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Philad? Jan'y 8. 1868

My Dear General,

I have much pleasure  
in introducing to you Mr. David  
Macrae of Scotland, a Christian  
gentleman and scholar who has  
already attained great eminence  
as an author. Mr. Macrae visits  
our country for the purpose of  
examining into all that concerns  
the welfare of the human family,  
and desires specially to look into  
the condition of the Freedmen  
of the South. Any advice or  
attention you can give my friend  
will be duly ack'd by  
Yr Friend  
Geo. H. Stuart

Maj. Genl. Howard

Philadelphia Jan 10 1841

My dear General,

I have great pleasure  
in attending to you Mr. Davis  
Moses of Boston, a Christian  
gentleman and scholar who has  
already attended your conference  
in our country. Mr. Moses writes  
our country for the purpose of  
examining into all that concerns  
the welfare of the human family,  
and desires especially to look into  
the condition of the African  
of the South, and to do so  
at once for our free negroes  
with the help and aid of the  
West Indies





Boston Jan<sup>y</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1868.

Dear General

A Cousin of mine, a lady, has recently opened a school in this city for young ladies. She wishes next summer to make it a boarding school & is preparing to issue her circulars for distribution. Mrs. Webb's brother, Mr. Tappan who now boards at my Cousin's house suggested to her that your name among those to whom she could refer would be

of great advantage to her,  
and she has accordingly  
asked me to apply to you  
for permission to place  
your name on the circular  
together with a few other  
gentlemen here & in N. York  
of well known standing  
& authority in such matters.  
She already has a pupil  
from Pennsylvania & hopes to  
have others from that region.  
Dr. Webb knows her well  
& has given her his name.  
She has a pleasant home  
in Chester Park & is a  
teacher of excellent standing  
& long experience. She wishes



me to ask you when we meet  
at Bangor. but I forgot to do  
so + am therefore obliged to  
trouble you with a letter.

If you are entirely willing  
to favor my cousin with  
the aid of your name I  
shall be happy to tell her so,  
but if you have any objection  
I hope you will not hesitate  
to decline. I gave her no  
assurance that I should  
obtain it. I hope that you  
+ your family see me. With  
kindest regards to them +  
to Charles + his wife, I am  
yours very sincerely

J. B. Gilman.  
Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard  
Washington D.C.

Boston Mass,  
Jan'y 8<sup>th</sup> 1868

Gilman, J. B.

States that a cousin of  
his (a lady) has recently  
opened a school in  
Boston for ladies, and is  
preparing a circular for  
distribution to which she  
desires to attach Gent.  
Howards name for reference.

