

Friday on the 14<sup>th</sup> of Jan. - Drama - Edmon & Lane gone to night to see  
the Japanese jugglers - I fear my dear friend I have been receiving  
credit for something I did not deserve. At Mrs. Annas's Gutter she sent  
you the little chocket basket - I ought to have told you this before - but  
thought she General knew Annas sent it - My heart is melting but my  
purse is small - I think you must have had a very happy time -  
the Genl told us delightfully all about his southern trip - I was very  
much touched by Genl Howard's kindness in regard to obtaining the Buxton  
of Glasgow for all his kindred towns. Bless you my love to your  
mother - Charles offers my warmest congratulations & best wishes for the  
acknowledges. I write from the tone of my letter that you are taking  
Washington a little better. Is it true that Mrs Robert Williams has  
gone West? Then you that precious baby a kiss for me - the children often  
talk of my dear Grace, the little Mary - James - & Charney boy - it is  
pining late & no dear child I must bid you good night with warmest  
& truest love. Before me ever to be lovingly your friend

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All the home people join me in love to you. I commenced a letter to  
Grand R. F. Gables

My very dear friend  
You last  
week - but  
was prevented  
from finishing  
it. All the  
week that I  
have entered  
the children  
at Sunday  
School for  
6 weeks. I  
hope he will  
think me  
a teacher -  
I had now  
Mrs. Cook the last her  
little baby.

I have been trying for weeks  
to secure a half hour, in which to write to you -  
finally to answer your very acceptable letter - &  
secondly because it is a great pleasure for me to  
write to you - So night I have been to church to our  
teachers meeting, which we always have on Ash-  
Wednesday evening - It was <sup>an</sup> earnest heartfelt meeting  
and I pray God that great good may result  
from it. Our school are all outwardly in a  
very flourishing condition - but all want more  
spiritually. One of our classes <sup>has for their</sup> missionary named the  
Gen O. W. Howard class. My class I call "The Saints  
& the Eld." I had 176 present I. before last, 180 before  
that. We had 197 in the morning class that is a  
large number for the Infant room is it not?  
We went to hear Mr. Noble's husband's lecture  
on Thursday last. I was never more pleased with  
anything during an evening - was only disappointed  
I must was being cheated out of seeing the Genl.  
Mamma & I came home and had his  
supper all ready for him & were much dis-  
appointed when Papa came in without him.



be nearer to her city who is in Halifax where her father is in command  
of the 6th. Regt. I have received several letters from her. & judge she  
must be very well - at any rate I intend to think she is. & I've des-  
cended to her father's side. Clara is still at the Quadrant in San Francisco  
I went to Frankford the other day to see Mrs. Joe Ramsey who gave  
Clara daily for 15 months. She came East for the trip & returned in  
April under Mrs. R. Donnell's care. Clara sees Mrs. Hy very often. - also  
she has seen Mrs. Mendell. & Mrs. Pelphs (Mrs. Mary Madison's daughter)  
as she stopped on her way to China. - She has seen many of our  
friends, but it is a long way from home. Clara has by the time  
heard the glad news of the death of Genl. Munro's dear father-in-law.  
Mrs. McCormack has been very ill & is still confined to her bed. - she  
has been sick since she sat before New Year's. Her Dr. says she will re-  
cover but she looks profoundly I met Mrs. Dr. Horner at an Art ex-  
hibition a few weeks since, and she called upon us with her sister  
last week. She spoke very warmly & kindly of you & the Genl.  
Seamans with her two little ones are both very well. - Some have been  
at home making quite a long visit, she came on for Edward's 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Then to me became very anxious because Papa  
had put the Genl. in a Chestnut St. Car. he  
feared he might go a long distance before  
he discovered the mistake. I trust he did not  
have any trouble. Give my best love to him  
I hope to really see him next time. I am  
writing up in my own room - the little ones are  
quietly sleeping - both looking very well. I so  
often think of my delightful visit to you  
last summer & of all the kindness I received  
while with you. I hope that all of your darlings  
are well this winter - & that you are gaining in  
strength. I hear from W. P. that they have been  
very gay this winter, even Mrs. Wahne gave a  
large party. Andy Holt gave his party at the  
Pres as their house is so small. The Wifes Thomp-  
son gave a very agreeable party also. Samuel  
Gray Ant. is living in Parasack. but I hear little  
of her. Mrs. Roe has lost her second son Red-  
ph. has been sick & a sufferer all winter.  
Poor Mr. Reis has been taken to N. Y. to have  
some operation performed. He has suffered in-  
tensely all winter - Robert & John have been  
muling him night & day. Papa French must  
be much better & stronger than he was last yr.  
Brother Sam French has started I believe from  
Camp Distribution for St. Katherine. Not a very  
enviable post I presume. At any rate he will



Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,  
OFFICE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER, STATE OF GEORGIA,

Savannah, Ga., Mar 6th. 1867

Dear General: I have issued a  
call, which you will see in  
this week's Loyal Georgian, for  
a State Educational Convention  
(closed) in Macon on Wednes-  
day May 1. and I wish you,  
if possible, to be with us.

Please let me hear from you  
as soon as you can give me  
a definite reply.

I am very truly yours  
J. S. Oberhardt.



James G. Q.

Mar 6, 67.

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Edward G. Q.

States that he has  
received a letter  
from the Educational  
State Commission,  
to the effect at  
Masson Gas on  
May 1, 67. This  
gent. Howard is  
attending.

May 1, 67.

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Chester, March 6<sup>th</sup> 1863.  
Major General. O. O. Howard  
Sir.

I trust you will  
pardon me for again intruding  
upon your time, yet your efforts  
to have the government assist me  
encourages me to again solicit  
your influence in my behalf.

If not too much  
trouble will esteem it a favor if  
you will endeavor to have congress  
reimburse me to some extent  
for my destroyed property, if only  
a portion of the amount.

I know that  
there is no person in this section



of country who did not assist  
the so called confederate govern-  
ment, who were able to do so,  
except my self. It seems cruel  
& unjust that I should receive  
worse treatment than those who  
did all in their power to overthrow  
the Federal Government.

I cannot comprehend  
why I am not entitled to the  
same protection & assistance  
as other lay absts, notwithstanding  
I am so unfortunate as to live  
in the greatest of rebel States.

I had to borrow money to  
defray all my expenses of planting  
provision for freed men & animals.  
So the long drought ruined my  
crop, thus depriving me of the  
means of paying Chartered capital  
& procuring necessary for the present  
year.

I sincerely trust, & feel assured

assured that you will do all  
in your power to have the Govern-  
ment assist me to some extent.

Please accept my thanks for  
favors already received, & excuse me  
for again soliciting your aid  
& influence.

Very Respectfully,  
Mary C. DeGraffenried

P.S. I write by the same mail  
to Hon. S. D. Baldwin soliciting  
also his aid & influence.



Chester S. L.

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<sup>Dr</sup>  
Graffenried Mary E.

Asks General  
Howard's influence  
in having Congress  
remunerate her  
for property de-  
stroyed during  
the War. Says  
She is poor, has  
to borrow money  
to carry on her  
farm &c. She  
has written to  
the Hon. J. D. Baldwin  
M. C. on the subject.

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Time 9 25 AM

Office U. S. Military Telegraph,

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Telegram received at WAR DEPARTMENT,

Washington, D. C. *Nov 6* 1867

From *New Haven Ct.*, 1867

To *Maj. Gen O O Howard Cms &c.*

The meeting is deferred till  
Wednesday evening <sup>13</sup> thirteenth inst.

Erastus Colton

10 N H 50 p d



Mr. Nathan Davis.

Wed. 6. 11/87.

Carlton Caswell,

Telegram - The  
washing is deferred  
till Thursday Evg.  
10<sup>30</sup> a.m.

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New Haven Mar. 6. 67  
Major-Gen. Howard,

Dear Sir,

Yours of  
the 5th. Inst. received to-day.

It seems best, owing to the  
many political meetings during  
this Republican campaign, to defer  
on an evening.

The Republicans have one, on  
Monday evening: hence I postpone  
to Wednesday evening.

I hope that you may be able  
to be here in person: if not,  
you will hear in your speech.

Rev. Mr. Clark, Pastor of the  
North Cong. Chh., where we  
hold the meeting, invites you  
to be his guest, should you  
come.

Respectfully,  
Custis Cullen Jr.



New Haven Conn.  
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Calvin Erastus.

Wishes Aunt  
Howard to spend  
at a meeting to  
be held at above  
named city.

