

(Confidential)

Richmond Va. May 17th 1867.

Dear General.

The general results of the day's labor may be thus summed up - as now appears.

1. The friends of the Ripon Hall project yield their claims in favor of Richmond, for the endowment of Normal School.

2. A Board of Trustees of good, substantial, loyal white & colored men will be selected. They will apply for an act of incorporation from the State Courts, as provided for by a general state law.

3. On being incorporated they will present themselves to you as ready for operations.

4. The present building, being well under way, may be completed with a view to enlargement - The school may be regularly opened next October.

On Monday morning the whole thing will be put in shape and submitted to you - as it may then be fixed upon. Much credit is due the friends of Ripon Hall for their candor in yielding what was valuable to them, but not best for the good of the work. Cordially Yrs
C. Thurston Chase
Sept. 8 Sp. ast.

Richmond Va.

May 11th 1864

Dear E. Stanton

State that a band of
Austrian & good loyal white
and exultant men will be
collected and openly for an
act of unceremonious. On Monday
the whole thing will be put

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To Maj' Gen O'Rourke

Yours just recd Cannot leave
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Mrs Henry D.

Belgium

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Post Office Washington City, D. C.,

May 11th 1867.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

My dear Sir:

I am as anxious as you

can possibly be to have the matter between yourself and Coyle closed, but I cannot see how I am to compel the Coyle party to act before they do so voluntarily. I am ready to decide the question so far as it depends on me and will not detain the other party an hour after they report to me. Besides Col. Owin, your agent in the matter, delivered his argument to me only two days since and it required some little time to examine and digest it. The lawyers of Coyle will expect to present their argument and it will require some little time to read that. I know of nothing else now in the way of a decision. Mr. Van Riewick I have not seen since the day the last testimony was taken but I will write him to day and request him to act as soon as possible.

Truly Yours &c
S. J. Bowen

Washington D.C.

May 11th 69

Brown J. J.

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Cincinnati. Ohio. 5

May 11. 1867.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard.

My beloved brother.

I have just
written to your brother in answer
to a kind letter of his inviting
me to lecture before the Young Men's
Ch. Assn. in Your Telegram was re-
ceived last night, & his letter this
morning. No late; even if I could

have life circumstances to
over after my "entering in" a-
mong this people.

How much we enjoyed,
& do now enjoy in memory. That
first visit you made us, the
other day, when our head quarters
were "in the field," as rather
when we were "beaching camp."

We hope to see you here, & I
shall not long deny myself the
pleasure of seeing you in person.

our city, & of ministering with you
in the sweet office of Christian
fellowship & holy love.

God bless you my dear brother,
& give you wisdom & grace, more & more
to bear & forbear in the great work
His Providence has committed to
your hand.

My family join me in greetings
to you & your family.

Yrs truly

Henry P. Bone.

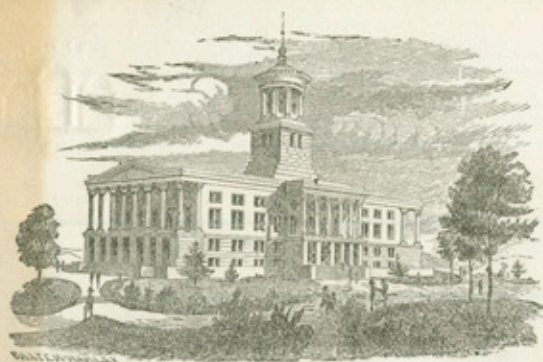
Cincinnati Ohio
May 11th 1867

Miss Mary D.

Friendly Letter

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STATE OF TENNESSEE,

Office Secretary of State,

Nashville, May 11th, 1867.

Maj. Genl A. C. Howard.

Com^r Rep. Freeman & Stand. Land
Washington D. C.

