Me.

Eastport, Aug 24 1866

My dear Genl:

You will remember that the day before I left Washington on leave of 23 dat I asked you to name my case to Mr. Stanton. I am as I then informed you, an applicant for transfer from the Vol. to the Regular Army, as Paymaster.

You have so much to do that I feel almost ashamed to ask you to spend any time on me: but it struck me that in the multiplicity of affairs you may have forgotten it. I wish now, if you have not had the

the opportunity to see Mr. S. you would do it.

I am here on business of a private nature growing out of the property of my deceased father, but shall be at home in Washington again on the morning of the 30th inst.

I have written this now, because a note from Washington today intimates that my chances are not so good as they might be. I will of all things like to be in Ct. till next year any way. I am not only selfishly interested but have my heart in our great church enterprise there.

Believe me Civil
Yrs. truly. D. D. Eaton

Bennington Vt.
Aug 24. 1866.

Maj Gen Howard

Dear Sir, 34

Yours of the 18th inst reached me here yesterday.

I am really sorry that my calls for Kindred objects have been of late so heavy and numerous, that for the present at least you will please excuse me

Wishing you success in this & all other good enterprises. I remain
Yours truly Seth B Howard.

Bennington, Vt.
Aug 24, 1866.

Seth B.

not good
church.

Farmington Aug 24/66

Dear Brother

Old Mr Nesbin who was here a year ago ~~was~~ when you were present. Spoke of you last Evening in prayer meeting & fervent prayer was offered that you might be sustained & directed by Almighty God =

I do not feel so badly about the present agitations as I should were they not manifestly so political in the worst sense of that word - They arise from little conviction in the minds of men, & yet these same politicians have once involved us in war & may again by their heartless machinations - The mass of the people have convictions - They have had their

present notions of justice so ground
in to them by the war. that
the great men can't wipe
them out. Daniel Webster
undertook & failed to stem
the tide of conviction unsuccessfully
at a much more auspicious time. The Radicals
at the South are too radical
to be insincere. They will
fail the President. And
the same may be said
of the North & his Party
will be a sort of Bell-Everett
affair in point of numbers
& influence. We hear
again positively that you
are to go out. either by removal,
or by resignation if Stanton
be Sec of War. & I only desire
this; that when you go, it
be apparent that it is
for no other than political
reasons.=

The "Enslavement of the Blacks" by the Bureau, everybody knows, coming from the source it does, is Satan rebuking Sin. The accusation of incapacity resulting in a want of system & uniformity in administering the Bureau in the different States is a more serious charge. Perhaps your printed letter will sufficiently answer that. I received the letter & Bible Soc. Speech. Our opening political meeting was held yesterday. Perham (M.C.) spoke well & so did Harwell. There is a deep feeling of desperation pervading the minds of our more slow aroused people. They are as mad with politicians as the

