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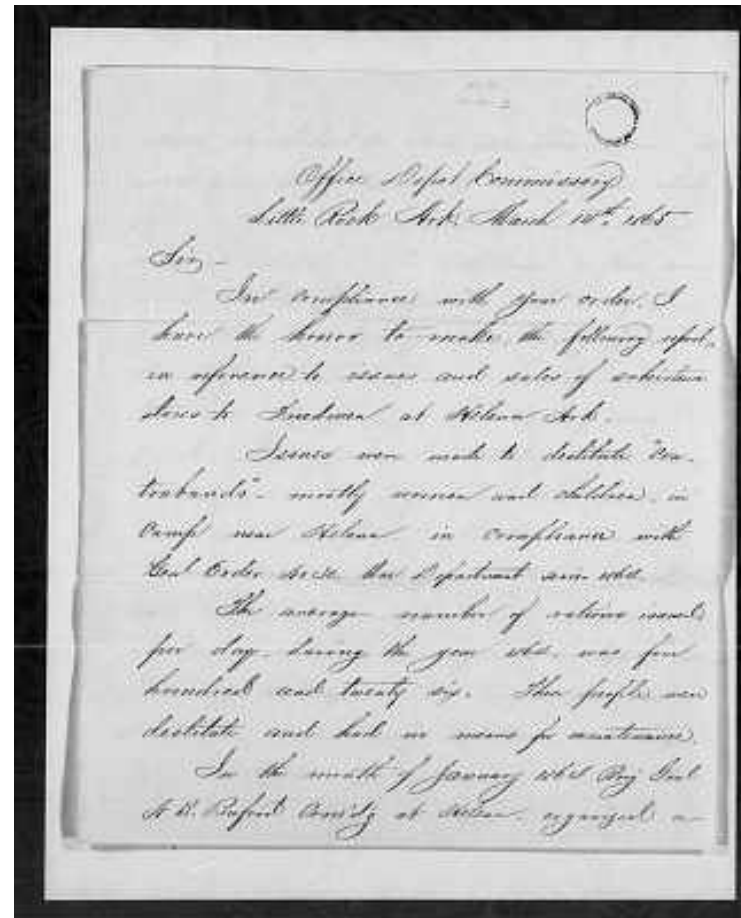
Office Depot Commissary
Little Rock Ark. March 14th 1865

Sir-
In compliance with your order, I
have the honor to make the following report, in reference to issues and
sales of subsistence stores to freedmen at Helena Ark.

Issues were made to destitute "contrabands" - mostly women and
children in camp near Helena in compliance with Genl Order No30 War
Department series 1864.

The average number of rations issued per day during the year 1864 was
four hundred and twenty six. These people were destitute and had no
means for maintenance.

In the month of January 1864 Brig Genl A.B. Buford com'd'g at Helena
organized a



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