
him

As the matter is beyond my juris-
diction I respectfully refer the case to
you

Yours respectfully
J. D. Thompson
Surveyor R. D. Allen
Camden Ark

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1000
Henry
Sept 27

Page Henry

Henry's family was living
in England at
300 St. Michael's Street
London being
born in London
Sept 27 in London

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Ark., Sept 24, 1868.

Dear Sir

Bureau A. F. and A. L.,

Washington, Arkansas.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith for signature vouchers as follows:

Alfred Mitchell 49.58

You will please have all signatures to the receipts written the same as in the heading. All signatures by mark you will please witness.

Your Obedient Servant,

Henry Page.

Disbursing Officer B. R. F. and A. L.

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SUBORDINATE FIELD OFFICES
Washington (Hemstead County)

Register of Contracts

Volume (165) Nov. 1866–Sept. 1867

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Bill

Date	County & State	Names of parties	stipulations and agreement
Nov 14/66	Hempstead Co Arkansas Pin Bend	J W Sumers Party of the First part William July Party of the Second Part	<p>The party of the first part agrees, to work all Lands on Pin Bend plantation for one half of the Crop raised, he further agrees to furnish said party of the second part one thousand lbs of Pork one hundred fifty bushels Corn and Plow and Hoes to cultivate said place, to pay half the expenses for Rope and binding. Furthermore one Dollar per hundred Rails that may be used for repairing fences on said plantation.</p> <p>The party of the second part agrees to cultivate at least thirty acres of Cotton the balance in Corn, to gather Gin and bode said Cotton.</p> <p>he further agrees to take good care of all the stock, prairie household and Kitchen furniture, and not to allow any other stock on said place except his own, and the parties of the first part, except by special Permission.</p> <p>at p m and copy filed Nov 14/66 J W Sumers</p>

		<p>Party of the First part Wesley Chatham freedman Party of the Second Part</p>	<p>one third of the crop The party of the second part agrees to give said Land good cultivation to gather said crop on a reasonable time after maturity, and further agrees that if he should fail to give said land good and sufficient cultivation</p>
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Contracts for 1867

No.	County & State	Names of parties	Reputations and agreements	Adults		Children		When Held	
				Men	Women	Boys	Girls		
			Two disinterested parties to assess damages, and in case such is proved one third of what said land would have brought under ordinary circumstances should be allowed to the party of the first part Approved and copy filed, 11th 9/66 W. T. Johnson						
1				1				July '67	
2				8	7	3	2	Jan "	
3				1	1			" "	
4				1				Febr 4 th "	
5				1	1			March "	
6					1			Jan 7 th "	
7				1	1			Febr 12 th "	
8				1				Jan 3 rd "	
9				1				Aug 20 th "	
10				2	2	1		Dec. 6 th '66	
11				1	1			Jan 23 rd '67	
12				1	1			Febr 5 th "	
13				3	1			" 28 th "	
14				1	1			Jan 23 rd "	
15				5	5	2	2	" 1 st "	
16				1				" " "	
17				2				" " "	
18				1	1			" " "	
19					2			" " "	
20					1			" 7 th "	
21					1			" " "	
22				1				" " "	
23				6	3	2		" 10 th "	
24				3				" 12 th "	
25				2				" " "	
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27					2			" " "	
28				1	3		2	Feb 5 th "	
29				1				" 4 th "	
30				13	6	4	1	" 5 th "	
31				3	2	1		" 6 th "	
32				1				" 7 th "	
33				7		2		" 8 th "	
34								" " "	
				Total —		78	48	16	8

Contracts for 1867

No	Name	Adults		Children		When Paid
		Men	Women	Boys	Girls	
35	Boggs J. M.	1				Feb. 27 th 67
36	Baird W. A.	1				" 28 th "
37	Benson A. C.	2	3			" " "
38	" " "	10	9			" " "
39	Bradley W. O.	1				" " "
40	Burden J. E.	1				March 67
41	Burt J. S.	"	1			" " "
42	Blinis A. H.	2				" " "
43	Burt W. S.	3	1			" " "
44	Burt H. C.			1		April "
45	Bell H. H.			1		" " "
46	Bell and Spce.	16				Jan 26 th "
47	Brintley W. H.		1			" 1 st "
48	Bortle J. E.	1	1			Feb 1 st "
49	Burt and McClary	13	8	1	1	Jan 25 th "
50	Chatham M. V.		1			July 11 th "
51	Gre W. B.	8	6	3	3	Dec. 25 th 66
52	" " "	2	2			Jan 1 st 67
53	" " "	1				" " "
54	Conling J. D.	5	1		1	" 7 th "
55	Caldwell M. L.	1				" " "
56	Cannon J. S.		1			" 8 th "
57	Cornelius W. H.	2	1			" 11 th "
58	" " "	1	3			" 21 st "
59	Carrigan and Whaley	"	6	1	1	" 14 th "
60	" " "	1				" " "
61	" " "					" " "
62	" " "					" " "
63	Curry A. M.		1			" 27 th "
64	Cornelius W. C.	2				" " "
65	Conling J. F.	1				Feb 27 th "
66	Cranford A. D.	1	2	1		" 28 th "
67	Gunninge J. R. M.	1				March "
68	Conling and Beards	8				Jan 1 st "
	Total	95	50	8	6	

Contracts for 1866

No	Name	Adults		Children		When Paid
		Men	Women	Boys	Girls	
64	Grop E. do	2		2		March '67
70	" "	3				" "
71	Gaultier W. Bro	4	2			May 18 th "
72	Belony J. M.	1				Jan 10 th "
73	Belony J. H.	1	1	3	2	" 12 th "
74	Belony Alex	2	1	1		" " "
75	Paris J. M. H.		1	2		" 14 th "
76	" " "	1				" 27 th "
77	" " "	1				" " "
78	Cropper A. J.	5				Feb 10 th "
79	Belma S. H.	3	2			" 28 th "
80	Cudley J. H.	1				March "
81	Duggan M.	1	1	2	1	April "
82	Eller J. M. J.		1			" "
83	Elliott J. W.	1				Jan 7 th "
84	Elliott P. H.	1				Feb 14 th "
85	Eves Alfred		2			" 26 th "
86	" "	2				" " "
87	Edwards W. M. J.	3	2	1		" 27 th "
88	Finkle Christopher	1				May 20 th "
89	Ferguson Elijah		1			Jan 30 th "
90	" "	1				" 4 th "
91	Freeman J. W. J.	2	2			Feb 5 th "
92	Griffin S. M. J.	1				Nov 8 th '66
93	Trum Victor	1				Jan 11 th '67
94	" "		1			" "
97	Giles Singleton	1	2			Jan 25 th "
98	Brown J. M. C.	1	1			Feb 21 st "
99	Gibson A. A.	1				April "
100	Grans Phillips J.	1				Jan 27 th "
101	Grays J. C.	1				Feb 1 st "
Total		56	22	14	3	

Contracts for 1867

No	Names	Adults		Children		When fixed
		Men	Women	Boys	Girls	
102	Holeman J. B.	1				Aug 22 nd '67
103	Kannagan J. M.	3	1	1		March "
104	Hill George	3				" "
105	Hubbard Barbary	1				" "
106	Hamilton M. Phillips	28	21	1	2	Febr 5 th "
107	Holt E. M.	1	1			Decr 31 st '66
108	Hubbard Jay M.	1				Jan 2 nd '67
109	Hinton R. Jr.			1		" 8 th "
110	Hofe R. S.	3	2	2	1	" 13 th "
111	" " "	8	7	3	4	" " "
112	Hamilton M. C. Carr	5	3			" 5 th "
113	" " "	1	1	1		April "
114	Hicks James L.	2				Jan 14 th "
115	Harty J. D.	1	1			" 18 th "
116	Hicks B. D.	1				Febr 1 st "
117	Comptond B. F.			1		" 9 th "
118	Kannah E. M.	11	3	2		" 7 th "
119	Korn C. C.			1		" 23 rd "
120	Kitchum Jay	2				Jan 10 th "
121	Kalis M. K. Melvin	18	19		6	Febr 19 th "
122	James T. Jr.	30				May 14 th "
123	" " "	1				July 1 st "
124	John H. Miller	1				May 28 th "
125	" " "	1				Jan 10 th "
126	" " "	2				" 21 st "
127	John C. Miller					" "
128	Johnson A. L.	1				" "
129	" " "	1				" "
130	Johnson J. B.	1				Jan 1 st '68
131	James J. M. D.	3		3		" 16 th "
132	Johnson Edward S.	2	2	1		" 17 th "
133	Johnson H. H.	1				" 26 th "
Total -		136	61	18	13	

Contracts for 1867

No	Name	Adults		Children		When Paid
		Men	Women	Boys	Girls	
135	Jordan Sarah	1	1	1		Dec 28 th 67
136	Dunkins C. G.	3				Feb 5 th "
137	Dunkins Martha	2				" 10 th "
138	Johnson Edmund	9	4			" 28 th "
139	Johnson Parker	2	1			" " "
140	Johnson James E.	10	7	3	2	Jan 10 th "
141	Johnson E. H.	2	1			Feb 28 th "
142	Kitchen Silas M.	1				Jan 1 st "
143	Kent Wm M. Hunter	2	1			Feb 28 th "
144	L. Patten John	1	1			May 20 th "
145	Lewis J. E.	1				March "
146	Lloyd R. H.	4				Jan 1 st "
147	Lorry Jas.	3				" " "
148	" "	2	2			" " "
149	Lolanch Jas M.	3				" 7 th "
150	Lorimer Alfred	1				" 14 th "
151	" "	1	1	1		" 30 th "
152	Lorsten J. H.	1				Feb 4 th "
153	Lorry Jas.	2	2			" 10 th "
154	Mabbs Martha J.	1				March "
155	McIntosh J. E.	1				" " "
156	McGill H. H.	5	3	1		" " "
157	McKnight G. L.	1	1			" " "
158	Mare	1				April "
159	McMulligan			1		" " "
162	McElroy Jas.	10				" " "
163	McFadden Thos. J.	2	1	2	2	" 8 th "
164	McFadden D. A.	6	4			" 16 th "
165	McElroy Jas M.	1	1	1	2	" 18 th "
166	Martindale Jas	1				" 25 th "
167	McKnight G. L.	1				" 30 th "
Total		88	36	13	10	

Contracts for 1867

No	Name	adults		Children		When Filed
		Men	Women	Boys	Girls	
168	Maxwell Granville	4	4			Jan 18 th 67
169	McManary J. M.	13	11	1	1	Feb 25 th "
170	McClain H. H.	3		1		" 28 th "
171	White J. M.	1				Jan 2 nd "
172	Mum Stephen	9	3	1	1	Feb 28 th "
173	Neal Rufus D.	2	1	1		Jan 19 th "
174	Adson Jas H.	3	4	1		Feb 13 th "
175	Nelson and Atherton	13	2	1		" 14 th "
176	Wash Michael	3				May 20 th "
177	Tollock R. O.		1			May 15 th "
178	Page J. H.	1				Dec 31 st 66
179	Saug and Oglesby	11	5	15	9	Jan 16 th 67
180	"	2	4	1	5	Feb 1 st "
181	Dice R. H.	3	3			Jan 11 th "
182	Dye Willis	5	4			" 16 th "
183	Font J. B.	2	3			Feb 1 st "
184	Parson J. W.	1				" 23 rd "
185	Compton Chas E.	8			2	Jan 1 st "
186	Cover S. V.	3	11			" 18 th "
187	Cover S. V.	1				" 12 th "
188	Cover S. V.	2				" 21 st "
189	Cover S. V.	1				" 23 rd "
190	Cover S. V.	1	3			" 30 th "
191	Cover S. V.	1				Feb 2 nd "
192	Cover S. V.	1				" 16 th "
195	Underhill Barton	2	1			Aug 25 th "
196	Summers J. H.	1				Nov 11 th 66
197	Shragins S. F.	1				Jan 1 st 67
198	Sect Wm J.	1				" " "
199	Sandefur J. O.	1				" " "
200	Sandefur J. O.	1				" " "
	Total -	108	56	24	14	

Contracts for 1866

No	Name	Adults		Children		When Paid
		Men	Women	Boys	Girls	
201	Spencer G. O.	1				Jan 5 th 67
202	Sanderson J. C.		1			" " "
203	Sandlin William		2			" " "
204	Smith Chas. E.	6	11	2	2	" " "
205	Stuart J. M.	1				Jan "
206	Smith W. C.	7	2			" 15 th "
207	Smith W. C.	1				" 15 th "
208	Finell Jesse	11	3			" " "
209	Seegun W. G.	3	1	2		" 16 th "
210	Sutton Nelson	1				" 19 th "
211	Seegun W. G.	1				" 22 nd "
212	Smith James P.	1	2			Feb 3 rd "
213	Stuart W. H.	2	1			" " "
214	" " "	1	5	2		" 5 th "
215	Sanger J. S.	4	1		2	" 18 th "
216	" " "	1				" 11 th "
217	Smith E. W.	6				" 16 th "
218	Sutton W. H.	1				" 23 rd "
219	Smith J. A.	6	6	2	1	" 26 th "
220	Sutton W. H.	1				" 27 th "
221	Schmidt A. S.	2				" 11 th "
222	Stewart J. A.	6		1	1	" 20 th "
223	Smith Jay W.	2				" 26 th "
224	Stuart W. C.	7				" 22 nd "
225	Stuart W. C.	31	13	8	2	" 27 th "
226	" " "	2	16	2	2	" " "
228	Smith J. C.	7	7	2		" " "
229	Smith E. W.	9				March 67
230	Smclair J. W.	1				" " "
231	Sutton W. C.	1				" " "
232	Szjunt A. S.	2				April "
233	Stuart J. C.	6				" " "
Total		165	62	31	11	

Contracts for 1866

No	Name	Adults		Children		When Paid
		Men	Women	Boys	Girls	
234	Stuart H. S.	1				April 67
235	Sumner S. H.		1			May 5 th "
236	" "	1				Jan 17 th "
237	Thompson	2	2	1	1	" 1 st "
238	Tracy G. H.	2				" 18 th "
239	Furner J. S.	3				" 17 th "
240	Tracy and Stuart	14	8	6	6	Feb 9 th "
241	Hamas S. H.	3	1			" 23 rd "
242	Hamas A. H.	3				March 27
243	Vickers J. J.	3	3	3	5	Jan 19 th "
244	Vaughn J. B.	7	1	1		Feb 14 th "
245	Vaughn John	1				Jan 22 nd "
246	Wilson James S.	12	7	6	4	" 7 th "
247	Winn Daniel R.	4	1	3		" " "
248	Wilson J. S.	4	1			" 8 th "
249	Wells E. T.	1				" 10 th "
250	Wacker A. H.		1			" 14 th "
251	Williamson E. K.	1				" 15 th "
252	" "	1				Feb 26 th "
253	Webb John	1				Jan 16 th "
254	Wren A. G.	2	2			" 18 th "
255	Westmontland John	9	1			" 26 th "
256	Wolf J. S.	1				" 28 th "
257	" "	1				" " "
258	Wilson J. L.	6	3			" 29 th "
261	White J. J.	1				Aug 7 th "
262	Williams H. J. H.	2				May 3 rd "
263	Wagner John	2				" 20 th "
264	Williams D. C.	1				Feb 14 th "
265	Winfield A. B.	1				" 23 rd "
266	" "	2				" " "
Total -		48	32	20	16	

Contracts for 1867

No.	Name	Adults		Children		When Paid
		Men	Women	Boys	Girls	
207	H. C. Williams	1				Feb 28 th 67
208	L. A. Williams	3	2	1		" " "
209	Williams Jas. A.	10	4	2		March 67
270	Knight Amos	3				" "
271	Kauae Dr S	2	2	1	1	April "
272	Whaley T. J.	1				" "
273	Walker R. W.	1	3			Feb 14 th 67
274	Hall Prof. H.	10		1		Jan 5 th "
275	Like M. L.	1				" 8 th "
276	Whitman Paul	2				" 12 th "
277	Wheeler D. D.					1. Sept 13 th 67
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279						
280						
Total -		40	11	5	1	

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Compliments,
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Aug 7 Charges preferred against J. S. Hicks for
8 loss and calf. which was promised for labor
performed, bills brought against the plaintiff
for the amount of upwards of \$60. which was
acknowledged, and
Plaintiff withdrawn.

Aug 14. Settlement of contract between Jas. W. Page.
9 party of the first, & Henry Williamson (freedman)
party of the second part.
Note given to Henry Williamson for \$36.50.
payable December 20th 46.

Aug 14 Charges preferred against - Martin Ely. by
10 Hamilton (freedman) for withholding payment
for four months labor.
Judgment given in favor of Hamilton for
amount \$32.

Aug 15 Charges preferred against H. J. Vaughan for balance
11 due her for services rendered by Martha McWilliam
Judgment given in favor of Vaughan for \$11.

Aug 18th Joe Pagan & family (freed) complain that they cannot
12 get along with Mr. West. Mr. West proves that Pagan
and family have not worked as they should have and
had lost a great deal of time for which Mr. West

Aug 18 Henry Burt (freed) entered complain that Anderson
13 Phillips, agreed to work for \$1. per day worked 6 hours
and left. Anderson on Phillips reports that Burt will
not pay
Phillips to receive .85 for labor paper

Aug 18th Charges brought against Elijah Ferguson by
Lilly & Callina Brandon report they had
14 driven from their house
Fines by freedom on Mr. J. plantation
that they refused to work and left in their
own accord contract cancelled

Aug 21st Charges preferred against Dr. Wain by Thos Phillips
15 as having been driven from his work and no settlement
made, prove Phillips was in fault.
Parties agreed to return to agreement as
per contract filed and Phillips returned to work.

Aug 29 Charges preferred against Calvin Reed for
16 breach of contract by Peter Jones
Judgment in favor of Peter Jones, to be
allowed to gather his own personal work
and note given to day after date for \$64.50.

Sept 3. Charges preferred against S. Wilson Green by
17 Sampson Williams for discharging and
claims wages.
Judge in favor of Sampson Williams for \$8.00

Sept 7th Joe Pagan claims 8 1/4 months wages from
18 Mr. West for himself & wife
Judgment given to Pagan for 10/10th by note

Sept 12/66 Charges preferred by John Sawker (freedman)
19 against D. W. Pagan Esq. for payment of charges
due.
Judgment given to Paid Ker.
for \$1.75.

Sept 20 Charges preferred by Ben Poulter (freedman) against Dr. G. G. for pay for labor performed
 Judgment given to Ben Poulter for \$12.50.

Sept 14 Charges preferred by James Turner against Dr. G. G. for R. Helder for services rendered
 21 Judgment given to James Turner for \$4.00

Oct 16/66 Settlements made between Joseph H. Ward free man and Monroe Cobb a freedman the second part.
 22 Note given due 25th December 1866 amount \$41.00.

Oct 20/66 Charges brought against J. W. Johnson by Solomon Sonat. for breach of contract
 23 Judgment given in favor of Solomon Sonat. balance due for note \$12.00

Oct 29/66 Settlements made, between Henry Watkins and Louis Pecton.
 24 Pecton to pay Watkins \$7.00. due Dec 1/66 to be collected by the Receiver.

Nov 3/66 Charges preferred by Richard Nash a citizen of Pike Co against E. P. Smith & C. M. Kelly Assembly agents of Bally also Maliciously a fraud
 The gross sum of \$75.00 for the latter

Nov 7/66 Charges preferred against Mrs M^{rs} Sadden by Richard M^{rs} Sadden Hampton Thom Day Flora M^{rs} Sadden, Vicy "Puffy, Peggy, Elzy for not furnishing returns
 22 Contract cancelled in favor of the plaintiff preferred the charges

no & date	names	charge & decision
Nov 12, 66	John Durnea	Contract cancelled
	vs. Peter Hooker	Contract cancelled
" 13, 66	Peter Shurt	Equal treatment. Contract cancelled, note given for \$7.50 dollars
	vs. Noah J. Neal	
" 20, 66	Deane West.	Claims payment for services rendered. Ordered paid 21. dollars
	vs. M. Westmoreland	
" 24, 66	Adam Clark.	Claims settlement. Ordered to pay 27.50 dollars. paid.
	vs. B. D. Burns	
" 25, 66	Binda Galloway	Claims settlement. Ordered to pay 36.7 1/2 dollars. paid.
	vs. A. Martin	
" 27, 66	John Jones	Unfair settlement, charge sustained. Ordered to pay 12.00 dollars. paid.
	vs. Mrs. Brews	
" 29, 66	Robt. Scott.	Not fulfilling contracts
	vs. Dr. G. G.	
Dec 2, 66	Caroline Kumble	Claims payment for her labor. Ordered, paid 5.75 dollars.
	vs. Henry Commerce	
" 10, 66	Binda Duff	Violating contract. Ordered to pay 69. dollars, note given due 25 th inst
	vs. Dick Jones	

date	names	charges & decisions
Dec. 29, 66	Frank Griffin vs. E. D. White	Refusing payment Ordered to pay 95 dollars paid.
" 29, 66	Lucas Pennington vs. Chas. Conway	Hants settlement paid in full.
" 29, 66	Jemie Witherspoon vs. John Nelson	Hants settlement paid in full.
Jan. 11, 67	Robert Muldrow vs. Wm. Billingsley	Hants settlement paid in full.
Jan. 11, 67	Employees vs. J. H. Nelson	A satisfactory settle- ment made.
Jan. 11, 67	D. F. Reeves vs. His employees	A settlement made, notes given until return of cotton, &c.
Jan. 14, 67	Linsay & Johnson vs. P. P. ...	Settlement, as per contract, note given to P. P. ...
Jan. 14, 67	Jack Jones vs. J. B. Bridgman	Indebtedness, & a refusal to settle Settlement made note given for 325 37 dols. payable May 1st '67.

Settlements made	
Jan. 14, 67	Dr. J. D. Stone, settled in full, as per his contract.
" 14, 67	W. G. Hales, settled in full as per contract.
" 15th	E. W. Gunn settled in full as per contract, with Fred Williams & family, note given for 45 dollars, due Feb. 15th, '67, also W. Williams, family, note for 45.00 ⁵⁰ dols given same time.
" 27th	Hargall settled with his freedmen in full, as per contract.
" 27th	A. M. Callum settled with his freedmen, due them 127 ⁷⁴ / ₁₀₀ dols.
Feb. 18th	Willis Pope settled with Am. Ins. note given for 165 dollars, ninety days after date, with 10 per cent. interest.
Feb. 2, 67	A. M. Callum settled with James Hargan, note given for 42 ¹⁰⁰ / ₁₀₀
" 11, 67	H. T. Cheatham, settled, as per contract, with W. Cheatham.
" 11, 67	Dr. J. D. Bent settled with freedmen as per contract.
" 12, 67	J. H. Jones settled with Caroline Cheatham, as per contract, note given for 50 dollars.

date	names	charges, & decisions.
March 7. 67	Wm. Dewey vs. Paul Griffin	non settlement. Ordered to appear settlement made.
" 16. 67	Henry Jones vs. Wm. Walker	Complains that Walker wrongfully took some hogs. Decided that Walker pay to Jones 46.2 lbs pork, or 12 1/2 cents a lb. paid
" 16. 67	Wiley Cheatham vs. M. P. Cheatham	Indebtedness, & non settlement. Ordered to appear on 25th by Appeared & settlement made.
" 17. 67	Wiley Cheatham vs. D. D. S. Bent	Application for a settlement. Ordered to appear on 25th by. Appeared, & settlement made.
" 18. 67	Caroline Cheatham vs. J. N. Jones.	Claims a settlement Ordered. Due to her 30 dols. note given,
" 20. 67	Peter Stewart vs. John Watson.	25th inst. at 2 o'clock, p.m. Appeared & settlement made.
" 21. 67	Oscar Neal vs. John Watson.	Abuse, & threatening to kill. Ordered to appear on 25th inst. at 10 o'clock Appeared. charges not sustained.

date	names	charges, & decisions.
March 26. 67	Parson J. Jones vs. Johnathan Black	Taking forcible possession of his stock. Notified to appear on 29th at 12 o'clock p.m. Appeared & settled.
Apr 4. 67	Robert Jones vs. Tom Jones.	Order for a settlement on contract. Ordered to appear on 8th inst. at 2 o'clock p.m. & bring contract, & papers. Appeared, & note for 21. dollar so payable Jan'y 1 st 18.
" 6. 67	Jacob Fungelt vs. Sam Gibson	Claims a settlement. Ordered to appear at once, settlement made.
" 6. 67	W. Witherspoon vs. Ben West.	Violation of contract Ben West sent for contract cancelled.
" 9. 67	Level Patel vs. Willard Alford	Claims payment on a note. Alford sent for, settled, by his employed being responsible for the payment of the note.
" 9. 67	Frank Cobb vs. Henry Jones	Claims a settlement out con- tract. Settled. due Cobb 11 1/2 dollars paid.
" 10. 67	Harriet Jones vs. Henry Jones	Persecution on his part. Henry is living near Dulon on the Mitchells place, & with another woman.

date	names,	charges, & decisions.
April 10, 67	Anthony Polling vs. Parson Stanley	Claims a settlement, also that he has been charged 25 per cent int. on all money advanced.
" 11, 67	Shel Smith vs. Henry Smith	Ill treatment & violation of contract
" 15, 67	J. M. Daddin vs. J. B. Williamson	Claims a settlement for year 1866.
" 15, 67	Betty Capron vs. Ed Capron	Deception & taking up with another woman.
" 15, 67	Richard Gaine vs. Henry Stuart	Payment on a note.
" 15, 67	Judy Cheatham vs. Henry Stoddard	Asks for a settlement.
" 15, 67	D. V. Reeves	
" 18, 67	Dennis Polling vs. J. B. Smith	Asks that contract be cancelled.
" 18, 67	Bethune vs. Ed Brandon	Assault with intent to kill.

Decisions
A just settlement ordered, note given, & accepted on J. R. Montgomery for 29 dollars also note given to Betty Polling for balance due her, as per contract.
Contract cancelled, by reason of mutual consent, & request.
Settled by arbitration on Saturday 27th inst. to be paid in full as per contract.
Both parties legally married by W. J. King Justice of the peace.
Paid in full.
Settled without appearing at the Office.
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Cancelled, Dennis has no claims on Smith for any labor performed.
Brandon bound over to Circuit Court in the sum of 1500.00 dollars.

date	names	charges, &c
April 18. 67	Billy Taylor vs Newlock.	Claims wages as per contract for 1866.
" 18. 67	Stuart vs Walker	Claims a horse
" 23. 67	Simon Pickers vs J J Pickers	Claims a settlement on contract for 1866.
" 24. 67	Wm Vandewater vs H. C. Jones.	Claims payment on a note.
May 4. 67	Emily Bell vs J R Walcott	Claims a settlement on a contract.
" 7. 67	B D Jones vs Francis Barnes	Violation of contract left plantation with out cause.
" 9. 67	Jim Glass vs W. G.	Ill treatment, and violation of contract
" 10. 67	Mr. State vs Wm Gilmore	insulting language, & abusive language.
" 10. 67	Mr Sandifor vs Henry Page	Fighting out, & running away from the plantation.

Decisions.
Referred to Lt W. D. Willis, at Paraclyfte. Continued on page 42. July 12. 67
Referred to Lt W. D. Willis, at Paraclyfte.
Decided. no cause for complaint. Simon in debt 16 dollars.
Decided. H. C. Jones, gave an order on store of Taylor & Gibson, for amount of note, payable in provisions.
Decided. Paid in full as per contract on file in this Office.
Wm Jackson ordered to appear on Saturday 18th inst. Contract cancelled, and as
Gilmore sent to guard house, & to perform hard labor at Freedmans Hospital. Released on 27th May 67.
Henry Page sent from to Columbus. kept in guard house one night, sent back to the plantation.

date	names	decision
May 4. 67	K. A. Butler v.s. Natalie Burt	Stealing meat from smoke house. on Nier's farm.
16. 67	Sam Childs v.s. Tom Dufree, Dr Nelson,	For settlement, and overcharging for medical attendance, 75 dolls. for 4 visits.
20. 67	Stephen Ross v.s. W. H. Moss.	Claims 95. 1/2 dolls in gold, also stock taken from him, when a slave.
21. 67	Dr E. W. Smith v.s. Dan White Tom Ninton	Fighting, & causing a disturbance on the plantation.
21. 67	Tom Lowrie v.s. W. J. Hicks.	Refuses to return 10. bushels of corn, borrowed in Decr, 66.
24. 67	E. W. Green v.s. Creary Kent.	Quarreling, & abusive language.
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Decisions
Not guilty. failed to make proof of the charge. Sent back to plantation to work
Mrs Dufree ordered to appear on July 29. 67 at 2. O'clock p.m. provided a settle- ment can not be made without. Tom Dufree being dead, and she being administratrix
Stephen Ross has no lawful claims on Matt Ross that used to own him. consequently could not be compelled to give the money back.
Sent for them. Found Dan White guilty, & placed him at work at N. O. Hospital, sent Tom Ninton back to plantation. Released on 27th. May 67.
Mr Hicks paid ten dollars, & promised to pay the balance, in a few days.
Contract amended, so as to specify the work to be done. sent back to plantation, & cautioned to obey cheerfully

25. 67	Ann Stamps v.s. Chas. Hill.	Claims the guardianship of Homer Hill, now in the care of Chas. Hill.
26. 67	Chris Walker v.s. Dennis McGee.	Claims a settlement on contract, worked for a share of the crop.