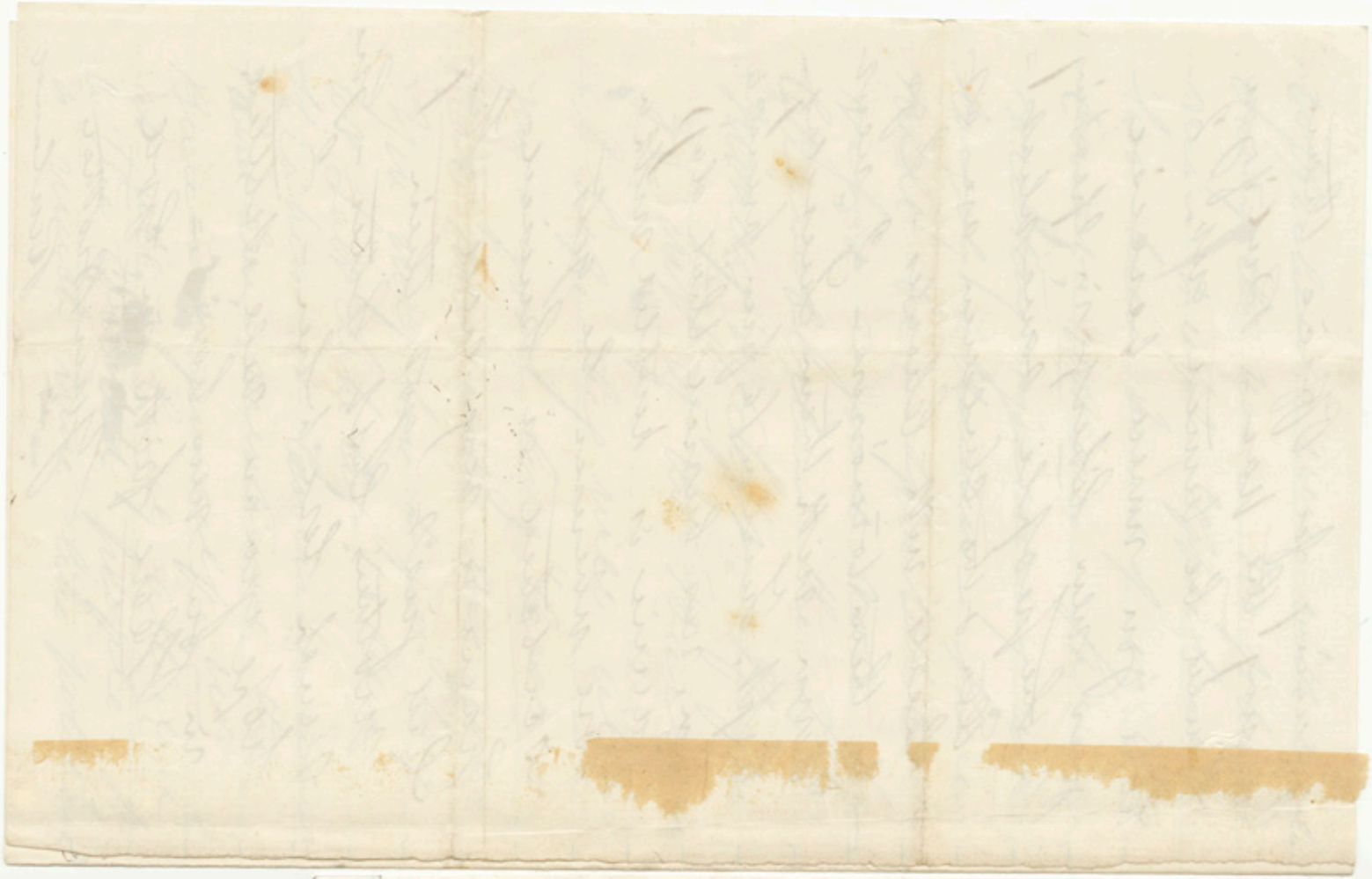
copperheads were with Lee during the war - No patriot man except copperheads has been heard of in this county, not one - The meeting yesterday was largely attended - There will be a spirited canvass & a good vote for Chamberlain the 2d Monday of Sept. If you go out of the Bureau I hope they will allow you a good long "leave" - that we will see you - You may have to join Levy at Salt Lake City! Our speaker at Commencement and here, mentioned the Bureau & yourself not at all, & hardly alluded to the Colored people - It is much more like political

gaining for Office than
defending the law - But if you
think be turned out, I
hope you will exercise
your new liberty in speaking
to the people some what =
Ella & the children are at
Leeds with Charles - I go
for them tomorrow - I went
down with them Tuesday -
Capt. Turner (a firm friend to
you, was buried that day)
Jamie is troubled with a
sore wherever he gets
scratched or bruised -
Gracie is very well - they
had just got their
Mother's last letter - Give
Hench love to her - I
hope you are well settled
in your new house =

Have faith in God

Your Brother

Rowland



A. E. Chamberlain.
O. N. Bush.
F. Y. Chamberlain.

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—OFFICE OF—

ANCHOR IRON WORKS,

No. 53 Vine Street,

Cincinnati, Aug 24. 1866

Maj Gen O O Howard
Washington D C.

