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Mr Fouquier,

Kind Sir - Should there have been war with Chile would the nation's ingratitude to the men fighting for her in refusing to lend her aid in its prosecution. Would his voluntary enlistment evidenced as bravery and patriotism which would make the nation feel more kindly toward him. I am a lover of your writings and would be pleased to hear from you on this point at your earliest convenience.

A. W. Roberts

I do not think such enlistment
and service would have been of
any value to the colored man.
He has always shown himself
willing to fight for the country,
and has never received any
credit or advantage from
it.

There is no reason to believe
that the ~~features~~ ^{as} Chilian
war would have been any
exception. The Southern "Colonels"
would have received great praise
for being ^{willing} ~~to~~ ^{drum} ~~to~~ ^{for} fight under
the flag; the Southern Negroes
would have got no credit
for fighting for it.

A. W. F.