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State of South Carolina,

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Columbia,

July 10<sup>th</sup> 1870

May Genl O. O. Hawson

Dear Genl

By request  
of Senator W B Nash  
whom Sam is now  
at the Hawson University  
Requests me to write  
a line for him (Mr  
Nash being crippled in  
the right hand) in rela-  
tion to his Sam's remain-  
ing at the University  
during vacation and  
to say that he wishes  
to have all the advantages  
possible. If you can  
place him under the  
tutelage of Sam Leaker  
or Professor who may  
remain at the University

will take it as a great  
favor -

I have agreed to  
place to the credit  
in your hands the  
interest on three thou-  
sand dollars of the  
stock. I held of the  
Young Men's Christian  
Association at Washington  
to be used for the  
assistance of Mr. Cook's  
son. please draw the  
interest as before and  
pay ~~the~~ the post alone  
regarding to that purpose.  
Mr. Cook desires you  
to let his son have \$25.00  
to buy him clothes.

With high regards  
I am as ever yours  
Truly  
R. H. Seaton

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Wash. D.C. July 10<sup>th</sup> 1870

Br. Major Genl. W. H. Howard M. D. I.

Dear General

I have

been quite ill in bed during the past week.

I would like very much to see you  
in regard to the matter of Prof. Leominis  
before the Trustees Meeting to-morrow evening  
but I fear that I shall not be  
strong enough to come up to-morrow  
to the University.

I dislike to ask you to  
come so far, & yet if you can come to  
see me you will oblige

Yours ever

R. D. Keyser M.D.





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*Maryland Free-Stone M. & M. Company,*

*Washington, July 10, 1870.*

*Sir:*

*You are respectfully invited to join an Excursion of the  
Stockholders of the Maryland Free-Stone M. & M.  
Company to their Quarry at Seneca, on Wednesday, July  
20th.*

*The arrangement up and back is as follows: In  
Carriages to the Great Falls, arriving there at half-past  
8 A. M.; thence in Boat to the Quarry. Return-  
ing, reaching the Falls at 5 P. M.; thence home in  
Carriages the same evening.*

*Respectfully,*

J. L. KIDWELL,

H. D. COOKE,

J. K. BARNES.

G. W. HAYDEN,

*Secretary, 1418 F Street.*

 *Please respond.*

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England Fire-Insurance Co. & Co. (Company)

Washington, July 10, 1870

Dear Sir,  
After our respectfully invited to join an examination of the  
proceedings of the Maryland Insurance Co. & Co. of  
Company to their agents of course, on Wednesday, July  
10th.

The attendance of our bank is as follows:  
Messrs. to the Board of Directors, attending that of half-past  
8 o'clock, there is a meeting of the Board of Directors  
and meeting the Board at 2 o'clock, there is a  
meeting of the same evening.

Respectfully,

J. E. KIDWELL,  
H. D. COOKE,  
J. K. BARNES,  
G. W. HAYDEN,  
Secretary, 1415 F. Street.

Very respectfully,  
J. E. Kidwell

Washington, D. C., July 11<sup>th</sup> 1870

Dear General

I have my report nearly  
revised and will hand  
it to you tomorrow-  
morning. When I wish  
a private interview for  
a few moments

Yours truly  
Silas L. Loomis

# Howard University Medical College.

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Dated

New York July 11 1867

Received at

1059 AM  
To Major Genl A. S. Howard  
F. Buz

Castellar on Lincoln and  
freedmen first page Tribune  
letter mail

Edw. Ketchum

10 p.m.

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Georgetown, July <sup>161</sup>11-1870  
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My dear General.

I am sorry to say, that one of my children, the youngest, is so ill that I am ready to despair of his life. Under these circumstances I shall be probably unable to go down into Maryland this week, but I must go down soon and I shall be much pleased to have you accompany me, and I will give you due notice.

I hope your family derived much benefit from your late trip.

W. D. O. Howard  
N. S. A.

Very truly yr  
Wm. D. Craighill

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Beverly Hills, Cal. 90210

My dear Journal.  
I have been thinking of you  
at one of my children, the youngest,  
and I am very happy to hear  
of his life. I hope the  
three I shall be happy to  
share with you. I shall be  
in the week, but I shall be  
in the week, and I shall be  
much pleased to have you  
accompany me, and I shall  
give you the notes.  
I hope you found them  
most helpful for your  
trip.

