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## **Mississippi Assistant Commissioner, Reports, Narrative Reports from Subordinate Officers, July–Dec. 1868, Part 1**

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Number of Outrages, None.

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The image shows a handwritten manuscript page, likely a report, with a table at the top and two paragraphs of text below. The table has three rows and two columns. The first row is the title 'VIII. Disposition of Whites towards Blacks, Average.' The second row is 'IX. Number of Complaints,' with '32' written in the right column. The third row is 'X. State Laws how administered,' with 'Bad!' written in the right column. Below the table, there are two paragraphs of handwritten text. The first paragraph describes the persecution of freedmen by whites, mentioning that many laborers have been dismissed for attending political meetings and voting the Republican ticket. It also mentions that many were threatened with murder if they returned. The second paragraph expresses confidence in Capt Clifford and his men to teach the rebels, and mentions that the crops are doing well, but assistance for teachers is needed.

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