Granted, Ann being the boys aunt, & he the boy being brutally treated by Chas. Hill, and not being properly fed, or clothed.
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Date	Names	Charges
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May 26. 67	Sam Moon & Juny vs J. D. Beringfield	Claims a settle- ment as per contract in 1866.
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May 29. 67	A. Mc Donald vs Mary Black	Violation of contract left without cause April 16. 67.
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May 31 st . 67	Margaret Maxwell vs Ed Royston.	Has lived with her four years, & will not marry her.
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June 2. 67	Jerry Ferguson vs Grand Jury	A bill found against him for corn stealing. Claims that Act of the Bureau tried & punished him for same offense
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June 4 th . 67	Abram Gill. Co vs Sam Arnold	Coursing & using violent & threatening languages.
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June 4 th . 67	Robert Neal. Co. vs Richard Patterson	Shot & killed his brother on June 2 ^d . 1867.
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June 10 th . 67	M. D. O. I.	D. I.
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June 15 th . 67	H. J. Hayles vs Delia Andersons	Violation of contract, profane & abusive languages.
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June 14 th . 67	Mary E. Cheatham vs John Byrnes	Abusive languages, Assault & threatening to kill, on 12 th inst.
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Decisions

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Contract cancelled to date April 11 th . 67. no settlement made.
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Married in the Office, by <u>W. P. King J. 18</u> both parties consenting.

It being ascertained that both Major D. A. Whitcomb tried, and punished, the Freedmen for the of- -fense. the Prosecuting Attorney was directed to stay further proceedings against him.

Directed to attend to his business, and not be provoked by Arnold to do anything not lawful. If Arnold again interfered. to report.

Patterson arrested, and tried by Civil Auth- -orities, found guilty & sentenced to two years imprisonment.
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given to Maria for one month work.

Contract cancelled. Due on settlement \$7 ⁰⁰ / ₁₀₀ dollars. Paid.
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Date	Names	Charge
June 17. 67	H. C. Sutton. vs Employers.	Violation of contract going away from plantation.
June 17. 67	Dr. Brumson vs Employers	Same charges as preceding.
June 17. 67	W. K. Bell vs Virgil Carson	Violation of contract, idleness, drunkenness, and leaving the place.
June 20. 67	Kuth Mc Bracker vs Jas. Arnold	Fraud, in attempt- ing to get a share of the crop for his wife crop is planted, and about to be laid by. & she has not worked any in it. Hands get 1/3 of crop. Arnold owns the land, & gets 1/2. He is also a hand, & gets 1/3 of the hand's 1/2. No contract made, his fault.
June 21. 67	Saml Paslon vs	Fraud, in taking his land.
		he does not own
June 21. 67	Hanna vs Nelly Danford	Beating her, & very abusive conduct.
June 21. 67	Bandy Crofton vs H. S. Crofton	Ordered away from place, no contract.

Decisions
Ordered to return to place of employment Parties notified not to employ them.
Ordered to return.
Changes sustained, & contract cancelled Settlement made. Virgil in debt \$49.00 to be paid at once
Ordered to appear on Saturday 22 nd inst Change not sustained. Written contract to be made.
Ordered to deliver up said horses at
Nelly Wans. & husband sent Gov. husband directed to look after Nelly, & to be more careful in future
Directed to report at Office, on Monday July 1. 1867.

Date	Names	
June 29. 67	Geo Parker vs No 1 Burton	Asks for a settlement for labor performed.
July 1. 67	Jno Simms vs No Hardy	Claims pay for his sons labor.
July 1. 67	Reuben Johnson v. c St Johnson	Asks for a settlement for labor performed.
July 1. 67	Hon Bishop vs The Rev Smith	Wants contracts to be cancelled, no cause is dissatisfied.
July 1. 67	Green Burt vs Damon Johnson	Claims a debt of 12 dollars for work performed.
July 1. 67	Elias Alexander v. c Jno Baird	Claims pay for work done in 1866, as per contracts.
July 1. 67	Marie Carr v. c D. J. Carr	Claims pay, as per contract in 1866.
July 1. 67	Edward v. c Mary Garrison	Violation of contract, left plantation & hired with one Anderson, on road to Mullens.
July 1. 67	Laura Walker vs G. H. Stuart	Claims her husbands wages. Brockitt Walker was shot by Stuart on Apr 9. 67. Walker died.

	Burton ordered to make a fair settlement, or report at Office why he has not done so.
	Hardy ordered to pay Simms for his sons labor.
	Ordered to appear at Office on Saturday July 6. 67. Settled on page 40. July 8. 67
	Ordered back to plantation and instructed as to the nature of a contract.
	Ordered to come in at once, & settle the amount.
	Money was to have been paid to Major Philant, but postponed until the Major returns.
	To be referred to Major M. Philant who seized & sold cotton.
	Contract cancelled to date June 1. 67.
	G. H. Stuart ordered to appear at this office when crop is gathered, and settle with her for husbands work.

Date	Names	Charges
July 6 th 1867	Prince Wilson vs Bryant and Bant McFain	States that he worked with them last year in Washita County, was not paid. He reported them as being connected with a gang of horse thieves they thought he did and left the country, returned again, & beat him on head with fence nails. has been sick ever since, is now in Hospital, and is at times par- tially insane Witnesses. D. E. Goodwin. Brooks. A. Mitchell, Adjudgers
July 11 th 1867	Simon Perry vs. George Perry	Claims an ambulance from him as his prop- erty.
July 11 th 1867	Wazy Perry	An assault, beating

Decisions
<p>Case referred to Genl L. S. Smith, Asst Com Provost of R and D Co. Don Arkansas. As this Office has no jurisdiction in Washita County, The statement of Prince Wilson, with names of witnesses, forwarded.</p> <p>Prince died in R and D Hospital on 15th July 1867.</p>
<p>Wrote to Mr Perry, & Dr Swanson, Marshall Texas. for the Justice.</p>

July 11 th 1867	Major Dunst vs. Jims. Daves. Andrew & Wazy Employees	Violations of contract, leaving the place without permission
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Ordered to return to plantations & go
to work. Crops being very much in
need of cultivation, & other working for
shades, but cautioned them that if
another similar complaint arises
they will be punished by imprison-
ment & hard labor at camp.

Date	Names	Charges
July 1 st 67	A. H. Wrens vs James Glenn & his wife.	Violation of contract. Profane language and idleness.
July 8 th 67	Plaintiff John vs Mr. E. Johnson	Asks for a settlement for work done in 66, worked on slaves
July 9 th 67	J. L. Wilson vs Lewis Boyle	Violation of contract. leaving without per- mission. insulting lan- -guage
July 10 th 67	David King vs Cyrus Bailey	Refused him rations, and threatened to shoot him
July 12 th 67	Mirra King vs A. B.	Claims that a young son of Thomas, traded

Decisions
Ordered back to plantation, & caution- -ed as to future conduct.
Settlement made. His cotton had been given to him, and by him shipped by Mr. Wiedeman. His share of corn 23 bushels and fodder 25 birds was taken by Mr. E. Johnson to pay for advances during year 44 ¹⁰⁰ / ₁₀₀ dollars. and lost time 21 ²⁵ / ₁₀₀ dollars. having 11 ⁵⁰ / ₁₀₀ dollars yet to be paid Mr. E. Johnson out of the cotton shipped by Mr. Wiedeman.
Settlement approved Ordered back to plantation, cautioned as to his future conduct
Mr. Bailey cautioned against using such language, & informed that con- -tracts would be enforced.
Both parties are in fault Both parties ordered to Office on Monday, for the purpose of settling

		he declared, asks that she get her money back. The boy is a minor. the mull was his father's property
July 12 th 67	Betsy Jones vs Loring, Judge-out.	Claims to have been cheated in a settle- -ment.

Change not sustained. A just & fair
settlement has been made.

Date	Name	Change
July 1st 67	Bobby Dwyer v. s. a. Son Soek	Wants a settlement worked on Widow Doolin plantations on Red river. Thinks there is no con- tract. Capt Ballant was a party to con- tract but gave it up. Soek kept the men. worked for wages. Does not remember the amt. It has been in Office at Paraclyft. & Agt said two hundred dollar was due. & that fifty dollars should be de- ducted for moving him from river to Par de Am where he is now
July 1st 67	Jane Royston v. s. a. A. B. Norman	Claims 17 dollars. which was paid him to take her to Little Rock. & he did not do it.
July 1st 67	D. B. Smith v. s. a. David White	Is dissatisfied with him. Wants contract cancelled. says he is a
		He stays on plantation He cultivates, and quarrels with the hands.
July 16. 67	Henry Nelson v. s. a. H. Schoolfield	Claims that his contract is not as he supposed it was. & asks that it be changed.

Decision
Continued from page 28th. After 1st of A mistake occurring in the defendant name Son Soek. Instead of Newlock here again referred to Agent at Par- aclyft
Referred to Agent Gross. Agt at Little Rock. As Jane Royston lives there. & Norman says it was settled there.
Changes not proven. but contract is can- celled by reason of a clause in said contract which says it can be, if either party is
advances. & lost time, viz 106 $\frac{1}{2}$ dollars. Valid on contract.
Contract reads that he gets $\frac{1}{3}$ of crop. & pays for his own rations. But mutual consent changed to read $\frac{1}{3}$ of crop. and rations.

Date	Names	Charges
July 16. 67	Betty Mc Dadden vs. Kempsey & Elias	Claims five dollars from each of them for attending to their wives during child birth
July 16. 67	E. Ferguson vs. Henry Bennett	Violation of contract. Going away without permissions.
July 17. 67	Delphia Gained vs. Jas. Ellis	Claims pay for 9 days work at 75 cts a day. He refuses to pay her
July 17. 67	George Parker vs. G. H. Burton.	Violation of contract.
July 17. 67	Henry Scott vs. Partle. J. P.	False imprisonment. tried for stealing beer & committed without suf- ficient evidence.
July 19. 67	Julia Hill	Claims her property.
		Worked two weeks, was not paid, claims pay
July 19. 67	Widow Johnson vs. Dilus Johnson	Will not repair crib James & Co. Youth thinks that his contract which is for share of crop, does not require him to do so.

Decisions
The men to be sent for on Saturday 22. 67.
Sent for him, but he could not be found. Supposed to have gone back to his work.
Ellis sent for. The account being just & correct, he was ordered to pay her at once. Account paid.
Witnesses testifying to the Just. that proper relations were not furnished, that threats were made to shock him, that his daughter was ill treated, his wife not cared for when sick. The contract was cancelled by Major Watson and Parker hired to D. B. Winn.
The Civil Authorities to take action on the case & release Scott by due process of law, he being in prison without sufficient evidence upon part of prosecution.
Order sent Mas Bee to give up said property.
that she did not owe Julia, as she worked for her board, also that she did not hold Julia's property.
Dilus Johnson sent for. Contract read & expl- ained to him. He was ordered to repair James cribs & to dig drains, and to feed and care for stock. If he repaired house, or worked in sheds, he should be paid extra.

Date	Names	Changes
July 19 th 07	New Muldrow vs Calvin Williams Deak White	Wants to marry Deak White's daughter. the girl is of age. & went away with him to marry him. They took her back by force. & cruelly beat her. Thinks Deak wants to make the girl continue to work for her.

July 20 th 07	Samson & Oady vs Doctor Branson	Asks for a settlement for last years work. says that his family Lemley. Matilda. Cephias. Rachel. Minnie. Mary. worked for him.
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July 20 th 07	Emeline Muldrow vs Dr. J. Williams	Claims that she is under contract to him for this year, and says he ordered her away from his farm
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July 20 th 07	America Thomas vs Mr. J. Wallace	Claims that she is under contract to him for this year, and that she was
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July 20 th 07	C. D. Miller v. a. Bob Black Lyons Flowers	Violation of their contract Politeness. and disobedience
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July 22 nd 07	Dress Spence vs Dennis Williams	Is under contract, and was ordered away for no reason gave him a horse by way of
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Decisions

All the parties ordered to the Office. The
change against Deak of cruelly beating the
girl was proved. The girl being of age was
married to _____ by Lemine Phillips

Dr Williams was notified that contracts
could not be cancelled except in Office of
Agent of Bureau. and that all complaints
should be reported. Emeline ordered to go
back.

Ordered to appear at this Office on Tuesday
July 23rd 07. Contract cancelled, settlement
made. Balance due eight dollars.

Judge Miller's Agents. Mr. J. E. James ordered to
bring the parties to this Office as soon as it
is convenient to do so. Reprimanded, and or-
dered back to work.

Dennis Williams sent for and informed that his
contract could be cancelled without cause. Ordered
to take back the horse & dress sent back to work.

Date	Names	Charges
July 22 nd 67	Melvin Johnson v. a. Nech Jones	Ill-treatment, beating & abusing her, not legally married. Took up with each other in 1864, and lived together ever since

July 22 nd 67	J. D. Smith vs Employers on Hamilton & Phillips Plantation	Complains that twelve of them, armed, marched into his garden, and demanded a certain freed-man working on Smith's farm, with whom they had a quarrel the night previous, that some fired their guns off in the garden, and all acted in an unlawful violent manner. Asks that they be punished.
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July 23 rd 67	Bandy Simpson v. a. Mrs Pelt, Campbell	Claims pay for digging a well, 12 dollars. They promise to pay him but do not.
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July 23 rd 67	Lynsiah Reynolds vs H. ...	Assault with intent to kill, caused by a gin
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Fill in case

July 24 th 67	Louisa Chapel Miss ... vs James Chapel	Is under contract, herself and 3 children turned off without cause, or settlement
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July 24 th 67	Willis Phillips vs William Williamson on plantation	Claims 12 dollars for doing blacksmith work
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Decisions
 Warned by R. D. Phillips J. P. and cautioned as to their future conduct. Informed that if complaints of this kind were again made & proven, that the guilty party would be severely punished.

Joseph Belton
 Moses Hamilton
 Andy Phillips
 George Beale
 John Phillips
 Sam Lewis
 Jack Skinner
 Michael Phillips
 Joseph Richards
 Elias Robinson
 Billy Phillips
 Joseph Phillips. and
 Jack Raddin. sentenced to ten days imprisonment with hard labor in camp, but Mr Phillips, their Employers representing that their crops would suffer by their absence they were fined five dollars apiece, Mr Phillips to see it paid, and the money to be given to the Freedman's Benevolent Society.

Mrs Campbell ordered to pay the amount at once, or show cause at this Office why it is not paid.

Ordered to report to this Office at once, and show cause for his actions.

No action to be taken until crops are gathered

Date	Names	Charges
July 25. 67	Lucy Carrington vs Tom Jordans	Claims 2 ²⁵ dollars balance due for weaving & yds of cloth.
July 25. 67	J. B. Page vs W. C. Carey.	Maltreatment of a girl Molly Page. Child a school going to Carey's school
July 27. 67	W. G. Hayles vs William Paulk	Violation of contract
July 27. 67	Mrs Annald vs Employees	Violation of contract left the place & crops need labor.
July 27. 67	James L. Hicks vs Employees	Wants them to build a cabin near their work they live one mile off and in gathering crops thinks it is too far from them to walk.
July 29. 67	Adam Ross vs Allen McOfer	Assault and Battery. merely a boys quarrel.
	vs Austin Harold	
July 29. 67	Larkin Street vs Alec Dean	Disorderly conduct
July 31. 67	Barnes Moore vs Col. Stephen Moore	Says that June Moore found by John Montgomery is to be given up to him

Endorsements.
Tom sent for & ordered to pay the amount paid part. given a few days time for the balance
Contract cancelled. settlement made, and debts paid to date.
To be sent for on Monday. Postponed until Saturday Aug ¹⁰ 67.
Both parties being boys. they were reprimanded. told how to conduct themselves and cautioned as to their future conduct
work.
Ordered to give up the child. per indenture to May 10 th 66, which annuls all indentures

Date	Names	Charges
August 2 nd	John Kallan vs Honey Kallan	Left his husband without cause, on provocation.
August 25 th	Henrich Jonda vs Wm. A. Sammen	Assault
August 2 nd	Thomas Nelson vs Wesley Mason & Frank Glass	Stealing meat
August 4 th	Solomon Nelson vs Wesley Mason	Claims payment for labor performed since the divorce
August 4 th	Sarah Graves vs Bill Graves	Claims that he is living in adultery with one Dorkie
August 4 th	W. J. Hidyler vs Wm. D. Dwyer	Violation of his contract
August 6 th	Lanier Cheatham vs Anderson Boyd	Promised to marry her, and is the father of her one child. He
August 6 th	Franklin Preece vs Wm. H. Dwyer	Violation of her con- tract, not obeying Employers orders
August 8 th	Employers vs John Westmoreland	Violation of contract wants them to work for other parties

Decisions
Sent for, reprimanded and ordered to return, and live with his husband.
Charges proven, contract cancelled, settlement made, and approved.
Turned over to civil authorities, and afterwards released on writ of Habeas Corpus. Evidence defective.
Ordered to make a satisfactory settle- ment. In default of which to appear at this Office.
Sent for and reprimanded. The woman Barkis ordered to leave the place.
Contract cancelled by mutual consent. Settlement made up to date.
Ordered to Richard Sullivan Justice of the Peace for Spring Hill Township.
Not sustained. Wives ordered back to plantation to work
Settlements to be made with hands for all work done outside of what specified in contract

Date	Names	Changes
August 9 th	Bicus Dwyer vs Joe Arnold	Compels him to work outside the week in violation of contract
August 12 th	Jacob Breed vs Jack Ho Gough	Complains that he is in the habit of leaving plantation without permission. wants contract cancelled.
August 14 th	Austin Sandefur vs Dr Nelson	Violation of contract. Does not furnish near rations & tools.
August 15 th	Anthony Meredith vs Mrs Weston	Claims a settlement for his work in year 1866.00 per contract
August 14 th	J. H. Wright vs Qualls Baker freedman	Disorderly conduct shot a freedman in arm. beat mother and ran him away from place. Wants contract cancelled
August 14 th	Solomon Johnson vs Doctor Bruner	Pays for a new settlement for work done on plantation in 60.00

Decisions
Contract explained. Settles to satisfaction of both parties
Changes not sustained. Sent back to plantation to work.
Change sustained. Nelson ordered to furnish rations in compliance to contract.
Ordered to appear at Office. Settlement made. Note for thirty dollars due Sept 14 th given to Meredith.
Case turned over to civil authorities. Warrant issued for his arrest.

	Daniel Purdy	Boy fractured his skull. no hope of his recovery. Purdy has run away. Affair occurred at Greenville. August 4 th
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for info. a request that action be taken to secure Purdy's arrest

See L.S.R. page 100. 97

August 16	Lined Johnson vs Dr. H. H. Flannery	Violation of contract dont furnish him rations
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Date	Names	Charges
Aug 17 th 67	Elyse Rooster vs Sgt Burt	Claims 20 dollars for working D. Ruff's plying wood D.C.
Aug 17 th 67	Elyse Rooster vs Delix Houck Jenny William Beaman at Camp	Claims one dollar from each of them for cooking.
August 19 th 67	Harriet Douglas vs her husband	Beating and ab- using her, refusing to return to her
August 19 th 67	Eans Coulter vs Major Dunstall	He has no charges to present. See 2 nd paragraph below.
August 19 th 67	Chas Boynton vs Samuel D Lance	Violation of contract continually leaving the plantation without permission & letting crops suffer thereby.

Decisions
Referred to Company Commander, with a request that he have the amount paid.
Referred to Post Adjutant with a request that he use his influence to have the amounts paid.
Both parties evidently to blame. He was reprimanded for his conduct, and both of them were informed that if they were not his together they should refer the matter to the Civil Authorities.
A guard sent out to plantation to assist the parties. They could not be found.

	Samuel Coulter	plantation.
Aug 19 th 67	Sam Dooley vs Dr Brunson	Dr Dooley a settlement for work done in cc. Dr Brunson charges him to do as natives for some of his family for the whole year. He is to charge for natives in full.

See on 20 th 67

Date	Plaintiff	Defendant
August 19. 07	Alice Maxwell vs John Arnold	Ordered her to leave the place, without paying her for work done. He writes contract. He refused to make one
August 19. 07	Mary Cobb vs Dons Johnson	Says that she has children by him. He wishes to see that he left her, and is not married to another has taken the children from her
August 19. 07	Nancy Andrew vs Siles Gosh	Claims six dollars for washing for him says he wont pay her.
Aug 20. 07	Simon Perkins vs John Roach	Says that he took a yoke of steers from him to work them.
Aug 21. 07	Francis Green vs John [unclear]	Claims six dollars for cooking & washing
	The House	Yours
Aug 24. 07	Chloe Jones vs J.J. Dickens	Ordered her away from place, and she under contract for 07
Aug 28. 07	Dr R.A. Brunson vs Reuben D. Albee	Charged them with killing a cow

Decisions
Ordered no appears on Tuesday 21st. Referred to both parties without appearing at office.
Ordered no give the children to her, and informed that he has no claims on them. W cautioned against interfering with them again.
He was ordered to pay the amount on before Sept 2. 07.
Ordered to appear at this office on the 24th inst. Referred Roach to pay for steers.
Referred to Post Adjutant Lieut Collier with a request that he cause same
Sent back with a note to Mr Dickens informing him how contracts should be cancelled.

date	Names	Changes
Oct 29, 67	Buck Cheatem vs B D Phillips	Claims pay for work.
Oct 29, 67	Adeline McCallum vs Henry Crumpton	Refused to pay her for working for him and beat her for asking him for it.
Oct 29, 67	E D Dallas vs Jat Harrington	Resolution of contract
Oct 29, 67	Tom Alexander vs John Johnson	Beating his wife, very abusive language, threatening to shoot.
Oct 29, 67	W Williamson vs Delix Anderson	Claims that Delix wont work as per contract. One evening he left the field where he was, putting fodder because it was dark, and William-son told him not to go. per Williamson's statement
	Reuben Johnson	in industry, makes no Sunday without permission.
Oct 29, 67	Charles Baker vs C Q Wright	Dallas imprisoned & arrested by his instigation for an assault

Decisions
Sent a note to Mr Phillips directing him to make a settlement or appear at this office at once
Cancelled by mutual consent, settlement made to date.
Changes not fully sustained. Both parties admonished, and told to be very careful in their future conduct
Alth appearing that Delix did work as per contract and Williamson being Agent to some extent for J O Gray so whether Delix is contracted. The said contract will not be cancelled, and if Delix is ordered away from the place for no good cause the penalty of the first part will be held for the faithful performance of his part of said contract.
plantations
Charles employed an Attorney Hon B. D. Venable and was released from prison of a writ of Habeas Corpus.

Names	Charges
Dant Collins vs J. H. Gee	Claims pay from Dec 28th cc. to July 28. 04. Has refused by said J. H. Gee.
Delilah Johnson vs Lo Elizabeth Duff	Claims for services as a laundress
Peer the Warden vs Johnathon Black	Sent him off without cause.
Yanna McAden vs Jekson McAden	Beating & abusing her
Anthony Rice vs Dunstable Smith	Wants to have his brothers affairs settled. Said brother died Sept 2. 04.
Lucas Wilson vs J. H. Cain	Wants pay for work done in cc.
Donald Dargason vs D. D.	Claims pay for work done in cc.
Simon Penny vs George Penny	Claims that George has a mule belonging to him, and refuses to give it up.
Jackson Dugh vs Shy Hlan	Wants a settlement for last years work.

Decisions
Ordered to settle at once, or failing to do so, to report in person at this office.
Referred to Bonds Office at Camden Arkansas the Company being stationed there.
Ordered back to plantations to work, with a note to Black informing him that if he wants contract cancelled, to call at this office and show cause for his action. Jackson sent him and report.
The firm to appear and settle said claim.
Ordered to settle said claims, or report in person at this office.
Ordered to appear at this office on next Wednesday the 11th inst. Failure to do so will result in a default.
George owes both Dunstable and Simon both Widow Hlanes.
Referred to Agent at Camden, where he lives.

Date	Names	Charges
Sept 9. 67	Employees vs John St. Johnson	Beating them using profane and abusive language and threats, ening to run them off of plantation.
Sept 9. 67	Henry Clay vs Doctor Smith	Claims pay for work done.
Sept 10. 67	Albert Harrison vs Matt Moss	Ordered him to leave his place.
Sept 10. 67	Mary Marlinda vs Jno O Sandefur	Claims an account as follows Eight month work 48.00 Advanced. Order 8.00 Order 8.00 Shoes 3.00 Strip Shirt 1.30 Cash 2.00 Claims balance of 25.50
Sept 10. 67	Huges Johnson vs A. A. H.	Assault with intent to kill.
Sept 12. 67	Mary Marlinda vs John Hooney	says he is her husband and asks that he be made keep her support her children.
Sept 12. 67	Cephas Griffin vs James Williams	Wants pay for some iron work sold him

Decisions
Change sustained in part. Return one of the Employees sent back to plantation. Only the other one. Contract cancelled and paid up to date. Johnson reprimanded, and cautioned as to his future conduct.
The work, not being done, Henry was sent back to complete it. Doctor Smith expressed a willingness to pay him for said work whenever it was completed.
Matt Moss written to, for the purpose of calling at the Office and explaining his reasons for ordering him away. Albert sent back.
Jno Sandefur sent for, and directed to bring with him all accounts against Mary so as to make a settlement in the Office.
Change not sustained but kindly acted in a manner that implies him for the position of Jno. H. H. H.
Hooney having left the family and been of a charge of an attempt to commit a rape being preferred against. He cannot be found.
A letter sent to Mr Williams ordering him to pay this account on show cause at this office why he refuses

Date	Names	Changes
Sept 21. 47	Dan Johnson vs Mrs Johnson	Wants a settlement for last years work. Quinley. Johnson's partners left back some at date of settlement out of Dan's share. To pay a hand Dan furnished but never paid it.
Sept 17. 47	Demetrius Griss vs J. J. Hindley	Took up a yoke of steers and Hindley wants to get them.
Sept 18th	Kitty Pindon vs Parcells Harper	Breaking into her house and stealing clothes.
Sept 18th	Leason Hylarow vs Mrs Speare	Assault on a boy that Leason furnished as a hand.
Sept 19. 47	Employees vs Leon & Hamilton	Claims that they are not furnished with rations.
Sept 22. 47	Martin Herson	On account. Taken at 12. 1. 47.
Sept 23. 47	Thomas M. Padden vs D. J. Keever	Blames that she has been assaulted his wife for no cause.
Sept 23. 47	Hoses Johnson vs Hobson's Estate	Does not understand his contract.

Decisions
This case settled in January of this year in this Office. Daniel has no further claims on Mrs Johnson. Case dismissed.
Note sent to L. C. Hindley, calling his attention to the number of complaints against him and informing him that he as a justice of the peace would be reported to the Governor and he liable by military commissions in the event of any more complaints of this character. Compelled to return the clothing and sent one of the County.
Ordered to appear in Office on Saturday the 29th inst. Appeared, and reprimanded.
Parties informed that contract must be complied with, and cautioned against further complaints of this kind.
Sent back to plantation. Doctor Williams.
Peeres informed that there is a proper way to correct anything that may be done wrong, and directed to prevent a repetition of this occurrence.
Contracts read, and explained. Hoses went to work in June when crop was planted. He gets one fourth of Hobson's share being 1/3 of crop of corn, and cotton.

Date	Cases	Chances
Sept 23. 67	Employees vs W O Bradley	Want a settlement for last years work.
Sept 24. 67	Jack Lees vs Moses Green	Stealing his pocket book, and destroying his registration paper
Sept 26. 67	Lepler Griffin vs S Jenkins	Violation of contracts does not furnish teams. He is working on shares
Sept 27. 67	Jim Johnson vs Michael Johnson	Assault, threatened to shoot him.
Sept 28. 67	O B Maxwell vs Frank Soper	Leaving plantation with out permission, working with Ed Smith.
Sept 29. 67	Cesar Hudson vs Wm Davis	Claims six dollars a month for July, and August 65.
Sept 29. 67	Euphonia Thomas vs D	Refuses to marry her, puts her in a libel suit.
Sept 28. 67	Employees vs W O Bradley	Continued from this page - September 23rd 1867.
Sept 30. 67	Henry Jones vs Frank Gamett	Attempt at grounds promised him half the crop, and now wants him to have the thirds.

