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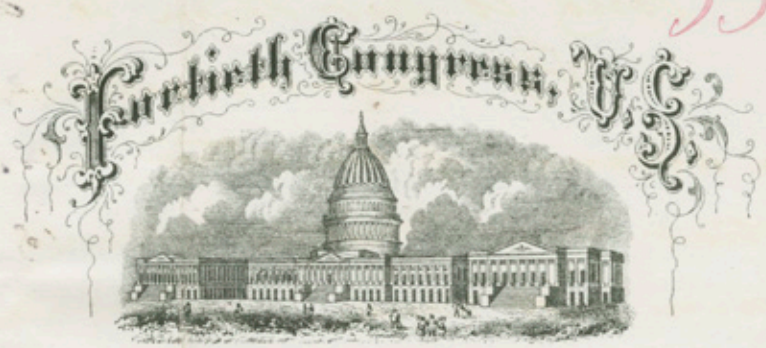

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Washington, D. C. March 18. 1868.

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard

My Dear Sir.

I was present at the Meeting at the Columbian Hall, last evening & have quite full Phonographic notes of the proceedings & discussion. If at any time, a report of that meeting is desired by the real friends of the Church, I shall

be ready to write it for them. I am at the room of the Official Reporters of the House of Representatives daily —

Sincerely Yours,
H. C. Rockwell.

Washington D.C.,
Mar. 18th 1868

Rockwell, H. E.
Reporter in H. R.

Was present at the meeting of the Church, on Tuesday evening (17th inst) and took full phonographic notes of the proceedings.
Should the real friends of the Church desire, he will be glad to write a full report of the discussion etc, etc,

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Office Supt Colored Schools,
Cor. 17th and G Sts.

Washington, D.C., Mch. 19/68

Genl. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir —

This will introduce to you Dr. O. K. Sammis, of N.Y., who is desirous of obtaining a position of teacher among the Colored people, in some capacity.

I know nothing personally of his qualifications, but having had it intimated to me that the Trustees of Howard University were desirous of making a change in the principalship of their Preparatory School, I have suggested to him the possibility of an opening there; and have referred him to you as being able to state whether such an opening exists.

Very respectfully, Yours,

A. E. Newton,

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New York 19 Mar 69

Major General Howard.

My dear General.

I have become much interested in the Normal School at Hampton Va. My wife's sister, Dr Bacon's daughter, Miss Mosby, and other ladies of high culture, have given their time and services to that school. Their judgment is unanimous that it promises much for Virginia, and deserves to be well endowed.

Rec 20th

Would it not comport with your views to make a liberal grant from the Bureau to this School, before closing up the work which is to link your name with so many institutions of the South? A few thousand dollars at Hampton would secure a life-long influence for good.

Yours most truly

Jos. P. Thompson

Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago, and Pennsylvania Railroads.

OFFICE OF CLARKE & CO., SPECIAL AGENTS FOR THROUGH FREIGHT,

Corner Randolph and La Salle Sts., Chicago.

C. O. HOWARD, AGENT,
NO. 7 NEWHALL HOUSE,
Milwaukee.

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Milwaukee, March 20th 1868

Dear General

I inclose you my photograph and should be much pleased to receive yours in return also autograph.

I have finally settled down in the goodly city of Milwaukee, and am much pleased with my new business and locality.

If your brother O.H. is with you please remember me very kindly to him

Yours truly
C. O. Howard

Milwaukee Wis.

March 20th 1868

Howard C. O.
Agent, etc
No 7 Newhall house

Encloses photograph of himself, and requests in return photograph and autograph of the Commissioner.
Sends compliments to General O. O. Howard, etc,

Nashville, Tenn. 11.
March, 20th 1868.

Maj. Genl O. O. Howard
Commissioner &c
Washington, D.C.

General:

I have the honor to inform you that I have very fully and carefully investigated all the allegations made in regard to Genl Carlin.

I have examined all persons who could give me any information relating to them. I find no evidence of improper conduct or intimacy on the part of General Carlin with the teacher named. She is not I think quite a suitable person for the position she occupied and have deemed it best that she be discharged and sent to her home in S. Carolina.

