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Feb 7th 1868

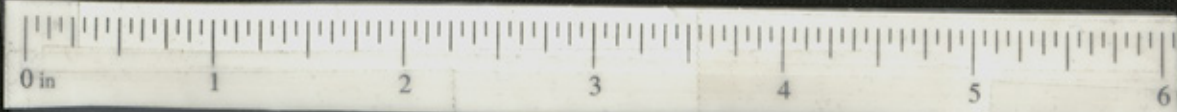
My Gen^l O. C. Howard

Having submitted my views upon another sheet, in regard to an Institution for the purpose of instructing some of our colored population, how to be more proficient in the line of housekeeping: I may here add, that my plan would be in the first place, if possible, to secure a suitable building, in a healthy location and easy of access; and there, with efficient helpers, the foundation should be laid for a thorough knowledge in all the branches of a domestic education; blended with this, there should be set apart a portion of time, each day or evening, to devote to reading, writing, spelling arithmetic &c. While the prelimina-

ries are thus being acquired in the domestic, as well as the more literary department, it is to be hoped that eventually, and by the time that it is needed, there may be erected, through voluntary contributions, an establishment for a good class of boarders, and where everything shall be required to be well done, and the powers or capabilities of those who have been instructed in the first named Institution shall be tested, ere receiving their diploma, or presented as candidates for any office or department in the art of house keeping.

respectfully

E. H. Valentine



49. Bible House New York Feb 7 / 1868
(Confidential.)

My Dear General Howard,

I have this morning received your letter through Mr. Dexter. I assure you, my dear & honored Christian brother, you are one of the last men in the world with whom I could willingly consent to have any controversy. There are few, if any, with whom I have had so little personal contact whom I so thoroughly respect as a man & love as a Christian. I do not think there would have been the slightest friction between the Washington Ch. Movement & the Cong. Union if you had been at the helm - or better, the General in Command. But in the first place there are great difficulties in the matter which are intrinsic & inevitable, & then Dr. Boynton - I am speaking in strict confidence, remember - has behaved badly. His tone was offensive when he was here. His request for leave to go to the Churches was laid before the Board & they felt that, in justice to the other

Churches, nearly a hundred in number.
They could not grant it & kindly said so.
He then threatened to take the old endorsement
given by Sec. Langworthy at the outset & then
without any vote of the Board, & to appeal
to the Churches with that. We told him at the
time - i.e. ^{the} Treasurer & myself that it would
be wrong to do this & that we were sure the
Board would so consider it. Yet he did it.
December & January are, with the Churches,
our months, more than any other, for col-
lections - our Cause connecting itself
for fathers' day, before & after. Just at this
time, for us so important; & when we
had already appropriated more than \$2000
beyond what we had in the treasury & that
from seventy-five to one hundred ^{churches} with their
houses, a large part of them in various
stages of progress, ^{Dr B's circulars were sent out} on our hands. We find,
- most invariably, that when a Church makes
a collection for the Washington Church, it
answers to our appeal that it can take
but one collection each year for Ch. building
& that it has already contributed this
year, so that collections for you are in

3/6 ^{from} far the greater part taken from our treasury
& the waiting applicants to that, when they are made
in the Churches. What then can we do. I shed tears
over the cries of my brethren in the new & wake
places - laymen & ministers both giving toward
building their places of worship. What their fam-
-ilies suffer for the want of, & content & even over-
-joyed, if they can get a Church worth from three
to five thousand dollars. It is now certain that
our entire receipts ^{for this year} & those obtained with
great effort, will not exceed \$30,000, or about
that sum. It is not with us therefore a question
of inclination, but one of simple justice
& duty. Ought we not to distribute fairly
what the Churches will give. Because we
have thought the Church at Washington of
National importance, we have aided it
to ten times the amount that we are
granting to others. Ought we to go still fur-
-ther & refuse ^{to give} anything to others, in order
to give more to that? It is to precisely this
issue that the Board are brought. You do the
Board great injustice, My dear brother, when
you say, "I had supposed that our Cong. brethren
of the Union wanted a Church of their own at Washington
but from the tone of your letter I see that such is not

the case. I know it is not with the Board, as
it certainly is not with myself personally,
a question of feeling at all, but one of simple
right. As called back on behalf of all who
contribute on the one hand, & all who are in
need on the other, the Union must simply
do what the trust reposed in it demands.
You misapprehend my letter. Moreover, when you
say that I ask the Cong. Newspapers not to do
you with their support; we have held our peace
entirely, though thinking ourselves not fairly treated,
until Dr. Dexter wrote me asking the facts of the case.
I gave them in the letter sent to you, showing that
Dr. Boynton's appeal, or any appeal to the churches
in our name, or in a way to cut off our
collections, could not be endorsed by the Syn-
-regationalist, without injury to a great many
churches; & that this it ^{I have not said or written a word to any other person} ought not to do. As regards
your statement that the money could be probably
"raised" if you had the title, our understanding
was that you would then be able to hire the money
to be paid, as nearly all expensive churches pay
the cost of building, by carrying the debt till the
congregation itself could pay it. Few such churches
start without a debt to be extinguished in a course
of years.