Decisions
Ordered to appear on 28 th inst, and conditioned against disposing of his crop until these claims are paid.
Change sustained. Shares sent to bank subject to the approval of and during the pleasure of the County Officers.
Jenkins informed that he will be held responsible for damages if he does not comply with his contract.
Change partially sustained. Jim sent back to plantation. Frank Michael & Johnson conditioned against a repetition of their acts.
Ordered back to plantation.
Ordered to Office Oct. 28. 67. To pay the account. Settled balance due Cesar \$2.75.
Sent for J. J. consented to marry her. Squire Phillips sent for, and sent money back to the Office.
Subsequently settlement with the employees. Bradley appeared with accounts, & so forth.
Informed by letters that if he does not do as per his agreement. He will be dealt with in the manner prescribed for those who refuse to make written contracts.

Date	Cases	Changes
Sept 20. 67	Judge Duncan vs. Mrs. H. Bacon	Assaulting him with a wooden snout, and seriously injuring him.
Oct. 1st. 67	Leason Muldrow vs. G. B. Maxwell	His wife wants pay for work done on plantation in place of one Frank Zepher who ran away.
Oct 2. 67	Mrs. Atkins vs. Tom Gray	Claims pay, rent, for land for eight months.
Oct 2. 67	Jim Jones vs. S. B. Sangers.	Drove his cattle in his corn because he left the place.
Oct 30. 67	Mrs. Dunstall vs. Kate Brown, Susan Jones, Andrew Booker, Jno Williamson	Violation of their contract, and general worthlessness. Ask that the contract be cancelled.
Oct 21. 67	Mr. Williamson	Dunned him off of his

Decisions
<p>Cancelled, and the following agreement was made. To settle with the girls on October 12. 67, and with the men when the crops is gathered.</p> <p>Was sent back to plantation of Doctor Green on Oct. 11. 67. The land (contract) was cancelled.</p>

Oct 1st. 67	Employees vs. Sangers & Bowling	Not sufficient rations furnished them
Oct 5th. 67	Joseph Columbus vs. W. Wrenn	Refuses to give him his share of corn

<p>Change sustained. Sangers ordered to furnish either 3 1/2 pounds of bacon a week or 3 1/2 pounds of salt pork or 8 1/2 pounds of fresh beef a week.</p> <p>Wrenn ordered to turn over to Columbus at once his full share of corn which he agreed to do.</p>
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Date	Names	Changes
Oct 6 th 67	James Jeffries vs Belvin Lee vs Lyon Bonstall	Wants a settlement for last years work
Oct 20 th 67	Cuff Stevenson vs J. Kille	Claims pay for last years work.
Oct 7 th 67	Employees vs J. W. Hardy	Violation of contract does not give them good or sufficient ratione.
Oct 20 th 67	Henry Arnold vs J. W. Sinclair	Complains that he is not dividing the crop as per contract.
Oct 10 th 67	Henry Griffin vs J. W. Griffin	Asks for a settlement for last years work.
Oct 10 th 67	Simon Perry vs George Perry	Continued from page 38. July 6 th 67.

Disensions

A satisfactory settlement made & approved. But James Jeffries. \$2.00
But Belvin Lee. \$2.00 of \$100.00 also due Joseph
Bee who worked same year. but since dead. The
sum of \$4.00 of \$100.00 Dollars.

Rule sent for and it was ascertained
that he owed Cuffee nothing. Cuffee is
an old man & a cripple. hardly worth
his bond. case dismissed.

Case dismissed and employees refer-
minded for their very large and prostra-
ting contract. Mr Hardy has & continued
not give them good rations, and a sufficiency.

Complaints made by Arnold not sub-
stantiated by proof. The contract was exhib-
ed & he sent back. He received 1/2 of all the
crop made.

Directed to report at this Office Oct 27 67
Notice sent to the Nation by Henry Griffin.
Settlements made note given for \$30.00 due Dec 1st 67

Both parties ordered with their witnesses
to appear at this Office Saturday Oct 27th 67

	Mr. Wriscoe	has been working part of said land.
Oct 11 th 67	Albert Harrison vs Bill Dooley	Dooley bought a place, Harrison had mention Harrison gives him some cession. Claims that Dooley is destroying potatoes belonging to him.

Bill Dooley sent for, and his statement
as well as the statements of his witness
showing that Albert Harrison's charges
was unfounded. The case was dismissed.
Harrison was directed to dig his potato-
es at once & take them away.

Date	Names	Changes
Oct 11 th 67	Peyton Johnson vs Dr J. Burt	Beating his wife withouts any cause Wants his contract cancelled
Oct 14 th 67	R. H. Nelson vs Sam Nelson	Leaving place with- out permission.
Oct 16 th 67	Sam Nelson vs Jason Kithers	Says that he informs him and other men that if they dont see their plantations and attend political meetings they will be punished
Oct 18 th 67	Dane Whitmore vs Dr Martins	Has taken her corn. In- cially saying that she owes him 60 dollars & he will allow her fifty cents a bushel.
Oct 16 th 67	Harriet Jones vs Dr J. S. Burt	Claims 11 dollars for work done last year.

Decisions
Change in part sustained. but owing to the conduct of Peyton's wife. no fur- ther action was taken than cancelling the contract. Due Peyton 42 ⁰⁰ for which he took a cow & calf for 25 dollars & a note for the balance. Change not sus- tained. he only leaving the place with without permission twice a year. dismis- sed.
Dadson informed that he must cease giving freedmen such false information. That it was optional with them to attend any meetings. That their time by right belongs to their employers. make parties unhappy now as self interest requires that they should hasten to gather their crops Case referred to Justice Nelson at Washville where the parties reside with instruction that he try this case impartially, and submit this office with a transcript of all the proceedings
Dr Burt owes this money. but says he has not the funds to pay it. that her husband owes him more than 11 dollars. and wishes to transfer the debt. settled by consent of both parties.

Oct 17 th 67	David Dellow vs Ded Rogston	Says that Ded has his child. and will not give the child to him. Ded also claims the child as his.
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All settlement is made with parties not obeying this order will subject themselves to punishment Ded claims the child as his although the child's mother was David's wife. but as he cannot prove his statement. and as David is & has been regarded as said child's father. Ded is hereby ordered to give said child up.

Date	Names	Charges
Oct 14 th 67	Andrew Parson vs E. H. Peyton	Asks the Agent at Rocky Comfort to order Peyton to his office for the purpose of making a settlement for last years work
Oct 14 th 67	John Nelson vs Elias Williamson	Leaving plantation without permission and opening a letter sent to him by Elias from this office
Oct 18 th 67	J. W. Nelson vs Chas. Mason	Stealing a sack of wool, some cloth, and clothes.
Oct 18 th 67	Ding Johnson vs John Irwin	Her husband has left her and was about to leave the State. Irwin who is constable levied on a horse of his by virtue of an attachment in favor of James R. Page, and then M. B. Rose, for rent & medical attendance. Also for

Decisions
<p>A communication sent Lieut Willis Ogt at Rocky Comfort informing him that Mr E. H. Peyton has been transacting business for the past two years in this office, that his contracts are on file here requesting him to transfer the case here for trial.</p> <p>Sent for, but he could not be found. Case postponed.</p>
<p>Found guilty, and sentenced to one month imprisonment at hard labor, in camp at this Post. The cloth & clothes being recovered, his sentence is thus light & case postponed until next week the 24th.</p> <p>Settled satisfactorily Jones paid the debts taking a mortgage on the house. Home still in possession of her husband</p>

Oct 19 th 67	Dembo Griggs vs Capt Ogden	Claims a sack of steers which he says he took up at Etowah and which Capt Ogden posted, and now holds in his possession.
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<p>Case settled by Capt Ogden purchasing Dembo a sack of said steers for a rate of 25 dollars & five dollars in goods or cash.</p>
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Date	Name	Charges
Oct 19, 67	Elyse Griffin vs Thos Mayburn	Mayburn last year shot her husband, who was working with him on shares. She now asks for a settlement for what work he has done, no settlement having yet been made.
Oct 19, 67	Judge Lowrie vs Thos Cox	States that Tom was working with him, as per contract on file in the office, for share of crop. That he ran away, and supposes he has gone not to return. Asks what he shall do with Tom's crop.
Oct 19, 67	H. Mc Donnell vs Jim Pope	Says that Jim refuses to work, because he gives him fresh beef. He demands fresh beef. Says another that he has seen Mr Camden for pork. That he gives him for the same.

Decisions
Mayburn ordered to appear on the 20th inst. postponed until 20th day. Appeared & settled. amount due 65 cents. paid to and gave note for 38 dollars, payable Aug, 67.
Judge Lowrie instructed to take charge of the crop. & hire parties to pick the cotton. when picked to settle in this office, giving proceeds, after expenses and deducting to Tom's wife.
Charge not in any way sustained. It is evident that Jim Pope brought this false charge against Mr Mc Donnell on the purpose of being discharged from the cotton. & having his contract cancelled. He was reprimanded & informed if it happens again, he will be sent to the penitentiary.

Oct 21, 67	Henry Collins vs Walter Mitchell	Walter has for five months work done last year. He was to get 11 dollars a month for three months & ten for the other two. & only received twenty five dollars in goods.
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Mitchell ordered to appear on the 20th inst sent to him Henry Collins. & he also notified to be present.
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Date	Cases	Changes
Oct 2. 67	W. Mc Oiler vs Smart Drvin	States that he stole 3 logs from a citizen near his place. & on being found out, ran away that he was working with him for a share of the crop. & asks what he shall do now with Drvin's share.
Oct 2. 67	J. Royston vs Eylvia Royston	Eylvia's husband was contracted to J. Royston but died in August & Royston asks what an order be issued prohibiting the sale or removal of tools, stock, or crop until a settlement is made.
Oct 23. 67	Becky Mc Dade vs H. D. Mc Oiler	Asks that her contract be cancelled & has no reason to offer why it should be done.

Decisions

Denied to assume charge of said crop. & to hire labor for the purpose of gathering it, as soon as gathered. Not appear at this office. & make settlement, bringing all of his accounts against Drvin, for approval. These instructions to include the assuming change of any property he may have left. & accounting for it, to this office.

Granted. an order issued prohibiting Eylvia from selling, or disposing of anything on the place until a settlement was made in this office also to turn in all tools as she may be directed by General Royston.

Mc Oiler consenting to the contract's being cancelled. Her request was granted. There was due her 76.⁰⁰ dollars, but she acknowledges to have received from him 65 dollars in orders, this added has 11.⁰⁰ last time, which she agrees to, her account is even.

vs
Joseph Lyons

states that he got from one Perkins the money for 40 dollars in gold, which had Smith's endorse. The note & now that he cannot get the money from Perkins, has sued Smith for the full amount.

communication sent to the Justice of the Peace, before whom the case is to be tried, calling attention to the facts & demanding the transcripts of the proceedings at once when trial is concluded. Name of Justice of the Peace is Peter, Residence Washburn, Minnesota.

Date	Names	Charges
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Oct 26. 67	Chas. Wright vs J. B. Jones	Both parties wish contract between them for this year to be cancelled.
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October. 67	Mrs Arnold vs Employers	Violation of contract having 3 workhse for shek. not making half a crop. all by their negligence.
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Nov. 1st. 67	E. D. Keller vs Kael Nelson	Both parties wish contract on file in this Office for this year. to be cancelled.
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Nov. 4. 67	Wm Walker vs Wm Allen	States that he took up a stray mule & left in care of a cer- tain Hobson. who has since died. Allen married Hobson's widow. and will not give him the mule.
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Nov 4th 67	Wm Walker vs Park Walker	Asks for a settlement for his daughter for her work done in 1866.
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	Henry Bluminger	Christmass & got 20 for it & Henry sold the house to his brother Charles.
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Nov 4th 67	Anthony King vs Beaumont & Cowles	False imprisonment Accuses him of stealing a mule. because he went to the elections with one.
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Decision

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Change sustained. & contract so far as
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of the crop, instead of one half. as
she was to have received.

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Wm Allen ordered. to give Walker said
mule at once. or failing to do so to bring
cause. wh. at this office. Order sent
to Allen by Walker
Appeared in office. settled
Allen paid Walker twenty five dollars.

Ordered to make a satisfactory settlement
or to report at this office on Saturday the
9th inst.

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This man was committed by a Justice of the Peace
for stealing this mule. and turned over to him
as he has. as per contract. a just right to said
mule. upon consultation with the Post Comm.
he was released.

Date	Names	Charges
Nov 9 th 67	Nat Lyons vs J. J. Mathison	Taken imprisonment committed him for disturbing an. at. and did not give him a chance to procure any witnesses - Excessive bail, requiring three hundred dollars bond
Nov 9 th 67	Calvin Wilson vs Mrs Stuart	Threatened his life Was made with him for voting the radical tickets
Nov 9 th 67	James Knight vs John E. Innes	Threatened to kill him because he thought she furnished his coffee
Nov 11 th 67	Jayd Morisset vs Wm J. Sevens	States that Sevens is going away and he wants him to settle with him before he does go.
Nov 13 th 67	D. H. Dickson vs	Says that they all ag- reed to meet him to do

Decisions
A peremptory order sent to J. J. Mathison J. J. for him to furnish this office with a transcript of the proceedings in said case, at once. He was also ordered that hereafter in case of Whites against Freed- men he give the Agents of the Bureau due & timely notice so that if it is prac- ticable for him to do so he can attend such trial
Notice sent to Stuart cautioning him ag- ainst using such threats & informing him that assaults on freedmen would be tried by a Military Commission
A similar notice as the above sent to John E. Innes & Mary sent back to his place and directed to work out her time as per contract
Sent ordered to appear at this office & settle with Jayd, and strictly forbidden to dispose of his crop until said set- tlement is made.
Examined his accounts and found that he owed Mrs. Ross \$12.00, Dr. Cook \$0.00 & a P.

Nov 14 th 67	John Baker vs John Lyons	Unfair divisions of land and threats of violence to afraid to stay in the places.
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he must settle at Lewisville. The Agent at that
place having his contract on file.
John Baker sent back with a note to John
Lyons, ordering him to this office to settle, as
soon as cotton is picked, & forbidding him to
sell or dispose of his crop until settlement is
made. also that for an assault on any freed
man, he will be tried by Military Commission

Date	Cases	Changes.	Decisions
Nov 16 th 67	John Manuel vs J. F. Smith	Ordered off of his plantations. Demands in dividing crop	John ordered back to work. J. F. Smith notified to appear at this office for settlement when cotton is picked, and that he would be held responsible for John's wages for the year
Nov 19 th 67	Jim Reade vs Chas. Stevens	Assault, and beating	Both parties to appear on the 22nd inst. appeared, and both parties being in fault, they are fined 5 dollars each to be paid to the Freedmen's Benevolent Society.
Nov 19 th 67	Mary Samers vs Nancy Hayles	Claims payment for a spinning wheel she sold her.	Ordered to pay her or show cause at this office if it is not paid.
Nov 20 th 67	Emeline Williams vs David Williams	Part settlement for labor performed.	Ordered to report on 23rd inst. appeared and a satisfactory settlement made. Emeline to receive clothing for herself & children.
Nov 23 rd 67	Hester Johnson vs Wm Gordon	Demand in dividing the crop. Gordon is settling the estate of Hester's	Second complaint. Gordon ordered to appear on the 26th inst. appeared, proper settlement made
Nov 23 rd 67	J. D. Jones vs Mark Jones	says Mark wishes contract cancelled, and he wants to settle with him	Settlement made, and contract cancelled. Mark receives over, and above his debts fifty five bushels corn, 375 bundles of goods.
Nov 23 rd 67	Employees	one Amy Mitchell vs -	Settlement made to the parties for the amount of
Nov 23 rd 67	Employees vs Doby Williams	for labor in 67 Wants settlement for this years work. Worked on shares	Settlement made as follows. Albert 492 lbs cotton, Sarah 492 lbs cotton, Washington 492 lbs cotton, and 58 bushels of corn for each of them. Emeline 425 lbs of cotton, Henry 418 lbs cotton, and 75 bushels of corn for each of them. This being 75% of what they made. Contract cancelled

Date	Parties	Changes
Nov 20th 67	Hose Johnson vs Allen Johnson	Johnson is attending to Johnson's business, and will not jointly divide the crops.
Nov 25th 67	Jack Huse vs Paul Williams	Refuses to make a proper settlement. Hoped without making a contract. Williams says the Huse was a criminal and damning it.
Nov 25th 67	D Williams vs W H Reelton	Made no written contract with him but worked this year, and now he will not make a fair settlement. He wants to have Reelton's place.
Nov 26th 67	Stephens Johnson vs James Johnson	Working for a share of the crop. James Johnson wants to turn him off.
Nov 26th 67	Dan Williamson vs Mrs Wallace	Turned him off, with out settling with him.

Decisions

A settlement made. Hoses to get 182 pounds of cotton 52 1/2 bushels of corn and 100 bushels of fodder. Contract cancelled.

Williams ordered to appear on the 27th inst.

Reelton's retention called to Williams 16. series of 23 and ordered either him or his agents to appear on the 29th inst with accounts to be made a settlement. Failed to appear, by reason of ill health. D Williams ordered to return to work until Christmas as he agreed. see fine

Williams to appear at office as soon as the crops are gathered, and cautioned not to turn off his hands until after said settlement was made.

Ordered to appear and for safety. Informed that he would be held responsible for Dan's needs until contract was made.

	vs Dunstall & Smith	47
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of cotton. Took 100 735 bushels of corn. 6500 bundles of fodder, allowing to the hands 17 of them, one fourth of cotton, and one third of corn & fodder. namely to each full hand 40 lbs of cotton, 15 lbs of corn, and 132 1/2 bundles of fodder. Two women out of the 17 are 1/3 hands. they get each two thirds of a full hand's share.

Date	Names	Changes
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Nov 26 07	Employers vs Rent of the Lains	ask for a settlement Lands.
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Nov 27 07	Nancy Austin vs Albert K. Weston	Should pay her services as a midwife
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Nov 27 07	Ed Cheatham vs Dr Paul Bowler	Committed an assault
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Nov 28 07	Jack Hunt	Continued from above
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Both parties to appear on
Saturday the 30th for the
purpose of hearing evidence
as to the \$10 & 10 dollars
accounts discontinued

Decisions

Rent of the Lains made this year 1700 pounds of
cotton. 375 bushels of corn & 2500 bundles of grass
one third viz 589 lbs cotton. 125 bushels of corn &
833 bundles of grass belong to the hands of
Jack Paston's squad
1325 pounds of cotton 450 bushels corn & 2000 lbs grass
one third viz 442 pounds of cotton 150 bushels of
corn & 1000 pounds of grass belong to the hands
of Ben Mitchell's squad
452 pounds of cotton 450 bushels corn 1000 lbs grass
one third viz 494 pounds cotton 150 bushels corn
556 bundles grass belong to the hands of
Rich Dine's squad

	Cotton	Corn	Grass
Total made by Rent of the Lains	4575	1275	7600
Total made by hands	1524 1/2	425	2533 1/2
167 1/2 free hands			

Three dollars allowed, and paid.

Case turned over to B. H. Wilson, Justice of the
Peace at Birmingham, with a request that he return
his list of the result of the trial.

In the case of...

...not time not reported at office. He charges
one dollar a day.
...overcharge for extra labor, he should pay 2 1/2 dollars
...overcharge as above.
...an account against Jack by Bowling. no items
...an account against Jack. Jack denies. no items
...overcharge on James & bonds. Total...

Date	Cases	Changes
Nov 26 67	Employers vs Burt & McLean	ask for a settlement landed.
Nov 27 67	Nancy Austin vs Robert Dickson	Wants pay for services as a midwife
Nov 27 67	Ed Cheatham vs D. P. Bank	Committed an assault

Decisions

Burt & McLean made this year 1766 pounds of cotton. 375 bushels of corn & 2500 bundles of fodder one third viz 589 lbs cotton 125 bushels of corn & 835 bundles of fodder belongs to the hands of Jack Parton's squad

1325 pounds of cotton 450 bushels corn & 3000 lbs fodder one third viz 442 pounds of cotton 150 bushels of corn & 1000 pounds of fodder belongs to the hands of Ben Mitchell's squad

982 pounds of cotton 450 bushels corn 1065 lbs fodder one third viz 494 pounds cotton 150 bushels corn 556 bundles fodder belongs to the hands of Dick Dineen's squad.

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Nov 22. 67	Employees vs J. J. Light	Names a settlement for 67. The hand Simon Jackson	Settlement made Com. Cotton Dodson Total emp. 67. 500 lbs. 2500 lbs. 2500 lbs. Employees share 120 " " 700 " Share for himself 60 " " " 150 " Total made by Employee 180 " " 700 " 150 "
Nov 24. 67	Employees vs R. J. Lippert	Ask for a settlement for 67. That they had Mansfield & Frank Wallace	Settlement made Com. Cotton Dodson Total emp. 67. 720 lbs. 2700 lbs. 4500 lbs. Employees share 240 " 500 " 1200 " Share Employees Lippert purchasing their share 19 1/2 dollars. That Mansfield 19 1/2 dollars Frank Wallace 42 2/3 dollars.
Nov 24. 67	Employees vs Mrs. E. J. Johnson	Ask for a settlement for 67. One hand Cyrus Douglas	Settlement made Com. Cotton Dodson Total emp. 67. 525 lbs. 1700 lbs. 2700 lbs. Employees share 175 " 420 " 700 " Whole amount of indebtedness of Employee for the year 15 00 dollars. To be deducted from his share
Nov 29. 67	Employees vs William & Benjamin	Ask for a settlement for 67. Four hands. That they had Lewis Johnson. Thomas Johnson & Steve Johnson	Settlement made Com. Cotton Dodson Total emp. 67. 830 lbs. 492 lbs. 2176 lbs. 2850 lbs. Employees share 270 1/2 " 104 " 720 1/2 " 900 " Whole amount of indebtedness of Employees as given 22. 27 1/2 dollars. Plus 110 7/10 dollars. Plus 17 1/2 dollars. Plus 110 dollars. To be deducted from their share, which is an equal

	J. M. Brown		
Nov 29. 67	Hugh Colman vs A. B. Owen	Brought in settling for 67. also accounts	Ordered to appear at Office on Dec 5. 67 Charge not appeared
Nov 29. 67	Spencer Jones vs Carl Johnson	Brought in settling his books & accounts	Ordered to appear at Office on Dec 5. 67 Arbitrators appointed, J. J. Light for Spencer Jones & J. J. Light for Carl Johnson

Case	Names	Charges
Case 276	Jack Jones vs J. Q. Bridgeman	Refuses to pay his note given to Jack
Case 207	Henry Johnson Sam Johnson Kinship Johnson vs The Estate of J. C. Amott	Turned over cotton to J. C. Amott, to ship & sell for them, and not paid for it. They ask that the money be re- covered for them.

Decisions

Has previously been ordered to pay it
in report at this office his reasons for
not doing so. Did not obey the order and for
paid the full amount due.

It being ascertained that Amott turned over the
cotton to Sandefur & Co. to ship & sell it, and
that said Sandefur & Co. had yet in their hands
two hundred & sixty two dollars, being part of
said proceeds of said cotton, said money was
taken possession of and paid as follows:

Names	Amount of cotton	Paid by J. C. Amott	Paid by J. Q. Bridgeman	Total paid
Henry Johnson	1700 lbs	4.78	14.90	19.68
Roller Brimble		4.78	14.90	19.68
Dick Kinsey		4.78	14.90	19.68
Jack Johnson		4.78	14.90	19.68
Sam Johnson		4.78	14.90	19.68
Samson Johnson		4.78	14.90	19.68
Lincoln Brimble		4.78	14.90	19.68
Asafect		4.78	14.90	19.68
Oliver		4.78	14.00	18.78
Sam Johnson	760 lbs	2.46	10.00	12.46
Sam Johnson		2.46	10.00	12.46
Anna Johnson		2.46	10.00	12.46
Ed Johnson		2.46	10.00	12.46
Sam Johnson		2.46	10.00	12.46
Kinship Johnson	530 lbs	33.74	5.00	38.74
Green Johnson		35.34		35.34
James Draper	1191 lbs	15.68	19.60	35.28
James Draper		15.68	19.60	35.28
Edgar Howard		15.68	19.60	35.28
Samson Johnson	1060 lbs	120.00		120.00
Christina Miller	500 lbs	33.33	5.00	38.33
		364.00	242.00	606.00

Date	Names	Changes
Dec 1. 67	Employees vs D. D. Hinton	Ask for a settlement
Dec 2. 67	Employees vs D. D. Smith	Ask for a settlement
Dec 2. 67	Employees vs D. J. Keener	Ask for a settlement
Dec 2. 67	Employees vs Kent D. de Rhonit	Want a settlement for 67.
Dec 2. 67	Employees	Want a settlement for
Dec 2. 67	Employees vs H. E. Hunt	Want a settlement for 67.

Decisions
<p>Settlement made as follows.</p> <p>Total crop for 67. 16746 lbs. Cotton. 3710 bus Corn</p> <p>Employees share</p> <p>1st equal 12 hands 10176 lbs. Cotton. 588 bus Corn.</p> <p>2d equal 8 hands 3702 lbs. Cotton. 327 bus Corn.</p> <p>3d equal 4 hands 2850 lbs. Cotton. 327 bus Corn.</p> <p>Total. — 16746 = $\frac{1}{3}$ 5582. 1257.</p> <p>5582 lbs of cotton. 1257 bus of corn. The hands share.</p>
<p>Settlement made as follows.</p> <p>Cotton. Corn. Dollars. Potatoes.</p> <p>Total crop '67. 11668. 392. 2800. 60.</p> <p>Hands share (given) 2538. 176. 622. 14 $\frac{2}{3}$.</p> <p>Reptl D wife one 54.75 dollars. Fork D wife 130 $\frac{2}{3}$ dollars</p>
<p>Settlement made as follows.</p> <p>Cotton Corn. Dollars</p> <p>Total crop '67. 2752. 225. 1200.</p> <p>Hands share (given) 688. 75. 400.</p> <p>Anthony & family one 51.25 dollars.</p> <p>Wash & family one 55.55 dollars</p>
<p>Settlement made.</p> <p>Cotton. Corn. Dollars. Potatoes. Potatoes.</p> <p>Total crops raised 3930 lbs 800 bus 6.20 $\frac{1}{2}$ 205 $\frac{1}{2}$ 19 lbs</p> <p>Hands share (nine) 1330 " 265 " 2000 " 68 $\frac{1}{2}$ 6 $\frac{1}{2}$.</p>
<p>Settlement made. Names marked obtained at 1/2 played, and that they get one fourth of it.</p>
<p>Settlement made. Total crops made by give hands 2956 cotton. 350 bus corn. 2600 bus of corn.</p> <p>Hands get one half.</p> <p>Solomon Johnson owes 55.00</p> <p>James Hunt owes 27 $\frac{2}{3}$ to be paid out of this crops.</p>

Date	Case	Change
Dec 2. 47	Employers vs A B Cox.	Want a settlement for 27.
Dec 2. 47	Employers vs R D Sinaggin	Want a settlement for '67.
Dec 2. 47	Employers vs Wm Ferguson	Want a settlement for 67.
Dec 3. 47	D. M. McQueen vs Employers	Wishes to settle for 67.
	Employers	make his share of corn, is not really his share.
Dec 2. 47	B E Rayston vs Employers	Wishes to settle for 67.

Decisions
Settled as follows. Total crop 2600 lbs of cotton 2000 lbs of corn Hands share 1/3 of them, one third of above They are also entitled as follows Andy extra work 61 days at 15.- dolls month Green extra work 55 days at 15.- " "
Total crop 1449 pounds cotton. 220 bus corn. 1150 bush fodder Employers share 1/3 cotton & 1/3 corn & fodder one hand, viz. Henry Knight. He owes 142.42
Total crop 12,010 lbs seed cotton 880 bus corn. 10000 bush fodder Employers share one third of the above Indebtedness of Employers as follows Preston 144.41, Bunnet 55.72, Robert 95.15 Henry B 39.63, Samuel 58.34, Henry J 67.23, Elias 64.58 To be paid out of their share of crops.
Total crop, 2424 lbs seed cotton 437 1/2 bus corn 2000 bush fodder Employers share one third of the above Hands that he got it. settlement made.
As the Gray having a contract for ground the D. Smith corn.
Total crop 2484 bus corn, 3287 cotton, 11176 fodder. Employers share Jackson equal. Phil & Daniel 1/3 of cotton 1/3 of corn & fodder. Henry's share 1/3 of everything raised by them How amount, see contract.

