Washington
June 22/70

Genl Howard

The Comte on Freedmen's Affairs will meet at 10 O clock to morrow (Thursday) in the room of Committee on Pensions & Militia - If you have further information on the subject, we would be pleased to have you present.

Very Respty
O. H. Dockery Chm

THE HOWARD INVESTIGATION.—We have been furnished by the parties interested with an explanation of the testimony of Mr. Whipple taken before the Congressional Committee, and published the other day in our columns. Instead of $250,000, the figures are given at $213,000 as the amount expended by the American Missionary Association from appropriations made to it by the Freedmen's Bureau under direction of General Howard. The General finds his authority for these payments in the act of Congress allowing him to co-operate with benevolent societies in the care of freedmen. The money, it is claimed, was paid for the "construction, repair and rental of buildings" used by the Missionary Association in its work, and went directly to these several objects without passing (any part of it) through the hands of General Charles H. Howard, as stated in the Washington dispatch. We have our own view of the propriety of this Treasury aid to these missionary operations, but if the appropriation was strictly legal, the payment is no evidence of the malfeasance of the chief of the Bureau. His friends are confident that nothing will be proved against him beyond errors of judgment, and we earnestly hope that the evidence will vindicate their estimate of his character.

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New York June 22nd 1870



My dear Friend

I rec'd a letter on Monday from Mr Edgar Kelchner with a Slip Cut from the Journal of Commerce relating to Monies expended by the Freedmen Bureau &c.

As soon as I could, I Called on David M. Stone the Chief Editor & made such explanations to him as I could from the knowledge I had of the Matter, and also stated to him the full Confidence I had in the integrity of Purpose of every transaction on your part; that you may have

made some mistakes, if you had not you would be more than human, disbursing as you have millions of dollars through more than a 1000 hands perhaps, it would indeed be a wonder if all went exactly right.

Mr Stone promised to do you justice & professed a high regard for you, and also seemed in some measure to appreciate the service you have rendered the country. I told him he had better tell the public to suspend their judgement in your case until the Committee reported. — As you will see by a Slip enclosed which I cut from this mornings Journal of Commerce, he has said a few words in explanation, of his correspondents remarks, it would have been better had he said more, but you know he belongs to the Democratic Party, and they must be very cautious how they speak in any favor of a republican. —

Please give my regards to Mr Ritchie ask him to consider this a reply to his note, I thought I had better write you as he may have left Washington.

With my best wishes & kind regards to yourself & my Howard

Yours truly

R. P. Buck

To/ Genl O. O. Howard
Washington D.C.

should actually be worse off than a hod carrier, but such is the fact, for a hod carrier can obtain work pretty regularly if he is industrious, while I, in spite of every exertion that mortal could make, for the last 6 years have not been able to obtain anything permanent.

It has just occurred to me, that I might obtain a position as teacher of Phonography in some of the Washington colleges, or as shorthand amanuensis in one of the Govt departments, if a little influence were used in my favor.

But as I have said, I would be very grateful for any position in which I might be able to earn a living, and I beseech of you as a man and a brother to try to do something for me.

Very Respectfully,
Wm. S. Robinson
Official Reporter to
Ho. Reps
Capitol

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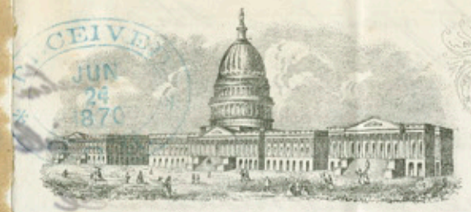



# Forty-first Congress U.S.

Washington, D.C.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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Genl: O. O. Howard

Dear Sir.

I most respectfully ask that you will do me the favor to carefully read the following

I am a Stenographer by profession, and am skilled in my art. I am also a good and rapid longhand writer, and have a fair knowledge of business generally.

I am 29 years of age, married, and have one child, my residence is in Baltimore.

