



Smithsonian Institution

Freedmen's Bureau

North Carolina Assistant Commissioner, Letters Received, Entered in Register 2, F-M, Part 2

Extracted on Mar-29-2024 03:41:33

The Smithsonian Institution thanks all digital volunteers that transcribed and reviewed this material. Your work enriches Smithsonian collections, making them available to anyone with an interest in using them.

The Smithsonian Institution (the "Smithsonian") provides the content on this website (transcription.si.edu), other Smithsonian websites, and third-party sites on which it maintains a presence ("SI Websites") in support of its mission for the "increase and diffusion of knowledge." The Smithsonian invites visitors to use its online content for personal, educational and other non-commercial purposes. By using this website, you accept and agree to abide by the [following terms](#).

- If sharing the material in personal and educational contexts, please cite the Freedmen's Bureau as source of the content and the project title as provided at the top of the document. Include the accession number or collection name; when possible, link to the Freedmen's Bureau website.
- If you wish to use this material in a for-profit publication, exhibition, or online project, please contact Freedmen's Bureau or transcribe@si.edu

For more information on this project and related material, contact the Freedmen's Bureau. [See this project](#) and other collections in the Smithsonian Transcription Center.

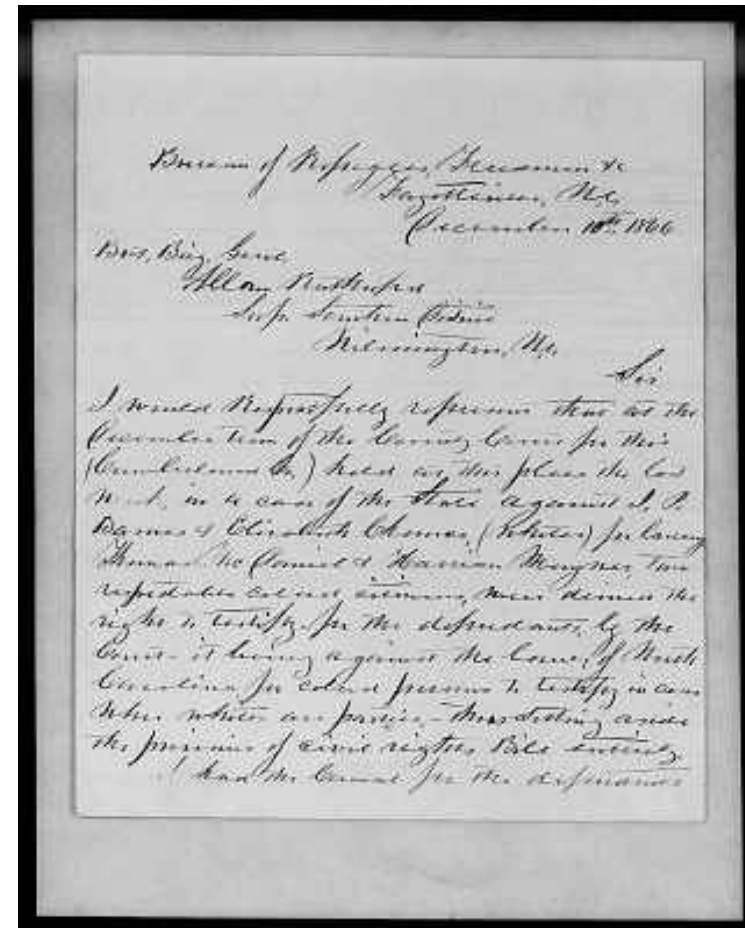
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen &c
Fayetteville, N. C.
December 10th 1866

Bvt. Brig. Genl.
Allan Rutherford
Sup. Southern District
Wilmington, N. C.

Sir

I would Respectfully represent that at the December term of the County Court for this (Cumberland Co.) held at this place the last [[week ?]], in a case of the State against J. P. Barnes & Elizabeth Chance (whites) for larceny, Thomas McDaniel & Harrison Mayner, two respectable colored citizens, were denied the right to testify for the defendants, by the Court - it being against the laws of North Carolina for colored persons to testify in cases when whites are parties - Thus setting aside the provisions of civil rights Bill entirely.

I had the Counsel for the defendants



North Carolina Assistant Commissioner, Letters Received, Entered in Register 2, F-M, Part 2
Transcribed and Reviewed by Digital Volunteers
Extracted Mar-29-2024 03:41:33



Smithsonian Institution

Freedmen's Bureau

The mission of the Smithsonian is the increase and diffusion of knowledge - shaping the future by preserving our heritage, discovering new knowledge, and sharing our resources with the world. Founded in 1846, the Smithsonian is the world's largest museum and research complex, consisting of 19 museums and galleries, the National Zoological Park, and nine research facilities. Become an active part of our mission through the Transcription Center. Together, we are discovering secrets hidden deep inside our collections that illuminate our history and our world.

Join us!

The Transcription Center: <https://transcription.si.edu>

On Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SmithsonianTranscriptionCenter>

On Twitter: [@TranscribeSI](https://twitter.com/TranscribeSI)

Connect with the Smithsonian

Smithsonian Institution: www.si.edu

On Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Smithsonian>

On Twitter: [@smithsonian](https://twitter.com/smithsonian)