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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and
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Office of Chief Medical Officer
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I take great pleasure in bearing testimony to the good and faithful service rendered by Assistant Surgeon A R Abbott to sick and destitute freedmen.

While Supervisor of Freedmen's Affairs for the District of Columbia under the Surgeon General U.S.A. for nearly a year prior to the reorganization of the Bureau my attention was directed to Dr Abbott then Executive Officer of Contraband Camp and Freedmen's Hospital where his efficiency soon gained for him the ^{promotion} of Surgeon in Charge since which time he has continued to discharge with credit to himself and the entire satisfaction of his Superior Officers duties involving professional and administrative responsibility.

His resignation is accepted with regret.

(Signed) Caleb W. Hornor
Surgeon. U.S. Army.
Chief Medical Officer

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