Pittsburgh: Sep: 19. 1866.

Maj. Gen. Howard.

My Dear Brother.

The "Plymouth Literary Union", received your consent to deliver a Lecture in Pittsburgh, with many expressions of thanks & esteem.

They have secured the City Hall & are making arrangements for the Lecture, at the time named by you.

Will you send along the subject of your Lecture, as soon as convenient?

Yours

Thos. W. Bone.

Moore, Henry D.

Pittsburgh, Pa.
Sept 19th 1866.

Concerning his lecture.

Recd Sept 21st 1866.

Brooklyn, N.Y. September 19th. 1866.

Maj General O. O. Howard

Honored and Dear Sir.

The annual meeting of the Brooklyn Sunday School Union, takes place in the evening of the 23rd of October next; the committee of arrangements have unanimously voted to invite you to be present, and address the meeting.

There are, connected with our Union, about seventy Church Schools, and nearly forty Mission Schools, containing from Thirty to Forty Thousand, children and youth.

The objects, in part, of the meeting in October are, to hear reports of the workings of the Union during the past year, and to listen to encouraging words from those friendly to the cause.

Your past life assures us that your sympathies are with us.

Your Official position has great weight in assuring the young that, the duty as well as the pleasure of doing good, reaches the followers of Christ, even in high stations.

Your approving words will give us new zeal in the good work in which we are engaged.

Hoping that it will be in your power to comply with this invitation,

I remain, General Most respectfully and Truly Yours,

Saml. L. Parsons.
Chairman of Committee

P.S. An early reply is desired.
Please address me at No 64 Wall St. New York.
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Guy's Cove 19th Sept
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Dear General Howard

I am very lonely
letter came duly, but Oh! how disappointed
I am! I felt so strong at the thought that
my father's friend would stand at my side at
such a moment! But I have no right to
expect so much, but am very grateful for
my beautiful letter.

May God forever bless you
and yours for your loving kindness is my
fervent prayer.

About the soldier. His wife
sent for me (I had never seen her) I
went, and found a miserable looking
little pale creature. She wept bitterly
while telling me that she had urged
him to enlist on West Point lest he
should be drafted away from his family
of seven children, the eldest a pale sickly
boy trying to carry on his father's tin shop
The father blames her constantly that
his children are in the street going to
to distruction & she says she shall
not live till his time is out 18 months
yet! Please do what you can & she
promises me something in case I get it

I will write what I can but dare not [illegible] half I can — I fear I shall not do it right or in a presentable form, but please do what you can immediately for both our sakes!

Our best love to you & yours!

Affectionately & Respectfully

Your friend

Jeannie Gray

Recd Sept 21, 1866.

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

Charleston, S. C., Sept 19 1866.

My dear brother

I have today completed the instruction of that part of my Regt accessible — Nine Companies — The tenth is on the islands about Port Royal and much scattered — I propose to go to Augusta tomorrow to see Gen. Pillsbury, returning next day — Then if it is not important for me to hurry back to Washington I can visit that Company. Mr. French would like me to visit Beaufort for other reasons of a public character. — I found my Regiment not at all demoralized

Of the four poorer Companies - the drilling was fair - clothing good - generally soldierly appearance good - More imperfect muskets but not more than 3 or 4 bad - in fact none but that would be called in good condition unless closely inspected. One Company only showed deficiency in drill & the Captain to that has been detached as Provost Marshal of Charleston - He is to return to it tomorrow -

The men would like to stay in service - The Officers who have given a decided to stay enemies to Lincoln & have been "dismissed" - Only one or two very poor Officers remaining. Most of the Officers have lately signed a

Five of the 9 Companies passed very creditably – I gave a very thorough inspection and you know I for some time belonged to Inspector General's Department and ought to know how to do it thoroughly. Five of them drilled well though from the heavy details, fatigue, guards &c. they have not been able to drill for many weeks and not much for months – About half of the muskets were in perfect condition but two or three in each of these Companies could be called bad – clothing all good – brasses bright – books well kept – quarters as neat as could be expected for the circumstances – these Companies being quartered at the Fair Ground Portland Parkway &c.

the total abstinence pledge.

Now I find Maj. Ray (the enemy of the Regt) has orders to conduct the recruiting from it & tells me there will not be over 100 men accepted probably — No married men are taken and the quota part will thus be excluded & thrown out of pay upon the Community — and at the worst time — the Fall — when there is no work. They are working some of my companies from morning till night dismantling forts &c. Now of Regt. wants the men as the Sec. of War said to me they did — there is no reason in the world why the Regt. should be

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mustered out now –

But as Gen. Sickles & the 6th Reg't. are so prejudiced against it I prefer it should go out rather than remain here – I will see whether Genl. Fillmore wants it – But I would like you to see Genl. Canby and ascertain whether he will not apply for it to take the place of the Regt. just going out of service at Washington – Its term (~~[illegible]~~ of 128th) of service will not expire till one year from next April.

