American Freedman's Union Commission,

No. 30 Vesey Street.—P. O. Box 5,733.

LYMAN ABBOTT, Gen. Sec. J. M. McKIM, Cor. Sec.

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New-York, May 11 1867

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

Dr Sir:

The Normal School at Richmond is an important enterprise. our expectation is that the $10,000 unexpended, will go to that object. We dont know anything about "Rifson Hall" of which Mr Chase spoke. Looking at the interests of the Cause we regard a first rate central normal school at Rich

I send you a copy of our New York Report; please read it

mind as incomparably more important than any local school undertaking by whomsoever managed.

If we had the whole of the $10,000 for the Richmond Normal School, it would be a relief to this Com: mission and a lift to the general cause of the greatest importance. Pray drop us a line reassuring us on this subject.

Yours truly
[illegible]
Cor. Sec.

New York City
May 18th 1867

McKim J. M.

He states that the Normal School at Richmond is an important enterprise, our expectations is that the $19,000 unexpended will go to that object. He desires a line reassuring them on the subject

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Cameron Milam Co. Texas. May 18th 67

Genl. O. O. Howard
Freedman's
Bureau
Washington D. C.

Sir

Allow me the honor to tender my services to the Government through you, for a position in your Dpt., in the State of Texas. Having been ruined by the March of Genl. Sherman through Ga., my necessities prompt me to appeal to you for help. I had not the pleasure of your personal acquaintance while in Washington on the "Wirtz" trial, which I regret, but will refer to Col. T. P. Robb, my fellow commissioner on the Direct-Tax Board, in Ga. – also to documents on which my commission issued – also documents sent up from Ga. – as to the discharge of duty in Ga. – all of which can be found in the office of Comr. Int. Rev., and would modestly refer to the Andersonville, and its prisoners, to show my connection therewith. which perhaps you may remember. With patience I await your answer, which I trust will be of the most favorable character as well as "profitable" (as necessity quietly suggests)

With sentiments of the highest regard
I am most respectfully
your Mo. Ob.
Svt.
J. C. Bates M. D.

I resigned the Commissionership last Dec.
I have moved to Texas as above
J. C. B.

Cameron Mil[illegible] Co.
Texas May 18th 1867

Bates J. C. M.D.

Desires an appointment under the Bureau in the State of Texas —

Referred to the Bureau Adjutant Gen.

May 18 [1867]
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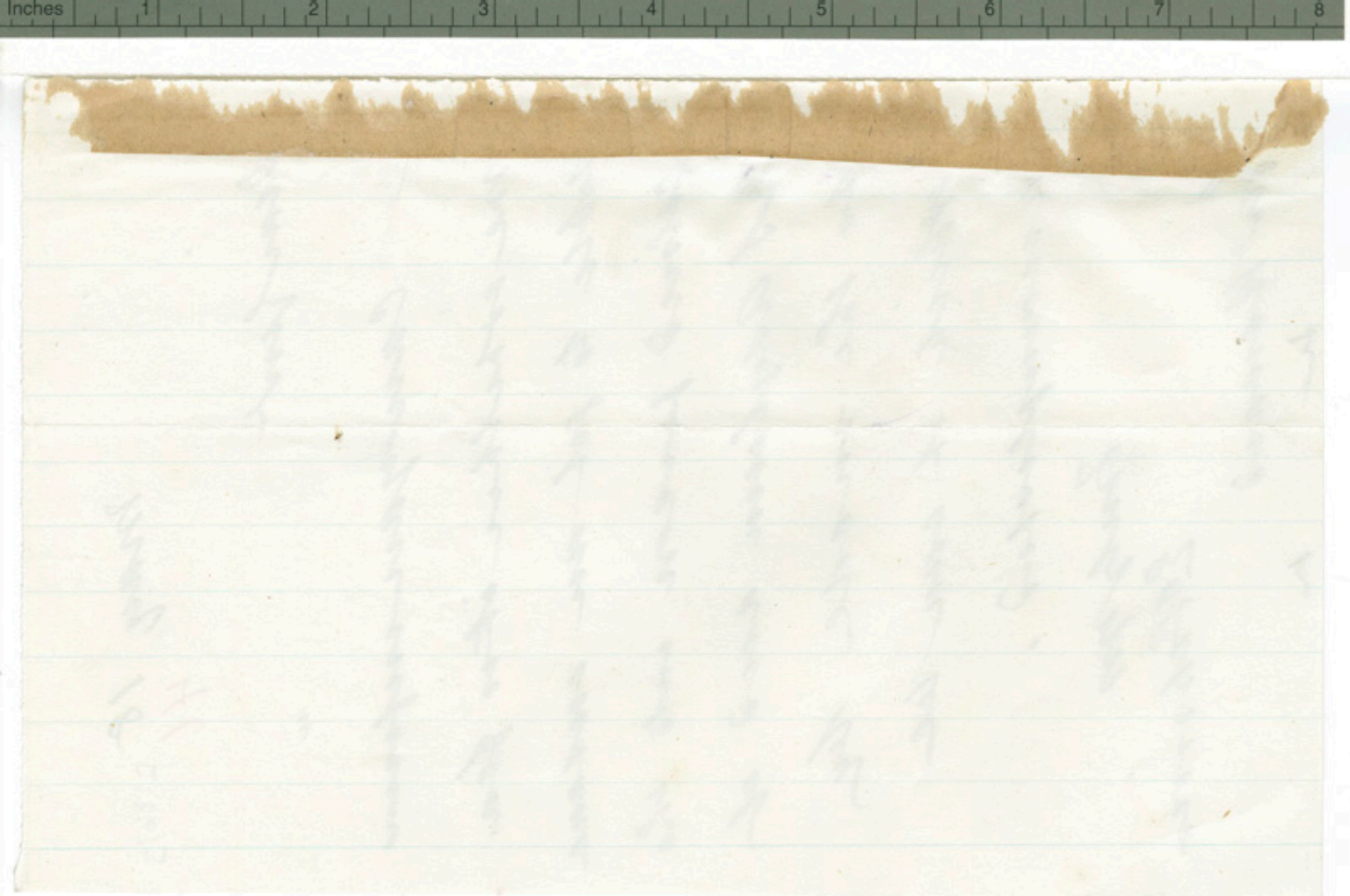
Dear Sir

