

Bath, Maine, Aug. 26th, '67

My dear Gen. Howard,

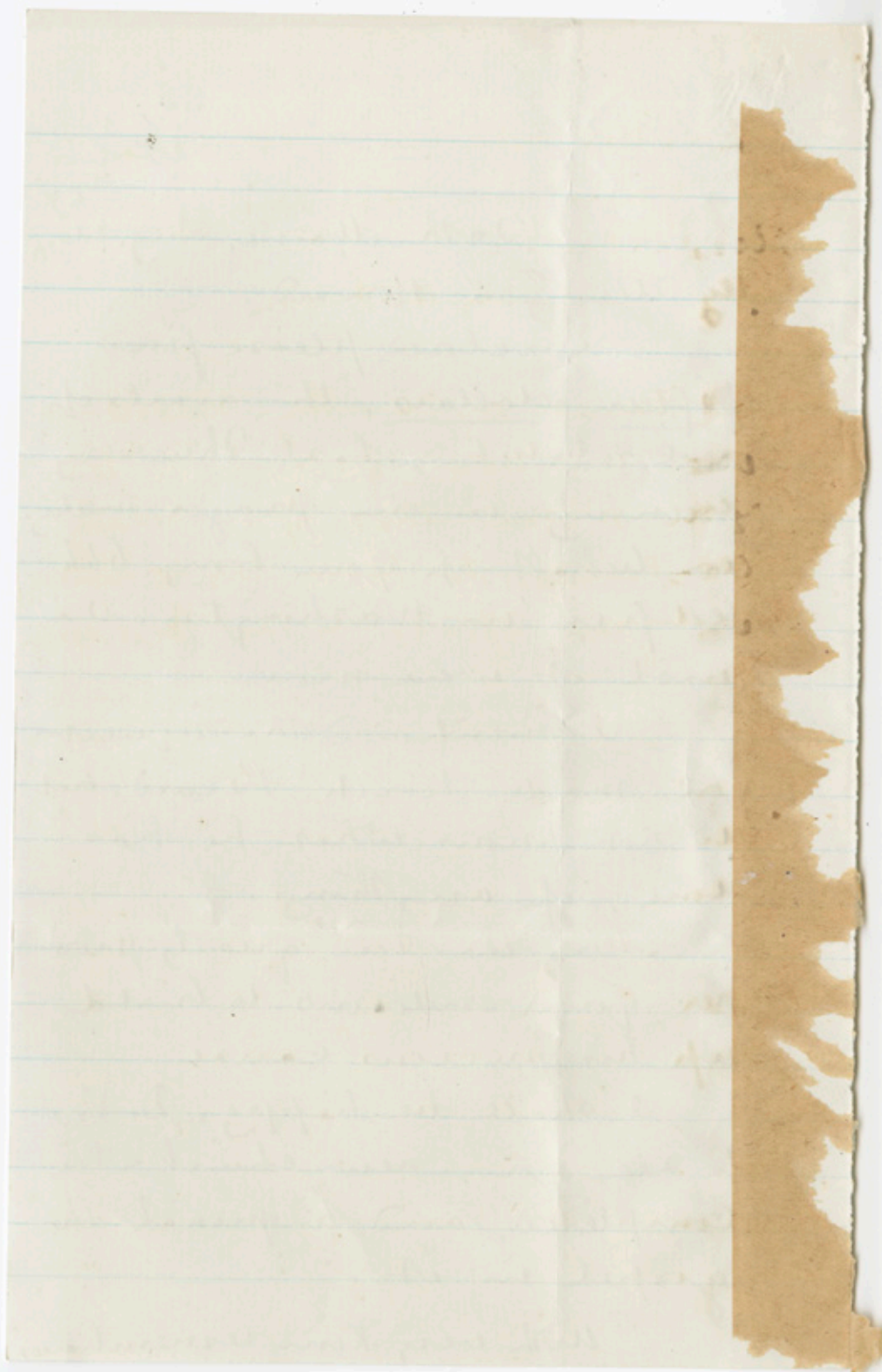
Enclosed please find
fifteen dollars, the avails of
a contribution last Thursday
evening in our prayer-meeting
in behalf of your Cong. bldg.
edifice in Washington. I
wish it were more.

