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Dear General

Lucy Forbes

brought me this note
from my old friend Mrs
Frank Taylor. Will you
please read it and see
if some little help may
not be given to Lucy.

She seems to be worthy
and Mr Taylor has

done very much for our
Hospitals and is a very
valued friend whom I

t. S. D.

see letter
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should be my place
to oblige.

Truly & fr
J. D. Elliot

456 NINTH STREET,

Washington, D. C., July 10th 1866

Maj Genl O. O. Howard.

Friedman's Bureau.

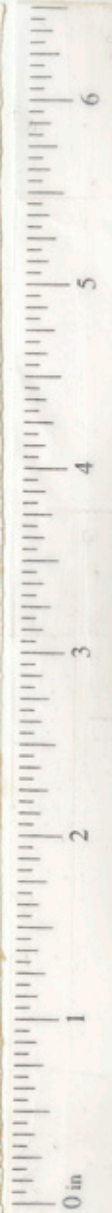
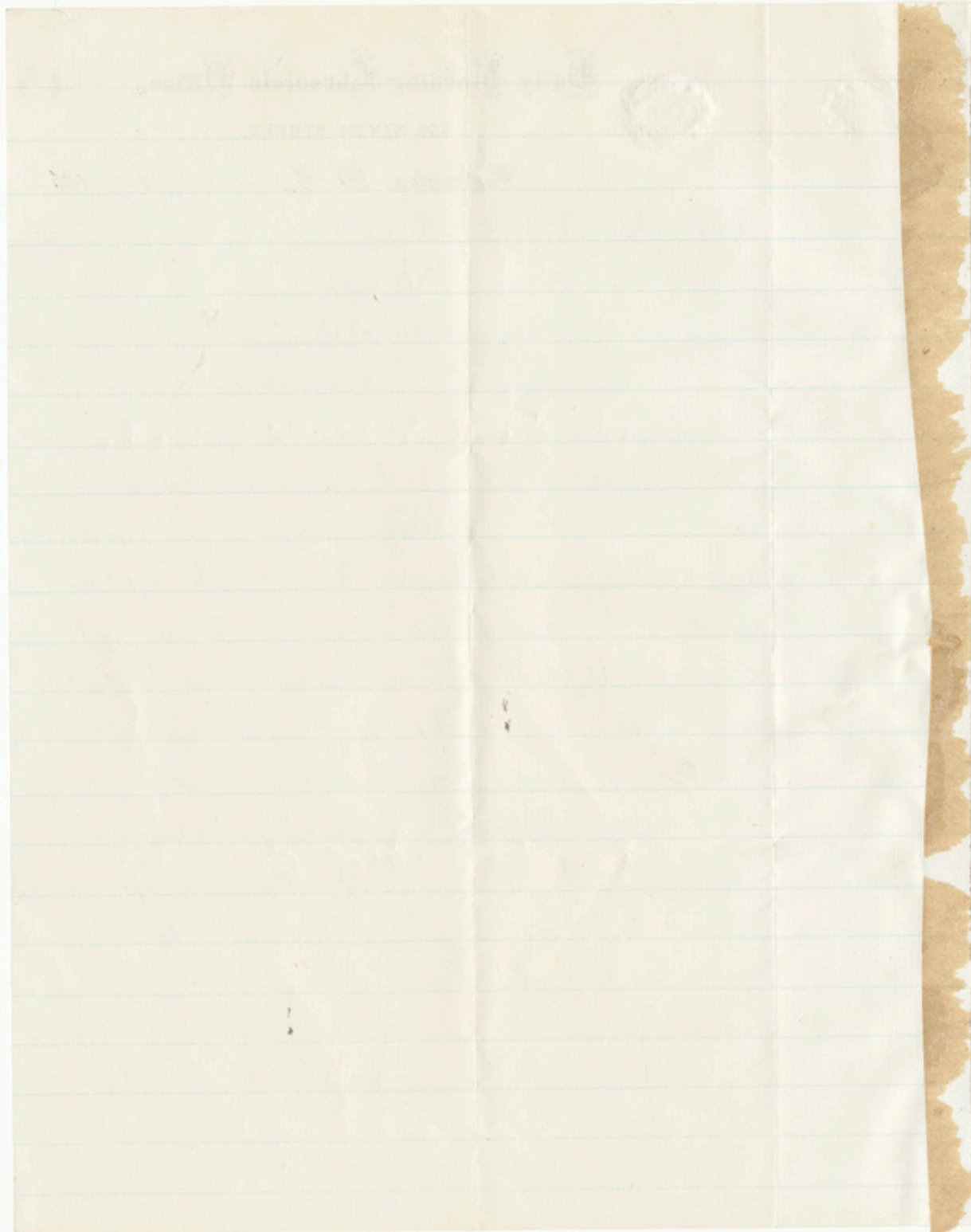
My Dear Sir:

