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Executive Office
Little Rock Ark
March 22d 1866

Arkansas _ State of
Murphy, Isaac. Gov

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

LR 506/66.

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MAR 22
B. R. E. & A. L. Mo. & AR

HEAD QUARTERS, BUREAU OF
Refugees, freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
For the State of Missouri and Arkansas.

~~St. Louis, Mo.~~ ~~Little Rock Ark.~~ Mch 22d 1866.

Respectfully returned to
Gov Murphy, with remarks
that there are hundreds of
poor women in the State
who are suffering for the
common necessaries of life,
and yet there is due them
from the General Gov't. for
services, rendered by their
deceased husbands, enough to
relieve their pressing wants.

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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 Claim Agency
in Washington; this has been
done in other States with
good results.

J W Sprague
Brig Gen'l
Asst Comms.

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