There are schools flourishing with all the Companies – If Canby or Fillmore want it – it would be better of course to have it retained till next Spring

when some of the new Regular Regts. will have been formed to take its place & the men can get employment for the year or season —

I feel particularly desirous that this may be done because of the injustice done the Regt. in making such false reports and then having it mustered out on such grounds.

Have you applied for Col. Burbridge's detail for Bureau? Maj. Donelson can certainly attend to the recruiting here.

If the Regt is to go out I suppose the retention of such as are on duty in the Bureau should now be secured at once. ~~I have~~

I have urged Gen. Scott to letter all preliminary steps, possible in the Sea Island business — He wishes to be ordered to Washington thence to make a flying trip home — say for a week. He has proposed taking a lot of people from this State to Arkansas, settling them there under the Homestead law — says the land in Florida is too poor. He would like to letter charge of the business for you on a large scale — Proposes to try it on his own hook if mustered out but seems to me it would be well to have him retained to try this — settling the public domain on the Red River — He would like much to try it. Has been a great dealer in lands — got rid by it

in the West—

Best thing is getting Conv-
ition from Augusta by
Friday night I do not go to Beaufort
can be back by Sunday Morning to
W. Please telegraph me any action
about the Regt— (Care Gen. Scott)

Your Affectionate Brother

O. O. Howard

Fort Sterling Ky Sept 29th 1866

Maj Genl O O Howard
Commissioner Freedmen &c
Washington DC

Sir

The Bearer of this H C Hovenden Esq is a Citizen of this place - has been & still is a Agent of the "Bureau" at this place & for the Greater part of my District. He is a thorough "Union man" & has been a most efficient & active Agent & has done his duty faithfully. On my return home - many complaints were made by Colored persons & not a few by Whites against Mr Hovenden. I at once down into this & had the Superintendent for this State investigate the matter & showing that Mr Hovenden had done his duty correctly. He is most faithful - thoroughly loyal & a perfect Gentleman.

I state facts

Please see commending him to you -

Yr Friend
Samuel McRee

Mount Sterling Ky.
September 20th 1866

McKee Samuel

Introduces A. C. Stevence Esq. an Agent of the Bureau.

Steubenville. Jefferson Co.
Ohio. Sept 20th 1866

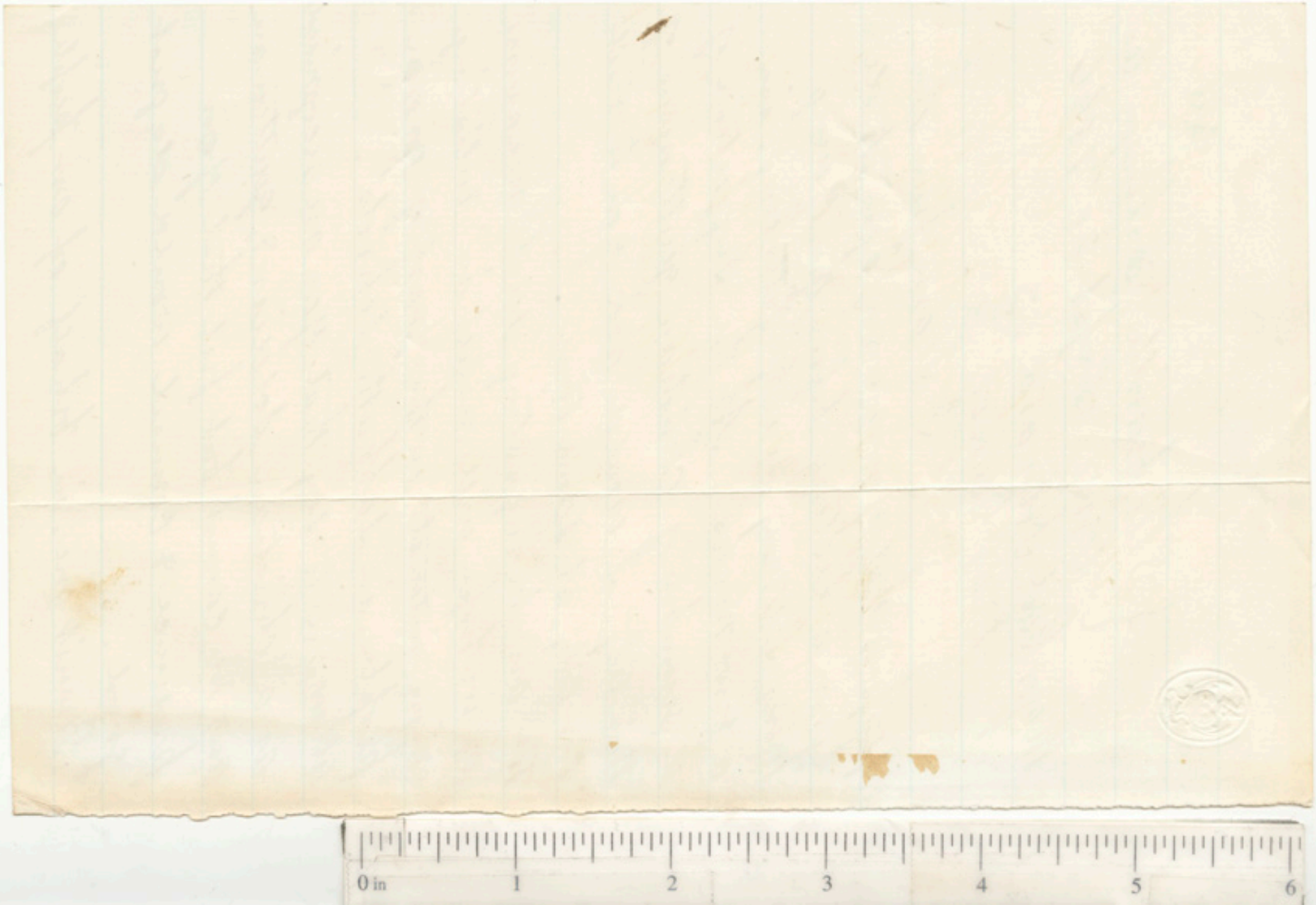
Major Genl Howard.
Dear General.

