

Charleston S.C.

Jan. 20 1866

Dear Colonel

I find that W.H. Prescott & Wm Whaley are to start for Washington tomorrow and I desire to communicate with the General if possible before they reach here.

Prescott goes overboardly to defeat the Bureau Bill if he can. He also desires to complain of Capt Ketchum for not restoring his property. He attempted a lawyer's quibble & dodge upon Capt K. today by reading all of Gen. Howard's letter except the last sentence which provided that a satisfactory agreement should be made with indent freedmen as in other cases. He said (when the Captain insisted he had not read the whole & he was compelled to read it) that Gen. Howard did not intend that that condition should apply in his case.

P.S. I really hope the Bureau Bill will be passed soon.

Capt. K. has restored a great deal -
some by agreement, being made retro-
-spective to the Freedman & some where there
were but few ^(evidents) or none. He gave him
authority to do.

I have just read an astonishing
order of Gen. Sickles - the proof - If it had
been published I would enclose a copy.
It would do first rate if issued by the
Assistant Commissioner & General Scott
& I had talked over the matter & he had
determined to issue an order covering some
of the ground. But General Sickles
has taken Freedman's affairs entirely into
his own hands. It is, I think, a
bid for the position of Sec. of War for
which he is aiming or as next best
thing to be Commissioner of the Bureau.
He is working very adroitly.

This order must be attended
to & I hope the General will not
neglect it a moment. One paragraph
makes Post & District Commanders the
Agents of the Bureau, ignoring completely

the existence of any direct Agents, that
may be there on duty in any district.

I will quote this paragraph

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"Par. XX. Commanding Officers of District, & Sub-
District, & Posts within their Commands respectively
"will perform any duty appertaining to the ordinary
"Agents of the Bureau of Reapers F. & B. S., carefully
"observing for their guidance all orders published
"by the Commissioner or Asst. Commissioner or other
"Competent authority." This takes the appointment
of his Agents out of the hands of the Asst. Com^d &
makes the Military Officers without exception the Agents, &
responsible for their conduct & for reports to the Commanding
General - Gen. Sickles has taken hold of
this matter in the interim just as Gen. Saxton
was leaving & undertakes to crowd Gen. Scott
out entirely - I think that Gen. Scott should
be allowed to regulate all of these matters em-
braced in the 21 paragraphs of this order or else
Gen. Sickles should be made Asst. Com^d which
I do not think would answer at all. He
has managed to carry favor with all the
Ex Rebels & this is a strike for favor
with Congress and the North. After

Studying it well I trust Gen. Howard
will meet the case squarely and boldly
and with emphasis. Gen. Sickles
thinks (as I have certain grounds of
knowing) that the General is weak
that he means well & all that but is
not able to cope with difficulties, and
is easily influenced and drawn one
way & another. I wish you would
read this letter to the General as soon
as you can - not lose time - & I
write to you because you can lay
it before him without its being seen
by any one else & without delay. I
will send Sickles' long order, regulating
the Freedmen's Bureau &c. as soon as
it is published - The proof I have is
promised to be returned to Gen. Sickles.
Gen. Scott is almost overwhelmed by the bulk
of business here of which he had no idea.

Truly yours with brotherly regards,

G. H. Howard
Brig. Gen.

Pennsylvania Freedmen's Relief Association.

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Cambassing and Supply Department,

Office, No. 418 Walnut Street.

Philadelphia, Jan 20 1866.

My dear Genl Howard

You were kind enough to send for me to Bishop Simpson a letter recommending me to the favorable consideration of your Commissioners in the various districts of the South, for which I thank you cordially. I write now to know if you will give the same sort of recommendation to Mr John Crozer, a wealthy philanthropist of this City, who desires to visit the South purely for the purpose of examining into the condition of the freed people.

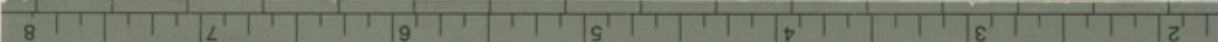
I trust you may feel free to give him such Credentials as will aid him, I shall be pleased to receive them from you & will place them in his hands. You may remember Mr C, as a member of the Christian Commission Board.