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Washington, D.C. March 6<sup>th</sup> 1867—  
Major General O. O. Howard  
Com. Freedman's Bureau  
General;

Since I spoke to you to day  
in reference to the appointment of an Asst. Commissioner  
for New Mexico, I rummaged my papers and have  
been successful in finding one of the Memorials which  
passed the Territorial Council during the last session  
of the Legislature, you will observe by its perusal, that  
it refers to the land speculations of which I have before  
called your attention to. Both of the present persons re-  
commended to you are the same who are mentioned  
in the Memorial. There is still another Memorial, but  
it is out of my hands having been introduced in the House  
of Representatives and referred to the Committee on Terri-  
tories. Now, General, I again beg leave to urge upon you  
the necessity of appointing some officer in whose  
sense of justice and integrity you have all confidence;  
I desire to impress upon you, that I do not urge this matter  
upon personal considerations at all, but purely and simply  
for the best interests and future welfare of my constituents.



I thank you General, for your kindness and courtesy, my  
constituents shall be informed who take an interest in  
their behalf.

I have the honor, General,

To Remain, Very Respectfully

Your obt. Serv't.

J. Francisco Chavez



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Genl. Howard

I hope I  
may see you before  
you make any  
appointment of an  
Assistant Commissioner  
for New Mexico -  
on the "Pron Bill."

I will see you  
at an early day

Truly  
Yours  
A. H. Conway







BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,  
OFFICE ASS'T. SUPT. SUB-DISTRICT EMBRACING PRINCE EDWARD,  
BUCKINGHAM, CUMBERLAND AND CHARLOTTE COUNTIES, VA.

FARMVILLE, VA., March 6<sup>th</sup> 1867.

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

My Dear General.

I must confess, that, I am not only deeply pained, but absolutely astounded, at the announcement made in your kind, confidential note, of the 4<sup>th</sup> inst. in which I am informed that "Drinking and Card playing, with the lady teachers, is reported as done by Bureau Officers, at Farmville, Va."

So far, as I am personally concerned, in fact, so far as my own knowledge extends, in regard to any other "Bureau Officer", the statement above named is a false, malicious, and unmitigated falsehood, and could only have emanated from a heart so filled with jealousy or malice, as to be incapable of entertaining any warther emotion. — If I could, be furnished with the name of the originator, of this infamous slander, I would not only convince you that I am clearly innocent of the charge, but that the author of it, is an unprincipled poltroon, and should be regarded, with contempt, by all good men, and women.



The fact is I never had any personal acquaintance with either of the Ladies in question, and never was at the same time in the same room, with either of them until 4 o'clock P.M. the 4<sup>th</sup> inst. Miss Clara Deen, the Principal of the School, called at my office, to see me on official business. — Up to the date named, I never had a word with either of them in my life. — I had been led to believe that their operations, were entirely independent of mine, and I never sought their acquaintance, and have had no communication with them, excepting on official business.

I am proud, to be able to say, that notwithstanding the delicate nature of my position, and responsibilities, representing, as you are aware, an institution, peculiarly distasteful to the people, that I daily observe growing evidences, of the fact, that I enjoy as an officer, and gentleman, the respect and confidence, of the community, irrespective of race & color. — This was the case also in Petersburg, where after having held the positions of Post Marshal, Asst. Supt. and Judge Advocate, to say nothing, of having presided in the Court, — when it became known that I was about being relieved, from duty there, petitions, from both classes



were filed in the Office of the Supt praying for the revoca-  
-tion of the Order <sup>we</sup>receiving, and earnestly urging my atten-  
-tion at that Post. — The Records and machinery of my  
Office also bear evidence of the fact, that I have been  
systematic, energetic, and attentive to my duties, and  
that I have the highest appreciation of the dignity of  
the position, and its attendant responsibilities. —

Asuming your  
General of my heartfelt gratitude to you for so kindly  
and confidentially informing me of this allegation, — allow  
me to remark that in my judgment, the advancement of the  
interests of the Bureau, is seriously retarded, by Officers, who  
persist in acting officially upon ex-parte statements, or  
who are influenced by prejudice, or personal feeling, which  
are too often attributable to jealousy.

During my connection  
with the Bureau I have earnestly striven to discharge my  
duty, promptly, intelligently, and faithfully, and when  
I recall the amount of work performed — the disadvan-  
-tages under which I labored — the discouraging cir-  
-cumstances surrounding me, and particularly the fact  
of having adjudicated over Twenty Hundred Cases



without having been appealed from in one single  
instance, and find myself still enjoying the confi-  
dence of all with whom I am brought into contact.  
I think I have been singularly successful & certainly  
have some reason to be proud of my record - I  
am not surprised then that I have overruled.

