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We are greatly in need of garden seeds, and the sooner sent the better. The ground is all ready to receive it, and the people are getting anxious, as with many of them this is all their hope.

Many of the people are beginning to have money, and will purchase of us rather than at sutlers' prices. There is a great improvement in the appearance and condition of the people; and yet there are many needy ones, especially among those who have recently come from the surrounding country. The military movements in North Carolina are causing many to flock within our lines for refuge, and they come in a very forlorn and destitute condition: and we deem it highly important that they be kindly met and their own condition improved so far as is possible, and above all that they, if possible, be furnished with employment.

[Sarah P. Freeman]

[“Letter from Mrs. S. P. Freeman,” *The National Freedman* 1 (1 March 1865): 61.]