General, Having addressed you a note calling attention to the conduct of Mr. John Lawrence agent of the Freedman's Bureau for this county and having declined to prefer and prosecute charges before Hon. Maj. Genl Canine I deem it due to myself to enclose you the accompanying correspondence as furnishing my reasons for the course I have taken. You will find in No 2 of my letter to Gen. C. you will discern why I did not address my original letter to the General.

Most respectfully

A. J. Stetson

STATE OF TENNESSEE,

Office Secretary of State,

Memphis, May 17, 1867.



My dear Mr. C. H. H. H.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst.

in relation to the matter of the

land of the State of Tennessee.

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now being sold by the State of Tennessee.

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BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,
STATE OF TENNESSEE.

Assistant Commissioner's Office,

Nashville, Tenn., May 9th 1867

A. J. Fletcher Esq, Secretary of State
Nashville, Tenn.:

Sir:

A letter of yours dated Apl 30th to Major Genl Howard Commissioner of this Bureau has been referred to the undersigned. You charge John Lawrence agent of this Bureau for Davidson County with devoting his time and energies and his official position, and the patronage of his office to an intrigue for a nomination to Congress. &c Any evidence in support of this charge or other acts of malfeasance in office will be received. A thorough investigation of this matter is desired. If Mr Lawrence should be proved guilty his removal will be recommended.

Very truly yours
W. P. Hall

By Mr. Hall
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BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,
STATE OF TENNESSEE.

Assistant Commissioner's Office,

Chattanooga, Tenn., May 1st 1865.

My dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th inst.

in relation to the matter of the Freedmen's Bureau.

I have given your letter careful consideration.

I have also been informed by the Acting Commissioner of the

Bureau that he has been referred to the same matter.

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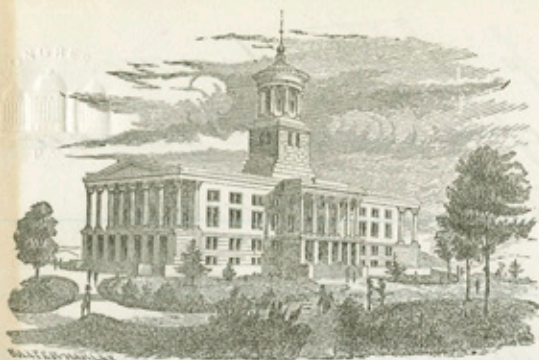
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STATE OF TENNESSEE,

Office Secretary of State,

Nashville, May 10th, 1867.

Br't Maj' Genl. W. P. Harlin

Asst' Commissioner Freedman Bureau &c.

Nashville Tennepu.

General;- I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of yesterday referring to my letter to Maj' Genl. Howard in reference to Rev. Mr. Lawrence and expressing a willingness to receive any proof in support of the statement contained in that letter.

I respectfully decline to offer any proof of the character suggested, for the following reasons; 1st I have neither time or inclination to become the prosecutor of Rev. John Lawrence having only felt called upon to direct the attention of Maj' Genl. Howard to his conduct.

2nd The facts in the case must be as well known to you as to me. The fact that he is a prominent, active, managing aspirant for the nomination for Congress;- that he

is supported by that class of Freedmen who are most dependent upon the Bureau, and by a portion of that class of white men who are denominated "new comers," or temporary residents; that his aspirations have produced a high state of excitement and a deplorable division among the friends of the Union; are so notorious that you cannot have failed to observe them.

The statement that he devotes his time and the patronage of his office to this energetic effort for the nomination is a matter of necessary inference - indeed a certain result of his efforts. I stated to Maj. Genl. Howard that he devotes his official position and the patronage of his office to this end, because to the best of my information he has nothing else to devote to it, having no other claims. 3rd I understood you on yesterday in the interview with Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Mercer & myself, to recognize the right of the officers of the Bureau to be candidates for office and to use the influence they might gain among the freedmen by a zealous discharge

of official duties to secure success, and to remark that there is no way to prevent them from being candidates and from so using their popularity and influence. These being your views I see nothing practical to result from presenting any proof in the case. - especially as you only propose to 'recomend' action in the case.