For the last 6 years, I have barely been able to obtain the common necessaries of life by the practice of my profession, and if it had not been that I obtained a temporary position with Mr. Smith, the Stenographer of the House, I suppose myself and wife would have been in a fair ~~way~~ way to starve.

As Congress adjourns on the 15th of next month, I shall be again without employment on that date, and I have therefore

taken the liberty of writing to you, as the President of the Young Mens Christian association of Washington City, of which I am an associate member, to beg of you to use your influence in getting me something to do either in this city or elsewhere.

I respectfully refer to F. H. Smith Esq. official Stenographer of the House; and in Baltimore Md. to Messrs. Mason & Rowland Attorneys at Law 28 St. Paul St; C. S. Shryver Esq. Cashier of the Chesapeake Bank Cor. of Fayette and North Sts & Eugene L. Didier Esqre. private Secretary to Mr. Chief Justice Chase. Washington City, and also J. L. Mc. Creery Esq. with whom doubtless you are pretty well acquainted, as he has been reporting in the Committee room for some time.

The above gentlemen, with the exception of Mr. Smith and Mr. Mc. Creery, have known me for some time, and can speak very highly as to my character, habits and capacity, and also the determined struggle with which I have endeavored to establish myself in the reporting business in Baltimore, but without success. If you could help me to get anything to do, either as a stenographer, or otherwise, I should be very glad and you would be performing a truly charitable action, as unless I procure some employment I do not know what is to become of my wife and child, having nothing to fall back upon after the close of the session.

I think that your influence and Mr. Smiths, if exerted in my behalf, would result in getting me employment. All that I would expect at first, ~~as~~ the way of remuneration, would be enough to enable me to live and provide for my wife and child – say $18 or $20 per week, or even less than this, if I could get anything at all permanent

Having tried by my own unaided efforts to manage to work along for the past 6 years, having no influential friends, and finding that I cannot succeed without some help, I have taken the liberty of addressing you, and most respectfully and earnestly appeal to you to try and aid me either through your influence, or that of your friends. It is a hard case for a young man of good education, an expert shorthand writer, and with a fair general business knowledge

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Gen. O. O. Howard

Honored & Respected Sir.

The Republicans of Dorchester County, Md. having determined to celebrate the Ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment on the approaching anniversary of American Independence, and believing you to be the faithful and steady friend of all measures looking to the elevation of the race, we especially desire that you shall be present with us and deliver an address upon that occasion. Please inform us, at your earliest convenience, if you can be present with us.

With sentiments of high esteem and regard, I am, dear sir

Yours Truly

Cyrus E. St Clair On behalf committee

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# Post-Office Department,



Washington, D.C. June 22 1870

Dear Gen'l

Will you have the kindness to send me the letter or letters of Pres't Fairchild that you refered to yesterday. The original or copy's just as you please

And much oblige

Yours &c
R H Stevens

1873

Office of S. Sergeant Price.
Attorney at Law.
No. 709 Walnut St.



Philadelphia June 23rd 1870

Maj Genl O. O. Howard

My dear Sir.

I had much interest and sympathy with you in reference to the recent attacks of Fernando Wood of New York. I have in my possession a printed copy of the "Yellow book" printed some years since & now out of print giving

a full account of Mr
Woods transactions in
New York & with special
reference to his attempt
to defraud Mr Edwd E. Mar-
vine of Auburn & of his narrow
escape of one day from being
sent to the penitentiary on
a number of Bills of Indictment.
If you have not seen
this book I will be
very happy to send you
my copy of the same.

Mr Marvine is well known
to me & bears a very high
character both here & in
New York

Yours truly
Sergeant Ptcc

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Prof. SILAS L. LOOMIS, A. M., M. D., DEAN,
No. 476 7th street.
Prof. JOS. TABER JOHNSON, A. M., M. D., SECRETARY,
Cor. 10th and M streets.

