Brunswick, Maine
Mar. 3. 1869

My dear Howard

My former letters have told you th. we — (the class of '50) — have engaged an artist to paint yr. portrait. My last was sent to inquire when you wd. be at home & at liberty to sit for it. Your clerk replied th. you wd. be in Washington again abt. Mar. 1. I suppose therefore you are now at home — & as this is the time at wh. the artist had decided to go on to W. — I write to ask whether it will be convenient for you to remain in W. long enough to give him the necessary sittings:

Please reply at yr. earliest convenience, so that I can write him at once. The artist is Mr. Wm Willard, of Worcester. I have given him a note of introduction to you. Possibly he may have gone on already — to be present at the inauguration. If so, he will be ready to go to work at once — & I trust the sittings may not seriously interfere with yr. public business. The Class are very cordial & unanimous in their desire for the picture.

Please give my kind regards to Mrs. Howard —

In haste yr. friend

A S Sewall

Sewall J. S.

will the kindness
remain in Washington long enough after Mch 17
~~to that~~ to give Mr Williams the Artist, the necessary sittings to sketch his picture

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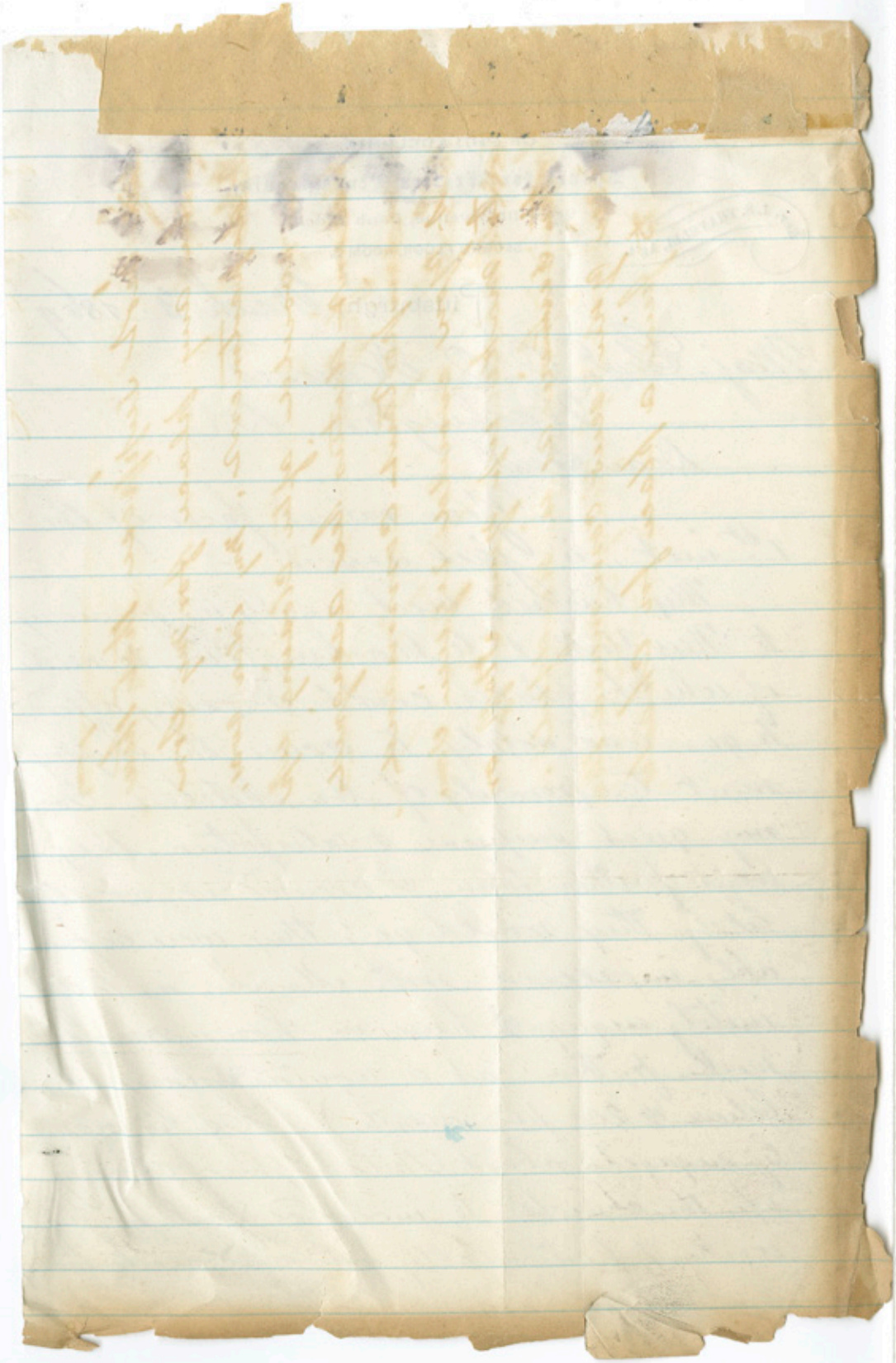
Pittsburgh, March 3d 1869

