

American Freedman's Union Commission,

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No. 30 Vesey Street. — ~~P. O. Box 5,733.~~

LYMAN ABBOTT, Gen. Sec.

J. M. McKIM, Cor. Sec.

New-York, October 5. 1868

Mrs. O. O. Howard,
Madam,

Will you pardon the liberty
I take in addressing this note to
you, and asking you to hand
the enclosed to your husband?
I only do so with the hope of
avoiding the trouble that might
arise from sending it directly to
himself, when it would probably
come under the eye of some of
the clerks in the office of the
Freedman's Bureau.

Respectfully
Ellen Collins
Mem. Com. &c

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No. 26 Bible House, Oct. 5, 1868.
Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard U.S.A.,
General.

A copy of the Call for a National Christian Convention to be held in this City Nov. 17th - 20th inclusive, was forwarded to you by this morning's mail. Our Executive Committee earnestly desire you to be present & preside as Chairman of the Convention, which promises to be one of the most important & interesting ever held in this City. The Public Meeting in behalf of the Christian Commisⁿ, in respect to which I wrote you June 16th (& afterwards, July 20th, when the programme had been altered,) follows the next Sabbath evening. We hope you can be present at both.

In your answer to my first communication you hoped to be present at our Meeting as arranged for October, but we have not heard from you since the change of time. Will you let us know if it be possible for you to be present, & be pleased also, General, if the way be opened, to advise us a few days before your arrival when & where to meet you, that we may provide entertainment for you dur-

ing your stay.

Trusting that the blessing of the Lord will be with us, & confer good success & broad results upon this, & every other effort to upbuild his Kingdom, I have the honor to be

Yours in Christian Sympathies,
Alfred C. Roe,
Sec.

By order of
Executive Committee.



Boston, Oct. 6, 1868.

Maj.-Gen. O. O. Howard:

Dear Sir - Accept my thanks for a copy of the Washington Chronicle of the 1st inst., containing your highly interesting address on the social, religious, educational, and political condition of the South, with particular reference to the progress made in the education of the freedmen. I have read it with very great pleasure, and derive from it increasing confidence in the final triumph of higher ideas, and nobler sentiments, and ^a better respect for the rights of our common human nature, than have yet obtained in that section of our country. The struggle must necessarily be a protracted one, for all the powers of darkness are in active opposition to the righteous cause. The task is nothing less than to "create a soul under the ribs of death"; but, happily, there is a divinely creative power adequate to its accomplishment.

The South is still rebellious in spirit and sentiment, still infected with the old slaveholding virus, still merciless toward its negro population, still the determined foe of free institutions. In the nature of things it must be so. She cannot do otherwise, such is her intellectual and moral condition. I am surprised at no acts of bloody violence against "Northern carpet-baggers," Southern loyalists, or unoffending freedmen, on her part. She is yet in a state of lunacy, the result of centuries of a man-imbruting system, cherished by her as of priceless value; and, therefore, the difficulty of reaching her by any appeals to reason and common sense. But we must not be discouraged: she will yet be restored, experiencing a change like that from death unto life. She is an object of pity, though not without great criminality; for to her may be aptly applied the sad ejaculation of the prophet, "O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself!" Is it not something admirable, even quite marvellous, that, with all her contempt, hatred and

vilification of the North, there is no other wish or purpose on the part of the North than to bless, elevate, and save her by all fitting instrumentalities?

I wish to pay you the tribute of my high respect and warm appreciation of your labors as the faithful and efficient head of the Freedmen's Bureau. I have carefully watched your course from the start, and have been thoroughly satisfied with the manner you have met the arduous duties and heavy responsibilities that have devolved upon you. You have exhibited true moral heroism, excellent discretion, a comprehensive philanthropy toward all classes at the South, and a noble spirit of self-abnegation; and have thus done much to exalt the Christian faith that you profess, and to justify the generations that are yet to come in giving you a conspicuous place among the benefactors of mankind, as assuredly they will do.