Very truly  
yours  
W. O. Hoagland  
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New York July 11. 1870

Dear General

I telegraph you to look at the Spanish Castellan (a member of the Cortes) on Abraham Lincoln and the abolition of Slavery and <sup>our</sup> ~~the~~ treatment of the freed men, <sub>on 1<sup>st</sup> page of Tribune to day.</sub> It is one of that series of testimonies that for years to come the world will ring with, and it will be more and more coupling the act of Mr Lincoln in liberating the slaves with the action of the Gov<sup>t</sup> afterwards in providing for their future: with this last you are and will be identified.

I thought it well as the Comm. may not report until tomorrow, to give you a timely intimation of this, that you may call the attention of the Committee to it. They may think fit to use it in some way, and if not - It will do no harm. My paper is not before me or I would mention more particularly what the orator said. We

makes I think a noble picture, and pays a  
splendid tribute to Lincoln, and to the country  
~~the~~ following up his great work -

You see I need indulgence in these  
days for writing often - just as they are putting  
the finish on to the work of the trial

Yours faithfully  
Edgar Kitchum

began this at 9  $\frac{1}{2}$  and now end it at 3 -

10 often interrupted E.K.

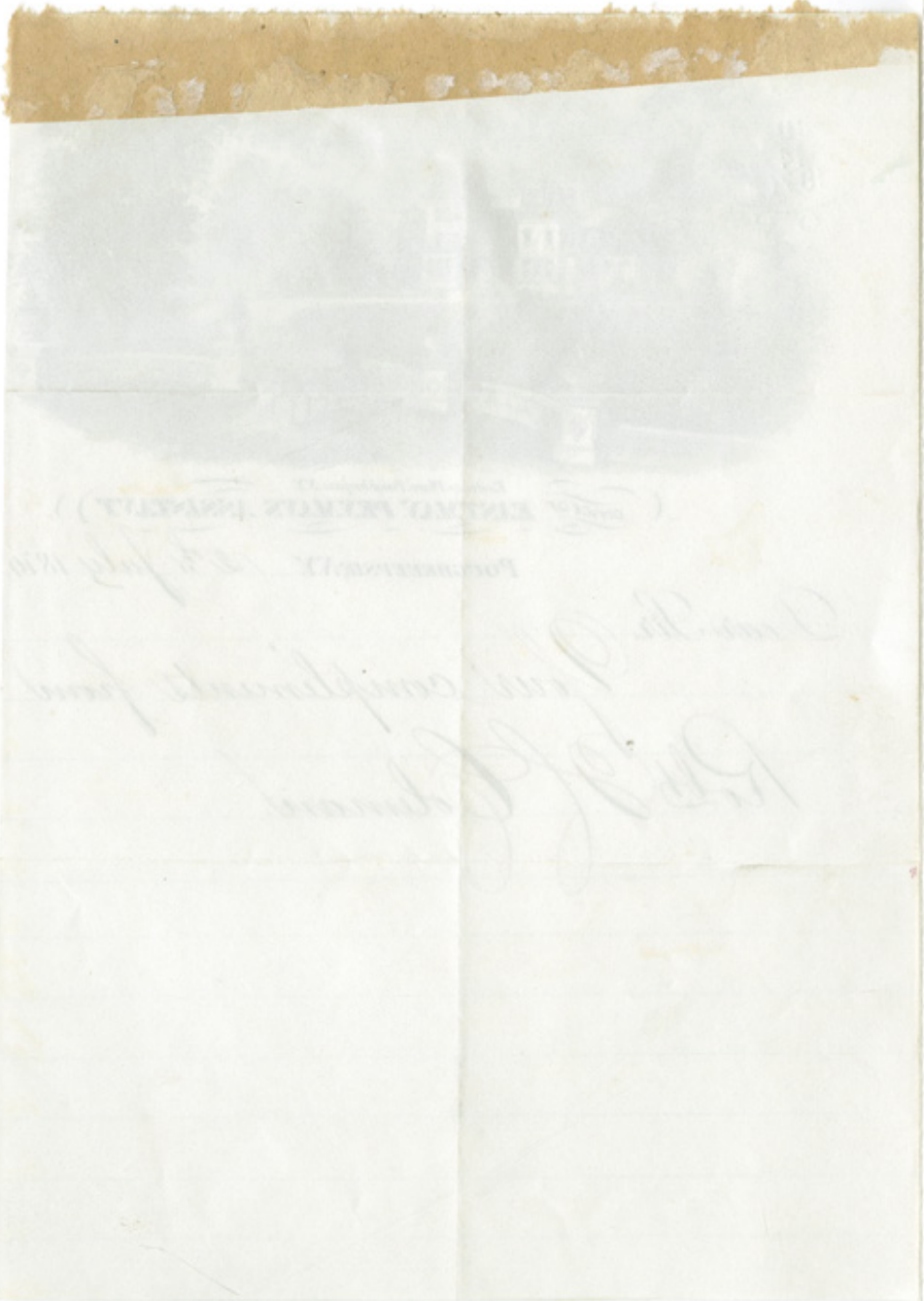
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Eastman Place, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.  
(OFFICE OF EASTMAN PEXMAVS ASSISTANT)

POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y. 12<sup>th</sup> July 1870

Dear Sir,  
Your compliments from  
Robt G Coleman.





J. J. Hancock 166  
New York July 12. 1870

Dear General

Yesterday I had the pleasure of handing in to the A. M. A. & Co the collections of our S. S. for the last 3 months toward the "Oley Scholarship" in the Howard University. This contribution has been made in response to that little note you wrote me at your table after reading the letter of Oley's teacher, the young lady of the Mission School at Raleigh N. C. whom letter was given by you to me and also read to our S. S. teachers. I have now the pleasure of enclosing to you a check for \$50, the gift of my worthy friend and neighbor Mr. John Deight toward the same scholarship, and handed by him to me yesterday. I think he would very highly appreciate one of your little notes of acknowledgment and I am very sure that a few lines from you to an S. S. would do much good.

I happened to get a copy of the World this morning and found in it the interesting piece of news I cut out and here enclose funds with letter. I can scarcely doubt it is a part of the common net work of falsehood we are so used to.

But pray tell me all about it, - that is, all about the Committee and its doings.

I forgot to say I read with pleasure your line about H. C. Robinson's book. He was accomplished, sensible, a close observer and judicious annotator, had acquaintance with many celebrated characters of the last two generations and records many a memorable paragraph. He is himself an interesting character also for as to Contemplation. Every year he seems to express his desire to believe another a X<sup>n</sup> and yet every year he confesses he is as far off as ever from being one. At last his chief desire seems to be to die with dignity, that he may not put to shame his former life. He died at 90 or so.

- I close with the full belief that there has been no real difference - quantitatively - between our friends on the Committee -

Yours faithfully

Edgar Ketchum

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U. S. Senate  
Washington, July 12<sup>th</sup> 1870.

Maj Gen. O. O. Howard  
Supt Bureau R. F. D. S.  
Washington. D. C.

Sir:

Will you please inform me, what  
will be the expense of educating and supporting  
a colored boy, at the Howard University.

Respectfully Yours  
A. Ames

What is the Entrance Fee  
- price of board &c - I have  
a friend - a colored boy who  
wants to go to your University  
A Ames

Oct 27 - 1892

Mr. J. B. Smith  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Smith:  
I have the pleasure of acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 25th inst.

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours,  
J. B. Smith

What is the substance of your letter of the 25th inst. regarding the proposed amendment to the constitution of the National Academy of Sciences? I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours,  
J. B. Smith

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July 13<sup>th</sup> 1870

File

931 T, Street  
Washington D.C.  
July 13. 1870.

Dear General

David said "I am a poor man and  
lightly esteemed." This appears to <sup>be</sup> my  
condition. I reached home on the 30<sup>th</sup>  
I am very ill. You know it - Capt<sup>x</sup>  
Piatt, know it, & yet here I have lingered  
for a fortnight without the slightest  
notice being taken of me, - my professed  
friends have "passed by." Is it right?  
If I had plenty of this world's goods  
I should not lack of callers, but I  
make no appearances & live in a small  
house! In the midst of this age of  
progression, I should like much to  
see a little more practical Christianity.

