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O. C. Howard. Maj. Genl. &
Chairman Building Committee
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

Enclosed

find Ten dollars, the amount
solicited from the Orthodox Congre-
gational Church of this place, as per
your letter of June 10th — Hoping
that your efforts for the completion
of the Church for which you are
asking aid, may be crowned with
success, we are respectfully

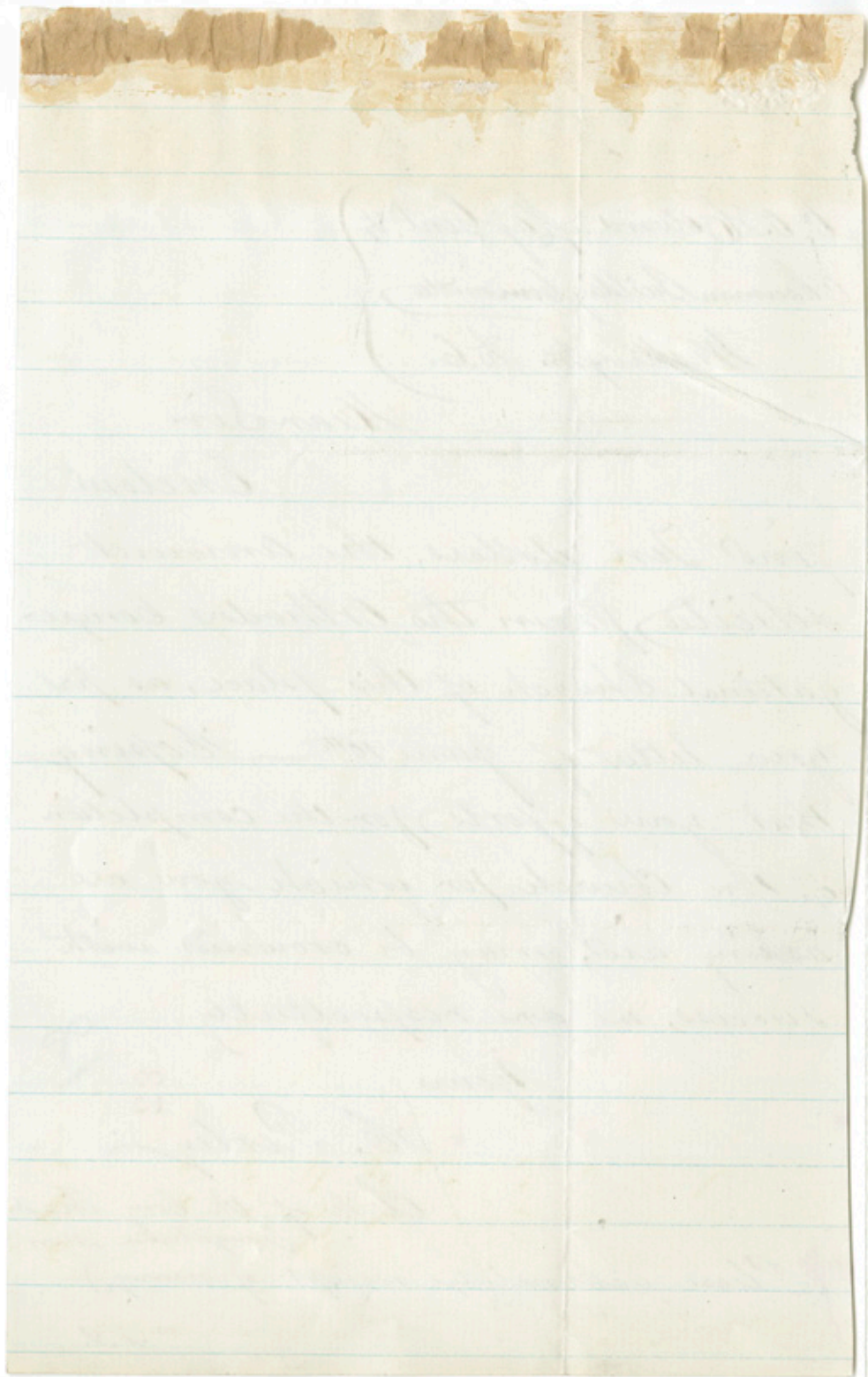
Yours

A. Perley

Clerk of the Cong Church
Georgetown Mass

(Please acknowledge receipt of money)

