

Washington Nov. 12, Monday.

Dear General,

Will you be so far at leisure as  
to take a ride with me if I call  
this afternoon at 3.

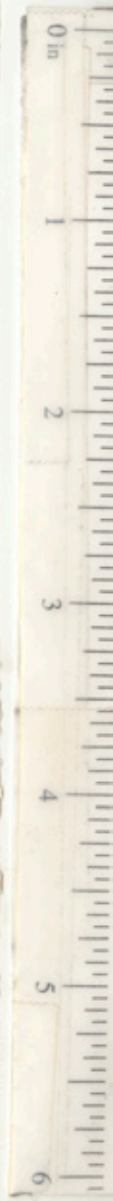
Very sincerely

Stephen

Major Gen. O. O. Howard.

Please let Mr. Messinger know whether  
you answer yes or no; as he has some  
important directions.

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August 6<sup>th</sup>

No 121866

May Genl. C. C. Howard

Dear Sir

Will you  
pardon me if I trespass  
upon your time for a  
few moments.

When I last said you  
I intended to write to  
Genl. Tillson and ask  
that he would appoint a  
committee before which  
I would appear and  
meet every charge that  
he might bring against  
me. But I heard of things  
he said against me and  
of means that he was us-  
ing to injure me and

I decided to have nothing  
more to do with him. I  
knew that he had injured  
me somewhat but I  
determined to let him  
talk and hush down the  
reports that he circulated.

I returned to this  
city intending to have  
nothing more to say of  
him in our paper. But  
his letter to the citizens of  
Henry county astonished  
even myself and I was  
prevented by believe bad  
things of him. I had been  
satisfied one that he knew  
exactly how the freed-  
people were treated, that  
he knew that they were  
not protected in any  
county in the State.



nevertheless I have 117  
been informed by parties  
in whom I place entire  
confidence that he made  
a speech in Maine and  
said that the freed people  
were protected in this  
State. If he did say that  
he told a willful lie. I do  
not wish to believe that  
he did make such a speech  
because his Henry  
county letter states that  
if he did he knew he  
lied. The truth is  
General these poor  
people are murdered  
in almost every county  
in the State and  
the murderers are never  
punished and evil. Tillson  
knows it. What can

we do? I shall give  
the facts to the people  
week after week in  
the "Loyal Georgian"  
and try and arouse the  
country. This is all  
I can do. You can do  
nothing except have  
good men as Assistant  
Commissioners and  
then I do not know as  
you can. I do not wish  
to add to your cares and  
troubles by writing to  
you but I see the  
sufferings of these  
poor people and I  
can do nothing for them



except to efface the  
crimes and pitch in  
to the men who neglect  
to do their duty towards  
them.

I joined Capt  
Richardson late of the  
12<sup>th</sup> Maine and Capt  
Vince late of the 2<sup>d</sup>  
Maine in a letter to you  
asking that a Capt White  
who is at this Post shall  
not be removed by Genl.  
Tillson. I am aware  
that this is an unusual  
course but we attempted  
to explain our reasons  
and I trust we succeeded.

I call your attention  
respectfully to an article

in the "Loyal Georgian"  
of the 10<sup>th</sup> inst in regard  
to Genl. Tillson. You  
may depend that I have  
not made these charges  
without good authority  
for I fully understand  
the kind of a man I  
have to deal with - Tillson  
and I think I am pre-  
pared to prove what I  
say.

General: in my  
opinion this transpor-  
tation business should  
be looked into. There are  
many things that I  
have not yet even hinted  
at ~~that~~ <sup>of which</sup> I am gather-  
ing proof to lay before  
yourself and the  
public. I know



or think that I know  
that Tillson is a bad <sup>119</sup>  
man and not a fit man  
to be connected with  
the Bureau and I feel  
it a duty to the cause  
to expose him I shall  
do so. I wish your  
brother Charles could  
come here I know that  
you will think that  
I am prejudiced and  
I fear that you will  
not fully credit what  
I say. I wish to  
refer your brother or  
some one equally cool  
and honest to certain  
men here both white  
and colored and reveal  
certain facts that are  
in my possession

Trusting that you  
will pardon me for  
my frankness

I am

With Esteem

J E Bryant



(Confidential.)

