



New Orleans Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 1862

Bureau of Education

Gentlemen

Some days since a Petition was sent to this Bureau, by the managers of a School for the instruction of Colored children of both sexes — located in the third District, — This Petition solicited an annual allowance of \$3000, to further the objects of the Institution —

The matter was referred to me, and I now beg leave to report as follows —

I have visited this school twice — the last time in company with a member of this Bureau of Mr Durell — On my first visit, I found a neat-looking structure, of two stories in height — situated on a spacious lot, and generally well arranged, as to the necessary surroundings of a school, — There are two extensive rooms in the building — One above and one below — for the separate tuition of the sexes — the Inner view of the establishment was — albeit somewhat novel — gratifying and interesting — The order and quiet, and, a sort of subdued and serious tone throughout, prepossessed the beholder at once — there is ordinarily in attendance from 250 to 300 Pupils — — The present number being somewhat less — The pupils of every shade of Color, are received without reference to their means, except that a certain monthly stipend is paid by the friends of Pupils, who can do this —

They are divided — in each room —

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Description: Jo. Carter wrote a report responding to a request from a school for children of color for funding like public schools received.

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