My Dear Bro

You remember some months since you said to me in reply to an invitation to make us a visit that when duties would allow you would gladly avail yourself of the opportunity. I write to day to say that we hold this pledge in remembrance. I regret to learn through newspaper reports there is a probability of your surrendering your present position. Not so much on your own account, as those over whom you have been called to exercise a watchful care, and whose rights you have so justly and ably defended. I learned recently there was a probability of your accepting the Presidency of a Western College. Should this be true I suppose you will naturally pass through here on your way. I write now that you may arrange to spend a few days in our city. My Residence is No 371. Seventh st. where you would find a most cordial welcome among cordial friends who would very highly appreciate a visit and delight to honor one whom the "Master" has so highly honored in being a coworker in as we believe the accomplishment of his ~~Divine~~ work. When can you redeem the pledge & spend a week with us. An early reply will oblige your Bro. A. E. Chamberlain

Cincinnati O.
Aug 24, 1866

Chamberlin, A.E.

Friendly letter.

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Bowdoin Coll. Aug 24, 1866

Maj. Gen. Howard.

Dear Friend.

Your Circular reached Brunswick during vacation, & I sign the first moment after my return to acknowledge its receipt & enclose my small contribution. The object has my warm sympathies & prayers. May the new Church prosper. I enclose $15.00. If I were a pastor, I should ask my people for a contribution, for I appreciate the difficulties under which our friends in Washington labor.

I pray God also that

you may be prospered in the great work of your office — the Freedmen's Bureau. Things look critical, thanks to a rebel sympathizing President, but the kind hand which has led us thus far I cannot think will forsake us now. We shall give a good majority for Gen'l Chamberlain at the approaching election, & that Johnson will not have reason to augur very favorably for his policy in the State of Maine.

Yours truly

J. G. Sewall

Bowdoin College
Aug 24. 1866

Sewall, J B.

encloses contribution of $15.
for Congl Church

Headquarters, Assistant Commissioner,
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
SOUTH CAROLINA.

Charleston, S. C., Aug 24th 1866.

Major Genl O O Howard USA
Commissioner &c

Dear General

The order for the muster out of Genl Scott came yesterday. I do not know what will become of the Bureau, or the crops, my opinion is that this is the critical season I may say the most critical season that will ever occur in the organization of the system of free labor. on the success of this year's crops depends the confidence

that is to exist between the Whites and Freedpeople in their new relations to each other, and without a strong hand to look after their interests and guide them in the right way the Freedpeople will be in but a poor condition this Fall, I am looking anxiously forward to the final denouement. Every officer who is here and who by experience is acquainted with the "Modus operandi" of the Bureau should if possible be retained until after the harvesting and division of the crops.

Genl Scott and Genl Sickles recommended me some time ago for a Captaincy

in one of the new Regiments, may I ask of You General a recommendation to the Sec'y of War in my behalf, You know of my services in the organization of the Volunteer Army. I inspected 300-800 (three hundred thousand eight hundred) men during ~~my~~ the time I was on duty with the "Provisional Brigades". and my service has been continuous since April 5th 1861. I have also the honor to enclose a letter from General Scott and ask Your favorable endorsement on the same. With kind regards to all the members of Your Staff

I am General
Very Sincerely

Charleston, S. C.
Aug 24th 1866

Smith, A. H.
a.a.g.

Concerning
freedmen affairs
in S.C.

Rec. Aug 27, 1866

Jonas
A. H. Smith
Brevet Maj Genl

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Treasury Department,

Third Auditor's Office,

August 24th, 1866.

Maj Gen O. O. Howard

Sir,

On behalf of the "Soldiers and Sailors' Union" of this city, I have the honor to invite you to deliver an address before that body, upon the occasion of the celebration of their first Anniversary, at Glymont Sept 10th. The order of exercises will embrace, Oration, to consist of the history of the Union, its objects, & what it has accomplished, Musical entertainment, and dancing, and the entertainment to be select.

Should you consent, as we hope you will, I shall be happy to furnish the necessary information - data, &c.