Yours, for universal liberty,
Wm. Lloyd Garrison.



St. Johnsbury Vt.
Oct. 6th 1868

Genl. C. O. Howard
Washington D. C.

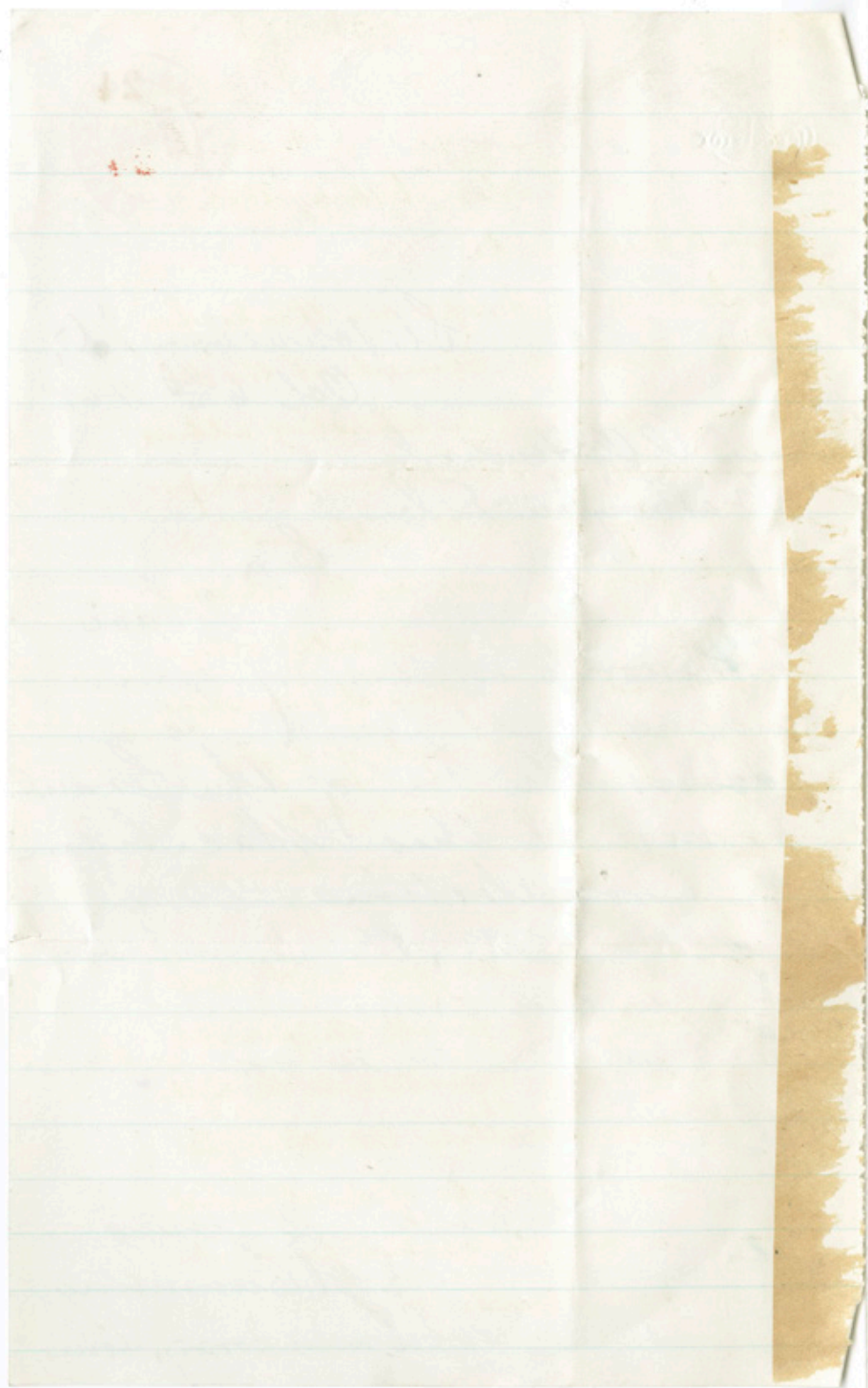
Sir

I have the honor to enquire if you can make it possible to address the Post of the Grand Army at this place before the Nov. elections; Please write me your terms and how soon you can come Do not fail us if it is in your power to come.

