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Thos. D. Smith

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papers to return
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Brockton, Mass., Jan 8th 1885-

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Hon: H. Price

Provision Com.

Dear Sir:

Yours of Jan. 5th 1885-
 in reference to the claim of Josephine
 Boytater a Stockbridge Provision,
 under an act approved Feb. 6th 1871,
 by the terms of which she claims \$675³⁴/₁₀₀.
 You say this woman was not
 legally married to one of Messrs
 Boytater. There is positive proof
 that she was and that she was
 never married before, and marry-
 ing young Boytater at the age
 of 14 or 15 years. He says that
 old Messrs Boytater, the father
 of her husband, induced her
 to marry his son, and one of the
 chief inducements was that she
 would draw \$6000 from the

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Government. That they lived together as man and wife on the Florida reservation near Green Bay, and through some difficulty - about her mother's boarding with them, the mother and her new lover together since, nor has there been a divorce granted to the present time that she knows of. I think under these facts, and the terms of the act, the answer is so much entitled to be as any one; as there is no married wife in the nation were it true. The mistake in calling her (Mrs) Dept Eaton daughter was probably in this wise, it should have been daughter-in-law. Dept Eaton's signature is the proceedings.