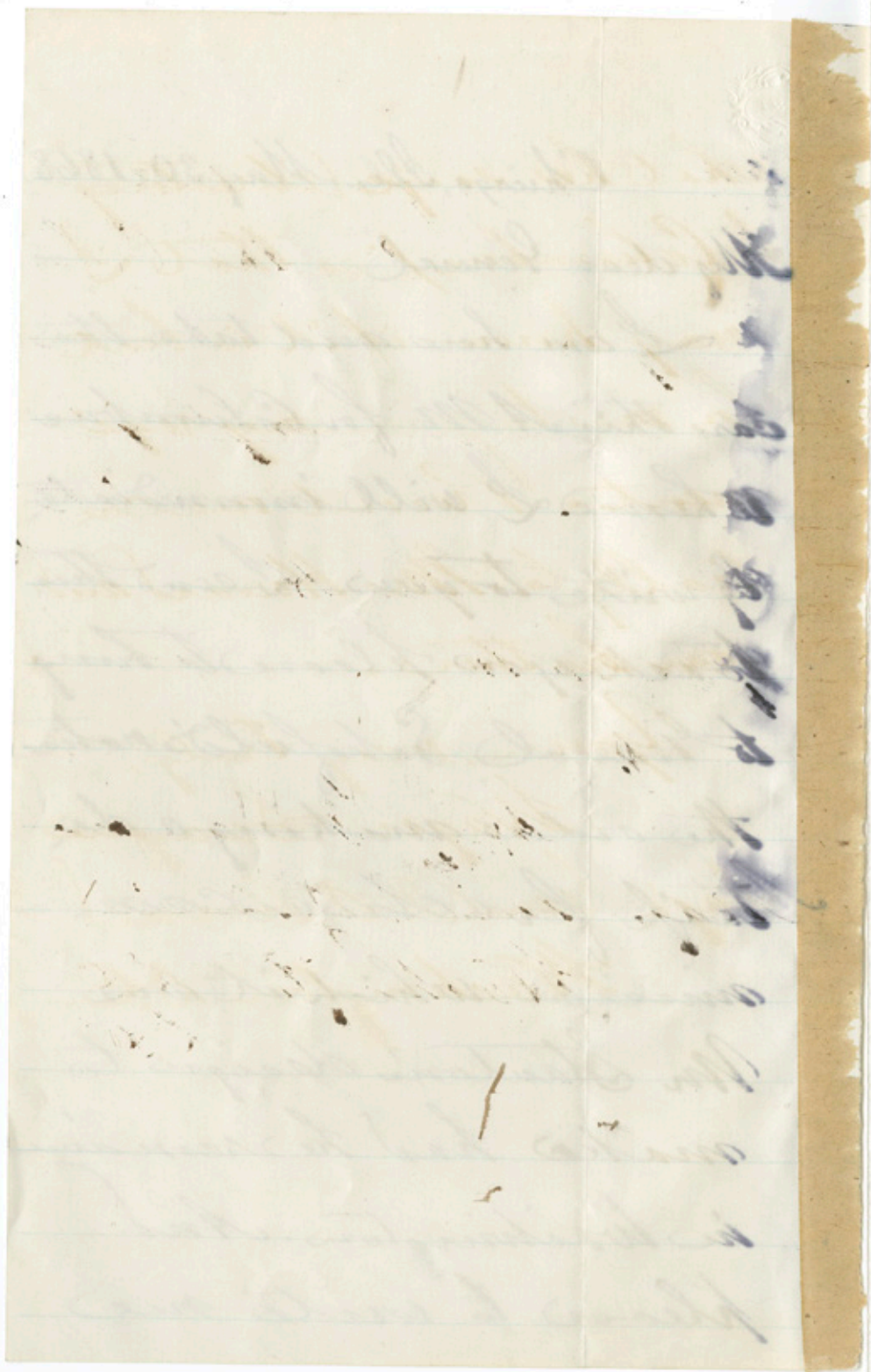


Chicago, Ills. May 30-1868.

My dear General

I am here and take the cars this A.M. for Columbus whence I will immediately write to you. I send this to ask you please to bring to General Schofield's notice the order making a detail for a claims commission which it was Mr Stanton's design to make had he remained in Washington. And please to write me



what he says (directing
to Columbus) so that I
may know if it is best
for me to join my regi-
ment. Present me cor-
dially to Mrs Howard and
your brother -

Yours, very truly,
Wager Swaine
Maj: Gen. O. O. Howard
Washington D.C.

