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Dear General

The first line I write
shall be to you. 1st. See how
I heed your kind, kind remembrance
by telling you that I was in bed
by 8 o'clock. Slept sweetly till
2nd - and tho' I did get up &
but for your talk should prob-
ably have gone to writing
tired down again, with no
hope of sleep, but to rest
I doze per chance & to think
of the events of the past
three days, memorable
days to me. Well well
rest & peace will come to
real calmness - The Master
sees as well as we do, &
tho' how much better than
we do, all the wrongs - all

the thing, that can be
done. Many thanks for
all your country & your
party.

Now a word of business.
A line from you will
always be most gratifying to
me, especially if it points
out a way in which I can
be serviceable to your
any part of your noble
cause, but I don't wish to
single line - I know you are
already pressed into duty
to death - & I do hope
who can preach so well
will mind what his wife
say, I practice a habit
himself - If you will at-
tend it I shall be glad to
make a suggestion occasi-
onally. If it suits you

ably, will if not let it be
go to the waste basket, without
reply a notice. Now I
have one.

I talked with Lupton
about Mary - for how could
I help it toward me I love.
Thank you for his manner, &
fidelity. As a result Lupton
will probably ask you to send
him to the Shenandoah
Valley for a few months or
less. - This was early in
the morning a Monday
Evening. After your talk
with me about his ambition
&c. I doubt whether I would
send him. I write now in
view of all his talks with
you, with me. He is an
entirely new mistake. He is
long headed too - Wednesday

at Amherst, instead of going
with us meant this
i.e. He is determined to
stand fair - to call
naturally every man
coloured man in the
country. I don't say for
fair a dishonest man
at all - but - why talk
know its man is
better than I do. He
me to write him up
hater - He did not say
this distinctly of course
I can help him & I shall
I shall - but - as the
I think I would not
him to the Sherrard
He wrote to Mary
Mary probably knew
him quite as well as
he knew Mary. -
but I greatly wish to
will not feel Mary

headed more unselfish
than he dreams. — Keep
your eye on Mary — I'll
try to have Miss write to
you. Unless you have a
man, in whom you have
entire confidence to take
Lumpster's place if diffi-
culty should ever arise
with L., measure Mary
up without his knowing
what you are doing. In
the meantime I'll try to
keep track of Mary &
if I could be of any service
by going down to that
section, (provided I succeed
with my Insurance busi-
ness enough to get some
debts a few hundred
dollars paid) I should be
perfectly willing to go.
Depend on it, unless Mary
alters exceedingly — he'll con-

Let the Colored vote around
Winchester & perhaps all
that part of the Valley
yet circulate both Repub-
licans & Democrats. I
know this is hardly pos-
sible, as raising high
expectations - & risks my
position in your regard
but it is my sincere
belief not worth hesitating
in a word - If done will
secure some safe votes
The whole colored popula-
tion of the South
look up to Sumner
as the great colored man
of the land. A few other
men of ability - & high
ambitions, would be
to neutralize his power
if up to the mark. Per-
sonally I had better say
that he is very dull

ful about the Law School
as the place for him. Just
as Chase evidently feels
that the Supreme Court
is not the goal for him.

He unquestionably looks
to a place in Congress,
in the Senate - This latter
idea, if he is truthful he
has lately spoken of to
a soul. Eys - be cautious
about his knowing or sus-
pecting that I have written
thus to you - I have con-
fidence in you - perfect
integrity. Ambition is a dan-
gerous passion. He will
need great grace to keep him
straight - The Lord keep
you & yours. My dear child-
ren send their warmest
thanks to you for your
kind words & love to take
care of my health & go to work

Oh by the way. I forgot to say I must be and for
 Mr. Howard & the children - a little back of South West
 Valley in our racks - in me to my mother's
 to the window of my study to get an apple
 from Faunty in May
 - affie.
 Mr. D. Travell

I open my letter to say that I have a pass
from Col. T. A. Booth of the P. R. R. - good
to the 31 Dec. to go on that road at any
time - as far as Philad. - so if I must
Wmchester. sh. may need transfer to the
rest of the way.

also to say that as I must to send
two or three per racks to Wm Laryston
I find it more convenient to send a
box containing - 1 doz. one for your desk
to help you to remember your friends
Ira & Co - 5 or 6 more for your house
as you may find use for them -
3 to Wm Laryston with my compliments &
the rest for your office or to some good
Friedman teacher in school.

