

West Chester Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 1866

To General Howard

Dear Sir We a committee appointed to correspond with you in regard to securing your services to deliver an address for the Benefit of the Young Christian Association of this Burrough. would state that the object of this association is to further the cause of Christ - in all possible ways, such as visiting the sick, visiting destitute places, reading to the Blind & distributing tracts. gathering in neglected children into schools &c &c - there is a wide field for labour here & in the country around us - whilst we trust that we have warm hearts & willing hands we find that we are unable to do all the good we might do upon account of our

means being limited. the majority  
of our members are amongst the  
working class and are unable to  
give much toward sustaining defraying  
the necessary expences. we hope that  
you will consent to lecture for us.  
the proceeds to go to the association.  
we have understood that you were to  
be present at the young mens  
christian association at Philad.  
thought that you would perhaps  
come from there to west Chester  
there are 4 trains daily to & from  
this place. the distance by rail is  
27 miles. could you favour us  
with a visit please let us know  
immedately so that we can engage  
the Hall - have our tickets &  
circulars printed & a delegation  
from our association will attend  
the Anniversary in Philad on the 15<sup>th</sup>  
& 16<sup>th</sup> of this month & hope to meet with  
you there. anxiously awaiting yours

reply we remain as ever  
your friends truly &c.

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H. Smithwaite  
M. W. Bailly  
J. A. & Thompson

} Committee

P.S. Please state what our  
indebtedness to you will be should  
you favour us

Harl Chester Pa.

Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 1866.

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Smother-wild. H. - Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>  
to lecture.

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Ans'd

Recd. Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> 1866

Young Men's Union

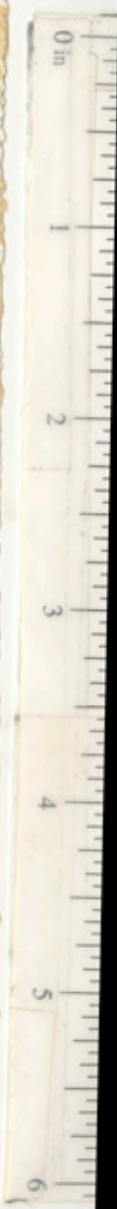
Salem Nov 6 1866  
Dear Sir

I have the honor to  
acknowledge your communication  
of the 13 ultims. We shall  
announce you, for Jan'y 31st.  
subject to the conditions therein  
named.

Very Respy  
D. E. Saunders Jr  
Cor Secy

Maj. Genl. O O Howard

I have the honor to  
 acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th inst.  
 in relation to the construction of the  
 proposed canal. I am sorry  
 that I cannot give you a more  
 satisfactory answer at this time.  
 I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
 Yours, etc.  
 J. C. Thompson



C. A. WHITING, TREAS.

C. H. WATERS, AGENT.

Clinton, Mass., Nov. 1 1866

Maj Gen. C. C. Howard  
Washington D. C.  
General

I learn that you  
are to come to Providence to deliver a lecture  
during the coming season; Can you speak  
before our Lyceum directly after? if so please state  
time, terms & subject. Clinton is on the Worcester  
& Nashua R. R. 12 miles N. E. from Worcester.  
We have some of the largest mills in the country  
which we would like to show you, and we would  
like to see the gallant leader of Sherman's "Right"  
and the friend of the Freedmen. An early  
reply will be a favor.

Very truly  
H. H. Waters

Nov. 1. 1866

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Nov. 2. '66.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard.