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Genl.

Your valued favor of the 1st inst, is just received. -

My hurried visit early in January to New York & to Washington, to neither of which places could I really afford to go, was solely to secure the employment temporarily of Mr. Mitchell. To my great surprise & satisfaction, they went further than I deemed it at all likely they would go; they were so favorably impressed with Mr. M. as to definitely engage him in home mission work for them, at a regular salary (I believe $200 per month). He is mainly engaged about Philadelphia, stirring up the churches to increased zeal in the work & particularly with reference to the work of missions among the Freed-



He is making many valuable friends and doing a really good work; and his eminent worth is becoming more apparent daily to his new employers & associates.

It is all fitting him for greater usefulness when he may be needed in the Howard University. —

I am exceedingly busy & I think likely to do well with the insurance. Dr. Woods feels much encouraged about my prospects: so do Dr. Hussey & Mr. Shaw.

In great haste

Yours Very Truly

Jos. S. Travellis

At the suggestion of Chas. Hunter & Wm H. Thomas - the one a young Colored soldier I am likely to have a meeting of the Colored people of this vicinity at the Mt Ve St Ch. to hear me talk at Ins. & kindred matters

Have [illegible] and a more [illegible]

Mr. Langston is about to lecture in Pittsburgh. Stanton. He is to be invited like a whole man. I suppose Lincoln & Stanton the chiefs of society in the institution. So much for big men about the poor whites.

Portland March 3. 1869

Maj Genl O. O. Howard

My dear Sir

Your letter of Feby 27th. is received. I think that I did not make myself understood in my letter to you. I was aware that the department of which you are the head is fast being closed up and did not suppose that there would be any place for my Son in that department. My idea was, that you would after closing up your present duties be assigned to some important command and that you would require some officers to make up your Staff, or such other ~~service~~ as is needful. It was in your new command that I hoped to find a place for Charles,