The brother of the woman - Capt Adams of
the 18th regulars - a dear good fellow - I found
in my return home more than $\frac{3}{4}$ the crazy - from the

effects of exposure in the army -
his nervous system.

found between letters 942 & 943 Nov. 25/86

Warrington Maine
NOV. 25. 1868.



General O. O. Howard,

My dear Sir,

A few days

ago the annual report of Howard University
came to my hand from your kind thought of
me, for which I thank you. The new era which
seems about to open upon us as one result of the late
election undoubtedly encourages your hopes for
this new & important institution. This report
certainly shows that broad views & earnest
zeal are enlisted in its behalf. But it is of great
importance that the ~~un~~christian & inhuman
prejudice against color should receive a check
at least in all the ^{civil} relations we hold to that
race.

How I regret deeply that this miserable
& ungenerous prejudice annoys you so much in
your new Church enterprise. I trust that the

Council recently called there perhaps in
in session, if it do not succeed in healing
difficulties, will at least be able to show
where the right is, & teach a lesson to the
pastor & his friends which it will be well
for them to learn. The selection of such a
man to be at the head of such a movement
in our Capital as establishing a new
ecclesiastical
organization, was, if I understand the
case, about as unfortunate in all
respects, as it well could be.

They are about forming a new association
of Alumni in Boston & vicinity which ought to
have been done before. We hope great good
from it. They are to have an occasion soon
when the association will choose officers & have
a dinner &c. I hope you may have it in
your power to be in hand. Let me assure
you that new life has been infused into the

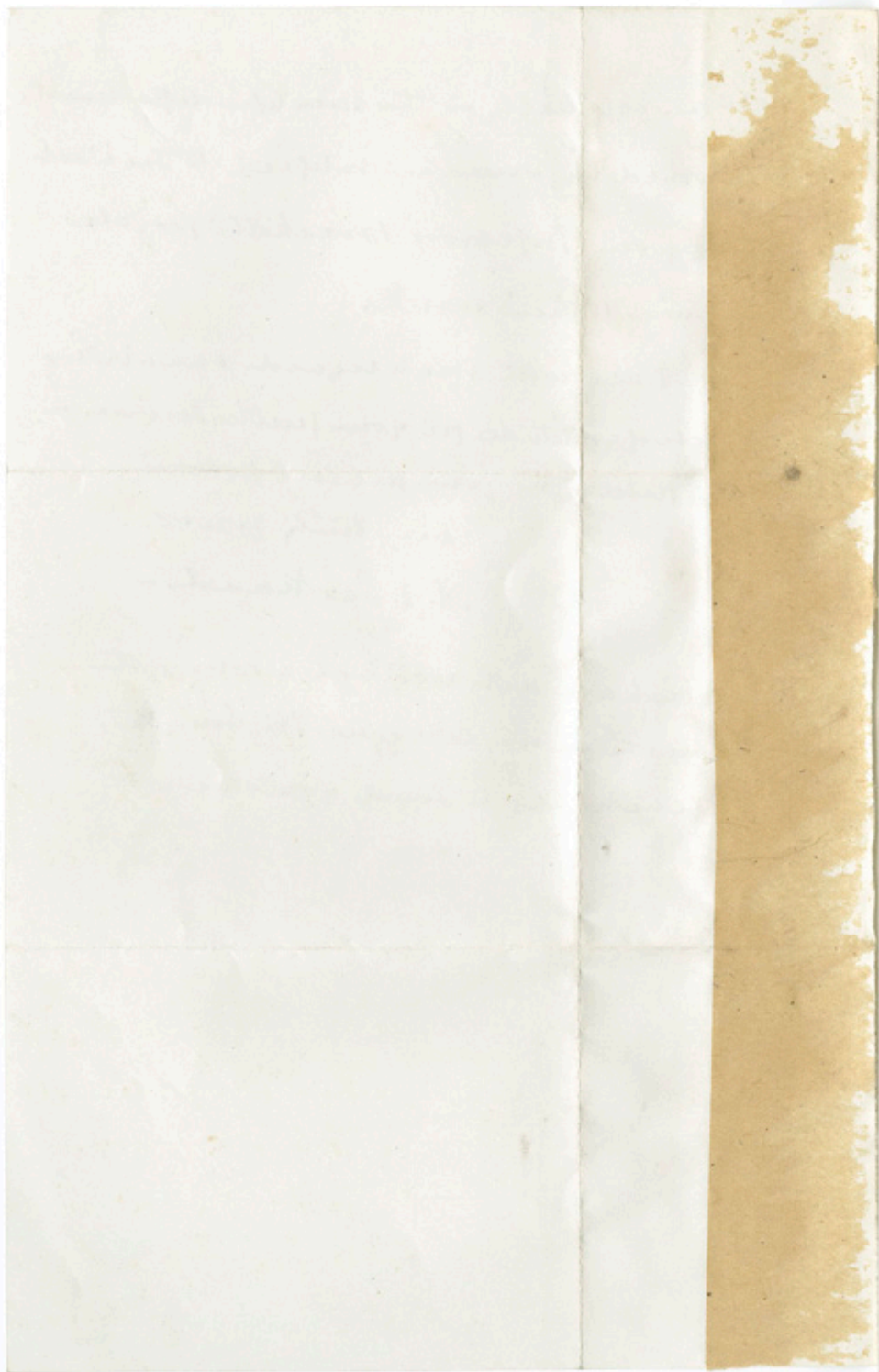
College, especially in the scientific department.
You would be much gratified to see what
energy our Professors Brackett & Goodale
are giving to their work.

