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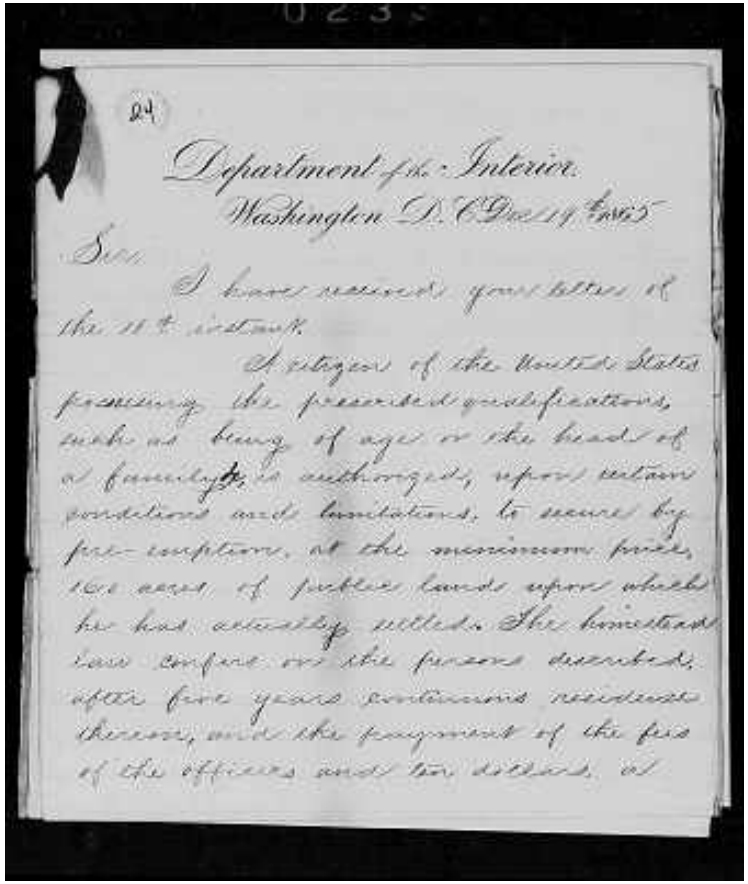
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Department of the Interior
Washington D.C. Dec 19th 1865

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 18th instant.

A citizen of the United States possessing the prescribed qualifications, such as being of age or the head of a family &c, is authorized, upon certain conditions and limitations, to secure by pre-emption, at the minimum price, 160 acres of public land upon which he has actually settled. The homestead law confers on the persons described, after five years continuous residence thereon, and the payment of the fees of the officers and ten dollars, a



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