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Chicago Illinois

May 30th 1868

Erwayne Wager

Requests the General to
bring to General Scotfield's
notice the order making
a detail for a claims
commission. Mr Stanton
purposed to do so had he re-
mained in office. Genl. Sco-
field's reply to be sent to
Columbus



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Washington D.C.

May 30, 1868.

Gen. A. A. Howard

Commissioner.

General

The interest which

I feel in the welfare of Mr. Charles V.

Mattam must be my excuse for now
addressing you in his behalf. He

informs me that he is desirous of being
retained in the employment of the Bureau

beyond the present month. - As his counsel

at his late difficulties I have become

somewhat conversant with his habits

and circumstances and I think I can

truthfully say that he is a young man

of more than ordinary genius and ability -

and that with proper associations and

employment he will prove himself an
honorable and a useful member of
society. His faults were the result
of unsuitable companionship. I
firmly believe that he was the tool of
designing men who vainly intended to
bend him to their own purposes. I
believe his motives and his impulses
to be good and generous.

I would earnestly request General
that, if consistent with your ideas and
arrangements, you will retain Mr.
Mattam in the Bureau and preserve him
from the contaminating influences to
which he might otherwise be subjected.

As I have not the pleasure of being
personally known to you, I take the
liberty of referring you to Gen. Ballou
May, Brown and May, Vanderburg of you

Bureau. and Hon. Secy. Acty. Secy. Hon.

Very Respectfully

Your obedt. servt.

J. L. Payne

Salto But St. Cal. Pa. g. h. n. d. n.

at San Francisco.

C. L. O. O. 1868

James J. B.
Late Govt of Cal, etc,
Atty at Law

Recommend that the
General retain Mr. Chad
W. Mattais, in the Ar-
range etc, etc,



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Rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association,
Over Metzgerott Hall, 318 Penn. Avenue, bet. 9th and 10th Sts.,

