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to simulate the XEDIT count command,
   even the annoying 'No' instead of 0
Syntax: count /string_to_be_counted/ target
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   (error handling and change on exit criterion introduced by
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This is in the public domain.
set rexxout file 3000; trace i
*/
parse arg '/'text'/'target
need_help = 0
if (length(strip(text)) = 0) then
   need help = 1
if (length( strip( target)) = 0) then
   need help = 1
if (need\_help = 1) then
   'set msgmode on'
   'emsg Wrong number of arguments'
   'msg Syntax: count /string_to_be_counted/ target'
   exit
end
target_check = valid_target( target)
if (target_check = 'ERROR') then
do
   'emsg specified target is not valid'
end
parse value target_check with first how_many .
last = first + how_many
if (first > last) then
   locate_cmd = 'locate -/'text'/' /* to tof */
   direction_flag = -1
   first_step = 'down'
end
else
do
   locate_cmd = 'locate /'text'/' /* to eof */
   direction_flag = 1
   first_step = 'up'
end
found = 0
'extract /msgmode/'
'set msgmode off'
/* move off current line to include this line */
first_step
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/* now iterate until error/not found or past last target line */
do forever
    locate_cmd
    if (rc <> 0) then leave
    if (direction_flag * (last - line.1()) < 0) then leave
    found = found + 1
end

'set msgmode' msgmode.1
'locate :'first

if (found = 0) then
    found = 'No'

'emsg' found 'occurances.'</pre>
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