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,  
Office Assistant Commissioner, State of Georgia.

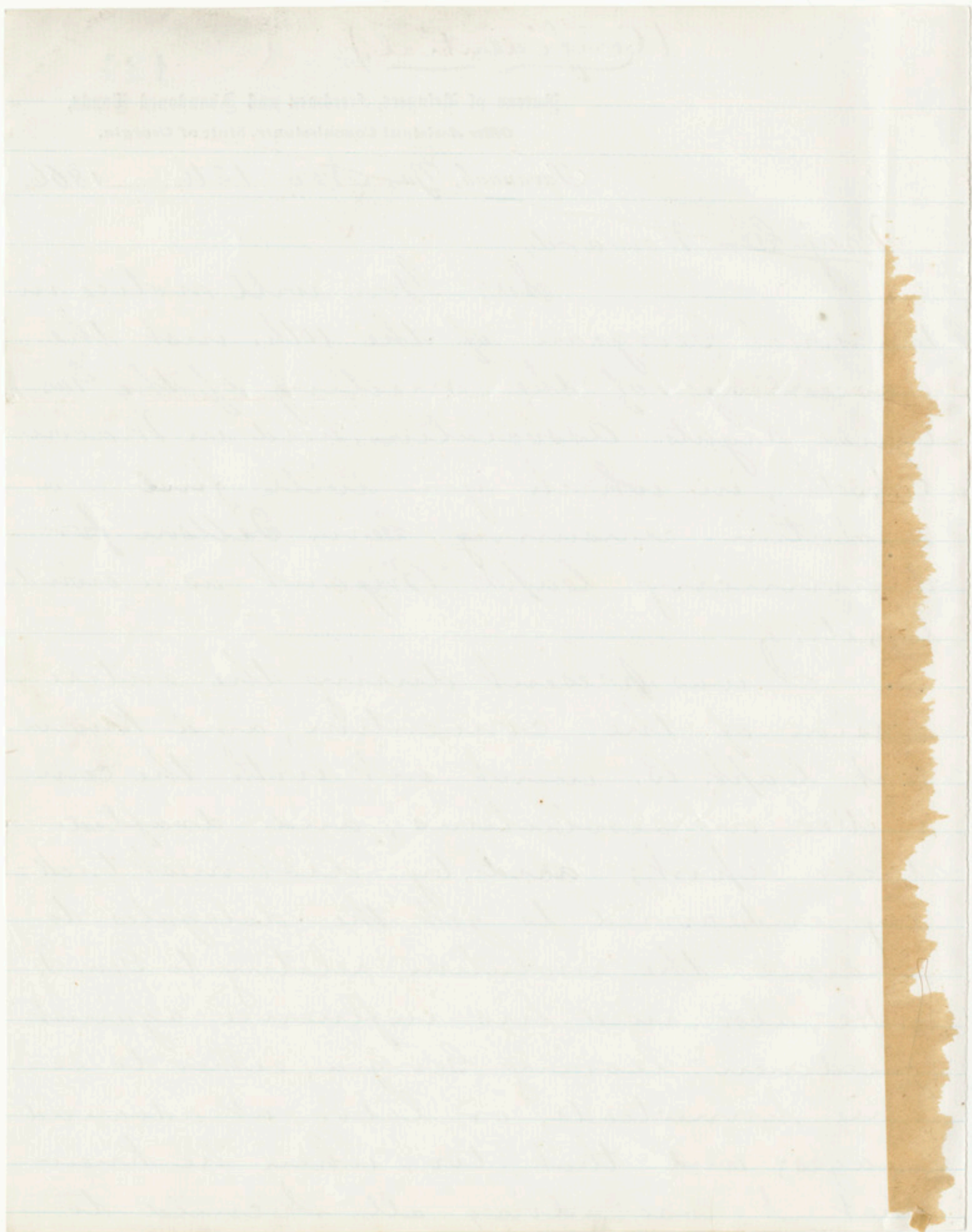
Savannah, Ga., Nov. 12th. 1866.