I am Genl.

Respectfully Yours

W. G. Cummings
Chairman Com. Com.



FINE ART GALLERY,

L. B. DARLING,

No. 203 Westminster Street.



Providence, Oct 6 1868

Gen O. O. Howard
Washington

Dear Sir

Not having
any reply from you
in regard to the lecture
before the Mechanics as
mentioned in my letter
of July last I had
to work in another
party at the time mentioned
but would like for you
to come at a later period
say some time in June
after the 9th before the
20th please advise me
of your most convenient
time & oblige Yours &c L B Darling

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THE NEW YORK
LIBRARY
100 West 4th Street

Received Oct 2 1892

Mr O. C. Howard
Washington
D.C.

Very respectfully
submitted to the
Hon. the Librarian of
Congress the
following
copy of the
report of the
Committee on
Education and
Labor for the
year 1891-92
which has been
approved by the
House of Representatives
and is now
being printed
by the Government
Printer.

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Metals, Miscellaneous Hardware,**PLUMBING, GAS AND STEAM FITTING.**Washington, October 6th 1868.Genl. O. O. Howard
D^r Sir

Knowing that
you have the interests of this
city at heart and are de-
-siring of building up man-
-ufactures in the District I
write to call your attention
to the hydraulic Cement
Manufactured by the Potomac
Mills Co at Shepherdstown
This is a Washington enterprise
& should be encouraged. The
Cement is proven by practical
use & chemical test to be the
best in the market. Will you not
use your influence to have it used
in the Buildings of the

Howard University, and
oblige

Yours truly
Alex. D. Shepherd

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NATIONAL METROPOLITAN BANK,

WASHINGTON, 7 Oct. 1868

My Dear Gen.

I have been trying to call on you for the last ten days but unable to do so for want of time. If you should be as far down as 15th St. after One O'clock to-day, will you not be kind enough to let me see you here for a few moments on one or two matters of mutual interest? This afternoon at 5 O'clock on Theological

enterprise is to Commence at
Law Building. Please be pre-
sent if you can spare time
to hear and see what is
proposed to be done,

Yours truly,
Moses Kelly,

Gen. O. C. Howard,
Supt. &c. &c. &c.)

Theological Department of Columbian College.

THE Session of the Theological Department of Columbian College will open on Wednesday, October 7, at five o'clock, P. M., in the Main Class Room of the Law Building.

The exercises will consist of Lectures and Recitations in the Four Departments of Theological Study, namely: Biblical Literature, Christian Theology, Church History, and Ministerial Duties.

The former includes the study of works introductory to the Sacred Scriptures, the Laws of Interpretation, the Hebrew of the Old and the Greek of the New Testaments.

The second consists of Lectures on the General Connections of Religious Truth, and examination of various authors on Special Christian Doctrines.

The third embraces the study of one or more select authors on the entire field of Church History, with special reference to important eras.

The fourth provides a course of study in Sacred Rhetoric, instruction in the Preparation and Delivery of Sermons, and general teachings as to Ministerial Offices.

The course of study will occupy two years. The exercises in the first and fourth departments will fill up both years. Those of the second department will be completed in the first year, and of the third in the second year of the course.

The exercises of the class-room will be restricted to those general principles of Christian truth and duty usually recognized as evangelical; while those topics which are distinguished as denominational will be left to special instruction or reading under pastors preferred by each student.

All persons desirous of attending will be admitted to any of the exercises of the school; but only those approved as candidates for the Gospel ministry by the recognized authorities of some Christian Church can be admitted to graduation. The degree of Bachelor of Divinity will be conferred on those passing satisfactory examinations in all the studies of the prescribed course.