I am authorized by the ladies in charge of the Penna Table to invite you to be present at the National Fair Building on Thursday evening the 12th inst to participate in the presentation of the Sword, in their charge, to the General receiving the largest number of votes. I trust you will do so, and allow me to so announce it.

Yours Respectfully.

D. G. Forney.

P.S. The ladies prefer having you receive the sword in behalf of the successful General, General Banks has consented to make the presentation speech.



Washington July 11th 1866

General

The bearer of this General S. R. Schwenck is the officer I strongly recommended to you, and for whom service you asked of the War Department. He will show you a letter I wrote to Senator Wilson some since, and which explains his military position. On the receipt of this letter Senator Wilson cordially recommended him for appointment in the regular army.

That he will be appointed in the regular army there is little room to doubt. But as the "Bill" is still pending, and may do so for some time yet, and as some reward is due for his meritorious services, I would suggest that you give him temporary employment to cover the tediousness of waiting.

Very Respectfully your Obedt

Wm L. Liley

May Gen Howard }

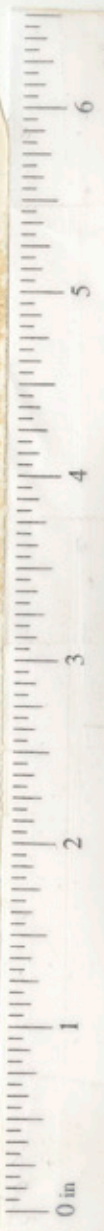
Washington July 14 1864

My dear General
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States. I have the honor to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
John A. Seward

Very respectfully,
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Washington