Maj. Gen. Howard,

Sir; You will notice in the "Loyal Georgian" of the 10th. inst. the proceedings of the meeting of the Ga. Equal Rights Association, held in Macon Oct. 30th., in which you will find a resolution censuring Gen. Dilson for denouncing Capt. Bryant as a swindler, etc.

I was present during the entire session of the convention, and know that Capt. B. went out with the committee on resolutions, and drafted their report; and, by dishonest trickery, endeavored to get the delegates to endorse the resolution relating to Gen. D.

He, also, used his influence against freedmen leaving Georgia, either to secure homesteads, or labor at advanced wages; and that, too, when he knew that I was doing all I could to

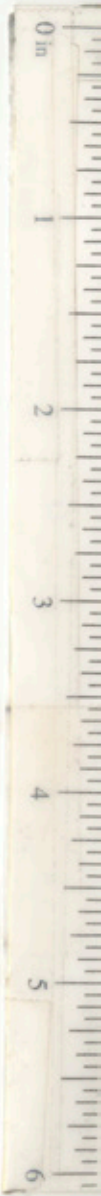




get as many as had the means to do so, to go to Arkansas to found a colony upon public lands, and thus escape the cupidity of disloyal men here, and better the condition of those who remain by inducing an advance in wages, which is sure to follow a decrease in the laboring population of this State.

I know, further, that a large portion — perhaps one half — of the money which Capt. B. raised during the past summer <sup>in the North</sup>, has been expended solely for his benefit in paying debts which he contracted, by borrowing money of freedmen, before the "Loyal Georgian" was established. My indignation upon learning this fact was such as I shall not attempt to describe, and I can only say that I have never heard of a more outrageous imposition upon the liberality of the freedmen's Northern friends.

I <sup>have</sup> watched Capt. B's course very close =





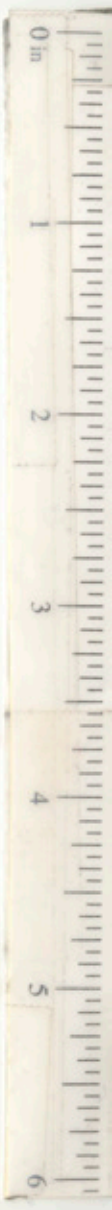
ly for the past eight months, and stood aloof from the difficulty which occurred between him and Gen. I., that I might be able, should I discover any dishonesty in him, to expose him, and at the same time fully vindicate myself in doing so, from any charge of ill will — any malicious, or vindictive disposition — toward him.

I am now prepared to assure you from the above facts, and some other points which I will not now mention, that the Capt. is not honest, and that by remaining in Georgia he is actuated by selfish motives — a desire to become a martyr, or some other sort of public lion — and that he can, under existing circumstances, do the freedmen no good.

He is very vacillating in his policy, is a very poor, and very loose,



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conduct, or conviction, or  
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the facts which I will now  
mention, that the result is not  
that, but that by examining in his  
case he is acquitted by himself and  
others - a desire to become a martyr  
- some other sort of public trial  
- and that he can, under existing  
circumstances, do the business as  
usual.  
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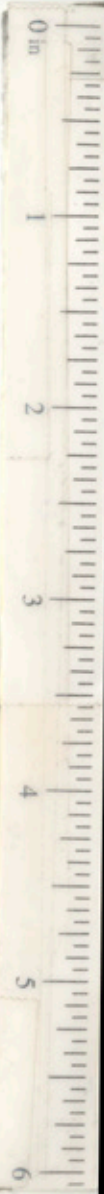
business man, a poor scholar, knows little of human nature, and, even if sight and well qualified to teach the freedmen business tact, their rights, etc., is so intensely hated by the whites as to render all his efforts in behalf of the freedmen almost, if not altogether, nugatory.

He charges Gen. I. with dishonesty, selfinterest, etc., in granting transportation to freedmen to go to the Northwest. I can only say that I believe there is no foundation in truth for such charges, and that, in making them, Capt. B's only desire was to injure Gen. I. — not to protect the Govt., or to benefit the freed people.

I have written this letter with no ill feeling whatever toward Capt. Bryant. He has never given me any ~~reference~~, and I write only from a sense of what I conceive to be my duty to



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with no ill feeling whatever to  
Gen. B. I regret. He has never  
given me any response, and I  
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the freedmen, and their generous friends at the North.