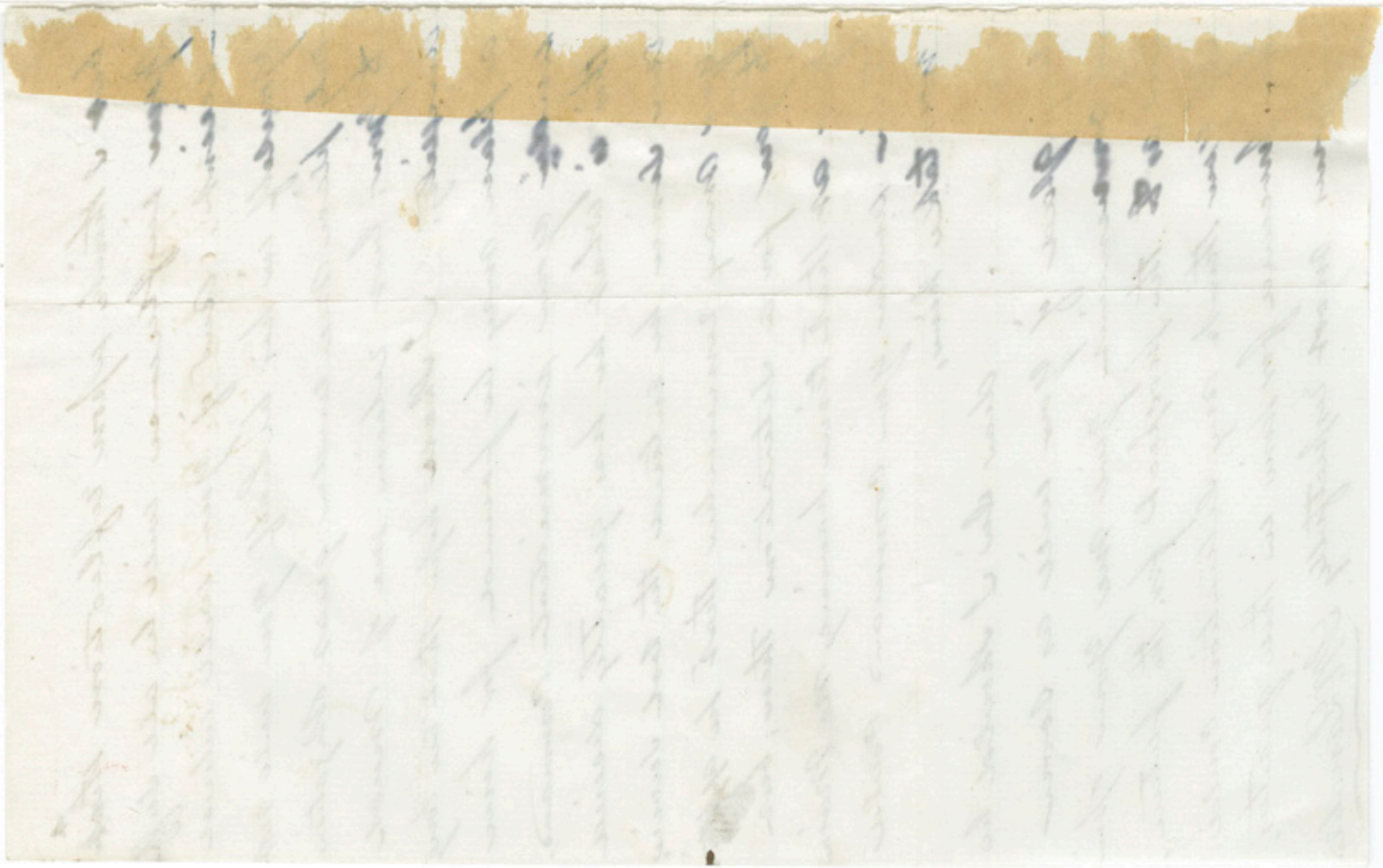
It would be very gratifying to me if this could be done. I received a letter from him yesterday stating that the regiment (the 7th Infantry) was ordered to Dacotah Territory, and would probably leave Saint Augustine some time in May.

This fact makes me doubly anxious. Oh how glad I should be if he could be transferred to you in some way, to prevent his going off so far and to unconfined a country. You must pardon me if in my anxiety I seem to be pressing my desires upon you. I had thought of writing to Senator Fessenden or Mr Lynch, or both, to ask their attention to the matter, to see if they could not get him on some duty about Washington or nearer than Dacotah, as a great many officers have been detailed of late for duty in the Signal Corps.

but I think upon reflection that your influence will be all suff-
-icient. And if you will interest yourself in his behalf you will not only place me under great obligation to you, but relieve me of much anxiety. I shall hope that ere long a place may be found for him under your immediate command, this is what he has greatly desired ever since he entered the Rebel Service. You may remember that he applied to you for a situation then, but you at that time having no Marines under your command could not take him,

dear Sir I should be very glad if you will as soon as convenient give me your opinion as to the prospect for the future. If you think any situation could be procured for him in these quarters,

Yours most respectfully, S. W. Lanahan



New York, 229 Broadway,
Rooms 28 & 29.
Mar. 8, 1869.

