

(Transcription of Freedmen's Bureau letter written by Sarah A. Babcock)

Camden SC Feb. 18th, 1869

At this date counting those who have been in attendance this month – viz February – the school numbers ninety-nine scholars. Hereafter I will send the report at the end of each month.

We have scholars in the house who furnish themselves with rations. These are from several counties. We have room to accommodate from thirty to forty in the building. The school is also taught in the building. We wish to make our school more generally known so that the number of those who come from the distant plantations and settlements may be increased – and that they may be qualified to return to their homes, as some have already done, as teachers. at no distant day.

We have a younger class, coming up which embraces the best and most promising scholars of Camden, which will make fine scholars.

To
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1st Lt. 44th Infantry
Supt. Of Schools

Yours Very Respectfully,
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"South Carolina, Freedmen's Bureau Field Office Records, 1865-1872," images, FamilySearch (https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-G9ZG-CK4J?cc=2127881&wc=MFHV-TTL%3A1017926301%2C1017959501 : 21 May 2014), Superintendent of Education > Roll 4, Teachers' monthly school reports, 1865-1869 > image 707 of 990; citing NARA microfilm publication M1910 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.). (acc.27Jul2017)