

REV. GEO. WHIFFLE, } Sec's.
REV. M. E. STRICKY, }
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American Missionary Association,

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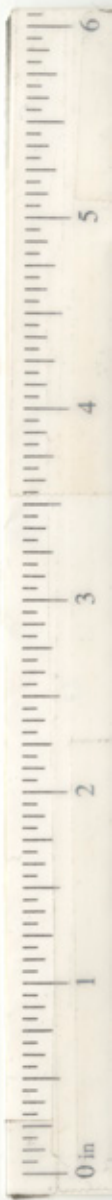
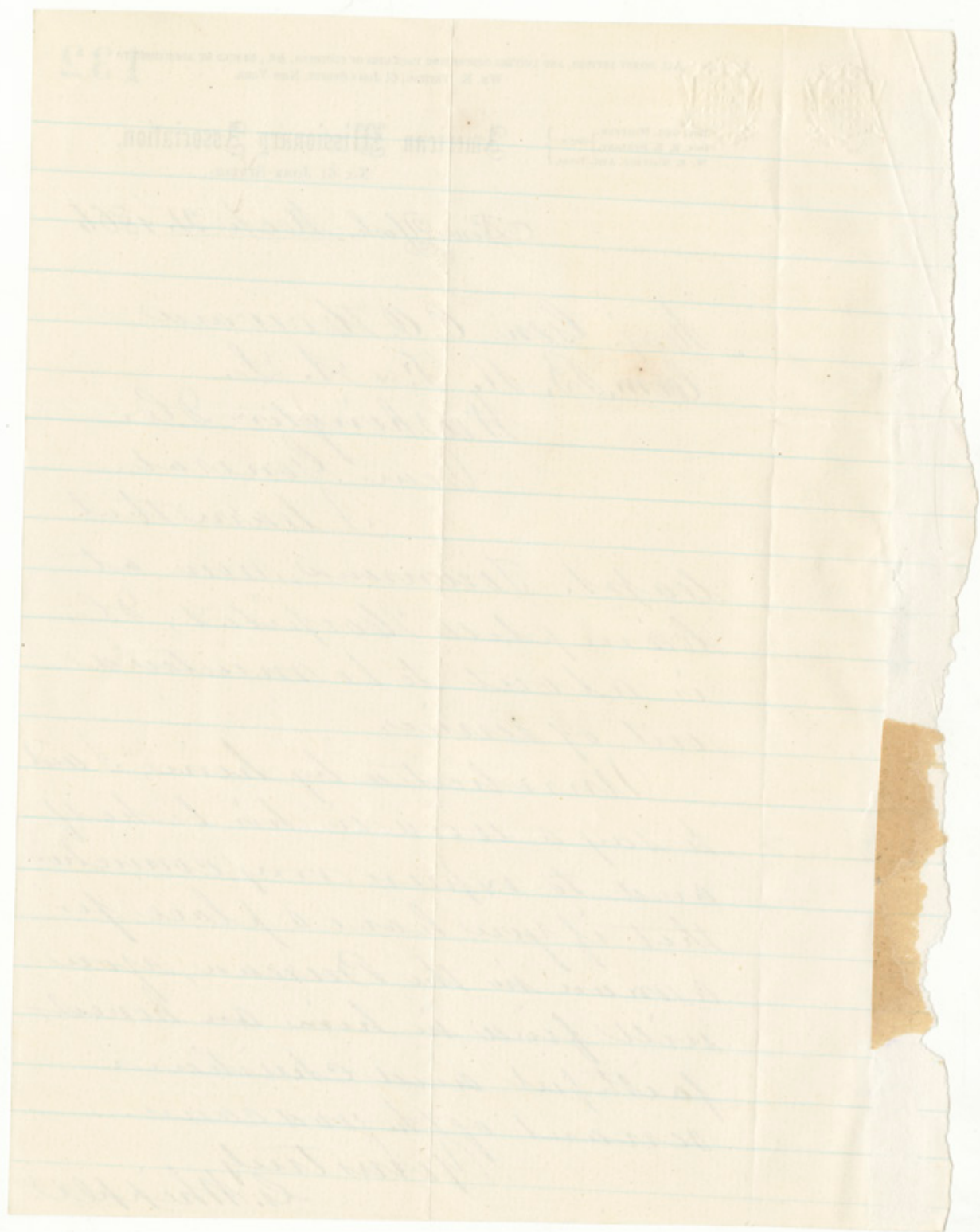
New-York, March 21. 1866

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Com. B. N. F. & A. L.
Washington D.C.
Dear General.

I learn that
Capt. Townsend, now at
Campbell Hospital, D.C.,
is about to be mustered
out of service.

Unsolicited by him, I wish
to say a word in his behalf,
and to express my conviction
that if you have a place for
a man in the Bureau, you
will find in him an honest,
faithful and Christian
servant of the good cause.

Yours truly,
G. Whipple.