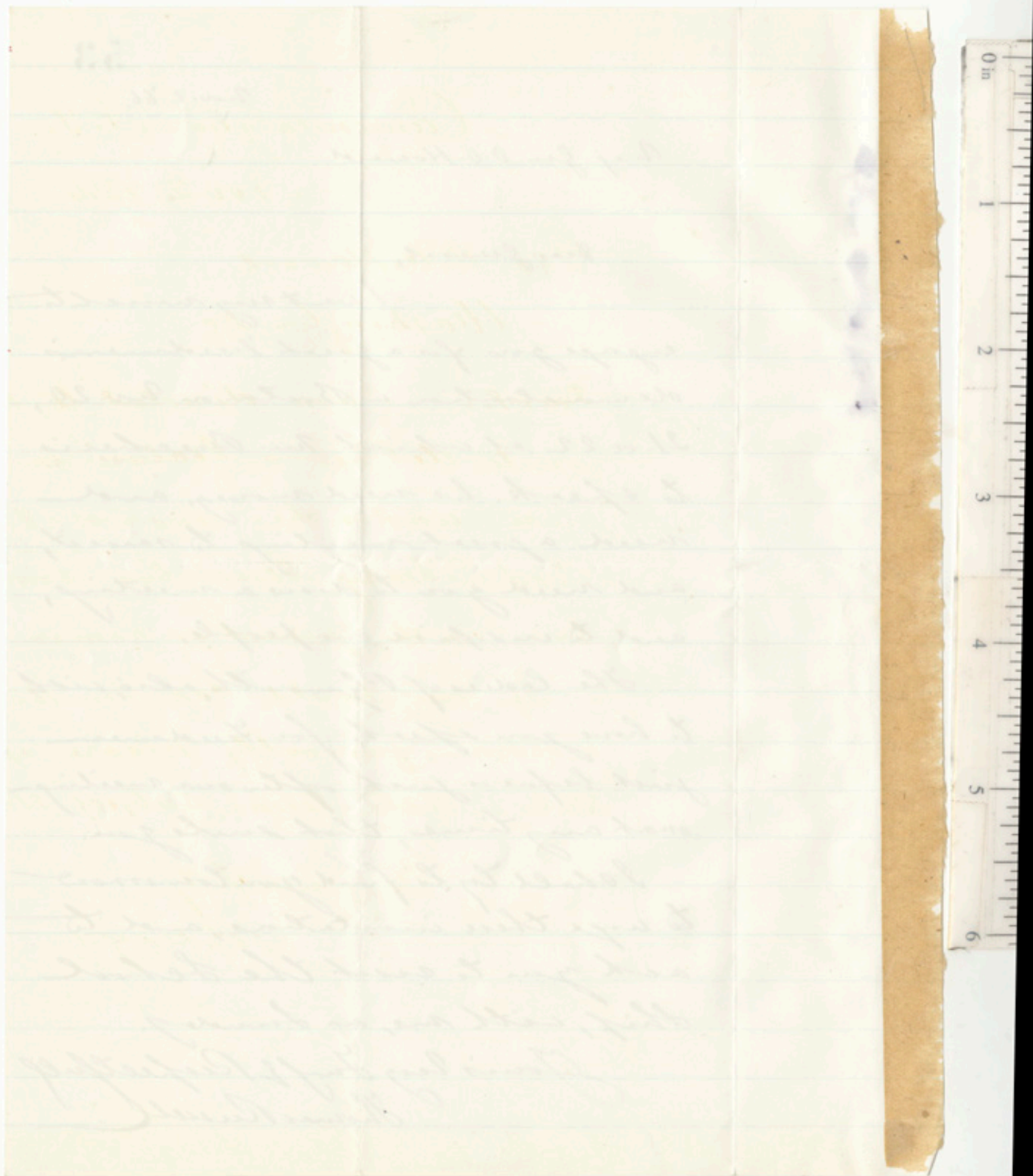
Dear General,

I want very much to engage you for a great Freedmen's demonstration in Boston on Nov. 20, 21. or 22. at which Mr. Beecher is to speak. he need money, and need a great meeting to raise it, and need you to draw a meeting, and to inspire our people.

The ladies of Plymouth, also, wish to have you speak for Freedmen just before or just after our meeting - or at any time, that suits you.

I shall try to find you tomorrow to urge these invitations, and to ask you to visit the School Ship, with me, on Sunday.

Yours very truly & Respectfully  
Thomas Russell



Canandaigua, N. Y.

Nov 2, 1866

Gen. A. O. Howard

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir. I am directed to invite you to deliver a lecture in this place under the auspices of the Wood Library Association some time in the present or coming season.

If you should consider the proposition favorably please reply stating date, terms, subject, etc.

Very respectfully

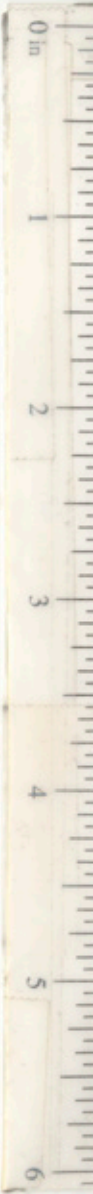
J. B. Hayes  
Secretary.

Concord, N. H.  
Nov 3. 1866

Rev. A. A. Howard  
Washington, D. C.

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you to deliver a lecture in this  
place under the auspices of the  
West Library Association some  
time in the present or coming season.  
If you should consider the  
proposition favorably, please reply  
stating date, time, subject, &c.

