

Howard Division, No. 21.  
Sons of Temperance.  
Washington, D.C. Mar. 23<sup>d</sup>. 1846.

General:

In compliance with a resolution passed by this Division in its session of Feb. 22<sup>d</sup>, I have the honor to inform you that you have been elected to membership in Howard Division, No. 21. S. of T.

If consistent with your engagements we respectfully ask that you formally unite with us some Thursday evening, and inform us when it will be possible for you to do so.

This Division was named in your honor, and it is well deserving the favorable consideration of its honored patronymic. It is second to no organization of the kind in the country. It has already proved a powerful instrumentality for good, and your connection with it would greatly increase its usefulness.

Hoping to receive a favorable response,

I remain, Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servant,

Wm. C. C. Howard  
U. S. Army.

D. J. Keller Secy.  
"g. m. Genl's office"





Dubuque March 23<sup>d</sup>

[1866]

My Dear Genl

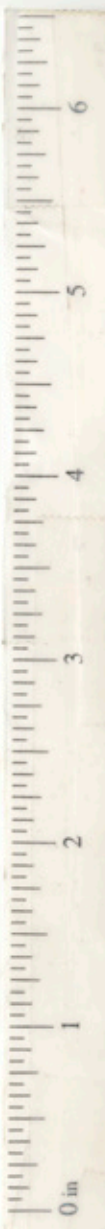
I am out of the service and a pauper and have not means to establish my self in my profession at present. have you a clerkship or any thing else in your department you can give me for the present so I can earn my daily bread until I can turn round. I so I will be ever grateful.

I have just hear with sorrow of Harry Stinson's death. I deeply sympathize with his bereaved Mother.

Yours Respectfully  
as ever My Dear Genl

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Dubuque  
Iowa



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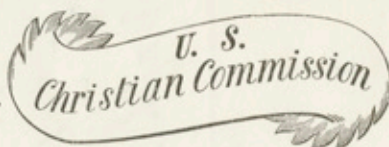


GEO. H. STUART, Chairman, 11 Bank Street.

JOS. PATTERSON, Treasurer, Western Bank.

Rev. LEMUEL MOSS, Home Secretary, 11 Bank Street.

Rev. E. P. SMITH, Field Secretary, 11 Bank Street.



Central Office, 183

No. 11 BANK STREET.

Philadelphia, March-25-1866

My Dear General-

Will you be kind enough to append your autograph to the accompanying "Cartes de visite" of yourself and return them to me in the Enclosed stamped Envelope. I wish to have them to present to some friends in Europe.

I do not want to give you any trouble but if you would be kind enough to furnish me with the information concerning the work now being prosecuted among the Freed-men, for which I wrote you a short time since, you would place me under a very great obligation. I hope it will not put you to inconvenience to let me have this at an early date, as I wish to put it in my book of Statistics which I take with me to Europe.

If I can be of any service to you in Europe, please let me know, and I shall gladly execute any Commission with which you may entrust me.

Yours Very Truly

Geo. H. Stuart

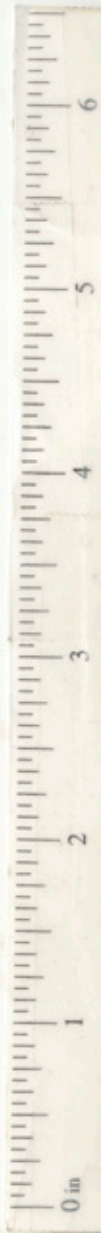
May Gen. Howard }  
Washington DC }

Please put your name at the bottom of the photographs.



Stuart, Geo. H.

Encloses Photos &  
asks Gen Blewitt  
to append his auto-  
graph.



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Washington, D. C.,  
March 23<sup>d</sup> 1846