I mentioned the request
you made to Mr. Beaud, but
do not know what he has
done, if anything.

May the Lord greatly pros-
per your endeavors to build
up his precious cause.

I shall be happy, D. V.,
to see your new church, when
completed, and to preach the
gospel in it.

With very kind remembrances



to Mrs. Howard, I remain
Yours very sincerely and
Respectfully,
John W. Fiske.

I trust our worthy President
will be kind enough to "let
you alone" that you may
continue to bless the country
in your efforts for the Freedmen.

Bath Maine
Aug. 26th 1867

Fiske, John O.

Encloses \$15,00 donated
by the Cong. Ch. Bath Me.
to 1st Cong. Church Washⁿ
D.C.

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Camden, Maine, Aug. 26, 1867

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Dear Sir:

Please find
enclosed \$11.25 Contribution
from the Cong. Church Society
of this place to the "National"
Church, Washington D. C.

Yours faithfully
F. P. Chapin.

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Camden, Maine, Aug. 2nd
My dear O. A. Brown
Dear Sir:
I have just
received your letter
of the 27th. I am
sorry to hear
of your illness.
I hope you
will soon
be better.



BURR BROTHERS & CO

76 Franklin, cor.

Devonshire St.

Boston Aug 26 1867

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Genl O. Hovey

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Chairman Building Committee
Washington D C

Dr Sir

I have to enclose Burr
Brothers, check on the National
Revenue Bank & your order for 45⁰⁰/₁₀₀
dollars it being the amt of a col-
lection taken up in the "Au-
burndale Congl Church" and
"Sabbath School" in response
to your circular for the
building fund of the Congl
Church in Washington.

Respectfully, Yours

Chas L Burr

Treas Auburndale Congl Church

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Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the matter of the ...
I am sorry to hear that you are unable to attend to the matter at present, but I trust you will be able to do so in the future.
I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. B. ...



Bangor Me. Aug. 26th 1867

Gen. C. C. Howard

Dear Sir

We take the liberty

to ask you the following questions

- 1st Is the climate of Va. healthy for Eastern men?
- 2^d Can an Eastern man live in peace with the people
- 3^d What part of the State has the best Soil and climate
- 4th (Do you know of a good tract of timber or farming Land
(with water power that can be purchased at low rate;)
- 5th Would you consider Va the best border state for
Eastern men to settle in at the present time
by answering the above you will greatly oblige

S. & J. Adams

P.S. Enclosed please find stamped Envelope
directed S. & J. A.

We shall be in Baltimore in a few
days S. & J. A.

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Dear Mr. J. C. Howard

Dear Mr. J. C. Howard

I can give

Mr. J. C. Howard

At your the following questions
to the climate of the healthy for Eastern women?
on our Eastern women live in houses with the people
What part of the State has the best soil and climate
Do you know of a good tract of timber or farming land
with water power that can be purchased at low rates?
Would you consider the best border state for
Baltimore more to settle in at the present time
by concerning the above you will greatly oblige
Yours truly
J. C. Howard

J. C. Howard
Baltimore

Mr. J. C. Howard
Baltimore

Washington, D. C.,
Aug. 26, 1867

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir -

In the
accompanying pamphlet you will find
a statement of the work which is being
done, and which it is proposed to do, in
connection with the building on the cor.
of I and 22nd Sts, which I am occupying.

No greater or better work is being
done in this city or any other. The prop-
erty is used to the very best advantage.

It is my wish and the wish of
those who are cooperating with me in
this work, that I may be allowed to re-
tain the building for these purposes.