Date	Cases	Changes
Dec 2. 67	E & Green vs Employees	Wishes to settle for 65.
Dec 3. 67	J & A Williams vs Employees	Wishes to settle for 65. pays his hands monthly cash wages.
Dec 3. 67.	Leas Helson vs E. D. Keller	Refuses to pay his note for five dollars given to Helson.
Dec 3. 67.	Employees vs Hammons & Phillips	Want a settlement for 65.
Dec 4. 67.	Robert Graves vs Hos	Complains that his stock was taken. For a debt of
Dec 5. 67	R H Cunningham vs Employees	Wishes to settle for 65
Dec 6. 67	Sham Foster vs E & Smith	Want a settlement for 1867. work for a share of the crop. as per contract and give

Decisions
Total crop cotton 3695 lbs corn 300 bus fodder 200 bus seed & a quarter hand each get one third of what they made. see contract for 65. for share of each crop.
Settlement made as follows. 8 cotton & 20 value of the money due to be turned over to the hands. at this office. Tom Ogden & wife 49 \$5 dollars Jesse Hannah & M Williams 41. ¹² / ₁₀₀ dollars Willis Morrison & two boys 19 ²⁵ / ₁₀₀ dollars Joanna Muldrow 82. ⁵⁰ / ₁₀₀ dollars Julia Hope 19. ²⁵ / ₁₀₀ dollars Addison Shuler 102. ¹² / ₁₀₀ dollars Clement White 81. ²⁵ / ₁₀₀ dollars Riley White & two children not settled with.
Ordered to pay said note. on report at this office at once his reasons for not paying it
Total crop 362 lbs cotton 980 bus corn. 1000 bus seed. 50 hands see contract for each crop 200
Requested to appear on the 8th inst. plaintiff failed to appear
Settlement made. Total crop 1000 lbs cotton. 1000 bus of corn. 1000 bus of fodder. Employees share one hand. half of above. indebtedness of hand 25 ²⁵ / ₁₀₀ dollars. to be paid out of crop.
Settlement made as follows. Hand share of crop. each 80 lbs cotton & 2 bushels corn & 30 bushels of fodder. cotton is not ginned. Island 27 ²⁵ / ₁₀₀ dollars & Denness owes 96 ²⁵ / ₁₀₀ dollars.

Date	Names	Changes
Dec 6. 67	Continued	The following named Employees work in same squad. A settlement was made, as far as share of crop. Dow Stinson Sumners & Co. vs. Olat & Tom Sumners & Dan White. The latter did no help.
Dec 9. 67	Sam McFadden vs. Jack McFadden	Complains that he has not been paid for his labor in 1866.
Dec 9. 67	Chas Beckworth vs. Arsal Edwards	Asks for a settlement for 1866
Dec 10. 67	Bill & Lee vs. Employees	Wish to settle for the present year. parties working for share of crops.
Dec 10. 67.	J. L. Wilson vs. Employees	Wishes to settle with them for this years work.

Decisions
Total crop including Rhuma & Danvers's for this squad 6085 lbs seed cotton, 600 bus corn & 4000 bundles of fodder. Hands share one third six hands.
All parties to appear on the 10th inst. Defendant failed to appear. Case heard by Sam disputes his account. Black ordered to produce by the 22nd inst the original orders given Sam. Change ungrounded. Case dismissed settlement had been made.
Settlement made as follows Total crop made 3767 pounds of cotton. 1000 bus corn. 1800 bund fodder. Fourteen hands. receive one third of all crops.
Settlement as follows Rhoda seven months work at eight dollar — 56.00 Emma eleven — — — four — 44.00 Clara — — — eight — 88.00 These amounts are credited to the women's husbands who are employed by Mr. Wilson

Dec 11. 67	Bill Dimes Gus Bunt vs H. E. Bunt.	Wants settlement for work done in 66 & 67.
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good over 42.45. bal due. 48.55. to be paid out 25.00 contract cancelled. Settlement made. Due Bill for 66. 62. ⁰⁰ dollars. Due July 66 42. ⁰⁰ dollars. Total crop 67. 4500 lbs cotton. 700 bus corn. & 4000 bund fodder. Employees get 1/3
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Date	Names	Changes
Dec 11. 67	Guba. Mt. Killiam va J. S. Jones	Is afraid Mr Jones crop will be seized for his debt and he not paid.
13. 67	Eddie Maxwell va John Maxwell	States that he turned her off has been living with him as his wife for 2 years
14. 67	Helena Leonard va W. E. Cheatham	Complains that she was turned off without receiving pay for her labor.
16. 67	W. E. Bunt va Employees	Wishes to settle for 67
16. 67	Ed J. Johnson va Employees	Wishes to settle for 67.
17. 67	Chas. A. Brown va Employees	Wishes to settle for 67
17. 67	Henry Johnson va Frank Gammell	Asks for a settlement for 67

Decisions
Mr Jones directed to call & settle with his hands previous to selling or disposing of his crops.
Referred to Hervey & King Justice of the Peace with a request that he act in the premises.
Total crop. 12074 ^{lbs} cotton. 1470 ^{lbs} corn. 3112 ^{lbs} fodder. Eleven hands receive one third. Settlement made. Contract cancelled.
Total crop. 8101 ^{lbs} cotton. 804 ^{lbs} corn. 5800 ^{lbs} fodder. Ten hands receive one third. Settlement made.
Total crop 4077 ^{lbs} cotton. 300 ^{lbs} corn. 3400 ^{lbs} fodder. Six hands receive 1/2 of cotton & 1/3 corn & fodder. Settled. and contract cancelled.
Continued on page 120. Dec 24. 67. date of settlement.

17. 67	va Ed Arnold	67
17. 67	Monroe Daughan va Marshall Richerson	Asks for a settlement for work done in 66.
17. 67	Ed W. Smith	Wishes to settle for 67.

Postponed by request until Jan 20. 67.
Total crop cotton 2500 lbs. corn 560 lbs. fodder 3438 lbs. Ten hands receive one third. Settlement made. Contract cancelled.

Date	Names	Changes
Dec 17. 67	J H Stewart vs Employees	Wishes to settle for 67.
17. 67	John Sanderson vs Employees	Wishes to settle for 67
18. 67	H E Bunt vs Employees	Wishes to settle for 67.
19. 67	Wm Seaggins vs H H Meredith	Asks for settlement for this year 67.
20. 67	Thos Brown vs Jas Schaulfield	Ordered him off of some land he rented. His contract is not filed
22. 67	W H McGee vs Employees	Wishes to settle for 67.
23. 67	Lucie Mitchell vs Jas Mitchell	Was work at his house in 66. was not paid. asks that Enguement be made
	vs Wm Enguement	daughter worked for Jas Mitchell. and was not paid
24. 67	W G Seaggins vs Employees	Wishes to settle with two boys for work in 66.

Total crop 4390 lbs cotton, 720 bus corn, 1870 lbs fodder
Ten hands. receive one third. Settled and contract cancelled.

Total crop 600 lbs cotton, 260 bus corn 1300 lbs fodder.
Four hands. receive one third. Settled. Contract cancelled

Total crop. 3224 lbs cotton, 600 bus corn, 3200 lbs fodder.
one third of the crop to employees, one hand. Settled. Contract cancelled.

Total crop, 910 lbs cotton, 460 bus corn, 2800 lbs fodder.
Credited with 33 dollars. to receive 1/4 of crop. Total indebtedness 210³⁵ dollars. Plaintiff not present.

Dr Schaulfield sent for. and informed that Brown had rented the land, and had a right to it.

Total crop 2000 lbs of cotton, 300 bus corn, 1200 lbs of fodder. Seven hands receive one third. not got sufficient funds to pay their debts.

Settlement made Bal due boys 37.60. paid 17.60. The balance credited to the boys on next years account boys consented to stay in 68. Sam to receive 5.00 and Albert 2.00 per month.

Case	Parties	Changes
24.67	L. D. Barrow vs Employees	Wishes to settle with two boys for work done in ag. Division of Rent.
" 24.67	A. B. Cox vs Employees	Wishes to settle for ag.
" 24.67	W. J. Gannett vs Employees	Wishes to settle for ag.
" 24.67	Hamilton & Brown vs Employees	Wishes to settle for ag.
" 24.67	L. D. Smith vs Employees	Wishes to settle for ag.
" 24.67	Caroline Robinson vs Ben Robinson	Wants a settlement for ag. herself & row worked for 120 dollars she need one dress. one pair of boots value 18 dollars. Sent for out the 28th inst
"	A. D. B.	

Settled Bal due William 75.00 dolls. and Rent 45.75: value notes given payable Lang. et. al.

Settlement made in full. Contract cancelled.

Settled by Arbitration, proceedings filed. Total crop 1241 lbs cotton, 223 bu corn, 1400 lbs fodder. One hand receives one third. Contract cancelled.

Total crop 1500 lbs cotton, 330 bu corn, 300 lbs fodder. Five hands receive one third of crop. Have not sufficient to pay their debts.

Total crop cotton 1848 lbs, corn 135 bu, fodder 1300 lbs. Due former Employees 1000 dollars for rent of land. to be paid out of crops. Three hands.

received in cash 100.00 dollars

26.67	J. H. Thomas vs Employees	Wishes to settle for ag.
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Parties working for wages paid in full, and contract cancelled. Those working on shares made cotton lbs 7523, corn bu 750, 4826 fodder lbs of which they receive one third. Contract cancelled. Three hands

Date	Names	Changes
Decr 26.07	Charles Thomas vs Henry Crawford	Fraud. taking up and marking his pigs ordered here on Decr 20.07
" 26.07	Byrd Mason vs Peter Lindsey	Sold a horse. was paid 13.75 dollars. Will not pay the balance. He lives at Spring Hill.
" 27.07	G. B. Maxwell vs Employees	Wishes to settle for 07
" 27.07	W. B. Williams vs Employees	Wishes to settle for 07.
" 27.07	John S Cannon vs Martha Bess	Wishes to settle for 07.
" 27.07	A. H. Carrigan vs Employees	Wishes to settle for 107
" 28.07	H. M. Mc Elroy vs E. S.	Wishes to settle for 07
" 28.07	John A. Formel vs Billy Taylor	Wishes to settle for 07.
" 28.07	Edmund Levi vs J. S. Wolff	Asks for a settlement Granted. Mr Wolff cited to appear on Jan 4 07

Decisions

Refused to appear. Sent for on Decr 2.07.

Total crop 100 bus of corn. 1000 lbs of fodder. no cotton. Seven hands. receive one third of crop. Contract cancelled.

Working for wages. Note given with security payable Jan 1.07. Contract cancelled

Case settled by arbitration. on account of certain changes made by Cannon. Martha paid in full contract cancelled.

Total crop 1805 lbs cotton. 240 bus of corn 1500 lbs of fodder & fifty bus cotton seed. 1/2 of cotton 1/3 of corn & fodder 1/2 of cotton seed to two hands. cancelled.

Total crop 4152 lbs cotton. 800 bus corn 4100 lbs of fodder

Total crop 745 lbs of cotton. 483 bus corn & 1500 lbs of fodder. also 86 bus sweet potatoes. One Employee. He gets one half of all the crop. cancelled.

Date	Names	Charges
Decr 28.67	Ed L. Hicks vs Employees	Wishes to settle for 67
" 28.67	Ben D. Hall vs Employees	Wishes to settle for 67
" 28.67	John S. Bunt vs Employees	Wishes to settle for 67
" 28.67	Daniel B. Hunt vs Employees	Wishes to settle for 67
" 28.67	Chas E. Rogerson vs Employees	Wishes to settle for 67
" 28.67	Miss Brown vs Mrs Smithers	Wants his house which Mrs Smithers has, and which she refuses to give up. States that she has no right or title to it.
" 28.67	W. H. McEwen	Wishes to settle since

Decisions

Total crop 6852 lbs of cotton, 540 bus com. & 3465 lbs of fodder. Two hands. They receive one third. no accounts against them. Canceled.

Employees work for wages, settled satisfactorily. Contract canceled, as far as Luella Greenlee & his father, Adam, are concerned.

Total crop 1457 lbs of cotton, 522 bus com. 1516 lbs of fodder. Three hands. They receive 1/2 of cotton, 1/3 of com. & fodder. Contract canceled.

Employees work for wages, a satisfactory settlement made and the contract of those settled with canceled.

Employee viz James Hamilton works for wages, satisfactory settlement made, paid in full and contract canceled.

Total crop 6852 lbs of cotton, 540 bus com. & 3465 lbs of fodder. Two hands. They receive one third. no accounts against them. Canceled.

2 1/2 com. & cotton, & one half of fodder! Settled satisfactorily.

Employees receive cash wages, a satisfactory settlement made, and the contract of those settled with, canceled.

D. Williams consenting to have the case settled by arbitration, choosing Mr Martin. a note was sent Mr Reitor suggesting this mode of settlement.

Jan 7	Ben J. Hall vs Employees	Wishes to settle with them for the year 67
30.67	2 Williams vs W. H. Reitor.	States that he has worked as per agreement for 67. Asks for a settlement.

Date	Names	Cases
July 1st 67	Lat. S. Nelson vs Employees	Wishes to settle with them for work done in 1867.
July 1st 68	John E. Bonden vs Employees	Wishes to settle with them for work done in 1867.
July 1st 68	H. E. Bunker vs Employees	Wishes to settle with Jeff Bunker for work done in 67.
July 1st 68	Wm. C. DeFert vs Employees	Wishes to settle with them for work done on shares in 67.
July 1st 68	Ed. Levi, Jr. vs J. R. Guffey	Claims and unfair settlement.
July 2d 68	J. J. White	Settlement for 1867

Decisions

Settlement made as follows:
 Jim Smith fifty dollars, due bill given him.
 Louis Boyle one $\frac{90}{100}$ dollars, paid.
 Mary Talent 42. $\frac{32}{100}$ due bill for amount given her.
 George Loman 71. $\frac{62}{100}$ dollars, due bill given, also same man for work done in 66, 44. $\frac{57}{100}$ dollars, included in above note, making due bill amount to 116. $\frac{26}{100}$ dollars.
 George Holant 185. $\frac{95}{100}$ dollars, due him, due bill given.
 Contract cancelled.

Settlement made, satisfactorily, Contract cancelled.

Settlement made. His acct is twenty. $\frac{25}{100}$ dollars. Balance turned over to the boys grandmothers.

Total crop 5,900 lbs cotton, 1,500 bus corn, & 4,000 bds food. Hands receive each one 47 2 lbs of cotton, 62 1/2 bus corn, & 107 lbs fodder.

Accounts examined, and Ed. Levi's charges unfounded. Contract cancelled. Settled.

Settled and contract cancelled.

July 2. 67	Bevent & Bowling vs Employees	Wish to make a settlement for 1867.
July 3d. 68	J. H. Wright vs Employees	Wish to make a settlement for 1867.

Settlement made, & contract cancelled with all of those who were present. Total crop 5,900 lbs of cotton 2,000 bus of corn and 2,100 bds of fodder. Employees receive one half, see contract.

Settled by Arbitration. Employees share not sufficient to pay his debts. Contract cancelled.

Date	Names	Changes
July 3d. 68	E. H. Smith vs Employees	Wishes to settle for 1867
July 3d. 68	M. B. Boyce vs Employees	Wishes to settle for 1867
July 3d. 68	J. H. McElroy vs Employees	Wishes to settle with them for the past year 1867.
July 3d. 68	Hayes & Huxford vs Employees	Wish to make a settlement for the past year & the year previous
July 4th. 67	W. S. Burt vs Employees	Wish to settle with them for the year, 67
July 4th. 67	A. C. Brunson vs Employees	Wishes to settle for the year 1867.
July 4th. 68	L. A. Black vs Employees	Wishes to settle for the past year, 1867.
	vs Employees	past year, viz 67.
July 6th. 68	E. J. Bryan vs Albert Bane	Wishes to settlement for 1867.

Decisions
Settlement made. Employees work for wages contract cancelled.
Settlement made, and contract cancelled. Employees work for wages. Boyce gave notes for amounts due. said notes accepted by hands
Settlement made, and contract cancelled. One Employee. Balance due, and paid \$3 dollars
Employees worked for wages. Settlement made and contract cancelled. For amounts paid see contract.
Settlement made, and contract cancelled.
Settlement made and contract cancelled. Employees have not sufficient to pay their debts for account see contract.
Employees worked for wages. Contract cancelled. For statement of settlement see contract
Settlement made. Employees work for wages Paid in full, and some of them to include 1868. Contract cancelled. For a full statement see contract
Settlement and contract cancelled. Albert paid the sum of 9 3/4 dollars. He worked for wages

Date	Cases	Charges
July 27th 68	Kitcher & Johnson vs Employees	Wish to make a settlement for 1867
July 27th 68	H. Hauser vs Employees	Appeared for the purpose of settling for 67. His Employees having reported that he was disposing of his crops.
July 27th 68	Allen & Benson vs Employees	Wish to make a settlement for 67.
July 27th 68	J. H. DeLongy vs Employees	Wish to settle with them for 67.
July 27th 68	Barrigan & Thayer vs Employees	Working on shares. want to settle for 1867.

Decisions
Employees working for shares. Total crop cotton pounds 4820. 9 1/2 hands 169 1/2 lbs. each hand corn bushels 1025. 10 hands 37 bus each hand fodder bundles 3070. 7 hands 161 lbs each hand. The difference in amount of shares. is. not met of all the Employees. not doing an equal share of work. As all the Employees were not present in the office. the contract is not cancelled.
Settlement postponed for the reason that H. Hauser had not his books posted. and no settlement could be made until they were. cautioned not to remove his crop until he had made a full settlement with his laborers.
Employees work for wages. Satisfactory settlement made. and contract cancelled. Hand paid in full.
Settlement made. and contract cancelled. Employees work for wages.
Total crop 1249 1/2 lbs cotton. 1170 bus corn 6000 lbs fodder. Employees receive 1/2 of the cotton & 1/3 of the corn. to be after...

	vs Employees	them for last year
July 27th 68	J. H. Cooper, Jr vs J. J. Sanger	Complains that Mr Sanger will not settle. and allow him his share of crop. Notified to appear on the 13th inst.

...satisfactorily. Employee. and ... ed for wages. Due him 9.25 dollars. Contract cancelled.

Date	Name	Charges
July 8th 68	James & Stuart vs Employees	Wants to make a settlement for the past years.
July 8th 68	J R McPlamery vs Employees	Wants to make a settlement for the past years.
July 9th 68	R E Bright vs Employees	Wants to make a settlement for the past year.
July 10th 68	D R Hunt vs Employees	Has settled with all of them excepting two boys and wants contract cancelled.
July 10th 68	J J Dickers vs Employees	Has settled with all of them for 67. wants this contract cancelled.
July 10th 67	A H Carrigan vs Employees	Wishes to make a settlement for 67.
July 10th 68	J H Peyton vs	Wishes to settle with
July 10th 68	Ouelor Brent vs Employees	Wishes to settle with them for their labor in 1867.
July 10th 68	D R Hunt vs Employees	Wishes to complete settlement made on the 10th inst.

Decisions

Employees appeared, and acknowledged to their accounts, also stated that they wish James & Stuart to ship their cotton. A sufficient amount given them for bread. Cotton not given.

Settlement made, hands paid in full. Contract cancelled. Employees work for no other wages. For a full statement of the settlement, amounts paid, &c. see contract.

Settlement made for 66, and 67. Hands worked for wages. Paid in full. Contract cancelled. For accounts see contract.

Contract cancelled, with the exception of George, and Jacob. They not being settled with, their part of said contract not cancelled.

A settlement made for the years 1866, & 67. Employees work for wages, paid in full. Contract cancelled. For accounts see contract.

Settled with one hand, contract cancelled. Worked for wages, paid in full.

Settlement could not be made owing to error.

Total crop 2645 lbs cotton 1084 bus corn & 5000 lbs of fodder. Each hand share, 78 pounds of cotton, 32 bus corn, 146 bundles of fodder. See contract.

Settlement made with two boys George and Jacob, not sufficient to pay their indebtedness. But still owing $\frac{63}{100}$ dollars. Contract cancelled.

Date	Name	Charges
July 13 th	H. P. Weston vs Employees	Continued from July 10 th 68. page 132 & 133.
July 14 th	Simon Phillips vs Ben A. Hall	Is not willing to make a settlement with him for his work in '67. Worked for 20 ⁰⁰ dollars a month.
July 14 th	A. M. Donald vs Jm. Pape	Wishes to make a settle- ment for last years work. & have his contract cancelled.
July 14 th	Employees vs J. S. Dangers	Continued from page 130 January 88. Dangers failed to appear on 13 th as directed.
July 14 th	Lom & Smith vs Employees	Wants contract cancelled, states that he has settled with them. Satisfactorily.
July 14 th	Lily Johnson vs John Sanders, John Wendens, all of them & S. Soldiers	States that a short time previous, a half hour, or so they came to her house near Judge Lowry's and killed her husband. That they were in- toxicated.

Decisions
Satisfactory settlement made. Due Em- ployees 56 ⁰⁰ dollars. part paid, and note given for the balance. Contract cancelled.
Change not sustained. B. A. Hall appeared, and made settlement with those of his hands pre- sent. Contract (with those) cancelled.
Would not make a settlement on account of Jm. Pape not being present as agreed upon. Postponed until Jm. & whereabouts ascertained.
His failure to appear, caused probably by stormy weather. Postponed until 18 th inst. Both parties notified.
For settlement see Contract. Mr. Smith informed that upon producing proof of a satisfactory settlement being made, his contract would be cancelled.
All of the parties arrested by military authorities & a coroner's inquest held, and the verdict of the coroner's jury was that Solomon Johnson, Lily's husband, came to his death by a pistol ball, fired by one, Benj. C. Grease. said Grease, held for trial.

John & Smith
knew all of his corn, and acct
of indebtedness of John for 68
that he worked for 20⁰⁰. &
he wants J & Smith to take his
cotton. & part of his corn so
that he John will have some
bread left for himself &
family.

John & Smith requested to appear on Tuesday
July 18th 68. John also notified to be present.

Date	Cases	Changes
July 16	J. H. Laine vs Wiley Kimbell	Claims that he gave some freedmen permission to take his boards without having any authority so to do.
July 16	W. B. Scott vs Certain freedmen	He claims that they are building on his land without any permission.
July 17	Rector D. Syfens vs Payton Thomas	Wish to have contract cancelled for the year '07.
July 17	Nelson & Hittington vs Employees	Want a settlement made, and contract cancelled.
July 17	L. A. Williams vs Employees	Sued for '07. Wants his contract cancelled.
July 17	Employees vs Bevent & Bowling	Stakes that they want to take all their corn, and will not make a just settlement.
July 18	Employees vs	Ask for a settlement for their labor.

July 18	Stewart D. Tracy vs Employees	Want to make a settlement for labor done by them in '07. To cancel the contract.
July 18	W. B. Smith vs Employees	Continued from July 16 th page 134 & 135.

Decisions
All parties sent for and it appearing that the freedmen made a mistake taking Laine's boards instead of Wiley's. They were instructed to return said boards at once. Case settled.
Referred to the Civil Authorities.
Payton Thomas present and acknowledged that a satisfactory settlement had been made. Contract not on file in this Office.
Case postponed on account of the crop not ready for division. Corn to be measured.
Employees present and satisfied with the settlement. Contract cancelled.
No action taken because Bevent & Bowling had made a partial settlement and intend coming to the Office to conclude it. Employees notified to be present January 22 ^d '08. Settlement made as follows. Total crop 84360.

Contract cancelled as far as those Employees who were present are concerned.
Contract cancelled. Total crop 14419 lbs cotton 2226 bush corn. & 10200 lbs fodder. Twenty six hands. They receive one third of crop. see contract.
Contract cancelled excepting with Chas Hill & Ed Jackson. Proof of settlements with all others furnished.

Date	Parties	Charges
Jan 11	Employees vs James Bailey	Claims that the crop is gathered and that Mr Bailey will not give up the cotton. that they owe him nothing.
Jan 11	E. H. Nelson vs Employees	States that settlement is made, and asks that his contract for 67. be cancelled.
Jan 11	Employees vs D. S. Dinger	Continued from Page 134 and 135 January 16, 68.
Jan 11	John Smith vs J. A. Smith	Continued from Page 134 and 135 January 15th 68.
Jan 20	Martin Dan Buren vs Henry Allen	Claims that Allen hired his wife for 67. at 1.00 a month & now will only pay her 75c. Says he has proof of the agreement. no written contract.
Jan 21	Mrs Kiss Kinless	Claims that she cannot support herself and family, and asks that Willis, who is her husband, be compelled to assist her.
Jan 21	Employees vs Calvin Lyons	Claims that Calvin Lyons wants to take all their corn for debt, & that he made an unfair settlement. They ask for a settlement.

Decisions
Communications sent to Mr Bailey directing him to turn the cotton over to the Freedmen, or show cause at this office why he retains it.
Employees present, and acknowledged that a satisfactory settlement had been made. Contract of Mr Nelson & hands cancelled.
Mr Bowling appeared for Mr Dinger, on account of the illness of the latter, and stated the claim of the Freedman was for extra work done during the year, which Mr Dinger would settle as soon as able. That the crop had been fairly divided, and the said Freedman had got his full share. This the Freedman acknowledged. Case dismissed.
J. A. Smith appeared and stated that he held the Freedman's share of the crop, by direction of Supt. Thibaut former Agent of Bureau. That the Freedman owed him for supplies. Case postponed until Wednesday January 23rd.
Directed to make a satisfactory settlement or to appear on Saturday January 25th 68.
Mrs Kinless and her husband were notified at their home, he informed of the circumstances of the case. see Book of letters, sent January 21st 68.
Notified to be present on Wednesday January 22nd.

No.	Names	Charges
222	George Smith vs. The Smith	They worked on shares, and she is not willing to give up share the crop. Ask for settlement.
222	Rohr Scott vs. Sol' Gustar	Sol is her husband, and got her, and the children work all of 67. He is now going to leave her, and wants to take the oldest boy with him.
222	Dr. Brunson vs. Elias	Says that Elias has enticed a girl Lucinda, from him. Said girl is bound to Dr. Brunson?
232	Dick Dince vs. Bunt & Co	Made settlement in this Office on 24.67. see page 92 & 93. Bunt and Co say that the Agent of the Bureau
249	Perry Thompson vs. Bunt & Co	authorized them to take it, to pay their debts, which they say are in excess of the money value of their share of the crop. Perry makes the same complaint.
25	Employees	Ask for settlement for their
26	Julia Jackson vs. Andrew Jackson	States that her husband Andrew deserted her and took from her, Andrew Jackson bed clothing, spinning wheel &c.
25	Mary and John vs. Ramon Shanno	Says he retains, against her wishes her daughter Susan 14 yrs old, and that she be sent back to her.

Decisions
Ordered to appear at Office on Sunday 24 th for the purpose of making and equitable division of the crop made by them.
Case postponed for the reason that Sol is coming to this Office for the purpose of getting permission to take the boy from this matter.
Doctor Brunson authorized to take the girl back, and Elias informed of the consequences should he refuse to give her up, or if he should interfere with her any more.
[Blank]
[Faint handwritten notes]
Communication sent to J. Mathison Esq. Justice, asking him to take cognizance of the case, also order given for Esq. Bent to give Julia, the corn & logs out his place, belonging to Andrew. These parties all residing in Sevier County, & communication forwarded the Agent for Sevier County, asking for a report of the case.

Date	Cases	Charges
July 25 th	Employers vs John Westmoreland	Ask for a settlement for their labor in 1867.
July 27 th	Eliza Brindley vs Mrs M. Cune	Will not pay her for her work. Owe her 13. ⁵⁰ / ₁₀₀ dollars for washing. 5/1858
July 27 th	R. P. Rogers vs Employers	Wants contract for 1867, cancelled. States that he & his judgment have settled.
July 28 th	Robert Taylor vs W. H. Brandon	Says that he has cheated him in settling, changing him for things he did not get.
July 28 th	Mack Richburg vs Frank & Lee	Will not pay him for his work pays his father, says he is 20 years of age, and married.
July 28 th	Mr Conway vs The Conway	Claims that he took corn off of his place, and with it bought a horse. Says that no settlement has been made, and asks that he be sent for, so as to make one, says he is owing him.

Decisions
John Westmoreland states that his whole crop amounts to 5442 lbs cotton, 500 bus corn, and 4000 lbs fodder. That he had 7 ² / ₃ hands, whose share was 237 lbs cotton 21 bush corn & 242 lbs fodder, see contract.
Account made out, and presented to A. Westling Esq, for payment, as he was owing Mrs Cune for washing for Hospital. & he instructed to retain and turn said amount over at this office.
Employers owing him for advances during the year. They acknowledged to said account and expressed themselves as satisfied with his settlement.
Case referred to Mr Smith, Agent of Safeguarded Society. Mr Brandon lives in that County.
Mr Lee notified to pay no more money to the boys father, but pay him for any work he does, & the reason that he must support his wife.
He acknowledged to taking, and trading, the corn, but promised of his own free will to work for Mr Conway during 1868, until his indebtedness was paid, at the rate of 100 dollars, at month's board.

held as a prisoner in said County, & that he has been expelled as prisoner since Oct 27. 68.

asking for a report of the case.

Worked for five months in '65, and only paid five dollars. Did not come to the office until now, because Lyons always promised to pay him.

Belvin Lyons directed to pay him his wages, and call at this office, and show cause why he goes to say so.

