

Office of Sup't. of Negro Affairs,
Newberne, N.C. Octr 21, 1864

Major Carney

Dear Sir

Mr Holland Streeter who manages the fisheries on Roanoke Island, and is now acting superintendent there, wishes to procure a quantity of twine sufficient to make five hundred nets for use of shad fishing to coming season. It will require one thousand (1000) lbs. He also wants cordage sufficient to hang them. It is desirable to have the gilling-twine soon, so that parties on the island can be tying them and be ready for the spring business. The work of tying the nets will furnish employment to many persons, and the nets will be obtained more cheaply than to buy them ready made. By the law of chances the fishing must be better there the next season than it was the last.

I am ever truly
yours

Horace James
Capt & Supt.
Dist N.C.

[Horace James to Major {George J.} Carney, 21 October 1864, Records of the Department of Negro Affairs for Virginia and North Carolina, Record Group 105, series 4108, National Archives.]