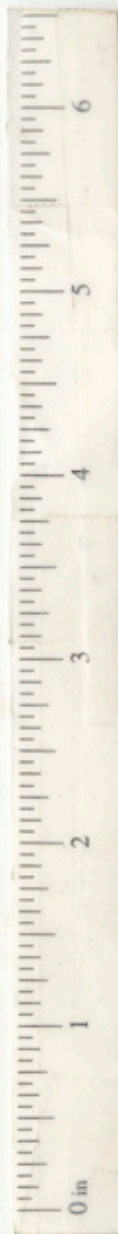
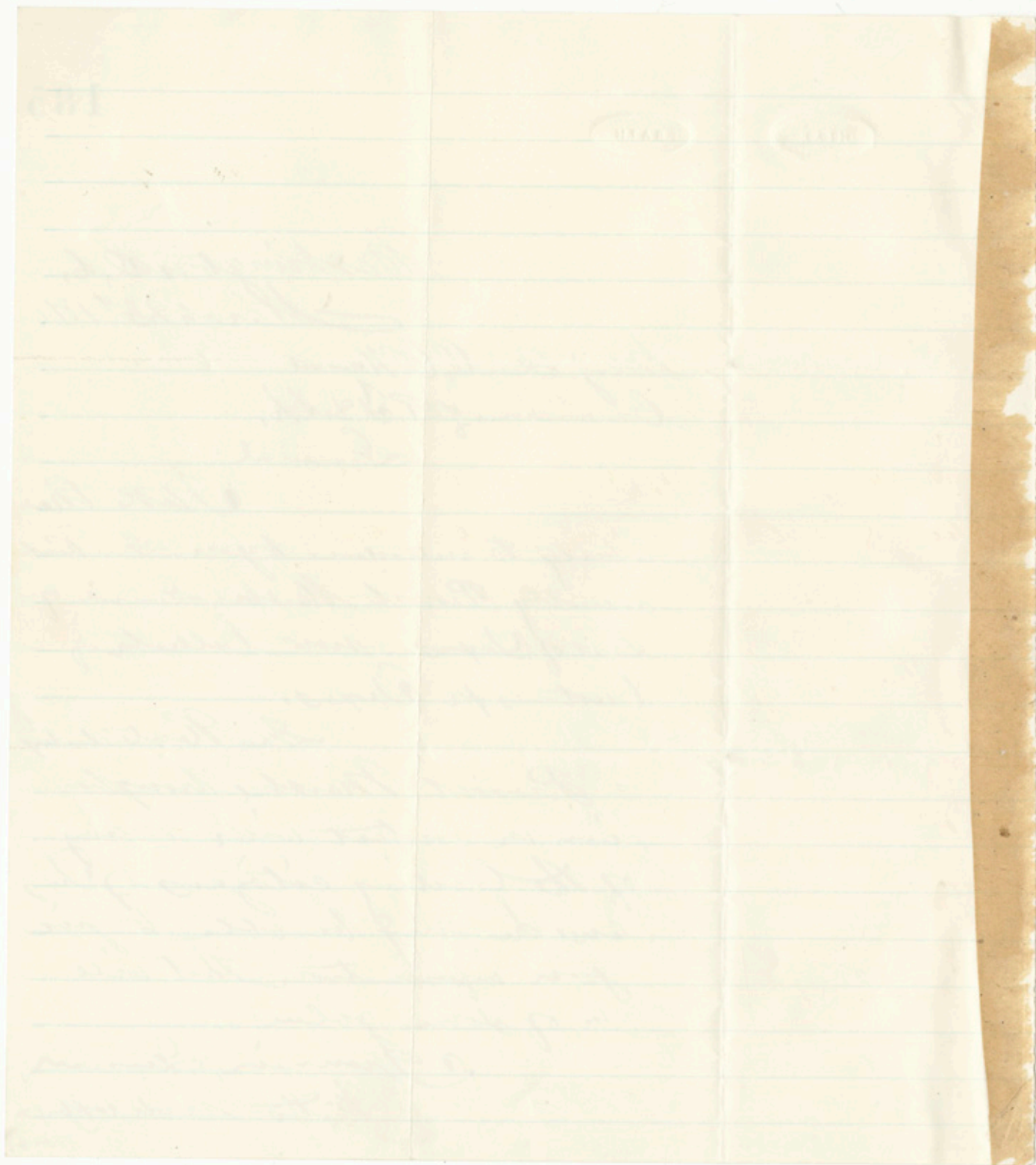
Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,  
Commissioner of R. I. & A. S.,  
General:

I take the  
liberty to introduce to you Gen. Kent  
recently Provost Marshal General of  
Dept of Texas, now Collector of  
Customs for Texas.

Gen. Kent, during  
as Provost Marshal brought  
him in contact with many  
of the leading citizens of Texas  
and he may be able to give  
you information that will  
be of some value.

I remain, General,  
With much respect  
(over)







New Haven March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1866

Gen. O. C. Howard,

Dear Sir,

When you were in  
New Haven in Feb<sup>y</sup> I had the pleas-  
ure of calling on you at your Hotel  
the morning after you lectured, and  
conversing with you with especial  
reference to the future work best to  
be done by the Freedmen's Aid Soc<sup>y</sup>  
of which I am the Secretary. I  
hope it will not be impossible for  
you to recall these facts nor that you  
were so kind at that time as to  
propose that I should write to you  
at any time for such information  
and assistance in the work as I

might desire. My addressing  
you at this time is grounded  
on that permission.