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I wished very particularly to tell you  
sent a message by my son that you  
would call. I wanted to give you the  
many messages of love and respect I  
was commissioned to convey to you  
from some prominent parties in Western  
New York & elsewhere. And I had also  
a few pleasing incidents to relate to you  
in regard my journey. It was not altogether  
ill-fated. Since I left on the 26<sup>th</sup> May  
you have not been absent from my thoughts  
scarcely an hour. At parting you asked  
me to pray for you. this I have done  
daily.

I have to thank you very much for your  
kindly aid which reached me on the 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Capt. Platt loaned me \$25 on acc of  
the writing, \$2. from Prof. Whittelsey, &  
\$1. from yourself. I have thanked the Professor  
by letter. He is a fine man.

I have just finished page 123 of the  
M.S., condensed into 84 pages of my  
own. Late & early I have stuck to it  
so far as my limited strength would  
allow. The heat & flies have been my  
constant foes! I hope to finish  
about Wednesday next, when I will (I hope)  
put in an appearance at your Office  
for the purpose of having the documents  
compared. In some places I have met  
with difficulty - the writing is very illegible.  
I have proceeded with due care, & I hope  
the work will be satisfactory to you.  
The landlady has taken the major part of  
the money, & the rest has been wanted for  
household necessities. Can you send <sup>me</sup> a little  
more to go on with?

With great regard

I am

Dear General

Your friend & servant

Thomas Andrew.

Gen. A. A. Howard.

you must be, after all these  
many anxious days! - It is another  
Cause of heartfelt thankfulness to God,  
and renewed Confidence in His Covenants,  
when He thus holds His servants safe in the  
Storm. Not I alone rejoice, - but my Cousin  
- Mr. Weed, also; as we defend your Cause  
against those who profess to be "disinterested,"  
but covertly are inimical - And indeed  
all your friends, and Everywhere must share  
this feeling. - I only hope that your own  
heart may feel the radiance of our joy. -

Your brother in the bonds of a common  
Father, and Deliverer and Comforter,

D. W.



Personal & Private

U. S. Patent Office,

24-57-274.11.1870

Washington, D. C., July 13, 1870.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir;

Herewith I enclose  
you a formal application in the  
matter of which I spoke to you  
last Sunday afternoon.

If possible I would  
be glad to have a personal  
interview <sup>with you</sup>, for but a few minutes,  
but as the school is now in  
vacation, I hesitate about intruding  
upon your private moments. - If  
you have an office, or place  
where I could see you in the City,  
may I ask you to tell me where  
and when I can have the pleasure  
of an interview?

Respectfully Yours

D. Wilson

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Permit me, General, to offer  
you my congratulations upon the impotent  
result of the malicious efforts of your  
lucerns. Courtesy requires us to ~~concede~~<sup>suppose</sup>  
that Messrs. Rogers & McSperry are sincere  
in fanning the decayed embers of a  
burnt out rubbish heap that was intended  
for a funeral pile. But if they could not  
fairly make one specific accusation against  
you after all their labors, it seems to me  
that common decency ought to have  
compelled them, as honorable men, to  
frankly drop the dirty job, rather than  
take refuge behind the miserable  
proposition to submit the matter to  
a further consideration by a court  
of any kind. I have not doubted  
the result from the first; nor do I now  
doubt that your assailants - will at last  
discover that they have been hoist by  
their own petard. - And I am heartily  
glad of it. But how much more rejoiced

Congregational Church in Washington  
without regard to Color or race. To me  
it matters not whether I am made  
a slave by a Christian or an infidel.  
Whether I <sup>am</sup> degraded by a Church or  
a theatre - I regard them all on a  
moral level - and I have <sup>rather</sup> reverence  
and respect for either. You remind  
me - not offensively, that you were  
reared under a religious <sup>influence</sup> ~~a different~~ <sup>& training</sup>  
~~religious~~ from that of mine. For  
this you are fortunate - you would  
say: blest. I think however, my religious  
schooling has done me good - in that  
it has compelled me to test the value  
of ideas presented me in the name  
of religion. When I was once com-  
pelled to select between a Teach and  
manhood I chose the latter. I could  
not run away and Obey my master  
at the same time - but I did run  
away - and when I did this - I threw  
off a religion of authority.