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Major Gen. O. V. Howard

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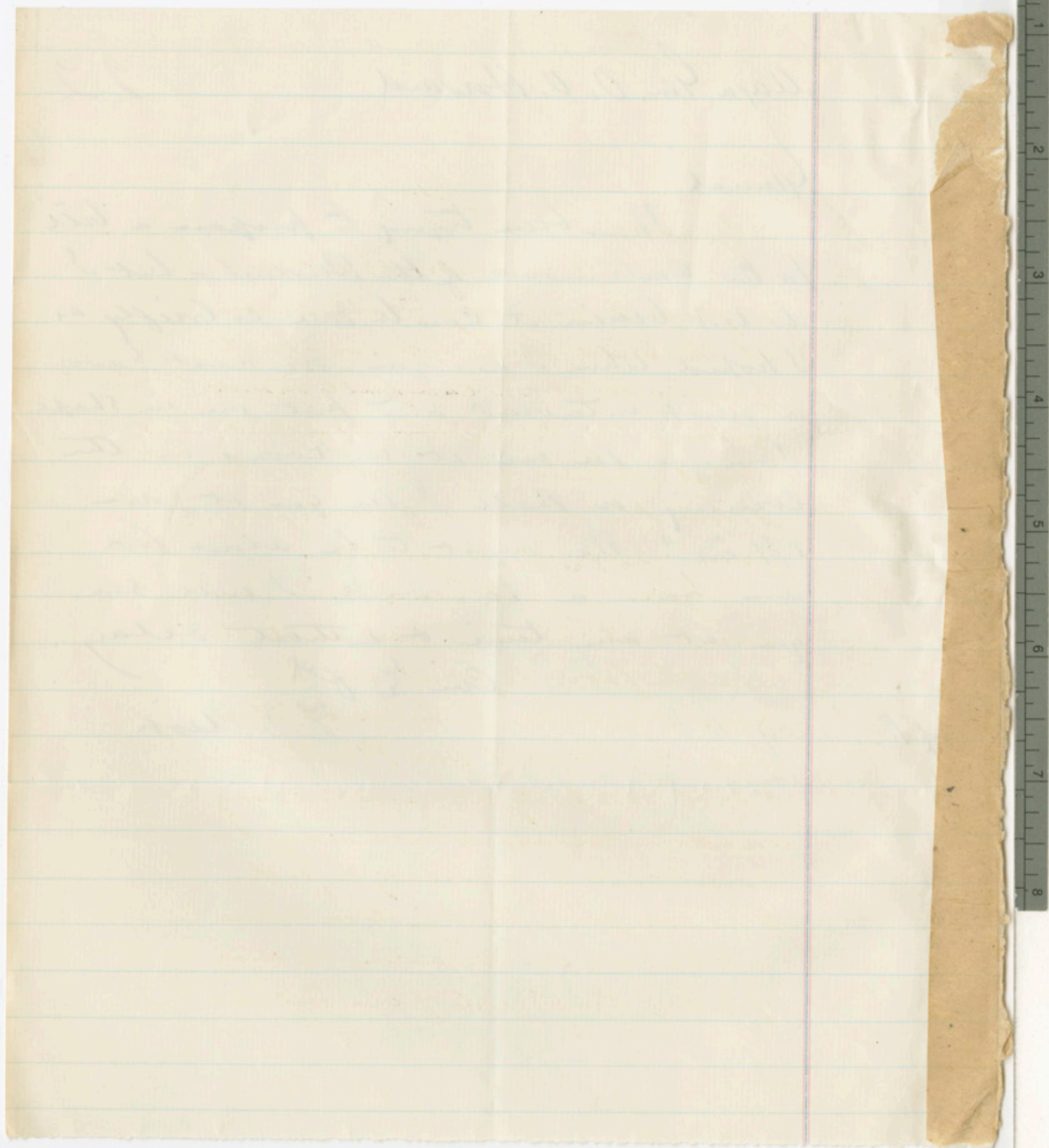
General

I have been trying to prepare a bill  
for the Continuance of the Bureau - but I  
do not believe it can be done so briefly as  
I hoped when I saw you. We must have  
a quiet interview and put one in shape.  
Can you see me at my rooms in the  
evening or shall I see you at your  
office? We ought to be alone for  
an hour or so. And I will see  
you at any time & without delay

Yours &c

T. D. Meier

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OFFICE OF REGISTER IN BANKRUPTCY.

Huntsville, Jan 9 1868

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My Dear General

Enclose you some slips  
clipped from the Huntsville Advocate  
showing the course taken by the little  
faction here. that has well nigh destroy-  
ed the unity and strength of the Repub-  
lican Party in this vain attempt to se-  
cure office for each of its members.  
A year ago we had no distinctions in the  
party; black men and white cordially  
cooperated and we could have carried  
this County by 2000 majority. Two or  
three white men backed by the Freedmen's  
Bureau and Genl Dr B Callis. aban-  
doning their business went through the  
County in private and themselves with  
the freedmen and by the meanest devices  
obtaining control over them.

All this was predicated on the fact  
that there is a colored majority of  
500 votes in the County.

General Callis announced himself for  
Congress as you may see by his letter  
in a convention called by the Republican  
allfates to the State Convention. he  
submitted his name and so of



no longer was he that he was  
feated by a large majority.  
This District has 8,000 white rep-  
-ed voters more than colored and  
our friend in Council made up  
then mind that Callis as Repu-  
-lican nominee would be badly  
beaten and some of the numerous  
Copperhead gentlemen seeking to  
resound honors would be elected.  
I was fairly chosen by a Convention  
of the Republican Party called  
by Genl Callis' friend and en-  
-ed of him.

On my nomination being an-  
nounced several rejoicing took  
place. Every one was satisfied  
and there was no chance for our  
opposition candidate.

In the midst of the good feeling  
General Callis bolts, His friend  
called a Meeting and altho. they  
could not allege anything spe-  
cific against me declared they  
would run Callis.