Dear Gen.

When the late Prof. S. D. Bowker was soliciting subscriptions for Lincoln (now "Washburn") College, Kansas, he obtained your name for $100. It is not marked paid. Prof. B. died a year ago; this book has just been put into my hands. Will you excuse my calling your attention to the matter? I do it with great

reluctance. A man
who has given so
much to his country
ought not to be asked
for $100; but I sup-
pose the Trustees
expect me to look
after all these
subscriptions. If
you choose, you can
remit me the money.
I have been
greatly interested in
the matters affect-
ing your Church in
Washington. I need not
tell you that all
my sympathies have
been with you in
your conferences. I
am glad you have
been virtually, if
not formally, con-

United.

You will be glad to learn that Washburn College is prospering. We have every reason to be satisfied with the progress it has made during the four years of its existence. The College Society in planting such Colleges all over the West, has done a mighty work. These institutions have already sent out good regular graduates. – The Society means to push its work to the Pacific Ocean & the Gulf of Mexico.

It is a work we
patriot must ap-
prove. The College
Society, the Am. Ed.
Society, the Am. Home
Miss. Society, the
Am. Miss. Association,
& the Am. Temp.
Union are the five
giants which, so
far as we Con-
gregationalists are
concerned, must do
our heavy work of
construction & re-
construction - West &
South. - I want much
to see you; & I hope I
may ere long have that
pleasure.

Very cordially yours,
H. L. Butterfield.

366 Fourth St
March 3rd 1869.

Dear General

Mr Brown assured me last night that a ticket for Mrs Grebler - should be sent to you this morning. If not received please let me know.

Very Truly
Yours John Bailey

Huntsville, Ala. March 3: 1866

To Gen: Howard
Hon. Sir,

The U. S. Soldier has a constant struggle with murderous stupidity. here am I with a box containing spare blankets, body clothes, tin pail, & a few other things which are absolutely necessary to me, & I am expected to leave them behind & go to Atlanta etc with what I can carry in my knapsack, leaving fifty dollars with behind my total saving, during two years of poor diet & battle with consumption, energy etc etc.

My time expires on 11 Dec 66 & I mean to keep pelting through the press all the dolts, dolts & devils in the Army until it is made fit for rational beings.

I commenced in "Huntsville Advocate" but the printer is too careless & illiterate calling Normans Germans & leaving out words.

Rev. Mr. Williams Epis. Min. Rome Ga.
advised me to apprise you of my intention
to teach in the South when Discharged.

If my box cannot be allowed
to accompany me I must of course
draw many articles which I have in it.
I make for the place where it is left,
when discharged.

So if you hear of any
spot where a pious soldier would be
useful in teaching on week days & holding
Religious meetings on Sabbaths please to
keep me in mind.

I was intended for the
pulpit but never felt confidence enough
for it until battered about by jail birds in
the Army.

The Rev. Mr. Williams Rome Ga
& R. R. Porter Atlanta Ga will know
of my whereabouts when you want me, as
both Rev. Dr. D. D. McLean Rectorsville N. J.
for I correspond with all these, also with
N. Y. Christian Young mens association but the
readiest correspondent I have is B. F. Jones Esq.
Merchant. Rome, Ga. The 33rd. Regt. is breaking up.

I have the honor to be your profound admirer.

Duncan Mangum
Co. "G" 33rd. N. C. T.

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Boston, Mar. 4/69.