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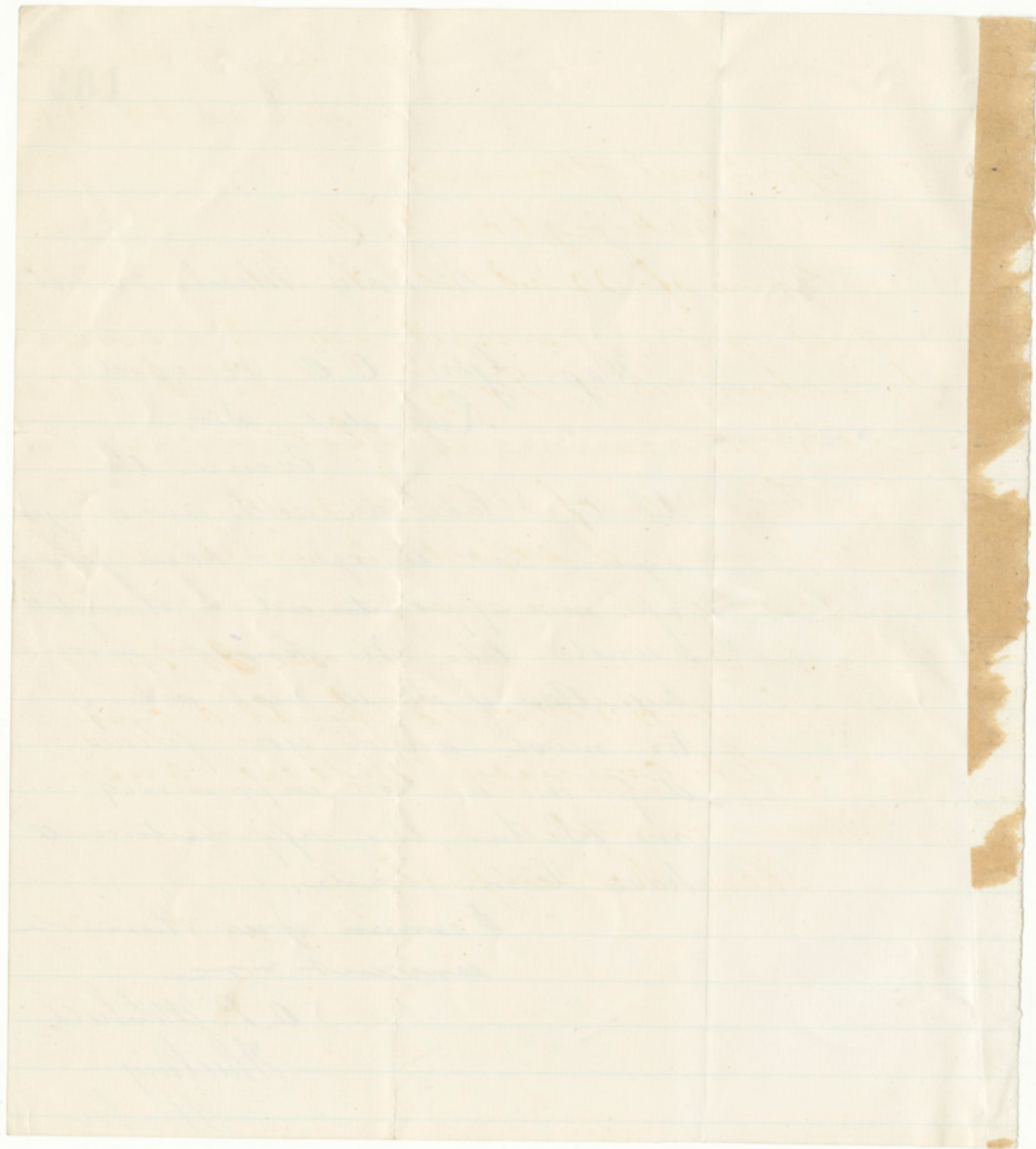
Whiting March 21 1865

Major Genl. O O Howard:
Respected Sir,

Excuse the liberty I take in addressing you again. But though I have given up my appointment I thought I would like to know for sure. And if it is not asking too much would you please drop me a line informing me whether the appointments have been made.

I remain your humble
servant &c

A. P. Mitchell
Whiting
W. Va



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Personal
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, &c.,

Head Quarters Assistant Commissioner State of Virginia,

Richmond, Va.,

March 21 1866

To Maj Gen O'Connor
Commissioner &c
General

We have the
honor of again calling
your attention to the
fact that the indignation
of the entire pop of
the State will be aroused
against the Bureau if
the evidence of the
Asst Commr before
the Reconstruction Com
of Congress is published -
And might at this
time add to our embar-
-assments -

I am General O'Connor
Yours
O'Connor

Richmond Mar. 21st/66,

Brown, C
Col & Asst. Comd.

Thinks it better that
the testimony of the
Assistant Comd.
of Va. before the
Reconstruction Commit-
tee had better not
be published.

Recd. Mar. 22nd/66

Wm. W. Y.

March 21. 18th.