I have, thus far, done all in my power to sustain the Loyal Georgian, knowing that, if properly conducted, it could not fail to exert a powerful influence both North and South in behalf of the freedmen; but I must, under present circumstances, and knowing how several hundred dollars, already collected at the North by Capt. B. to support it, have been misused, warn all my friends to entrust him with no more money for that purpose.

Your are at liberty to make known, in confidence, to any of your friends, the contents of this letter; for I think that, by doing so, you will be acting in the interests of the freed people of Georgia.

I say in confidence, because

A vertical ruler with markings from 0 to 6 inches. The markings are in inches, with major ticks every inch and minor ticks every millimeter. The ruler is oriented vertically, with 0 at the top and 6 at the bottom.



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I have no desire to give Capt. B. a reputation for dishonesty, or as one unqualified to advance the interests of the freedmen, outside of the freedmen's seal and active friends. And more than that, many, or perhaps all, of the freedmen in Augusta, think so much of him that, were they to learn immediately that any of us deemed him unfit to lead, and instruct them, it might so weaken their confidence in white men, as to greatly injure their own best interests.

I have the honor to be,  
Very respectfully, etc.

J. S. Oberhart.  
State Supt. F. S. Ga.



Savannah Ga  
Nov 12<sup>th</sup> 1846

Everhart, J. G.,  
State Supt of Education

States that he has become  
convinced that Capt. Bryant  
Editor of the Large Georgian is a  
dishonest man is doing much  
harm to the cause of the freed-  
men in Georgia.

Recd Nov 15<sup>th</sup> 1846



Baltimore M.d.

