

From E.B. Alexander to William Fowler

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STATE OF MISSOURI

Office of Act'g [Acting] Ass't [Assistant] Provost Marshal General, U. S. A.

St. Louis. July 18<sup>th</sup> 1864

Capt[.] Wm [William] Fowler.

Prov[.] [Provost] Mar[.] [Marshal] 7<sup>th</sup> Dist Mo.

St Joseph Mo.

Capt.

I have to inform you that according to instructions received today from the Prov[.] Mar[.] Genls[.] [General's] Office Washn. [Washington] dated July 11<sup>th</sup> 1864, the law making a distinction in the matter of pay bounty & other allowances between Soldiers of African decent & other Soldiers in the Service of the US. has been repealed by a subsequent one allowing colored troops the same pay bounties as whites & that colored men may therefore be accepted as substitutes for whites.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt [Obedient] Servt [Servant]

EB Alexander

Col[.] 10<sup>th</sup> U.S. Inf

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