I did consider it possible, at one
time, that the object had in view
might be attained by a transfer of
the responsibility to the National

Shes, Just & Un. - but this was the
the belief that the views which
ruled in connection with an amend-
ment to the charter, would con-
tinue to prevail. But these are
views which the Boston men have
discarded, and, with them, they
have discarded the work for the
promotion of which the building
was secured, and if at any future
time they should propose to take
any part of this work, it would
not be concomitant, or with any
real interest in its success. You
may put "grapes" on the thorn-bush
and "figs" on the thistle, but they
do not grow there. Those who
have steadily and with scorn, ^{and they} ~~firmly~~
repelled a work, are not
the men to control it.

I request that I may be left
in the quiet possession of these ~~premises~~
ises, for the following reasons:

1st. They are fully occupied
with the work now in charge.
Every room suitable for a recitation
two rooms will be thoroughly
used. To bring in other classes would
only crowd out those already

he provided for,
5th And, Every earnest worker
in behalf of the education of the
colored people connected with
the Baptist churches in this
city, is, ^{of believe} with many others, ear-
nestly coöperating with me in
this work.

No better names can be
found in this city or any other,
than those in the accompanying
pamphlet.

As far as the appropriation
of the building is considered in
the light of a donation to the Bap-
tists, the Baptists of this city
have accepted it, and in a num-
ber perfectly satisfactory to them
That ^{a few} men at the distance of five
hundred miles, who have clau-
destinely seized one work which
they did not originate, should
assume to determine precisely
under what organization the
Baptist, and other friends of
Washington, shall work ^{in this enterprise} will need

with no favor from the denomination generally.

I suppose it is the object of the Bureau to aid those who do the work, leaving the direction and control to the doers.

3rd, In my effort to fulfill the conditions on which I took possession of the building, I have incurred many responsibilities, of various kinds, which can be met only as I retain it for the purposes specified.

Perhaps there may be one or two hearings of the conditions on which I assumed the charge of the building, which have not particularly arrested your attention.

For me to have assumed the responsibility of seeing that this building should "be used with reference to the education and improvement and aid of the freedmen" for their "elevation, intellectually, morally, religiously and socially, and in practices and habits of industry, self support and correct living," — and yet, at the same time,

consent to put it into the control of a Board who declared that they had nothing to do and that they must have nothing to do with this general work, would have been the height of folly. I entered into no such arrangement.

In asking that, in the prosecution of the general work, I might be at liberty to use the property so far as might be deemed expedient, for promoting the "general objects" of the organizations or benevolent associations in connection myself and Mr. Turner were laboring, I laid myself under no obligation to do so any further than "I might find occasion". To have thrown myself with all the responsibility assumed, and my wife with all of her responsible work, into the power of those who had no sympathy with the general objects sought or the work in charge, would have been little less than madness.

And when the gentlemen from Boston represented to

me that this was your mis-
standing of the case, I did not
hesitate to assure them that they
must be mistaken. And I called
attention to these points, ~~at this~~
time, partly to provide against any
similar misunderstanding in
future.

The work in which I am
engaged and in which the friends
whose names you see in the
pamphlet and others, are en-
gaged, is not antagonistic to the
work of the Institute. There
is no conflict of design. It is
simply another work. It is
a work for which the Institute
has made, and proposes to make
no provision. It is a work le-
gitimate to the objects of the
Bureau. None can be more
so. None has been more
successful. Shall we be aided
in it? You will not certainly
require, as a condition of con-
tinued assistance, that I should

consent to put it into the control of a self constituted Board at the distance of five hundred miles, who declare that they have no sympathy with it, and who, if they should assume it, would do so only with the result of enervating and impeding and destroying it.

I hope for the honor of the Bureau in continuing a good work which it has aided in getting started, as well as for the best interests of the colored people for whom I have been earnestly and successfully laboring for nearly three years, that I may be spared such a result.

Yours with great
respect

E. Turner

Aug. 26th 1865

Timothy O.