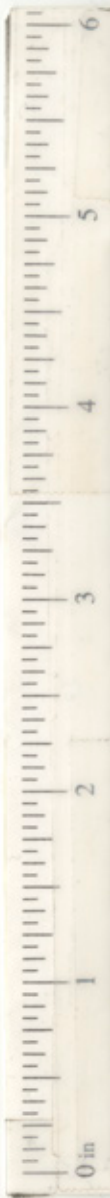
Major Genl. Howard
General

I have the honor
to acknowledge the receipt of
a communication from your
Secretary expressing your desire
to peruse the report on So. Carolina
recently made by me to the
Gov.

It is in the hands of the
"Com^r of Agriculture" and I have
written to him requesting that
he will transmit it to you
for examination. It is too
long on other points to expect
me so busy as you must
be - to read it thro' - but the
article on Freedmen & labor

W. P. Howard
 Providence, R. I. 1886

W. P. Howard
 Providence, R. I.



near the close of the 3rd and
final report, may interest
you.

I shall feel gratified to
hear how it corresponds with
your own views and with other
information you have obtained
from various sources.

I am General

With much respect

Yr. h. v. O. St.

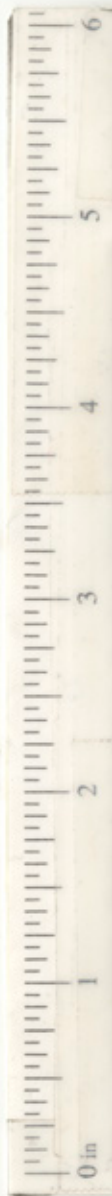
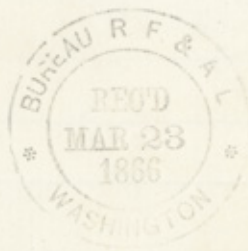
H. L. Childs

Truj N.Y. Mar 21, 1866

Shulius H.L.

Concerning his
report on con-
dition of affairs
in S. C.

Encladen



Maj. Gen. Howard

Dear Sir

It has occurred to me that a good thing might be accomplished for the freedmen, the South, and the country, by the formation of stock companies for purchasing large tracts of land, furnishing the facilities of cultivation, and then letting out through an agent to freedmen and others the land in small parcels, to be worked on shares or otherwise. This would afford convenience for mutual thrift, education and protection. Will you please inform me of your opinion of the feasibility of the project, the safety, and protection, and encouragement that such an enterprise might hope

to receive at the hands
of the bureau, and also of
the general or state government,
What the most favorable
location, to commence
such an experiment,

Will you have the kindness
to write or give me any
information that may
be of value in the
matter and oblige most
Respectfully Yours &c

W. Roberts

Madison O. March 21/66

P.S. Any reports or other
items of information will
be thankfully received
W. R.

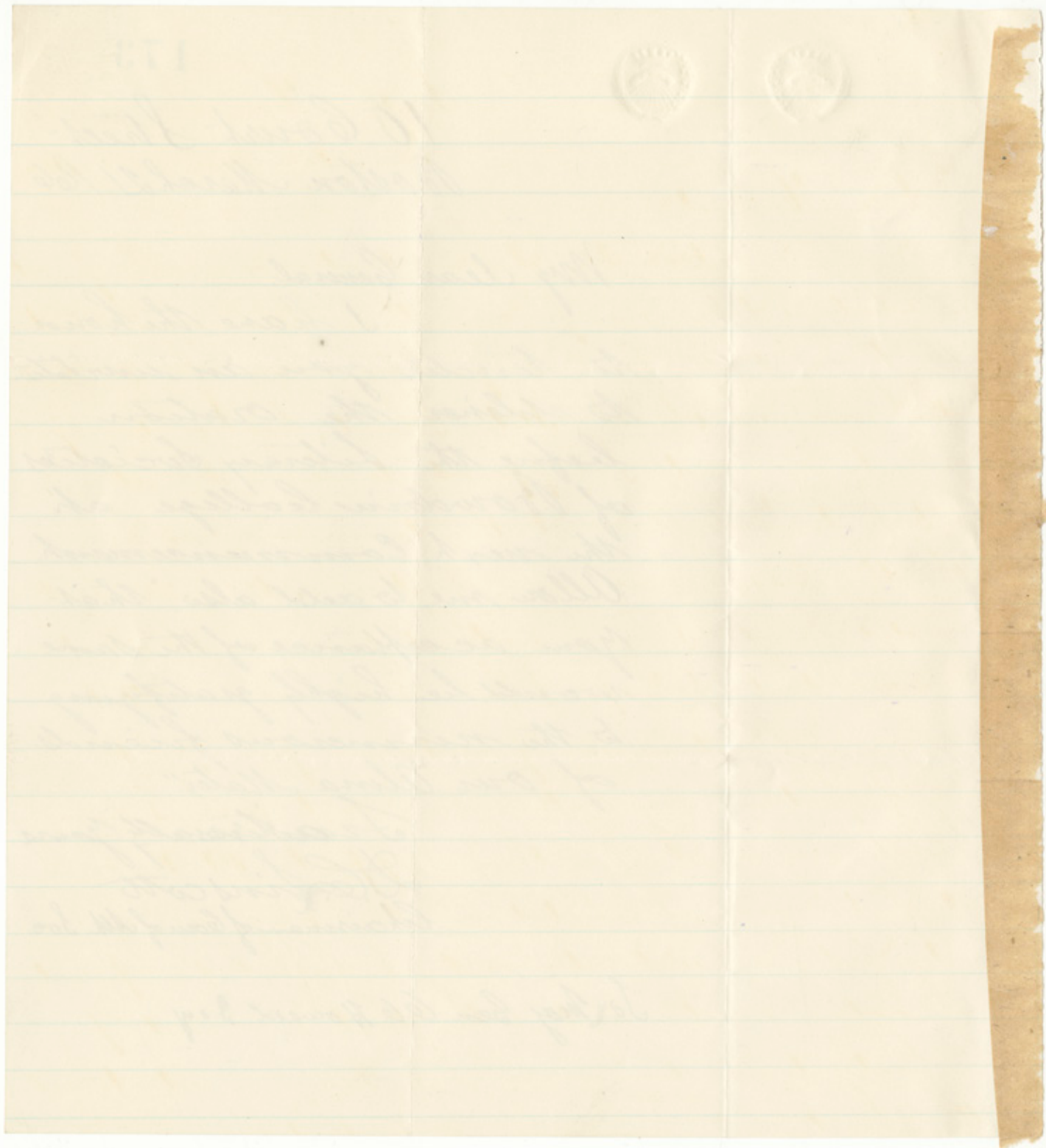
10 Court Street.
Boston March 21/66.