# Howard University Medical College,



Washington, D. C., 23 June 1870

My dear Sir:

In behalf of the Committee of arrangements for the Lincoln Mission fête we do most cordially invite you and Mrs Ketchum – if she is in town – to be present and to speak to the Children about one thousand in number – The fête is to take place on the Seminary Sat. Aft. 9 o'clock

I am very Respy
yr ob
Jos Taber Johnson
Chm. Com. Arrangts

Gen. O. O. Howard
Freedmen's Bureau
Washington D.C.

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Massachusetts Military State Agency,
Corner Seventh and D Streets,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 24th 1870



Genl. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

You told me on Monday last, that your case would be closed on Tuesday night, but calling at your house yesterday I found that it was not closed, and that you was at the Capitol, and I was very sorry as I am very anxious to get away and wish an interview as soon as possible

My Nephew and Niece were very desirous that I should call and see you to day, fearing the 1st of the Month would arrive before I have an interview in regard to correcting this account, allowing him $100 per month instead of $30 commencing the same time that you began to allow Mr Griffin $100 per month and fearing you would get your a/c made up & sent to the War Dept. without correcting his a/c.

You say that you have seen my Nephew several times and that he does not complain, he is a very modest man and per-

haps so in that respect but I assure you he feel very much aggrieved on this subject as he knows that those less meritorious than himself received $100 per month whose labors were far in amount less than his and were kept in employment, whilst he was cut off from any employment at any pay his need is great to meet paying bill he contracted to meet the wants of his family

While you will drop me a line telling me when you will give me the interview I am anxious to leave for Massachusetts as soon as I get that off my hand.

Yours &c &c

Isaac Clark.

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# Republic Life Insurance Co.

J. V. Farwell, Pres't
A. W. Kellogg, Vice Pres't
Paul Cornell, 2nd Vice Pres't
J. N. Hardin, Treasurer.
Orren E. Moore, Secretary

Chicago, June 24 1870



Maj Genl Howard
Washington D.C.

My Dear Sir

Your letter of the 28th ult has been so delayed for the reason that we supposed some one of us would visit your city and have an interview with you ere this on the subject of your connection with our Company = But our enterprize so entirely occupies our time that it is impossible to leave = As soon as it can be accomplished - some one from here will go there to organize that Branch and seek an interview with Major J. M. Brown - if you are unable to co-operate with us =

Will you do me the favor - to allow me to present your name as a Director of the Central Board?

