

Evergreen Jan 10<sup>th</sup> 1864

Thos H Watts

Dear Sir

Your favor requesting that I should furnish with the least possible delay the proposition of labor required from Concho County was duly recd.

The proper records will show that Concho sent to Mobile about the first of Oct last 1863 negroes 137 to Engineering department and so to I M department which is over double our proportion; the 1st of Dec I recd an order for 90 from County; owing to bad health and failure to give that satisfaction that I wish I sent my resignation to Col Blunt Chief of Imprisonment but he refused to accept; consequently that call was not properly met. But negroes sent in Oct was retained until I replaced others a few days since. The most of our citizens respond to the call with a spirit worthy of the liberty for which we are fighting, but I am sorry to say there are some who cannot or will not rise above the sordid feelings which belong to their nature and are disposed to make every objection and put the Govt

To as much expense and agent to as much trouble  
as possible

The principle objection is they never will get pay  
for the hire or for those that have died in Service

There must be some dereliction of duty or else  
the money for negroes Impressed last Spring  
would be ready; but I was inform that  
pay roll has not been made out for negroes  
first Impressed for Confederate Govt last Spring  
I have urged Col Blount as soon as the money  
was ready to send an agent to the County to pay  
for Slaves Impressed; he first informed me that  
he would do so, but recently he says that the  
owner or authorized agent must come and get  
pay at the proper office; It looks like a hard  
Case for a citizens who holds claim against the  
Govt for fifty dollars should be compelled to spend  
thirty of the amt to collect balance

As for my Services I consider that every man  
has his part to perform and a Conscience that  
I have discharged my duty to my Country in the  
hour of trial is sufficient compensation for me

With respect Your Obt Servant  
Young M Rabb

Young M'Nabb  
July 10<sup>th</sup> 1864

Refer to -  
Advt Genl

J. & W

Sir

No answer from Advt Genl