I learn from the papers that you are engaged to deliver a Lecture before the Young Mens Literary Society Pittsburg, in a few weeks. At the suggestion of a number of Christian gentlemen of this City. I would ask you to visit our City at same time.

We are inaugurating such measures as we hope will result in enlisting more interest. on the part of grown people, in Sabbath Schools.

Allow me to say that you are recognised as a christian Soldier & gentleman. and we cannot but feel that your presence & counsel would do great good.

Permit me. in behalf of our people,



to hope, that your Engagements will allow you to come down from Pittsburg. It would, moreover, be a great pleasure to this Community to have an opportunity of Expressing to you their appreciation of your great services to your Country, and to testify their high regard for you personally.

I am, General, Truly Yrs.

David E. Hervey

Steubenville - O.
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Hervey - David E.

Invites Gen
Howard to lecture.

Recd. Sept: 21. 1866.

Valhermoso. Springs. Morgan County. Ala.
Sep. 20th 1866.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard.

Sir,

I have the honor to respectfully submit to your notice the following facts. which I have been requested by my Neighbors to state to you.

We wish to know how or why it is that Rebels who have not been pardoned in accordance with the Presidents Proclamation of May. 1865: Are allowed to hold an office contrary to law. The case referred is of one George B. Charlton who is holding the office of Probate. Judge. The said G. B. Charlton. held two offices of trust under the so called Confederate. Govt. also took an oath to support that Govt.

My neighbors and myself made a statement of these facts. also requested an investigation of the

case. And forwarded the same to Gen. Wagner. Swayne. at Montgomery. some two months ago, And have never reed an answer.
Your. Agent Col. Callis. at Huntsville. read the statement and Endorsed it with his approval.
If Rebels are to be allowed to hold Office And have things their own way again.
We Union people would like to be informed as to the facts so that we may know how to deal with them.

I am Very. Respectfully
Your. Obt. Servt.
E. H. Chase
Late Capt. 110th U. S. C. Inf.

P. S.
We are Anti: Johnson men here,

Talladega Springs
Morgan Co. Ala
Sept 20. 1866.

Chase. E. H.

Complains that rebels are appointed to power

Reed Sept 25. 1866

All money letters, and letters concerning packages of clothing, &c., should be addressed to W. E. Whiting, 53 John Street, New-York.

Rev. Geo. Whipple, Rev. M. E. Strieby, } Secs.
~~Lewis Tappan, Esq., Treas.~~
W. E. Whiting, Asst. Treas.

American Missionary Association,
No. 53 John Street,
New-York, Sept 20th 1866

Gen. O. O. Howard
Commissioner &c.

Dear Sir

I have just learned that Gen. S. C. Armstrong has tendered his resignation of the office he holds in the Bureau, at Fort Monroe.

Permit me to suggest that in the present condition of affairs at that point, Gen. Armstrong cannot retire from his post without very serious embarrassment of the work of education there, especially in relation to future and enlarged operations in the direction of training teachers, that are now in their incipiency.

Allow me then to solicit your interference in keeping him in his present position, until the work is more mature. I think he would remain at your request.

I will esteem it a great kindness if you will favor me

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with a reply.

Very Respectfully
Your ob't Serv't
Geo. Whipple
Cor. Sec.

Whipple, Geo –

New York
Sept 20th 1866.

asks that
Gen. Armstrong
may be invited
to remain in his
present position

Recd 21st Sept. 1866.