The exercises of the school will be held the present year in one of the class-rooms of the Law Building. The classes will meet at five o'clock each evening in the week: the class in Theology, Monday; in Church History, Tuesday; in Hebrew, Wednesday; in Sacred Rhetoric, Thursday; in Biblical Literature, Friday; and in Greek, Saturday evenings.

It is desirable that all those who purpose to connect themselves with the school be present, if possible, at the opening exercises.

For further information apply to

G. W. SAMSON, President.

Philadelphia. 4th Dec.

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Wm. Jay. Esq. U. S. Senator
Dear Sir:



The writer desires
to ask your opinion upon this or
these points concerning the South.
And which your answer will
enable you to answer more directly
than you otherwise could do -

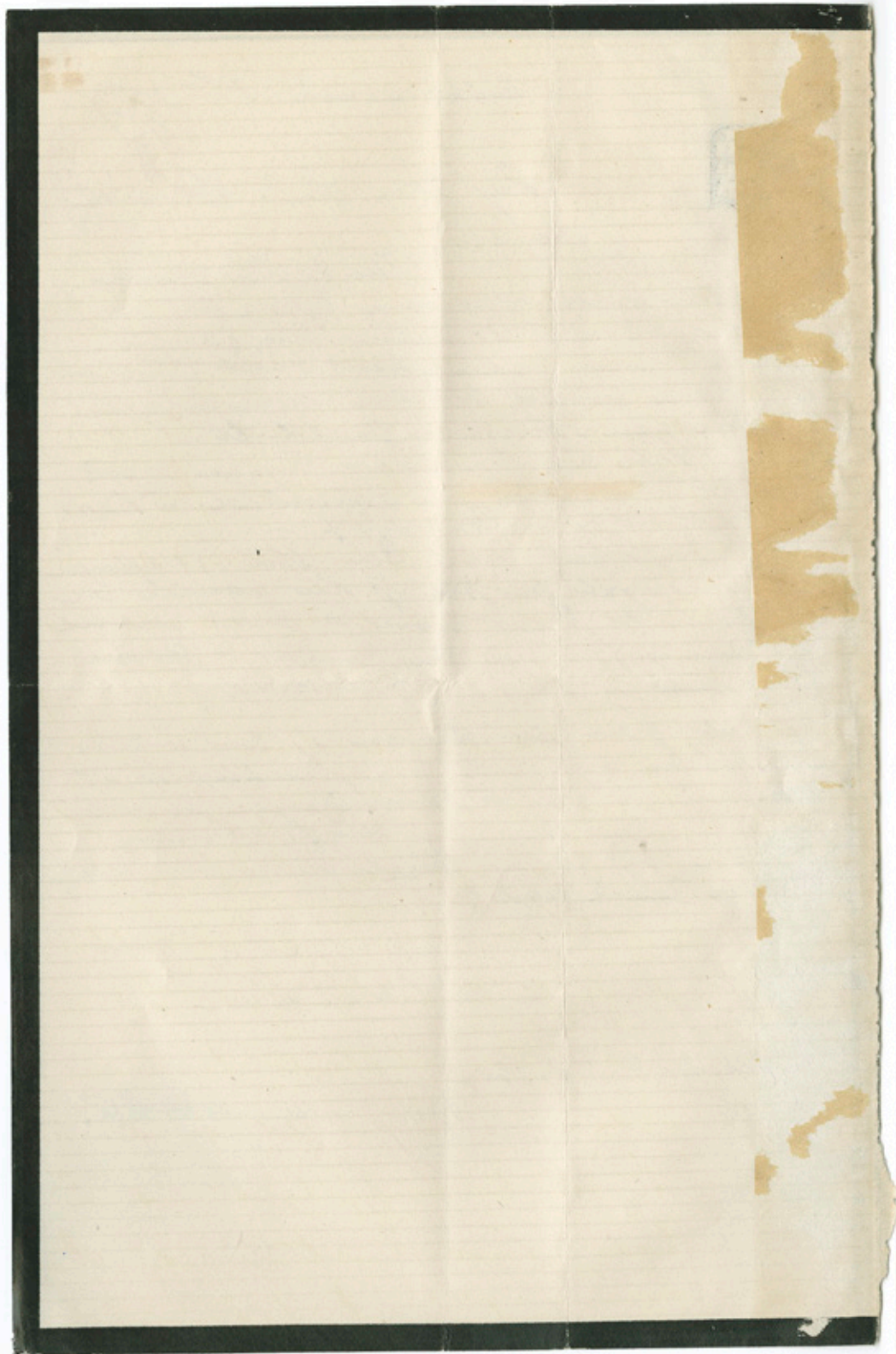
Will the Freedman's Bureau exist
after the States are admitted to Rep-
resentation in Congress? -