I am truly sorry to detain you so
long. But a full statement seemed to be nec-

-Many; & I am glad of this new opportunity to say that the Trustees of the Union have no other than kind feelings & good wishes in relation to the Washington Church. They would most readily help it out of its difficulties if they could. Pray do not feel unkindly towards because we are unable.

As to what course should be taken, I do not know what to say. If the money needed can be borrowed on mortgage, the Congregation, if worthy to exist, would soon pay it off. I went to a new Cong. Ch. at Albany which most people predicted could not live, & began with a debt of about \$30,000. dolls. When fairly started we made a subscription in the Congregation, of from \$1000 down to \$5. pr. year for four years & at the end of that, had paid the whole. The Ch. at W. might probably do as well. If there must be more help, then I think you will be obliged to raise ^{it} by going to the large cities & getting a few of the wealthy men together & inducing them, as individuals, ^{to give} to this object as altogether a special one. You are a favorite with the public & might do a good deal in this way.

Probably, without very materially dis-
turb[ing] the general Cause of Ch. building,
which must be for some generations to
come one of the most important & vital
works of our Conf. Churches. I must add
- I repeat for you alone - that from what I hear
but little can be done so long as Dr B. is
at the head of affairs. There is a lack of
Confidence in him, & his tone is impatient
& overbearing. I hope divine wisdom will
direct all concerned in this great matter.

I have endeavored, dear General,
to put you in possession of the facts as
they appear to the Board & of our entire
views. If I have misstated any thing, or
overstated, I shall be truly sorry. Believe
that I am, personally, never intended
to be most truly & faithfully.

Your friend & brother

Ray Palmer

May. Sen^r A. A. Howard.

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ROOMS OF THE
Union Republican Congressional Executive Committee.

ROBERT C. SCHENCK, Chairman.

THOMAS L. TULLOCK, Secretary.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 8, 1868

O. O. Howard,
Commissioner &c,
General:

Accompanying this you
have copy of newspaper published in Ala.,
and containing report of speech delivered
by John M. Langston Esq. We respect-
fully submit the same to you for perusal
and ask its return to this office when you
have read it. We remain, General,

Very truly yours,
Thomas L. Tullock

Secretary.

P.S. We also send printed letter of
Mr. John V. Given, a colored
man of this city.

T. L. T.

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SECRET OF THE
National Executive Committee



Washington D. C. Feb 6. 1868

C. C. Howard

Commissioner

General

Enclosed for you
have copy of newspaper published in the
and containing report of speech delivered
by John M. Livingston Esq. the report
fully substantiate the same to your journal
and ask its return to this office when you

have received the same General

Very truly yours,

Oliver H. Smith

Secretary

W. H. Wells and printed letter of

Mr. John E. Brown, a citizen

man of this city

W. H.

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Philad. Feby 8. 1848

My dear General,

In the midst of an
unusual pressure on my time I
have neglected ack'g your kind
letter, and to say how much
gratified Mrs Stuart and myself
are at the prospect of your
being our guest on Thursday
Next, I have also to add
that we shall both be delighted
to have Mrs Howard accompany
you and make her home with

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Philad. July 8. 1848

My dear General,

In the receipt of an
honorable promise on my time &
some objects of my own
letter, and to say how much
gratified I was that our
one of the friends of your
kind can send a Thursday
that I have also to care
that we shall both be able
to have the pleasure of
you and make the time with

is unless she feels committed
to the friends named, Will
you kindly drop me a line
to inform me by what train
you may ^{be} expected so that I
may meet you if possible at
the ~~train~~ Depot, Should I miss
you drive directly to 1313 Spruce
St. where you will always
find the "latch string out",

We shall talk of A. S. S.
U. when we meet. Even

Yrs in X^m bonds
Geo. H. Stuart



Phil^l Lewis
Feb. 8th 1868

Stewart Geo. W.
1313 Spruce St

Is gratified at the
prospect of having the
Commissioners as
guest on Thursday.

Mrs Stewart

and self would
be delighted to have
Mr. Howard's presence
also.