State	Names	Changes
Feb 1 st	vs Jack Lowdermilk vs Jack Lowdermilk	He rented land in 67. to make a crop, and now refuses to pay the rent of said land out of the proceeds of his crop.
Feb 2 nd	Martinhausen vs Employees	Wants his contracts for 67. cancelled. says he has settled in full with his hands, and that they are satisfied.
Feb 4 th	Employees vs Beavers & Bowling	Continued from page of this book. Dated January 27 th 68.
Feb 4 th	Amos Walker vs Employees	Continued from page of this book. Dated Jan 23 rd 68.
Feb 5 th	L. H. Gill vs Chas. Muldrow	States that Charles is working for government, and getting good wages that his wife is suffering being almost destitute. that as an act of charity he has cared for Charles's wife. she is living on his place. asks that Charles be made to support her, & pay for the expenses he has been at on her rent.

	vs Thomas Lumbkin	... would not give him this year. they refuse to give him his cow. Resused him of breaking into his store. made a prisoner of him. and threatened to kill him. using very violent & threatening language and pointing a gun at him. made him sign an order giving up his cow.
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Decisions
Landman informed that the law gave a land-lord the priority lien on the crop, to secure the payment of rent, and he advised to pay it at once, as to save him additional costs.
Employee appeared in the Office and expressed himself satisfied with the settlement of the House. Contracts cancelled.
Beavers & Bowling filed affidavit as to what was made this year on their plantation, and its appearing that there were no net proceeds, the contracts was cancelled.
Susan Wheeler received the full amount of her note namely 70 dollars, and Susan was paid by dollars, which was duly credited.

Date	Name	Balances
Feb 7	Belle Cannon	<p>Says that the following named persons owe her money for work done by her husband (now dead) and refuse to pay her.</p> <p>J. D. Smith 2.50 Frank Boyer 7.00 Sam Laey .75 Bert Jones 2.50 B. J. Phillips 18.25</p> <p>Says that they be compelled to pay her.</p>
Feb 7	Jack Sawdormill or Paul Cobb	<p>Struck him for no cause. & threatened to shoot him. got his gun for that purpose. Says Cobb's home is in Camden.</p>
Feb 7	Doc Holand or Hiram J. Hillis	<p>Takes an affidavit to the effect that Hillis who is Agent of the Bureau of Little River County, has taken his crop for a day he does not own, and charges him with receiving a per centage from white citizens for so doing.</p>
Feb 7	Harnet Walker	<p>Says that she and her brother work</p>

(Paid her twenty five dollars, and will not pay the balance.

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SUBORDINATE FIELD OFFICES
Washington (Hemstead County)

Marriage Certificates

Volume (167) Oct. 1865–Feb. 1867

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Book "A" Records
of Marriages -

J. M. Williams
Supt. Recorder

Washington
~~Lewisville~~ ASK

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Record of Marriage

Indentures

List of delinquents

Issued rations to 5 prisoners
sic 25 for 7 days

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Marriage Certificate

Nathan Chandler

To & wife

Ellen Russell

I Alexander Avery

an acting and duly ordained minister
of the Gospel in and for the county of
Pike in the State of Arkansas, do hereby
certify that on the eighth day of October 1868
at the county of Pike in the state of Arkansas
I did duly join in marriage Nathan
Chandler of Pike county state of Arkansas
aged 23 years, and Ellen Russell of
Pike County, state of Arkansas, aged 19
years, and then and there declared them to be
husband and wife.

(Stamp)

(Signature)

A. Avery

And I do further certify that I have performed
the marriage ceremony according to the Rites and
customs of the M. E. Church South, church
or society of which I am a minister, and
that my License to solemnize marriage was
recorded in Ouachita county on the nineteenth
day of May 1843.

Signature

A. Avery

"P"

Supervisor

Marriage Certificates

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 2
 Monroe Cobb
 To 3 mag etc
 Ann Higgins

I John B. Shers, an acting and duly commissioned Justice of the Peace in and for the county of Hempstead in the state of Arkansas do hereby certify that on the 9th day of December 1865 at the county of Hempstead in the state of Arkansas I did duly join in marriage Monroe Cobb of Hempstead County, state of Arkansas, aged 21 years and Ann Higgins of Hempstead County state of Arkansas, aged 18 years, and then and there declared them to be husband and wife.

(Signature) J. B. Shers J.P.

Recorded in Book A page 6. March 2. 1866.

J. C. Williams

Supt. Examiners

3
 Ezekiel Hambel
 To 3 mag etc
 Harriet Reed

I J. G. Ward, an acting and duly ordained Minister of the Gospel in the county of Hempstead, in the state of Arkansas, do hereby certify that on the sixth day of December 1865, in the county of Hempstead in the state of Arkansas, I did duly join in marriage Ezekiel Hambel (of color) of Hempstead County, state of Arkansas, aged fifty-eight years, and Harriet Reed

(Signature) J. G. Ward M. G.

And I further certify that I have performed the marriage ceremony according to the Rites and Customs of the Methodist Episcopal Church South of which I am a Minister, and that my License to solemnize marriage was recorded in Columbia County on the — day of February 1866.

(Signature) J. G. Ward M. G.

Recorded in Book "A" Page 6. March 2^d 1866.

J. C. Williams

Supt. Examiners

4
 James H. Nelson
 To 3 mag etc
 Anna Black

I J. G. Ward an acting and duly ordained Minister of the Gospel in and for the county of Hempstead, in the state of Arkansas, do hereby certify that on the twenty-seventh day of December 1865 in the county of Hempstead in the state of Arkansas, I did duly join in marriage James H. Nelson (of color) of Hempstead County, state of Arkansas, aged twenty-two years, and Anna Black (of color) of Hempstead County, state of Arkansas, aged eighteen years, and then and there declared them to be husband and wife.

(Stamp rec) (Signature) J. G. Ward, M. G.

And I further certify that I have performed the marriage ceremony according to the Rites and Customs of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, of which I am a Minister, and that my License to solemnize marriage was recorded in Columbia County on the — day of February 1866.

(Signature) J. G. Ward, M. G.

Recorded in Book "A" page 7. March 2^d 1866

J. C. Williams

Supt. Examiners

5
 John Thomas
 To 3 mag etc
 Isabella Dickson

I M. King, an acting and duly commissioned Justice of the Peace in and for the county of Hempstead, in the state of Arkansas, do hereby certify that on the — day of December 1865, in the county of Hempstead in the state of Arkansas, I did duly join in marriage John Thomas of Hempstead County, state of Arkansas, aged 30 years and Isabella Dickson of Hempstead County, state of Arkansas, aged 16 years, and then and there declared them to be husband and wife.

(Stamp rec) (Signature) M. King J.P.

Recorded in Book "A" page 7. March 2^d 1866

J. C. Williams

Supt. Examiners

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7. A
J. C. C. Gillespie an acting and duly commissioned minister of the Gospel in and for the County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas Do hereby certify that on the Tenth day of June 1866, at the County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas I did duly Join in Marriage John Mathis of Hempstead County State of Arkansas aged 30 years and Elizabeth Murphy of Hempstead County State of Arkansas aged 22 years and then and there declared them to be husband and wife.

(signed) J. C. C. Gillespie

And I do further certify that I have performed the Marriage Ceremony according to the Rites and Customs of the M. E. Church of Society of which I am a Minister, and that my License to Solemnize Marriage was recorded in the Clerk's office of Hempstead County on the Eighth day of November 1858

(signed) J. C. C. Gillespie

8
7. B
Alfred W. Carrigan - an acting and duly commissioned Judge - in and for the County of Hempstead - in the State of Arkansas. I did duly Join in Marriage Creston W. Carrigan - aged 28 years and Mary Carrigan of Hempstead County State of Arkansas - aged 26 years and then

Alfred W. Carrigan Judge of Hempstead County

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9
J. C. C. Gillespie an acting and duly commissioned Minister of the Gospel in and for the County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas Do hereby certify that on the 14th day of November 1866 at the County of Hempstead, in the State of Arkansas I did duly join in Marriage Randall Nelson aged 27 years and Meriel E. D. Barber of Hempstead State of Ark. aged 27 years and then and there declared them to be husband and wife.

Signed J. C. C. Gillespie

And I do further certify that I have performed the Marriage Ceremony according to the Rites and Customs of the Methodist Episcopal Church of which I am a Minister, and that my License to Solemnize Marriage was recorded in Washington Hempstead Co Ark on the 8th day of November 1858

Signed J. C. C. Gillespie

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9
J. Ashers an acting and duly commissioned Justice of the Peace, in and for the County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas, Do hereby certify that on the 7th day of October 1866, at the County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas, I did duly join in Marriage Samuel Mitchell of Hempstead County State of Arkansas aged 25 years and Mariah Huelton of Hempstead County State of Arkansas aged 19 years and then and there declared them to be husband and wife.

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10
J. Ashers an acting and duly commissioned Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Hempstead in the State of Ark. Do hereby certify that on the 7th day of October 1866 at the County of Hempstead in the State of Ark. I did duly join in Marriage Sparks of Hempstead Co Ark aged 20 years and Dones of Hempstead County of Ark aged 27 years

and then and there declared them to be husband and wife

Signature J. B. B. J. P.

11

J. B. B. an acting and duly commissioned Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Hempstead in the State of Ark. Do hereby certify that on the 7th day of October 1866 at the County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas I did duly join in Marriage James Jones of Hempstead County State of Arkansas aged 19 years and June Jones of Hempstead County State of Arkansas aged 17 years and then and there declared them to be husband and wife.

Signature J. B. B. J. P.

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J. R. M. Wilson an acting and duly commissioned Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Hempstead in the State of Ark. Do hereby certify that on the 32nd day of November 1866 in the County of Hempstead State of Arkansas, I did duly join in Marriage Lamuel Nelson freeman of Hempstead County State of Arkansas aged 21 years and Haris Witherspoon freewoman of Hempstead County State of Ark aged sixteen years and then and there declared them to be husband and wife, with consent and in the presence of his parents.

Signature J. R. M. Wilson J. P.

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J. B. B. an acting and duly commissioned Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Hempstead State of Ark. Do hereby certify that on the 23rd day of November 1866 in the County of Hempstead State of Ark, I did duly join in Marriage Scott Moore of Hempstead Co. Ark & Lydia Moore of Hempstead Co. Ark aged 35 years and then and there declared them to be husband and wife.

Signature J. B. B. J. P.

J. B. B. an acting and duly commissioned Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Hempstead Ark do hereby certify that on the 24th day of Nov 1866 at the County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas, I did duly join in Marriage Stephen Esterson of Hempstead County State of Ark aged 27 years and Martha Dickson Hempstead Co State of Ark aged 25 years and then and there declared them to be husband and wife.

Signature J. B. B. J. P.

15

J. R. L. Philips an acting and duly commissioned Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Hempstead in the State of Ark. Do hereby certify that on the first day of December 1866 at the County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas, I did duly join in Marriage Lindley Tompkins of Hempstead Co. Ark aged 31 and Amey Hill of Hempstead Co State of Arkansas aged 28 years and then and there declared them husband and wife.

Signature J. R. L. Philips J. P.

James Gouvy an acting and duly commissioned Minister of the Gospel in and for the County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas. Do hereby

I did duly join in Marriage David Gilmer of said County State of Arkansas aged 50 years and Mary Gilmer of said County State of Arkansas aged 40 years, and then and there declared them to be husband and wife.

Signature of James Gouvy.

And I do further certify that I have performed the marriage ceremony according to the rites and ceremonies of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

of which I am a Minister and that my license to solemnize Marriage was recorded in Book R Page 171 Hempstead County on the 30th day of October 1861.

Signature James Lowry.

James Lowry, an acting and duly commissioned Minister of the Gospel in and for the County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas do hereby certify that on the 13th day of October 1866 at the County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas I did duly join in Marriage Proach Gilmer of said County State of Arkansas aged 22 years and Rose Brunshaw of Hempstead County State of Arkansas aged 20 years and then and there declared them to be husband and wife.

Signature of James Lowry

and I further certify that I have performed the Marriage ceremony according to the Rites and customs of the Methodist Episcopal Church South of which I am a Minister and that my license to solemnize Marriage was recorded in Book R. Page 171. Hempstead County on the 30th day of October 1861.

Signature James Lowry

J. R. M. Wilson an acting and duly commissioned

Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas do hereby certify that on the 2nd day of January 1867 at the County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas I did duly join in Marriage Lawrence Mason freeman of Hempstead County State of Arkansas aged 26 years and Ferrina Mason of Hempstead County Arkansas aged 27 years and then and there declared them to be husband and wife.

Signature R. M. Wilson, J. P.

R. M. Wilson an acting and duly commissioned Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas do hereby certify that on the 23rd day of December 1866 at the County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas I did duly join in Marriage Abner of Hempstead County State of Arkansas aged 26 years and Rosetta Mercer of Hempstead County State of Arkansas aged 18 years and then and there declared them to be husband and wife.

Signature R. M. Wilson.

R. M. Wilson an acting and duly commissioned Justice of the Peace in the State of Arkansas do hereby certify that on the 30th day of December 1866 at the County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas I did duly join in marriage John Hawkins (Friedman) of Hempstead County State of Arkansas aged 48 years and Mildred Jane Hartman Freedwoman of Hempstead County State of Arkansas aged 25 years and then and there declared them to be husband and wife.

Signature R. M. Wilson, J. P.

J. R. M. Wilson an acting and duly commissioned Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas do hereby certify that on

the 1st day of January 1867 at the County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas I did duly join in Marriage Wesley ^{in the State} Friedman of Hempstead County State of Arkansas aged 38 years and Nancy Cheatham of Hempstead County State of Arkansas aged 40 years and then and there declared them to be husband and wife.

Signature R. M. Wilson

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I, Garry L. Sutton an acting and duly
Commissioned Justice of the Peace in and for
the County of Hempstead in the state of
Arkansas do hereby certify that on the 8th day of
January 1867 at the county of Hempstead in the
state of Arkansas I did duly join in Marriage
Nelson Watson of Hempstead County Arkansas
aged forty five years and Louisa Jones of
Hempstead County state of Arkansas aged
35 years and then and there declared them
to be husband and wife.

Signature, Garry L. Sutton J.P.

J. R. M. Wilson an acting and duly
commissioned Justice of the Peace in and for
the county of Hempstead in the state of
Arkansas do hereby certify that on the 10th
day of January 1867. in the county of Hempstead
in the state of Arkansas I did duly join in
Marriage Herb D. Sautley Foundman of Hempstead
County ^{State of} Arkansas aged 21 years and Waney
Witherspoon Foundwoman of Hempstead County
state of Arkansas aged 17 years and then
and there declared them to be husband
and wife.

Signature, J. R. M. Wilson J.P.

I, James of the Methodist Church in and for
the county of Hempstead in the state of Arkansas do
hereby certify that in the 17th day of January 1867, at the
County of Hempstead and in the state of Arkansas
I did duly join in Marriage Samuel Shan of Hempstead
County in the state of Arkansas aged 65 years and
Louisa Connolly of Hempstead County state of Arkansas
aged 40 years and then and there declared them to
be husband and wife.

Signature, James

And I do further certify that I have performed
the Marriage ceremony according to the rites and
customs of the Methodist Episcopal Church of which
I am a minister and that my license to
solemnize Marriage was issued by Little Rock
Conference Red River District Lost Prairie.

Signature, Robert Jones Wilson

W. V. King an acting and duly commissioned
Justice of the Peace in and for the county of Hempstead
in the state of Arkansas do hereby certify that
on the 7th day of February 1867. at the county
of Hempstead in the state of Arkansas I did
duly join in Marriage Benjamin Gilman of
Hempstead County state of Arkansas aged 21 years
and Comfort Gilman of Hempstead County state
of Arkansas aged 30 years and then and there
declared them to be husband and wife.

Signature, W. V. King J.P.

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List of Indentures of Apprenticeships
Hempstead County Ark

No. 1 John Eakin bound in the sum of one thousand dollars, unto Milton J Holt Judge of the Probate Court of Hempstead Co and his successors in Office for the charge of Mary (alias Rynn) 14 years of age. Said John Eakin resides at Washington Hempstead Co Ark
approved by Jno B Montgomery Supt. and recorded in the Clerks Office Dec 1/65.

No. 2 Daniel Alexander bound in the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars, unto Milton Holt Judge of Probate Court and his Successors in Office, for the charge of Toby Alexander aged 15 year Allen Reed aged 12 years and Marsbold Wilson aged 12 years.
Said Daniel E Alexander resides.
approved by Jno B Montgomery Supt. & J. P. & L. and recorded in the Clerks Office Dec 7/65.

No. 3 Odetward L Pryor bound in to the sum of five hundred dollars unto Milton Holt Judge of the Probate Court of Hempstead Co Ark and his successors in Office for the charge of Frederick L. Pryor aged 6 years.

No. 4 G. D. Royston bound in to the sum of one thousand dollars unto Milton J. Holt Judge of the Probate Court of Hempstead Ark and his successors in Office for the charge of Peusant Hill aged 14 years and Isaac Hill aged 12 years. approved by Jno B Montgomery Supt. and recorded in Clerks Office Dec 18/65.

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No. 5 Joseph Grass bound in the sum of One thousand
Dollars unto Alfred H Carrigan Judge of the probate Court
County of Hempstead, Ark and his successors in Office for
the charge of Salmon Graves aged 16 years Allen Graves
aged 14.

Said Joseph Grass resides

approved Ino B Montgomery Supt etc
recorded in the Clerks Office Dec 18/65

No. 6 Charles E Mitchell bound in the sum of five hundred
Dollars unto Milton J. Holt Judge of the probate Court
Hempstead Co Ark and his successors in Office for the
charge of Olive Mitchell aged 11 3/4 years

Said Charles E Mitchell resides

approved Ino B Montgomery Supt etc
recorded in the Clerks Office Dec 18/65

No. 7 Constantine Gillespie bound in the sum of one
thousand five hundred dollars unto Alfred H Carrigan
Judge of the probate Court of Hempstead Co Ark and his
successors in Office for the charge of Laura Johnson aged
12 years Sally aged 10 and Freddie aged 8 years

Said Constantine Gillespie resides near Columbus Hempstead Co.

approved Ino B Montgomery Supt etc
recorded in the Clerks Office Dec 18/65.
Turned over to their mother in compliance with order of May 10/66.

Alfred H Carrigan Judge of the probate Court County of
Hempstead Ark and his successors in Office for the charge
of Pare Moore aged

Said Stephen Moore resides

approved Ino B Montgomery Supt etc
recorded in the Clerks Office Dec 18/65.

No. 9 James P Dillard bound in the sum of two thousand
Dollars unto Alfred H Carrigan Judge of the probate
Court County of Hempstead Ark and his successors
in Office. Thomas Dillard aged 13 Louisa Dillard 11
Chas Dillard 8. Amanda Dillard aged 4 years
Said James P Dillard resides

approved Ino B Montgomery Supt etc
recorded in the Clerks Office Dec 27/65

Turned over to their parents in compliance with
Circular 21 dated May 10/66

No. 10 Robert A Brunson bound in the sum of two thousand
Dollars unto Alfred H Carrigan Judge of the probate
Court County of Hempstead Ark and his successors
in Office. Harriet Brunson aged Geop Brunson aged
Susan Brunson aged Marriah Brunson aged

Said Robert A Brunson resides

approved Ino B Montgomery Supt etc
recorded in the Clerks Office Dec 27/65

No. 11

List of Delinquents

Conley H. O. Pay due to his hands from 46
jailed to appear at office
Deane Nelson & family at Rob
Kofi's plantation
Henry Nelson and family on
Wickhampton's plantation

Conroy P. L. Pay due a freeman for
work done in co. sent for
but jailed to appear.

Conroy J. O. Pay due Mary Martindale
in 67. Contract cancelled &
a fraudulent settlement made.
Ordered to office to settle but
did not appear.

Williamson J. C. Pay due his hands, from 68.

~~Contract cancelled. No
collected when corn is ga-
thered.~~

Roll 23

Target 11

SUBORDINATE FIELD OFFICES
Washington (Hemstead County)

Accounts Current, Marriage Certificates,
Court Papers, and Teachers' School Reports
1865-68

Marriage Certificate

Nero Bradley

to

Nancy Witherspoon

Jan. 10. 1867

Washington

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE.

I, R. M. Wilson an acting and duly commissioned justice of the peace in and for the County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas, Do hereby Certify, that on the 10th day of January 1867, at the County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas, I did duly Join in Marriage Nero Bradley Johnson of the Hempstead County, State of Arkansas aged 21 years, and Nancy Witherspoon Jones of Hempstead County, State of Arkansas aged 17 years, and they and there declared them to be husband and wife.

(SIGNATURE.)

R. M. Wilson J.P.

(NOTE.)—If the marriage is solemnized by a minister of the gospel or priest, he will in addition, fill up and sign the following:

And I do further certify that I have performed the Marriage Ceremony according to the Rites and customs of the Church or Society of which I am a Minister, and that my License to Solemnize Marriage was recorded in

County, on the day of 1867.

to the parties married.

Marriage Certificate

Moses Cheatham

to

Rosetta Mosler

Dec. 28. 1866.

Washington

Filed Dec 18

Miss Mosler

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE.

I, R M Wilson acting and duly commissioned Justice of the peace in and for the County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas, Do hereby Certify, that on the 23rd day of December 1866, at the County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas, I did duly Join in Marriage Moses Chatham of Hempstead County, State of Arkansas aged 20 years, and Rosetta Mercer of Hempstead County, State of Arkansas, aged 18 years, and then and there declared them to be husband and wife.

(SIGNATURE.)

R M Wilson

(NOTE. —If the marriage is solemnized by a minister of the gospel or priest, he will in addition, fill up and sign the following:)

And I do further certify that I have performed the Marriage Ceremony according to the Rules and customs of the Church or Society of which I am a Minister, and that my License to Solemnize Marriage was recorded in County, on the day of 1866

to the parties married.

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Nathan Chuedler
and
Eli Russell

Filed in my office for
record Dec. 20th 1865 -
Jas Williams
Supt. Recorder

Recorded in Book
A. Page 5. March 20th
1866.

Jas Williams
Supt. Recorder

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE.

Ordered
Alexander Avery an acting and duly commissioned
Minister of the gospel in and for the County of Pike
in the State of Arkansas, Do hereby Certify, that
on the eighth day of October 1865, at the
County of Pike in the State of Arkansas, I did duly
Join in Marriage Nathan Chandler of Pike
County, State of Arkansas aged 23 years, and
Ellen Russell of Pike County, State
of Arkansas, aged 19 years, and then and there
declared them to be husband and wife.



(Signature.)

A. Avery

(NOTE.—If the marriage is solemnized by a minister of the gospel or priest, he will in addition, fill up and sign the following :)

And I do further certify that I have performed the Marriage Ceremony according to the
Rites and customs of the Methodist Church, Church or Society of which
I am a Minister, and that my License to Solemnize Marriage was recorded in



(Signature.)

A. Avery

* This Certificate will be made in triplicate, and one copy returned to the County Clerk, one to the Superintendent of Freedmen, and one to the parties married.

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Marriage Certificate

of the County of ...

Filed in my office for
record Dec 20th 1865

J. C. Williams
Superior

Recorded in Book A.
Page 6. March 2. 1866

J. C. Williams
Superior

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

I, John Behrens an acting and duly commissioned
Justice of the Peace in and for the County of
Hempstead in the State of Arkansas, Do hereby Certify, that
on the 9th day of December 1865, at the
County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas, I did duly
Join in Marriage Marion Cobb of Hempstead
County, State of Arkansas aged 21 years, and
Ann Higgins of Hempstead County, State
of Arkansas, aged 18 years, and then and there
declared them to be husband and wife.

(Signature.)

J. Behrens

—If the marriage is solemnized by a minister of the gospel or priest, he will in addition, fill up and sign the following:—

Mary. Certificates

Stephen Edmonson

+
Martha Dickson

Nov. 24, 1866.

Washington

Edmonson

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE.

I, J. B. Shiers, Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Henstead in the State of Arkansas, Do hereby Certify, that on the 24 day of Nov 1866, at the County of Henstead in the State of Arkansas, I did duly join in Marriage Stephen Edmison of Henstead County, State of Arkansas aged 37 years, and Martha Dickason of Henstead County, State of Arkansas, age 25 years, and then and there declared them to be husband and wife.

(SIGNATURE.)

J. B. Shiers, J. P.

(NOTE. --If the marriage is solemnized by a minister of the gospel or priest, he will in addition, fill up and sign the following:)

And I do further certify that I have performed the Marriage Ceremony according to the Rites and customs of the Church or Society of which I am a Minister, and that my License to Solemnize Marriage was recorded in County, on the day of 18

to the parties married.

Marriage Certificate

Wentley Essex

to

Nancy Cheatham

Dec 30 1866.

Washington

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE.

I, R M Wilson Justice of the peace Hempstead in the State of Arkansas, Do hereby Certify, that on the 30th day of December 1866, at the County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas, I did duly Join in Marriage Wesley Edsall Jordan of Hempstead County, State of Arkansas aged 38 years, and Nancy Chatham of Hempstead County, State of Arkansas aged 40 years, and then and there declared them to be husband and wife.

(SIGNATURE.) R M Wilson J.P.

(NOTE. —If the marriage is solemnized by a minister of the gospel or priest, he will in addition, fill up and sign the following:)

And I do further certify that I have performed the Marriage Ceremony according to the Rites and customs of the Church or Society of which I am a Minister, and that my License to Solemnize Marriage was recorded in County, on the day of 18

to the parties married.

Dec. 24. 1843 No 3
to 3 my cts
Guthrie Humbol to
Harriet Reed
Dec 6th 1843

Filed in my office for
record, March 1st 1844
J. M. Williams
Supt. Greenhouse

Recorded in Book
on page 6. March 2^d 1844
J. M. Williams
Supt. Green

1845

Card

57 cts

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

I, J. G. Ward an acting and duly ^{ordained} commissioned
Minister of the Gospel in and for the County of
Hempstead in the State of Arkansas, Do hereby Certify, that
on the sixth day of December 1865, in the
County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas, I did duly
Join in Marriage Eschial Gambel (of color) of Hempstead
County, State of Arkansas aged fifty eight years, and
Harriet Reed (of color) of Hempstead County, State
of Arkansas, aged thirty years, and then and there
declared them to be husband and wife.



(Signature.)

J. G. Ward M. G.

(NOTE.—If the marriage is solemnized by a minister of the gospel or priest, he will in addition, fill up and sign the following:)

And I do further certify that I have performed the Marriage Ceremony according to the
Rites and customs of the Methodist Episcopal Church ^{South} ~~of~~ Society of which
I am a Minister, and that my License to Solemnize Marriage was recorded in

(Signature.)

J. G. Ward M. G.

* This Certificate will be made in triplicate, and one copy returned to the County Clerk, one to the Superintendent of Freedmen, and one to the parties married.

Marriage Certificate

Samuel Garriett

&

Katharine Stewart

July 25. 1867.

Washington

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE.

I, Wesley V King an acting and duly commissioned
Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Franklin
Hempstead in the State of Arkansas, Do hereby Certify, that
on the twenty fifth day of February 1887, at the
County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas, I did duly
Join in Marriage Samuel Puritt of Hempstead
County, State of Arkansas aged 24 years, and
Nathaniel Stewart of Hempstead County, State
of Arkansas, aged 24 years, and then and there
declared them to be husband and wife.

(Signature.)

Wesley V King JP

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Marriage Certificate

Ernest Gilmer

to

Mary Gilmer

Feb. 10, 1866.

Washington

J. H. H. H.

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE.

I, James Lacy ~~of the County of Hempstead~~
~~in the State of Arkansas~~

~~Minister of the Gospel~~, Do hereby Certify, that
on the 10th day of February 1866, at the
County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas, I did duly
Join in Marriage David Gilmer of Linn
County, State of Arkansas aged 50 years, and
Mary Gilmer of Linn County, State
of Arkansas, aged 40 years, and then and there
declared them to be husband and wife.

(SIGNATURE.)

James Lacy

(NOTE.—If the marriage is solemnized by a minister of the gospel or priest, he will in addition, fill up and sign the following:)

And I do further certify that I have performed the Marriage Ceremony according to the
Rites and customs of the Methodist Episcopal Church ~~of which I am a~~ ^{South} of which I am a
Minister, and that my License to Solemnize Marriage was recorded in Book A Page
171 Hempstead County, on the 2nd

* This Certificate will be made in triplicate, and one copy returned to the County Clerk, one to the Superintendent of Freedmen, and one to the parties married.

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Marriage Certificate

Roach Gilmer

+

Rose Craunshaw

Oct 13, 1866

Washington

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE.

I, James Lury, acting and duly commissioned in and for the County of

on the 13th day of October 1866, at the County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas, I did duly join in Marriage Roach Gilmore of said County, State of Arkansas aged 22 years, and Nell Greenham of Hempstead County, State of Arkansas, aged 20 years, and then and there declared them to be husband and wife.

(SIGNATURE)

James Lury

(NOTE.—If the marriage is solemnized by a minister of the gospel or priest, he will in addition, fill up and sign the following:)

And I do further certify that I have performed the Marriage Ceremony according to the Rites and customs of the Methodist Episcopal Church of which I am a Minister, and that my License to Solemnize Marriage was recorded in Book A Page 171 Hempstead County, on the 26th day of October 1866.

to the parties married.

Marriage Certificates

John Hawkins

5

Mildred Jane Hawkins

Dec 30, 1866

Washington

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE.

