Paris Mo Jany 19th
1864

My Dear Husband

I recd your letter dated Jany 9th also one dated Jany 1st but have got no one till now to write for me. You do not know how bad I am treated. They are treating me worse and worse every day. Our child cries for you. Send me some money as soon as you can for me and my child are almost naked. My cloth is yet in the loom and there is no telling when it will be out. Do not send any of your letters to Hogsett especially those having money in them as Hogsett will keep the money. George Combs went to Hannibal soon after you ~~did~~

so I did not get that money from him. Do the best you can and do not fret too much for me for it won't be long before I will be free and then all we make will be ours.

Your affectionate wife
Ann

P.S. Send our little girl a string of beads in your next letter to remember you by.
Ann

Andy if you send me any more letters for your wife do not send them in the care of any one. Just direct them plainly to James A Carney Paris Monroe County Mo.
Do not write too often Once a month will be plenty and when you write do not write as though you had need any letters for if you do your wife will not be so apt to get them. Hogsett has forbid her coming to my house so we cannot read them to her privately. If you send any money I will give that to her myself.
Yrs &c
Jas A Carney

Dated Paris
Jan 19th 1864

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Cum to her husband
Andrew Valentine
Co "E" 2nd Mo A.D.

Abused by her Master
wants money to get
away with

Andrew Valentine
Co E 2nd Mo Colored Inft A D
Benton Barracks
St Louis Mo

Benton Barracks Mo
Jan 9 1864

I have to report in accordance with instructions from the Colonel Commanding that Marshall Taylor a private of my company "I." 1st Mo of A.D. says that he thinks that his wife and four children were run off to Kentucky on or about the 10th of December 1863. Robert Lightfoot a private of Co. I. 2nd Mo of A.D. says that Mrs Ray a white woman who lived in the same house with Marshall Taylor's wife told him that such was the case. Joe McFadden a private of Co. I 2nd Mo of A.D. heard Robert Bledsoe of Lafayette Co Mo say that he took off thirty the night ~~in question~~ of the 10th Dec. It is supposed that Marshall Taylor's wife and children were in that lot. They were the slaves of James M. Taylor of Lafayette Co Mo. who is said by those colored soldiers who know him to be a strong secessionist. & was in Price's army at the Seige of Lexington in 1861. He was from Warren Co Kentucky to Mo. All of which is Respectfully submitted

Col. T. H. Barrett
Cmd'g 1st Mo Vols AD

R B Foster
1st Lt Cmdg Co. I.
1st Mo Vols A.D.

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Foster Lt R B

Reports Marshall Taylor's wife & children probably abducted to Kentucky

Benton Barracks Mo
Feb 1st 1864

Brig Genl Pile

Sir,

Complaint has been made to me, by Martin Patterson, of Co. "H", 2d Missouri Vols of A. G. that he has direct and reliable information from home — that his family is receiving ill treatment from James Patterson their master, of Fayette, Howard Co. Mo

He says, that his wife is compelled to do out door work, — such as chop wood, husk corn &c, and that one of his children has been suffered to freeze, and has sinc died

Further complaint has been made by Wm Brooks that his wife and children are receiving ill treatment from Jack Sutter their master, of Fayette, Howard Co, Mo. He says that they are required to do the same work that he formerly had to do, such as chopping wood, splitting rails &c

The said Martin Patterson and ~~James~~ Wm Brooks request that permission be granted to remove their families to Jefferson City

Yours Respectfuly
William P Deming
1st Lieut Comdg Co. "H"
2d Mo Vols. A.G.

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Feb 1st 1864

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Denning William P.
1st Lieut Comdg Co H
2nd Mo Vols H.Q.

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~~TREASURY DEPARTMENT,~~
~~Comptroller's Office.~~

St. Louis, Feby 17 1864

Major General Rosecrans,
Commander of the Department
of the Missouri

Dear I take the liberty, of enclosing you a Letter, which I received from Mrs Elizabeth H Fray, of Mil ad^a, Marion Co Mo - complying with her request, to forward it to you.

Personally, I know nothing of the matter, or whether credit should be given to her statements, but which, if true, I should think, calls for your interference.

I do know, however, that her relations in this city, are respectable.

