**"Miscellaneous Reports and Lists Relating to Murders and Outrages1" Mar. 1867 - Nov. 1868**

Outrages1: These were defined as physical assaults or intended physical assaults on African Americans.

Freedmen2: are African American men and women who used to be slaves.

Aggregate3: the total number of African Americans who were murdered or assaulted after the creation of the Freedmen’s Bureau.

*Tier 1: total amount*

Head Quarters Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands State of Louisiana  
New Orleans, March 9th, 1867

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General,

In accordance with instructions contained in communication from War Dept. Bureau Ref. Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, Washington D. C. of January 24th, 1867, I have the honor to submit the following report of the number of murders and outrages committed in this state since the organizing of the Bureau to February 20th, 1867 in which Freedmen2 have been victims or parties as reported to this office by the Agents of the Bureau.

The following statement will show the number of outrages or victims in the aggregate3, a detailed history of each case being given in succeeding pages of the report…

Freedmen killed by whites . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ……..70  
Freedmen supposed to have been killed at Riot in addition to those reported . . . . . . .. . . . . . …10  
Freedmen murdered - no clue to perpetrators . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . …….. . . 6  
Freedmen shot at, whipped, stabbed, beaten &c . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .. . . . . . … . 41,210  
Freedmen supposed to have been wounded at Riot in addition to those reported . . . …. . . . . . . 20  
Freedmen murdered by Freedmen . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . …….... .. . . . . . . . 2  
Whites murdered by Freedmen . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ……… . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1

In no instance in any of the foregoing cases has a white man been punished for killing or ill-treating a freedman. In some few cases the guilty parties are in jail awaiting trial but the majority have either been justified by a Coroner's Jury, acquitted or admitted to bail in sums varying from $300 to $1,000 and in one instance $3,000.

On the other hand, of the three freedmen charged with murder, two have been convicted and hung. There can be no doubt but that in some of the North Western Parishes of this state many murders and outrages have been committed which will never be brought to right and it is thought the aggregate number of murders given above would be more than doubled had all the cases been reported to the Agents of the Bureau.

In the following pages the cases are given in the order in which they occurred with the action taken by the Civil Authorities in each case as far as known.

**July 30**th, 1866 - At the riot which took place at the meeting of the convention in the city of New Orleans, La. on this date the following casualties occurred:

Freedmen killed . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 34  
Freedmen supposed to have been killed, not sense heard from . . . . . . ... . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 10  
Freedmen wounded severely . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .... . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 79  
Freedmen wounded slightly . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 40  
Freedmen supposed to have been wounded but in whose cases no absolute facts were obtained … . 20

The above is the number of killed and wounded as far as the same could be ascertained. It is believed many more persons were killed. Numerous inquiries having been made respecting freedmen who have been missing since the riot, and the efforts made to track them proved unsuccessful.

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