H. P.



For the Congregational Church, Washington D.C. Dec-Aug 1867
To Gen U. O. Howard Chairman of
Building Com.
\$10.00 Washington D.C. 70

From the Sabbath School
connected with the Orthodox
Congregational Church and
Society in Georgetown Mass
Rich^d Benney Brens,

My the pleasure of
J. H. Hensley Esq

Deerfield Aug 76 1867.

Gen O. O. Howard,
Dear Sir.

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enclosed please find 10 dollars.
It is from the Sabbath School of the
Orthodox Church in Deerfield Mass.
for completing the Congregational
Church at Washington D.C.
our Church, and Sabbath School is
small in number and means,
but we would like to bear a part
in this good work -

Yours truly,

Nathaniel Hitchcock.

Superintendent.

of Sabbath School.

Deerfield Mass.

Aug. 1867

Hitchcock, Nathaniel

Enclosure \$10. from the
Sabbath School of the
Orthodox Church. To the
Cong. Church Wash. D.C.

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O. C. Howard Esq

My Dear Sir

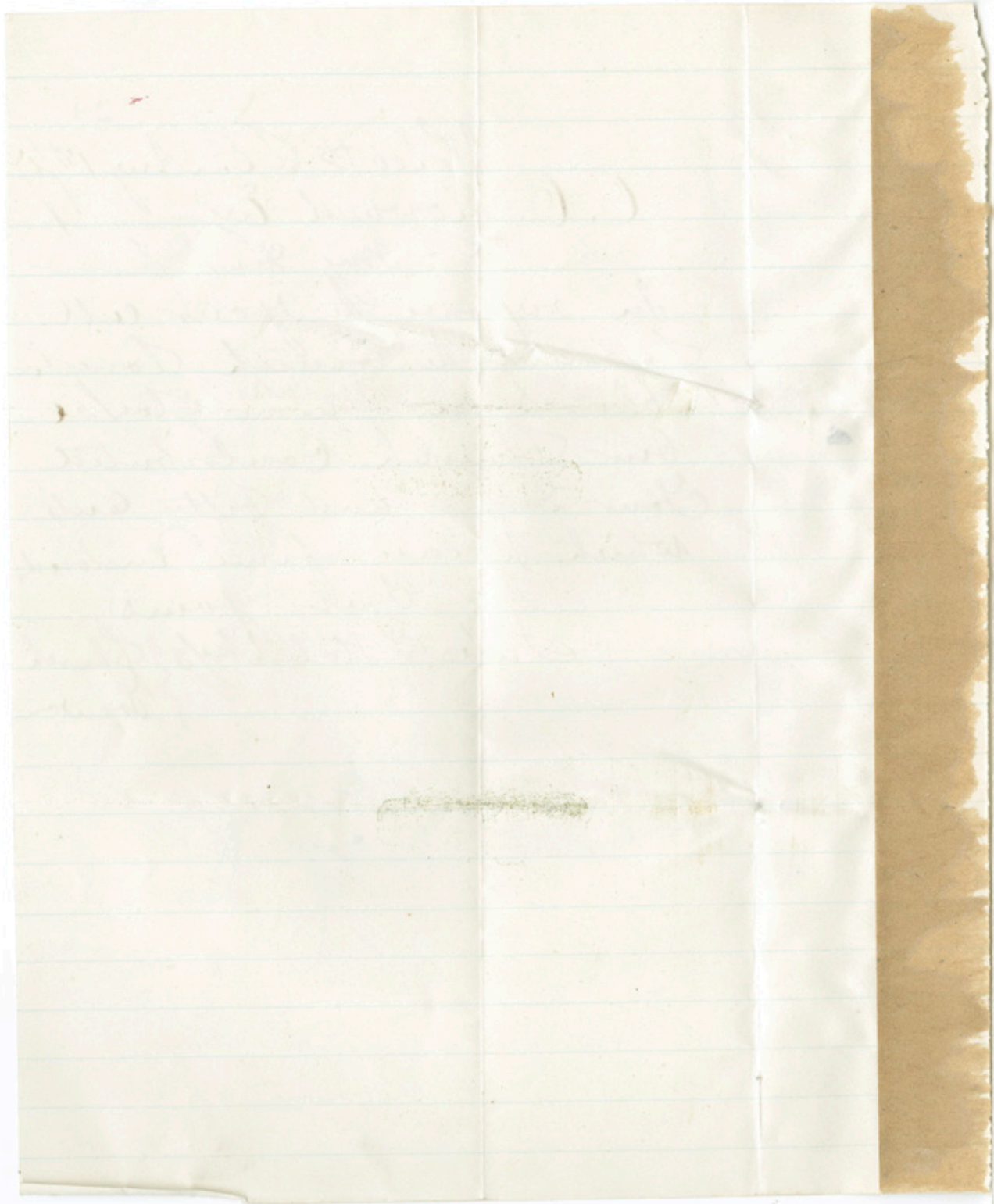
In response to your call
for aid to finish Long's
Church in Washington
our Church contributed
Four Dollars and Fifty Cents
which please find enclosed.