Very respectfully,  
J. B. Hayes  
Secretary



Middlesex Mechanics Association Lectures,  
1866-7.

LOWELL, MASS.: November 2nd, 1866.

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- 2....November 21st:.....HON. HORACE GREELEY.
- 3....December 5th:.....GEO. W. CURTIS, Esq.
- 4....December 12th:.....MAJ. GEN. B. F. BUTLER.
- 5....December 19th:.....REV. DR. H. W. BELLOWES.
- 6....December 26th:.....REV. GEO. H. HEPWORTH.
- 7....January 2nd, (concert):.....— — —
- 8....January 9th:.....JOHN B. GOUGH, Esq.
- 9....January 16th:.....PROF. W. D. GUNNING.
- 10....January 23rd:.....MISS ANNA E. DICKINSON.
- 11....January 30th:.....MAJ. GEN. O. O. HOWARD.
- 12....February 6th:.....PROF. C. W. ELIOT.
- 13....February 13th:.....PROF. C. W. ELIOT.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir: You will observe the Lecture Committee has assigned you being named in your letter to the secretary. It is quite probable you will be entertained at the residence of some one of our citizens, who will accompany you to the Hall. Lecture to commence at 1/4 to 8 o'clock

Maj. Gen. Howard. Respectfully your obt. servt.  
L. E. Stone

Middlesex Mechanics Association Lectures.

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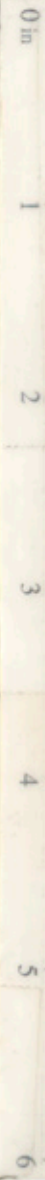
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Prof. Geo. W. Howard.

Dear Sir, You will observe the Lecture Committee has assigned you a very unusual in your letter to the meeting. It is quite probable you will be interested at the prospect of some one of our citizens who will ever pay you a better tribute to commerce or to science.

Very respectfully,  
 Wm. L. Loring



Boston Nov 2. 1866

Maj Genl A. C. Howard  
Commisioner. &c

Dr Sir

I have been laboring  
in this city for some time to secure the  
attention of the benevolent & wealthy citizens  
of to the importance of providing a home  
for a portion of the children of the  
Freed women, now on your hands, in  
Washington vicinity, the mothers can  
easily be placed in families at good  
wages, & will cheerfully pay a part of their  
wages for the support of the children.

It is the opinion of Geo S Stearns  
Esqr a wealthy & influential citizen &  
others, that, could it be announced that  
you would address a meeting called  
for that purpose, & you would lay before  
that meeting the claims that these poor  
women & children have upon them

charity. that the thing could be carried  
Easily & readily, you would have  
Mudall Phillip, Esq & others to assist  
you on the occasion,

Could you so arrange your  
business, to do this thing early next  
week, we should move on rapidly  
in this noble work, I have request-  
ed a Mr Forbush of the "Soldiers Memo-  
rial Society" to confer with you on this  
subject. Mr F. & the society he represents  
will render us efficient aid in our  
work,

With great respect

I am Dr Sir

Your obt Servt

J. F. Williams

SECRETARIES:  
GEORGE WHIPPLE, } New York.  
M. E. STRIEBY, }  
J. R. SHEPHERD, Chicago.

Rooms of the American Missionary Association, 57  
No. 53 JOHN STREET,

New York, Nov 22 1866  
Major Genl. O. O. Howard  
Major Genl. Comins  
of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands.  
Washington D.C. Suppose to be now at Boston  
Dear Sir

I have from our office at Chicago a communication requesting of me in the absence of the Secs who have been at the Annual Meeting of our Association at Galveston this week, attention to a letter recd. from a missionary of ours at Galveston Texas, a copy of which is enclosed to us, the writer of which deems it most important that we should communicate with you in relation its contents, no hopes of having matters remedied that seem sad indeed.

The writer "In the first place, Genl. Kiddoo is drinking fiercely. His friends, many of them, are feeling mortified and disgusted with him, and his administration of Bureau Affairs is getting fearfully reckless. School matters look terribly hard. He will neither tell me that I can locate schools in the State without his interfering with them or not, and as he once told me he should interfere if I did without his consent, I of course await advice from you just how to

Orders came a few days since to cut down  
the salary of the Sup<sup>r</sup> of Schools from \$2500 to \$1800,  
but this has been remedied by Gen. Kiddo allow-  
ing him to take his wife into the office as clerk  
with a salary of \$1200 per year. There is not  
enough for both to do to employ one man  
two hours per day.