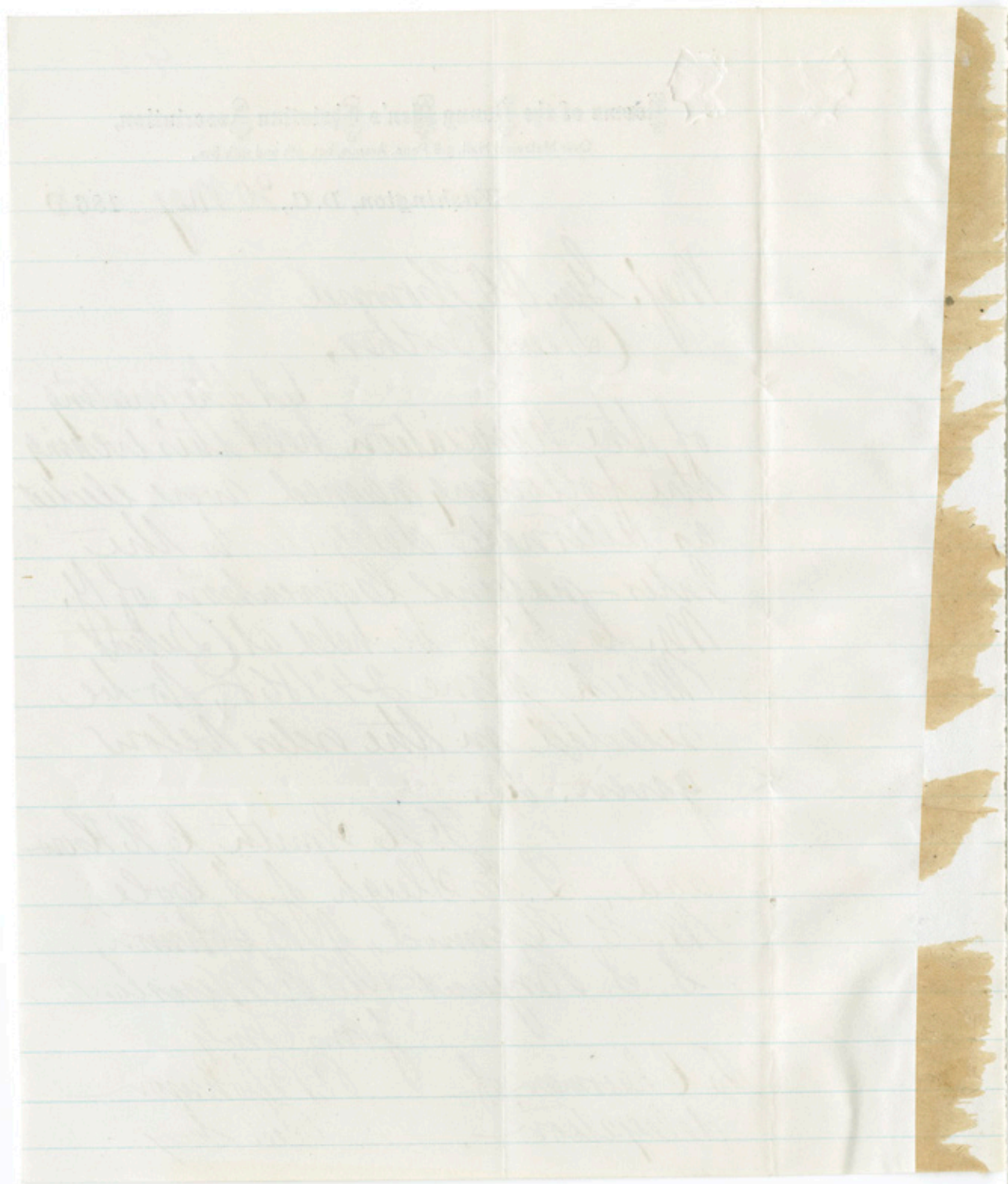
Washington, D. C., 30 May 1868

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Dear Brother,

At the meeting
of the Association held this evening
the following named were elected
as alternate delegates to the
Inter-national Convention of Y.
M. C. A. to be held at Detroit
Mich June 24th 1868, to be
selected in the order below
given. V. B.

F. H. Smith, C. H. How-
ard, L. E. Sleigh, J. A. Cole,
W. G. Himmel, J. B. Johnson,
S. S. Bryant & B. F. Winslow

Yours Truly
J. B. Johnson
To Chairman of delegation, Rec. Secy.



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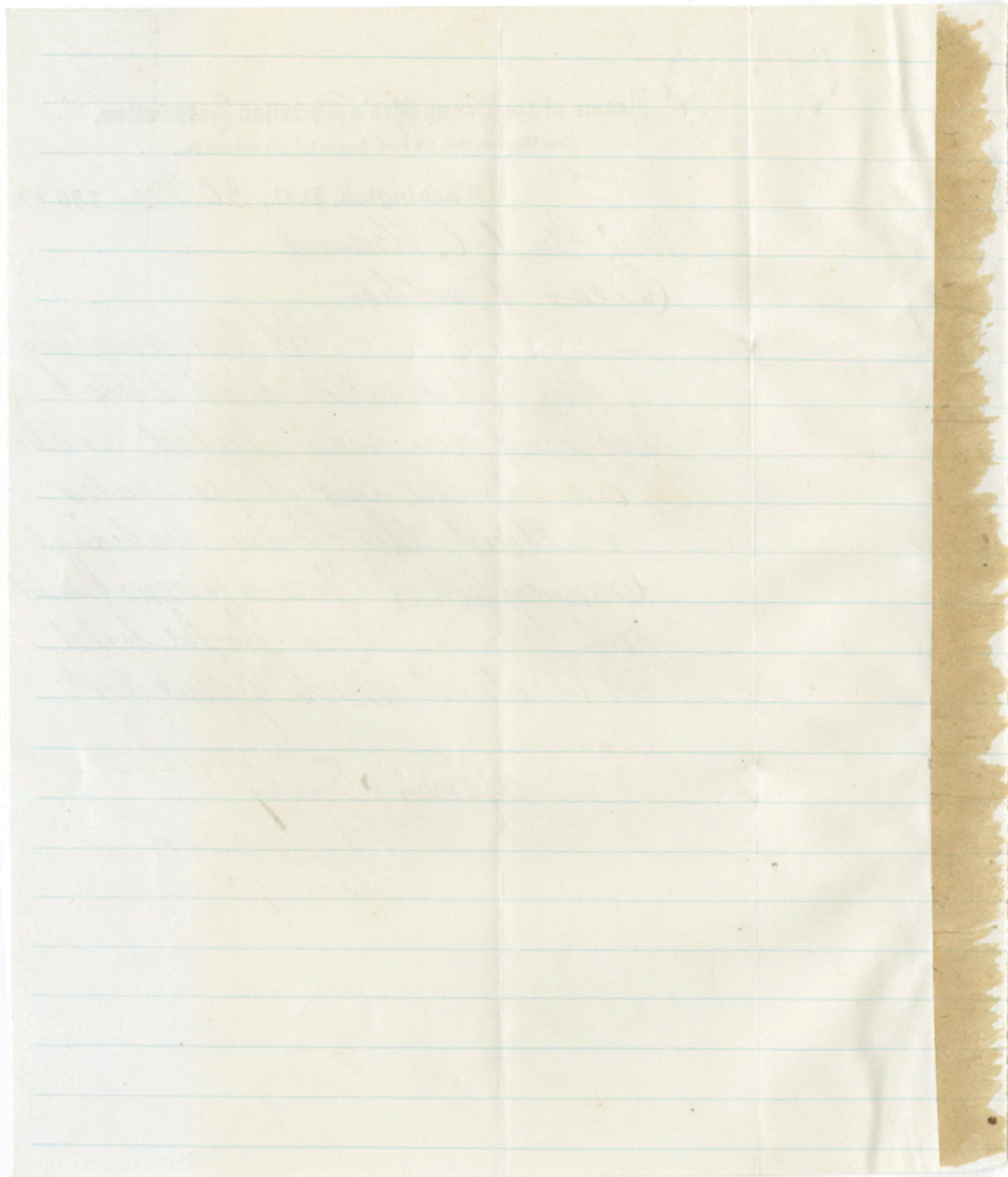
Washington, D. C., 30 May 1868