Yours Truly Orren E. Moore
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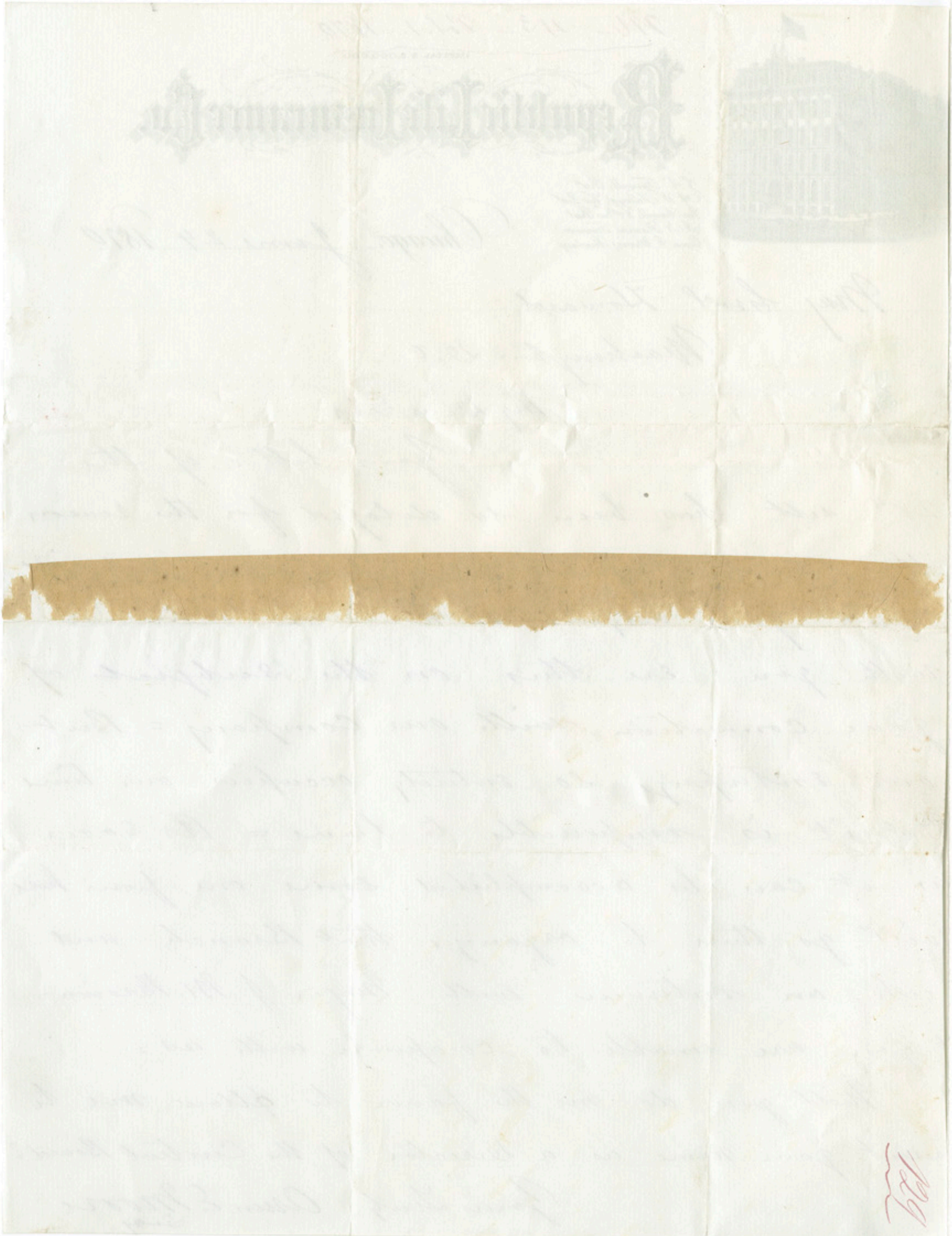

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# THE REPUBLIC.

*To the Business Men of Chicago:*

More than thirty millions of dollars are collected *annually* from the country naturally tributary to Chicago, and sent east for Life Insurance. Why should not Chicago have a company large enough — strong — safe enough to do a legitimate share of this business? Milwaukee has a company with an annual income of over four millions—St. Louis a larger one—Chicago, none to compare. We propose to establish one worthy of the enterprise of our city, trusting to the loyalty to the west of our business men, to aid us.

The plan is to have a capital of $5,000,000.; to do the business on a plain, simple, cash basis. No notes; no return premiums; no dividends to policy-holders. Low rates as safety will allow.

To show our faith, we have subscribed largely to the stock. To convince the public that solidity and permanence are expected, the Company starts off in its own elegant fire-proof building on LaSalle street for its office.

We have secured first-class experienced talent for its management. Will the citizens of Chicago co-operate with us?