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Rochester, July 1<sup>st</sup>. : 880

Gaul. O. C. Howard:

Dear Sir: You were among the first  
in my thoughts this morning, and very  
gratefully so. I had read your noble  
letter to young Smith now so shamefully  
persecuted because of his color at W. Point.  
Your cheering and fortifying words to this young  
man are like yourself. But I did not  
know till I went to the Post Office this  
morning that you had a word for  
me as well as for him and one equally  
well meant. Whether the Church in any  
age is more favorable to progress than  
the world, <sup>whether</sup> it is in advance of the world  
in adopting and propagating new truths,  
or new applications of old and admitted  
truths. Can easily be answered by an  
appeal to history. So far as the ques-  
tion relates to the great truths of human  
liberty <sup>in our own country,</sup> I think that history proves  
that the Church taken as a whole

was with more reason to receive it  
and aid in its propagation than  
was the world. The public Hall  
rather than the sacred Sanctuary,  
the public platform rather than  
the holy pulpit - the secular press  
rather than the religious papers -  
the political Conventions rather  
than the religious associations -  
the men standing outside, rather  
than the men standing inside -  
educated the public mind and hearth-  
up to the point of making a stand  
against slavery and held the public  
mind and hearth there, until it was  
was possible to elect Abraham  
Lincoln - and thus bring liberty and  
slavery face to face on the battle field -  
and all subsequent events in relation  
to slavery and liberty. Of course, I  
do not deny that good men in the  
Church, assisted in this great  
work - they stand simply respects

the Church as such - as a grand  
organized power - and this grand  
organized power - I claim was from  
the first - no more friendly to the  
cause of the slave than the outside  
world. Who are those who are to-  
day persecuting young Smith at  
H. Smith? Are they not the educated  
respectable young Christian gentlemen  
who have gone up there from among  
Christian families - Christian pews -  
and Christian Sabbath Schools?  
Your own noble brave heart con-  
demns this inhuman spirit of af-  
persecution. This is malignant hate;  
but where do you find more of  
it than in the Christian Church?  
I remember the ode you brought  
upon your own glorious name - note  
the last glorious in my eyes - for  
the effort recently made to cover  
it with shame, because you were  
in favor of opening the gates

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You will naturally ask me, then  
Douglass - What have you now to  
guide you? I will tell you: I  
have the general enlightenments of  
the age - and my own moral Convictions  
of right and wrong - to guide me.  
I have the truth - as open to me as  
to the Infallible Pope's priests 18<sup>th</sup> - or  
any of his Protestant feeble imitators.

On the question as to whether  
Slavery was abolished by Divine or  
human intervention I need not dwell -  
for you virtually admit - that God  
does what men do, and that he  
leaves undone what men have  
undone.

Very truly yours

Frederick Douglass.

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... age - and my own moral conviction  
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... the faithful to be friends of the  
... of his Protestant friends.  
On the question as to whether  
... was abolished by law or  
... intervention I was not sure  
... your statement about that fact  
... what men do, and that he  
... was wrong that men have  
... done.

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A. A. Douglass

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9:45

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correct date.  
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entering cadet  
@ West Pt.  
in 1870

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undone.

Very truly yours  
Fred<sup>k</sup>. Douglass-

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M<sup>rs</sup> Penitentiary

July 18<sup>th</sup> 1871

Gen<sup>l</sup> Howard

Respected Sir

I hope that after reading the Contents of this

Letter you will excuse the liberty I have taken and if you can remember any thing of the Case of which I am about to speak I hope you will send me a word to that effect.