Desires to be ad-
vised of time of de-
parture



Confidential

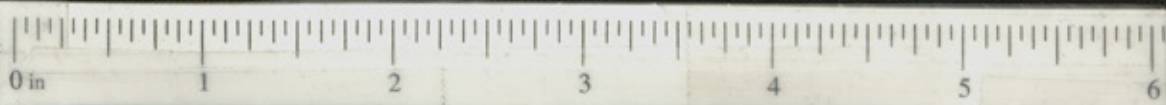
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Atlanta Ga. Feb. 25. 1868.

Dear Genl.

I have had a long interview with
Genl. Mayne and Lt. Col. Becker who has just
come up from Montgomery. The action of Genl.
Mayne is loudly denounced, and he is
reported as consulting with those opposed to
the adoption of the Constitution, and it is
said here, that if the Constitution is rejected,
it may be attributable to his action.

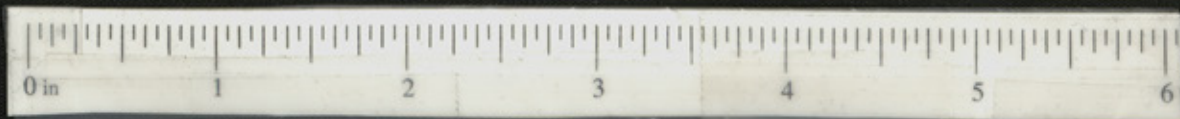
I hope it may not be so, but I fear what
is said of him is too true, that he has
removed Bureau agents, and appointed
Registars and judges of election with a
view to this result. Now what I recommend
is that you do not permit him to
remove any more Bureau agents at present



except for good and sufficient cause, aside from
political grounds. I was somewhat apprehensive
of him when I was there, but when Mr. and Mrs.
Bucher and Sharkey told me of his imprisonment
and I fear that did not convince.

I may be mistaken now, but I then believed
him to be a very reliable man.

Genl. Dana who is now at Montgomery
wishes Genl. Meade will return here tomorrow
and if I do not hear before his return I will
learn more from him. But it will be
not a great matter. I may think that I ought
to go back to Ala., to investigate Hayden's
actions, but I do not see that it concerns
military or Bureau matters. I cannot do nothing
in the premises; so I think the only way
is to watch him. If the Constitution is
violated, the law can not be remedied just
now. I hope Genl. Sherman will return.



to his command and believe Hayden, perhaps
that will be the best way to remedy it.

Genl. Morgan will be in N. early next week
and will confer with you.

There is, without doubt, a good deal of
feeling against Genl. Hayden at present.
But if the Constitution is adopted it may
pass away. But he needs watching.

Please treat this as confidential.

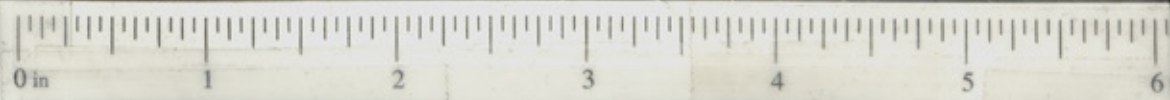
Yrs. Very truly

F. B. Sewall

Col. R.

A. A. & F.

Genl. Howard -



Atlanta, Ga.
Feb. 8th 1868

Sewall T. D.,
Col. etc
A.S.S.

writes at length in ref-
erence to Gen. Hayden
who is using his influ-
ence in opposing recon-
struction, by removing
Bureau Agents.

Advises that this power
be taken from Gen. Hayden
etc, etc, etc,

Surgeon General's Office

Washington City, July 10. 1865.

My dear Sir.

A short time since I recd your letter stating that you would accept the transfer of a certain lot of land of the Howard University Estate purchased by me and upon which I paid \$7,000

Allow me most respectfully to inform you that I have a brother in this city who has a large family in very meagre circumstances, and if you see fit to reimburse me ^{the amt. of exp. lost.} it will be very acceptable indeed during the winter months, as I have to assist them.

Very truly,

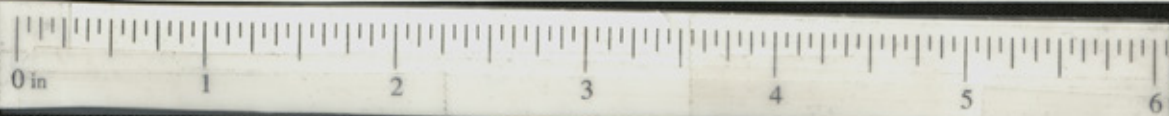
Your most obt. servant,

W. H. Fulton

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard

Bureau B. F. & A. L.

