

Head Quarters Trinity La

July 30th 1864

Lieut Col _ A. M. Caleb

Comdg U. S. Forces

Vidalia La

Sir

In the skirmish of the 22nd July 1864 a negro man named Wilson was captured by the Confederate forces. He is wounded in the calf of the leg (flesh wound) and is receiving such medical attention as we have. When he is well if his owner lives in the Confederate lives he will be delivered to him, if not he will be held to slavery by the Government. I have to inform you that negroes are not considered prisoners of war, but all who surrender to us are treated as property and either delivered to their original owner or put at labor by the government.

I am very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

(Signed) Wm P Harderman

Col. Com'dg Post

A true copy

G.M. Hust

Lieut and AAAG