Capt Wright A. A. G. W. has been just  
relieved from duty, and goes to Gen. Gregory at  
Baltimore, and this takes the only and last  
man out of the Bureau who is worthy, save  
one Ex-Colonel now doing duty, as Subapt. Com<sup>d</sup>.

My wife is anxious to commence a school  
in the City, but I am at a loss to know how to  
act, as I am confident the Genl will order her School  
closed. If so I would not fear the final result, and  
would be most happy to bring the matter to a test,  
but fear taking the responsibility.

There are two Bureau Schools in the City  
one taught by M. Wheelock, sister, both of which  
are taught on the fiction system, but many  
good people are anxious to have my wife teach.  
I have a very large and flourishing Sab. School  
and the Wesleyan Office have sent me \$100 worth  
of books &c. I need a large supply of regular  
copies of the Freedman and shall need them  
more when other schools are started.

Discouraging reports come almost daily  
from the "Bureau," Country Schools, and they are

fast decreasing, and at the rate they have decreased  
since I came, three months more will entirely  
obliterate the whole thing. Can not the men at  
the helm be advised how things are going and  
render us aid in Texas. Truly Yours

P.S. Nothing but the Emerald &  
Kiddo, and Wheelock, more especially  
the latter can save us in Texas

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I believe General, that the writer is a  
reliable man every way. Some of his letter may  
not be of consequence in regard to the main  
question, but I thought it well to let you see the  
general character of his communication, as  
some of the minor things may have, in your  
judgment a bearing upon the opinion you may  
form, and any decisions of yours to be made in  
the premises. The writers name is at your service  
if desired, but as this may not directly reach you  
not knowing certainly of your being at Boston, it may  
be as well to leave it as above. May I ask  
that on the receipt of this you will if able acknowledge  
its receipt. I am General, with Great Respect  
Yours Truly,  
S. S. Lockyer

53 John Street N.Y.  
Nov 2<sup>d</sup> 1866

Joelyn L.S.

Concerning Bureau's school  
matters in Texas with charges  
against Genl Kiddoo,

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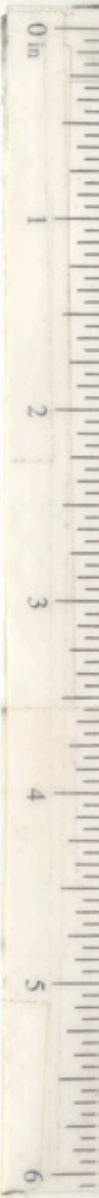
Fond du Lac Wis  
Nov 3<sup>d</sup> - 66

General

A very great desire is  
manifested by the  
people of this City, to  
have you lecture before  
our Young Men's Asso-  
ciation this winter.

My friend E. L. Griffin  
has had some correspondence  
with you on the subject,  
suggesting a programme of  
your tour in the west,  
by delaying your appear-  
ance at Madison & Dubuque  
one day, & coming direct  
from Janesville to this  
place. If this can be done  
you will gratify a very  
large portion of the people

James Lee Lee Lee  
Nov 8 - 11



in this City and the  
surrounding County.  
If you come here, I  
beg you will make  
my house your home.

I have a warm desire  
to personally see & know  
you, and I feel assured  
that your coming here  
will be gratifying to  
yourself.

I am ever  
sincerely yours

C. J. Hamilton

Late Major Genl Vols

to  
Major Genl  
of Howard  
N. S. Army.

Fond-du-Lac. Wis.  
Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> 1884.

Hamilton, N.Y.  
late Maj. Gen.

We miss Gen. Howard  
to be at the above  
place.

Recd. Nov-6<sup>th</sup> 1884

Nov. 3. 1866.

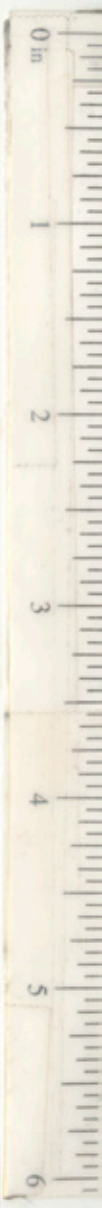
Dear General

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I forward this note in connection with the other that I left with Mr. Alond, <sup>and the private letter</sup> and of which I spoke to you in New York. —

Yours very truly

A. P. Ketchum.



Jan 3. 1866.