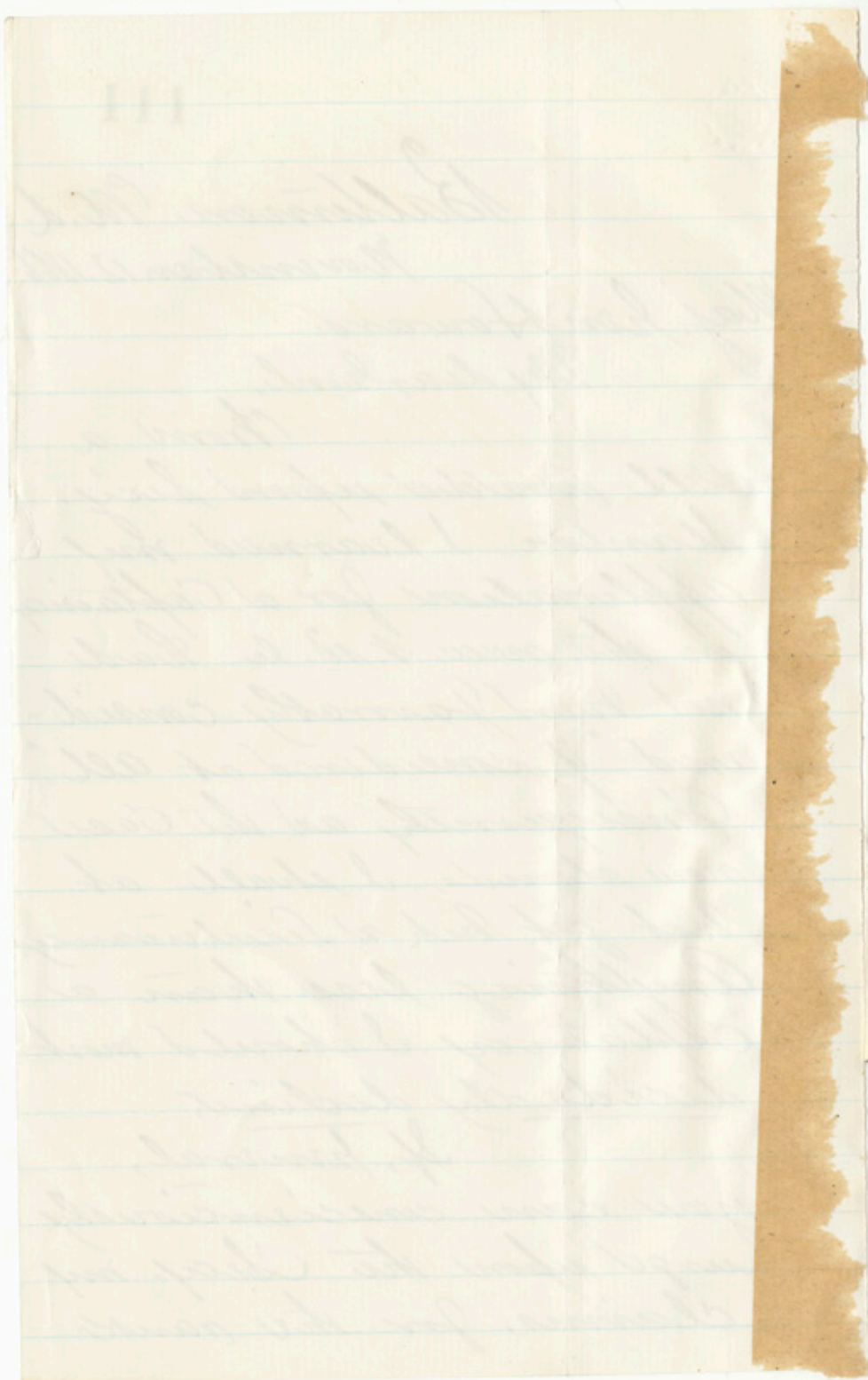
November 12. 1866

Maj. Gen. Howard.

My dear Genl.

From a  
call made upon Secy.  
Stanton I learned my  
application for a Captaincy  
in the new U.S.A. had  
not been favorably consid-  
ered "if considered at all."  
Consequently as the case  
now stands I shall at  
best get but a Lieutenantcy.  
Anything less than a  
Captaincy I should most  
decidedly decline.

If, General,  
you can conscientiously  
urge upon the Secy. my  
claims for the rank





desired you will add  
me to the several  
favours already bestowed  
upon  
Your Most Obedt Servt.

J. M. Hoag  
13th. Light Co. U.S.V.  
Recruiting Officer  
Baltimore, Md.

Balt. Nov 12<sup>th</sup> 1866

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Choay. Jm  
Capt & Bvt. Lt. Col.

Desires a Captaincy,  
nothing less, in the  
Army.

Rexa Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> 1866



Boston  
Nov. 12. '66

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Russell, Thos.

Invites Gen  
Howard to be  
present at the  
Freedmen's Meeting  
in Boston Nov  
21<sup>st</sup> 1866.

Recd Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> 1866

Judges' Lobby, Superior Court,

ROOM, No. 19 COURT HOUSE,

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Boston, Nov. 12. 1866

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

Sup't Freedmen's Bureau:

Dear General,

I was very glad  
to receive your note. I had intended  
to see you, but was very busy.

We shall depend upon your  
coming to attend the meeting of  
the W. P. Branch of the Freedmen's  
Commission, Nov. 21. for Andrew  
presides. H. W. Beecher will  
come, and Judge Bond is  
invited.

Allow me to suggest, that  
you give, in substance, your  
remarks at Baltimore. That  
is just what we need here.

The Plymouth ladies hope  
to have you there on Nov. 22.  
on the same subject. They

have a course of lectures for the  
benefit of their Freedmen's Assoc.  
and I hope, you will take this  
time for visiting the old town.

We shall expect a full  
reply, if you cannot come on  
the 21<sup>st</sup>, but we shall confidently  
look for you in person.

Yours very truly

Thomas Russell



New York. Nov 12<sup>th</sup> 66

Dear Sir.

The Ladies of New York are preparing a Fair to be held next month for the benefit of the "Home and School for the orphans of our deceased soldiers and sailors."

We are anxious to have a contribution from you of two or three dozen. ~~or~~ (more if you please) of your card photographs with

your autograph.

By granting  
this request, you will  
greatly oblige your many  
lady admirers in New York,  
and help us in a cause  
which is as dear to you  
as to us.

Please send by  
express addressed to

Mrs William L. Hillier  
161 East Fifteenth St.  
New York City.