J. V. FARWELL,
PAUL CORNELL,
CHAUNCEY T. BOWEN,
C. B. FARWELL,
LEONARD SWETT,
WM. BROSS.
ANSON STAGER,
W. S. CARTER,
I. N. HARDIN,
J. P. ROOT,
LEROY CHURCH,

## READ! READ!

### HOW MONEY IS DRAINED FROM THE WEST.

Business men who will read this petition to the New York Legislature will understand why eastern companies *cannot* loan their money in the west. New York law provides that it *shall* be invested in that State. Read what insurance officers say:

### PETITION

*To the Honorable the Assembly of the State of New York:*

We beg to respectfully represent to the honorable body, the Senate and Assembly of New York, that the Life Insurance Companies organized in the State, represented by the undersigned, are laboring under a great disadvantage in their business, in consequence of the enactment, retention and enforcement of a law, restricting the investment of their funds and accumulation in bonds and mortgages, to unencumbered real estate within the State of New York, and they do therefore earnestly petition for the amendment of said law, for the following reasons;

**1. Because the restriction it imposes is entirely unnecessary and superfluous.** It does not, in any respect, increase the security of the Companies. Investments on bonds and mortgages can now be made with **perfect safety** in real estate of unquestionably permanent value in **other States** of the Union, and such investments yield a **larger per centage of interest** than they do in New York. The restriction, therefore, instead of enlarging the security of the Companies, weakens it by lessening their profits and diminishing their income.

**2. Because it is impolitic and unwise.** The Insurance Companies in this State derive the largest portion of their premiums from the other States, **especially from those of the West,** and the citizens of the latter are justly offended and threaten to retaliate, because the New York companies do not loan on their real estate a dollar of the millions annually drawn from the policy holders of their section. The only reason commonly alleged by Western men for insuring in Western companies, in preference to those from New York, is that the former obtain a **higher interest** on their capital and accumulations, and can therefore make **larger dividends**

**3. Because it is materially injurious and morally prejudicial.** The continued augmentation of capital in this State and city, renders first liens on unencumbered real estate, worth fifty per cent. more than the sum loaned thereon, scarcer every year, and as they grow more **difficult** and **impossible to obtain,** the insurance companies of this State will be compelled to invest their capital and surplus (about $62,616,442.67) in **inferior** and **less profitable** securities, or allow both to remain idle and unproductive.

**4. Because it is unfair, unjust and short-sighted.** It is alike unfair and unjust to New York Insurance Companies and to their customers in **other States,** for it prevents the former from reciprocating the favors they receive, from obliging and benefitting the latter, and from obtaining by the use of their capital, a powerful and wholesome influence in the West, and other parts of the Union, and deprives the citizens of **sister States** of the means they need for **developing the resources** of the country.

**5. It is illiberal, selfish, ungrateful, and contrary to the spirit of the age, and of American institutions.** New York, as the Empire State, and New York City, as the metropolis of the Western World, and the gate of commerce, should be the last to **incarcerate** capital, or display a want of enlightened reciprocity.

Your petitioners, therefore, pray that section eight, of chapter four hundred and sixty-three, of the session laws of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, be still further amended, so as to permit the Insurance Companies of the State of New York to make loans on bonds and mortgages on unencumbered Real Estate, in the other States of the United States.

MORRIS FRANKLIN,
*President New York Life Insurance Company.*

ERASTUS LYMAN,
*President Knickerbocker Life Insurance Company*

JUSTUS LAWRENCE,
*President Continental Life Ins. Company, N. Y.*

SAMUEL T. HOWARD,
*President Excelsior Life Insurance Company.*

GEO. W. WILLARD,
*President of the World Mutual Life Ins. Co.*

JOHN EADIE,
*President United States Life Insurance Company.*

EDWARD A. JONES,
*President of the National Life Insurance Company.*

GEORGE ELLIOTT,
*Vice-President Asbury Life Insurance Company.*

J. W. BARKER,
*President of the Eclectic Life Insurance Company.*

WILLIAM H. LUDLOW,
*Pres't American Tontine Life & Savings Ins. Co.*

F. A. FREEMAN,
*Sec'y of the Mutual Protection Life Ins Society.*

J. D. T. MARSHALL,
*President Homœopathic Mutual Life Insurance Co.*

The Legislature refused to amend the law.

How shall we remedy the evil? Keep the money for insurance in the west. Insure here.