My dear General,

I have the honor
to tender you an invitation
to deliver the oration
before the Literary Societies
of Bowdoin College at
the next Commencement.
Allow me to add also that
your acceptance of the same
would be highly gratifying
to the numerous friends
of our "Alma Mater."

Fraternally yours,
D. C. Linscott
Chairman of Com. of Ath. Soc.

To Maj Gen C. C. Howard B. G.



HISTOIRE GÉNÉRALE DES SERVICES ET DES ŒUVRES DANS CHAQUE NATION, 12

Histoire divisée par Précis, Notices et Mémoires qui forment, en différentes parties

HISTOIRE GÉNÉRALE DES MAISONS SOUVERAINES, DES MAISONS PRINCIÈRES, ET DES PRINCIPALES FAMILLES DE CHAQUE PAYS,

Ainsque des Hommes d'Etat, des Principaux Fonctionnaires, des Membres des Chambres des Pairs, des Sénats,
des Diètes, des Hautes Chambres, des Chambres des Députés, des Cours et des Congrès, — des Hommes de Guerre,
— des Hommes de Science, des Chefs et des Membres du Clergé des différentes Eglises, — des Ecrivains,
— des Principaux Artistes, — des Fondateurs et des Chefs des Institutions d'utilité publique,
— des Compagnies financières, et des Grands Etablissements industriels.

Cet **Histoire générale**, qui fait suite à la partie biographique et généalogique des grands Ouvrages des siècles précédents, tels que le **Dictionnaire Historique de Moréri**, dont sept éditions ont été publiées en Suisse, pour toute l'Europe, se publie actuellement à Genève, dans la langue adoptée par la diplomatie pour les relations internationales, la langue française. — C'est dans la même contrée que les **Voltaire**, les **Rousseau**, les **Gibbon**, les **Stael**, et plus récemment les **Byron** et les **Sixmoud** ont publié plusieurs de leurs œuvres. — Ce n'est, en effet, que dans un pays l'on reçoit librement toutes les publications, et où la neutralité est conservée entre tous les partis des diverses nations, que cette **Histoire générale** a pu être fondée.

Les articles de cet Ouvrage se rédigent, — soit sur les renseignements qui se recueillent dans chaque contrée, — soit sur les Communications, et les Notes qui s'adressent directement à la Direction, afin de régulariser ce qui continue à se recueillir à chaque nom. — Déjà des volumes de cette œuvre sont publiés. Chaque article peut n'être que personnel, ou comprendre l'Histoire des ascendances. — Les communications qui n'ont pas encore été envoyées doivent être adressées dans le plus court délai. — Des **Portraits** s'ajoutent à des articles. On est prié d'envoyer de bonnes photographies, en format assez grand. — Les dépenses des travaux, qui sont plus étendus que ceux des mentions qui contiennent des dictionnaires, s'indiquent lorsque la Direction a reçu les communications qui servent à compléter ces travaux.

L'Adresse est à M. Goncet, à la Direction de l'Histoire générale, à Genève. (L'affranchissement est indispensable.)

GENÈVE (27 a. 181, Terrassière), le 21 mars 1865.

Monsieur le Major-général

J'ai eu l'honneur de recevoir la communication que vous avez bien voulu m'adresser. — L'ayant examinée, j'éprouve un véritable plaisir à pouvoir faire établir avec cette communication un article assez complet qui sera plus satisfaisant qu'une simple mention.

Je crois qu'ayant bien voulu m'adresser ces renseignements en considérant l'utilité de l'œuvre, vous voudrez, dans cette même considération, avoir la bonté de vous prononcer sur la souscription.

