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Bureau of Refugees Freedmen and Abandoned Lands
Head Quarters Sub District of Beaufort N.C.
Beaufort N.C. January 16th 1866

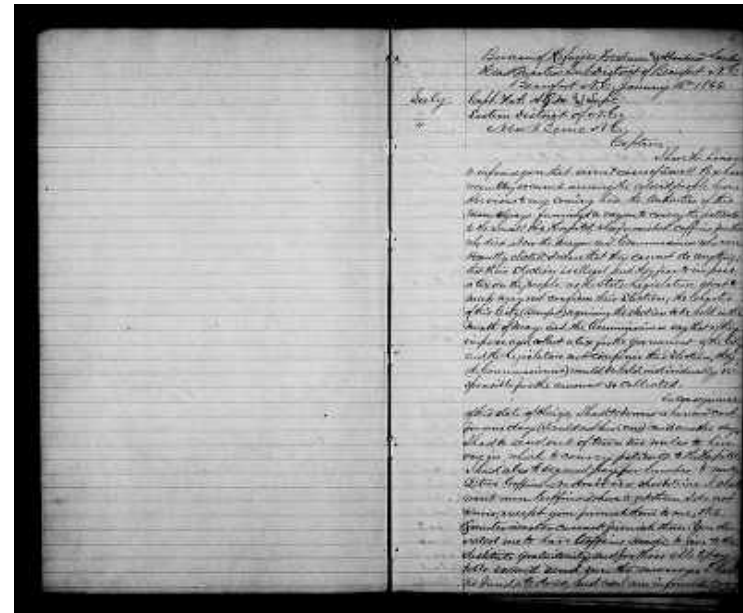
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Eastern District of N.C.
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Captain,
I have the honor to inform you that several cases of Small Pox have recently occurred among the colored people here. Previous to my coming here, the Authorities of this town, always furnished a wagon to convey the patients to the Small Pox Hospital, also furnished coffins for those who died. Now the Mayor and Commissioners who were recently elected, declare that they cannot do anything; that their election is illegal and they fear to impose a tax on the people as the State Legislature about to meet, may not confirm their Election; the Charter of this City (Beaufort) requiring the election to be held in the month of May and the Commissioners say that if they impose and collect a tax for the government of the City and the Legislature not confirm their election, they (the Commissioners) would be held individually responsible for the amount so collected.

In consequence of this state of things, I had to borrow a horse and cart, for one day (I could not hire one) and another day, I had to send out of town two miles to hire one in which to convey patients to the Hospital. I had also to beg and pay for lumber to make (2) two Coffins. No doubt in a short time I shall want more Coffins. Where to get them, I do not know, except you furnish them to me, the Quartermaster cannot furnish them. You directed me to have Coffins made, to give to the destitute gratuitously, and for those able to pay to do so, and send you the money. I had no funds to do so, and as I am informed can

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