P. S. If you have any  
relics of the war, please  
send them.



Young Men's Christian Association,

Washington, D. C., Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> 1866

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard  
Com. Bureau Refugee F. & A. L.  
Washington D. C.

Dear General:-

Allow me to suggest, if it is impossible for you to be present in Phila. on Thursday evening next at the 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Y. M. Christian Association, that in your letter, which you said you would write, you personate a regular appointed representative of our Washington Association.

In response to their cordial invitation to appoint representatives to become their guests on that occasion you were regularly elected by our Association one of said Representatives. I write this in behalf and for the honor of our Association still hoping something may transpire to enable you to go.

Very Respectfully Truly  
Yours Obedt Servt Bro.

A. K. Brown  
Pres't Y. M. Christian Association

Young Men's Christian Association

Washington, D. C. Nov. 12th 1884

My dear Mr. C. Brown

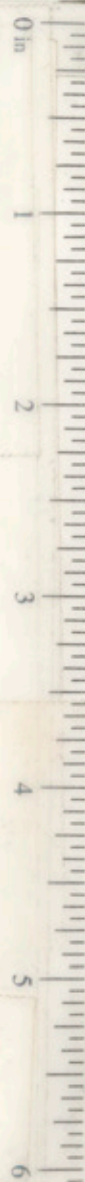
Ever since your report of the

Washington Y. M. C. A.

letter was received I have been thinking of it and  
am glad to be put in touch with the young men  
of the Washington Y. M. C. A. (Association)  
and glad to hear that you will  
be present at a regular conference of representatives  
of the Washington Association.

Our reference to the Washington Association  
is a point of interest to us and we are  
glad to hear that you are regularly elected by our  
association as of chief representative. It is  
in fact a great honor for the Y. M. C. A. of our district  
that having something more than a name to make

Very respectfully,  
John C. Brown





Richmond Indiana

11<sup>th</sup> Month 12<sup>th</sup> 1866

Gen. Howard

Dear Friend

I learn through my friend Strickland that thou hast some engagements in Iowa ere long and that probably thou mayest pass through this place.

I write to say that we have an interesting Sabbath School in this city, for children who do not attend other Sabbath Schools - with an attendance monthly of about 200. Our aim is to reach that class of the community (always a large one) who are not under religious influence.

It is undenominational - and aims to be simply Scriptural in its teaching - our desire is to bring souls to Christ.

We should be very happy to have thee to spend a Sabbath here, and visit the

School. We know thy various  
pressing calls in religious work - we  
know too thy interest in such labors -  
and hence feel at liberty to extend  
the invitation, - and to say that it  
would afford us much pleasure to  
see thee, and we doubt not thy presence  
would aid in a small but important  
effort to advance the cause of our  
Redeemer.

I should be glad to hear if there is  
a probability of thy accepting the invitation  
at what time we may expect thee.

