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Kid Ints District of Memphis
Memphis Tenn Nov 8 1862

Admiral D. D. Porter

Comd Naval Forces of the U. S. Cairo

Sir/-

Your letter of Nov 4 was rec'd
last night at the hands of Capt Selfridge.

I have this moment sent one of my Aids
to Capt Selfridge to say that if he will
appoint one of his officers to apply to my
Engineer Officer, Capt Jenney, he will be allowed
to select two hundred (200) negroes out of the
Fort Gang, ~~provided~~ he will transport to Cairo
a due proportion of their families.

When Negro Women ^{and} Children are left
behind they become a fruitful source of trouble
^{and} I cannot take care of them. I suppose
you can make some rule whereby the negro's wage
shall go to the maintenance of his family
^{and} I doubt not Genl Tuttle will help them
to build huts ashore. I have hatted all the
negroes ^{now} employed by the U. S. ^{and} dislike to
break them up, but will do any thing
possible to advance the cause of our Country
and

and more especially to comply with any
request made by Admiral Porter.

I am with very much respect
Yours
W. T. Sherman

Maj Gen Comd.

Maj. Genl. Sherman

Nov. 8th. 1862

Contrabands