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Bu. R F & A.L. Magnolia Duplin Co N.C  
Nov 26th 1866

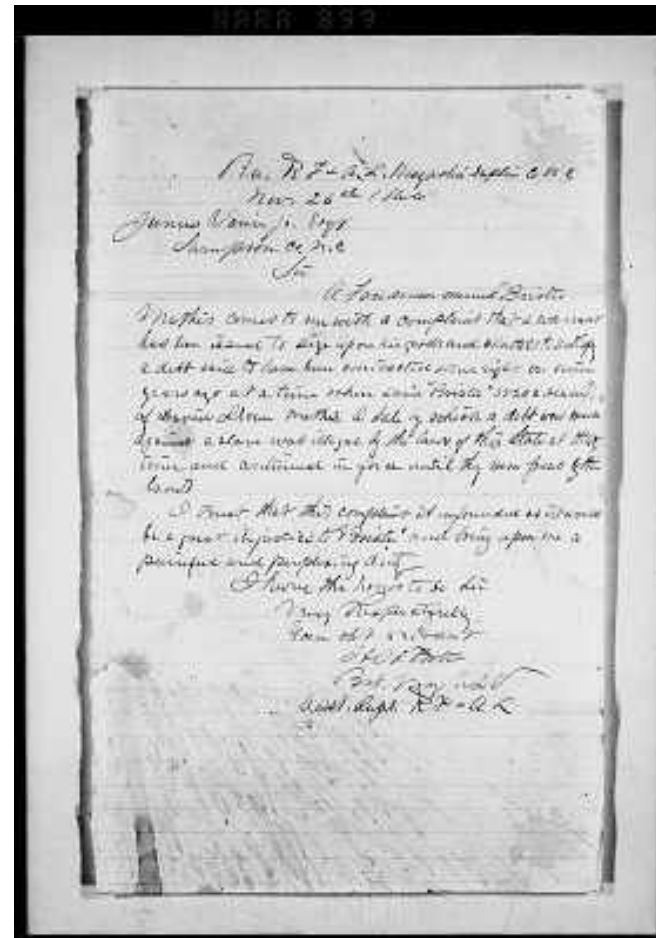
James Varin Jr. Esqr  
Sampson Co. N.C.

Sir

A Freedman named "Bristre" Mathis comes to me with a complaint that a warrant has been issued to seize upon his goods and matters to satisfy a debt said to have been contracted some eight or nine years ago at a time when said "Bristre" was a slave of David Sloan Mathis. A sale by which a debt was made against a slave was illegal by the laws of this state at that time and continued in force until they were freed by the Govt.

I trust that this complaint is unfounded as it would be a great injustice to "Bristre" and bring upon me a painful and perplexing duty

I have the honor to be Sir  
Your obt servant  
H.H. Foster  
Bvt. Maj. USA  
Asst. Supt. R F & A L



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