With kindest personal regard in  
which Mrs Coffin joins I am

Thy attached friend

C. F. Coffin



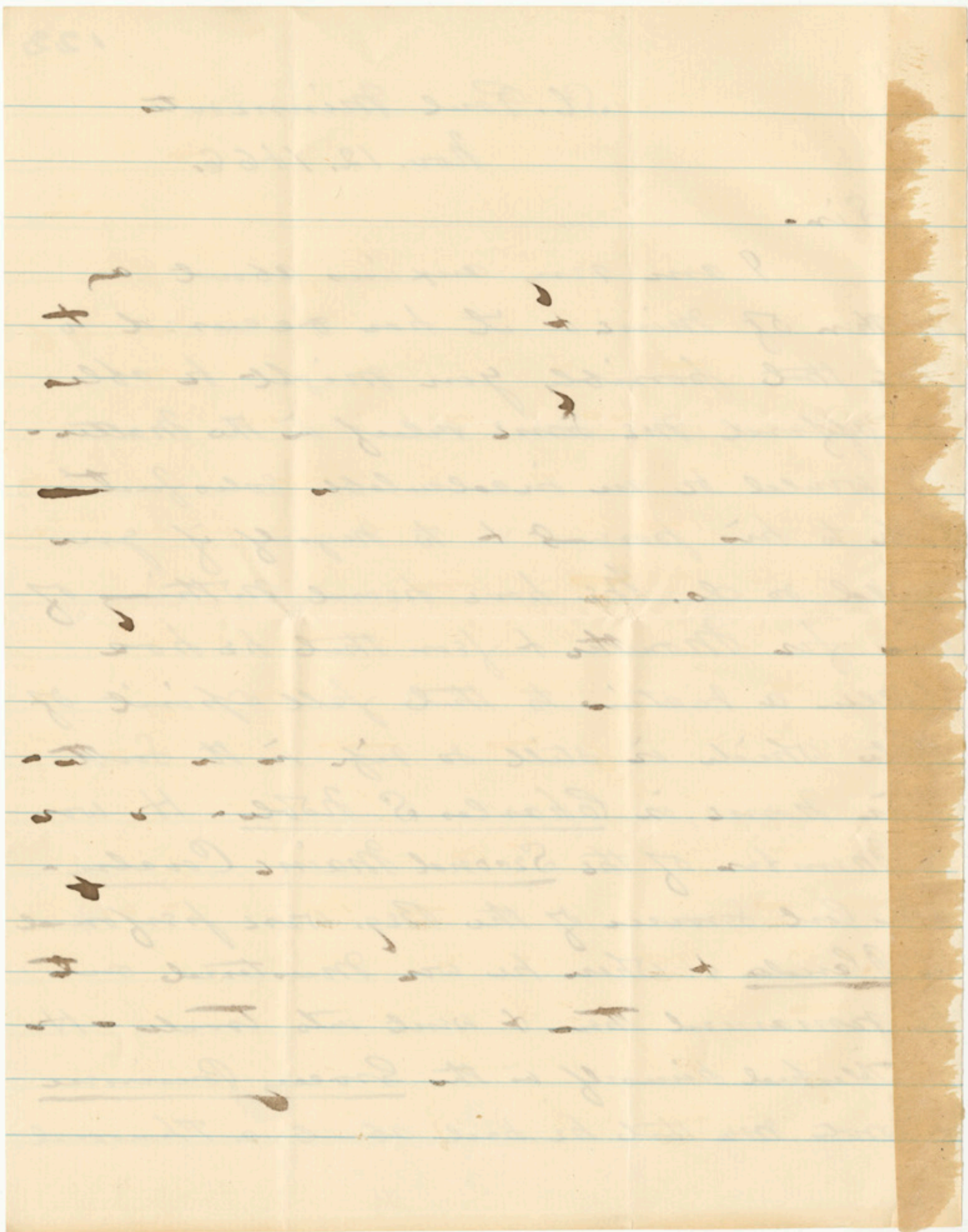
St. Paul Minnesota

Nov. 12. 1866.

Sir.

I am very anxious about a brother of mine & it has occurred to me that possibly you might be able to afford me some relief in the matter. It would be an incalculable relief both to his parents & to myself if you could do so. We have heard nothing of him for months & fear that he has fallen a victim to that fell spirit of Hate which is still so rife in the South. His name is Charles S. Noble. He was a member of the Second Maine Cavalry. The last services of the Reg. were performed in Florida & when he was mustered out he remained there & went into Trade - He established himself in the Grocery Business & wrote me that he had about a Thousand







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Dollar worth of stock to start with. - Some  
of his letters were dated Harrington Fla.  
but he ordered those addressed to him  
to be sent either to Hoolsey or Pensacola.  
I think his place of business was Hoolsey.  
He heard from him regularly up to the middle  
of the summer. - since that has received  
no tidings. - In his last letter he spoke  
of apprehensions & mentioned several instances  
in which ~~he~~ he ~~sold~~ who had removed  
like himself to go into business in the country  
and was "guilty put out of the way". He  
all wrote advising him to leave but since that  
has been able to get no response. - Now if  
you have any Agents in that vicinity through  
whom you could ascertain the facts in this  
case & if you would be kind enough to let  
me know the result - it would be a sacred favor.

To Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard } With Best Regards -  
Washington D. C. }

Respectfully  
H. A. Noble.



St. Paul, Minn.

Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> 1866.

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Wm. L. Noble.

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Wm. L. Noble asking  
whereabouts of R. L. Noble.

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*Answered*

Dec. 17 - 1866