I am with great regard & an abiding
sense of gratitude for your public services in
the field & in your present position.

Very truly yours.

A. S. Packard -

If you have not received a copy of the
bi-course on my colleague Prof. Smyth,
I shall be happy to send you one -



Washington D.C.
November 25. '68

To

Genl O.C. Howard,

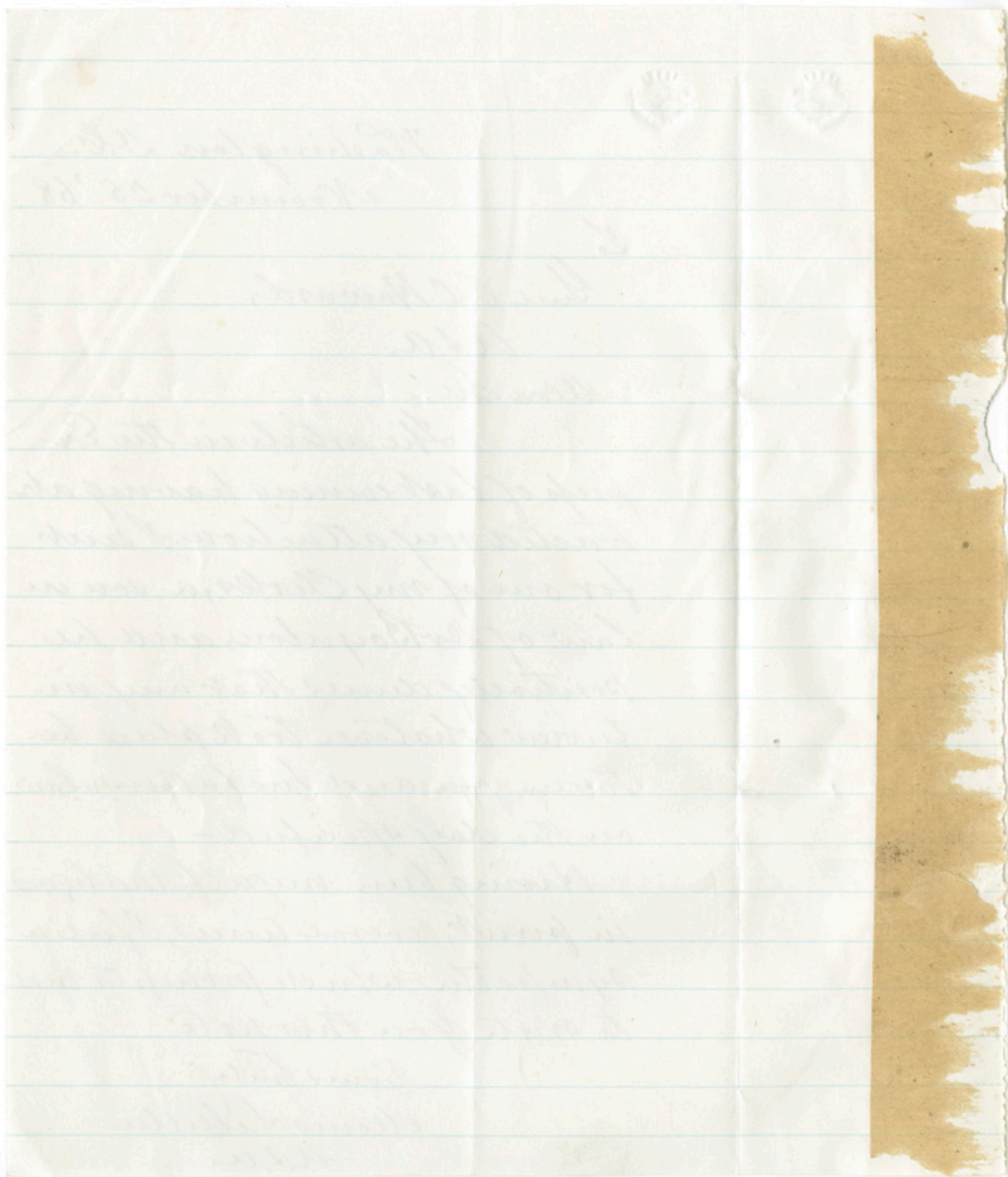
U.S.A.