4th You will see by recurring to my letter to Maj. Genl. Howard that I suggest that no action be taken in Lawrence's case till after the convention on the 16th inst. for the obvious reason that an investigation now would be construed into ^a party trick and Mr Lawrence's political opponents charged with it.

For these and other reasons that will suggest themselves to you, I decline any further action in regard to Rev. Mr Lawrence. But accepting your opinions on yesterday as to his rights and duties, as final, I shall observe with much interest, the development of the power of the Bureau as a political appliance in the coming contest.

I have the honor to be General, with
the highest regard,

Your obt. servant,
A. J. Stetson

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BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,
STATE OF TENNESSEE.

Assistant Commissioner's Office,

Nashville, Tenn., May 10th 1867

Hon A. J. Fletcher, Secretary of State
Sir:

I have received your letter of this date declining to offer proof in support of the accusations against John Lawrence, agent of this Bureau. I think you do not state correctly my views expressed to you and Mr Mercer yesterday in regard to the participation of Bureau agents in politics. I said or intended to say in substance, that a man who works constantly and zealously for the welfare of the freed people, without charge, must inevitably acquire influence with them. Who then can prevent him from using this influence for himself or others? He is a citizen

BUREAU OF REDEEMED, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS

STATE OF TENNESSEE

Assistant Commissioner's Office

Chattanooga, Tenn. May 11, 1865

My dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.

in relation to the matter of the Freedmen's Bureau, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

The Bureau has no objection to your making such use of the information furnished to you as you may deem proper, and I am sure that you will be satisfied with the result.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

Wm. H. Johnson, Assistant Commissioner.

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Your obedient servant,

Wm. H. Johnson, Assistant Commissioner.

hired and paid by the month and receives
one Hundred Dollars per month for his
services. If he be removed, or resign
under pressure, he is no longer under Genl
Howard's control or mine, and would
probably make a great deal more money
as a lawyer in private life and have
all the advantages of martyrdom to
stimulate his supporters.

In regard to my promise to "recommend his
removal" it is only necessary to inform
you that Genl Howard reserves to himself
the right to remove.

I am sorry any Bureau agent is a
Candidate, but agree with you in thinking
that it is unexpedient to do anything
decisive till after the 16th inst.
when I hope the matter will satisfactorily
be arranged.

Very respectfully
Your obt. servt W. P. Martin
Ans. Com

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Washington D.C. May 11th 1867

Maj. Genl O.O. Howard

Comm. Bureau of R.F. & A.C.

Washington

Dear Sir:

I have taken the liberty of addressing a communication intended for the "Union Republican Congressional Committee" to you -

I don't know how to send it, to insure its reaching the Committee. -

I should be pleased to have you look over it - It is with some hesitation that I presume to send it - And my confidence in your good judgement is such that I should not meet with your approval unless you be kind enough to return it to me through the P.O. - If you approve of it can I ask of you the favor to forward it to the Committee

