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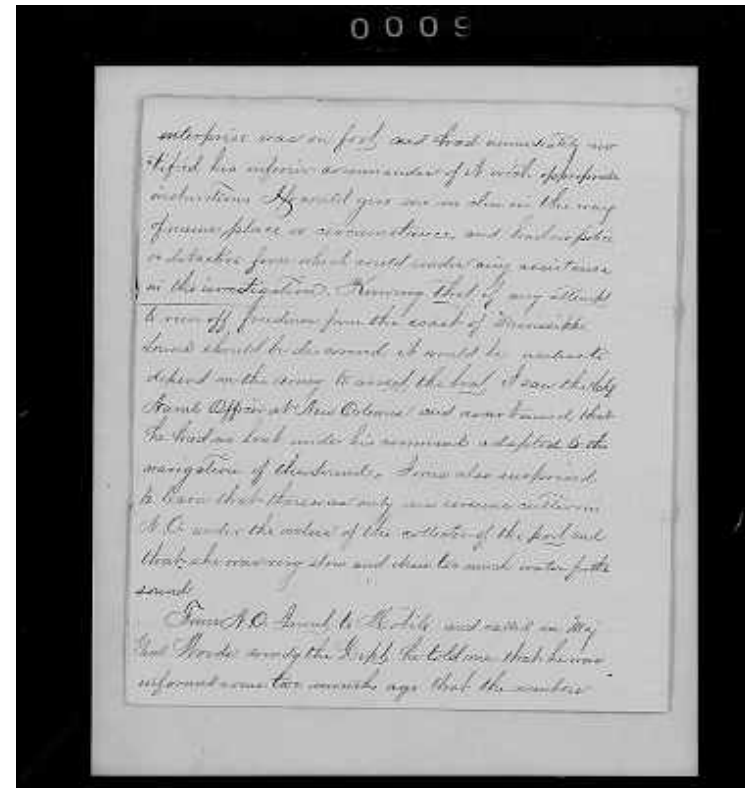
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enterprise was on foot and had immediately notified his inferior commander of it with appropriate instructions He could give me no clue in the way of name, place or circumstance, and had no police or detective force which could render any assistance in the investigation. Knowing that if any attempt to run off freedmen from the coast of Mississippi Sound should be discovered it would be useless to depend on the army to arrest the boat I saw the Chf Naval Officer of New Orleans and ascertained that he had no boat under his command adapted to the navigation of the Sound. I was also surprised to learn that there was only one revenue cutter in N.O. under the orders of the collector of the port and that she was very slow and drew too much water for the sound

Fmr N.O. [??] to Mobile and called on Maj Genl Woods comdg the Dept he told me that he was informed some two months ago that the members



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