Very respectfully

Wm. A. Short

Chairman Com Arrangements

Washington D.C.
August 24th 1866

Short - Will A.

Invites Gen
Gen. Howard to
be present at
a picnic.

Boston Aug. 24th 1866.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

I have been and am still, deeply interested in our soldiers — especially those who have come home wounded or maimed — nothing touches my sympathies so quickly as the sight of one of these. I never can see these ~~men~~ without wondering if they have the grace to comfort them that you have, and wishing I could tell them of your "prescription".

I have been wondering if it would be proper for me to get this little extract,

from you, printed in hand bill form to give to them — I am so consola'd by meeting with those who have only one arm or leg.

I have thought perhaps you would like to add something more to the enclosed, and therefore have taken the liberty to address this note to you.

If you would, it would be a great satisfaction to one from your own state.

In case you see fit to reply, address

Miss Annie Brafton —
95 Cornhill,
Boston,
Mass.

young man who had lost his right arm in the service. He said at first every body received him kindly, showed him sympathy, and gave him aid.

THE ONLY PRESCRIPTION.—Gen. Howard, Superintendent of the Freedmen's Bureau, writes to the Rev. Dr. Bellows in reply to a request that he compete for the prize which was offered for left hand writing.

"I was invited to write for the prize, but for two reasons I abstained. First, I was too deeply engrossed in my present peculiar work; and secondly, I was conscious of an inability to write a fair hand. However, my penmanship is quite as good as that formerly with my right hand.

"I heard a lady in the cars lately detailing the sufferings, mortifications, and repinings of a young man who had lost his right arm in the service. He said at first every body received him kindly, showed him sympathy, and gave him aid; but now it had come to be au old story, and he received no special attention and found it difficult to find a position where he could gain a livelihood.

"I will say to you, my dear sir, that there are times when the deformity and inconvenience come across the mind, and disturb the equanimity of those who are full of ambition to make the best of whatever befalls. I do not believe that even the plaudits of a grateful people, or the conscious pride arising from the glorious rewards bestowed upon patriotic efforts, will be enough to sustain the one armed man so as to make him cheerful, hopeful, and happy at all times, so as to enable him to forget all the nervous pains and sensative feelings that constantly assail him.

"My only prescription is a complete surrender of the heart to Christ."

t them to the subscriber for adjustment.

ASA SIMONDS, Ex'r.

Iancock, April 27, 1865. 41*

"MAKE YOUR OWN SOAP,"

Y saving and using your waste grease. Buy one box of SAPONIFIER or Concentrated e—it will make 10 lbs. of Hard Soap, or 11 gal- s of best Soft Soap, for 35 cents.

'or sale by G. F. STEVENS.

ROCKERY, Stone and Brown Earthen Ware, the largest variety to be found in this vicinity, l at the lowest prices, at J. E. BRUCE'S.

Milford, March 28, 1866.

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e shall this Spring offer a larger and better stock an any other house in New Hampshire.

Gloves, Hoisery and Fancy Goods—We keep a full d complete assortment of Ladies' Skirts, Corsets, d Under-Garments. We are the only parties in e State who keep the real *Angele* and *Alexander id Gloves*, and we are fully determined that our ices and treatment to citizens and strangers shall such as will make our store the pleasantest, eapest, and best place in every sense for all to do eir shopping.

BARTON & CO.

3 & 165 Elm Street, (Merchants Exch. Building) Manchester, N. H. Feb. 15, 1866.

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Hd. Qrs. Military District of
Fort Monroe Va
August 24-1866

Dear General

Allow me to introduce Mr Gunsort late Col. & Bt Brig Genl U.S. Vols who I wish to recommend for my regiment if Chorley does not accept. I send a letter by him to the Hon Secy of War regarding myself please read it and if you think best for me to send it. He will deliver it. I am afraid the rebels who have demanded my removal may have some influence. As I have been here so long I desire to remain until Jeff goes away unless I am sure of an appointment in the regular army.

Can you assist me any in this matter? Please advise me.

I have the honor to remain

With great respect
Your obt Servt
Nelson A. Miles
Maj Genl

Brattleboro Vt.
Aug. 25th 1866

Hawkins, Geo.

Desires information on certain points.

Brattleboro Vermont.
Aug. 25. 1866.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Dear General.

Among the people the idea is fast gaining ground, that the President is determined to remove all loyal men from important places, and then to fill them with the disloyal who are the supporters of his policy:

My own opinion is that you will not long remain where you now are, if the President has it in his power to remove you. You must soon give way for some facile tool of the traitor Executive:

I believe you have in your

possession more facts concerning Southern loyalty, since the close of the armed rebellion, than any other one man; these facts ought not to be lost, a statistical account of murders or friends of the Government by rebels, would be one of the strongest arguments to place before the people in the coming campaign, against placing the power in the hands of those men, who only want the power, to make another attempt to destroy our government:

I wish if in accordance with your ideas of duty & not too much trouble, that you would furnish me with such information upon this subject, as you may think would be useful:

I expect to be in Macon in about two weeks, My P.O. address is Box 5227 and office Room 46 Bible House:

Yours truthfully

Jas. H. Hendrix.

Seeds Aug. 25 1864

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Dear Brother Otis

I shall today via Bangor – certain Summer arrangements having made that the most desirable if not the nearest route to Washington. I expect to stop at Providence but to be back by Sept. 1st prox.

I wish to get a Chaplaincy in one of the Regular Colored Regts for Rev. T. K. Noble – present Chaplain of 128th U.S.C.T. Can't you secure it for him or assist? He is an excellent man, with high culture, talent and experience with Colored troops – is highly respected and beloved by my officers. I am still uncertain about my appointment – You did not state it authoritatively – Wish I could have known before leaving the State.

Have sold portion of the farm to Rand & concluded not to sell the East Side place at present – Affectionately yours

E. H. Howard

Love to Sister & Nice children – Nice Chaplaincy somebody else for Jewett Speaker?

O. O. Howard Esq. Care of Maj. Genl. Meade

Gen. O. O. Howard

P.S. No 2 – The paper all say Fillson is to deliver you as Commissioner – O.O.H.

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Lockport Ill
Aug. 26th 1866

To the Congregational Church
at Washington D.C.

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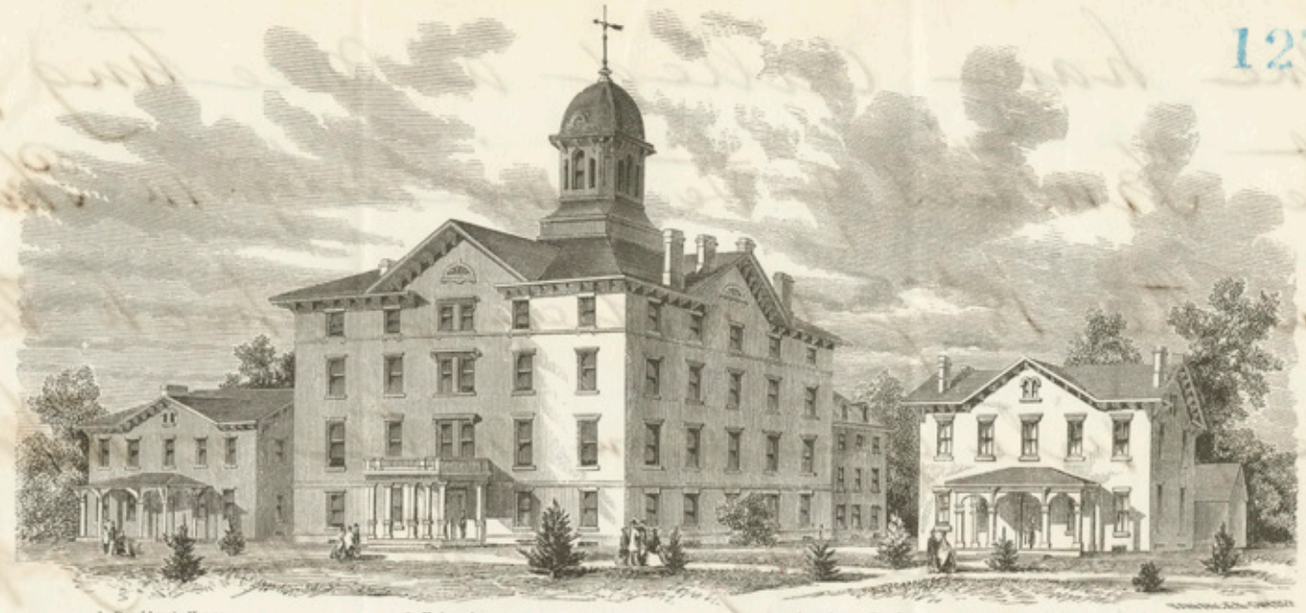
Dear Brethren

