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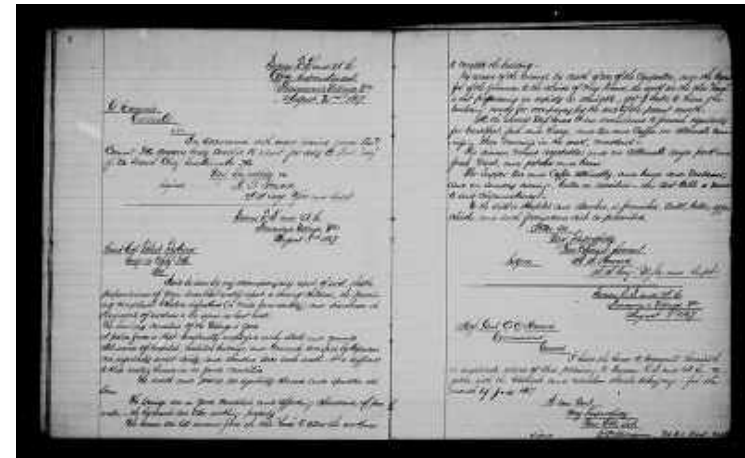
Bureau R.F. and A.L.
Office Superintendent
Freedman's Village Va.
August 2nd 1867

G. Lacombe
Carpenter

Sir

In accordance with orders received from Asst. Commr. D.C. you are hereby directed to report for duty to Bvt. Maj. J.M. Brown Chief Quartermaster D.C.

Very Respectfully &c
Signed H.N. Howard
A.A. Surg. U.S.A. and Supt.



Bureau R.F. and A.L.
Freedman's Village Va.
August 3rd 1867

Lieut. Col. Robert Reyburn
Surg. in Chief D.C.

Sir

I will be seen by my accompanying report of sick, that the preponderance of gain since last weekly report is among children, the prevailing complaint cholera infantum (in mild form usually) and diarrhoea - the aggregate of sickness is the same as last week.

The sanitary condition of the Village is good

A police force is kept constantly employed on the streets and grounds

All wards of hospital, hospital buildings, and tenements occupied by dependents are regularly swept daily, and scrubbed twice each week. - it is difficult to keep rented houses in so good condition

The sinks and privies are regularly cleaned and sprinkled with lime.

The springs are in good condition and affording abundance of pure water - the hydrants are also working properly

The women are all removed from the old "home" to allow the workmen

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to complete the building -

By reason of the removal by death of one of the carpenters, and the transfer of the foreman to the service of Maj. Brown, the work on the old "house" is not progressing so rapidly as desirable, yet I hope to have the building ready for occupancy, by the end of the present month.

At the several Mess houses I am accustomed to furnish regularly for breakfast, fish and bread, and tea and coffee on alternate mornings - three mornings in the week, mackerel

For dinner, mixed vegetables; and on alternate days pork and fresh meat, and potatoes and beans

For supper tea and Coffee alternately, and bread and Molasses; and on Sunday evening, butter in addition; ~ this diet table is varied to suit circumstances. ~

To the sick in Hospital and elsewhere, is furnished, milk, butter, eggs, chicken, and such farinaceous dish as prescribed.

I am sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Signed H.N. Howard
A.A. Surg. U.S.A. and Supt.

Bureau R.F. and A.L.
Freedman's Village Va
August 8th 1867

Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard

Commissioner General

I have the honor to transmit herewith a duplicate return of stores pertaining to Bureau R.F. and A.L. together with the Abstract and voucher thereto belonging - for the month of July 1867

I am Genl.
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Svt.
Signed P.P. Bergevin V.R.C. and Asst. Supt.

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