States that in the accompanying pamphlet, will be found a statement of the work being done, and which it is proposed to do, in connection with the building on the cor. of Sand 2^d Sts. which he is occupying.

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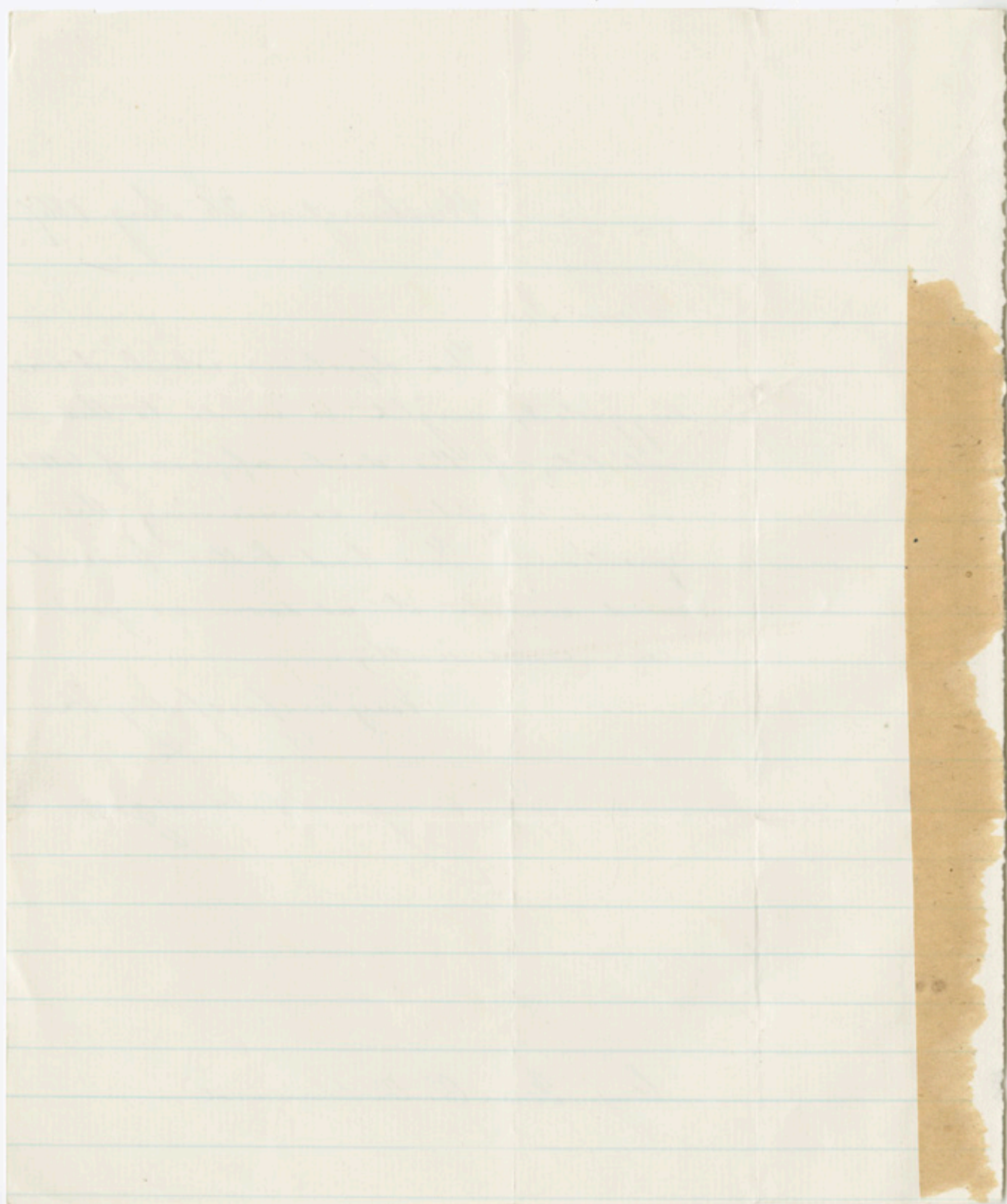
Dear Sir;

The objections which, it was suggested, might be made to the validity of the deed, appear of little or no weight on examining the question. You had better proceed and execute it as soon as you can conveniently.