I, R. M. Wilson

an acting and duly commissioned

in and for the County of

Justice of the Peace in the State of Arkansas, Do hereby Certify, that

on the 30th day of December 1866, at the

County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas, I did duly

Join in Marriage John Hawkins of Hempstead

County, State of Arkansas, aged 47 years, and

Mildred Jane Hawkins of Hempstead

of Arkansas, aged 25 years, and then and there

declared them to be husband and wife.

(SIGNATURE.)

R. M. Wilson

(NOTE. — If the marriage is solemnized by a minister of the gospel or priest, he will in addition, fill up and sign the following:)

And I do further certify that I have performed the Marriage Ceremony according to the Rites and customs of the Church or Society of which I am a Minister, and that my License to Solemnize Marriage was recorded in

County, on the

day of 1866

to the parties married.

1867
Marriage Certificate

Tinkney James

†
Ana Ann Willis

Oct 17. 1867

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J. C. C. Hindley, an acting and
duly commissioned justice of the
peace in and for the County of
Hempstead in the State of Arkansas,
do hereby certify, that on the 17th
day of October 1867, at the County
of Hempstead State of Arkansas —
I did duly join in marriage Pinkney
James (Col.) of the County of Hempstead
State of Arkansas aged 27 years and —
Ara Ann Willis (Col.), of the County of
Hempstead State of Arkansas aged
25 years, and then and there declared
them to be husband and wife.

Given under my hand this 17th day of
October 1867.
J. C. C. Hindley, J. P.

Marriage Certificate

Alex. Jones

Melania Johnson

July 22, 1867

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

I, R L Phillips an acting and duly commissioned
Justice of the Peace in and for the County of
Hempstead in the State of Arkansas, Do hereby Certify, that
on the 22 day of July 1867, at the
County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas, I did duly
Join in Marriage Alex Lewis of Hempstead
County, State of Ark aged 32 years, and
Melvin Johnson of Hempstead County, State
of Ark, aged 21 years, and then and there
declared them to be husband and wife.

(Signature.)

R L Phillips J P

Providence

Marriage Certificates

Crawford Jones

Jane Jones

Oct 7, 1866.

Washington

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE.

J. B. Sherris an acting and duly commissioned
Justice of the Peace in and for the County of
Hemstead in the State of Arkansas, Do Hereby Certify, that
on the 7 day of Oct 1866, at the
County of Hemstead in the State of Arkansas, I did duly
Join in Marriage *Crawford Jones* of *Hemstead*
County, State of *Arkansas* aged *19* years, and
Jane Jones of *Hemstead* County, State
of *Arkansas*, aged *17* years, and then and there
declared them to be husband and wife.

(Signature.)

J. B. Sherris, J. P.

(Note — If the marriage

in addition, fill up and sign the following:)

Worcester

Marriage Certificate

Laurence Mason

Jessie Mason

June 2, 1867

Hingham

May 28th 1866

I, R. M. Wilson, an acting and duly commissioned
Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Hempstead
in the State of Arkansas do hereby certify that on the
2nd day of January 1867 at the County of Hempstead in the
State of Arkansas I did duly join in Marriage
Lawrence Mason (Freedman) of Hempstead County
State of Arkansas aged 26 years and Cornina
Mason (Freedman) of Hempstead County State of
Arkansas aged 27 years, and them and them declared
them to be husband and wife

R. M. Wilson J.P.

This is to certify that I, J. H. Beauchamp a legally author-
ized Minister of the Gospel having had my credentials
recorded in Hempstead City did according to the rules of
the M. E. Church South on the 28th of May 1866
join in marriage Louis Jones, age 25 years and Jane Gar-
rett age 20 years (freedman) all of Hempstead County
Arkansas, in testimony whereof I affix my signature
This the 8th of June A.D. 1866

Jesse H. Beauchamp

Washington
June 4th 1864

Dear Mother

Yours affectionately
John

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE.

I, C. C. Gillespie, an acting and duly commissioned Minister of the Gospel in and for the County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas, Do hereby Certify, that on the 25th day of June 1866, at the County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas, I did duly Join in Marriage John Mathis of Hempstead County, State of Arkansas aged 35 years, and Elizabeth Murphy of Hempstead County, State of Arkansas aged 22 years, and then and there declared them to be husband and wife.

(SIGNATURE.)

C. C. Gillespie

(NOTE. —If the marriage is solemnized by a minister of the gospel or priest, he will in addition, fill up and sign the following:)

And I do further certify that I have performed the Marriage Ceremony according to the Rites and customs of the M. S. Church or Society of which I am a Minister, and that my License to Solemnize Marriage was recorded in Clerk's office in Hempstead County, on the 8th day of November 1858.

(SIGNATURE.)

C. C. Gillespie

Marriage Certificate

Preston M. Murray

to

Mary Carrigan

Oct. 31, 1866.

Washington

Recorded

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE.

I, Alfred H Carrigan acting and duly commissioned
Judge in and for the County of Hempstead
Hempstead in the State of Arkansas, Do hereby Certify, that
on the 31st day of October 1866, at the
County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas, I did duly
Join in Marriage Boston M Murray of Pulaski
County, State of Arkansas age 28 years, and
Mary Carrigan of Hempstead County, State
of Arkansas, age 26 years, and then and there
declared them to be husband and wife.

(SIGNATURE.)

A. H. Carrigan Judge of Hempstead County

(NOTE.)—If the marriage is solemnized by a minister of the gospel or priest, he will in addition, fill up and sign the following :)

And I do further certify that I have performed the Marriage Ceremony according to the
Rites and customs of the _____ Church or Society of which I am a
Minister, and that my License to Solemnize Marriage was recorded in _____
County, on the _____
day of _____ 1866.

to the parties married.

Recorded

Marriage Certificate

Samuel Mitchell

&

Mariah Hudson

Oct. 7 1866

Washington

RECORDED
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OCT 10 1866
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MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE.

I, J. B. Shers an acting and duly commissioned
Justice of the Peace in and for the County of
Heustead in the State of Arkansas, Do hereby Certify, that
on the 7 day of Oct 1866, at the
County of Heustead in the State of Arkansas, I did duly
Join in Marriage Samuel Mitchel of Heustead
County, State of Arkansas aged 25 years, and
Mariah Hudson of Heustead County, State
of Arkansas, aged 19 years, and then and there
declared them to be husband and wife.

(Signature.)

J. B. Shers, J.P.

Recorder

Marriage Certificate

Scott Moore

Lylepha Moore

Nov 25 1866

Washington

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE.

J. Bshers an acting and duly commissioned
Justice of the Peace in and for the County of
Hemstead in the State of *Arkansas*, Do hereby Certify, that
on the *25th* day of *November* 186*6*, at the
County of *of Hemstead* in the State of *Arkansas*, I did duly
Join in Marriage *Scott Moore* of *Hemstead*
County, State of *Arkansas* aged *49* years, and
Sypha Moore of *Hemstead* County, State
of *Arkansas*, aged *35* years, and then and there
declared them to be husband and wife.

(Signature.)

J. Bshers J. P.

(NOTE.—If the marriage is solemnized by a minister of the gospel or priest, he will in addition, fill up and sign “

Marriage Certificate

Alfred Muddren

Corvelia White

July 20. 1867.

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE.

I, R L Phillips an acting and duly commissioned
Justice of the peace in and for the County of
Hempstead in the State of Arkansas, Do hereby Certify, that
on the 20 day of July 1867, at the
County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas, I did duly
Join in Marriage Nero Muldren of Hempstead
County, State of Arkansas aged 21 years, and
Corneha White of Hempstead County, State
of Arkansas, aged 18 years, and then and there
declared them to be husband and wife.

(Signature.)

R L Phillips J P

5 No 4.
Rev J. G. Ward
To 3 No 4 City

James W. Nelson To
Anna Black

Dec 27th 1865

Filed in my office for record
March 18th 1866.

J. M. Williams
Supt Freedmen's C

Recorded in Book "a"
Page 7. March 2^d 1866

J. M. Williams
Supt Freedmen's C

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE.

I, J. G. Ward ^{ordained} an acting and duly ~~commissioned~~ ^{ordained} Minister of the Gospel in and for the County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas, Do Hereby Certify, that on the twenty seventh day of December 1865 in the County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas, I did duly Join in Marriage James W. Selberry of Hempstead County, State of Arkansas aged twenty two years, and Anna Black of Hempstead County, State of Arkansas, aged eighteen years, and then and there declared them to be husband and wife.



(Signature.)

J. G. Ward M.G.

(NOTE.—If the marriage is solemnized by a minister of the gospel or priest, he will in addition, fill up and sign the following :)

And I do further certify that I have performed the Marriage Ceremony according to the Rites and customs of the Methodist Episcopal Church ^{South} of which I am a Minister, and that my License to Solemnize Marriage was recorded in Columbia

(Signature.)

J. G. Ward M.G.

* This Certificate will be made in triplicate, and one copy returned to the County Clerk, one to the Superintendent of Freedmen, and one to the parties married.

Marriage Certificate

Saul Nelson

Harriet Minter

Nov. 22-1866.

Washington

recorded

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE.

I, R M Wilson acting and duly commissioned
Justice of the peace in and for the County of Hempstead
in the State of Arkansas, Do hereby Certify, that
on the 22nd day of November 1866, at the
County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas, I did duly
Join in Marriage Samuel Nelson husband of Hempstead
County, State of Arkansas aged 21 years, and
Harriet Witherspoon ^{woman} of Hempstead County, State
of Arkansas aged Eighteen years, and then and there
declared them to be husband and wife. with the consent and in the presence
of her parents (SIGNATURE) R M Wilson J.P.

(NOTE. — If the marriage is solemnized by a minister of the gospel or priest, he will in addition, fill up and sign the following:)

And I do further certify that I have performed the Marriage Ceremony according to the
Rules and customs of the _____ Church or Society of which I am a
Minister, and that my License to Solemnize Marriage was recorded in _____
County, on the _____
day of _____ 18_____
(SIGNATURE) _____

Marriage Certificate
Frande Nelson

and

Merial E O Babes
of Hempstead Co Ark

Reconciled

Nov. 14 1866.

Washington

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE.

I, C. C. Gillespie, an acting and duly commissioned Minister of the Gospel in and for the County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas, Do hereby Certify, that on the 14 day of November 1866, at the County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas, I did duly join in Marriage Ronald Nelson of Hempstead County, State of Arkansas aged 27 years, and Maria E. B. Baber of Hempstead County, State of Arkansas, aged 27 years, and then and there declared them to be husband and wife.

(SIGNATURE.)

C. C. Gillespie

(NOTE. -If the marriage is solemnized by a minister of the gospel or priest, he will in addition, fill up and sign the following:)

And I do further certify that I have performed the Marriage Ceremony according to the Rites and customs of the Methodist Episcopal Church or Society of which I am a Minister, and that my License to Solemnize Marriage was recorded in Washington County, on the 8th day of November 1858

(SIGNATURE.)

C. C. Gillespie

Dressing box

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THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE.

Wesley V King an acting and duly commissioned
Justice of the Peace in and for the County of
Wempsted in the State of Arkansas, Do hereby Certify, that
on the *Leuth (13)* day of *December* 186*5*, at the
County of *Wempsted* in the State of Arkansas, I did duly
Join in Marriage *George Pedersen* of *Jefferson*
County, State of *Arkansas* aged *35* years, and
Letta Moore of *Wempsted* County, State
of *Arkansas*, aged *18* years, and then and there
declared them to be husband and wife.

(Signature.)

Wesley V King

(NOTE—If the marriage is solemnized by a minister of the gospel or priest, he will in addition, fill up and sign the following:)

And I do further certify that I have performed the Marriage Ceremony according to the
Rites and customs of the _____ Church or Society of which
I am a Minister, and that my License to Solemnize Marriage was recorded in _____

(Signature.)

* This Certificate will be made in triplicate, and one copy returned to the County Clerk, one to the Superintendent of Freedmen, and one to the parties married.

Marriage Certificate

Samuel Shaw

to
Lavinia Connelly

Jan. 17th 1867

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE.

I, Robert Jones Wilson an acting and duly commissioned
Minister of the Methodist Church in and for the County of Hempstead
and in the State of Arkansas, Do hereby Certify, that
on the 17th day of January 1867, at the
County of Hempstead and in the State of Arkansas, I did duly
Join in Marriage Samuel Shew, and Louisa Connolly of
Hempstead County, State of Arkansas aged 68 years, and
Louisa Connolly of Hempstead County, State
of Arkansas, age 40 years, and then and there
declared them to be husband and wife.

(SIGNATURE.)

Robert Jones Wilson his mark
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(NOTE.)—If the marriage is solemnized by a minister of the gospel or priest, he will in addition, fill up and sign the following:

And I do further certify that I have performed the Marriage Ceremony according to the
rites and customs of the M. C. South Church or Society of which I am a
Minister, and that my License to Solemnize Marriage was received in Decree by Little
Rock Conference Red River County, in the District, South
day of 1866.

(SIGNATURE.)

Robert Jones Wilson his mark
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recorally

Marriage Certificate

Andrew S. Sparks

to
Emily Jones

Oct. 7, 1866.

Washington

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE.

I, J. B. Sherr an acting and duly commissioned
Justice of the Peace in and for the County of
Stemstead in the State of Arkansas, Do hereby Certify, that
on the 7 day of Oct 1866, at the
County of Stemstead in the State of Arkansas, I did duly
Join in Marriage Andrew J. Sparks of Stemstead
County, State of Arkansas aged 20 years, and
Emily Jones of Stemstead County, State
of Arkansas, aged 27 years, and then and there
declared them to be husband and wife.

(Signature.)

J. B. Sherr J.P.

If the marriage is solemnized by a minister of the gospel or priest, in addition, fill up and sign the following:)

Marriage Certificate

Lindsay Stamps

&

Army Hill

Dec. 1, 1866.

Washington

Russell

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE.

I, R. L. Phillips on acting and duly commissioned
Justice of the peace in and for the County of
Hempstead in the State of Arkansas, Do hereby Certify, that
on the first day of December 1866, at the
County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas, I did duly
Join in Marriage Lindsey Stamps of Hempstead
County, State of Arkansas aged Thirty One years, and
Amy Hill of Hempstead County, State
of Arkansas aged Twenty Eight years, and then and there
declared them to be husband and wife.

(SIGNATURE.)

R. L. Phillips J.P.

(NOTE.—If the marriage is solemnized by a minister of the gospel or priest, he will in addition, fill up and sign the following:)

And I do further certify that I have performed the Marriage Ceremony according to the
Methodist Church or Society of which I am a
Minister, and that my License to Solemnize Marriage was recorded in
County, on the
day of 18

to the parties married.

Marrage Certificate
Nelson Watson
and
Louisa Jones

Jan 8. 1867.

1867

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE.

I, Cary S Sutton an acting and duly commissioned Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas, Do hereby Certify, that on the Eighth day of January 1886 at the County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas, I did duly Join in Marriage Nelson Watson of Hempstead County, State of Arkansas aged forty-five years, and Louisa Jones of Hempstead County, State of Arkansas age thirty-five years, and then and there declared them to be husband and wife.

(SIGNATURE.)

Cary S. Sutton, J.P.

(NOTE.)—If the marriage is solemnized by a minister of the gospel or priest, he will in addition, fill up and sign the following:

And I do further certify that I have performed the Marriage Ceremony according to the rites and customs of the _____ Church or Society of which I am a Minister, and that my License to Solemnize Marriage was recorded in _____ County, on the _____ day of _____ 1886.

(SIGNATURE.)

Ex 105.
Mrs Thomas
and
Isabella Dickson

Filed in my office for
record March 1866

La C Williams
Capt. A. C.

Record in Book "a"
page 7. March 2. 1866

La C Williams
Capt. Treanor

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE.

I, Wesley V. King an acting and duly commissioned
Justice of the Peace in and for the County of
Hempstead in the State of Arkansas, Do Heredby Certify, that
on the Ten day of January 1886 at the
County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas, I did duly
Join in Marriage John Thomas Hempstead
County, State of Arkansas aged 30 years, and
Isabella Dickson of Hempstead County, State
of Arkansas, aged 16 years, and then and there
declared them to be husband and wife.



(Signature.)

W. V. King

(NOTE.—If the marriage is solemnized by a minister of the gospel or priest, he will in addition, fill up and sign the following:)

TEACHER'S REPORT.

School No. 1 at Washington

Wempsted, Ga. Ark.

Month of November 1861

Henry Shuttles

Teacher.

TEACHER'S MONTHLY REPORT.

Freedmen's School, No. 1 at Washington Ark. for the Month ending Nov. 21 1865.

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.	TOTAL LAST REPORT.	Alterations Since the Last Report.		<i>Day school.</i>	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.	TOTAL LAST REPORT.	Alterations Since the Last Report.	
					GAIN.	LOSS.						GAIN.	LOSS.
Number Enrolled.....	53	54	107										
Average Attendance.....	46	48	94										
Number not Absent.....	"	"	60										
No. not Tardy.....	"	"	78										
No. not absent nor tardy.....	"	"	43										
No. of Pupils over 18 years of age.....	1	7	8										
No. of pupils under 6 years of age.....	2	4	6										
No. who pay full Tuition Fees.....	35		35										
No. of hours spent in Teaching, Daily.....	"	"	6										
Number who pay Fractional Fees.....	"	"	20										
No. Admitted Free.....	"	"	50										
No. Alphabet Scholars in School.....	2	5	7										
No. who Write.....	24	21	45										
No. in Arithmetic.....	25	15	40										
No. in Geography.....	"	"	none no maps and books.										
No. in Grammar.....	"	"	will start a class next month.										
No. in other Studies.....	"	"	now.										
Amount of Tuition Fees.....			\$ 1,500.										

Thomas H. [unclear]

TEACHER'S REPORT.

School No. 2 at Washington

Reopened on 1st

Month of November 1865

Henry Shute

Teacher.

Affidavit of
The Smith Case

Nov 25/65

State of Arkansas
County of Hempstead } S.S.

I, William Smith,
(Colonel) of the County & State aforesaid do
solemnly swear that George S. O'Leary of
the said County & State has in his pos-
-session a certain horse which was
forcibly taken from me by two white
men (names unknown) on or about the
15th day of the present month, (Nov. 1863)
at the plantation of Mr. James M. Smith, of
the said County of Hempstead & State of
Arkansas - The horse in question is my property,
as I purchased him from a soldier with
my own money, nor have I sold or
otherwise bargained or disposed of
said horse, - and I am entitled
to the immediate possession of
said property. His

name

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 25th day
of November 1863

W. P. [Signature]

Capt & Sup't Pro. Mar.

Fredman

Abraham Williams

Jan 10 - 1844

Jan'y 8th 1866.

Prisoner Aleck Williams - Ch^d by Joseph
Gardberg with theft -

Ferdinand Greiner - ~~From~~ - deposed & says
Aleck Williams was standing on the outside
of Counter opposite to money drawer, leaning
on the Counter, - When Aleck went out I
went and counted the money and the money
was all gone but about two dollars -
Amongst the missing money was a two dollar Bill
"City of New Orleans" No 96,446, dated Oct. 24, 1862.
There was as much as ^{four} hundred dollars in the
drawer before Aleck Williams was at the place
above mentioned, and no one had been to
the drawer between the time that I counted it
and the time that I saw Aleck at the
Counter as stated above.

O. F. Greiner

Abner Brevard - From deposed & says,
I asked Aleck Williams how much money
he had on his person and he said none -

He then showed his pocket book, which con-

tains ~~some~~ ^{some} ~~money~~ ^{money} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~form~~ ^{form} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~two~~ ^{two} ~~dollars~~ ^{dollars} U.S. Currency, - I then asked him where he
got the money - and he said that he had five
dollars when he came in town - The balance
he would give no account of -

Abner Brevard

Office Supt Bureau R F W A S
Washington Dist
January 10th 1866

Sir -

I have the honor to state that
Alec Williams, a Freedman, charged with
steals has been convicted of the crime, and is hereby
sentenced to imprisonment for thirty days at hard
labor, which you will carry into effect, and
at the expiration of thirty days from this date
you will release him without further notice

Very Respectfully

J. W. Williams

Supt Bureau R F W A S

J. A. Mungen

Post Provost Marshal

Washington Dist

Washington

23rd Petition

The Probate Court of
County

State of Arkansas } District Court of
County of Hempstead } Probate Do. etc.
Jan 25 1866.

Your petitioner would respectfully state
that he has in his care a negro girl named
Lucinda Cuyor who is seven years
of age without father or mother, and
totally ~~dependent~~ dependent upon your petitioner &
County for protection and support. Said
negro girl has no goods or chattels, lands
or tenements, or any other means of subsistence
whatever, further than your petitioner
furnishes her, and is incapable on ac-
count of her tender age, of obtaining
a support by manual labor or otherwise.
Your petitioner is unwilling to keep and
maintain said negro girl in her
youthful age, while she is unable to
compensate him by her labor, unless
she can afterwards have the benefits

manumission for present trouble and
outlay, and would therefore respectfully
ask that said girl - be bound to
your petitioner as an apprentice for the term
prescribed by, and according to the provisions
of the Statute in such case made and provided
Your petitioner would state that he has the approval of the
Kendall's Bureau for this apprenticeship, as is more

fully shown by the Indenture submitted
hence, which Indenture he prays may
be made complete for what he will ever
pray, &c

Richard A. Stone

Washington

of the
Petition

Prothonotary
County

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~~27~~ Affidavit of
Thos. J. Blackmore

1864

January 19, 1866.

State of Arkansas }
Hempstead County } 85.

I Tho. R. Blalock

Do solemnly swear that about the 1st of
July 1866- I employed the following bonds
troops, as laborers for J. W. Papp and
furnished them transportation rations
and forage from Clarksville to the
plantation of said Papp to wit
William Giers }
Lemima Giers }
Alexander Giers }
Charity Giers }
Henry Nelson }
Kitty Nelson }
Gutha Nelson }
Nathan Nelson }
Margaret Nelson }
Bally Nelson }
Sarah Nelson }
Hitty Faylor }
Kitty Faylor }
Charlotte Faylor }
Horace Faylor }

John Miller
Jacob Miller
Priscilla Miller
James Miller
Edward Miller (Infant)
Dick Vaughn
Ellen Vaughn
Susan Vaughn
Abram Vaughn
Gideon Vaughn
Cira, Bracon
Emily Bracon
John, Bracon (Infant)
Gorn White

Thomas Boyton

Sworn to and sub-
scribed before me this
19th day of July 1866
J. M. Williams
Supt. Prison R. F. A. S.

Aug 29 - 66

Affidavit by
Jury Thomson and
Nick Vint
against
Andrew Sears for
maltreatment

Action taken.

The parties reprimanded
and held responsible
for such acts.

State of Arkansas
County of Hempstead) H.

Personally appeared before me this 29th day of August 1866, Perry Thompson, ^(free man) who being duly sworn deposes and says, Thomas is 26 years old, that he had contracted to work for J. B. Rags for the year 1866.

On or about the evening of the 27th inst Albert Sears who is the son of Andrew Sears entered for Mr J. B. Rags, and made Henry Rasberry, ^(free man) build a fire and told him (Henry) that that he would have to make a fire every night thereafter, said Henry Rasberry is a nephew of Perry Thompson, Perry Thompson told Henry that it was not his duty to make fires as he was engaged ~~to~~ a field hand and that he should not work after night.

Albert Sears said that he would make him do what he wanted him to. Albert Sears did then pick up a stick and drove Perry Thompson in his house, Perry closed his door when Albert sent his brother to the house

enough to run, Perry Thompson in the mean time pined the door when Albert pushed against the door until the pin broke and the door flew open, at which time Perry got out of the back window and made

his escape
witnessed by
A. O. Hester

his
Perry & Thompson
mark

State of Arkansas }
County of Hempstead } 88.

Personally appeared before me this 29th
day of August-1866 Dick Vint who being
duly sworn deposes and says, am 39 years
old, I contracted for work for F. B
Rob for the year 1866. Have heard the
affidavit of Perry Thompson read, was present
and seen and heard the entire affair, and
know it to be true in every particular.

Did afterward hear Albert Sears say that
if Perry Thompson ever put his foot
in the yard that he would nail him

witnessed by

A. E. Harris

his
Dick X Vint
mark

Dash. M.⁵⁰⁰

Officer's assault
on Friedman

George Washington

Action taken
the parties fined
\$75⁰⁰/₀₀

Oct-14-1869

County of Hempstead
State of Arkansas } S.S.

Personally appeared before me this 14th
day of October 1866. Michal Nash
who being duly sworn deposes and says

On the 12th day of October there
came to my house John Snow deputy
constable, accompanied by Elisha
Smith and Carroll Kelly, while
Snow was busy searching the premises
for some tobacco said to be stolen he
having the necessary warrant. Smith
and Kelly (as has been acknowledged
by Smith in my presence) tied a
Cried man in my employ named George
Washington, my wife seen George Washington
brought to the House being tied, my
wife said she would be security for
George Washington. when they Smith
and Kelly released George Washington,

the road as I have heard Elisha Smith
and Carroll Kelly met him George
Washington, tied him and took him
on by my house about one quarter of
a mile from my house, and while
they were looking for a limb to
bind George on George escaped from

Smith and Kelly, ~~John~~ Kelly
came dashing up to my house and
told me that George Washington escaped,
I asked him what the devil you have
George for, we wanted to make him
tell where that Tobacco was, and
he asked for the ax, Kelly said,
Where is your ax I'll kill the
damned son of a bitch, I then
ordered them Smith and Kelly
from the premises Michael J. P.
A.S.

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 14th day of Oct. 1866.

Geo. W. Whitecut

Capt. & Prov. Mag. N.H.

Genl. Supt B. R. F. & A. S. S. W.

Dias. A.S.

Oct 23/10

Appreciated

Frank Brown

Jones Morgan

action taken
the murders
arrested and delivered
to Col Gilberts he
refused to take charge
of the prisoners
referring one to Gen Order
44. The prisoner made
his escape on the way
from Canada to Washington
through the Charles free of
the soldiers.

Charges preferred against
the same

State of Arkansas
County of Hempstead } S.S.

Personally appeared before me this 23rd
day of October 1866, Frank Morris who being
of sound mind and memory deposes and says,

I am 19 years old, my name is Frank Morris,
I have been working for Jeff. Morgan in
Safayette Co, Ark., about two weeks ago today
about the 9th of October 1866, about 9 o'clock a.m.
Jones Morgan came out into the field where the
Ebenzer Campbell (deceased) was at work, and said
Jack I understood you called me a liar about the
cotton I said you took out of my field,
Ebenzer Campbell then said, no sir I did not
call you a liar but I said I did not take
any cotton out of your field, ~~then~~ Jones Morgan
then said you liar you did take it, and called
the deceased a damned son of a bitch, Jones
Morgan after a few words more raised his gun
and shot the deceased, the deceased after the

being injured again, Jones Morgan then turned his
horse and went to the house, I followed
Jones Morgan to the house, when I got to
the house Jeff Morgan asked me what was
the matter, I said nothing only Jones shot
Uncle Jack, Jeff Morgan said well we
must go and bury him there, after a few

minutes

he (Jeff Morgan) said well lets go and see whether he is dead. Jeff Morgan and myself then went out to where he was shot and found the deceased dead, I took the coat off of the deceased and returned to the house with Jeff Morgan, staid there until after dinner. when Jeff Morgan and myself went out with a hoe to where the body was lying dug a hole and put the deceased in it and covered it up. after we got back to the house Jeff Morgan told me not to say anything about it, saying that the law could not hurt Jones Morgan about it, but then he did not want it known, because it would create a talk all over the country.

Jeff. Morgan then told me that I had better not say anything about it for if I did that it would get out ^{that Jones Morgan might deny it} and it would be laid on me, the next day after the murder was committed I left about 10 o'clock in the morning, I left the place and went to Lewisville

Missouri, I did not get to Lewisville until the day after I left the place

Frank J. Morris
Missouri

Oct 31 1866

Abraham Lee

Pallat

Turner to the
Civil Authority's

State of Arkansas }
County of Hempstead } s. b.

Personally appeared before me this 31st
day of October 1866. Abraham Gill (Freedman)
who being duly sworn deposes and says:

My name is Abraham Gill am about 51
years of age, have been working for Mr
Robert Pollock since February 1866, or
or about the day of Mr Pollock
went to my house and told my wife he wanted
to see me about hauling corn, as soon as
notified by my wife I went over asking
the little girl Mr Pollock's daughter
whether Mr Pollock was about, she said
yes, but that he was sick in bed, Mrs
Pollock came then to the door telling me
to come in and talk to Mr Pollock, on
answering I asked Mr Pollock what he was
going to do about hauling corn, "I am
going to haul the corn and make you

according to the contract he could not charge
me for hauling the corn, Mr Pollock then
said, "I'll see whether I can make you pay
for it or not"; I then said if they allow
me to pay you for hauling it I will do
it, Mr Pollock then said you don't gain
anything by reporting me to the Bureau,
His son James Pollock then stepped up

to the door. ^{and said} "Uncle Abe I understood that
you ~~had~~ ^{intended} told two certain men that you
~~threatened~~ to way lay and shoot me. I then
said Jim just fetch me them men what I
said first I'll say last" Mr Pollock then said
to his son. Jim tell your anther, ~~Jim then~~
James Pollock then told me the men that
told him were John Sutton and Borden,
I then said "Jim I will give ^{you} this much satis-
faction. I have never said such a thing to
them, I then told Mr Robert Pollock again
that if the law allowed "I would pay him
for hauling the corn."