Dear Sir,

The article in the Express of last evening having attracted my attention I sent for one of my Clerks, a son in law of Dr Boynton, and he positively denies that any interview whatever took place between you and his father-in-law on the day specified -

Having been myself maligned in print, several times, I feel a sympathy which prompts me to write you this note

Yours truly
Emonis S. Miller
U.S.A.





Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

Headquarters, Eighth Sub-District of Virginia.

Wytheville, Va., Nov 25 1868.

Genl O O Howard

Dear Sir,

I see by the papers that one-four of the present S. A. C.^s will be retained in Va. I dislike of course to ask to be retained and nothing less than the necessity of my budgeting over next Summer would reconcile me to doing so. I suppose you have forgotten my case & will therefore take the liberty of stating it.

I accepted the Colonelcy of a Negro Regt^t tendered me by the late Gov. Andrew in Feb 1863. I joined it in Louisiana where I was soon prostrated by an enteric & malarial fever combined & lay for some time at the point of Death. I subsequently commanded another in Va. in the winter of 1863 & 4. & made the campaign of 1864 & 5. in command of a Brigade & afterwards ^{for a time the} 1st Div. of the 25 Corps. being made Brig. & Bt Maj Genl Vols.

After the war closed as my bad luck would have it. I was appointed Maj of

a Regt (colored) Stationed where the climate had so many
proved fatal to me. This I was reluctantly com-
pelled to decline. 1st because I had had two congestive
chills & the 3^d which in that climate was certain to
come is considered fatal. 2^d because the 3 Doctors
I consulted in Portland Vg. Wood, Thomas & Hunt
& my Louisiana Physician, decided I might
as well commit suicide as ever again attempt
residence in that country. Calling my attention
to the fact, that while yellow fever & some
other diseases are acclimating. my troubles had
the opposite effect. Please see letter of Wood also
of Arden time copies of which are enclosed.
To crown my ill fortune shortly after declining the
Majority. my Regt in which I was & still am
a Captain went to Louisiana.

You with very great kindness
prevented my joining it last winter by giving
me this detail. I have good reason to believe
that when a Republican administration comes in I
shall be able to effect a change of Commission
which will enable me to keep out of this particular
climate & without hereafter troubling my friends
in any way. But should this fail. the law of change

will be likely by that time to send my Regt elsewhere
as it has been in that one spot over two years.
I have in view of the breaking up of the Bureau
made three attempts to exchange ^{Regts}, thus far without
success. & holding on in the Bureau seems my
last hope. I should terribly regret giving up
army life. I have my doubts if I should be
good for much in any thing else.