Present



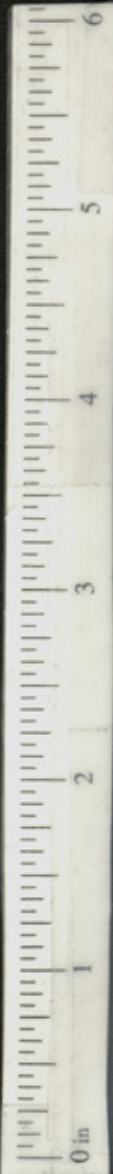
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Frederic M. H.

States that the Commissioner
promised to accept the trans-
fer of a certain lot, of the
Howard University estate, on
which the writer has paid
\$57.00.

He has a brother with a
large family in very meager
circumstances, who need as-
sistance.

Would be glad to ^{have} the \$57, or
even less refunded, that he
may relieve the brother's fam-
ily



Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
For Arkansas.

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER.

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Little Rock, Ark., February 10th, 1868.

Major General O. O. Howard.

Commissioner.

Washington, D. C.

General.

I have the honor to inform you that in compliance with your request of January 11th, I have this day forwarded to you, by mail, a photograph of myself, and hope it may prove satisfactory.

I am, very respectfully,

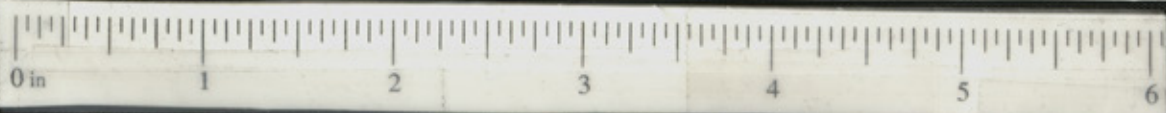
Your Obedient Servant.

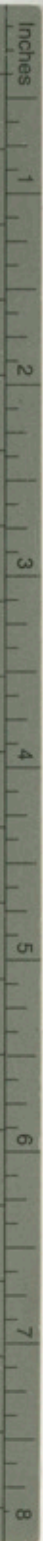
A. H. Smith

Colonel 28th U. S. Infantry.

Brigadier General, U. S. A.

Assistant Commissioner.





Journal of George Washington and Abundant Funds
For the Year 1800

Printed by J. M. Smith

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 1800

[Faint, illegible handwriting on lined paper, likely bleed-through from the reverse side.]



Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands.

Office Assistant Commissioner, State of Georgia.

Atlanta, Georgia, July 10th 1868

Dear Genl.

I have had an interview with Genl. Dunn in regard to matters in Mass. With out doubt the Constitution is defeated, or at least it will be a very close vote.

Genl. Meade thinks that Hayes made a great mistake in his action, attempting to ignore politics, tho he is not inclined to say much about Hayes, but evidently he is disappointed. He has named a Board to investigate the manner in which the election was conducted, and says, if in any of the countries, the people have not a fair chance to vote, that he will order a new election.

I think it not improper or expedient for you to take any action at present, or until Genl. Meade's Board reports. Col. Melan is Pres. of the Board.

Genl. Snyden leaves for Washington this evening, and will advise you more

fully at attention, he is now in prison.

Please have my order handed up. I have
been waiting for a number of days, and am
tired of doing nothing.

Very respectfully & truly
Yours,

F. D. Wall

Col. H.

A. R. G.

Maj. Genl. Howard.