Truly yours

Miss L. Hatch } Church
} Secy

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MASSACHUSETTS
Sabbath School Society,
No. 13 Cornhill, Boston. 19

ASA BULLARD, Secretary.

MOSES H. SARGENT, Treasurer.

Boston, Aug. 1st. 1867

Gen O. O. Howard,

Dear Gen,

The
enclosed \$ 21.00, comes from the
1st. Cong. Church in Braintree
Mass. of which Rev. R. L. Stone
D. D. is Senior Pastor.

After serving in the army for
three years with you General,
it gave me great pleasure to
obey your commands yet again,
as I received your letter. I wish
you God speed in your
enterprise - 19

Wm. L. Hubbell
Associate Minister Braintree

^{Mass.}
Boston Aug. 1st 1867

Hubbell Wm S.

Encloses \$21.00
donated by the 1st
Cong. Church of
Braintree to the
Cong. Ch. Wash. D.C.

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Maj Gen. C. C. Howard

Dear Sir please
find enclosed ten (10) dollars
from the Congl Chh of this
place to aid the Congl Chh
of Washington in building

Yours truly

J M Williams

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Waukegan Wis.
Aug. 1st 67

Williams Rev. J. M.

Encloses \$10 from
his Church, to Cong.
Church Wash. D.C.

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Washington D.C.
Aug 1st 1867

Sir:

Enclosed please find thirty dolls
for the 1st Cong Church in this and
please acknowledge receipt to

Edward Spalding
Doraville
Livingston Co N.Y.

To:

Maj. Genl C.O. Howard.
Washington D.C.

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Danversville, Livingston
County N. Y.

Aug. 1st 1867

Spalding Edward

Enclosed \$30 for
1st Cong. Church
Washington, D.C.

Office of Weekly Monitor,
Washington, D. C.,
August 1, 1867.

Gen. O. O. Howard,
Sir: -

Our friend, Mr. Wm. P. Drew,
informs us that you have an
article prepared for this week's
paper. If such is the case, will
you be kind enough to send
it by bearer.

Very respectfully,
Cunningham & Benerman.