In what way can the Freedmen
and loyal people of the South be
reached just now. To best enable
them to support the Land & Home-
steads of the Southern States?

As you are aware of my interest
in these subjects & especially that
which relates to Emancipation should
be if I can benefit the Freedmen
more by going there than by making
their cause heard?

Very respectfully yours
Wm. L. V. Daniels.

Edw. M. D. Box
810. Washington D.C.



"Ganderclough" Plantation
Yazoo Co. Miss. Oct 7, 1868

Dear Genl.

Yesterday, on my return here, I found yr. favor of the 24th ult.. It seems I have been laboring under a terrible mistake indeed, the penalty of which promises to be serious to me. I certainly ~~left you~~ parted from you under the impression that you would assist me in replacing my team. I can not recall your having said so in direct terms. I drew the inference from your having asked me how many mules I needed and from your asking Genl. Hatch, when we visited his office, how many mules he had. If I am correct in my recollection, he replied that he had but two teams. In our previous conversation I had stated to you, that being furnished with a team, I would find no difficulty in obtaining such supplies as I would need. I mention these circumstances, that you may do me the credit of believing, that I would not have preferred such a request, had I not thought myself warranted in doing so.

Shortly after you left New Orleans I commenced making my arrangements in accordance with what I thought you had promised. I purchased conditionally, a fine small plantation in St James Parish La. from Mrs Wood's uncle. The terms were of the most liberal character. I was to pay but a portion of the value of the place and was allowed 5 years time to complete payments. Ten per cent was the rate of interest agreed upon. From the occupant of the place, I purchased 14 fine mules, the standing crop, implements etc, payable Nov 1st 5. The price agreed upon was \$4000 - cash. In the event of my non compliance with my agreement, I am to forfeit \$1000 now on deposit as a guarantee, besides losing all other expenses. As I am now paying all the expenses of the place, including heavy wages to a manager, a failure on my part to make payment before the 5th of next month would seriously impair my little store. I shall not surrender without a hard fight. As soon as I am somewhat recovered from the effects of recent chills I shall go North and try to raise the money I absolutely require. The property is well worth a struggle. Before the war 1/2 of it

without any improvements, sold for \$17,000 each. There are two residences, sugar house, quarters shops and the other improvements now on the place. It is well fenced and ditched and has never been under water. For the place itself I agree to pay \$10,000 as follows, May 1st 69. \$1000 May 1st 70. \$2000 - May 1st 1871. 1872 & 1873, \$2333³³/₁₀₀ each. This makes the place cost in all \$14,000. For the \$4000 cash I get 14 mules worth, at present prices \$2450 - implements, tools, carts etc. \$500. for-
a \$500, cane about \$5000 - Besides this I get the benefit of all the work done up to the present. This year I could send nearly \$3000. worth of sugar & molasses to market, without impairing my stock of seed cane. The place can be made to pay for itself in 3 years. It is estimated to be worth \$50,000 and I regard it more in the light of a gift from Mrs Wood's relatives, than as a purchase made by me. If I succeed in securing the necessary means in Idyork, I shall consider the mistake I have made, as the luckiest accident of my life. If I fail, I but add one to the countless host of unhappy ones who have preceded me.

I thank you very kindly

