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Bu. R.F. and A.L.  
Hd Qrs. Asst. Supt Richmond Co.  
Rockingham N.C. Aug 15th 1866

McComber. Geo.  
Lt and Asst. Supt.

Transmits the testimony and other papers in the case of Eliza  
Paterson(F.W.) against Jas. C. McEaskin for the decision of the Supt So  
Dist N.C. Matters concerning the case referred to herein -

Bu. R.F. and A.L.  
Hd. Qrs Supt So Dist N.C.  
Wilmington N.C. 20th Aug 1866

Respectfully returned to Lt Mc Comber Asst Supt. It appears from the  
testimony forwarded by you now on file in this Office that the Children  
'Jim','Gus' and 'John' were apprenticed to Mr J.C. McEachin by an  
officer of this Bureau through false representations made by said  
McEachin. You will therefore cancel the Indentures and return the  
children to their parents. This paper to be returned with action endorsed  
Allan Rutherford  
Lt.Col. V.R.C.  
Bt Brig Gen. U.S.V.  
Supt So.Dist. N.C.  
[[note]] See p.20. Vol 2 [[/note]]

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Bu. R.F. and A.L.  
Sub Dis't Lumberton Co. N.C.  
July 18' 1866

Tipton Geo W  
Lt and Asst Supt

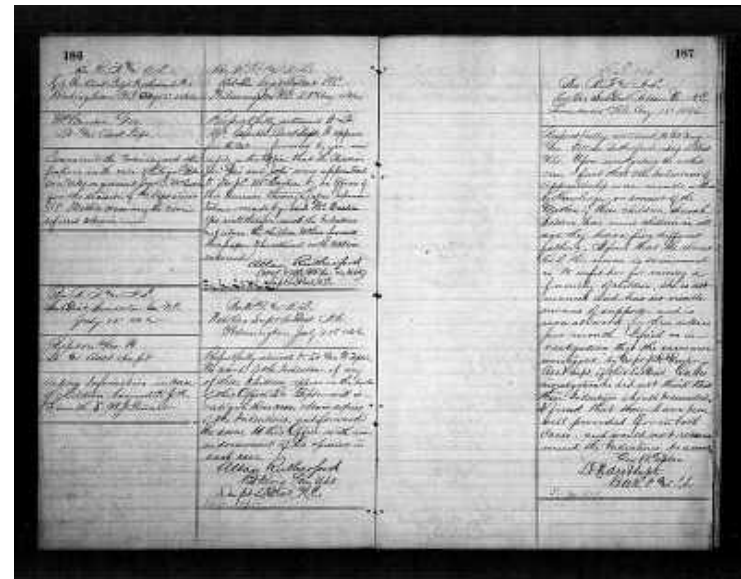
Asking Information in case of children bound to J.A. Smith & W.J.  
Stewart

Bu. R.F. and A.L.  
Hd. Qrs. Supt. So Dist N.C.  
Wilmington July 21st 1866

Respectfully returned to Lt Geo. W. Tipton. No record of the Indentures  
of any of these children appear on the books of this Office. Lt Tipton will  
investigate these cases, obtain copies of the Indentures, and forward  
the same to this Office with an endorsement of his opinion in each case.  
Allan Rutherford  
Bt Brig Gen U.S.V.  
Supt. So.Dist. N.C.  
[[note]] See p. 187- [[/note]]

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[[note]] F.F. 186 [[/note]]  
Bu. R.F. and A.L.  
Hd. Qrs. Sub Dist Robeson Co. N.C.



Lumberton N.C. Aug 18th 1866

Respectfully returned to Bt. Brig Gen. Allan Rutherford. Sup So Dist N.C. Upon investigating the within cases, I find that the Indentures of Apprenticeship were made without the knowledge or consent of the Mothers of these children. Sarah Baldwin has nine children in all and they have five different fathers. I find that the character of this woman is so immoral as to unfit her for raising a family of children. She is not married and has no visable means of support and is now at work for three dollars per month. I find on investigation that the cases were investigated by Capt J H Baesler Asst Supt. of this Sub Dist. On his investigation he did not think that these Indentures should be annulled. I find that they have been well provided for in both cases, and would not recommend the Indentures be annulled.

Geo.W.Tipton

Lt & Asst Supt.

Bu.R.F. and A.L.

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