Headquarters 26th Regiment U. S. Colored Troops,
No. 350 Fourth Street,
New York, January 13, 1864.

I. The Twenty-sixth Regiment United States Colored Troops will be raised under an authorisation granted on the application of a Committee of the Union League Club of New York City.

II. It is the only regiment of colored men now authorized to be raised in the State of New York. By order of the Secretary of War, all colored men hereafter enlisted in this State, are to be assigned to this regiment. All Provost Marshals are, by the same authority, directed to muster in recruits and to forward them to the rendezvous of the Regiment at Blicher's Island, near New York.

III. Recruits enlisted in this regiment will be counted upon the quota of the towns or wards to which they belong, in the same manner as other volunteers.

IV. The headquarters of the regiment have been established at No. 350 Fourth Street, New York, two doors east of Broadway, where all applications upon matters connected with the regiment should be made. All communications should be addressed to Mr. Vincenzo Constant, who has been appointed General Superintendent of Recruiting.

V. Persons desiring positions in the regiment as line officers, should make application to Mr. Colyer in writing, and furnish evidence of character and standing. For proper persons, permission to appear before the Examining Board at Washington will be obtained. All officers must pass this examination. Preference will be given to those who are now in the service as non-commissioned officers or otherwise, or who have seen service in the field, and been honorably discharged for causes other than physical disability.

VI. The Committee will pay the necessary expenses of transporting recruits by the usual public conveyances from the place of enrollment to the nearest Provost Marshal or Mastering Officer. The rate of payment will not exceed the Government rate of two cents per mile by railroad, and three cents per mile by stage. The vouchers upon which such payments will be made will be the bills specifying the names of the persons transported, the place from which and to which, the distance and mode of transportation, and evidence of muster into service. Accounts must be sent in weekly. If delayed, they will not be paid.

VII. As the local authorities, in nearly all cases, now pay a premium to parties bringing recruits, this Committee will hereafter pay no such premium, but will instead devote their funds to arrangements for rendering the men more comfortable and promoting the efficiency of the Regiment.

VIII. Recruits will receive the State bounty of seventy-five dollars, and also the local bounty paid to other volunteers at the place of enlistment; they will not receive any United States bounty. Their pay is at present ten dollars per month, though it is believed that Congress will at some time increase the pay of all soldiers, and place the blackes on an equality with the whites in this respect, and a bill for that purpose has been already presented. Such increase of pay will apply to all, no matter when enlisted.

IX. The Committee will endeavor in every manner to protect recruits from impositions, and will secure them proper treatment after they reach the rendezvous.

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WAR DEPARTMENT, ASSISTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 3, 1863.

GEORGE BISS, Jr., Esq., UNION LEAGUE CLUB ROOMS, NEW YORK:

Sir—I am instructed by the Secretary of War to inform you that you are hereby authorized, as the representative of your associates of the Union League Club, to raise in the State of New York one regiment of infantry, to be composed of colored men, to be mustered into the service of the United States for three years or during the war. To these troops no bounties will be paid. They will receive ten dollars per month and one ration, three dollars of which monthly pay may be in clothing.

The regiment will be known and designated as the Twentieth Regiment United States Colored Troops.

The organization of the regiment must conform strictly to the requirements of General Orders No. 110, current series, War Department, a copy of which is herewith enclosed.

The prescribed number of commissioned officers will be appointed by the President, after they shall have passed examination, as provided in General Orders Nos. 143 and 144, War Department, 1863, copies of which are herewith enclosed, and your attention invited thereto. The officers so appointed will be mustered into service on the presentation to the Mustering Officer of their appointments, signed by the Secretary of War. The enlisted men may be mustered into service by squads, if found more convenient.

The troops raised under the foregoing authority will rendezvous at Riker's Island, New York Harbor, to which point they will be sent as fast as they are mustered into service. An officer will be assigned to duty at that post to take charge of the men on their arrival, and make the necessary requisitions for supplies.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. W. FOSTER,
Assistant Adjutant General.