1866.

Washington,

Affidavit-

Nov-1866

State of Arkansas
County of Hempstead

I, Tho^s H. Griffiths do solemnly swear that in the year 1866 I was engaged in farming in the County and State aforesaid that a certain freedman named Green Griffin was working for me under contract and was to receive a certain share of the crops in compensation for his labor. That during said year 1866 there was made on my farm the following to-wit: Six hundred bushels of corn fifty one bushels of wheat, thirty bushels of potatoes, and fifty gallons of molasses. That these amounts constitute the whole amount of the proceeds of my farm in said year, and that said Green Griffin is entitled to a share, as per contract, in all the items mentioned, save & except the items to-wit:

fifty gallons of molasses he has no right to a share for the reason that he did not aid in any way in making said molasses, neither him nor any one else for him, nor was he in any way employed on my

farms, which I was making, or causing
said molasses to be made. That said
Green Griffin received from me the fol-
lowing amounts to wit: Corns one bushel
and two bushels of wheat
of corns, and that said Corns one bushel
and two bushels of wheat
of corns, is the only part of said amount
produced on my farms as aforesaid. That
he the said Green Griffin has received.

Further that the money value of
said Corns, Wheat, Potatoes, and Molasses,
was as follows, Corns. One dollar, Wheat
Three dollars, Potatoes Fifty cents, and
Molasses One dollar in National currency
That I sold my produce for this amount
either more, nor less, said prices specifying
being the amount per bushel, except molas-
ses the latter, the amount per gallon.

The foregoing statement is correct
and true. So help me God.

Thomas Houston

in the United States Court and Agents of
the Freedmen's Bureau this 10th day of
November 1864

Witness my hands

W. L. Grant & Co. Supts. of
Agents of Bureau

Washington =
Dec 16 1866

Appidavit

Henry Jackson Co. Ark.

State of Arkansas. 3
County of Hempstead. 3 ss.

Henry Wagner being first duly sworn the truth to speak, deposes and says that on the or about the night of the 16th day of December 1865, at the County of Hempstead in the State of Arkansas, James Norwood - J.W. Pool and three other persons to deponent unknown, then and there being and acting without authority - and contrary to law, did then and there subject and cause to be subjected said deponent a Citizen of the United States of African descent to the deprivation of said deponents rights, by then and there going to the premises of one Wiley Quartrous a citizen of said County where the deponent was at that time and then and there with force and arms, did take the said Henry Wagner (Freedman) from said premises, and took him about one fourth of a mile from said premises ~~into~~ the woods and then and there, tied the said deponent to a small tree and first whipped him with a strap and then with Hickory Sprouts, which they continued

from the beginning they straddled him on the ground with his face down and whipped him with a hickory with for the space of about an hour, claiming all the time that they were sent for the purpose from Washington, and Mr Quartrous said they were Shelbymen of which the said Norwood, Pool and also the three others to the deponent unknown then and there did

Washington
Sept 28 - 64

Affidavit
of
School House
Superior

This Acci rec'd
Sept 29. 64

State of Arkansas
County of Hempstead.

I W D Bradley do solemnly swear that to the best of my knowledge & belief there was raised on my plantation in the year, viz. 1854, a bale of cotton, that this was the full amount of cotton raised on said plantation during said year, and that my employees are entitled to one fourth of said bale of cotton. Further that the gross receipts for all cotton raised on my plantation in said year were \$117 ⁷⁴/₁₀₀ dollars, that the expenses of buying and rope shipping and so forth was \$64 ⁷⁴/₁₀₀ dollars thus leaving \$53 ¹²/₁₀₀ dollars as the net proceeds of said cotton, which was sold by my direction, that one fourth of said net proceeds being \$13 ²⁹/₁₀₀ dollars belongs to my employees, and is justly there due as per contract for 1854.

W. D. Bradley

Subscribed and sworn to before me

Wm B. Hitchcock

Book B. R. D. & C. 2

Wm Johnson

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D D Jones

Hosking

In the Matter of Wm Johnson vs.
J. D. Jones. The undersigned - to whom
the matter has been referred as Arbitrator
by the Court of the R. F. & A. having
heard the testimony and examined
all papers and documents referring
thereto. do find that there is due
from the said J. D. Jones to the said
Wm Johnson, the sum of twenty
Dollars. And recommend that
on account of hard times & general
depression a reasonable degree
of leniency may be shown in
the matter

J. S. Jones
J. S. Jones -

vs

By Wm. F. W. Thibault
Court R. F. & A.

MSV 1867

Copy of the

Committee and testimony

L. P. Beavel
and Carling

were.

Anthony King (written)

State of Ark. } In Eastern Circuit Court
County of Hempstead } SS
Morie Creek Township }

State of Ark. prosecution }
vs }
Anthony King defendants }

S. P. Beavert having been duly sworn, according to law, deposes and says, that on the night of 4th day of November 1857 a certain Grey Mule was taken from the possession of S. P. Beavert and W. H. Coaling, that early on the morning of the 5th Nov 1857 the said Beavert in company with W. H. Coaling went in search of said Mule, and found him tied on the bank of Morie Creek near Nashville Crk and upon seeing the said Anthony King of taking said Mule he acknowledged to respondent that he did ride the said Mule to Nashville

Nov 3rd 1857

S. P. Beavert

W. H. Coaling having been duly sworn, deposes and says, that his knowledge in relation to the Mule being taken is substantially the same as that which S. P. Beavert has testified, and further that he

deponent did not give said King or
any other person, authority to ride said mail
box 5th 1847

W. H. Cowling.

P. W. Paul being duly sworn, deposes that
he was summoned to assist in arresting the
said Anthony King, and when the warrant
was read to him, the said King, he made
an attempt to escape, and when N. J. Pease
laid hands upon him to arrest him, deponent
discovered an open pocket knife in the hands
of said King, whereupon deponent seized him,
the said King by the wrist and ordered
him to give up the knife, whereupon said
King refused to give up said knife, saying
at the same time that he would not
be arrested there, and still refused to give
up said knife.

P. W. Paul.

Verdify that the foregoing is a true
statement of the testimony as given by the
affiants respectively and acknowledged

W. H. Pector. J. P.

a true copy of the original

C. B. W. Whitehead

Notary Public in and for the State of New York

My Comm. Expires 1st Dec 1847

Books of com-
-munications of the
Bureau.

State of New York

J. F. Johnson, Jr.

County of Hempstead
State of Arkansas

Whereas Nathaniel Byers
having been apprehended, and brought before
the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and
for said County on the 7th day of November 67
it hath appeared to said Justice that the
said Nathaniel Byers did some time in the
month of April last steal a certain sum from
me W. H. Warren, and whereas having required
bail to be given in the sum of Three hundred
dollars, and the same hath not been offered,
Therefore the said Nathaniel Byers is committed
to the Jail of said County of Hempstead there
to remain in custody until he shall give such
bail, or be otherwise discharged by due course
of Law.

Given under my hand this 7th day of
November A.D. 1867,

J. L. Harrison J.P.

In behalf of the State of Arkansas I Deputy
J. B. Poole do execute this writ Nov 8th 67.
J. L. Harrison J.P.

Endorsement

Warrant of Commitment, vs Nathaniel Byers
Recd J. L. Harrison
Justice of the Peace

Washington

Continued

one for pet and Mr Pees. He Hammer
went out to one. Mr Pees liked me for
go down to Mr Beets. Landings
Final Beets. so they like me. What are
wishes for Mr Galbreath, and give us up
I went to Galbreath for with before
I saw Mr Hammer about the us, and
some of them like how I write.
Then I went to Galbreath for his up
about the us. They told me for Mr

I let Myers am working with
one Bush Robins on shares. on
Saturday the 2nd, I came to
Washington to hear the speaking.
When I went back I found some
persons had been to my house with
a search warrant. and they found
an ax in my yard. Mr Robins
told me they had been there, and took
the ax with them, and that I had
better see Mr Warren about it.
I went to Mr Warren's, and he told
me to get one Mr Peers. Mr Warren
went with me. Mr Peers told me to
go down to Mr Scott's. Couldnt
find Scott, so they told me that we
would go to Nashville, and fix it up.
I went to Nashville to vote before
I saw Mr Warren about the ax, and
some of them liked how I voted.

Washington

Statement

about the ax. they took me to Mr
Mathison J.P. I asked him if I could
send for Mr Robins. He said no he
could not do me any good. He J.P.
then told Mr Johns the constable
he must guard me until next morning.
Next morning he turned me over to
Mr Peers and told him to put me in

Jail if I could not give bond in
the sum of three hundred dollars.
I could not do it, so I was put in
jail.

After they came to look for the ax
they came again to look for me
and I was not at home. When they
came they took my brother about 15
years old and tried to make him
say I took the ax. They said if my
baby would not stop crying they
would knock it in the head with
a pistol. all of them had guns
and pistols. They took my brother
off with them to Mrs Robbins and
as he had nothing to tell they turn-
ed him loose.

Nathaniel Green.

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Spokane

Offensive

Dec 26/64

I have been thinking of you very much lately
 and wondering how you are getting on
 I hope you are well and happy
 I have not much news to write at present
 but I am well and hope these few lines
 will find you the same
 I have not much news to write at present
 but I am well and hope these few lines
 will find you the same
 I have not much news to write at present
 but I am well and hope these few lines
 will find you the same

The State of Arkansas

Stearns and County

Complaint having
been made to me by

Henry A. Jones, for and behalf of H. Cloud, Ferguson
Hervey, Merchants, who furnished his Red River
place with 20 Bales, of Peas & 300 bushels
of corn - the greater portion of which has
been consumed by J. D. Smith, the agent
of said one, & the employees, laborers, under
said agent - & that the portion of the said
corn & cotton, accruing to said Jones &
Smith, is insufficient to satisfy said
Merchants, for said supplies:

But Maj. Now, by virtue of General Order No. 22
of General Ord, this notifies J. D. Smith, & those
traders, laborers, freemen & laborers on said place -
not to remove any part of said cotton & corn
allotted to the laborers, till said Merchants
are satisfied; & that the same be subjected,
as per 3rd paragraph of said General Order,
to the payment of the said Merchants'
claims - & that Jones select as the
Arbitrator for said case, the

Given under my hand
as one of the Magistrates, in & for the
Ogan Township, Stearns and County,
I went to B for me
by H. A. Jones -
This 26th Dec, 1867.

Carey L. Sutton, J.P.

7 Barrels Pork 533 ff Barrel
 416 lb Bacon 103,40
 Blacksmithing ff 53
 1 Beef 20,00
 683 Bushels Corn 1,25 ff Bushel
 9 head of Horses & mules
 1 Wagon
 1500 lb Pork 70^{cts} ff lb
 7000 Birds fodder 30,00
 2 Small Burs 5,00 each
 1 Beef 18,00

State of Arkansas

County of Hempstead

I J. P. Beaver do

Solemnly swear, that the above is a true list
 of the stocks, provisions, wagon, blacksmithing
 or supplied for the use of the farm, ^{used on said farm} worked
 by the firm of Beaver & Cowling (of which I
 am a member) during the year 1868

me this 3rd February 1868 J. P. Beaver

S. J. Sanderson
 By E. M. Barnett

Washington

Lang 22 / 1868

Affidavit

The State of Arkansas
County of Hempstead

22nd Feb

On this 22nd day of January A.D. 1868
before me Simon T. Sanders Clerk of the Circuit Court
for Hempstead County in the State of Arkansas
came L. P. Beavert a member of the firm of
Beavert & Coakley late planters and farmers
and for being duly sworn depose and swear
that there was made and raised by them on
the farm cultivated by said firm in said County
of Hempstead for the year 1867 13 Bales of
Cotton averaging 45^{lbs} per bale - 270 Bushels
Corn & about 2,000. Bushels of Peas and growing
down in the Cotton field on the place for the amount
of One Hundred and ten dollars

Subscribed and sworn to L. P. Beavert

(Witness my hand and official seal)

S. T. Sanders Clerk

No 1 Voucher to W^m B^r

Brady P.O. Office

Vs. U.S. \$43.50

July 30th 65.

U.S. Written States
Ys

Telegraph Office Ws.

Date		Doll	Cents
July 24.	Ys printing 300 circulars No (1) row	5	00
1865	" " Signs. (Office hours)	1	50
	" " Six Qrs. Contracts	12	00
	" Advertising Circular No (1) row & squares two weeks	24	00
		42	50

I certify that the above account is correct and just
that the services were rendered as stated.
at the request of Capt Geo R. Montgomery Sup & Pro
Mar Friedman &c.

P. H. Brady

Sub & Pro Washington Telegraph

Received at Washington Am. July 30th 1865 of Capt
Geo R. Montgomery 42⁵⁰ cents paid in full of the above account

cents in full of the above account.

P. H. Brady

Sub & Pro Washington Telegraph

Abstract of Expenditures.

July

Washington Ark

July 31. 1865.

Abstract of Expenditures on account of the Bureau of Freedmen
 Refugee & Abandoned Lands for the month by Jno R Montgomery Capt
 83rd U.S.C. & Inf & Prov Mar Reg. Head Qrs. at Washington D.C. in
 the month ending July 31st 1865.

Date of Payment	No of Vouchers	To Whom Paid	On what Account	Doll.	Cents
1865-					
July 30	1	P. C. Brady	for Printing	42	50
July 23	1	Phillips & Co	for Cards as per monthly report	7	50
				50	00

I certify that the above abstract
 is correct.

J. R. Montgomery
 Capt 83rd U.S.C. & Inf
 and Supr & Prov Mar Freedmen

Account Current.

July 1865

July

1865

The United States in Account Current with Mr. R. M. [unclear]
 Capt 83rd US Col^d Light & Inf + Pro Mar Freedmen on Account
 of the Bureau of Refugee Freedmen &c. at Washington D.C.
 in the month of July 1865.

1865 July 31	To Amount of Purchases: and amount of Expenditures as per Abstract B ^d 50 00 Balance due 17 00	67 00	1865 July 31	By Amount received from Contracts.	67 00 67 00
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I certify that the above is a true account of all
 moneys that have come into my hands on account of
 the Freedmen's Bureau, during the month of July 1865.

[Signature]

No 1 Jonathan B. B. + "B"

Wood N.O. apu-

vs B.S. \$ 1250

Aug 4, 65-

The United States

To W O Wood Dr

Date		Dolls	cts.
Aug. 4 th 1865	To (6) Six Chairs for use of the Office Sup & Drs Mar Freedman Refuges & Abandoned Lands @ \$2 ⁰⁰	12	00

I certify that the foregoing account is correct
and just, that I have furnished the articles
at the price and as per statement of foregoing
account.

W. O. Wood

Received at Washington Am. the 4th day of
August 1865. of Capt John R Montgomery 83rd
U.S. Col & Supt. and Sup & Drs Mar Freedman
re. Twelve dollars in full of the above
account.

W O Wood

No 2 Voucher to Abstract 75

Thos H Simms Secy.

U.S. A.S. \$6900

Aug 16. 65

The United States

Wm H Simms Dr.

Date		Doll	cts
Aug 15. 1865	To Services as Clerk in the Office of Supt + Pro Mar Ref. Freedmen & A. L. as per Contract with Capt Geo R Montgomery. Supt + Pro Mar Ref. @ 37¢ per day for 23 days.	69.	00

I certify that the above account is correct and just that I have performed the services as per statement of foregoing account.

Wm H Simms

Received at Washington Am. the 16th day of August 1865. of Captain Geo R Montgomery 83rd U.S. C. of Supt + Pro Mar Refuges Freedmen and Abandoned Lands. Sixty nine dollars in full of the above account

Wm H Simms

No 3 Voucher to the "B"

P. B. Brady, apu

vs U.S. \$89⁰⁰

Aug 30, 65-

The United States

To

Telegraph Office D.C.

Date		Dols	Cts.
Aug 30.	To Advertising Circular No 1 8 Sqs 4 weeks	32	00
1865	" 8 th Printing 8 9 th Contracts	16	00
	" " 1 Beam Readings	24	00
	" Backing Envelopes	5	00
	" Advertising Circular No 2: 2 Sqs 5 weeks	12	00
		89	00

I certify that the above account is correct and just
that the services were rendered as stated, as per
order of Capt Geo W. Montgomery, Supt & Pro. Mar. Friedman

A. C. Brady

Pub. & Prop. Washington Telegraph

Received Washington Cite. Aug 30th 1865. of Captain
Geo W. Montgomery & 3rd U.S. Col. Supt and Supt & Pro
Mar. Friedman & A. C. Brady

A. C. Brady

Pub. & Prop. Washington Telegraph

Abt of Expenditures
at
Washington

August 1865

Abstract of Expenditures on account of the Bureau of Refugee
 Freedmen and Abandoned Lands by Capt Geo K Montgomery
 83^d U.S.C. & Supl & Pro Mar Ref: Freed & A.L. at Washington
 Citrawas in the month ending August 31st 1865.

Date	No of Vouchs	To Whom Paid	On what Account	Dolls	Cents
1865	111	W. O. Hood	Chairs for office		
Aug 4			Do	12	00
" 31	2	H. S. Smith	Clk (Citizen)	69	00
" 31	3	R. C. Brady	Printing &c	89	00
				\$170	00

I certify that the above abstract is at
 correct

Geo K Montgomery
 Capt & Supl & Pro Mar Freedmen &c

Financial Statement—

Washington Ave

Sept. 21. 1865.

J. R. Montgomery.

Washington Asst Sep 29 1865

Financial Statement

Am't on hand from last Statement	\$ 39.00
" rec'd from contracts	<u>7.00</u>
Bal due	\$ 46.00

There has been no expenditures during this month

Wm. M. Montgomery
Capt & Supt & Pro Wagoner

No 10

Acct Current
Feby, 1866

J. M. Williams
Supt R. F. & A. S.

Hempstead, Co.

1866

The United States in account Currents with J. N. Williams, Sup't R. P. & S. for the
 Co. Arkansas, on account of the Freedmen's Bureau for the month ending February 28th 1866

1866		Dollars	Cents	1866		Dollars	Cents
					By Balance as per last statement	234	90
					" Cash, rec ^d for signing Contracts for 498 labours	49	80
					" Cash, rec ^d for 55 duplicate blank Contracts @ 10¢	5	50
						290	00

I certify that the above is a true account of all money that have come into my hands on account of
 the Freedmen's Bureau during the month of February, 1866, ~~and that~~

J. N. Williams
 Sup't R. P. & S.

Statement on be-
half of sundries
who ship spec cotton
by Q. Widemann

Jan 1st 1875.

Sarah Hill R
 To Mrs. J. W. Underman
 63
 To Mrs. J. W. Underman \$70.20
 By Note Proceeds 1 Rfc \$84.78
 Due to his credit 414.58

 \$84.78 + \$84.78
 By Bal. to his credit - \$14.58

Helen Hill R
 To Mrs. J. W. Underman
 63
 To Mrs. J. W. Underman 28.90
 " Cash 40.78
 By Note Proceeds 1 Rfc \$84.39
 Due to his credit 14.71

 \$84.39 + \$84.39
 By Bal. to his credit \$14.71

Rest Hill
 To Mrs. J. W. Underman 31.60
 " Cash 31.91
 63
 By Proceeds 1 Rfc 79.02
 Due to his credit 13.51

 \$79.02 + \$79.02
 By Bal. to his credit \$13.51
 Amounts all paid June 20, 65.

On this showed a discrepancy of 122 pounds
of cotton, and his charges for shipping two bales,
(he had not sent his account of expenses against
the third bale) were so enormous namely 49.²⁰/₁₀₀
dollars, that a further explanation from the said
merchant was required. He then produced
what purported to be copies of Accounts of sales
which differ totally from what was previously
produced as being the original. In his copies, one
bale sells for 23s, another for 22½, and another
for 22½. Expenses as previously stated for all
the bales 83s. His original Account of sales
shows that all the cotton therein sold for 23½s.

As there is good reason for believing that there
are sometimes "mistakes" in said merchants' last
information, all the papers received from said
merchant, are hereby attached, so that a decision
may be obtained from other disinterested mer-
chants, calling attention to the following points.

His, & Niedemann's statements as regards the
price of cotton sold by him, first 23s, then 23½s,
22s, and 22½s. Next the charges for shipping
first almost as much for two bales namely 49.²⁰/₁₀₀ dollars,
against, lastly 83s dollars for three bales. Then
the account found in the original

in number, an attached copy of which is attached
when first called on, and the copies he has since
furnished, also attached. And further his dif-
ferent written statements as regards the weight
of said cotton, also his failure to give the
broken credit to Haiah for two bushels of
corn for which he has received evidence.

All as evidence of fraud. I hereby submit

my affidavit to the effect that said merchant J
Hidemann did say to me, that he sold said
cotton for 23⁷/₈cts per pound, namely all of the
cotton herein mentioned, would also call particular
attention to his charges for shipping, in that that
his first settlement with said Freedman is false
and fraudulent, as proven by his own writings and
statements, his first and last set of accounts
andc. Further his charge of interest on goods
sold, is not correct, as the goods were purchased at
different times and but a small amount was pur-
chased a year ago, and some of said goods were
purchased a month ago. On behalf of the Freedman
I object to the charge.

In conclusion the Freedman demands from
J Hidemann, that he produce the original Order
of Sales, and in case of his many misstatements
that he make oath that it is the actual original
Account of Sales of the cotton received from them.

Respectfully

Wm F. Hichew
for Freedman.

Done 1st, 18.

Wm George Taylor, and Henry Lazarus were
chosen as arbitrators and decided as follows

See next page

Sarah Hill To
 To Mdee fr. ap. Rend. \$ 70.20
 By Mdee Proceeds 1 Dfc \$ 84.78
 Due to this credit \$ 14.58

 \$ 84.78 + 84.78
 By Bal. to this credit \$ 14.58

Helen Hill To
 To Mdee fr. ap. Rend. 28.90
 " Cash 40.78
 By Mdee Proceeds 1 Dfc \$ 84.39
 Due to this credit 14.71

 \$ 84.39 + 84.39
 By Bal. to this credit \$ 14.71

To Mdee fr. ap. Rend. 31.60
 " Cash 31.91
 By Proceeds 1 Dfc 79.02
 Due to this credit 15.51

 \$ 79.02 + 79.02
 By Bal. to this credit \$ 15.51
 Amounts all paid. Jan 20. 65.

Statement on behalf of freedmen in account with
E. Widemann a merchant in the Town of Wash-
ington, D.C.

David Gideon, and Ruben Hill, freedmen, as
above mentioned received goods in 1847 from
said merchant, said goods to be paid for
by them, out of the proceeds of their respective
crops.

As per receipts of said merchant en-
closed, he received as follows.

From David Hill, one bale of cotton weighing 294
pounds, and two bushels of corn.

From Gideon Hill, one bale of cotton weighing
247 pounds.

From Ruben Hill, one bale of cotton weighing
442 pounds.

Said merchant, sold said cotton, for said
freedmen, telling them he sold it for 23 cents per
pound, then after deducting advances made to
freedmen, expenses for shipping, for which by
the way he ^{now} claims in full for all bales, the sum of
\$ 3.12. As per his own accounts, also enclosed,
he had previously when dealing with the freed-

men to Gideon and Ruben, the freedmen being
dissatisfied applied at this Office. On inquiring
of said merchant, he produced what purported
to be an Account of sales, from the house of
H. D. Harrison & Co. New Orleans, a copy of
which is enclosed, and the sales marked C. B.
and F. were by said merchant indicated as
the sales received from said freedmen.

Sale of Cotton by Compt. Friedman
 One Bale 435 lb @ 24 1/2
 for Account of Friedman Rubin Hill

1 Bale of Cotton 435 lb @ 24 1/2	106.57 1/2
Freight from Washington to Camden	6.00
Drayage Storage Mending Camden	1.18
Internal Revenue Tax 435 lb @ 2 1/2 ct.	10.87 1/2
Tax on \$ 106.57 1/2 @ 1 1/8 %	13.96 5/8
State Tax " 106.57 1/2 @ 1/4 %	26.64 1/2
Weighing Branding & Bales	30.
Freight to New Orleans	3.00
River Insurance 125 lbs @ 1 1/2 %	1.88 1/2
Fire " 106.57 1/2 @ 1/2 %	53.28 1/2
Drayage Storage Labor & Weighing	75.
Brokerage on \$ 106.57 1/2 @ 1/4 %	26.64 1/2
Commission " 106.57 1/2 @ 2 1/2 %	2.67
Merchandizing by Friedman	31.00
Interest at 6 % on \$ 1.6700	1.86 1/2
cash paid	31.91
	106.57 1/2

\$ 106.57 1/2

Freedman
Gideon Hill

Sale of Cotton. by Ernest Wiedemann
 One Bale (497 lbs) weighing: New Orleans 488 lbs.
 for account of Freedman Isaiah Hill.

One Bale 488 lbs @ 20¢			\$ 97 60.
Freight from Washington to Camden	\$ 6		
Trayage, Storage & Mending at Camden		1 18.	
Internal Revenue Tax @ 2 1/2%		12 20	
" " Tax on \$97.60 @ 1/8%		12 1/2	
State Tax on \$97.60 @ 1/4%		24 1/2	
Weighting, Branding, Blanks		30.	
Freight to New Orleans		2 -	
Weighting, Branding, Blanks		30	
Fire & Marine Insurance on \$125 per bale at 1 1/2%		1 83 1/2	
Fire Insurance on \$97.60 at 1/2%		48 1/2	
Trayage, Storage, Labor and Weighing		75.	
Brokerage on \$97.60 1/4%		24 1/2	
Commission on 97.60 2 1/2%		2 44	
- Merchants	27.85		70 20
Interest at 6% on \$70.20			4 21 1/2
			\$102.26 1/2
	Dr.	Balance in my favor	4.66 1/2

1863.

May 14 By Balance down due Ernest Wiedemann 4.66 1/2.

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*Speedman
Isaiah Hill.*

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Sale of Cotton by Ernest Niedemann.
 One Bale (477) weighing: N. Orleans 460 lbs @ 24 1/2.
 for account of Freedman Sideron Hill.

One Bale weighing: N. Orleans 460 lbs @ 24 1/2		\$ 112.70.
Freight from Washington to Camden	6 -	
Trayage, Storage & Mending: Camden	1.78	
Internal Revenue Tax @ 2 1/2 %	11.50	
Tax on \$102.70	18 %	12 1/2
State Tax on \$102.70	14 %	25
Weighing, Branding, Blanks		30
Freight to New Orleans	2 -	
River Insurance on \$125. for bale at 1 1/2 %	1.88 1/2	
Fire Insurance on \$102.70 at 1/2 %	.51 1/2	
Trayage, Storage, Labor and Weighing	.75	
Brokerage on \$102.70	14 %	25 1/2
Commission on \$102.70	27.33	2 56 1/2
Merchandise		28.90
Interest at 6% on \$28.90		1.73 1/2
Cash		40.78
		\$ 98.75 1/2
Balance due him		13 95 1/2

460
 24
 1840
 920
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 230
 230

Second statement
of accounts of sales
of cotton shipped
purporting to be
copies of originals

Best set of accounts
existing. Has 12 vols.
also copies, "supplement
of Accounts of sales
of cotton shipping."

1868

1/2

\$ 28 90

1867 *Reuben Hill*

April 27	10 yds Calico	2	75
	1 pr. shoes	3	50
	1 Pansbook		40
May 31	1 pr. shoes	3	50
	2 yds Cottonade	2	25
	4 pluck Tobacco	4	
	2 boxes Caps		45
	1 box blacking		25
	1 pr. shoes	6	—
June 29	1 pr. shoes	4	—
July 23	1 box Caps		25
Decr 17	Bailing & rope	4	25
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		\$	31. 60

1868	Feb 1	1 pr Boots	6	
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		\$	28	90

1868	Dec 1	1 pr Boots	6	
				<hr/>
		\$	28	90

1 Bale Cotton 477 lbs @ 23

\$ 109.71

Freight from Washington to Camden

Internal Revenue tax on 477 lbs @ 2 1/2

1/2 % State Tax

Weighing & Branding

Freight to N.O. @ 2; Charges per lb @ 12.37

River Insurance

Fire Insurance

Trayage, Storage, Weighing, Labor

Brokerage & Commission

~~\$ 49.95~~

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\$ 69.68

28 90

\$ 40.78

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Balance due him

Harvey Nelson,
Paper for;

Settlement

June 1854

No

J. H. Nelson

Report for June & July
1866 of last time by
Freemen in his
employment.