Office of Weekly Journal
Washington, D. C.
August 1, 1867

Dear Mr. A. A. Lawrence

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th inst. in relation to the proposed publication of a new edition of the "History of the United States" by Mr. A. A. Lawrence. I am sorry to hear that you have been unable to secure the necessary number of subscribers to make the publication of the work feasible. I am, however, confident that the work will find a ready sale among the people of this country, and I am sure that it will be a valuable addition to the literature of the United States. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. M. Smith

N^o 59 Beekman Street,

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NEW YORK. August 1st 1867

Maj Genl O. C. Howard

To John B. Bachelder Esq

To engraving steel portraits and furnishing
one hundred plain impression of same

June 24th - Cash recd

\$ 150.
10 c
\$ 50.00

Pro payt.

Aug. 1st 1867

My dear General I this day
forward per express one hundred octavo
engravings from your portraits which I
hope will please you
I am Sir

Respectfully yours

J. B. Bachelder.

New York City
August 1st 1867

Batchelder John D.

Encloses Bill to Genl.
Howard for engraving
steel portrait and furnishing
one hundred plain
impressions of the same,
and states that he sends
this day by Express,
100 octavo engravings
from ^{Genl. Howard's} portrait

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Mr Pleasant Plantation
Jackson co Fla
Aug 1. 1864.

Dear Genl.

I desire to commend
to your good office Capt
C. M. Hamilton U. R. C.

Bureau of Freedmen. now in
charge of this county, stationed
at Marianna.

He is one of the few
officers who have rec'd no
Brut promotion & it would
be particularly gratifying to
to Union men of this county
to have him promoted to
Major of Vols by Genl.

The best recommendation
I can give him is that
all Rebels hate him &
the negroes love & respect

him as their protector -
He is an indispensable
almost to this rebellion
country as rain & it
would be difficult to
find an officer to
replace him who could
ensure safety to us all.

I cannot commend him
too highly or entirely
deserving of your consideration
& aid.

Now possibly you have a
short moment to spare
little of myself.

I am farming cotton
corn & cane with
my prospect of a
fine crop. I have fifty
work hands, one
hundred & twenty negroes
in all.

Sooner as the hot weather is
over this I will establish a
free school for me on
the plantation & teach
them myself until she
gets tired & then hire
some one. I got letters
from the North a few days
ago. We have a very
happy home & are both
contented. & when you
come South to this
delightful state you
must not forget your
old A.D.C. Politically
we shall clean these
rebels up. I would like
to go more into details
about my hands but it
might weary you. Suffice
it to say they are
working freely. and we

respect each other. I have
also a steam saw mill. purchased
at a discount about three
weeks ago.

Mr. Gillette joins me in
kind regards to Mr. Howard
Richard & yourself.

Very Respy &
affectly Yours

Abb Smith

A. W. Gillette

Jacksonville, Fla.
August 1st 1867.

General,

As you are as deeply interested in this Command as myself, and as a copy of those base resolutions, fabricated by malicious and unprincipled men, was sent to you, there is a manifest propriety that my response thereto should be made known to you. You will understand by whom, and by what material I am surrounded. The worst class of men I have to encounter, are those who are about me clothed in the garb of Unionism to serve the Devil in". In this transaction, I feel outraged. The members of the Convention in this City feel the same, and their acts, and the loyal citizens, will, in time, make it known. To counteract such influences as is ~~designed~~^{designed} by promulgating such resolutions, is Requisite

Dear Sir,
August 1st 1864

Dear Sir,

We have an old copy
interest in the country, as well as
as a copy of the last edition, printed
by the American and European Press, and
sent to you, there is a beautiful picture
that my nephew has been in the
house of the press. You will understand
by what, and what matter I am
pursuing. The last class of our
to encounter, as there are about one
of the copy of the American Press
the book is in the American Press, I feel
certain. The value of the American Press
this is the first time, and the other, and
the last edition, will, in the future, be
known. The American Press and
as a copy of the American Press, and
in the future, will be known.

the interposition of officers of Experience,
who can well understand the difficulties
encountered in a State like this. For
this reason, I take pleasure in transmitting
these papers, Copies, for your perusal.
I am obliged to
submit, but I have it under serious
consideration, whether the two remaining
signers ought not to be arrested
under the military bill for disloyalty,
in falsely and maliciously attacking
an officer of the Government in the
discharge of his duties in Registration.