Philad^a 7. Mo 11th 1866To Maj: Gen^l O. O. Howard

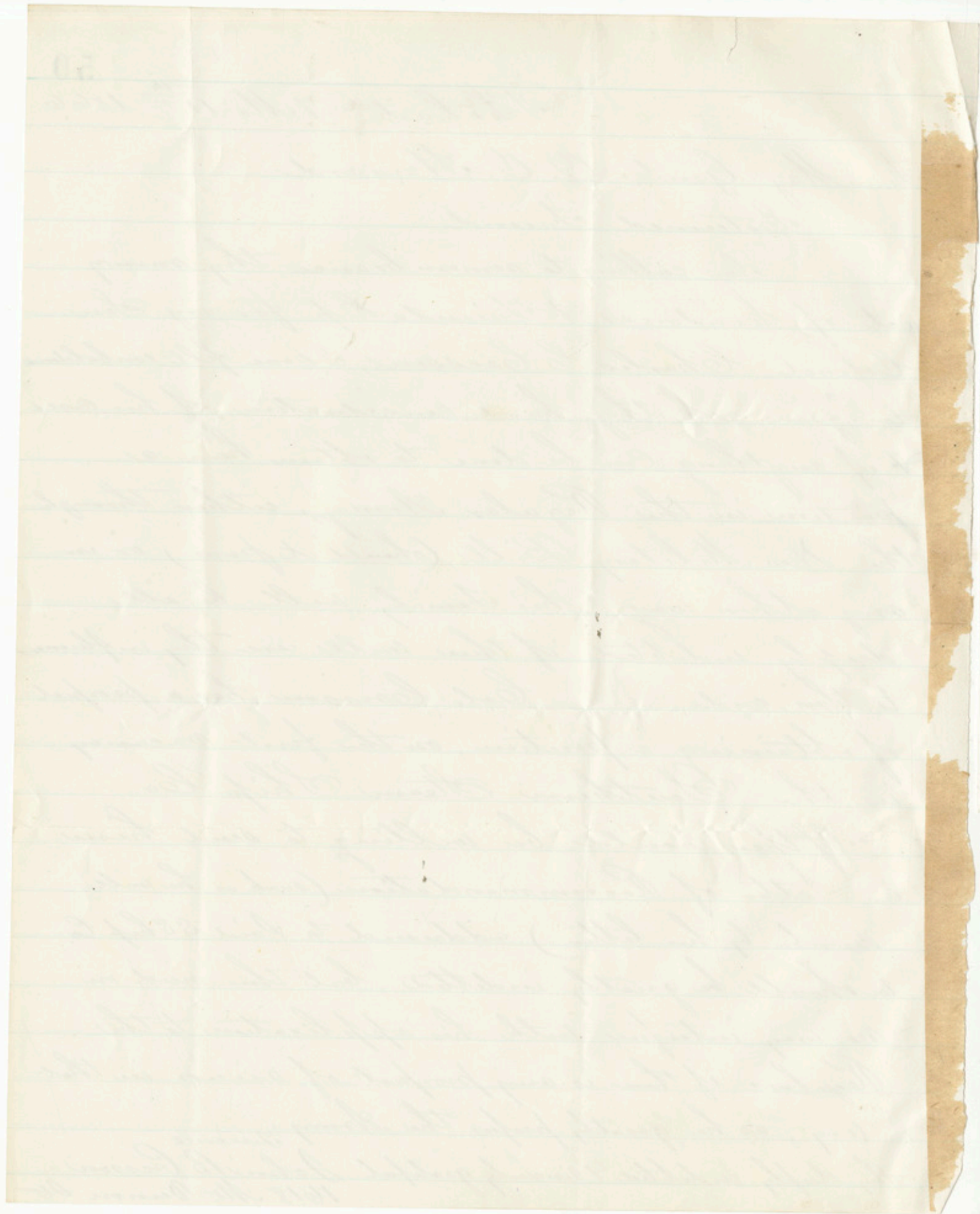
Esteemed Friend

I am calling to remembrance thy many acts of kindness & Friendship for my Son Colonel Charles C. Cresson, I have felt emboldened to again ask thy kind consideration of his case & if anything can be done to obtain him a position in the Regular Army, either through the New Military Bill, (should it pass) or in any other way, his Family will be all deeply indebted if thou wilt use thy influence to this end.

Col Cresson has a prospect of obtaining a position, on the first vacancy in the Southern Steam Ship Co.

If thou would, be willing to send him a Letter of Recommendation (such as he will describe by his letter) addressed to Said S. Ship Co we should be greatly indebted, but this need in no way interfere with his application to the Regulars if there is any prospect of success in that way, as he greatly prefers the Army.

Thy deeply indebted & sincerely grateful ^{friend} John B Cresson
1618 Mt Vernon St



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 May Gen O Horvath
 Dear Sir

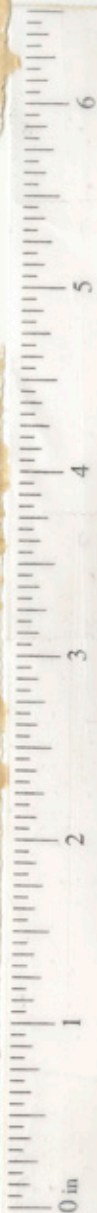
I notice by the papers, that
 the Army bill has passed the
 Senate, & have taken the
 liberty of referring our represen-
 -tative Hon R P Spalding to
 you for information concerning
 the capacity, fitness, Character,
 &c &c of my son, for transfer
 to the regular Army

I have had the promise
 of Mr Spalding that if the
 bill passed, he would endeavor
 to secure a position for him,
 but I think your influence
 would be ~~more~~ likely to secure
 him better rank than would
 otherwise be attained

Very sincerely Yrs Mable Sut
 W M Beebe

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My dear Mr. Thompson
I received your letter of the 11th inst.
and am glad to hear that you are
interested in the subject of the
theology of the Bible. I am sorry
that I cannot give you more information
at the present time, but I will
do so as soon as I can. I am
very truly yours,
Wm. M. Thayer



Philadelphia
July. 11th 1866.

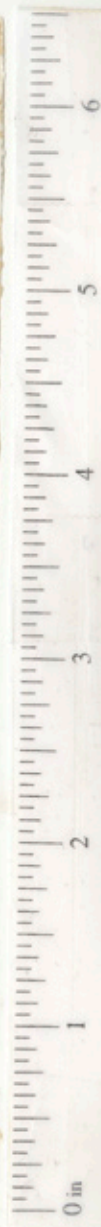
May. General. O O Howard.