Yours faithfully
Joseph Parriste

Platonic Jan 21st 1865

Parish, Joseph

Wrote for a very-
high opinion of John P. Par-
son - as the captain of their
Association



WASHINGTON D.C. Jan 20th 86

Maj: Gen:

O. O. Howard

Census Bureau
Washington City
General,

On my return to
this city: my brother L. Edmund Cobbland
handed me your communication of 26th Dec
last: regarding to my communication
in regard to the order of Maj: Reynolds
at Hatch: in regard to anticipated
difficulty among Freedmen: and the in-
-sistence of Col: Thomas Kearns: for your
promptness in regard to which: I take
this opportunity to tender you my thanks -

I make no doubt: that by the display
of energy and activity on the part of the
authorities much distress and crime was
prevented: for it was fair to presume that
some would be badly inclined: as of

so large a number of people: all
 can be hardly be guarded; and altho no
 attendance nor long continued violence
 could exist: yet in the cities: it might
 be severe upon individuals: and it is
 far better by proper disposition to prevent
 disturbance: than to punish or to put
 them down

On my return home I shall take
 pains to state your views as I understand
 them viz: That the object of the Law is
 to render justice to the Slave and to the
 Master: that the latter shall pay fair wages
 periodically: and that the former shall per-
 form his labor equally fairly - and enjoy
 full protection in all his rights -

I am General

With much regard

Dear Sir

Wm Lloyd Garrison

Washington 14th Feb

Dahlgren, Vt.

Regarding Affairs
at Hatcher -

Recd Jan. 23rd 1864

Nashua N.H. Jan 22 1866
Maj. Genl O.O. Howard
General

I have the honor to inquire whether it will be convenient for you to lecture before the Excelsior Literary Association in this place, and if so your terms, the subject upon which you would prefer to speak, and at what time.

Soliciting an early answer

I remain General

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

W. F. Spalding

For Excelsior Literary Association

Baltimore Jan. 22. 1866

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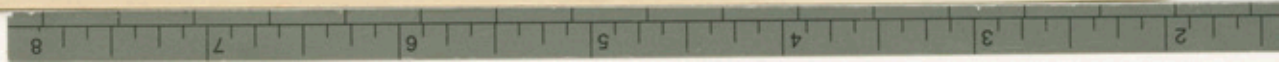
My dear General,

If I did not know your readiness for every good word and work I should hardly venture to ask that you will do us the great favor to come over and spend a Sabbath soon for the purpose, especially, of giving an address at the Anniversary of our Sunday School.

You will remember that I am here to help build up a church of the Pilgrim Fathers, true to loyalty and liberty and to Christ the Friend of Man and Savior of sinners. The Master is owning the work both by increasing our numbers and by the gift of His Spirit. Quite a number of youth have lately found hope. — Now, my dear Sir & brother, if you can consistently come and speak out of your warm heart to these youth and to all the people I feel sure that by so doing you will not only encourage us but accomplish the most rewarding work — that of leading some souls to Christ. Is not that the strongest motive I can employ? To you I am confident it is.

Mr. Noyes, one of our members, will deliver this to you and answer any inquiries. We should be glad to have you here next Sabbath but if that is not convenient please name the

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earliest date at your command.

Of course we will pay all your expenses and afterward remain greatly your debtors.

Unless you prefer the Hotel we desire that you will come right to the parsonage 214 Garden St. where we will make you comfortable, and my wife particularly desires that Mrs. Howard will come and bring any of the children the more the better.

You will you at least excuse this liberty and believe me with great respect & affection

Yours,

Edwin Johnson

Maj. Gen. Howard.
Washington.

Baltimore Jan 24th 1846

Belmont, John

My dear Belmont
To wit - 3rd - 4th -
and the 5th -

Recd. Jan 24. 1846

Private

Balt^y. Jan^y. 23^d. 1866

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My dear General.

I hope you will excuse me for troubling you, but I enclose for your perusal two letters relating to my brother's case.

With reference to the test oath he says in a letter to me "While I believe I am as loyal a citizen now as there is in the U.S., still I cannot swear that I have never aided or sympathized with the South".

Mercy to a true penitent after sincere efforts at reform is one of the most adorable attributes of deity - It is to be regretted, I think, if the test oath is to be universally, invariably, required of all persons in the South - To be sure, the deity sees the hearts of men & knows whether their protestations are sincere - The case is

different with men, who can only
infer honesty from external things
such as words & acts. I am
entirely in favor of requiring guar-
antees, not promises alone, from
the states of the south - But
will not take up your time.

I trust you will do what you
conscientiously can in this case
& should not have you do more.

My father says, "If you
"Donald can dispense with the
"test oath and give me the situation,
"I would be very glad, but if he
"cannot, I shall still be very
"grateful to him for his disposition
"to do so" -

With sincere respects & regard

Yours

Wm J. Craighead

Box 341 -

"Copy"

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Bureau Refuges J. & A. Lands
Office Chf. Med. Off. Bureau State V^o
Richmond V^o Aug. 1st 1866

To Dr. Craighill
Doctor.