Can you inform me whether it is feasible to get an insane colored person into the N S Asylum and if so the mode by which it can be accomplished.

Truly yrs
E A Schriver

Gen'l Howard



Charleston S.C.
May 18th 1867

O. O. Howard -
Maj. Gen. Comm.
Dear General -

The amounts as you gave them to me "to be given to incorporated institutions" are as follows.

Virginia.	$10.000
N. Carolina.	5.000
S. Carolina.	*7.000
Georgia	10.000
Tennessee	7.000
W. Virginia	6.000
	$45.000

*) May leave to refer you to my letter of 10th inst. from Wash.n concerning this amount. also for the recommendation of the Conference at Nfk. on the disposition of the funds generally which contains full memoranda.

You informed me verbally ~~that~~ Va. was to have $10.000. and ~~that~~ the $12.000 for the Normal School of this city was from the R. & F. fund; but the application came back to Gen. Scott, Asst. Comm. endorsed ~~that~~ the $12.000 should be paid from the "Construction Fund".

Gen. S. will be up to see you about Thursday next.

Very truly W. Oliver Smith
Thorsten Chase, Sp. Asst. &c

Charleston S.C.
Aug 19th 1867

O.O. Howard -
Maj Gen. Comm.
Gen General -

Yours amount to sign you. Gen
tell me "to be given to incorporated institution" one
as follows -

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*) My leave to refer you to my letter of 18th ult. "Work" concerning this amount. also for the recommendation of the Governors of Ky. as the disposition of the funds generally which contains full statements.

You informed me verbally that they, were to have $10,000. and that the $35,000 for the normal School of this city was from the F.&F. Board; but the application came back to them, Rev. Mr. Grant. endorsed that the $12,000 should be taken from the "Education Fund" Gen. S. will be up to see you about attending next.

Very truly W. Gilbert
Chairman Committee Colored Sch. &c.

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Washington May 20th 1867

Genl Howard

Dear Sir

The Southern Land and Immigration Co. of which Gov. David S Walker is President and am Genl agent. is gotten up solely for the development of the resources of the State of Florida. We propose to settle the State as rapidly as possible, without regard to any distinction as to race or color. & strictly in accordance to the laws of the United States. Our great desire is to promote the happiness of the people, encourage education, morals, and strict loyalty to the Genl Government. Our schemes do not interfere with the interest of any one. but will, (we believe) add to the happiness of all. at least such is our design I am now on a visit to the North to further the interest of the Co. I make this statement for the reason that the short interview with you did not give me time to explain the plans of the Co

Very truly yours
J Y Mayfield

I shall return to this place in January next & see you the coming winter, I will call

Washington D.C.
May 20th 1867

Maglen J. G.