Sir,

I would most
Respectfully apply to you for
a recommendation to the
President & Directors of the
Philadelphia & Southern Steamship
Company,

This is a new company
in which I am an appli-
-cant for a Position; being
in the Army from the Be-
-ginning of the war to its
Close and being several
times severely wounded; I
thought it would be advisa-
-ble to get a few letters from

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my. Late Superior Officers
I have been highly recommended ⁵²
by Hon Martin W. Michael
Hon Henry D. Moore & numerous
others. and having served for
a Long time under your Com-
mand in the 2nd Brig 2nd Div
Division 11th Army Corps. I would
ask the above favour

I have the Honor to be
Most Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Chas C. Oresson
Late Colonel. 73rd Regmt.
Pa Vet Vols

Post Office Address & Residence
1618 Mount Vernon St.
Philadelphia

Philadelphia Pa
July 11th 1866

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the President & Directors of
the Pa. & Northern Steam
Ship Company

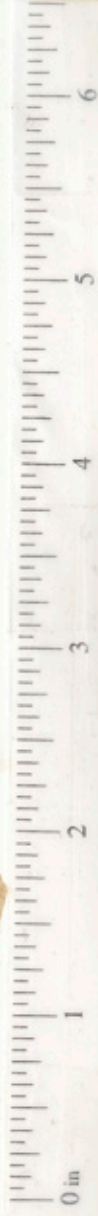
Brooklyn, July 12 1866

Maj Genl A. A. Howard
Washington.

My dear Sir

I have the honor
to own receipt of your kind
accepted through your private
letter under date 30th ult.
of invitation of the "Brooklyn
Young Men's Ch^r Assn" to de-
liver the first of a course
of lectures under their auspices
during the fall & stating
that you could serve us in
Oct^r. We have accordingly
engaged the Academy of
Music for your lecture say
on Monday Evening Oct^r 22.
being the only evening at about
that time it was disengaged.
Your communication would

A. R. Kind Encourage to give as
the subject of eye lectures when
convenient to do so —
A.R.



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have been earlier replied to
but for absence from the city.
Be kind enough in receipt
of this or as good a com-
municant, to advise me if this
arrangement would suit you.
Should it conflict with
any other of yr. Engage-
ments you will select some
other evening if you would
indicate the time most
agreeable to you. In ex-
pressing our gratification
that you have decided to
comply with our wish, I
beg to hope that nothing will
prevent our expectations being
realized. Please address me
as before P.O. Box 1444.
New York
with much respect.
Yours truly Wm. Edwards
Cor. 3rd St.

Brooklyn. July 12th 1860

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Concerning Gen. Reed
Ands letter.

Reed. July 16th 1860.

Jacinto Miss July 12th 1866
Maj Gen O Howard
Washington

Dear Sir

In compliance with my promise made you before leaving Washington I will give you the result of my observations, during my first round of the bounts for this State. The extent of land put in cultivation is nearly double what I had expected, and but for the unusual wet Spring, and early Summer there certainly would have been a very good crop realized; but as at present presented the prospect is indeed gloomy; discouraging alike the employer, and the employed.

Which I fear will operate injuriously upon the free labor system, commenced this year with such fair prospects of success, but results may yet be more favorable.

As to the effect of the Freedmen's Bureau, I find quite a variety of opinion controled

very much by the Conduct of the Agent, and
the temper of the people, but there is much less
complaint than heretofore. In some portions of
the Country the relief afforded to the indigent
could not well be dispensed with; as the State
authorities have not, and cannot get the means
to afford relief, and from the failure of the
crops it is feared next year will be little
better than the present. So far as the protection
of the freedmen is concerned, I believe we
can get along very well in this County without
an agent, there are however some cases of
destitution which should be relieved if

You can provide some means for supply-
ing them without the expense of a regular
agency. I would prefer it; were it not that
my judicial duties require almost my
entire time I would propose discharging
these duties myself, or if you can order
the Supplies, I think I can procure
the right sort of man to attend to it.