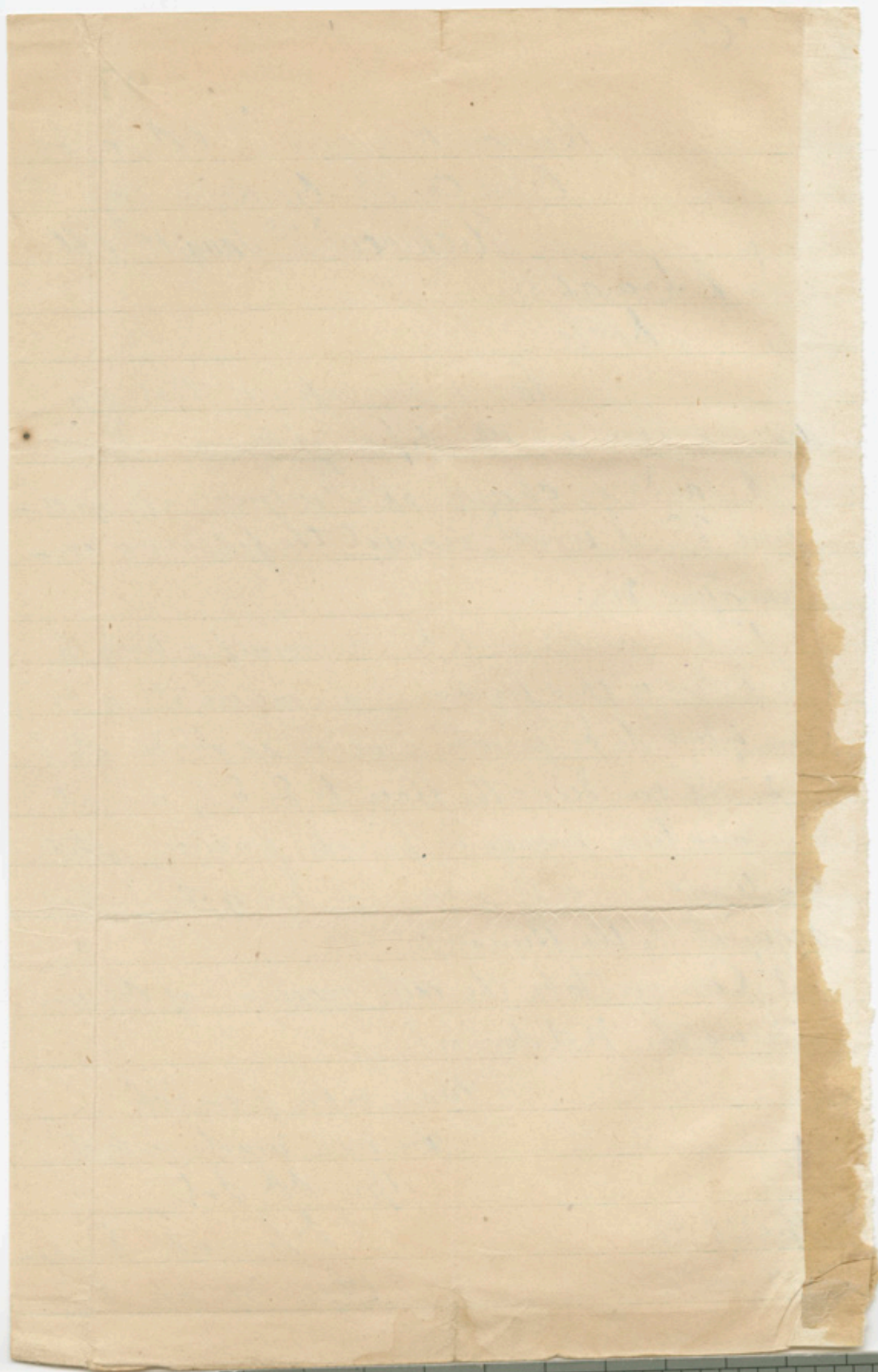
Having been informed that you
desire a place as Med. Officer of Bureau R. J.
& A. Lands in charge of Prisoners at Lynch-
burg V^o I would request the following in-
formation viz:

- 1st Do you desire to devote yourself entirely to
the duties of this position if you receive it, or do
you intend to do private practice as additional?
- 2nd If you desire the place to do duty, and at
the same time engage in private practice state
the terms you will require for doing the duties
required by the Bureau.
- 3rd Can you take the oath required of Officers
entering the U.S. Service?

Please reply promptly
I am with much respect
Yours Ob. Servt

J. D. Lamarche Surgeon
Chf. Med. Officer V^o

Box 826 P.O.
Richmond Va.



