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Description: Laurens Joyce wrote to Brig. Gen. George F. Shepley, asking for him to forward an endorsement of Joyce's application to command a Colored Regiment.