The Clerk employed under the name of M. J. Michael, is Mrs. Carlin the wife of the General. He and She state that this is her maiden-name, and was used to avoid remark. She has

done considerable copying. The work is necessary and I can see no impropriety in this.

The alleged payment of fifty dollars to Miss. Harth was made by General Carlin to used for school purposes at Fortrace. The expenditure of money in this way is doubtless irregular, but it is so done by officers of the Bureau in many S[illegible] for school purposes when no direct payment can be made to teachers. She may have diverted it from its intended purpose, but I am well satisfied that there was no wrong intention on General Carlin's part.

After my investigation the Officers who have made the allegations (which I required to be put in writing) desired to withdraw them, and I am glad to report that the matter is settled.

On examination of the affairs in the Disbu[illegible] Office I find several irregularities, such as loaning public money to private parties and want of care in making purchases. I do not think Mr. Bean intended any fraud on the Government but it cannot go unnoticed. Genl Carlin has permitted him to resign, and will fill the vacancy by a Dulith[illegible]

Officer, if he can be procured.

I recommend that Lieut. Groesbeck be relieved, at his own request, and sent to the State of Georgia.

I am General

Very Respectfully

Your Obt. Servant.

F. D. Swan

Col. & C. Vol.

A. A. G.

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Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

Head-Qrs. Assistant Commissioner, District of Virginia.

Private

Richmond, Va., Mch 20 1868.

Maj Genl O O Howard

Dear General

I need not inform you of the advantage that will be secured to the Freedmen by having suitable men nominated on their tickets for the different offices. or that without some effort on the part of Bureau Officers the Freedmen will be misled by political adventurers and tricksters to their injury

In view of these facts I wish to enquire whether you object to Officers of the Bureau attending political conventions as delegates provided it can be done

without neglecting other duties—

As I informed you when in Washington the danger to the Freedmen in this regard is so great that I shall not allow my own name to be used as a candidate for any office but I wish to have as much control as possible over the Convention for the objects before mentioned

I only ask for your private opinion on the matter—

Truly Yours
O P Brown

Headqrs Asst Commr.
Richmond Va. Mch 20th/68

Brown O.
Asst Commr. etc,

Inquires whether the General would allow Bureau officers to attend political conventions, provided it could be done without neglecting regular duties.

There is great danger of the Freedmen being misled by political tricksters, hence the need of Bureau influence in the matter

Does not propose to allow his name to be used as a candidate for any office

Only asks for private opinion

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Washington, D.C.
March 20. '68.

Dear Bro:

At a meeting holden this evening by the committee, appointed under the resolution of the Church meeting of the 17th inst, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, that Dr. Boynton and Genl. O.O. Howard be respectfully invited to attend at our next meeting, and to make known to us and to each other the grievances, which either of them may have,

if any, against the other? and whether any thing can be done to remove such grievances, and bring about a reconciliation between them?

The committee met again at Bro. Ramsey's Monday evening last, the 23d inst. at 7 o'clk.

A written statement of the points of difference between yourself and the Dr. is desired for the convenience of the Board.

By order of the committee Yours in the bonds of Christ, S. R. Ward, Chm

To Maj. Genl,
O. O. Howard

Washington D.C.
March 20th 1868

Ward S. R.
Clerk, Church Comm.

Requesting written statement of points of difference between Dr Boynton and the General, for the convenience of the Committee

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Bethlehem Pennsylvania
March 20th 1868.

My dear Genl Howard

I have just received a letter from my son Arthur, telling me he has understood he is about to be put on duty in the Freedmen's Bureau at Washington, and asking me if I would write you a private note on the subject, stating his reasons for feeling that the detail would be very prejudicial to him - he says "I can think of nothing my dear Mother that would be so disastrous to me, I have been away from my company so much from circumstances I could not control, I have lost a great deal and require looking up in every thing, I have a school here and then times a week in Upton's Tactics, Major Stewart is our instructor, and as I know nothing about this, now is my

his honored Father is anxious to keep up in his 9th Regiment - and it would be hard if with his earnest desire for the knowledge he is striving for this, he should have to have his Company at present - I need hardly say to you who remember how much in the long past time my heart yearned for the good of all young men, that under any other circumstances how thankful I would have been for any thing that would have placed my dear son in association with, and under such guidance as yours. but I felt now with him that it might blight his fairest earthly prospects in being found unfit for promotion, and so I lean his case in your hands, asking you only to not let me appear to others in your effort - and adding as I am sure your own feelings as a parent - will enable you to understand how grateful I shall be to you if you can accomplish what I ask -

Believe me sincerely yours

Mary A. Morris.

