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Bureau Refugees Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, Savannah, Ga.,
Dec. 28th 1865.
The permission granted from this office to the Freedmen of this city, to
Parade their Fire [?][?] I did not complete any interference with the
municipal authorities. Fire Engines of Companies under their control, but
was intended to [?] only such rights and privileges to enjoy the Holiday
in a proper and orderly manner as white citizens may do, and subject to
the same restraints and results. that permission to Freedmen was not
intended for [?] notice but merely to protect them from the Patrol. In
the event they should interfere with the parade. No intention to interfere
with Fire Engine or City authority, was a moment contemplated.
H.F. EICKLES,
[?] Com'r R.F.&A.L.

OFFICE SUB- [?]
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, Savannah Ba.,
[?][?]
To all Whom it may Concern:

Bureau RF&AL
Oct 29th 1865

I have the honor to enclose you the two copies of notices regarding the
parade of colored fire men. The first headed “notice” was not intended
for public, but the city authorities seemed to think the negroes would
make an outbreak during the holidays, and such representation to Col
Kimbell he put on extra guards and patrols. The permission from this
office to parade was merely to protect the parade from such patrols, so
long as the freedmen were orderly and conducted themselves in a
proper manner.
The city authorities seemed to think the negroes ought not to hold any
such parade unless through the chief of Fire Dept and city authorities,
which was referred to the freedmen, I therefore published the
explanatory “card” disclaiming all intention of interference with city
authorities or Fire Engines. But this does not seem to satisfy. I
understand from the Mayor that the negroes should not have any
parade, on the grounds that they will be likely to be interfered with by the
citizens, young men who may get intoxicated and interrupt them, in short
I believe the objections to the parade consists
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