"Copy"

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Pynchburg 9th Jan. 20 1866
Sir,

Your communication of 19th inst. rec^d this morning, and I hasten to reply. In answer to your inquiry I would respectfully state as follows;

I would prefer to pursue my private practice in connection with the duties of the position in question, but if impracticable or inexpedient I would be willing to devote myself exclusively to the said office.

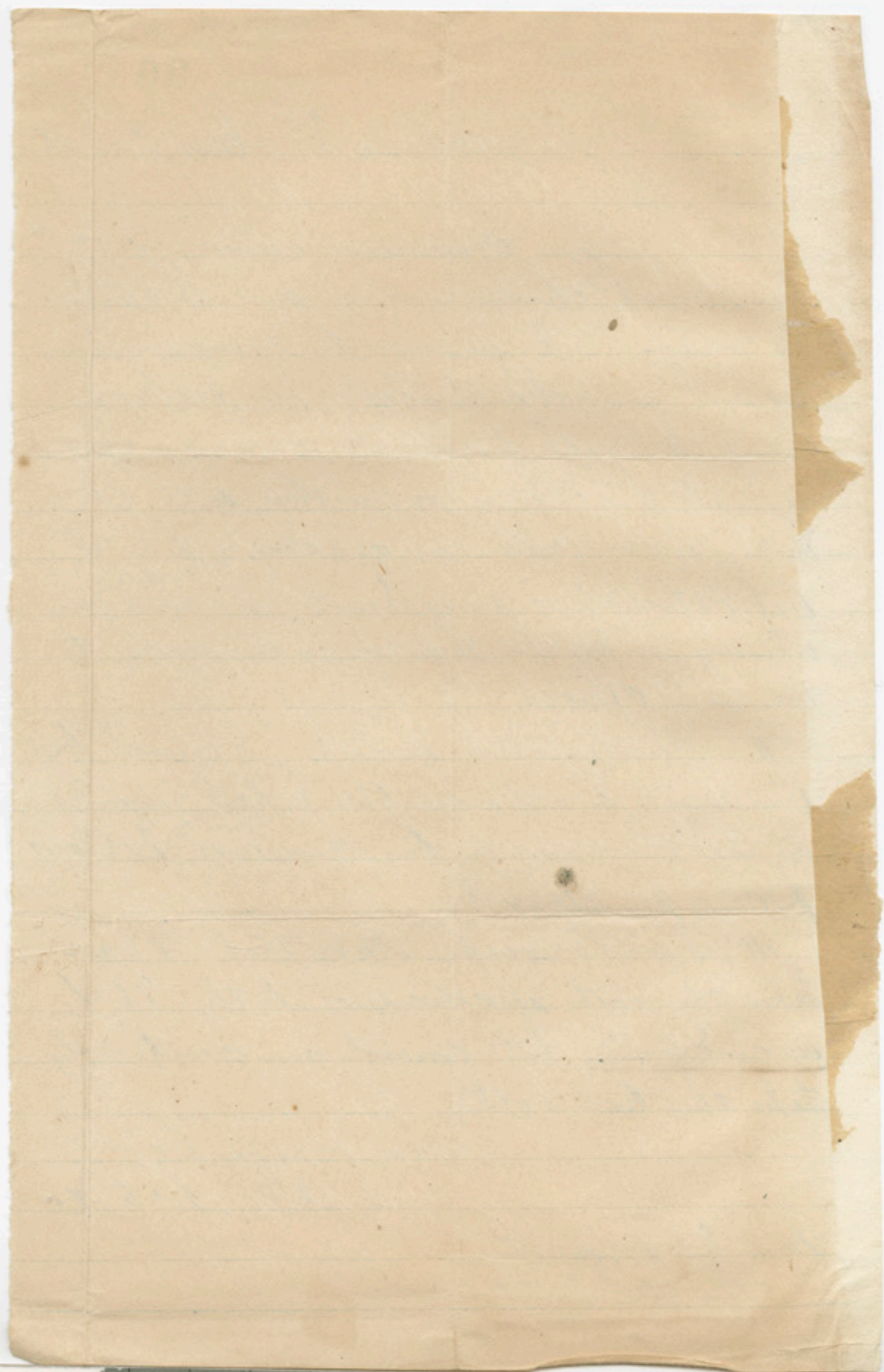
II. If allowed to do both, I would be willing to discharge the duties required by the Bureau for One Hundred Dollars (\$100) pr. month.

III I would resp^y. state that I have taken the oath of allegiance to the U.S. in good faith, but cannot conscientiously take the test oath.

Very Respect^{ly}

E. A. C. M.D. &c

Amos D. DeSamater
Ch^f M^d Off. &c



Bucksport Jan 23/66
 Maj E. V. Howard

Dear Sir

We are having a course of Lyceum
 Lectures for the benefit of the M. E.
 Church in this place which is in debt
 for recent extensive repairs upon the
 Meeting House and learning you
 were to be in Bangor the 7th of
 next month I write to know if
 it would not be consistent with
 other engagements to give us a lecture
 immediately after. Our lectures are
 Wednesday eve of each week but could
 arrange if ^{most} convenient to you to have
 yours on Thursday eve after being at B.
 Would send a team to B for you and
 take you back at such time as would
 best accommodate you. Our people would
 be here very much and though the place

is not large should give a good line
Please drop me a line immediately on
receipt of this stating whether you can
serve us or not and what else would
be most convenient of y—
Yours truly

Please direct to Rev E. W. Hutchinson

Buckspit, Mo.

Jan'y. 23^d 1864

Hutchinson, Rev. E. W.

Invites Gen. Howard
to lecture in that place

Recd Jan. 26th 1864

Rochester N. Y.

July 23^d 1866.

Maj. Gen^l O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir: I am
pastor of the Corn Hill M. E. C.
Rochester N. Y. & write to as-
certain if I could prevail up-
on you to lecture three or
four evenings for the benefit
of the Church above named.

The Church is doing a
good work, in the part of
the City, in which it is lo-
cated - has a good S. School,
but at present is in need
of funds to carry forward
her enterprises - The Church
has been a Mission Station

until within a few years
it has been able to fully
sustain itself.

We would like to have
you lecture three or four
successive evenings. One
at Syracuse - at Rochester
at Buffalo, &c.

We would like to listen
to your lecture on the Freed-
men, I believe you have
not been in this section
since the war, & very many
would like to see & hear
you.

If you desired it, you
could return to Washington
by Saturday evening, lectur-
ing Tuesday, Wednesday & Thurs-
day evenings. I hope you
will consent to come.

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If you can not come at
present, Can I you appoint
some time in the future
when you will lecture for
us..?

I am aware you are a
Member of Another branch
of Christ's Church, yet I presume
that would not ~~prevent~~ you
be a barrier to your lecturing
for us.

I do hope, you will con-
sent to come. Please state
time & terms, &

Oblige Yours Truly
W. B. Holt

Pastor of Corn Hill M. E. C.
Rochester, N. Y.

Rochester N. Y.

July 23^d 1864

Holt W. B.

Pastor M. E. Church

Requests Genl. Norward to
lecture three or four times for
the benefit of Corn Hill M. E.
Church.

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Answered

Secund July 26th 1864

Newport City

Nov 23rd 71.6

Maj. Gen. Howard

Amir Bureau of R. I. & A. L.
Washington D. C.

General

I take the liberty of addressing you to inquire if a situation in your Bureau can be obtained for my Father. I beg that you will give my application your most favorable consideration, as I know you will feel that his is a most deserving case.

My Father is a Presbyterian Clergy-

man having been a
Missionary for over 30
years, 18 of which he
spent in the Sandwich
Islands. Until last
Summer, after his
return to this Country
he was engaged in
building up Churches
in the West. He is
now in Philadelphia
without a charge and
without means. I
have for a number
of years contributed
largely to his support,
but find myself unable
at present to do so.

He has four sons
- one is now a Missionary
in the Sandwich Is-
lands, one, a Lieut. in the

15th U.S. Infy was killed
 at New Hope Ark during
 our Atlanta Campaign,
 another was severely
 wounded at Cedar Mt.
 and is now a 2^d Lieut.
 in the 10th U.S. Corps, and
 on duty in your Bureau
 at Atlanta Ga - The
 fourth myself served
 through the entire war
 in the field. You
 may remember me
 as A.A. Smith from
 Maryland. During our
 campaigns with Sher-
 man I enjoyed the
 honor of your acquaintance
 once. Her family
 have given more
 or more freely for our
 Country's Cause during

the past year, than has
our own. Through it
all my Father has
been a most earnest
devoted patriot. His
past labor and his
personal characteristics
qualify him well for
working in the work
came over which you
preide on behalf of
Country, and I feel
sure that he would
enter heart and
soul into the work
whether in the capacity
of a clergyman or in
secular duty. We
do not know that
I have adopted you
on this subject. His
address is 4052 Lancaster
Ave. West Philadelphia Pa

With sentiments of
the highest respect
Yours affec'tly

W. S. Forber

late St. Col. & A. G.

Address: Box 1313 P.O.
N.Y. City.