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Brother.

At the meeting
of the Association held this
evening you was elected as the
first of the list of delegates
to attend the Inter-national
Convention of Young Men's Christ-
ian Associations to be held
at Detroit Mich June 24th
1868.

Yours Truly
B. B. Johnson
Recording Secretary



Boston, Mass. May 30th
1868

Maj Gen. Howard
Dear Sir

Although I am personally unknown to you, I hope the fact that my name is Howard (by marriage not birth) will conciliate you so far that you will be able to read my letter with orthodox patience. I presume we are nearly related, as I always ~~deare~~ dear that I am connected with all highly respectable Howards, and when any Howard does anything that he is, or ought to be ashamed of, I stoutly maintain that he belongs to "the other branch" and that his bad blood came in on "the other side". I think a military man, like yourself, ought to appreciate such a determination to stand by my colors.

My particular purpose in writing to you is to enquire if there is any connection with the Freedmen's

Berean"; you will not be able to
send me some documents, which
shall be statistical, and which will
bear upon and show the loyalty
of the Colored people of the South.
I want facts and dots which the
returned teachers are not ~~generally~~
able to give me - their knowl-
edge is vague in this particular
point.

I sometimes write for newspapers
and I have an idea that if
some such case could be brought
out in a story, and if I could
work it up in such a way
that the loyalty shall appear
throughout - while the race or
color shall come in as a climax
it might be very effective.
I think the American mind
needs to become accustomed to
the idea of the black man
as a loyal citizen, and I think
in the appeals in behalf of the
race, this fact has not had the
prominence. I do not know that
I can do what I propose, and
I shall be very cautious in the

matter, for I care too much for the
interests of the race to publish
a carelessly written bungling article;
but I can judge better after I have
the facts in my possession,
and I have thought that you,
who possess the rare combination
of military and philanthropic a-
bility and knowledge, might be
able to give me the infor-
mation which I need.

I think the Boston "Congregation-
alist and Recorder" (as you are
a valiant Congregationalist I sup-
pose you know the paper) would
publish anything of the kind which
I might write.