With great respect Your Obt Sr

Geo K Budd
Comptroller of the City.

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Maj. Bonn

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M. 4.

Office of Asst Pro Mar
Louisiana Mo July 4th 1864

Brig Genl Pile

Dear Sir

Lewis Emerson and Anthony Fleener discharged for disability have returned to this place and their Masters claim them as their property - they have claimed protection of me - and as it is some thing new to me - I wish you to inform me whether they are to receive protection and whether ~~they~~ any one has a right to demand their papers.

I also wish to call your attention to the fact that the Soldiers (Colored) wives and families are being awfully abused - particularly those belonging to Rebels -

Some twenty five or more of the wives of men who have enlisted here - came into Louisiana and called upon me to protect them - and I assure you I was doing all I could for the poor unfortunates, but on Thursday evening I received an order from the Pro Mar Genl - to drive all the Women and children out of the Quarters - and to notify their Masters to come and get them - but before I received the order some of the Copper heads of this vicinity had ported the Rebels and when they came in after them - you I am confident - never saw such a scene in your life - I

hope I may never witness the like again,

Genl, for the sake of down trodden humanity - use your influence to have the negro recruiting stoped - or else protect their families of the poor Soldiers who are enlisting to defend the Government - If the Government calls on the negro to fight her battles - in Gods name protect their wives and children while they are in the army - I will be down in a short time and will tell you of the sights I have seen since I have been here - the orders I have has completely put a stop to the recruiting business - and if you can do anything to have Genl Orders No 135 carried out I can recruit 300 men in this county - besides those I have already sent down. I am Genl very Respectfully your Obedient Servant Jeff A Mayhall

Lieut and asst Pro mar

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Mayhall Jeff A. Apt Pro Mar;

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Mexico Mo Dec 30th 1863

My Dear Husband

I have received your last kind letter a few days ago and was much pleased to hear from you once more. It seems like a long time since you left me. I have had nothing but trouble since you left. You recollect what I told you how they would do after you was gone. they abuse me because you went & say they will not take care of our children & do nothing but quarrel with me all the time. and beat me scandalously the day before yesterday. Oh I never thought you would give me so much trouble as I have got to bear now. you ought

not to left me in the fix I am in
& all these little helpless children
to take care of. I was invited to
a party to night but I could not
go I am in too much trouble to
want to go to parties. the children
talk about you all the time I
wist you could get a furlough &
come to see us once more we want
to see you worse than we ever did
before remember all I told you about how
they would do me after you left
for they do worse than they ever did.
& I do not know what will become
of me & my poor little children.
Oh I wist you had staid with me
& not gone till I could go with you
for I do nothing but griene all the
time about you. write & tell me
when you are coming.

Tell Isaac that his mother come &
got his clothes she was so sorry he
went. You need not tell me to beg
any more married men to go. I see
too much trouble to try to get any
more into trouble too — write to me
& do not forget me & my children
farewell my dear husband
from your wife Martha

Geo - Cardwell
Mexico - Mo
- has Seven Children -
oldest 14 years of go
verginer
Francis
Richmond
James
Billy
Joseph
Benj - 13 Mts

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Martha to her husband

George Cardwell

Abuse of her & children

Respectfully referred
to Col. Wm H. Pile,
for perusal.
Lt. Hussey,
Comg. Co. A.
2nd Mo.
A. D.

Benton Bks No
Jany 9th 1863

~~Lt~~ Hussey is directed
to send the man
to whom this letter
was sent - to me
that I may get
his masters name
&c in order to redress
the wrongs complained of
Wm H Pile
Brig Genl
Comdg

Philadelphia Marion Co Mo

Gen. Rosecrans. Sir having the pleasure at last of seeing in the union papers that you have been appointed to the command of the Missouri department I have taken the liberty of makeing a complaint or laying the case of how the Southern sympathisers is treating myself and infant children feeling sure that you that has done so much for the union people of tennessee would do some thing for me - When the rebellion broke out in 1861 every family in this part of the county but James Key sent sons on what men they had to send in the confederate army the women carried secession flags and upheld the power of jef Davis in every way they was able in june 1861 I raised the Stars and Stripes of 1776 over my house in a short time one man came to my yard fence with an open knife and threatened to cut my throat and would I suppose but Col - Turchin was then in palmyra and I told the man I was a union woman and if I was hurt, Col Turchin would avenge me so he went of from that time I have only had peace when the Federals was stationed about James Key's two sons had to leave the country to save there lives (they were not heathy enough to enter the army) since the time Col. Turchin left those sympathisers has been determined to drive me from my home they take my provisions and beat and abuse my children because they wont say hurrah for jef Davis the day before last newyears day I went to a store to buy some salt I was beaten till the blood ran from my head to my waist and robbed of one Colts revolver that was put in my care by a Federal to protect my self with and also robbed of all the money I posessed the accusation brought against me was I had ran of as many negroes as old Lincon when our President issues a proclamation I have to suffer insults and injury for it they have drove of every union family that

lived in this village but me and my two little boys on the 21 of last month they got up a search warrant in the middle of the night to search my house for arms and ammunition not finding any they tuck us before a justice and after a mock trial sent my two little boys to the county jail they are children one 10 years and the other 11 years of age there intention is they say to bind them to good southern men to whip the black republicanism out of them they take them from me because I train them to love the Federal government I am a widow my husband came from Michigan every man that is on the proper age in his family is in the Federal army the first blood even spilt is the cause of freedom was the heart's blood of my childrens kinsman the Noble Ellsworth is a relation of my children I saw Gen McNeal the day he fore he left Palmyra I dreaded the treatment I should receive when he was gone he said if I could not live in peace I should have redress if a few of those Southern families could be sent to their dear South the rest would be peaceable Why should all our schools be taught by secesh women whose lawful protector is in the rebel army my children was turned out of school because they would not acknowledge Jef Davis our president our post office is kept by a Southern man whose sons and all his kindred that is able is in the rebel army if you doubt my statement ask Gen McNeal. Col Strawn he was provost Marshall once and knows the people and if you will do me the honor of considering my case send to the military Telegraph office and call Marshall Key he is up here to see his father he will tell you I am no no importer my weapon was taken from me my purse was stolen my children is taken from me I have not the means to buy bread Mr P Phillips the sheriff has forbid the jailor to let me see the children but for a few minutes at a time If you will redress my wrongs it must be done quickly as I do not know what they will do with my children every day I dread they will be sent off Nine thirteen miles from where they are confined Elizabeth K Fray

February 8th 1864

Benton Barracks Mo Feb. 6th 1864

Brig. Genl. Pile:

Sir — I have received information — by Sergt Whitson of my company just from St. Clair — that the Wives of Simon Williamson & Richard Beasley has again been whiped by their Master most unmercyfully. Their Master is one John Crowder and lives about three miles this side of the village of St Clair in Franklin County. He refuses to let them go to the Post Office to get their letters, and if any one comes to them and brings them letters and reads them to them he is sure to whip them for it if he knows it. Williamson & Beasley are members of my company and are good Soldiers. If any thing could be done to relieve their families it would afford me a good deal satisfaction and relieve them from a good deal of anxiety.

Very respectfully your Obt. Servt.

A. P. Hubbard Capt Co. F 2d R

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Feb 6th 1864

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Hubbard A. J. Capt Co
F. 2nd R.

Wives of 2 of my men
have again been whipped
unmercifully. they are
whipped for getting letter
from their husbands

Hd Qrs Org Col'd Troops
Benton Bks Mo
Feb 11th 1864

Maj O. D. Greene
Asst Adjt Genl
Dept of Mo

Maj

Enclosed you will find several communications and reports relative to the treatment of the wives and children of colored soldiers by their masters that I desire to submit for the consideration of the Maj Genl Comdg this Department.

I have information from a variety of sources that numbers of the wives and children of these enlisted colored men are being smuggled across to Kentucky and sold. [illegible] many others are suffering most brutal and inhuman treatment.

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I most earnestly request that something be done

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Hundreds of able bodied men are deterred from enlistment by fears of their families being abused or sold to Kentucky

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Wm A. Pile

Brig Genl

Comdg Colored Troops

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File Brig Gen Wm S.
Comdg U.S. Colld Troops.

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(7 Enclosures)

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