He states that the Southern Land and Immigration Co, of which Gov. D. S. Walker is President and himself Genl, agent is gotten up solely for the developement of the resources of the State of Florida. They propose to settle the State as rapidly as possible without distinction to race or color and strictly in accordance with the laws of the U.S. He states that he will call to see Genl. Howard this evening.

Washington May 20th
1867.

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Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir,

I propose having an examination of my class in Colored school Capitol Hill b/ 1st. bet 2nd & 3rd. I wish said examination to take place next week Thursday 30th inst. I greatly desire your presence on that occasion, as my boys are of that age when such an interest, manifested in so direct a manner by a man like yourself whom they never think of without honor, would have a most stimulating and beneficial influence upon them — As the day

is not important to me
and I have made no public
mention of it – if there is
any other day which would
be more favorable to your
attendance I should take
pleasure in substituting it –
Hoping that it will be
in your power, as I am sure
it would be in your will,
to grant us this favor –

I am
Very Respectfy Yours,
Annie Tolman Smith
Capitol Hill C. Hs bet. 2nd & 3rd

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard

Richmond Ind May 20th 1867

My Dear cousin Otis

I have but a few moments left before the mail closes, to say that I have brought my long and exceedingly pleasant visit here to a close and am now anticipating the pleasure of "swinging around the circle", as I find that my route, the Baltimore & Ohio R.R. brings me so near Washington I do not feel as if I could pass so near without making you a call. and if it will be perfectly agreeable to yourself and family. I shall do myself the pleasure of a few days visit with you. I intend leaving here on Tuesday morning the 28th I cannot ascertain at what hour we shall probably arrive at Washington. but fear it may be in the evening. I hope Percy may be able to meet me at the Depot on my arrival. but fearing he may not be able

and if I do not find him there I will
take the liberty of coming directly to
your house if agreeable to you all.
Give much love to cousin Lizzie and the
Children. I hope they are all well. and I
shall soon have the pleasure of seeing you all.
Uncle Henry and Aunt Martha send
much love to you all. Lizzie still re-
ceive at the Water Cure about the same
they hope she will be benefitted there
she is very patient and cheerful. Cas-
ie still at Dayton till graduate in about
a month. She is a very fine girl.
I received letters a few days since from
Maryland and Frank they are all well.
We are glad to hear of Rosie's happiness
and that they have a fine little son.
I shall purchase a through ticket to
New York City with the privilege of stopping
a few days in Washington & Alexandria.
shall leave the morning of the 28th of next
happens and go directly through.
We are having a cold disagreeable re-

and the season here is very backward.
But they say the crops are most encour-
aging in their appearance, which is
a great matter of thankfulness.
Excuse this hasty note from your

Affectionate Cousin

Sarah E. Sargent.

Richmond Ind
May 20th 186[illegible]

Sargent Sarah E.

Friendly letter

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Quartermaster General's Office,

Washington, D. C., May 20th 1867.

Maj. Gen O. O. Howard,
Commissioner &c &c

General:

Permit me to gratefully acknowledge the receipt of your kind communication of the 17th inst, and to observe in reply that I accept, with thanks your obliging offer to address the members of Federal city Division on Wed. eve. next.

Permit me in behalf of the Division to thank you for the kindly manner in which you have acceded to its request.

Div. meets at 7.30 P. M. in Hall on Ninth street.

Respectfully
Your obdt
servant
W. H. Douglas.

Jackson Hill May 20th 1867

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General O O Howard cant rent for the Summer the residence of Dr Holt known as Jackson Hill or purchase the place containing thirty acres on the twentieth street road half a mile from Mr Thomas P Morgan's & mile to Mrs Hobbie's place

Very Respectfully

Mrs W J Holt

Jackson Hill
May 20th 67

Holt Mrs. S. J.