My son is Brevet-Capt. Arthur Morris 4th Regt. Artillery

any time to learn and profit by my advantages - I am getting high up among the Lieut^s and must be looking out for the examination I must pass before I can be promoted to the grade of Captain, and I have found out how impossible it is to study without a good instructor, and this detail would throw me back at least a year in every thing. If you are not the one to write Mother, and you would prefer not doing so, will you reply by return mail to let me, for I feel that something must be done to save me from it." I do not wait to write back to Arthur, but at once put the case before you, asking you my dear Genl Howard to aid in having the detail stopped or Arthur relieved if it has already been made. he has been a great deal away from his regt in the past year in consequence of the critical condition of his young wife was in, compelling him to be in New York under medical treatment.

Arthur was a mere boy when he was commissioned and of course during his active service in the field he could have nothing but the practical part of his profession, he feels that he has not only his own position but

Bethlehem Pennsylvania
March 20th 1868

Morris, Mrs Mary A.

States that her son, Arthur Morris, Brev-Capt 4th Artillery, learns that he is to be detailed for duty in the Bureau — a thing which would ruin his future prospects.

Mrs Morris beseeches the General to use his influence to continue Arthur in his present position. etc etc

Attended to.

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Marietta Geor March 20th 1868

Gen O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir I wrote to the Quarter Master Gen at Washing relative to pay for the 2 mules I sold to Capt A. N. Johnson Quartermaster Dect 90 dl each $180.00 on the 11th day of July 1864 your head Quarters wer near the Scribner place near the Chatahoochy Riv I wer the guide for the 4th Corp Army Corp the Certificate wer frown by Brig Gen C B Hazen I sent the Vouchers to washington & they refuse to pay them & have Rejet my Vouchers I've got them letter to the Effect will you please look in to the matter I am poor & needy & write you you knowing I sold the mules & neever got a cent for them

will you please let me hear from you your obt Serv.

D. S. Barker

Marietta Georgia

March 20th 1868

Barber, D. S.

States that, on the 11th day of July 1864, he sold to Capt A. H. Johnson, Quartermaster, two (2) mules for ($90 each) $180, for which vouchers were given him, certified to by Gen. W. B. Hazen.

Transmitted said vouchers to the Quartermaster General at Washington, who refused to pay them, but still holds the vouchers.

Respectfully requests that the Commissioner call attention to the matter. etc. etc.

Dec. 5 Mch 28 1868

Bureau R. F. & A. Lands

Washington D.C. March 23/68

Respectfully forwarded to the Quartermaster General, with the request that information be furnished in regard to the case.

O. O. Howard

Major General

Commissioner

Q. M. General's Office.

April 22. 1868.

Respectfully returned to Maj. Gen O. O. Howard Commr. Bureau R. F. & A. L. as requested in Communication of the 15th instant.

By Order Quartermaster General.

James A. Ekin

Deputy Quar. Genl. U.S.A.

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Freedmens Bureau

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Forwards letter of D. S. Barber Marietta Ga. March 20th 1868, stating relative to account for two (2) mules which the Q.M. Genl refused to pay, and asking Commissioner Bureau R. F. & A. L. to call attention to the matter. Requests information in regard to the case.

Letter to Genl Howard.

April 9. 1868.

War. 11.

