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Bu. R. F. and A. L. Hd. Qrs. So. Dist. N. C.
Wilmington, N. C. 29th October, 1866.

Capt. J. F. Chur.
A. A. A. Gen'l. Bu. R. F and A. L.
Raleigh N. C.

Captain:—

In compliance with Circular Letter from you dated 12th Inst. I have the honor to submit the following Report of the Operations of the Bureau of R. F and A. L. in the Southern District of North Carolina during the first year.

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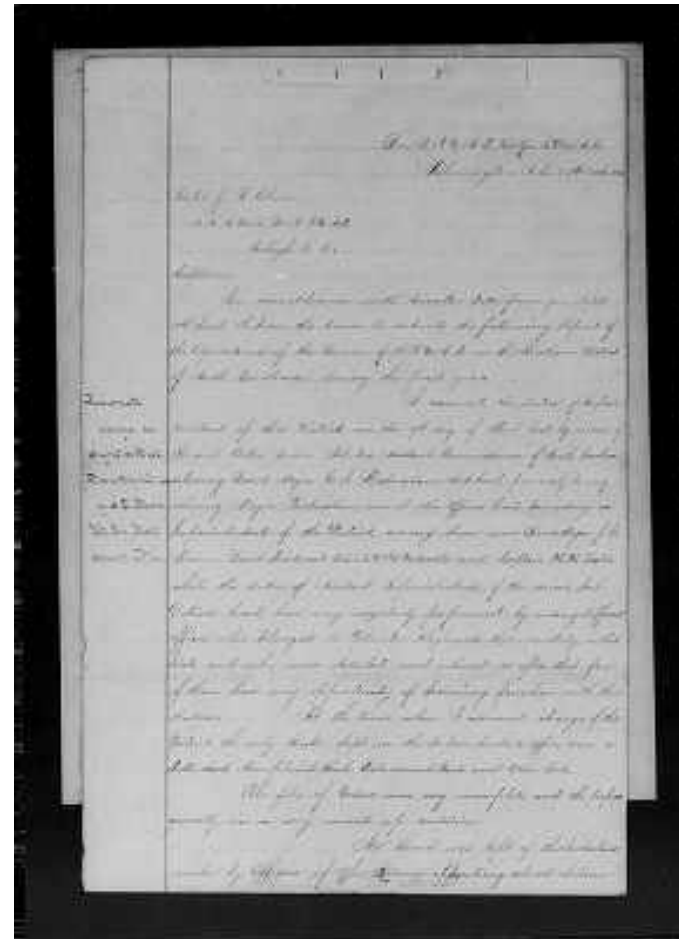
I assumed the duties of Superintendent of this District on the 9th day of April last, by virtue of Special Order No 44. Hd. Qrs. Assistant Commissioner of North Carolina, relieving Brevet Major C. J. Wickersham A. A. Gen'l. previously to my relieving Major Wickersham, several other Officers had been acting as Superintendents of the District, among whom were Brevet Major J. C. Mann, Brevet Lieutenant Colonel W. H. H. Beadle and Captain H. H. Foster, while the duties of Assistant Superintendents of the various Sub Districts had been very irregularly performed by many different officers, who belonged to Volunteer Regiments then on duty in this State, and who were detailed and relieved so often that few of them had any opportunity of becoming familiar with their duties.

At the time when I assumed charge of this District the only Books kept in the Superintendent's Office, were a Letter Book, Complaint Book, Endorsement Book and Order Book.

The files of Orders were very incomplete and the papers generally, in a very mixed up condition.

No Record was kept of the Indentures made by Officers of the Bureau apprenticing colored children

[[footnote 1]] Assumed. charge as Supt. So. Dist. N. C. 9th April" 66 by S. O. No. 44. Hd. Qrs. Ass't Comr N. C.



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