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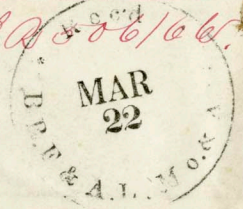
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Executive Office  
Little Rock Ark  
March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1866.

Arkansas - State of  
Murphy, Isaac, Gov

Forwards application of  
Mrs Mary E. Davis, of  
Clarkeville, for food for her  
starving children, and asking  
concerning the claim of her  
deceased husbands pay, &c  
left in the hands of Mr  
C. J. Jordan, Little Rock

L.A. 806/66.



HEAD QUARTERS, BUREAU OF

Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

For the States of Missouri and Arkansas.

Little Rock  
St. Louis, Mo. Ark. Mch 22<sup>nd</sup> 1866

Respectfully returned to  
Gov Murphy, with remarks  
that there are hundreds of  
poor women in this State  
who are suffering for the  
common necessities of life,  
and yet there is due them  
from the General Govt. for  
services, rendered by their  
deceased husbands, enough to  
relieve their pressing wants.  
These claims are not collected  
for the reason that they  
have not been properly  
(over)

presented - to protect these  
helpless widows from the  
frauds and exorbitant  
charges of some unprincipled  
claim agents. I  
respectfully suggest that  
there ought to be one, or  
more honest and competent  
Lawyers, designated by yourself,  
who will put these claims  
in proper form and forward  
them without charge  
(to the claimants) to the  
Free Soldiers Claims Agency  
in Washington; this has been  
done in other States with  
good results.

Wm Sprague  
Brig Genl  
Act Comms.

8/89