I have the honor to be General

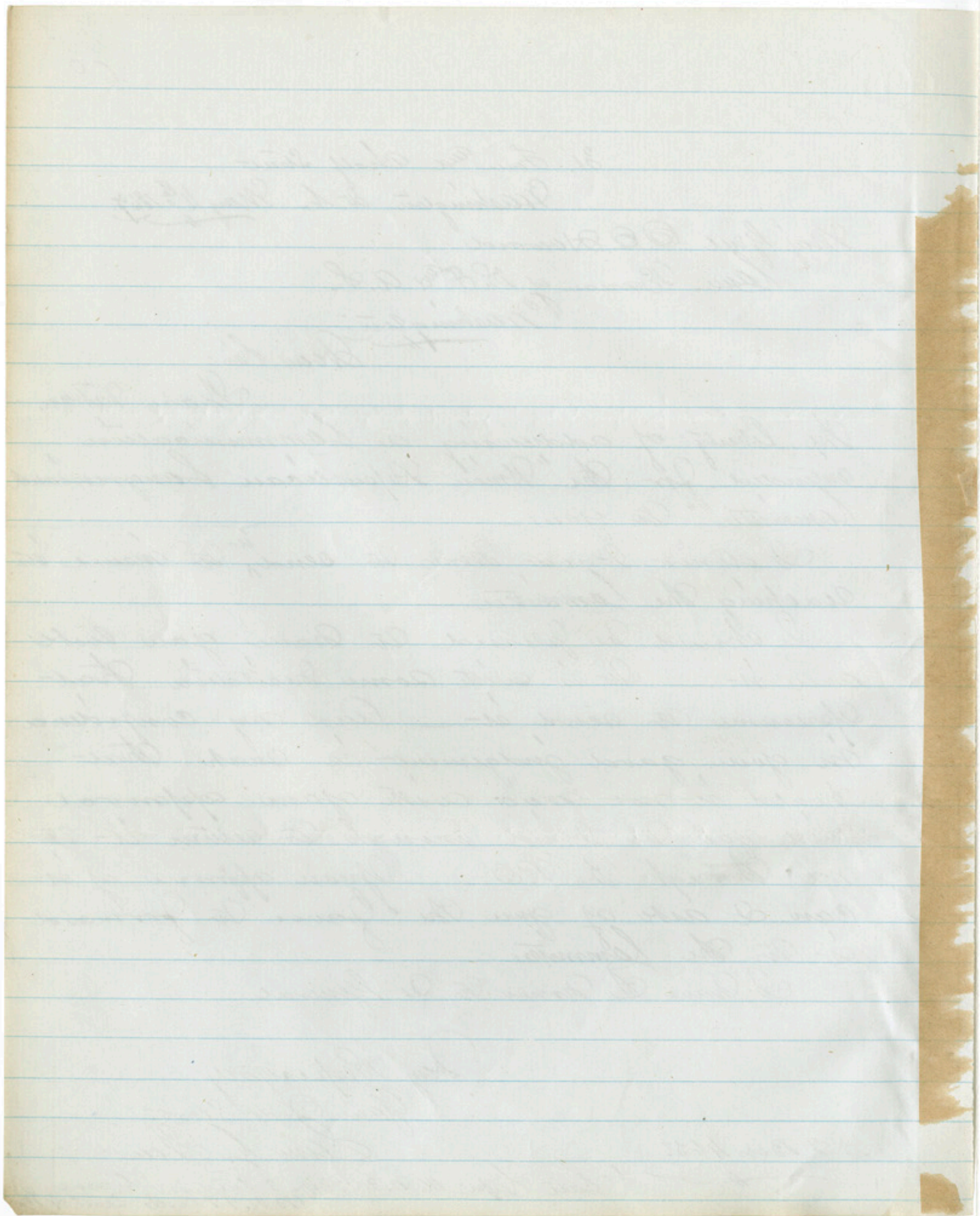
Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

Sam. L. Brown

P.O. Box 463.

(Sent Sept. 16 D.C. Exp. & Int. Am. Home
13. N. 77 A.C. State of Tex)



Myr Genl. O O Howard.

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Cairo W. Va. May 12th 1867.

Sir

I am well please with my
place & work much better than I
could have expected. I think that
I shall settle here permanently. I
am very well please with my own
"players" & their arrangements & so are
all the people generally. I think it
my duty to inform you fully
on the above points, as we were
told by many not to come to this
section of country. that we would
fare badly. I would not be able to
get elsewhere if we wished to do so.
I have no disposition whatever to
return to the place I came from. if I am
here I shall certainly go further west
Yours obt. servt.
late of H. Ferry. } William Scott, etc

Cairo N. Va
May 12th 1867

Scott William

States that he is well
pleased with his
situation and
employers and does
not wish to return

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