I have a sister who during the War was at your Headquarters as servant.

and from what I can understand after the close of such was sent by you to act as a



servant in your  
family. I have not  
seen or heard of her  
for a very long time  
owing to my living  
at a distance from  
her & ignorance of her  
whereabouts. her name  
is Sarah Murray

if you will  
be so kind as to send  
me word as above  
requested I shall be  
exceedingly thankful  
Very Respectfully Sir  
Your

Humble & Obedt Servant  
Hugh Murray  
alias

Geo Nash  
No. 2 Penitentiary Bldg  
1846

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NEW YORK.

WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't.,  
O. H. PALMER, Sec'y, } NEW YORK.

Dated *Hartford Conn* July 13<sup>13</sup> 1868

Received at *2:15 p m*

To *Gen. O. O. Howard*

*Business finished send  
my carriage to depart  
Thursday morning six*

*I Whittlesey  
Gen'l S*

*10 Cols*

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New York.

*Wm. C. Cotton*  
*July 13, 1882*

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U.S. Patent Office, Room 94.

Washington D.C. July 13 1870

Gen. A. C. Howard,  
Comdr. Bureau R. F. and A. S.  
Sir:

In behalf of the Schools  
Connected with and attached to the Union Mission  
Sabbath School, in Washington City, I respectfully  
request such aid from your Bureau as you  
may be able to afford us. We need benches  
and furniture to fit up the room allotted us  
by the ladies of the Women's Christian Association  
in their building on Judiciary Square -

The purpose is to teach colored people,  
(children and adults) both Sundays and weekdays.  
Already we have a night school, under Mr. Fletcher,  
a singing class, under Mr. Smith, and other schools  
and classes are also contemplated. -

Estimates and plans will be furnished you  
as you may direct -

Very Resp<sup>t</sup> -  
Yours obt<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
David Wilson.



unmy and abuse" Mr Burke spoke of, as made  
such "in the very nature and constitution of  
things." I shall be very glad indeed to  
bring you a full report of our Committee  
proceedings and of the action of the House.

Most truly Yours friend

Edgar Ketchum

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Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

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Dear General

Your letter is quite a relief. It  
anticipates mine. You have been reading  
this morning. You tell of B's new story  
and say "not so." very well.

As to the \$1500. N. M. C. A. Stock  
I never had any thing to do with it. You  
will remember that you went up yourself to  
the A. S. M. A. room in Rade H and settled  
every thing with Mr W. It was quite after-  
wards that the two notes were placed with  
me, and one of them (the \$1500) had been taken  
up by you, and the other note by me to an  
ant. Tr. Mr Whiting whose rec<sup>t</sup> for it I now  
have. My impression is that Whipple gave up  
to you the \$1500 N. M. C. A. Stock when you  
saw him the note. I have some recollection of  
your once taking it out of your pocket book after-  
wards and then putting it up again.

I don't think I have been florid in my expressions about the Com: of the Fr. Pm: either in argument or correspondence. I kept down enthusiasm all the way along, and may be considered rather tame down to the very last word of my summing up. But in my private letter to Dr Nichols I was a little self-indulgent with my pen - 't was the time to laugh. In my formal answer to the goodly array of clowns to me of the picture I was grave and exact.

Lincoln's glory is the Emancipation. Then it was the determined whether the ~~croakers~~ croakers should be whipped or not. To the glory of the Congress they provided for good to the negro, and gave all latitude to the Chief officer of administration. He has exercised his discretion as a friend to the freedmen and

as a Christian, ~~and~~, - has united the Sol. dei the Statesman and the philanthropist in one, and we all can see what has come out of it. That same discretionary power could have crushed the negro: but it has helped him, and set him on his way to prosperity. Contrast this with the treatment of the cadet Smith at West Point, and then the difference may appear between what is and what might have been. How would the wretched Munson have exercised that discretion? Why, as he did the Presidency, degrading every thing he touched. His mouth would have had to be held in with bit and bridle.

When Monk held in his hand the power of the Commons: wealth he gave it over to Charles II. and the Straits returned to curse England and the world. How easily could our revolution have been thrown back into the hands of Geo: III. But our men were faithful and our leaders true. Such is the difference between what is and what might have been. And it is world wide. Castellan in the Spanish Cortes sees this and magnifies it. This is the "triumph" of which, essential parts, are "the cal: