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## [Manuscript Circular Letter]: Early Freedmen's Bureau Manuscript Circular

Christiansburg, Virginia: District Office on the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Adandoned Lands 14 September 1865

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Office Supt District No.  
Bureau of Refugees etc.  
Christiansburg Va.  
Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 1865.

Special Order of  
No 12.

Let Superintendents in this Bureau with as soon as possible report to their Head Quarters the conditions of the Freedmen within their respective Districts as to the following points.

Are they at work, & willing to work for their former Masters. Are they working well? Do their former Masters treat them kindly?

Do they favor their Education. Are they willing that the Freedmen should settle on their lands at a fair rent. Do those who do not work refuse to work because fair wages are not offered or because they are disposed to be idle.

By Order of Wm O Brown  
Wm O Brown  
Superintendent

One quarto leaf. Circular Order from the Office of the Superintendent of the Bureau of Refugees, 8th District, Virginia. Handwritten on recto only and signed by "Will. O. Brown" (?) within six months of the close of the Civil War. Two old horizontal folds, small tear in one margin, else near fine. A Special Order demanding that Assistant Superintendents of the Bureau submit a progress report regarding Freedmen within their districts as to the following points:

"Are they at work [and/or] willing to work for their former Masters."

"Are they working well."

"Do their former Masters treat them kindly."

"Do they favor education."

"Are they willing that the Freedmen should settle on their lands at a fair rent."

"Do those who do not work refuse to work because fair wages are not offered or because they are disposed to be idle." [BTC#402850]

Office Supt District No. 1,  
Bureau of Refugees Etc.,  
Christiansburg Va.  
Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 1865.

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No 12.

Acting Superintendents in this  
Bureau will as soon as possible  
report to this Head Quarters, the conditions  
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tive Districts as to the following points.

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By order of A. B. Brown  
B. C. Carter  
Capt. U. S. A.