Speaking of the "Congregationalist"
reminds me of the new Con-
gregational Church in Washing-
ton, and I am glad of an
opportunity to tell you how
much moved, how very thank-
ful I was that you were ena-
bled to be faithful to the
Lord Jesus Christ, represented
by the negro, in the recent Con-
tinent in that church. I should

Whether have you record in that
case than all the nominations
and elections in the land.
I was very glad to see a state-
ment, under the authority of your
name, of the rescinding of the
previous disgraceful action.
I am always indescribably pain-
ed when the Church in any
case bases its action on the
principle of Caste - It creates
and confirms infidel antipathy.
I speak positively an Anti-Slavery
very warmly, for I am a grad-
uate of the Rehearsal Adams
Church (South-Side Adams you
know) not becoming an Abolitionist till the fall
of 1848. I did not, however,
leave the Church for conscience
sake only the particular branch
which held to Slavery, as I
still rejoice in Church relations
under Congregational forms;
and farther I think I was
the first teacher of the "Free-
men" after the war broke out.
Long before they became Free-men

And shut
And before the war established in
the rights of "Contrabands" they began
to reach Boston, and I brought
them out, received them at
my house, gave them two
afternoons and two evenings in
each week teaching them
myself, and only discontinued
my labors when it became ne-
cessary for them to seek other
homes, and, after emancipation,
teaching ^{to be} fashionable, and the
pressure of other duties de-
manded my time. I will
not bore you with details
but you will understand
and believe me when I say
that the remembrances of
this period are among the
most satisfactory of my life.
This autobiography of myself
is intended to assure you
that I am a credit to "all
the Howards" as well as of
orthodox respectability, but the

letter may be untrue - it
be some sort of a trap -
I may be a female pard
broken for aught you can
Human nature is peculiar
the world is full of corrup
to please satisfy yourself b
asking Speaker Colfax who
Ans. If he is obscure in
replies you can get Gen Butler
to cross question him.

Mr. Colfax is my friend, and
I have an impression that
he ^{would} be willing to have me refer
to him in this connection.
If you are able to send me
anything please direct to
Mr. A. W. H. Howard Georgetown
Main. I enclose stamps becom
I do not know whether
itary men frank their d
must or not. I have never
heard of your having any
ileges conferred on you
account of your connection

With the "Friendship Bureau" &
I should not be surprised if
you were expected to pay double
postage. I shall, in the course
of a few weeks, have an arti-
cle, in the "Congregationalist and
Recorder" entitled "James Otis
of Massachusetts," and covering
the period between 1760 & 1790
I shall take the liberty to send
it to you for I want you to
see how I have brought the
negro in. I was determined
to bring him in even if I
had to leave Otis out, and
I amuse myself by think-
ing how surprised some old
foggy, who settles upon that
article as remote and safe
thing to read, will be, to
find the inevitable negro
there also.

Hoping I have not
wearied your past endurance,
and that Mr. Colfax will tell
you I am a safe person to remain

With great respect
Yours fully

A. W. B. Howard

Philadelphia May 30th
1868.

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My dear General,

I see from the papers, that the President has appointed a Mr. Worthington to the mission for which I had applied?

Whether his gentleman's claims were better founded than mine, or whether the President will not give me any appointment at all, I of course do not know.

Unfortunately my circumstances are such, that I am compelled to make another effort, namely for the mission to Ecuador, which is still

My address is:

Care of Cooperthwaite & Co
Publishers

Philad.

May 1848

vacant.

Relying upon your old friendship,
of which I have so many proofs,
I venture - however reluctantly -
to ask another favor of you;

that is to see Mr. Seward
in person & to advocate my
appointment; provided you
have no reasons preventing you
from doing so. -

I know I ask very much;
but believe me, I shall always
most gratefully remember
this act of kindness.

As ever most sincerely Yours,
O. O. Howard, A. C. Skinner.
Wash.

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Philadelphia Pa
May 30th 1868

Von Steinwehr A.

States that the President
has appointed as Genl. Worth-
ington on the mission to
Uruguay.

Will the General, if he can
consistently do so, visit Mr
Seward, in person, and
advocate Von Steinwehr's
appointment on the mission
to Ecuador. etc



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Gen W. W. Howland

Dear sir I have a carriage
on hand I think will
suit you if you are
passing my factory at
any time please call
and look at it as it
is a nice and cheap art-
icle

Yours Respt
John F. Bridget

Washington D.C.
May 30th 1868

Bridges John F.

Has a carriage
on hand, which
he thinks will suit
the General.

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