Very respectfully &c.
Yours &c.

J. H. Hodges

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard.



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My dear General

I do not think I can
get off on Wednesday before
the 8, 20 train in the evening
I am very busy with some work
assigned me by the House Central
Committee. I am the more sorry
for it because it will give me
a little time to talk with you
& your good wife before I start
with your brother and Mrs Bond has
charged me to persuade you & Mrs
Arnold to bring that sick baby
up to refresh itself at Mr Royce

before I leave Washington

I announce my theme before
I come so if I lose your favor
is you will have had had time
to justify Yours truly

Wm. L. B. O.

Wm. L. B. O. Howard.

Dattinson M.D.
Aug. 27th 1867

Dear Hon. Hugh L.

States that he will be
unable to get off on
Wednesday before the
8.20 train.

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Leeds, Ill.

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Genl. O. O. Howard.

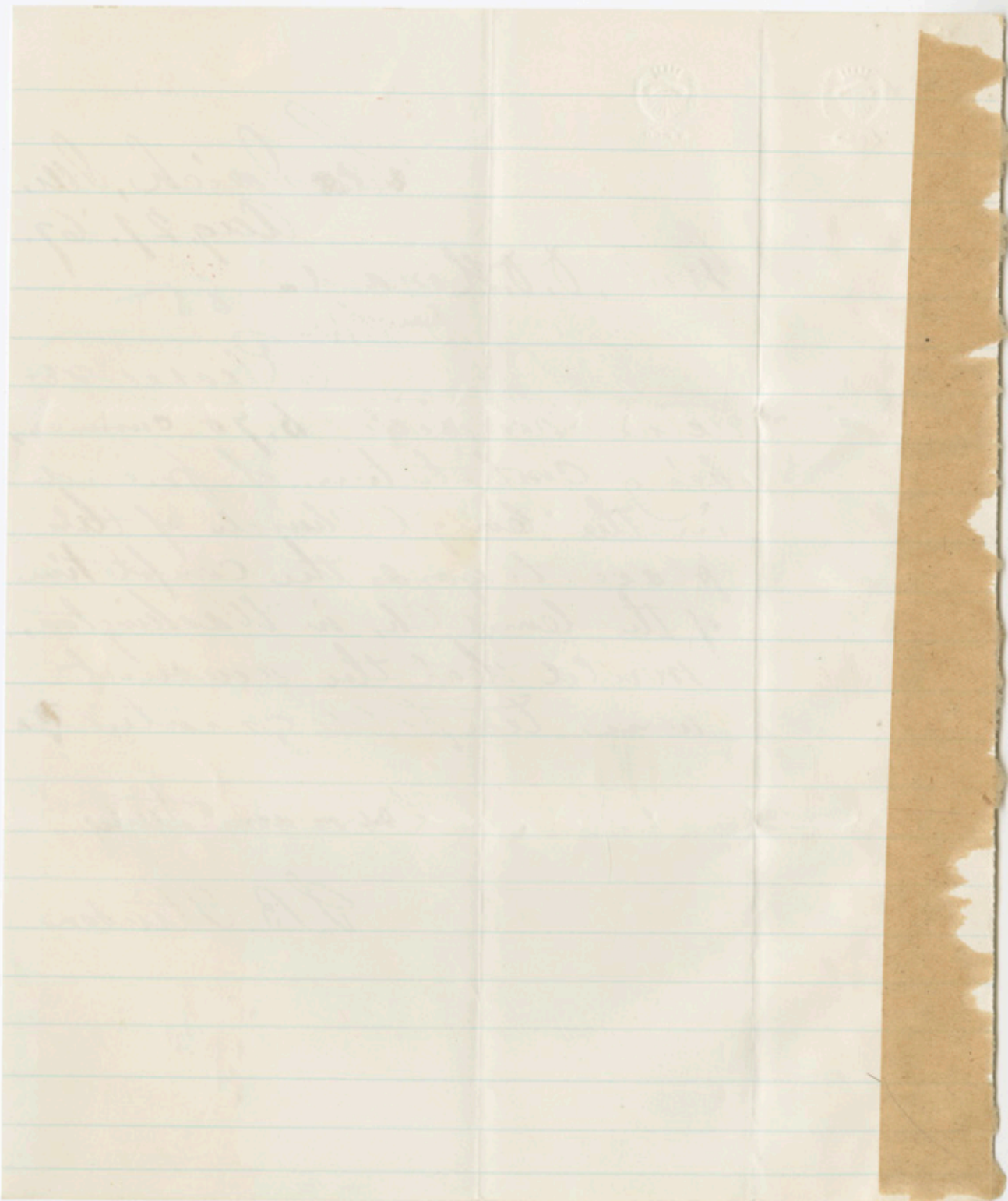
Dear Sir—

Please receive herewith \$6.70 currency,
being contributions of friends
in the Cong'l Church of this
place towards the completion
of the Cong'l Ch. in Washington,
would that the amount
were tenfold greater!

Yours very truly

J. B. Stinson

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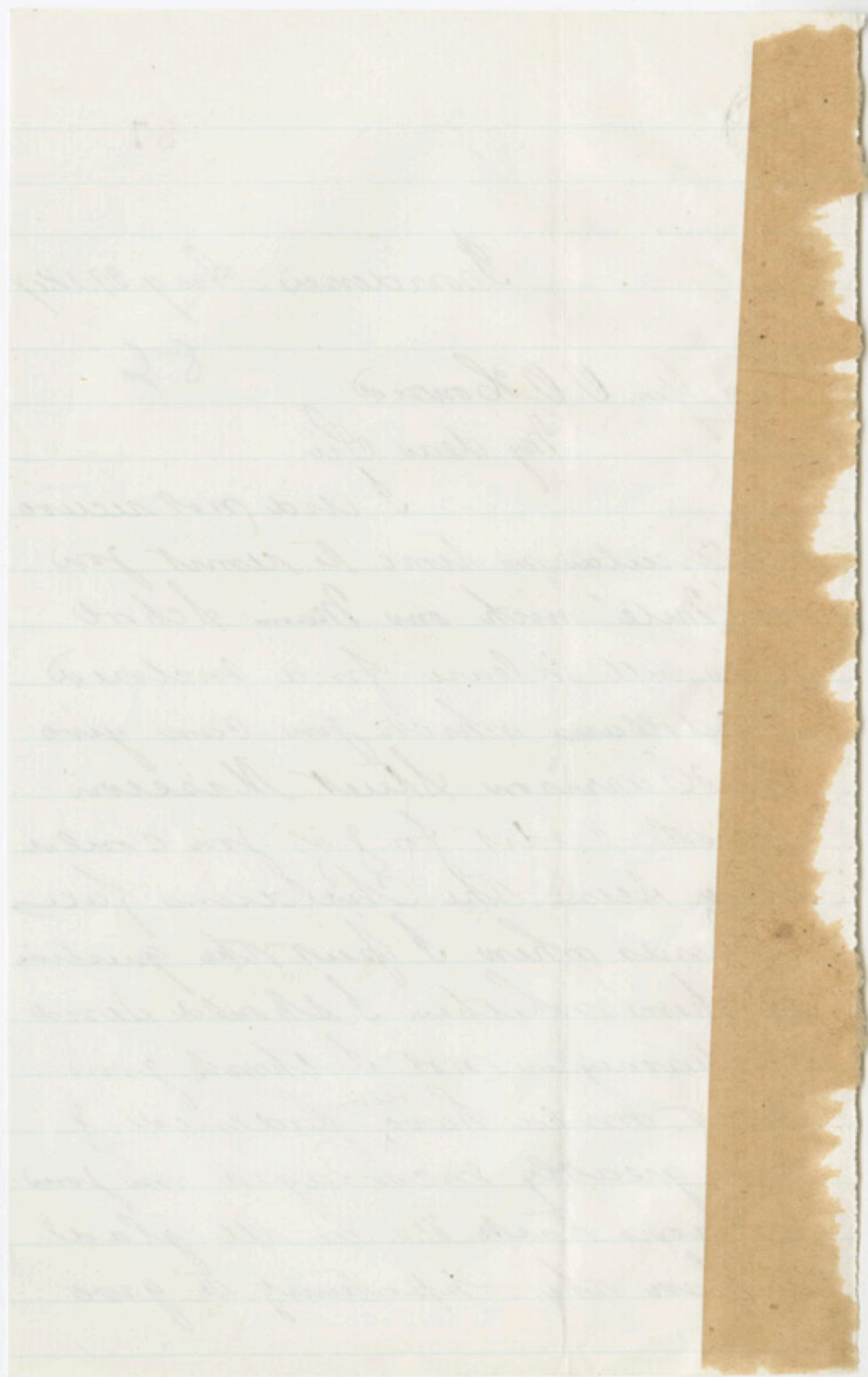
Providence Aug. 27. 1867