In this  
connection, I beg leave to state, that several times since  
my appointment to duty at this Post, I have applied  
for an Inspecting Officer, but up to this time, almost  
a year, no such officer has visited this Post. While  
it is of course gratifying to me to realize that it is  
not deemed necessary to send Inspecting Officers  
to my district, yet I more than ever wish that the  
Records & operations of this office may be thoroughly  
examined, and I am particularly anxious that my  
private character be examined into, if for no other  
purpose than to satisfy your General, that in this  
instance, I have been outrageously slandered.

With  
expressions of my deep gratitude for your kindness, I  
have the honor to remain Very Sincerely,  
Your Friend & Adj. Sub.  
W. H. Jordan  
Post Agent, Culcutta



Warrenton Va. March 6. 67

Gen. Howard:-

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of a note from Col. Jordan, stating that it has been reported to you that "Drinking and Card playing with the Lady Teachers is done at Warrenton Va." This is a base slander. The Bureau Officers are not in the practice of coming here. I mean not Col. Jordan till within two days. For the last nine months the Surgeon of the Bureau has not been in the house, if I except one lateness call last September.

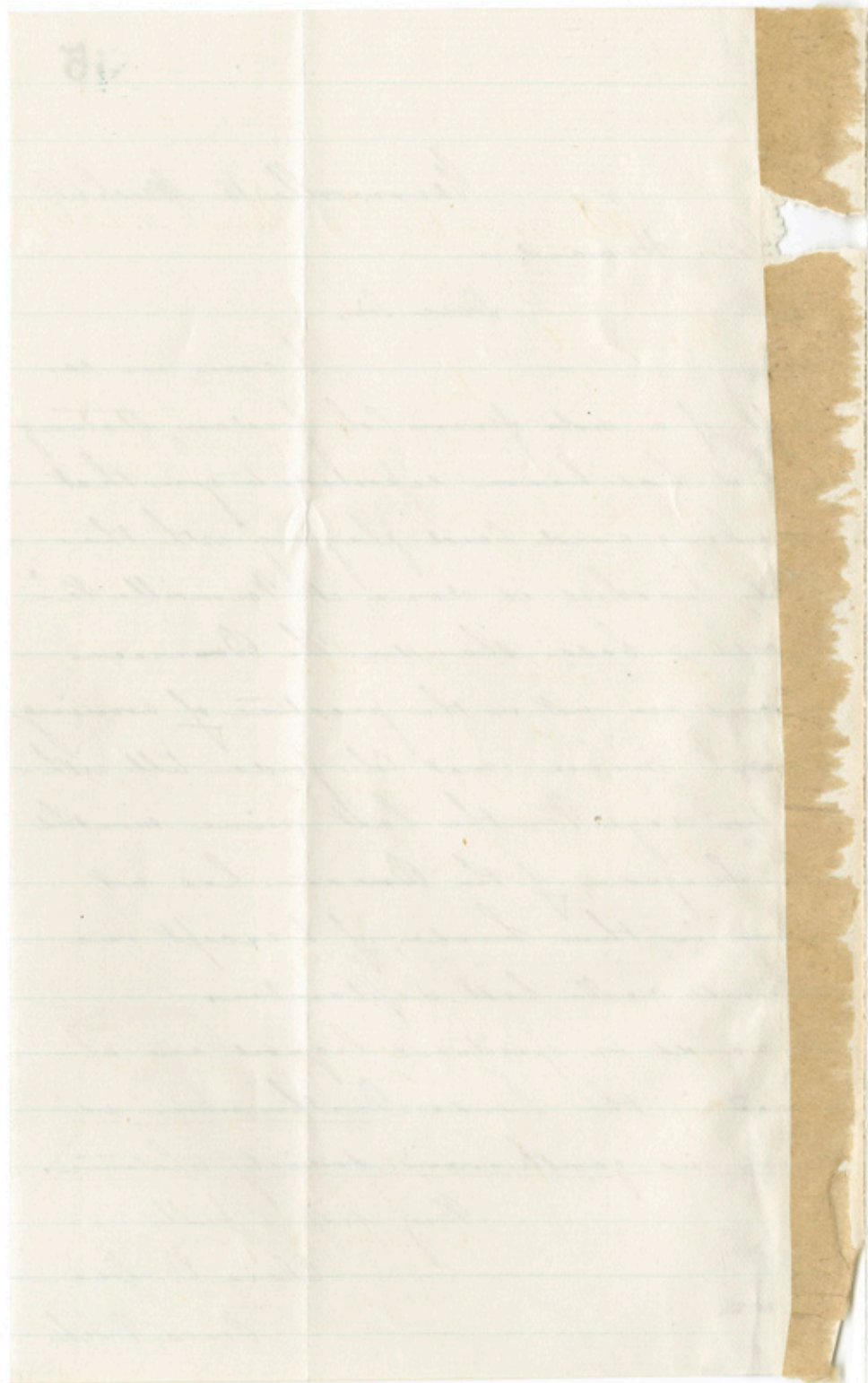
No acids or spirituous liquors are allowed in the house. Furthermore we have no gentlemen's society whatever.

