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Bureau of Refugees Freedmen &c.
Hd Qrs. Asst. Commissioner
Raleigh N.C. July 4th 1865

Howard Maj. Genl. O. O.
Commissioner
General

I have the honor to request that Capt. John J. Bowen [footnote 1] A.O.M. vols. be assigned to duty in this Bureau and ordered to report to Capt. H. James A.Y.M. at New Bern N.C.
Capt. Bowen may now be addressed at Rochester N.Y.

Very Respectfully
E. Whittlesey
Col. and Asst. Commissioner


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Hd. Qrs. Asst Commissioner
Raleigh N.C. July 12th 1865

Howard Maj Genl O.O.
Commissioner
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General

Several papers referring to trouble on Roanoke island [footnote 1] having been referred to me, I have made careful inquiries on the grounds and am convinced that the Govt. has done and is now doing too much for that colony. [footnote 2] There are many able bodied men and boys there, living in idleness because they receive gratuitous support. Were rations issued only to the helpless a large number would leave and find employment. I have given directions to reduce the issues as fast as possible [footnote 3], and where the process begins another levies of complaints will come in. Capt. James has I am confident done all that could be done by any man for the comfort of the people. And I am inclined to think that the charges against Mr. Streeter are greatly exaggerated. But his case is now under Special investigation. [footnote 4]

Very Respectfully

Smithsonian Institution Transcription Center, Freedmen’s Bureau
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[[footnote 2]] Govt. has done and is doing too much for that colony [[/footnote 2]]

[[footnote 3]] Has given direction to reduce rations. [[/footnote 3]]

[[footnote 4]] Charges against Mr. Streeter probably exaggerated, case undergoing investigation [[/footnote 4]]
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