With much respect, and
the highest regard - I am Yr. ob. Servant,
Y. John T. Sprague,
Major John Howard, Colonel &c U. S. A.,
U. S. A.
Washington,
D. C.

Aug. 1st 1867

Storace, Col. John J.

Enclosed, letters and
orders exonerating him
from charges, recently
perfined against
him, by a Committee
appointed by the
Republican Convention
tately in session in
the State of Fla.

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Jacksonville Aug 2nd 1867
Colonel John T. Sprague,
Commanding Dist of Florida,
Sir,

Our attention has been called
to a report made by a Special Committee of the
State Republican Convention, addressed to General
Pope. The history of the origin of this Committee
is as follows - taken from the record of proceedings
of the Convention.

F. W. BARDWELL, of Duval, moved the following resolution which was seconded:
Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to examine into any acts of gross injustice to, or oppression of loyal citizens of this State, tolerated at the present time, and to call the attention of the proper authorities to the same. The Committee also to make a report of their proceedings to the Republican State Executive Committee.
L. WILSON, of Alachua, opposed the resolution. He wished to bury the past and not to rake up old issues.
Col. BARDWELL explained that his motion had no reference to past issues, but was, by its very wording, confined to the present time, and to issues now being made.
Dr. OTIS FAIRBANKS, of Leon, wished to bury the past, to harmonize and have peace on earth, and to cast no reflections on any one. Our business is to establish a party that will form a republican government; and let it not be said that it is a reproach to belong to that party.— Let us do nothing that will give our enemies a handle to bring charges against us. There are fields enough before us without bringing up the past, and I would respectfully ask the gentleman to withdraw his motion.
Rev. Mr. PIERCE, of Leon, does not profess to be so timid. I am not really aware of what evils may exist, but I am for facing the music just as it is: "I am willing to bury the past, as well as the last speaker, and I have quite as much to bury. If there is any wrong to be exposed and remedied let us go to work and remedy it. We mean to do what is perfectly right, but not to court anybody's favor, or to save anybody's feelings."
MATHEW P. LYON, of Hernando, agreed with his friend Dr. Fairbanks as to the propriety of burying the past, but he was also in favor of burying Confederate debts. Last year \$2 200 at least, of the money collected for taxes was paid for this purpose, and this thing should be stopped.
Several other speakers took part in the discussion, when the motion was put and carried.
The Chair appointed the following Committee: Col. F. W. Bardwell, W. J. J. Duncan and J. C. Emerson.

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seems to have misconceived the purport of the resolution and the object of the convention,

Evidently it was to bring to your attention any acts of injustice or oppression suffered at the present time, with a view to their correction. It was by no means contemplated that the Republican organization should be arrayed in antagonism with the District Commander, and we think the committee acted hastily and without due consideration or authority in reporting upon old matters and expressing their conclusions in offensive and unjustifiable personalities, to your superior officer, without information to you or the State Committee.

In conclusion, Colonel, allow us, citizens and Republicans, to assure you of our personal confidence, and of our sincere desire to cooperate with you in the establishment of Republican Government in Florida.

We have the honor, *Yours Very Respectfully* &c
{Signed} Harrison Reed, *1st Chairman State Rep. Co.*

{Signed} A. A. Knight *Secretary " "*

I concur in the above

{Signed} O. B. Hart
Late Chairman State Rep. Committee

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rary Chairman, and, on motion duly se-
Harrison Reed, Esq., of Jacksonville was
mously elected.
Mr. REED on taking the chair address-
Convention as follows:
Gentlemen of the Convention: Allow
congratulate you upon the favorable aus-
der which you have assembled to take the
tory steps in organizing the Republican
Florida. It is particularly gratifying
state so recently under the control of
we are permitted to meet here peacefully
organize. A few months ago the Chair-

Headquarters, District of Florida
Jacksonville, Fla. July 29th 1867

In regard to the statement in the enclosed paper, I would respectfully state, that on the 3rd day of May 1867, the following order was published.