Wishes to rent for the summer the residence of Dr. Holt or purchase the place containing thirty acres on the 20th St road

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Elizabeth May 22d 1867

Dear Brother

I am directed by Lincoln Division No 27 S. of T. of this city, to ask you when if at all between November and February next, you could deliver one of a course of lectures for the benefit of our Division. We intend having a course of seven lectures, and wish to have our arrangements completed as soon as possible. Please state terms. An early answer would greatly oblige Yours

In Love Purity & Fidelity

S. B. Kingsley

Sec of Com

Please address

Box 106

Elizabeth

N. J.

Home May 20th 1847 376

My dear General,

When I wrote you last I had not had any conversation with John Simpson on the subject of my letter, and was rather under the impression that he looked to the teaching of freedmen as a useful and respectable calling rather than being led to it by any deep interest in the work itself. When I received your letter, therefore, I thought he would be greatly disappointed that no immediate prospect of employment was open to him, and I rather shrank from communicating the contents to him. I was greatly surprised and relieved, however, to find myself in error. John was delighted at the suggestion of getting a Scholarship. His reply was – "my whole heart & soul is in this matter, and I

gladly welcome anything which will further me in it. I mean to devote the rest of my life to this cause, and shall be very much pleased if I can get a scholarship in the new College."

Dear Genl, I rather think John Simpson is in your destiny, at any rate I wish you would think so, and conclude to fulfill this part of it at once, by launching him on his life-career. But, setting aside, if you can obtain this scholarship for him, I have little doubt that he will succeed, and prove a very useful laborer among the freedmen. I am sure that you will do what you can for him, and with this assurance will leave the subject. —

Pray pardon these 1/2 sheets. I accidentally tore the blank side off

before discovering that it was the sheet on which I had begun this letter to you.

I was very much surprised to hear of your little daughter's educational progress. How time speeds — I had no idea that she could possibly be old enough to write a letter, and lo! She has been at it these three years. I hope she will write me, some day, if she can do it without feeling it to be a task. But pray do not urge it, if you find it would not be agreeable to her.

Some day, when I have more leisure (at present I am very much pressed) I will write to her and then, perhaps, it will be easier for her to reply to a letter, than to write the first herself.

I write wretchedly when I'm in a hurry, as you perceive, and should be quite ashamed to send my little friend, who is carelessly ~~but~~ written letter as I have, in this instance, at least, inflicted upon her papa.

But I'll release you now with much love to Mrs Howe and the bairns, I remain

Ever truly attached friend

Blanche Bernard.

[Ca - May 20, 1867]

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Dear Gus:

I took your note to Col Owen & Mr Wilson yesterday and they expected to have made the necessary arrangements through Mr Smith of whom you were purchasing a farm. They inform me this morning that the sale has been deferred for the present & there is now no chance of negotiating a loan for Mr Brown in that direction. Mr Wilson saw Mr Elonas this morning who says yourself & he with others are to meet Mr Henry D. Cooke at 3½ P.M. and he suggests that you call his attention to the matter & then both speak to Mr Cooke & he thinks it may be perfected through Mr Cooke. The loan is to be secured on the property corner of 3d & G streets 32 x 100. renting now for $115 per mo. $5000 for 5 years @ 7% N.Y. interest - deed of trust property to be insured. The Creditor to have possession & collect rents, pay insurance & interest & balance $, after deducting agents fees, to liquidation of principal

The claims of title is complete & perfect - The liens on the property amount to about $2600. The $5000 will pay them off & give Mr Brown the balance.

With respect I am &c

Your truly

Mary Morgan.

Washington D.C.

Morgan Mary

Stated that she took Genl. Howard's notes & C.C. Owen and Mr. Widen yesterday and they expected to have the necessary arrangements made through Mr. Smith. She has been notified that the sale has been delayed for the present and there is no chance for negotiating the loan for Mr. Brown.

ALL MONEY LETTERS, AND LETTERS CONCERNING PACKAGES OF CLOTHING, &C., SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO W. E. WHITING, 53 JOHN STREET, NEW YORK.

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New York, May 20, 1867

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

My dear Friend

Your telegram is received. I pray you not to disappoint us, if it be possible to avoid it. I should have written to you earlier had I thought it at all necessary, but it seemed to me settled that you would come.

The Am. F. ~~Bu~~ Union Commission makes a good deal of parade of your favor to them, and I had hoped that we should have

in Boston this tangible, visible, audible, evidence of your cooperation with us, and your approval of our work. I do not need it to convince me; we at these rooms do not need it to convince us, but I do earnestly wish it for the good public, who will, I fear, think we are falling behind.

Yours truly,
Geo. Whipple
Gar, Me.

New York
May 20th 67

Whipple Geo.

Acknowledges the receipt of Genl. Howards Telegram.