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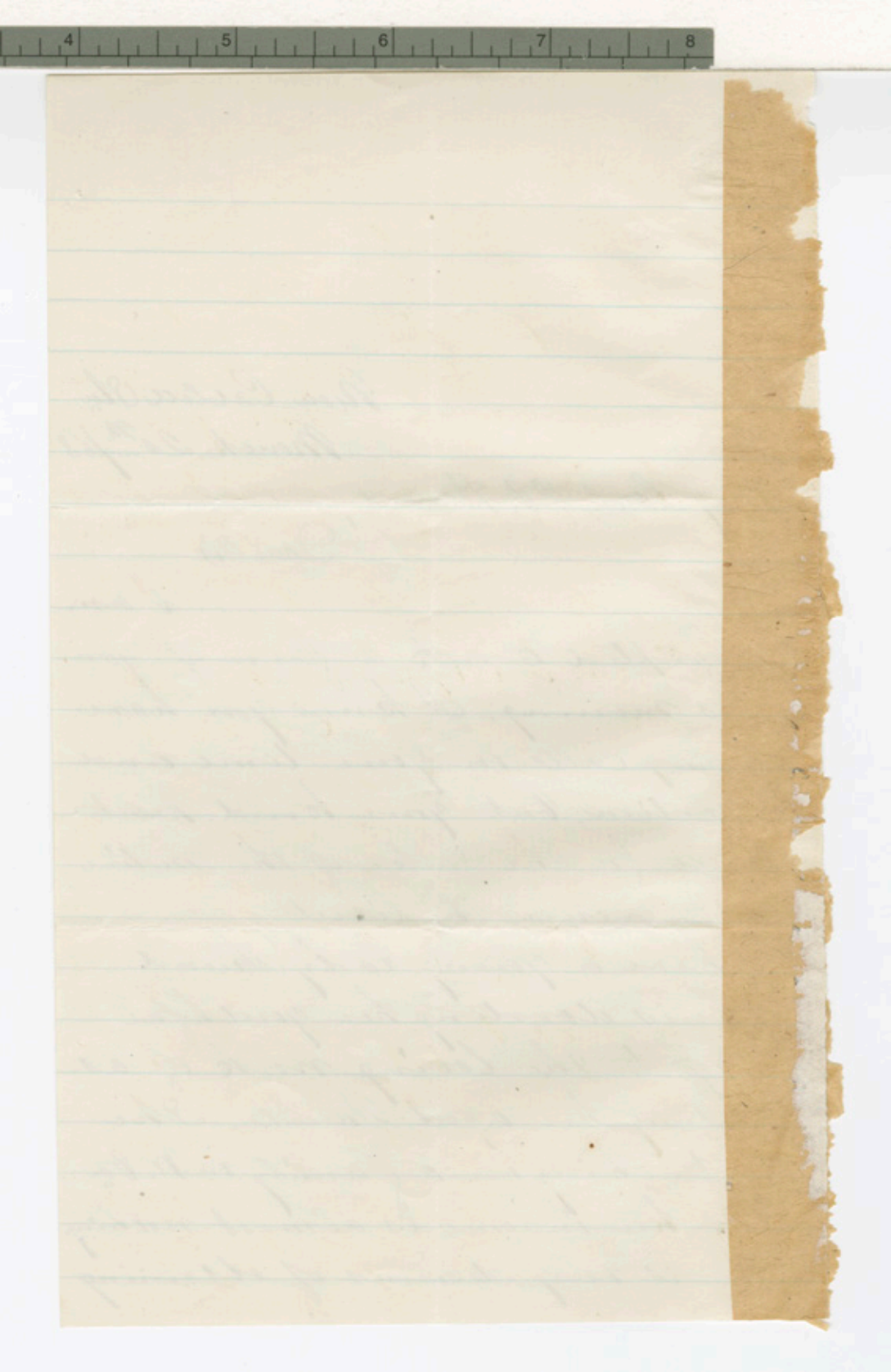
New Castle Va.
March 20th/68

Maj Genl. O. O. Howard,
Dear Sir,
I am prompted to ask a favor of you this morning. I know you have many calls on your time and attention, but your kind heart heart for the sake of the motive will excuse the liberty.
I have a young lady friend who is devoting her youthful days to the loving work of assisting her aged Parents. She is teaching in a family in W. Va but her income is almost nothing. She is very desirous of obtaining



an Office under the Government in Wash. City, and I thought you would have it in your power to interest some Member of Congress to procure one for her. If successful, great would be the comfort and blessing attending it.

The Lady is the youngest and loliest daughter of the venerable Dr. Balch, Presbyterian Minister with whom you used to meet at your Hd. Quarters here in the Summer of 63. I am sure you well remember him and will at once appreciate the merits of my application.

I shall be truly grateful for your attention to my request, and I feel assured from my former acquaintance with you that it will not pass unheeded. With the Highest Respect

Your Friend
E. M. Carter.