Very respectfully

Clara C. Dean

Princ. F. Sch.







Farmville Va. March 6. 1867

Gen. Howard.

Dear Sir

I came to Farmville as a teacher of the col'd school here on the 6th of Oct. 1866 & during that time have not once seen the Assistant Com. of this Dist, neither he nor the Bureau Surgeon have since that time been to our house.

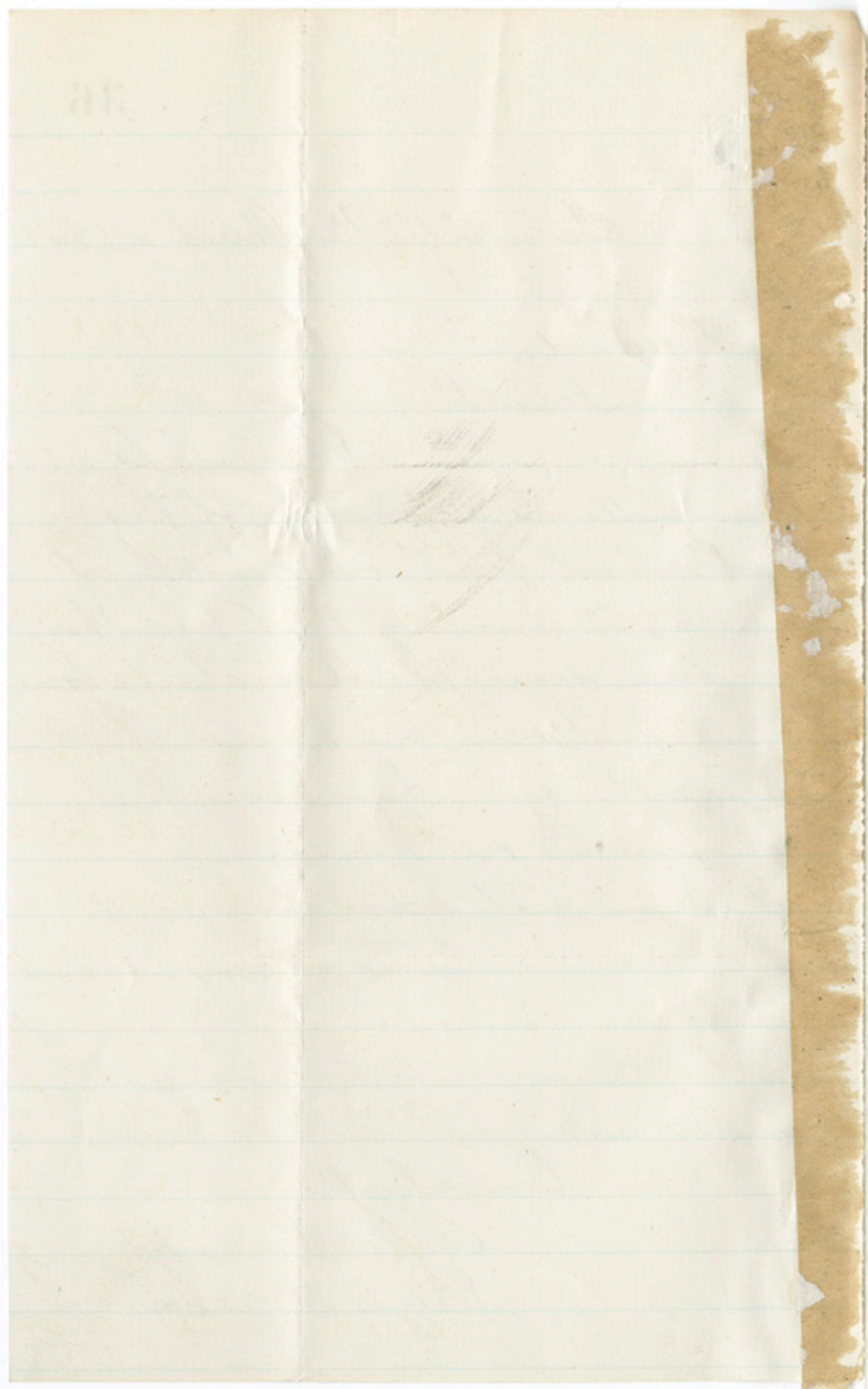
I have not seen any cards here, & no <sup>Liquors</sup> spiritations of any kind come to the house.

