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FREEDMEN'S BUREAU TRANSCRIPTION PROJECT

COMMON ABBREVIATIONS

The list below includes common abbreviations used throughout the Freedmen's Bureau records and may be helpful when transcribing the records.

Asst.	<i>Assistant</i>	Hd. Qrs.	<i>Headquarters</i>
Brig.	<i>Brigadier</i>	Hon.	<i>Honorable</i>
BRFAL	<i>Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands (Freedmen's Bureau)</i>	Inf., Inft., Infy.	<i>Infantry</i>
Bvt.	<i>Brevet</i>	inst.	<i>instant; i.e., of the current month</i>
Capt.	<i>Captain</i>	Lt., Lieut.	<i>Lieutenant</i>
C.H.	<i>Court House</i>	Maj.	<i>Major</i>
Co.	<i>Company</i>	obt. servt.	<i>obedient servant</i>
Col.	<i>Colonel</i>	Regt.	<i>Regiment</i>
col ^d , cold.	<i>colored</i>	Sergt., Sgt.	<i>Sergeant</i>
comdg.	<i>Commanding</i>	Supt.	<i>Superintendent</i>
Dept.	<i>Department</i>	USCI	<i>U.S. Colored Infantry</i>
Dist.	<i>District</i>	USCT	<i>U.S. Colored Troops</i>
Engrs.	<i>Engineers</i>	Vols.	<i>Volunteers (usually preceded by a state abbreviation)</i>
Gen., Gen'l	<i>General</i>	&c	<i>et cetera</i>