NATIONAL METROPOLITAN BANK, ¹⁹²

WASHINGTON, 10 Feb; 1868

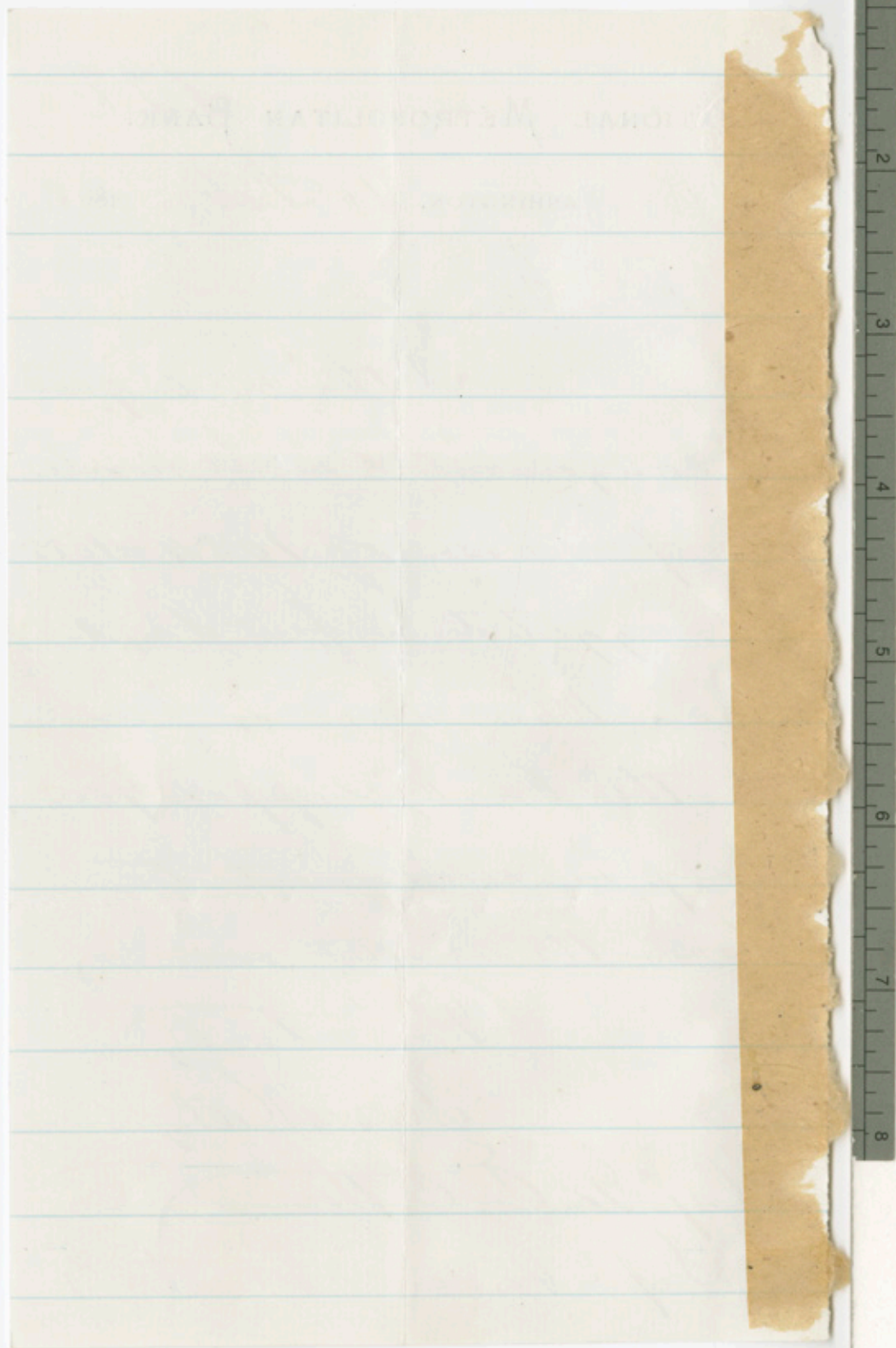
My Dear Gen.

I think a good arrangement can be made for purchase of 1054 & 1055 as suggested a few days ago. When down as far as the bank suppose you drop in a moment to look the matter over.

Yours truly,

Moses Kelly,

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Sup^t & c. & c. Presnt. 3



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20 Wall St.
New York, Feb. 10. 1868.
Gen. C. C. Howard,
My dear Sir,

I desire very much
to learn, from a trustworthy
source, what the prospect is
in the Southern States,
as to the planting of cotton
this year.

There is an impression
that a comparatively small
amount will be put in this
spring, & if so the supply
will of course be correspondingly
curtailed. In such case
the price will advance.
It seems to me,

that no man, in this
Country is in a position
to have so trustworthy
information upon this
subject as yourself. &
I take the liberty
to ask you what your
judgment is, exactly.

Should any feeling
of Cotton be shown
as the result of
information desired
from you, & a profit
suggested, your choice
shall be liberally
remembered.

An early answer
will suffice

Yours de friend
H. H. Povey

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Washington, D.C.

Monday P.M. 10th

[Feb] [1868]

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard.

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

The bearer of this note, my friend Mr. J. E. Spear, is the gentleman of whom I spoke to you this morning. He wishes to show you the line engraving of Marshall's portrait of Gen Grant, - a picture with which I am sure you will be pleased.

Very truly yours,

Sidney Andrews

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Washington, D.C.
March 10th
My dear Mr. Howard
Washington, D.C.
Dear Sir:-
The Bureau
of this country has the honor
to acknowledge the receipt of your letter
of the 2nd inst. and to thank you
for the information it contains.
The Bureau
to which the line representing
the results of the census
has been referred for
consideration and will be
pleased to report to you
very truly yours
J. M. Smith