Headquarters District of Florida
Saint Augustine Fla. May 3^d 1864.

No 42 S Extract

11. No payment whatever will be made by the State of Florida, to any of its civil or military officers, for alleged services under the State or Rebel Government during the Rebellion, nor for any supplies, stores &c., furnished during that period.

By Order of Colonel John T. Sprague
Signed } E. C. Woodruff

Br. Major. U. S. A. *Wm. A. A. S.*

The law appropriating \$65,000, expended itself

in the year 1866, neither upon this, nor upon any other of the acts complained of has money, or state scrip been paid. I have no knowledge, nor have I any reason to believe, that the order has been disregarded at any time.

The case of a freedmen named Alfred referred to. This occurred while General Foster was in command of Florida; upon my relieving him, the jurisdiction of Bureau Courts were considered of a doubtful character, and were avoided, when practicable. The civil law was deemed sufficient to meet the case.

The Hon Thomas Long, Judge of the Savannah District Court, assured the Officer commanding at Lake City, near where the outrage was committed, that Thomas should be brought before his court for trial. Upon this report, made by the commander of the Post, Thomas was placed under bonds of five hundred dollars to appear before the next term of the Court. He did appear, but there was some informality in the indictment. A "Nolle prosequi" was entered, when Judge Long ordered him to be rearrested, and the man is now under five hundred dollar bonds

to appear at the next term of the court in October, when he will be tried and punished.

The third case is so general in its character. I am unable to answer it, I am only say, that in all cases regarding the question of wages, justice is done the freedmen, whether by myself, or the officers under my command.

The fourth case occurring in the month of June 1865: Major General Foster was in command of Florida. I met Mr. Joseph in my office in January 1866, when he referred to his suit regarding cotton in the interior. He was on his way to Tallahassee to see General Foster, what transpired between General Foster ^{and} Mr. Joseph, I am unable to say, but my impression is, that the matter was adjusted, or dismissed by some civil process, owing to the running away, or to the murder of an important witness. Mr. Joseph left the State about one year ago.

In relation to the general remarks indulged in, detracting from my official conduct and character, my only defence is in the good order

which has prevailed in Florida during twenty months past - the execution of the laws - the industry and contentment of the freedmen - the peace and security of communities - the protection of life and property - the graving fidelity to the Union - the protection of loyal citizens - and the present successful progress of registration.

"A want of efficiency, indifference to the public good, as alleged, could not have secured the present prosperity and quiet which the State of Florida now enjoys. The fact and truth is, that I have not permitted schemes and measures calculated to excite citizens, and provoke discord and dissatisfaction. I have given protection and encouragement to all men, without reference to their being from the South or the North. I have seen no cause to denounce and discourage those citizens who are disfranchised, and who are struggling to obtain their daily bread, and who are aiding the government by their advice in restoring the State to the Union. If loyal citizens have not been protected, General Pipes Head Quarters has been for four months accessible, and he to,

at all hours, papers of every description have been sent to me daily from that source, but not one word of complaint from whites, or colored citizens have reached me upon any subject.

The Loyal League, and Union Club, have been in session here from time to time for a year, looking after the interests of the citizens, but not a complaint, or a remonstrance, has come to me of any kind. They have made it the duty of their associations to protect the rights of Loyal men. I am surrounded by disloyal sentiments and by promoters of discord. One of the signers of this paper, W. J. J. Duncan of Jasper Florida, has been arrested by my order, and placed under thirty five hundred dollar bonds, to appear at the next term of the Tallahassee Circuit Court, to answer for cruelly whipping his freedmen; six of them appear against him.

I appeal to the Major General Commanding as to whether such false, and malignant accusations, while in the discharge of my duties under the Military Bill, do not approach sedition and disloyalty, and whether these parties ought not to be arrested and brought

before a Military Commission for falsifying the
agents of the General Government while entrusted
with the important duties of registration ^{and} reconstruction.