Of course Gen Brown has no
particular interest in me & would naturally
prefer his old Agents who have been with him since
the Bureau began & have doubtless served the him well
With them it is a question of breaking off now or
a year later with me it involves my whole future

I know that my entire hope
of continuing will depend upon your direct kindness
& interest. In addition to such kindness might
I urge the slight claims that I lost my health
as one of the pioneers of the Negro movement
early in 1863. & that of late I have not been
entirely useless. For instance in the six Counties
I have immediate charge of as A. S. A. C. in addition
to my duties in charge of the District there never
were but two regular schools viz at Mytheville &

Cripple Creek. I have now 5 times that number
viz. 8 new ones at Manitou. Jeffersonville
Cedar Hill Black Lick or Browns Hill. Speedwell
Creek Natick Elk Creek & Independence.

I take the liberty to send copies
of Wood & Axons opinion showing my care,
how impossible it would be for me to hope to live
in an extreme Southern & malarial climate.

Hoping this letter will convince
you of the extreme importance of my continuing
on in the Bureau, that you will be able to believe
I should be of some use if I were retained
& relying greatly on your kindness which has
been extended to me on former occasions & apologizing
for addressing you unofficially
I remain

With Great Respect

Your Friend & Servant -

W. H. Thomas

Dec. 14/1867

Capt. W. F. Thomas

Dear Sir.

I did not receive your
word enough to write by return mail,
but embrace the earliest opportunity.
I hope that it will be satisfactory &
that it may be of service in accomplish-
ing the object desired.

If not strong enough it
is only because I do not know how to
use the necessary language as strong
as I feel it. That you ought never to be
exposed to the influence of a residence in
that climate.

In the greatest haste which
must be my apology for the brevity of
this epistle.

I remain

Very truly Yours

Wm Wool

A true copy
W. F. Thomas

I hereby certify that I have been long
acquainted with Capt W. G. Thomas U.S.A. and
saw him frequently after his return from
Louisiana in 1863. that he was then very
much broken down and shattered in health-
emaciated and exhausted in strength by
the disease contracted in that climate &
by which he was so much reduced as
to make the possibility of his return home
questionable and his recovery afterwards
for a long time doubtful. That I became
so well satisfied that he could not live
in that climate that I advised him in
1866. to decline a commission rather than
expose himself again to its malarious
influences, that in this opinion I found
I was sustained by his Physicians
Dr. Aaron of Louisiana & by Drs. Thomas and
Hemphins of this City- who were his attending
Physicians the first in 1863. & the last in
1865: when he suffered a relapse of the disease
and that I still remain of the opinion that

Captain Thomas ought not to take the risk
of health & life even, almost certainly
to attend a prolonged residence in London
or any other place of like character.

Wm. Wood M.D.

Portland Dec. 14th 1867

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New Orleans

Dec. 21. 1867

Col. W. G. Thomas

Dear Sir.

Your note of the 13th inst. was received only late on the day of yesterday, that of the day previous not having come to hand.

The statement made of the condition of your health does not surprise me as affections like yours, occasioned by exposure to the miasmatic emanations of alluvial soils more frequently than otherwise invalidate one for life.

Your case I distinctly remember and the precarious state you were in in leaving your encampment in order to secure the curative influences of a northern and different climate.

What is deplorable in such maladies is their utter inability, while profoundly modifying & changing the normal

habits of ones constitution to protect
against the deleterious influences that
first undermined it.

While yellow fever & other
indemial influences, in the majority
of instances impart a certain degree of
acclimation, that is both preventive
protection, the form of enteric distemper
you suffered with, complicating itself as
it did with a distinctly marked malarial
fever acquires increased power of mischief
proportioned to the degree & duration of
exposure to the causes, no lapse of time
I may safely add, no amount of previous
will give you immunity against the
recurrence.

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They are a continue potent source of
mischiefs as long as the susceptibilities last.
You thus see in your contemplated trip to
region a renewal prospect of certain malarial
ism with perhaps organic changes in your
system not so readily curable in the future
by a removal to a colder climate.

The records of the War Dept.
abound with examples of officers & troops

permanently disabled whose condition was not worse than yours when I last saw you, & which was the legitimate fruit in such predispositions of the deleterious action of climatic influence.

