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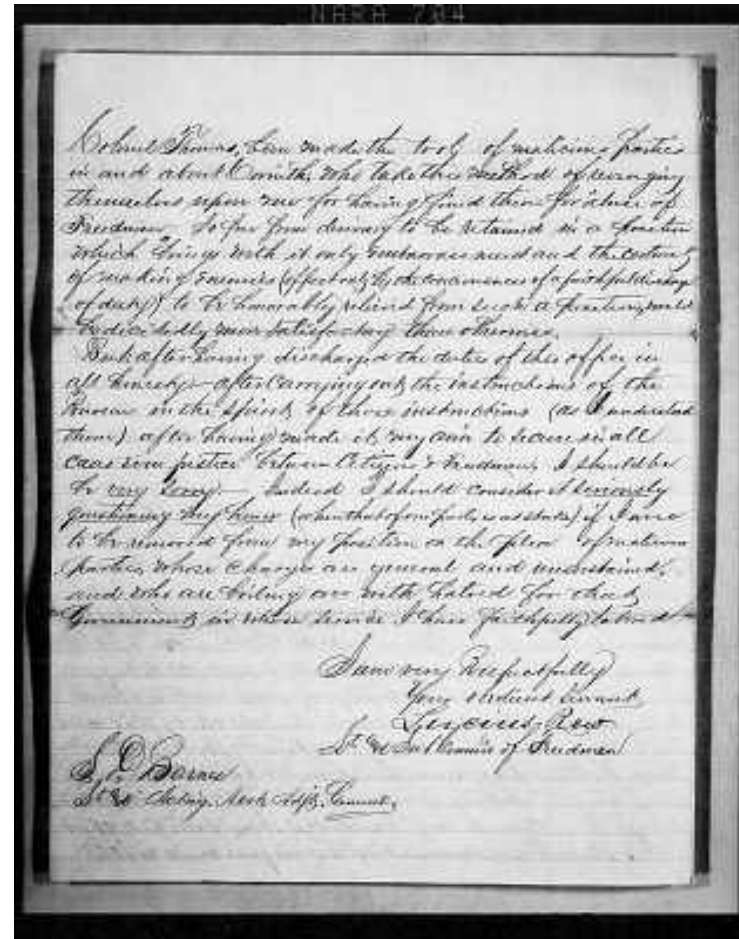
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Colonel Thomas, been made the tool of malicious parties in and about Corinth, who take the method of revenging themselves upon me for having fined them for "abuse of Freedmen" So far from desiring to be retained in a position which brings with it only embarrassment and the certainty of making enemies (offset only by the consciousness of a faithful discharge of duty) to be honorably relieved from such a position, would be decidedly more satisfactory than otherwise.

But: after having discharged the duties of this office in all honesty, — after carrying out the instructions of the Bureau in the spirit of those instructions (as I understood them) after having made it my aim to secure in all cases even justice between Citizens & Freedmen, I should be very sorry. Indeed I should consider it seriously questioning my honor when that of one party is at stake if I were to be removed from my position on the plea of malicious parties, whose charges are general and unsustained, and who are boiling over with hatred for that Government in whose service I have faithfully labored

I am very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
[[signature]] Lucius Rew [[signature]]
Lt. and Sub Comm'r of Freedmen

S. D. Barnes
Lt. and Acting Asst Adj. General.



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