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

Howard Maj. Genl. O. O.
Commissioner
General

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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 Berne N.C.
Capt. Bowen may now be addressed at Rochester N.Y.

Very Respectfully
E. Whittlesey
Col. and Asst. Commissioner

[[footnote 1]] Requests detail of Capt. J. J. Bowen in Bureau of Ref.
Freedman &c. [[footnote 1]]

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Bureau of Refugees Freedman &c.
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 confidant 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
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Very Respectfully
E. Whittlesey
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[[footnote 1]] Relative to troubles on Roanoke island. [[/footnote 1]]

[[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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