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Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

My dear Sir

I did not receive
your Circular in time to remit you
our "Mite" with our Main School
& you will please find enclosed
Five dollars which you can give
the Harrison Street Mission
School credit for. & if you could
have seen the Childrens faces
& hands when I put the question
to them whether I should send
the money or not I think your
heart would have ^{been} gladdened &
you greatly encouraged in your
arduous task. We are all glad
to have the opportunity to give



our little towards a Church in
our Capitol. Assuring you of our
prayers for your success I remain

Most Respectfully yours

C. M. Houston
Superintendent of
Harrison St Mission S. School
Under the Auspices of the
High St Cong. Church

Providence Rhode Island
Aug. 27th 1867

Thurston, E. M.

Encloses \$10, donated
by the Mission S. School,
to the 1st Cong. Church
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Horner, N.Y.
Aug 27 1867

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Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard } 8 f
Chairman Buildg Committee }
of Cong. Ch. Washington D.C. }

My Dear Sir: I give
me great pleasure to
remitt to you the enclosed
Dfr for Twenty dollrs. for
your Ch. building from
my congregation & Sab.
School agreeably to the
request in your Circular.
Please acknowledge if when
you publish your list
as follows

Congregation Ch. Horner N.Y.

additional ————— \$10.00

Cong. S.S. Horner N.Y. 10.00

This will indicate that we
have contributed before
as was the case.

I trust you will yet
see your desire accom-
plished in the completion
of the Ch. building free
from debt.

We see the newspapers
reminers of your removal
from the head of the Amer-
ican's Bureau. If it be
placed it will be but
one more outrage by
the Pres^t. that the people
feel & mark & which
will we hope result
in his removal as soon
as Congress can act, by
impeachment. It is high
time.

We expect the annual
meeting of the American
Missionary Association
to be held here on the
16 of Oct. & the Secretaries

Whipple & Strieby have
promised, if possible, to
secure your attendance.

I hope you will
come if ^{it} is not utterly in-
practicable. You can do
much good & it will greatly
unify in Central Mass.

With assurance of
the sympathies of myself
& people in all your
labors

I am General
Very truly M,
J. W. C. Holbrook

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Romer New York
Aug. 27th 1867

Holbrook John C.

Encloses \$20, donated
by Cong. Ch. and
Sunday School to the
Cong. Church Wash^g D.C.

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