I charge that all this trouble was  
begun hatched in the Office of the  
Bureau. Money furnished and  
its extensive and influential agency  
used to effect the disunion.



of the Republican Party, and the  
defeat of its recognized leader in this  
crisis. by an Officer of the Regular  
Army of the United States, having no  
legal domicile in Alabama, and  
merely for the purpose of gratify-  
ing his disappointed and wounded  
vanity and bitter resentment against  
his competitor for Congress.

I did not seek this nomination  
I am sacrificing much to save my  
Reputation for Congress. but at the  
request of my party I consented to  
run as an element of strength and  
for the purpose of securing success.  
As Republican Candidate for  
Congress within District I lay these  
facts before you and the Party.  
I sincerely avow my desire to see  
Unity amongst ourselves and will  
do any thing to effect it.

If this cancer is not promptly  
cauterized and Officials who are  
in the employ of a Republican Admin-  
istration rebuked for their efforts  
to destroy the Party because they  
cannot get office we will fail,  
utterly fail to carry Alabama  
for the Presidential nominee of  
the Republican Party.



I refer you to the Union men of  
this District. I refer you to the char-  
tered condition of our Party and  
the bad feeling existing among the  
two elements of the Party black and  
white. all caused by ambitious  
and designing men in Office.

I wish you would lay this mat-  
ter before Genl Howard and urge  
him to promptly order Gen D. B.  
Callis Capt 45<sup>th</sup> U.S. Infantry  
to his Company and I will pledge  
myself that you will hear no more  
trouble among the Republicans  
in this District.

Sincerely yours

D. W. D. P. [Signature]

Hon A. S. [Signature]

Respectfully referred to Genl Howard  
J. Gayfield





USE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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Fortieth Congress, U.S.

Washington, D.C.

Jan 8<sup>th</sup> 1868

Gen O O Howard  
Care Frederick Bureau

My Dear General.

I understand there  
is a vacancy of agent for  
bureau, at Sumterton S.C.

For the place, permit me  
to recommend the bearer, Doctor  
Alfred Thomas. an old acquain-  
tance of mine. Dr Thomas was  
during the last three years & upwards  
of its continuance, assistant Surgeon  
of Katorama Small pox hospital.  
during several months last summer,  
he was employed by our Congressional  
Committee, carrying in the South,  
principally in S.C. He understands  
well the wants & needs of the Freedmen,  
and equally well the disposition and



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nation of the 'Chivalry' - He is  
an excellent popular speaker, and  
knows how to treat both white &  
black. He did excellent service  
while during his career. Was one  
of the most popular speakers  
South there. I greatly desire that  
he may be placed in a situation  
where his talents may aid us in  
the work of Reconstruction, as  
well as care for & assist the  
poor Freedmen -

Very Truly Yours

J. F. Farnsworth

Washington D.C.

Jan 9<sup>th</sup> 1868

Farmworth J. F.

Recommend Mr. Alfred  
Thomas for position in  
the Bureau in N. C.



War Department,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Washington, D. C., Jan 9<sup>th</sup> 1868

General

It is proper that I should express to you my gratification at the kind, and liberal spirit you exhibit in carefully investigating the principles, and practical details of the labor system I had the honor to present for your approval, or rejection.

Your objects and mine are identical; and, if you will do me the favor to point out to me your objections to the Constitution and By Laws of our Planter Union I will cheerfully acquiesce in any modifications which may be ascertained to be necessary in order to accomplish the objects in view.

Whilst we are discussing the mode of Relief, the objects of our solicitude

are suffering. What we do, must  
be done quickly. You will therefore  
pardon the zeal with which I  
urge a speedy determination of  
of the question of Ulup, in the  
mode under consideration.

Your early attention will  
much oblige

Very Resp<sup>tly</sup> Your Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

H R Austin

Owen House

To Maj Gen C. C. Howard



Portland Aug 9, 1868

Genl. O. Howard

Dear Sir - Your  
Circular for aid to the  
Congl. ch. - at Washington  
was recd -

The School, connect-  
ed with the 1<sup>st</sup> Congl. ch.  
of this City respond with  
fifteen dollars, which  
please find in a  
Post Office Order in  
quarter envelope to  
acknowledge the same

Yours respectfully  
G. H. Atkinson  
Pastor

P.S. Our ch. gave \$30, which was paid  
at the Council in Boston 1865, to the Congl. Brethren  
for 1<sup>st</sup> obs - G. H. A.



