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THE NEGRO BUREAU. MAJ. GEN. STEADMAN'S REPORT. TREASURER'S SALE OF Real Estate. The 'Blood-Hounds of Zion' giving their 'Colored Brethren' 'Fitz'. Leaves for Sumner's Scrap Book. PLENTY OF MATERIAL FOR MRS. STOWE TO MAKE ANOTHER UNCLE TOM'S CABIN. 'Loyalty,' 'Philanthropy,' and Religion as found in the Bureau. The Plymouth Rockers among their friends—Shooting Negroes—The 'barbarism of Slavery' out-done—'Supporting the Government,' etc. FOOD FOR REFLECTION. FEELING TOWARDS THE BUREAU. We found the feeling towards the Bureau much the same as that already stated as prevailing in Virginia, except that there appears to be a more universal desire in this department on the part of all classes to have it removed. This feeling is no doubt attributable to the misconduct of many of the officers of the Bureau, such as working plantations, running saw mills, manufacturing turpentine and tar, &c., operations which bring them armed with authority of their official positions, into competition with the citizens who are employing freedmen. CONDUCT OF THE AGENTS. We have investigated some of the charges made against agents of the Bureau, and in pursuing our inquiries on this point commenced with the assistant commissioner of the State, Col. E. Whittlesey, to whom we addressed the interrogatory: "Do you know of any person in the military service now on duty with the Freedmen's Bureau in this department who is, or has been since entering upon the duties of his office, engaged or interested, either directly or indirectly, in the cultivation of any lands within the department?" He answered "No." Subsequently he addressed us a note, hereto appended, in which he stated that, in order to assist the planters in living freedmen and begin fairly the experiment of free labor, he and some officers of the Bureau had loaned money, and thus indirectly had an interest in cultivating farms. On receiving this note we addressed Colonel Whittlesey further interrogations, a copy of which is hereto annexed, to which he replied in a communication, also hereto appended, disclosing the fact that he is interested as an equal partner with the Rev. Horace James, of Massachusetts, formerly captain and acting quartermaster Freedmen's Bureau, and with Mr. Winthrop Tappan, of Maine, in the cultivation of a large farm in Pitt county, N. C. He also stated therein that Captain F. A. Seeley, superintendent of the Bureau for the Eastern District, N. C., is interested in the cultivation of a plantation in Wayne county, N. C., with a Mr. Potter, and that Captain Isaac Rosekrantz, commissary subsistence, is interested with a Mr. Brooks in the cultivation of a plantation in Pitt county, North Carolina. AFFAIRS AT NEWBERN. On the 27th of April we left Raleigh for Newbern, the headquarters of Capt. F. A. Seeley, superintendent of the Bureau of the Eastern District of North Carolina. We at once proceeded to investigate the affairs of the Bureau and the conduct of its officers in this district. Captain Seeley was interrogated as to whether he was interested in any manner, directly or indirectly, in the cultivation of lands, or in any other private business requiring the labor of freedmen. He answered that he was not, except indirectly in manufacturing lumber, having purchased or being about to purchase, with two of his clerks, a saw mill, about forty miles down the river. Dr. Rusb, medical purveyor, U. S. V., stationed at Newbern, and a Mr. Potter, a citizen, were subsequently examined, both of whom stated that Captain Seeley, superintendent of the Freedmen's Bureau with them, about December last, in a contract to cultivate the farm of Mr. Geo. Collier, a citizen of North Carolina, near Goldsborough. They commenced operations by planting seven hundred acres of cotton and some corn, this work necessarily requiring the labor of a large number of freedmen. Dr. Rusb stated that some two weeks since he had conditionally purchased the interest of Capt. Seeley in this plantation, but had not yet consummated the contract. Mr. Potter stated that about a fortnight ago Dr. Rusb, he himself, and others had conditionally purchased a part of the interest of Captain Seeley, and that Captain Seeley still owned an interest in the plantation. Without being able to determine from the testimony how