Washington June 25 1870

My dear General -

With respect to Benj Shaw written the Sec of the Interior among other things the following "When I consider the really beneficent results which may ensue from a highly meritorious man of ability being enabled to practice the Medical profession among those of his own race and contemplate the moral consequents which may be expected from his example apart from the beneficial results of his professional knowledge among that people, I feel it my duty to recommend him + + + + In my opinion it will be a crime of society and individuals to omit avail of opportunity to do good which presents itself so palpably - Pray serve him and the cause of humanity progress or have some one else do so" -

I believe he is disposed to serve me and I hope my appeal will not be barren of effect

Yours faithfully

Jule Gleeney

Maj Gen O O Howard
USA

Treasury Department,

Third Auditor's Office,

June 25th, 1870.

Sir:

Your letter of the 21st of June 1870, with enclosures, has been received and placed on file, to be acted on as soon as practicable; the result of which will be communicated to you hereafter.

Very respectfully,

Allan Rutherford

~~For the~~ Auditor.

O. O. Howard,
Bvt. Maj. Genl. U.S.A.
Washington,
D.C.

No record

J. Meyer

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Royal Oak, Mich.
June 27. 1870

Dear General,

I was very glad to see your case noticed in the Advance & Independent – glad because the public ought to know at least as much, as that the opposition do not publish the truth.

I have been most happy since my visit to Washington in April to explain, so far as I could your position with reference to the authority of the charges, & the persons interested in procuring testimony against you.

Will you be so kind as to inform me if you still expect to send for me, & if possible give me some idea of the time when I may expect a Subpoena, so as to enable me to arrange my business – This being a busy season with us.

I am glad to know of the prosperity of our Church & University; I think the Lord is on our side. Mrs Johnson wishes to be affectionately remembered to you & Mrs H

Please write me.

Yours most sincerely

J. B. Johnson

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Dated New York June 27 1867

Received at 1229 P M

To Gen A. T. Stewart

Important amendations
by night mail fail not
to attach them

Edgar - Ketchum

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WHERE ANY REPLY SHOULD BE SENT.

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Lee to Hamilton 27 Jan 1870

83 Madison Ave 135
New York Jan 27. 1870

Dear General

To show you how Hamilton and I will prove you that half of his paragraph in which my extract is contained, down to the word I begin with. "A principal engine by which this spirit* "endeavors to accomplish its purposes is that of cal- "umny. It is essential to its success that men "of upright principles disposed and able to resist "its enterprises shall be at all events destroyed. "Not content with traducing their best efforts for "the public good, with misrepresenting their purest "motives, with inferring criminality from actions inno- "cent or laudable the most direct falsehoods are in- "vented and propagated with undaunted effrontery "and unrelenting perseverance."

* the factious spirit.

But I want to tell you of something connected with this history.

When old Dr Jno. M. Mason of this City one of the ablest preachers of his day whether of England or America preached with lamentation and woe Hamilton's funeral discourse in 1804 (he had been a most devoted admirer of Hamilton thro' all his brilliant ~~career~~ career) he alluded

to this defence of himself (made in 1797) as the a hasty and ill considered act of a frank and noble spirit betrayed by a prompt assault upon his integrity to compass what should ever have been left unrevealed.

The fact was that Hamilton had been applied to while Sec. of the [W.] by a distressed woman forsaken by her husband — so she said — for relief pecuniary, and when he placed money in her hands in answer to her appeal she took advantage (vile and evilled was her character) to lead him to that which alas! Hamilton with all his greatness of intellect had not learned to consider crime, and to that which he did in his "Defence" make a full exposure of, in order to demonstrate (as he did) that he had not taken public money, and that his accusers got all their facts from the conspirators (that woman and her husband included) who had brought about ~~the plan~~ what is above narrated for the purpose of — as we say in these days — blackmailing him.

Now Hamilton was not a speculator, and he was a patriot and statesman. His vices — or his vice — injured his reputation, but subtracted nothing from his great public services.

