

November the 24th 1865.

To Mr Joseph Welch,,
Dear Sir

I am the said Matt Bonner
Have been a Regular School Teacher for freed
men, & Refugees,, in the said State of Texas,
for the last 3 years, and now I wish very much to
bring my School under the rule of the Government,
it is said by the most of our School Agents who have
visit our School's in time past, that I had the
discipline of the best School system that they ever
seen taught for freed men in the State of Texas,
so Mr Welch I most humbly beseech you
for the kind leave and offer of teaching the
Government School,
as you the Superintendent of Schools for
freed men & Refugees, in the State of Texas,
I feel's it my duty clearly to call upon you
for this sweet impression of my Enquiring
wishes, I am a Colored Gentleman,,

Matt Bonner is my name,,
and to Educate the Children,,
have always been my aim,

I am in great hopes that you will ordain and
Licent me as a Regular Government
School Sargent

I will Thank you more than
much to forward me a immediate reply
and send the Licent with the answer
I remain your most Obedient servant,

Matt Bonner,,
Wavacota, Grimes, County,

Tex

Mr Joseph Welch Superintendent
of all Schools

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Dec 19/18
Com. order for 4000
Dimes out of pocket

The greater by the left divide,
the less by what remain beside,
The last divisor still the gain,
by what remain still nought remain
and what divide and leave the nought,
Will be the common measure sought,

Remember that this,
Promission rule govern all
others in this science and
Department, and was created
By the immortal gough,
Remember
this rule as the best.

W. D. Bowler

To Mr Joseph Welch
Superintendent of
School for freedmen and Refugees
in the State of Texas

Chasotee Springs, Comanche County, Texas