Portland, Oregon  
Washington Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> 1868

Alvinson D. H.  
Pastor etc

Encloses P.O. order  
for \$16, a contribution  
for 1<sup>st</sup> Cong S. School  
of that City to 1<sup>st</sup> Cong  
Ch. of Washington D.C.

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Nebraska City Jan. 9 1868

Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir.

I send ten dollars herewith a contribution to the Congl. House of worship in Washington from the 1st Congl. Chh. of Nebraska City Nebraska. We felt that we wished to join the 3000 congl. chhs. of the country in this enterprise which should be dear to every hearty Congregationalist.

We are as a church small & weak in pecuniary resources. We have no house of worship & must if we would live & grow make a great effort to build. This is a point of great import-



ance & must be held for our  
polity if the state of Nebraska  
is so to be held. If any church  
in the country could be excused  
from aiding your enterprise in  
Washington we certainly could.  
But we felt that the request  
that the 3000 churches & Sabbath  
schools of our denomination  
give ten dollars each to an en-  
terprise so national in its  
aspects & influences was but  
reasonable.

Let me reveal to you the  
spirit in which we bid you God  
speed by telling you that one  
of our number with a property  
all told of 1500 or 2000 dollars  
& an income of 1200-barely  
sufficient with the closest  
economy to support his family  
gives 2 of this ten & gives



1000 for a church now to be  
built in this city. & he has his  
brethren in the church of kindred  
spirit. But we believe that  
we shall never regret having a  
share in the Washington Congl  
Church.

Yours truly,

{ Roswell Foster  
{ Pastor 1st Congl Chh  
{ Nebraska City



Nebraska City, Neb.,  
Jan'y 9<sup>th</sup> 1868

Foster. Rev. J. Roswell

Encloses 10<sup>¢</sup> from the 1<sup>st</sup>  
Congl. Chh. Nebraska to  
1<sup>st</sup> Congl. Chh. Washington  
D.C.

And





Brooklyn Jan 10<sup>th</sup> 68

My Dear General

It was an awkward effort that I made in attempting to thank you for your great kindness in the matter of my lecture and especially for the generous offer of your hard earned money to make up my loss and now I can only say, God bless you for your sympathy. If by a good word or act you can give me a helping hand I will gratefully accept it, but I could not take your money -

I have learned to trust him who has hitherto cared for me. Something for me will turn up soon I have no doubt mean time my business is to hunt

I have written Mr Devereaux the balance of his ap

Mrs Fowler will consult her



husband & write you about  
the entertainment. She had been  
expecting to <sup>hear from</sup> see you. If Genl. ~~Beck~~  
could be induced to come down  
with you & let it be announced  
that he would be on the platform  
where the people could see him  
and perhaps shake him by the hand  
as they go out, there would be no  
trouble in filling the house at  
half a dollar a head - In this  
cheap way the General could give  
you a good donation - If you  
think he'll come I'll get an  
invitation for him from Mr. Beck  
who will preside

Truly yours

@ @ Duncan

My Gen O. O. Howard





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Simon of R. Y. & A. 2  
Office Asst. Supt. Claim Division  
New York N. Y. May 10<sup>th</sup> 1868

May. Gen. O. O. Howard,

Commissioner S. R. Y. & A. 2

General.

I respectfully beg leave to tender you my sincere thanks for the honor that you have conferred upon me, by recommending me, as one of the few Volunteer Officers to be retained in the service. This act of yours confers upon me the highest honor, and one which I fully appreciate, not alone for the pecuniary benefit to be derived (which to me is of considerable importance) but for the satisfaction of knowing, that I was one of the first to volunteer (I enlisted for two years April 19<sup>th</sup> 1861) and one of the last to be mustered out. Tending you my heartfelt thanks,

I remain General

Your Obedient Servant

W. O. A. 2

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. U. S. A. Post Major U. S. A.



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March 23rd 1892

Dear Sir,  
I have the pleasure to inform you that the  
order for the purchase of the books  
has been received and the books  
will be sent to you as soon as they are  
available. I am sorry that I cannot  
send them to you at once, but I  
will do my best to get them to you  
as soon as possible. I am, Sir,  
very respectfully,  
Yours,  
J. B. [Signature]

Very truly,  
J. B. [Signature]