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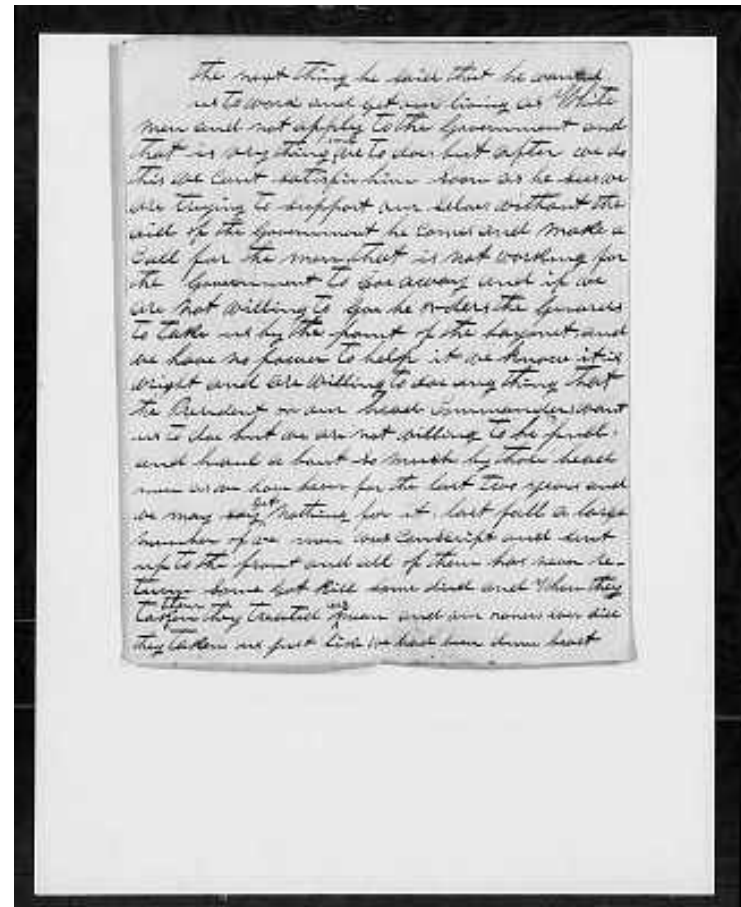
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the next thing he said that he wanted. us to work and get our living as White men and not apply to the Government and that is very thing we want to doe [[do]], but after we do this we cant [[can't]] satisfi [[satisfy]] him Soon as he sees we are trying to Support our Selves without the aid of the Government he comes and make a Ball for the men, that is not working for Government to goe [[go]] away and if we are not willing to goe [[go]] he orders the guards to take us by the point of the bayonet, and we have no power to help it we know it is wright [[right]] and are willing to doe [[do]] any thing that the President or our head Commanders want us to doe [[do]] but we are not willing to be pull. and haul a bout so much by those head men as we have been for the last two years and we may say get nothing for it, last fall a large number of we men was conscript and sent up to the front and all of them has never return some got kill some died and when they taken them they treated us meen [[mean]] and our owners ever did they taken us just like we had been dum [[dumb]] beast



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