L'Histoire Générale s'établissant comme les grandes œuvres historiques des siècles précédents, et chaque article s'imprimant en article séparé, de manière qu'il puisse se compléter chaque fois que cela est nécessaire, il a été expliqué en tête

de ma première lettre, que ces travaux occasionnent des
dépenses que chaque personne veut bien couvrir.

Je crois, Monsieur, que vous ne trouverez pas trop élevé le prix de la 3^e classe de souscription indiqué au paragraphe 6 du programme; ce que vous aurez à recevoir est expliqué au paragr. 5.

Si vous désirez que j'aie l'honneur de vous soumettre
l'article avant d'en faire le classement dans l'ouvrage,
vous n'aurez qu'à me le faire savoir, en m'adressant
le montant de la souscription indiquée à Fr. 200

En attendant l'honneur de votre envoi, je vous prie,

Monsieur le Major-général,

D'agréer de nouvelles expressions de mes
sentiments de respect

P.^r la Direction,

Concord

4. Lorsque des Communications, adressées à la Direction, ne doivent occasionner que des travaux semblables à la plupart de ceux qui ont déjà été exécutés pour des Articles assez complets, les dépenses pour chaque Article se couvrent par l'une des trois Classes de Souscription, qui sont établies pour éviter d'avoir à traiter des détails de dépenses.

5. Chaque Souscripteur, pour le prix d'une de ces Classes de Souscription, reçoit le Tome, grand in-folio, dans lequel le Précis ou le Mémoire qui le concerne est inséré, et il reçoit aussi de ce Précis ou de ce Mémoire 20 Exemplaires séparés, sous couvertures indiquant que ce sont des Extraits de l'HISTOIRE GÉNÉRALE; ils sont imprimés sur le format des anciens et des grands Mémoires historiques.

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LA 1^{re} CLASSE, de 1,000 fr., couvre les dépenses d'un Mémoire historique et généalogique de six à dix grandes pages in-folio;

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Lorsqu'un Article doit contenir plus de dix grandes pages in-folio, les dépenses de chaque grande page en plus sont de 50 francs. On compte comme page entière toute page commencée.

7. Il s'agit de Précis et de Mémoires sur des Personnes qui ont une position et un rang dans la Société. On peut, dans tous les cas, considérer que les dépenses indiquées peuvent ne se faire qu'une fois par siècle, ou qu'une fois par génération.

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Les envois se font par des mandats ou des traites de banquiers, ou par des billets de banque de n'importe quel pays, par lettres recommandées ou chargées, ou par des mandats de poste. On expédie aussi, de différents pays, par les messageries.

L'ADRESSE est à M. GONCET, à la Direction de l'Histoire générale, à Genève. (L'affranchissement est indispensable).

Geneva Switzerland
March 21st 1866

M. Jean Goussier
Rédacteur de
l'Histoire Générale &c

Asked for biographical
facts upon which to base
an article (in his work)
on Gen. Howard, and
having received them
makes his acknowledg-
ments and solicits the
General's subscription
to his work.

Rec. Bureau A.D. 1866 April 7th 1866

March 21st 1866

Extract from a letter from
Miss Lucy Chase, a lady of mature age,
nice cultured & most respectable family in
Worcester, Mass, who, with her sister, left
their refined home, 3 years ago, to
toil in the service of the Freed People,
under the N. E. Freedmen's Aid Soc.

"Tell me whether - Good, Societies, or those
who are always with them should help
the starving many in Columbus? The
number of the aged, children, friendless
colored people here is Legion. Turned
loose by their former owners in
this City, or brought in from the
country & left in the streets, they
are wholly dependent on chance
charity, & they go hungry many a
day. Hardly a day passes that
I & myself do not fill meal-bags for
^{many of} them. We assure ourselves by

visiting, or very careful inquiry²⁰
of persons we know, that they are
in immediate need before we
comfort them. At Savannah & Augusta
the poor draw rations, but we can
get nothing for them here. I have
taken in many, for a night, who
had nowhere to lay their heads;
hiring lodging for them in a
cellar beneath us, laying planks
& spreading beds for them.
I sometimes pay car-fare for
one who has friends near.

The Head of the Bureau says
he is not allowed to make any
use of the funds that come into
his hand, but is forced to send
them at once to Genl. Tillson.
I should write to the Genl & beg
at least a roof for the homeless.
But I know that my letter would
come back here again, & I am

sure it would avail nothing.

Will you help us through Gen. Howard,
& will you urge Gen. Howard
to put a feeling man at the head
of the Bureau in Ala.? Every
day we meet the victims of the
terrible injustice in that State."

Columbus Ga.

March 22 '66

Respectfully referred to the consideration
of Maj. Gen. Howard

by the Executive Committee of
the New England Branch
of the Freedmen's Union Commission.
John Parkman,
Francis J Child.

Boston - Mass.

Parkman, John
Child, Francis G.

In behalf of the Ex. Com. of
the N.E. Branch of the Wm.
& Union Com. Forward an
extract of letter from Miss
Lucy Chase, a teacher at
Leokubus, Ga. concerning the
condition of the freed people.

Recd. April 6th 1866

South Warrick Mass.
Thursday Mar. 22^d 1866.

