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Bureau R.F. & A.L. Dist. North Alabama  
Office of Superintendent  
Huntsville July 15, 1866

Lt. Stewart Eldridge  
Inspector B.R.F. & A.L.  
Lieutenant:-

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In the present month that number has been reduced to forty five hundred. On an average, about two thirds of that number have been issued to whites, and about one third, to blacks. The reduced amount issued in this month, together with the contribution of private enterprises and of individuals, is regarded as sufficient.

I am gratified to state my belief that the need of any considerable gratuitous issues is now past. There is an active demand for field and plantation labor, and corn and wheat and other products suitable for food are now quite ripe and ready for use.

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