Furthermore, we have no society whatever in this place.

Very Resp'y

A. H. Searing  
Eliza S. Dean







Person

No. 76 John Street. - P. O. Box 5,733.

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the Executive Committee.

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New York, March 6th, 1867

My Dear General:

The enclosed paragraph, cut from the Boston "Commonwealth," has been handed me by a friend. The "Commonwealth" is an ultra Radical journal, of the Wendell Phillips school, strongly opposed to William Lloyd Garrison, and to any scheme for the good of the colored man with which Mr. Garrison may be identified. Mr. Garrison is a Vice President of this Commission which is publicly committed to the support of the Bureau.

That Mr. Wheelock ever expected or intended a public use should be made of his letter "to a friend" I can't believe, but the fact remains that he charges the Bureau with that which, if true, would constitute a grave offence.

For one, I do not believe it to be true; nor, so far as I know, do my coadjutors of this Commission.

That you are identified, religiously, with a particular denomination I know. That the gentleman who seems to be your chief assistant in education is, also, I know. That you should prefer, personally, to affiliate with your own sort of folk is not to be objected to. That you should have a prejudice or distrust - whether traditional or as a matter of conviction - toward persons regarded as non "evangelical," would at least be natural; but that you would let anything but character determine you in the selection of your assistants, I do not believe, and do not hesitate to deny. When it is asserted that you regard profession of faith, or doctrinal belief, on certain controverted points as evidence of character, I



can only say that in this regard I have no information, but am disposed to be incredulous. When reminded that Mr. Shipherd gave as a reason why we should not remove him - that his ecclesiastical status gave him especial advantage as our agent at Washington, I reply: Our knowledge of Mr. Shipherd does not warrant us in accepting any statement from him that impugns (even though unintentionally) the impartiality of General Row as a public officer.

When it is said that, the bearings of the head of the Bureau toward the American Missionary Association are obvious, I say: It may be so, but that does not prove that he sympathizes with that body in its refusal to cooperate with us in the work of education on a common platform, much less that he sympathizes with the efforts made by the agents and journals of that body to load and embarrass our Commission with the odium theologicum.

Now, my dear General, if, in bringing before you - as I have been advised to do - this paragraph from the Commonwealth, I have been needlessly explicit as to my own concern in the question which it raises, pray set it down to my wish to have you fully acquainted with the case as it stands, not only in the paper referred to, but, in circles where a disinterested desire for the good of the cause prevails, or is supposed to prevail, over all other considerations.

I have it in my heart to add much more, but I will not further "inflict upon you my tediousness."



I enclose two documents; one a letter from  
the Rev. Dr. Duffield, the Pastor of the New School  
Presbyterian Church, in which distinct testimony  
is borne to the need of catholicity in this movement,  
and the other a speech delivered in Chicago, setting  
forth the importance of our movement as a means  
of reconstruction. If you have time, pray read  
them both, and oblige

Yours, ever, truly

J. M. McKim



March 5, 1867

11<sup>th</sup> Street, S. W.

have a paragraph cut  
in a Galveston paper  
which says E. J. Whitcomb  
that - the Bureau  
are wholly on Southern  
political grounds - He  
is that that General  
and has been accused  
being concerned in his  
involvement by the  
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as principal. He  
is the first to read  
these things.

St. Mark 7 67.