Genl. O. O. Howard,

Dr. Sir,

In the course of life's journey it becomes my fortune, to have occasion to ask your kind assistance in a matter of considerable importance to me just at present, as well as during the coming administration. But before speaking of this subject, you will allow me to present our family congratulations in relation to yourself - your prosperity - your position - your acknowledged services & a reputation & character, that has fully won the affection of your thousands of friends. Were I to review & dwell upon the past as both you & I well know it; were I to go back twenty years, to our school-boy days & refer even in formal words to those hours of pleasure & application, I can but think that a melancholy sadness would find its home within our hearts and we might truly realize the beauty of those words, "God moves in mysterious ways and the whole of life is a perpetual miracle. Happy the man who from the height of prosperity or the valleys of adversity can bless the hand that

bestoweth blessings, or kiss the rod that chastens

As for myself I will simply state, well knowing, that you will be happy to know of our success & will also sympathize in any seeming adversity. For the last eight yrs. I have been in the practice of Law in Boston with fair success. During this time, living unmarried & very economically, I have earned & saved something. But misfortune came unto even "poor me", and took away most of that I'd saved for the past five years. This occurred last years. Still continuing my business at which I do make a living, some personal friends intimated the propriety of my asking Secretary McCulloch, my father's pupil many yrs. ago, for a Govt. appointment, hoping to obtain one which might bring me a profitable income. Portman, Maine Rep. & Mr. Fessenden upon receiving letters from Father spoke to Mr. McCulloch & Mr. Hartley another of Father's pupils I am told, & the appointment of inspector or gauger came on, & after filing my bond I obtained my commission. Yet I am not assigned to duty, a power yet in the Secretary's hands. The position is a good one - very good income, if only one can be assigned to a good place, without which it is not worth anything or scarce anything. My appointment

it in Mass. 4 Cong. District. As I have not been assigned yet to duty, I wish to retain my position or rather commission with the coming administration & soon get assigned. And I want to go to East Cambridge, to a place now held by Mr. Huguley, which he informs me he shall soon retire from.

Thus you now see my purpose in addressing you - well appreciating your influence with the powers now & soon to be, & hoping through you to retain & get assigned, & also to secure a decent income & repair a little of my past loss. Nor have I thought, but that the relations of the past with both myself & my kind Father & our mutual family friendships would also induce your kind consideration in my behalf. I need not say, however, that while I would prefer to remain in Boston on account of being near Maine friends &c, of course I should not decline a more prominent or still important position, should the Govt. really need my services - there being a scarcity of office seekers!!!

Permit me again in closing to congratulate you on your past - to hope for your future & to trust that the same characteristics which have thus far marked your course, will attend you through life - I am Yrs Resp. and with kindest wishes Seth C. Burnham,

No. 5. Tremont Street, Boston.

I trust you will pardon a word further. Of course Mr. Sumner voice is all-powerful in Mass. appointments. I have thought that through you & Mr. Morrill, new member from Maine, Mr. Sumner might be informed as to myself & also my respected Father's life-long devotion to free-soil principles, being among the only fifteen - who supported Mr. Sumner in Hallowell Me. at the polls when on the Presidential Free soil ticket, & who has stood firm; - while Rev. J. C. Lovejoy, a former editor of Liberty Standard has proved recreant to former principles - become a rummey as well as democrat & held office for now most ten years !!! In view of this, or more particularly my Father's record, I have thought his (Mr. Sumner's) aid might be enlisted in my behalf & he give instruction to Mr. Barbour, Supervisor of Mass. with whom I have had an interview, to favor and assist me in my desire. Mr. Barbour is Mr. Sumner's appointment.

I know that with the acquaintance of Mr. Fessenden, my Father's classmate, Mr. Hamlin

his & my personal friend, Mr. Moorhead's others, formerly his pupils, now in power at Washington, I ought to have some influence, sufficient at least to obtain a moderate position in Govt. employ.

But I hope you will pardon me much in relation to my own interest. May I trust your aid in this matter by granting, I assure you of the kindest acknowledgements of your schoolmate

S.E.B.

P.S. I forgot to mention that your cousin Mrs. Tolbot (Sarah Lee) occupies a seat quite near me in Church – how strangely things move on in the course of yrs!