The Congl Church of Lockport gladly respond to your special call for aid in building your church in our National Capital. We are few in numbers & not strong, but we would not therefore withold our small gift. We trust you will receive it as a token of Christian fellowship.

May God prosper you, especially as "that Wicked One is being revealed" in your midst.

Yours in Christ
A. L. Riggs Pastor



1. President's House. 2. University. 3. Ashmun Institute. 4. Professor's House.

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY.

OXFORD, CHESTER CO., PENNA.

Oxford Aug. 26th 1866

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

Your favor of a few days ago I have received, and while I regret very much we cannot have your valuable aid at the meeting in Boston, as no doubt the other object you have in view is as important I pray for your success-

we have called a meeting of the Trustees of the University in Phila on the 18th of October, of which the Secy. will give you notice, & to hold a public meeting on the Evening of that day, at which we hope you will be able to let the people of Phila hear you, than whom none have more thankfulness for your gifts and work — and we hope to have our meeting in New York on the week following and to hear you there —

As I suppose you leave your

present important position, and no doubt there is a purpose to prevent the progress of the black race by the change, what would you think of engrafting a "West Point" branch upon the Lincoln University and taking charge of it in person? we need to have the African people among us taught the art of self defence, both for the Coast of Africa and as they may require it in this country— Their power controled by christian principle & if never used, may command respect, Please do not make any engagement

with any other institution until after you meet our Trustees — I think I can say that any position you might desire and any use you might wish to make of our Institution with any salary necessary will be at your service — The general opinion seems to be that God has raised you up for an important service for the oppressed people among us; and how can you better spend a life you have already devoted so long to this object —

Very respectfully yours —

J. M. Dickey

Pres. of Trustees —

Brunswick Aug. 26. 1866

My dear General

Yours of the 21st is received. I had heard from Gen. Sewall that some disparaging remarks were made to him in Bath, but I did hope they would not reach your ears, for you have enough of vexation & trouble. Nothing has been said to me on the subject since my return home, & I assure you that there is no danger that my regard for you will be shaken.

You have been true to me; your letter to Mr. Whipple, & again to the Secretary of War when I urged the presence of S. & F. at my trial

were all that I could ask.

The only thing that troubled me at all was an expression in your Circular No. 4 "It will inevitably lead to corruption" & again "Hereafter such investments, within their own jurisdiction, by officers on duty in this Bureau, are strictly prohibited" This language seemed to make an invidious distinction against officers of the Freedmen's Bureau.

But I knew that a severe pressure was upon you at the time, and believed that there was no design to apply the language to any of us who were under arrest, though it was so appli

in some of the Southern papers.

I have written plainly and frankly as you request, & trust the matter will not cause you any further uneasiness.

Every one here expresses the hope that you will not resign, but that you will hold on until removed by positive orders.

There are times when our personal feelings must yield to public interests and duties. Though the prospect seems dark, I am confident all is working for the best, under the guidance of Him whose wisdom is past finding out.

Yours Most truly C. F. Whittlesey

Brunswick, Me.
Aug 26: 1846

Whittlesey Esq.

Friendly letter.

Recd. Aug. 29th 1846