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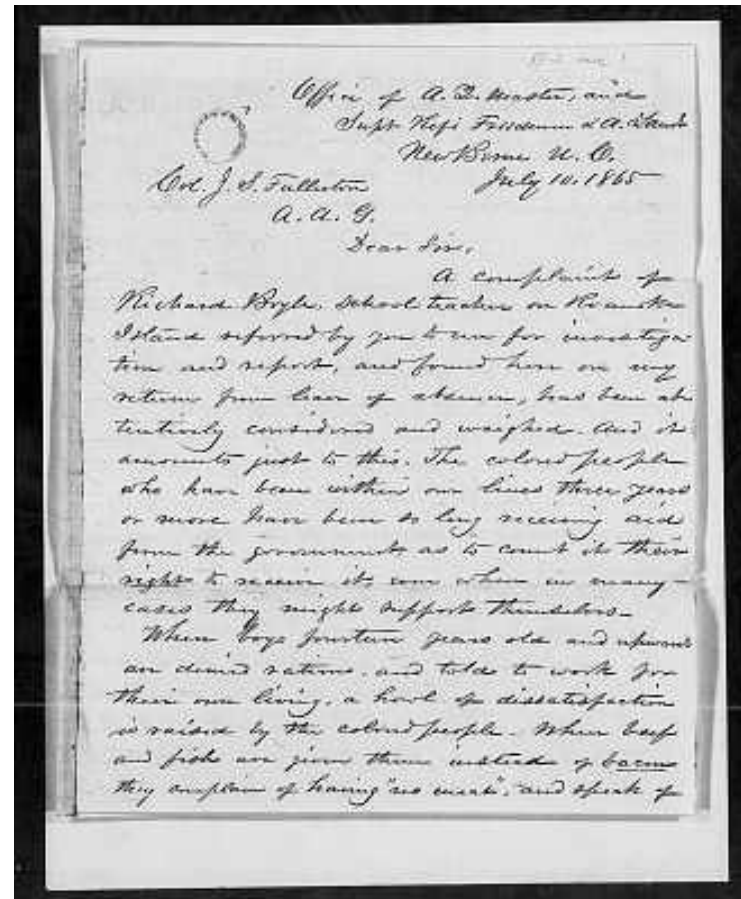
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Col. J.S. Fullerton  
A.A.G.

Dear Sir,

A complaint of Richard Boyle, school teacher on Roanoke Island referred by you to me for investigation and report, and found here on my return from leave of absence, has been attentively considered and weighed. And it amounts just to this. The colored people who have been within our lines three years or more have been so long receiving aid from the government, as to count it their right to receive it, even when in many cases they might support themselves.

When boys fourteen years old and upwards are denied rations, and told to work for their own living a howl of dissatisfaction is raised by the colored people. When beef and fish are given them instead of bacon they complain of having "no meat", and speak of



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