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Capt F A Rice

Dear Sir Ms. E. L. Walker is very anxious indeed to have her Negro man at home And request me to write you soliciting your aid in getting him you know her condition weak in Negro men has but three liable or within [consept??] age and strictly has no right to have any in service and your being Chief of Labour Beaureau at the time she sent her Negro She looks for you to aid her in getting him home I know she has not sufficient men on her place to raise a common log Pen for I had this summer to send my men out to help her Now old fellow it will be quite an accommodation to me if you will get him sent home for a short time you know I have her affairs to look after and she is really needing him at home to help her Kill her hogs try and see if you can not aid us in this instance and I will be duly appreciated. yours Respectfully Jas. W. Wade