I have the honor to be,

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant,
John T. Sprague,
Colonel 4th U.S. Infantry
Commanding

Colonel J. T. Melnie

Chief of Bureau of Civil Affairs

Atlanta, Georgia.

Store copy.
Pa. D. L. Aubrey
Lieut. J. G. Capt. A. M. Genl.

Respectfully transmitted
to Mr. Geo. O. O. O. O.
for the information

John W. Sprague
East. Washington
County. N. Y.

(copy)

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Jacksonville, July 17. 1867.

Colonel John P. Sprague,
Comdg. Dist. of Florida.

Sir:—

The temporary presiding officer of the late Republican State Convention at Tallahassee, I deem it due to you, that I explain an occurrence during its session which has occasioned some comment and out of which an attempt is being made to create discord and alienation between the people and the representatives of the Government.

Before the Convention was permanently organized and while awaiting the report of the committee on permanent organization, a member, whom I did not recognize, but who I have since learned was a Mr. Oats, sent up to the Secretary a resolution of complement to Genl Pope coupled with disparagement of yourself. The reading occasioned sensation and elicited unmistakable expressions of disapprobation and a motion was made by Mr. Asher to lay on the table, which was objected to, the desire expressed that no

(over)

In conclusion, allow me to congratulate you upon the action of the convention and the general disposition among the people of Florida to sustain your efforts for the peaceful inauguration of Republican government in the state, and to tender my assurances of personal confidence and respect.

(Signed) Harrison Reed
Temporary Chairman Republican

A true Copy:
Wm. D. Lumsden
1st Lieut. 70th Regt. Albany
West of Florida

Jacksonville Florida

August 1st 1867

Major General C. C. Howard

Comdr. Bu. R. F. & A. S.

Washington DC

General

I learn that a committee of the Republican State Convention held in Tallahassee on the 11th ulto. appointed to inquire of outrages upon Union men & instead of doing that, on the very day of their appointment or the day after, wrote a letter to General Pope and one to you without submitting them to the Convention where they might and I think would have been rejected, containing their ~~set~~ impressions of some cases that they had heard of, and taking occasion to complain of Colonel John T. Sprague Comdr. Dist. of Florida and your Asst. Comdr. here. I know nothing of the cases mentioned by that committee, but I do know of cases in which Colonel Sprague has done ample justice at least enough to counterbalance those. I also know that it is unfair to make a sweeping condemnation of a Commander on account of a few cases when there are very many cases in which if inquired into it will be found that he has exhibited patriotic efficiency and done ample justice. I also know that Colonel Sprague honors patriotism is

determined to protect the loyal of both races, and give
no more to rebel sympathisers than is required by that
magnanimous forbearance and liberality which our
victorious Country ever displays. His position is a
difficult one, and would be so for any Commander, it is
impossible to please all even of friends but his general course
has been wise and patriotic and has had the effect to
prevent outbreaks and combined lawlessness of any kind so
that Florida has been and is under his command the
most quiet and peaceful of any. I have no hesitation
in stating that in my judgment there has been less of
outrage in this State in proportion to the number of the
people than in any of these ten States, and that much of
the credit of it is due to the judicious course of this officer.
I believe that throughout the State the freed people are as well
protected as it is possible for them to be until the civil
laws shall be made administered and executed by
faithfully loyal men.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully

Your obt. Servt.

O B Hart

Treasury Department,

Office of the Light House Board.

Washington Aug. 1st 1867

May. Genl. P. O. Howard

Present

Sir

Will you do me the kindness to send
by the bearer the sketch for School
building &c. prepared for Miss Walker,
for the purpose of making an estimate
of the cost. If you please I would like
to see your Carpenter in order to explain
to him the mode of constructing the detail.
I will return the design early tomorrow
tomorrow morning

Yours Obt. Servt.

A. L. Hartweath

