

Who has been in the Government employ for two years,
Engr. Ct. Kent. Com. Dept.

Endorsed—"Requests that the children of Israel Dare be returned to him, (Dare.)"

NEW TOWN, MD., *December 27th*, 1864.

BRIG. GEN'L H. H. LOCKWOOD,

Dear Sir:—As I have not heard from you for some time I thought I would drop you a few lines, I received your despatch from Baltimore last Saturday week, inquiring the number of coloured people I had on hand to provide for and if they could have rations dealt out to them without extra expense to the Government, I despatched immediately to you that I had three old persons, six boys and two girls, and that rations could be dealt out to them without extra expense to the Government. If directed to me since then I have heard nothing more, I would state that if the Government will supply the above persons there are others that are equally deserving, who make application to me for assistance, but I have to turn them off, I have a few names before me that I have retained of this character, Jennie Powell with one girl child, Mary Wilson with four children, Abby Ann Harris with two children and no home to go to, her husband Alfred Harris was killed before Petersburg fighting for our country.

I wish to present an other subject to you for your consideration, it is the fact that your order here in reference to apprentices is not obeyed, there was a colored woman to see me to day by the name of Demmariah Marshall, formerly a slave of Solomon Marshall, whose daughter was at the time you were here living with Wm. I. Aydelotte in this vicinity. Aydelotte is a son-in-law to Solomon Marshall, he gave up the girl to her mother according to your order and the Mother secured a home near Horn town for her daughter; a few days ago Wm. I. Aydelotte went and took this girl without the knowledge of her mother and carried her to his own house, she is now in his possession, the mother went to see him this day to get her daughter and he refuses to give her up, he says he has got her and intends to hold on to her, and has threatened the mother with violence if she comes on his premises; the girl is eleven or twelve years old; Irving W. Merrill