The point before me, in the ~~and~~ ardour of my first sight was the parallel between the great organizer of Govt. in that day, and false accusation agt. him and his fiery denunciation of it in that sentence — and the organizer, in the present decade, of peace order and prosperity for our late Slave Population blessing them in the present and in the future.

Would our enemies know enough to cast a slur upon the parallel by turning to Hamilton's confession of what I have mentioned? and if they did would it avail them? They had charged him with what was a breach of the 8th. commandment, not with what was a breach of the 7th. That charge as to the 8th was refuted, and the rest was allowed to drop, so far as I know.

I place this before you, for you to determine if you would prefer to drop out the Hamilton parallel.

I deem the point of the parallel perfect and the language inimitable — I mean not to be excelled.

Do you apprehend the other thing? Can they hurt us on it?

I have already sent you a letter to day with the emendations. Don't fail to make them.

How glad I shall be to see a copy as printed — if it don't come out in his like Son Tom's fallen bundle!

Adieu — Yours ever

Edgar Ketchum

I hurl in Hamilton's teeth the charge of being a Knave and a Villain when I hurled my vituperation at him.

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Pennsylvania Office of the New York Tribune,

(112 South Sixth Street,)

Philadelphia, June 27 1870.

Dear General:

Is Rev Dr Newman in Washington; if so what is his address?

I have seen you so often tired, as I go free, that no fears disturb my soul in the present ideal.

Affectionately

J. R. Sypher

Gen. O. O. Howard
Washington D.C.

desired me to tell you of a dear young man led to Jesus by first hearing you relate your army experience.

My health is improving but I am really too tired to night to write.

Very Respectfully,
and in Christ,
Most sincerely, Your
M. C. Wilkins

P.S. Will the General please preserve for me the enclosed report?

M. C. W.

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Columbus Ohio. June 27. 70

Dear General:

To day arrived in this city from Indianapolis and haste to send you a line. Of the Convention let me say, first, that we parted more strongly determined than ever to give our lives to the service of Christ, to be more in earnest than ever in the work of saving souls. While this is the result, we must call it a successful meeting, yet I am sure you would have been pained by the action of the Convention upon the ever tender question of our "Colored brethren". To explain, a brother Hamilton, of Boston, after having several times endeavored to get some action by which he, with other workers might have the authority of the Y. M. C. A. to organize and invite into our association colored men, and every time failing, at last

made this amendment to the resolution providing for work in the Southern States, viz. "Resolved that the labors of the Y.M.C.A. should be extended among our colored people, and that there should be among the young men of America no discrimination upon the basis of color." I have + Enclose Clipped from the report what came by introducing this subject, the wisdom of which must be determined each for himself, but once having been introduced, I am full of mortification that a body representing the Christian workers of this Country could be so cowardly as to treat the matter as they did, and then by a resolution ask that the discussion and decision be never made public, that it was not to go upon the record!!

Of Mr. Hall let me say that he urged the use, whose business it was, not to suggest that a colored delegate be sent as it would result in the withdrawal of southern delegates. Many brethren failed to see in the matter as Bro. Hall seemed to do, any "political" significance.

Much has been said about this question and I write hastily in order that you may know some of the particulars.

We all feel like taking hold of the work of seeking to save the lost ones in Washington, for before this question all others disappear.

Bro. Smith exchanged tickets with me so that my way back will be via Elmira, N.Y. I shall reach Washington some time next week unless I receive your order to do so before. Should you desire my return please notify me at that place, (Elmira N.Y.)

I would dearly love to be of service to you during the vacation, in some way, and do please remember that I am not to be retained on duty with you whenever it seems best, for all, that I should be relieved.

May I ask you to remember me most kindly to Mrs. Howard & the children to Capts. Slayden & Riell—

I did try to pray for your most earnestly in the first meeting of the Convention and very many are the words of sympathy & love the dear brethren have sent you. One brother from Canada