Gen. Howard,

Dear Sir, I feel that you will pardon the liberty I take in placing this before you, but I will try and be brief as possible. Mr. Jones, Pastor of the mariners church, Staten Island, has so often spoken of you, to me, and I happened to be on the steamer from New York to Fall River at the time you was going home, with the loss of your arm, together with your brother, wounded, and I have watched your course all through the war, that perhaps I feel more free in stating to you my difficulties. My parents are poor, with a large family of children, my father being quite feeble. I have had to work very hard for their support. At the commencement of the war, I enlisted in the navy, serving my country faithfully until the end. I reached the position of an acting Master, and with that increased pay, for the first time during my life, I managed to get a little ahead with my earnings, so that I have now laid up about \$2500. I have received my 'honorable discharge' from the service, and am very anxious to invest my

savings in something that will bring me some returns,
But I am a little timid, fearing I might lose it, and
then my family might suffer. The thought occurred
to my mind that I would ask your advice, respecting
purchasing, and cultivating some land at the South, for
with your extensive knowledge of the South, and its
future — what you would say, I could rely on, and
know it would be strictly correct. Perhaps you would
know of some good locality, and would point out to
me. I would not trespass upon your time, but if
you only knew how I am situated, and I know your
noble Christian character. If you can assist ^{me}, or other-
wise — either way, I shall always pray that you may
go on, being governed by the great principles of truth
and righteousness. I should be pleased to forward
letters of recommendation from any of the prominent
of this place.

Major General.

O. O. Howard.

I am very respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant,

Anthony Smalley.

Windsor, Ct. March 22 1866.

My dear O. P. Howard & c.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed I place a letter of introduction which my old friend Channing Deane was kind enough to give me months ago, at a time when I expected to present it in person at Washington. I am sorry you have grown quite young in my hands, but not too much so I hope to serve as a passport for what I wish to say now.

I ask you for you will see from the enclosed circular I have something to do in raising supplies for the Freedmen.

The National Freedmen's Relief Act (of 1865) has not at present doing anything much in the way of furnishing material supplies as last year, but having found various various channels, this time is at present great need of seeds in the southern country (I mean those parts required in raising vegetables &c.)

I wish to add in your opinion a large
quantity of seeds suited to southern soil and
climate would be of great service in assisting
the "Lumbermen" in their to provide food for the
next winter, and thereby I should estimate say
\$2,000 in assorted seeds (Cabbage Onion &c. &c.)
they could be placed in way of proper distri-
bution through the agents of your Bureau?

Sam Brown is an old classmate and
friend and I had thought of writing him
in the matter but concluded to ask of you
quarters. An early reply will greatly
oblige
Yours respectfully

W. C. Williamson

Nov 29/6.

Dr. H. H. H. H.



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OF THE

State of New York.

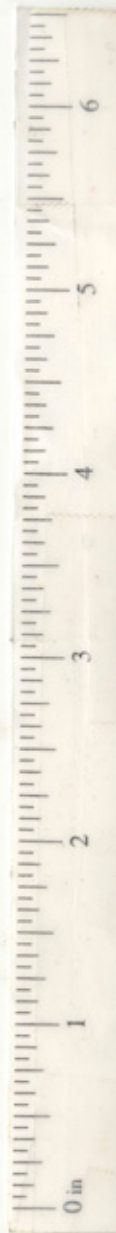
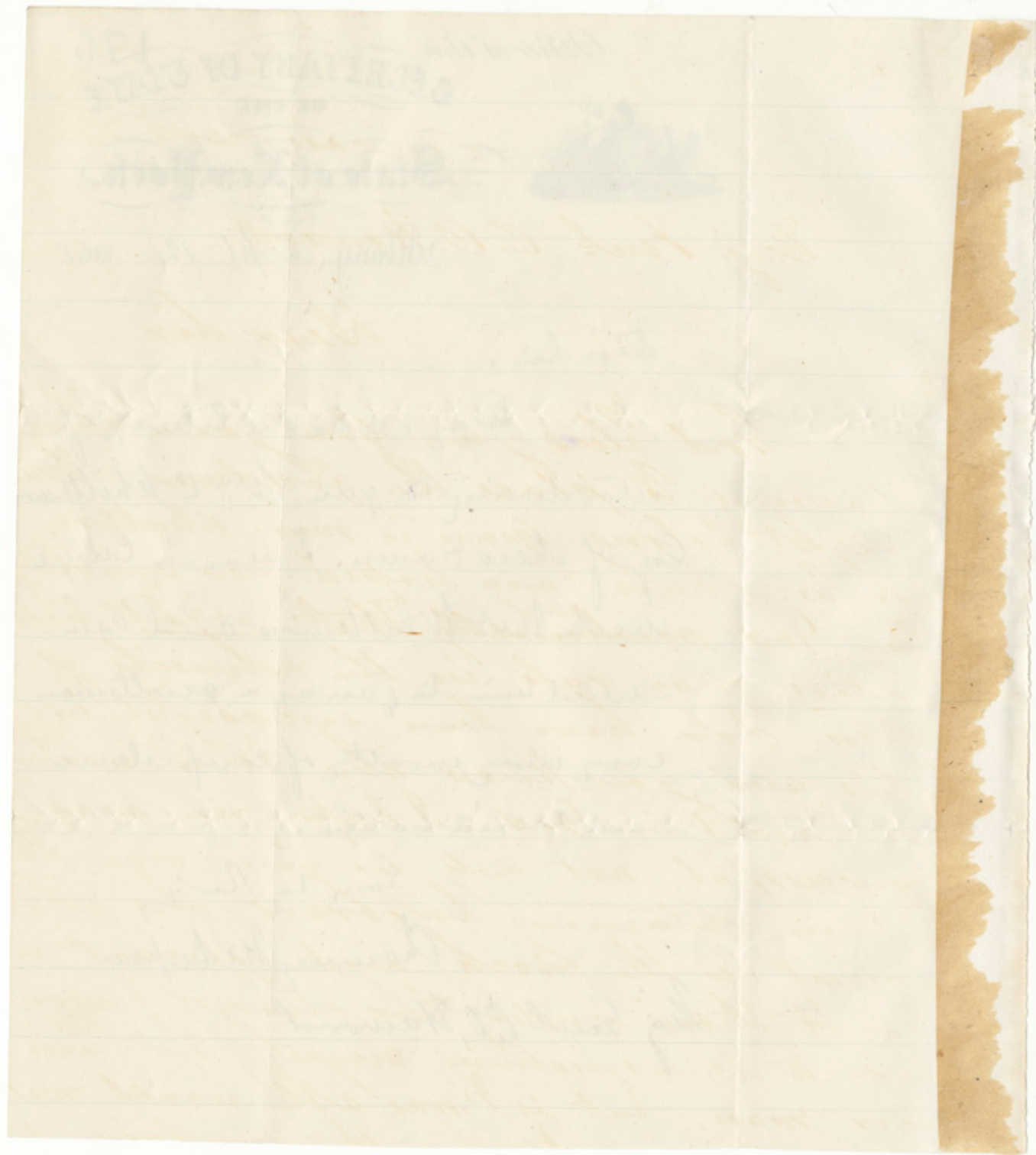
Albany, Sept 12 1865

