
LETTER
OF
THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

IN ANSWER TO

A resolution of the Senate of the 3d instant, in reference to the sale into slavery of colored freemen captured by the rebels.

DECEMBER 9, 1862 — Read, ordered to lie on the table, and be printed

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington City, December 8, 1862.

SIR: In answer to the resolution of the Senate of the 3d instant, requesting to be furnished with any information which may be in the possession of this department "with reference to the sale into slavery of colored freemen captured or seized by the rebel forces," and asking "what steps have been taken to redress this outrage upon human rights," I have the honor to state that no information, official or otherwise, pertaining to the matter mentioned in the first branch of the resolution, has been received by this department, and that no action has therefore been taken by it upon the subject.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
EDWIN M. STANTON,
Secretary of War.

Hon. H. HAMLIN,
President of the Senate.