I make these suggestions for your consideration.
The number of cases at present, I do not
think require a regular Agent of the

Bureau

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There are three Commissioners of the Court in this County, all of whom are men of high standing and moral worth, who will discharge their duties in protecting the freed men in their rights. In selecting Commissioners for the State, I endeavored so far as I could obtain information to select those who would not only perform their duty, but whose moral influence will prevent crime, and will aid the Officers of the Government in the due enforcement of the laws. As a guide for their duties, under the law, I have issued a circular of which the enclosed is a copy, I have conferred with a number of State Officers, and influential Citizens in different portions of the State who agree with ~~the~~ ^{me} in the justice and propriety of giving equal protection to all, and promise me their aid in its enforcement. Public opinion has very much changed on this subject since last fall, prominent men in different portions of the State, are asking to the necessity of encouraging

The education, ^{& the} moral and religious improvement
of the colored people, I also find especially
among the older and more considerable
portion of our population, a desire for men
of capital skill and industry to come and
settle among us, and to protect them in their
person and property, the only difficulty upon
this subject, is from a set of lawless men
mostly young men, many of whom were
reckless before the war, but the means
upon which they relied for a support having
been swept off by the war, have become
almost Ishmaelites, and are destined
to early destruction, so soon however as
public opinion can be ~~brought~~ concentrated
and brought to bear they will be compelled
to yield.

I fear I have not made my commun-
ication as intelligible, and interesting as I
could have desired, but as it is only intended
for your perusal, I hope you will
excuse

With high regard I remain your
Obedient Servant

Robert A. Hill

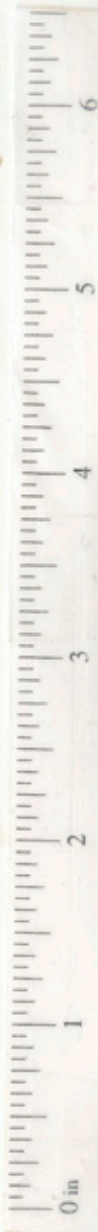
Yours Sincerely
D. L. - Aug 12. 66
Maj Genl O. S. Howard
U. S. Army
Washington

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Dear Genl

Your kind
note of yesterday is received,
for which please accept my
best thanks. I will ^{write} you
again after the return of
Genl Grant and as you
so kindly offered to do so,
I wish you to be the best,
Genl Dix my old comrade
and good friend, promised
me when I was last
in Washington to make
it a point in addition
to all he has already
done for me to go to

the President. In person
and ask my assistance
The Great business writing
a strong letter to the President
and to Gen. Morgan has
promised to call upon me
The Gen. in my behalf
Newbury Johnson Mr.
Anthony Mr. Brown Mr.
Scollitt Mr. Sprague
and several members
of Congress have all
promised to see me
I have also good friends
in the stockholders of the
Great Dixtold and the
in connection with Mr.
Scollitt in regard to
my case. He suggested
that I go to the President



did not. I stated
much over the
could suggest. I will
all the papers in
the case be referred
to Genl Grant. The
Genl also promised
me that he would
write a note to Genl
for my behalf. Now
Genl will be looking
of your to make an
call on you for the
Genl at his rooms
at Willoughby. This
will not give you
much trouble, and
it will be doing me
another great
service which

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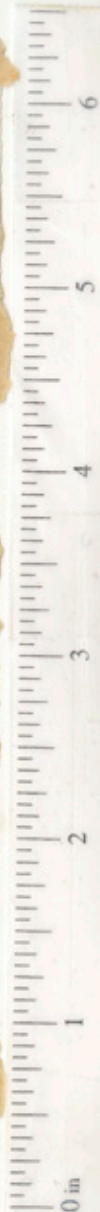
will be fully
 appreciated please
 regard this as confidential
 I remain
 Yours truly
W. A. Riker

Recd. July 13. 1864.

Drumming Letter

Belager. James

Baltimore July 12th 1864



Reservatory
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

HEAD QUARTERS ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER STATE OF VIRGINIA

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Richmond, Va.,

12th July 1866.