In view of these facts I think it an act of self preservation, if you can obtain a transfer to a Dept. of service where the risks to your health will be neither so numerous or mischievous,

It is easier to prevent than to cure, & were this not true to some is attended with its own troubles & cases which often render life burdensome.

You will pardon my dwelling so long on this matter but as it is to you the one thing of prime concern above all others, that must be my excuse.

That you incur risks I not only fully believe but risks that will be all the more serious since four years residence in a northerly climate have failed to eradicate the injury you sustained while resident here. In some temperaments there is no acclimatization to paludal influences

if there be any which I think doubtful
to others.

Hoping that your recent
indisposition is only temporary & that before
this reaches you you will be blessed
with restored health.

I remain

Yours Respectfully

A. F. Allen

A True Copy of
W. H. Channing



General Howard
I wish to inform
that you are engaged in discussing
ecclesiastical questions —

Perhaps my book may
be of service to you —

Should it prove dry
and useless to you will you
have the goodness to return it
on the Congressional Library,
where they give room to dry
books without objection —
With many regards
Yours Obedt.

27 Court St
Boston
Nov 25. 1868.

Edward Duck



I have the honor to acknowledge
 the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.
 in relation to the purchase of
 books for the library of the
 Boston Athenaeum. I have
 the pleasure to inform you
 that the books have been
 ordered and will be
 forwarded to you as soon as
 they are received.

Very respectfully,
 John A. Dix

Genl. Horrocks -

Dear Sir

I see in one
of the papers an account
of the members absent
fr. the 4th quarter Council,
who had been invited,
& my name was mentioned
& I recd an invitation

to the first Council, which
was never held. But
no invitation to this
2^d or 3^d Council, ever
came to me, or was
said before Plymouth
Church. We were not
represented because
we were not invited
We have been invited

to the January Musical
Council, as it is called.
& shall be present -

Allow me to suggest
that the Minority request
Dr Leonard Bacon of M. Haven
Ch. - be present on
that occasion, to give
them advice, and, if the
way is open, to act in
their behalf before the
Council - No man

in America her superior
wisdom in Congressional
matters - or is a better
adviser & advocate -

Very truly yours

A. W. Beecher

Nov 25. '68

Medford Mass
Nov 23. 1868



Genl C.C. Howard

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Dear Genl.

When can you
deliver a lecture in Medford to Port 66.
S. A. R. and what will be your charges?
We should like to have you during the
Winter.

Yours Obedt Servt
Gadsey Ridgely
Comd'g Port 66. S. A. R.
Medford Mass.

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Miss Mary
March 1858

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Dear Friend

When you see

them a letter in the paper to let it

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Boston Nov. 25th 68

Major Genl. O. O. Howard

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Dear Sir.

I believe in
the union, now and forever, one and
inseparable, My religion is Christian,
my Politics, Patriotic and I know enough
to hold my tongue at the proper time.
Can you recommend me Southern State
above another, where I could locate
and enjoy social prosperity, provided
my financial prosperity was good?

A reply will greatly oblige
Yours Truly

O. H. Peck

P.O. Box 1706



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John O. Howard
Dear Sir

I have no

answer to your letter of the 10th inst.

but I am sorry to hear that you are

ill. I hope you will soon be able to

write again. I am very sorry to hear

that you are ill. I hope you will soon

be able to write again. I am very sorry

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Yours truly
J. O. Howard



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Dear Beaufort, Mass.,
November 25. 1868.

Gen. Howard,

Dear Sir,

I was prevented, at the
last hour, from going to Washington,
by family considerations which
admitted of no delay. I write
now, that you may not think I
am indifferent to your call. One
of my wisest laymen would have
gone, if I had.

As it is, I am rather glad that
I was not there. The Council could
only advise you to wait for the

January one. Dr. Alden has told
me of the proceedings. As it is, I
can go to the January one in a
better position than if I had been
a year. Of course I assume
that there will then be a full and
complete examination, in which
all sides will have a fair hearing.
The Council will of course insist
on that. A good man will go
with me as delegate.

As I write this merely to
reassure myself, and as I am
going on in January, it is perhaps
better that no one know I have
written, lest it be misunderstood
or complained of.

Yours very truly
A. H. Quaint.