Report of time lost by Freed men in the employment
 of J. H. Nelson Hempstead County Arkansas for the
 month of July 1866

Names	Days worked	Days lost	Days pay for month	Cost for ration	Amount due	Remarks
Derry	22	4	17th 1/4 of crop	30 cts		when housed
Eloy	11	15	1/4 "	30 cts		or cribbed
Solomon	22	4	1/4 "	30		
Sarah	17	9	1/4 of crop	30		
William	22	4	1/4 crop	30 cts		
Rachel	22	4	1/4 "	30		
Henry	22	4	1/4 "	30		
Richmond	22	4	1/4 "	30		
Peter	22	4	1/4 "	30		

State of Arkansas
County of Hempstead ss
Assessor

Personally appeared before me this the 6th day of August 1846
J. H. Nelson who being duly sworn deposes and
says that the within accounts of last time and
cost of returns is correct and just, and that
there are no charges for writs & expenses.

J. H. Nelson
Capt & Pres May T. R. Co.
P. M. & Supr B. R. F. & A. Co.

J. H. Nelson
Report for June
1846 of last time
of returns in his
employment.

Report of lost time by Freedman in the employ-
ment of J. H. Nelson Hempstead County Arkansas
for the month of Decr 1866

Names	days work	days lost
Derry		
Eloy		
Orrman		2
Sarah		
William		6
Rachel		
Henry		2
Peter		
Richmond		

Report of lost time by Freedmen in the
 employment of J. H. Nelson of Hempstead Co
 Ark November 1866

Names	lost days	work days
Derry	3	23
Eloy	1	25-
Orman	2	24
Sarah	1	25-
William	2	24
Rachel	9	17
Richardson	1	25-
Henry	1	25-
Pitt	1	25-

State of Arkansas }
 County of Hempstead } S.S.

personally appeared before me this
 13 day of December 1866 J. H. Nelson who being
 duly sworn deposes and says that the within
 copy is charged correct and that no charges having
 been made for such meaty
 J. H. Nelson
 J. H. Nelson

Report of lost time by Freedman in
 the employment of J. H. Nelson Hempstead
 County Arkansas in the month of June
 1866

	days worked	days lost	pay for month	cost of actions
Derry	24	2		
William	20	6	1/4 of	30
Sarah	24	2	1/4 of	30
Richard	25	1	1/4 of	30
			1/4 of	30

Report of lost time by Freedman in the
 employment of J. H. Nelson Hempstead county
 Arkansas in the month of July 1866

	days worked	lost days	pay for month	cost of actions
Derry	22	2	1/4 of	30
Eloy	11	15	1/4 of	30
Osman	22	4	1/4 of	30
Sarah	17	9	1/4 of	30
William	22	4	1/4 of	30
Rachel	22	4	1/4 of	30
Henry	22	4	1/4 of	30

J. H. Nelson

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Report of time lost by the Freedmen in
 the employ of J. M. Nelson on his plantation
 Hempstead County State of Arkansas for
 the month of August 1863.

No	Name	Days present	Days lost	Amount of pay	Cost of Rations	Amount due Employer
1	Derry	16	10	50 10 7 11 3 3 3 3 3	30	
2	Elsey	16	10			
3	Sarah	19	7			
4	Henry	10	11			
5	Arman	23	3			
6	William	23	3			
7	Peter	23	3			
8	Rachael	23	3			
9	Rehman	23	3			

State of Arkansas }
County of Hempstead } 50

Personally appeared before me this
8th day of Sept, 1866. J. H. Nelson who
being duly sworn deposed and says that the
within account of time lost is correct and
just

A. S. Habicht, Clerk
for Fred. W. Thibault
Supr Bureau R.F. & A.S.

Report of time lost by Freedman in the
 employment of J. W. Nelson Hemp County Ark
 for the month of September 1866

Names	days worked	days lost	payed month
Derry	21	5	
Elay	19	7	
Orman	23	3	
Sarah	19	7	
William	23	3	
Rachel	19	7	
Richman	24	2	
Henry	22	4	
Peter	24	2	

I hereby and for ever appear at this office
 and state that they and all other employed
 by Mr. Nelson had received their full share
 of all corn, fodder and other produce equal
 to other raised by them this year.

J. W. Nelson

State of Arkansas
County of Hempstead

Personally appeared before me this
6th day of October 1866 J. H. Wilson who being
duly sworn deposes and says that the within
account of time lost is correct and just
and that no part of the time so charged
is on account of wet weather.

Tested & sworn to before me this
6th day of October 1866
per J. H. Wilson clerk

Report of time lost by the Freedman in the employ
of J. H. Nelson, Hempstead county Ark October 1866

	Days worked	Days lost	Remarks
Derry	15	11	2 quarts of food have been given to each hand a week more than was promised for 8 months
Elsy	24	2	
Osman	25	1	
Sarah	14	12	
William	26		
Rachel	20	6	
Richardson	26		
Henry	26		
Peter	18	8	

State of Arkansas } ss.
County of Hempstead }

personally appeared before me this 9 day of
Nov 1866. J. H. Nelson who being duly sworn
deposes and says that the above account is correct
& just, and that no time for good weather had been
charged.

J. H. Whitehead
Clerk

No. 43

J. H. Nelsony
Reports for James
Fiby March April
& May. Approved.

J. M. Williams
Supt. R. F. S. S.

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Report of last time by Freedmen in the
 employment of J. H. Nelson Hempstead County
 Arkansas in the months of Jan'y March April & May 1862

No	Names	days worked	days lost	pay for month	cost of ration	amt due	Remarks
1	Derry Nelson	12 7		1/4 Crop	30 cts		
2	Onan White	12 6	4	1/4 Crop	30 cts		}
3	William McFadden	12 9	1	1/4 Crop	30 cts		
4	Henry White	12 7	3	1/4 Crop	30 cts		
5	Elay Nelson	11 0	20	1/4 Crop	30 cts		
6	Sarah White	11 0	20	1/4 Crop	30 cts		
7	Rachel McFadden	11 0	20	1/4 Crop	30 cts		
				Cost of approval	25 cts per name		

State of Arkansas
County of Hempstead 33

Personally
appeared before me this the 14th day of June 1866
J. H. Nelson who being duly sworn deposes
and says that the within account of labor
time and cost of rations is correct &
just, and that there are no charges for wet weather.

J. M. Williams
Supt R.F. & A.S.

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James
to April
proved
J. M. Williams
Supt R.F. & A.S.

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J. H. Nelson
deposes
to by Me
& May.

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Receipts for cotton

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Rec'd of the freedman

1867			
1867			
April 27	10 yds Calico	2	75
	1 pr shoes	3	50
	1 Breech		40
May 31	1 pair shoes	2	50
	3 yds cotton aid	2	25
	4 plugs tobacco	4	—
	2 box caps		45
	1 + blacken		25
	1 pair shoes	6	—
June 27	1 pr shoes	4	—
July 23	1 box caps		25
Dec 17	Exp Baggis & Rope	4	25
		<u>37</u>	<u>60</u>
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Rec'd of the Freedman

1864			
April 27	1 pair pants	5	-
	4 plates	1	-
	Candy	.	50
	1 Passbook	.	40
May 21	3 dresses	3	50
	1 mofesses	1	-
	1 pair shoes	1	25
	1 pair shoes		75
June 22	tobacco		50
	1 knife \$14.40		50
July 1	pair shoes	3	-
1/2	pd. powder		75
	1 box lead		25
	1 Paper Pins	4	25
	Bagging & Rope	4	25
		22	90
Sept	8 Boots	6	-
	1 Bale Cloth		

Received of the Freedman
 1864
 April 27 1 pair pants 5 -
 4 plates 1 -
 Candy . 50
 1 Passbook . 40
 May 21 3 dresses 3 50
 1 mofesses 1 -
 1 pair shoes 1 25
 1 pair shoes 75
 June 22 tobacco 50
 1 knife \$14.40 50
 July 1 pair shoes 3 -
 1/2 pd. powder 75
 1 box lead 25
 1 Paper Pins 4 25
 Bagging & Rope 4 25
 22 90
 Sept 8 Boots 6 -
 1 Bale Cloth

Rec'd of
Boston
1/2 bale cotton
weighing 474 lbs
Ernest Meidman
Washington, Ariz Dec 24 1867

Washington, Jan 6 1867

Receipt of the
Dance Bill
1 bale cotton
weighing 474 lbs
Ernest Meidman

Rec'd of the freedman

Isaac Hill

1 Bale Cotton weighing 49⁷/₈
and 2 bushel Corn.

Ernest Weelmeann

Washington, Jan. 6. 1867

W. Hall, Co. Co.
weighing 49⁷/₈ lbs
Ernest Weelmeann
Washington, D.C. Dec 27. 1867

Wm. Jones,

Note

Wm. P. Dexter

Jan'y 26. 1867

Pd. on within five
dollars currency.

Alley B. B. D. & A. S.
Justice Western Dist. Ark.
January 5th 1867.

Do or before the first day of March
A. D. 1867, ^{to William Poindeux or assigns} the sum of Fifty Eight (\$58.00)
Dollars: for value received to bear 10,
per cent interest from 1st January 1867,
until paid. = Witness my hand and
seal this 5th day of January A. D. 1867

Witness
J. W. Elliot

H. A. Jones (seal)

This is to declare that I have this
day sold (Hog) to Hogs of mine being
with Mr. G. W. Walker in the same hog is
in the said Walker's Master.

Edw. B. Lewis

February 11th 1886

July 4th 1864

Agreement

between -

George Walker

and

Henry Jones

Furman

This agreement witnesseth, that whereas there is a
matter of dispute between George W. Walker on
the one side and Henry Jones Freeman on the
other is a good about three certain hogs recently
killed by the said Henry Jones Freeman. Therefore
for the purpose of settling all questions of dispute
between said parties, it is agreed to submit
the same to disinterested persons for arbitration
and settlement; the said George W. Walker
to select one person, and the said Henry Jones, to
select the other, and they two to select the third,
who shall hear all the matters in dispute
between the said Walker and the said Jones, and
settle the same according to the justice and
equity of the case. And we the said George
W. Walker and Henry Jones do each abrogate
and bind ourselves to abide the word made

in and to the same, having our hands and seals
this 7th day of January A.D. 1867.

Witness:

Walker

A. B. Williams

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}
}

George W. Walker (seal)
Henry Jones (seal)
marks

State of Arkansas
Comptroler County

As the undersigned being
called upon by George W. Walker, and on the one
side and Henry Jones (Faudman) on the other to
settle and arbitrate certain matters in dispute
between them, having heard the statements of
each party and the evidence adduced by them
to forward and submit, that: George W.
Walker pay to the said Henry Jones
Faudman as aforesaid four hundred
and sixty two pounds of merchantable
sugar or pay him twelve cents
per pound in currency for the same
and that the said George W. Walker
pay the costs of this arbitration

Elijah Ferguson
John Grimes
David Whitney

Arbitrators

Washington 20th July 1867

The said George Walker selects John Grimes
as his Arbitrator and the said Henry Jones
selects Elijah Ferguson they two to select
the third and it is agreed they shall meet
at the house of G. L. McKnight Esq on
Friday the 11th day of June 1867 to
settle the matter in dispute, and
that said arbitrators shall be sworn
as well as the witnesses before commencing
said arbitration
G. W. Walker
his
Henry Jones
marks

Contract and Lease
between

Mrs Malman S. Myett

or

Alec H. Jones

This Lease Between Mrs
Malinda S. Hytzyt Jessor, and
Alek Jones, Freedman Lessee, witnesseth
that Malinda S. Hytzyt here by lease and
demises, to said Alek Jones a certain
tract of land said to contain twenty
acres situated in the County of Hempstead
State of Arkansas known as Malinda
S. Hytzyt place about two miles from
the town of Washington, for the period
of One year from the 1st day of January
1867 to the 31st day of December 1868, the
said lessee yielding and paying to the
lessor rent therefor at the rate of
One Hundred Dollars per annum
One half of the rent to be paid at the time
of gathering the crop of Corn,
And the said lessee shall not suffer or
commit waste on the premises or under-
let the same in whole or in part, without

lessee shall keep the said leased premises
in repair except such wood and fuel
as may be necessary for his own use
which fuel is to be taken from the
inside of the fence, but all boards
or rails can be made from the timber
outside of the fence, and that the
said Lessee, at the end of the period or

Thompson

Dec 24/64

Freedom's eye

Washington, Dec. 24th 1867

To, the undersigned, Referees between Geo W, Sandifer & Co, and J D Smith, Executors of Parshal Smith and Mrs Johnson & Geo Geo Foundmen, find as follows.

Joint ac to Sandifer & Co	
Credits of Bagging & Co	397.49
Ac for Bagging & Co allowed at	27.00
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	\$424.49
Joint ac to J D Smith	
Rent	100.00
Sundries	79.00
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Aggregate debits	\$603.49

Assets

4 Bales Cotton 1850 @ 10¢ per lb	185.00
130 Bushels Corn @ \$1.00 per bu	130.00
1300 Bushels Lumber @ \$3.00 per 1000 Bds	39.00
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Total value of assets.	\$354.00

We allow Smith ac for Rent to be taken in any of the assets at valuation

100.00
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254.00

We allow Sandifer & Co ac for Bagging & Co

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\$227.00

We then allow the two accounts, each in proportion as it stands to the aggregate debt, that is to say; Sandifer & Co are to receive $\frac{397}{476}$ of remaining assets \$227.00 which gives him choice of balance of assets to the amt of \$189.36, after which Smith is to take the remaining $\frac{79}{476}$ of assets as left, for \$37.68 These amounts allowed

When collected are to be properly
debited to the credit of the proper
parties in their respective accounts,
that is to say to the credit of the parties
from whom received.

This adjustment is subject
to the special condition, that either creditor
selecting either for himself can take it
at the agreed value, or permit it to be
shipped, taking order against proceeds for
amount he may hold in it, and that
the produce sold as aforesaid shall be taken
at the value agreed above.

J. H. Stuart
Rich. Gaines

Second set of accounts
rendered May 22nd 65

to accompany a state-
ment of Account of the

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Freeman's Reuben Hill

1869

April 27	10 yds. Calico	2 75
	1 pr. Shoes	3 50
	1 Pair boots	40
May 31	1 pr. Shoes	3 50
	3 yds Cottonade	2 25
	Chewing Tobacco	4 —
	2 boxes Cakes	45
	1 box Baking	25
	1 pr. Shoes	6 —
June 29	1 pr. Shoes	4 —
July 23	1 box Cakes	25
Sept. 17	Bailing & Rope	4 25
		<hr/>
		\$ 31.60

1867. Freedman's Sidewalk Hill.

April 27	1 pair pants	5	
	4 plates	1	
	bandy		50
	1 Casebook		40
May 21	1 Dress pattern	3	50
	Molasses	1	
	Powder & Shot		75
	Handkerchiefs	1	25
	1 Paper Pins		25
June 22	1 Sew's Carpet		50
	1 Tobacco		50
July 16	1 pair Shoes	3	
1868	1 pair Powder	1	
Febr.	1 pair Boots	6	
	Bailing & Rope		4.25
			<u>\$25.90.</u>

1858. Freedman Isaiah Hill.

April 27	3 yds. Domestic @ 40	1 20
	1 pr. Cotton cards	1 75
	Chewing Tobacco	2 75
	3 yds. Cottonade	2 25
	1 Bottle Whisky (by order)	2 —
	4 lbs. Sugar	1 —
	1 Bucket	. 75
	1 Passbook	. 40
June 1	6 yds. Domestic	1 50
	1 Hoopstirt	. 25
	3 1/2 yds. Delaine	3 .
	1 Pocketkerch.	. 50
	Tobacco	. 35
	1 Hat	3 50
July 20	Coffee	1 —
Sept 12	1 Coat	12 —
Decbr 17	Bailing & Rope.	4 25
1858 Jan. 8.	Tobacco	. 10
14	1 pr. Shoes	3 50
April 18	1 pr. boots	8 —
	1 Shirt	2 .
	Tobacco	2 25
	1 pr. Stockings	. 50
	1 pr. pants	3 —
	1 pr. + +	. —
	Nectar	. 50
	1 pr. gloves	. 50
	5 yds. Iron goods	6 .
	Molasses	1 —
	1 Bucket	. 50
	Braid & Spoolcotton	. 70
May 9	1 Buck Tobacco	. 75
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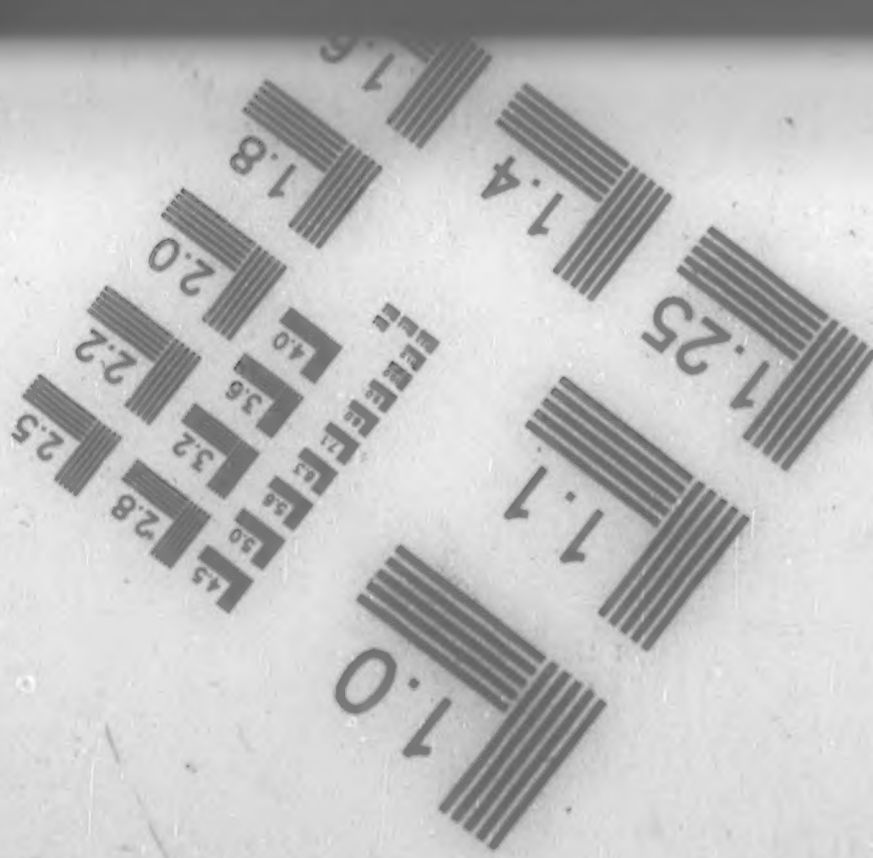
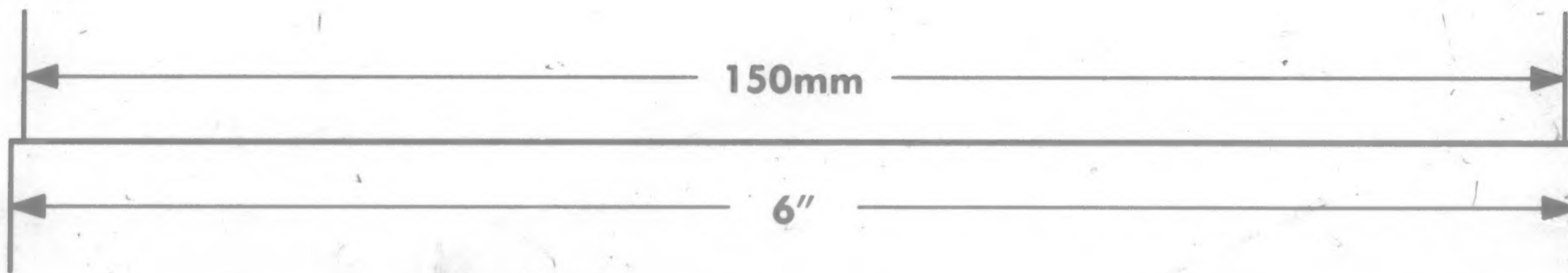
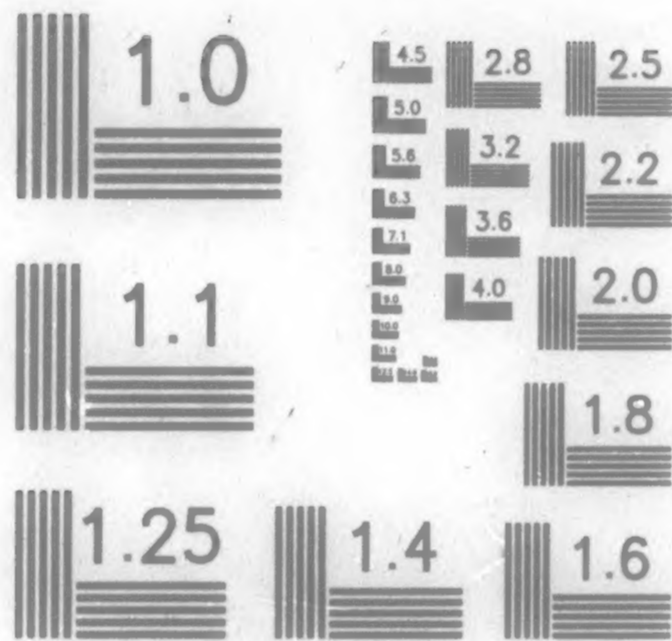
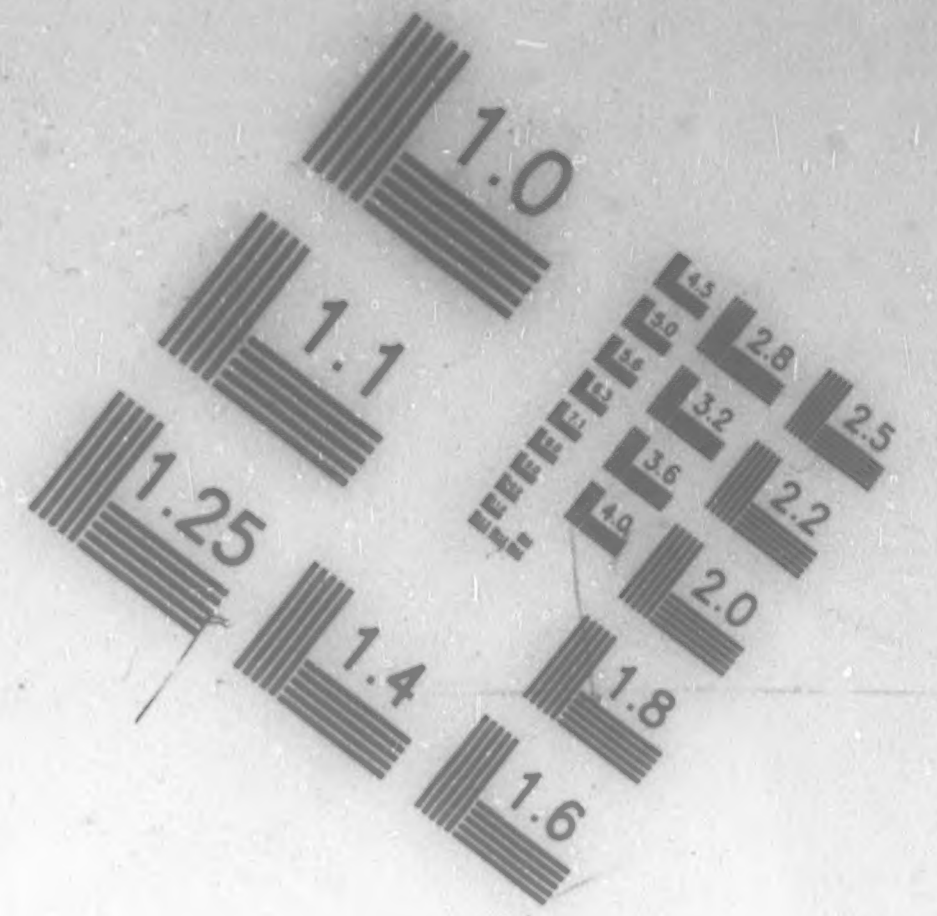
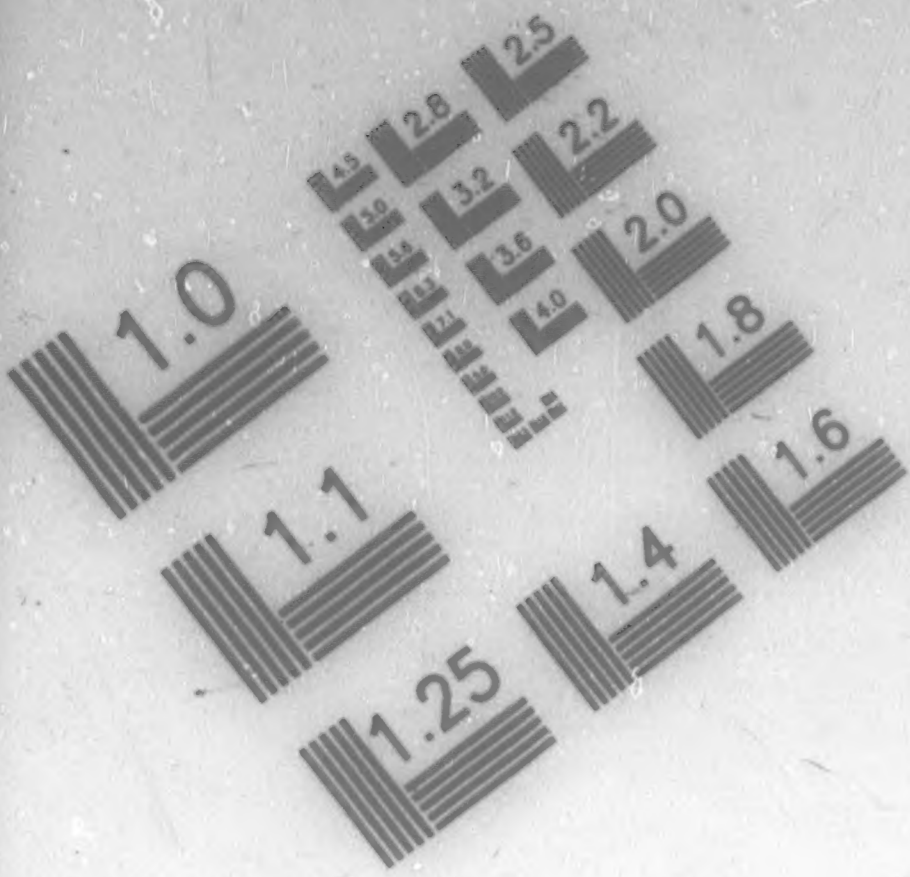
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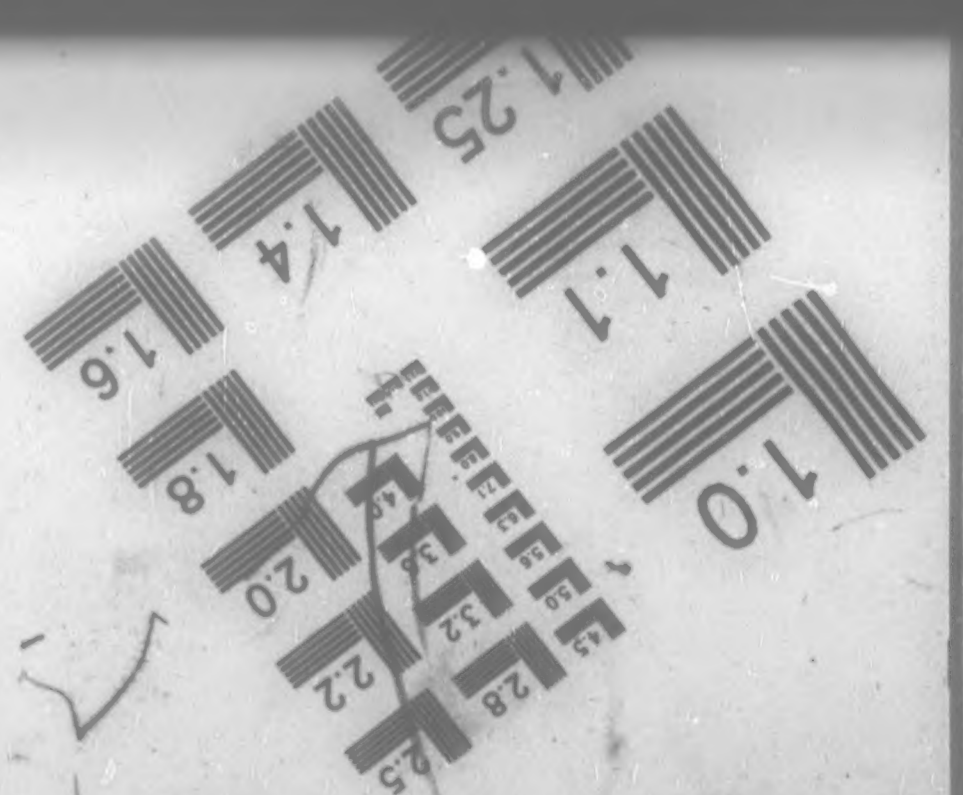


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