Dear Sir,

May I take the liberty of
introducing to you Wm C Whittemore
Esq of New Haven. I was in College
with Mr. Whittemore and com-
mend him to you as a gentleman
every way worthy of confidence
and recommendation.

Yours truly
Chauncey K. DePeau

Maj Genl D. D. Hawwood



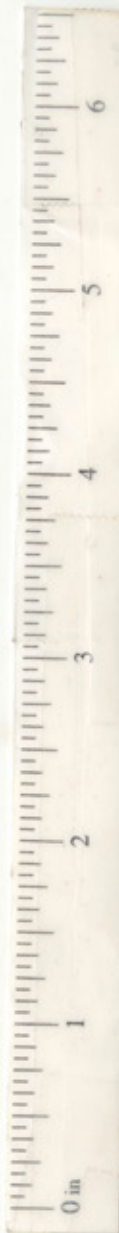
Melrose March 22nd 1866.

Maj. Genl. C. O. Howard.

Dear Sir.

God bless you for your christian
endeavours to place the freedmen where they
do right-belong. Man is man whatever the
color be. I have long hoped for equality, and
pray God continually that right and
justice may rule in the councils of the
Nation. You have been successful in your
duties, and you know why. It is because you
have trusted in God. I hope you may ever
be successful not only in your own labors,
but in obtaining laborers who shall be
earliest in the work, and efficient in their
duties to those under their charge. I would be
glad to do something myself, but am a
poor man, but if I was able, would willingly
assist in maintaining their right, and teaching
them the way. With sincere regards I am &c.
Melrose Mass. Wm. A. Tyler

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Portland, Me.
March 22 1866.

General:

I have the honor to
acknowledge receipt of your
kind favor of 20th inst.
in furtherance of our fair
in aid of Widows & orphans of
deceased Soldiers.

We would express our thanks
to you, General, if we did not
know that the satisfaction
would be greater on your
part in view of the good
effect your letter will have to
aid our cause.

Believe me to remain, yours &c.
Very respectfully yours
D. H. Ingraham
Chairman &c Com.

Gen. Chamberlain will give the opening address.

Dear Sir,
 I have the honor to
 acknowledge receipt of your
 kind letter of 25th inst.
 in relation to the
 in and of the
 several others.
 The same appears on the
 for. I am, if we are not
 aware that the
 to be made in
 part in view of the
 effect for the
 kind and
 believe me to remain, Sir,
 Very respectfully,
 Wm. H. Johnson
 Chairman &c.