I am contemplating a tour  
early in April, along the Atlantic  
Coast as far South as Savannah  
for the especial purpose of visiting  
the mission schools among the  
colored people and seeing generally  
as much as I can of the work  
of benevolence which is being done  
among those recently in Slavery.  
I go it will be under the protection  
of the Am<sup>er</sup> Missionary Ass<sup>oc</sup>, as  
it is by their request that the trip  
is undertaken, in order that I may have  
more definite information with which  
to work in the formation of Freedmen's  
Aid Societies in this State during  
the coming year. I presume my  
connection with that Ass<sup>oc</sup> will be  
a sufficient introduction to most



persons and places interesting for me to visit, yet it may not be to all, and as I should be glad to have every opportunity I can, I should greatly value a letter from you which I might see as a passport where the good work is going on.

I was so much interested in your account of the Quaker Industrial Schools that immediately after you were here I wrote to my only Quaker friend for more information about them. The result is I have a most cordial letter of introduction to all Quaker workers in the field with an invitation to visit their schools and asylums, but from what I can learn these are located in the Mississippi valley, and if so I can not see them. I shall be glad to know if there is any

thing of the kind on the Atlantic  
Indus, and if so where.

Perhaps you will be interested to  
know that our F. A. Socy has sent  
South since the first of Dec. one set  
garments and has raised and  
-funded in material for clothing  
-ly \$1000.

When you visited our city you had  
little evidence of the deep earnest  
sympathy for you and your work  
which prevails among our very best  
citizens. The Collyr and the Congre-  
gational churches are heartily look-  
-ing and praying for your success.

When you were here these persons were  
deeply afflicted in the death of one of  
our oldest and most prominent the-  
-gymen. The news of this had fallen  
suddenly and overwhelming upon the  
religious part of the com-  
-munity and that being the evening for  
the church prayer meeting, they collected  
sympathetically there. I hope there will  
be another opportunity for them and for us  
and that you will not delay the publication  
of whatever may put your friends at the



Worth into as full sympathy as possible with your plans and your views. I am sure something of this kind from you for general popular trading would greatly forward the work.

With the hope that I have not been trespassing too much upon your kindness.

I am, Very respectfully  
Yours

Harriet M. Hozeboom

My address is  
Miss H. M. Hozeboom  
New Haven, Ct.

New Haven Conn  
Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1863

Hogeborn. Hawthorn

Wishes friendly  
letter concerning  
the work in Conn  
for the aid of the  
freedmen.





Parkersburg West Va.  
March 24 1866,

Major Genl Howard  
Washington D. C.

Sir, Yours of 22<sup>nd</sup> at hand,

Will you permit us to remove  
the school ward, Do you think it ad-  
visable to remove it, that is, can they  
have the use of it long enough to  
pay expense. I expect to solicit aid abroad.

They need a house very much, their  
children are in the streets. It will  
cost about \$500.00 to build a common  
house. If convenient please answer  
by return mail.

Very Respectfully Your Obedt. Servant  
Rev. S. S. Colburn.

Parkbury, N.H.  
Mar 24 1864

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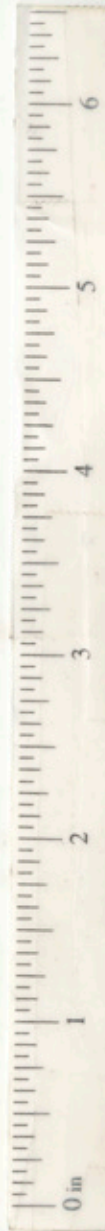
Lebanon, S. C.

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Desires permission  
to move the school  
house for cold  
children.

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Recd Mar 29. 1864





Boston March 26th '66

Hon. Geo. N. Bartwell

My dear Sir

May I venture to intrude upon your good nature a matter not belonging strictly to public business? My excuse, perhaps inadequate, may be found in your past connection with, and interest in, matters of public instruction.

My story, as brief as I can tell it, is this. The New England Freedmen's Association, after a careful examination of all the books in the market, adopted for use in the freedmen's schools, elected to make use of our publications as the best for their purpose; namely, Hill and Reenders and Worcester's spelling-books. These they furnished, where they established schools, paid the teachers and supplied the books. At their suggestion and request, we sent to a bookseller in Raleigh, N.C. a supply of our publications, such as they were using. They were received and highly appreciated by teachers and agents. In a short time their sale was forbidden by the officers of the Freedmen's Bureau, and the Association here received letters to the effect that no donations would be received unless they were Parker and Watson's books published by Barnes & Co. of New York. At the same time we were notified that the sale of our books would not be



permitted, we were requested to pay storage  
and other expenses and recall our books.

To this the Association objected, insisting upon  
the judges of whom they should send estimates  
and of what they should send as books. They advised  
us also, to allow our books to remain in N. C.  
subject to their order, which we did. We wrote  
also to the officers of the Bureau in Raleigh  
and sent him our books for examination  
asked him to compare them with those thus arbit-  
rarily adopted. We received no answer, and then  
only one, so far as I know that has ever  
come, was from New York, from the publishers  
Parker and Watsons offering to the Association  
to take off their hands, in seven exchange, each  
of our publications they might have  
hand, and wishing them hereafter to buy  
their publications instead of ours. But  
they declined to do and so the matter  
rested, until Mrs Dr. Anne Lane who  
conducted the business of the Freedmen's As-  
sociation was taken ill.