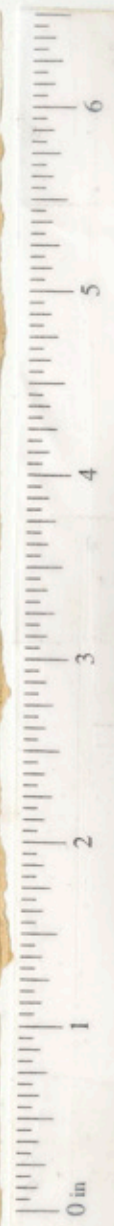
Major Genl. W. W. Howard
Commissioner,
General

Permit me to call your attention to the fact, that, the limitation of the time of entering Public Lands, under the "act of Congress for the disposal of Public Lands," approved by the President June 21st 1866; to the 1st of January 1867 will prove injurious to the interests of the Freedmen in this State who may desire to avail themselves of the provisions of this act.

The larger proportion of the "well to do" colored farmers in this State are renting Lands "on shares," they will not be able to close up their farming operations before the first of January, and hence will be unable to select lands in remote states (there being no Public Lands in Virginia) —

It being to this class that we must look for the successful emigrant, I would earnestly

My dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
John Adams



recommend that the attention of Congress be called to this fact, and that they be petitioned to extend the time of entering lands until the first of April 1867.

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I have taken the liberty of writing a personal note to Mr. Wilson, calling his attention to this matter.

I am, General

Very respectfully

Your obt. Servant

O. W. W.

P. S. Dear Genl.

Richmond, Va. July 12th 1866

Darwin, O.

Bot. Bng. Club.

Suggest that Congress be
petitioned to amend the
"Act for the disposal of Public
Lands," so as to extend the
time of entering lands until
April 1st 1867.

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Wenham, Mass.
July 12. 1866

Maj. Gen. C. C. Howard

My dear General

I write to ask if you can arrange to lecture here the coming season - selecting yr. own time: Our citizens propose a course of 4 lectures - yrself - Am. B. Gough - Fred. Douglass - & Wendell Phillips. We can pay you \$100. I wd offer more if it were not tht our course is in behalf of our town library.

I hope very much you will be able to say yes - & I shall expect the pleasure of entertaining you myself -

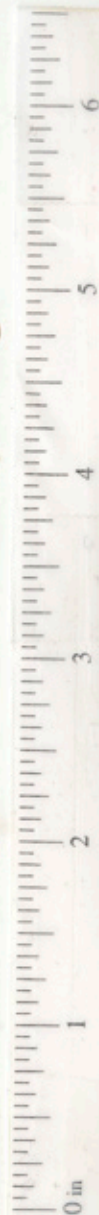
W. friend & classmate J. S. Sewall

Newham Mass
July 12th 1866

Sewall. E. S.

Invitation to
Lecture.

Recd. July 16th 1866



Detroit, July 12th 1866

Maj. Gen. Allen Howard:

Dear Sir,

Your circular is received. - I have watched with interest the progress of your movement in Washington, and predict a large success for you. Your circular was sent to me, I presume, as pastor of First Ch. in this city. I stood in the minutes of last year, but we have colonized here, about one third of the church going into another part of the city when we too, have just purchased a lot, and must lay for money to build, for we are poor. - Not many men of large wealth in our denomination in this State, but your circular might bring something if sent to Mr. D. M. Richardson, & Mr. R. H. Brooks of this city, both of whom spent several weeks in Washington last year, are liberal minded men & have some means at

Detroit Office
July 12th 1866

Freeland S. M. Rev.
Pastor 2nd Cong. Church

In response to circular
concerning church col-
lections &c

Circ. stud to make
annual contribution July 24th

their command. - They are
the First ch. & Society. - Rev. A. Bab-
lard, is now their pastor. -

Yours fraternally

S. M. Freeland

Pastor 2nd Cong. Ch. Detroit, Mich.

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Waitsfield, Vt. Aug 12, 1868

My. Gen. Howard;

Dear Sir.

I have not
thought best to present your Circular before
our people. Neither have I been
willing to lay it aside unnoticed.

I have been interested in your
Ch. enterprise and as an expression
of that interest I enclose \$5.00
which tho. a drop, united with
many others will accomplish the work.

Hoping and earnestly praying
that the principle which has dis-
tinguished your public life thus far
may characterize your future life, in
even more eminent degree, I

subscribe myself

Yours in Christ

A. B. Dascomb.

Waitsfield Vt.
July 12, 1866

Sascomb, AB.

Seeds contribution
to the Church.

Recd July 16th 1866