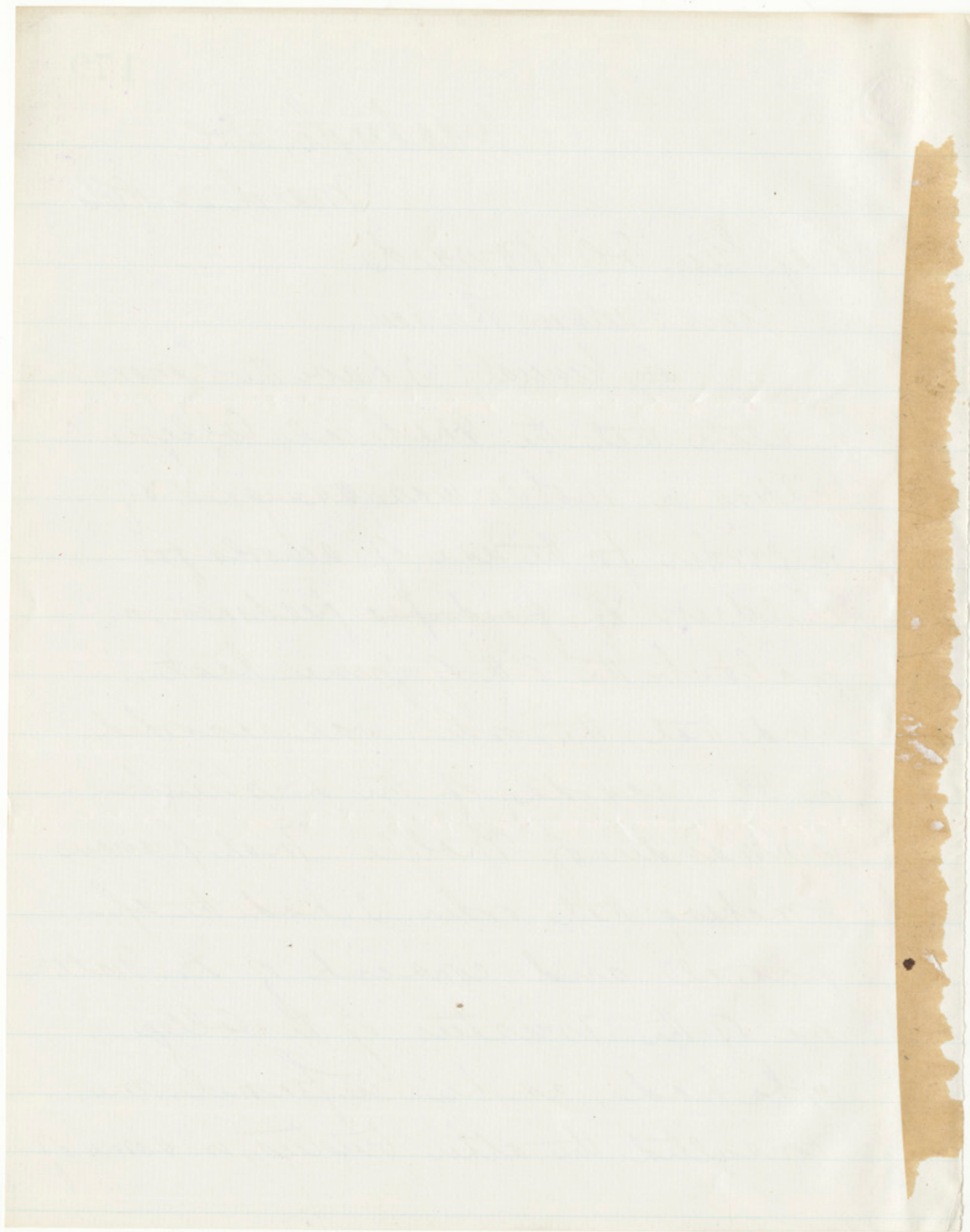
Washington D.C.

March 22 1866

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

Comm. Freedmen's Bureau

~~Sir~~ General: I have the honor to state that the Medical College building in Mobile was assigned by my order for the use of schools for children of ~~free~~ freedmen, on or about the 8th of June last; and that the order was recorded in the records of the District Commander of Mobile. That previous to making that order I had the approval and consent of Dr. Matt one of the Trustees of the College, who had, as he informed me, consulted the other trustees, or some of



them. That previous to making the
order I visited the ~~coll~~ building
with Dr. Hatt; and that proper
precautions were taken to secure the
apparatus and museum of preparations
specimens &c from interference
or damage. I would also state
that the building was considerably
out of repair & especially on the roof
and that the quartermaster's depart-
ment was instructed to make some
repairs to prevent damage to the
building and museum.

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
C. Andrews.
Late Major General of Vol (by brevet)

Washington Mar 22 1866

B. C. Andrews.
late Capt. Maj. Gen. Spots.

States that he issued
the order for the use of
the college building at
Mobile, as a freedmens
school, that he previous-
ly consulted Dr. Holt who
gave his consent. That
the Quartermaster's dept.
was instructed to make some
repairs which were needed
on the building.



Southwark Foundry.

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J. Vaughan, Merrick.

Merrick & Sons,

W. H. Merrick,

John C. Cope.

Philad. Mar 22 1866

My dear Otis

Your note is just at hand as I was on the eve of writing again - I gather that C will be able to be with us on the 26th on his way home - at any rate I have written to him on the subject - and sincerely hope he will accept - and the enclosed document answer your purpose -

Very affectionately
W H M

Philw. Mar 23. 1864

Merrick - G.H.

Friendly letter.

Mar. 23rd 1864.