Dear General,

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I forward the enclosed to you  
in the hope that it will be  
of some use to you in your  
present work.  
Yours very truly,  
J. P. Johnson.

Washington D.C.

Nov. 3<sup>d</sup> 1866 -

General;

I would hereby respectfully call your attention to a letter addressed to you by Mr. R. D. Middleton of Charleston S.C., requesting an alteration in the wording of your order relative to Mr. Memminger's house -

This letter was enclosed to me, & presented through Maj. Ketchum of your Staff -

As an invalid (Mrs. Memminger) is immediately concerned, I would in her behalf & that of Mr. Middleton respectfully ask your early attention to the case -

Yours Obt. Servt

J. J. Sanborn

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard  
Comd. Freedmen

Washn. D.C.

Washington D.C.  
Nov. 3, 1881,

Sanborn J. J.,

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Wishes desiring a modification  
of the order in relation to Mr. Mem-  
minge's House in Charleston  
S.C.

Philadelphia Pa.  
Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1886

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard  
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

The Board of Managers of the Pennsylvania Branch of the American Freedmen's Union Commission design holding a public meeting in the Academy of Music on the Evening of Thursday Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> and have directed me to extend to you an earnest invitation and request to be present as one of the Speakers on the occasion.

Judge Chase is expected to preside. I most sincerely hope it will be in your power to comply and that I shall have the pleasure of hearing from you to that effect at an early day.

Yours Truly

J. W. White 528 Arch St.  
Chairman Com. on Pub. Meetings

*Duplicate sent to New York.*

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Philadelphia Pa  
Dec 2-1866

Prof. Geo. D. Howard  
Washington D.C.

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sylvania Branch of the American Association  
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directed me to return to you an earnest  
invitation and request to be present as one  
of the speakers on the occasion.  
Doubtless when it is expected to provide  
I must sincerely hope it will be in your  
power to comply and that I shall have  
the pleasure of hearing from you to that  
effect at an early day.

Yours truly  
J. W. White  
Chairman Penn. or Pub. Meetings

Elizabeth New Jersey

Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>. 1846

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir:

at the regular  
meeting of Lincoln Division No. 2 of S. of S.  
held on the 20<sup>th</sup> ult. a committee was appointed  
to procure the services of some gentleman  
to deliver a lecture for the good of the  
order, and the benefit of our division.

We are doing a good work in this  
city, having in the few months which we  
have been organized, saved many from  
this detestable vice of intemperance, - espec-  
ially, from among our 'boys in blue', of whom  
a good portion of our society is composed,  
- and knowing you to be a friend to  
the cause, and a soldier, the com-  
mittee have requested me to

communicate with you for the  
purpose of ascertaining whether  
you would deliver a lecture  
for our benefit in this city during  
the coming winter. Should  
you answer in the affirmative we  
would also desire to know the  
time you would be able to come -  
the subject on which you would  
lecture, and the amount you would  
charge for your services.

An early answer will much  
oblige

Yours respectfully  
Geo. S. Seay

P.O. Box 103.

Elizabeth

N.J.

Newark, N. J. Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1866.

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard.

My dear General,

In accordance with your kind request, I take pleasure in forwarding the enclosed copy of General Newton's <sup>letter</sup>, which I think does full justice to my military career. In addition, I might say that, I understood at the time that General Sedgwick, in forwarding the Recommendation for Brevet, as a reward for services performed at Manassas Heights, also gave his willing approval to the contents.

Genl. Newton wrote the letter shortly after

my return from Europe  
and sent a copy to the  
Adjt. Genl. M. S. A. but as  
yet no answer has been  
returned.

I have to thank  
you most sincerely for  
your offer, yet at the  
same time wish to add  
that, I shall not be dis-  
appointed if nothing re-  
sults from the undertak-  
ing. It will always be  
a matter of congratula-  
tion for me to know that  
my Army Service met  
the approval of my Com-  
manding Officers.

Our Fam-  
ily are in good health,  
and cordially unite  
with me in sending the

kind regards to yourself  
and Mr. Alward. We fre-  
quently speak of the plea-  
sure derived from your com-  
pany and it is our hope  
that we may see you again  
at no distant day. You  
will, at least, feel at liber-  
ty to make our house your  
home upon any occasion  
which calls you to Newark.  
I am,

Very Respectfully Yours,  
Huntington W. Lackson

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Lewards. L. J. Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>. 66

Jackson. A. H.

Concerning her  
Promotion.

Recd from H. H. 1866