Another case, where the tyranny of those who  
profess to act for the Bureau is even more  
gross. In Jacksonville Fla. a friend of mine is in  
the lumber business. His partner wrote to him  
that they were entering des to take of school  
books, and he accordingly bought a number



lot as a sample. They were all sold as soon as received and were very acceptable. A second and much larger lot was ordered, but soon after their arrival the military authorities forbid their sale, as if worse than fictionaries, selling books and our readers, were either seditious or poisonous to the public morals and the books ordered home!

Now surely all this high-handed usurpation must be illegal and without the sanction of the Bureau! It cannot be that it was ever intended thus, as in North Carolina, to forbid a large and respectable Association from giving their charity in the manner they believe most serviceable? Nor as in Florida, to forbid <sup>the selling</sup> under penalties of martial law the only really patriotic series of readers that has ever been published. The question with me is to whom can I state my case and seek for redress? All I ask is fair play and a chance to have our books judged upon their merits. I do know that where we can do this in our free white schools, Parker & Watson stand no chance as compared with ours. Will you be so very kind, if you can suggest anything, to advise me what steps to take to have justice?

your friend and servt.  
Thomas M. Brewer



Boston, March 26, 1866

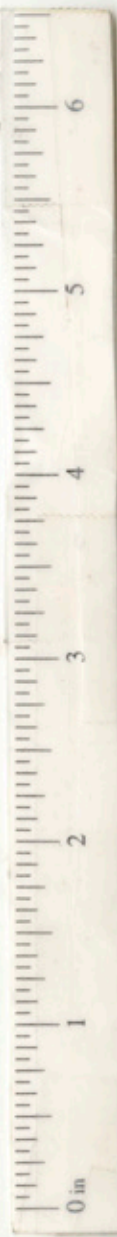
Brewer, Thos. M.

Endorsed to Genl. Howard  
by Representative Boutwell  
of Mass. Complaints of action  
of School. Supt. Fisk of  
N. H. in prescribing the books  
to be used by the teachers  
of the N. E. F. Sch.

Investigation

Recd. April 9<sup>th</sup> 1866

Perfectly  
reformed & the  
end of freedom  
Bureau  
Jas. Boutwell





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24 Peice Street

Baltimore March 26<sup>th</sup> 1866

Major Gen O. O. Howard.

My dear Sir. I write to ~~you~~ inform you that every arrangement has been made for your lecture of Tommorrow (Tuesday) evening. I hope there will be no dissatisfaction on your part.

I believe you are expected to stop with the Rev Mr Johnson. You in company with Mr Johnson will meet Judge Bond - Mr Albert and other gentlemen at the Rooms of the Association for the Moral and Intellectual Improvement of the Colored People, when you will all proceed to the Hall in company.

Please do not disappoint us under any consideration.

I am. With Profound Respect  
Yours very Truly.  
William E. Matthews.

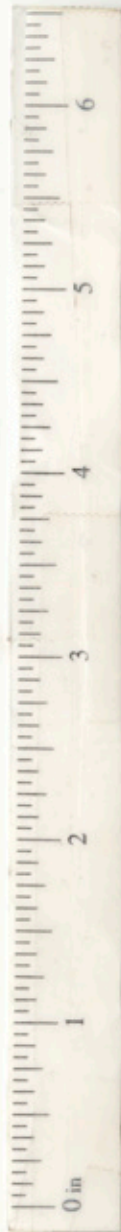


Matthews H. E.

Concerning Gen.  
Howards lecture  
in Baltimore.

Recd Mar 27, 1866.

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Union Mutual Life Insurance Company,

No. 33 Reynolds' Arcade,

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Reverchester, N. Y., March 6, 1866

May' Genl Howard  
Dear General,

Will you be so kind  
as to give to me the exact  
date and place of the decease  
of my late dearly beloved friend  
Henry Stinson.

I have been unable to learn  
anything definite in regard  
to it, and, it assures you, that  
you will confer upon me  
a great favor by giving the  
above items and any other facts  
which you <sup>may</sup> have the time to write.

Trusting that I shall not infringe  
too much upon your already greatly  
pre occupied time.

I remain with kindest regards,  
Very Respy. Your obdt servt  
Geo W. Reynolds.



Rochester N.Y. Mar. 26 1866

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Reynolds, Geo. N.

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Service informa-  
tion concerning  
Col. Henry Stinson  
death.

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Recd. Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> 1866.