

Roanoke Island Feb 22d 1864

Lt Col Kinsman

Dear Sir,

On inquiry I learn nothing of fishing nets and seines belonging to Mr "Williams", but I hear of a large quantity a few miles up Alligator River said to be owned by one Sanderlin. a Capt. Hubbard living and trading on this island could conduct a party to the place. The nets are said to be in a house quite near the shore. A small party of armed men going on an armed boat, like the Bomb-Shell at Plymouth or even on an unarmed transport could secure these; and we should be glad to engage in this little operation. Of course it would be liable to the contingency of not finding the nets at all.

Mr. Streeter has written you just what he needs to complete the fisheries. Those who set nets before this icy weather have lost most of them, but as soon as we receive the nets you have sent we shall set them, and run our risk. Every thing else is ready.

The seine 500 ft. long sent by the Spaulding is rec'd today.

I have the honor to be
with great respect

very truly yours

Horace James

Chapn & Supt

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[Horace James to Lt. Col. J. B. Kinsman, 22 February 1864, Records of the Department of Negro Affairs for Virginia and North Carolina, Record Group 105, series 4108, National Archives.]