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purchased the plan made
& the descendants are ready to
engage in the work I do not
expect to see its accomplishment
we got the news of the birth of
your youngest daughter in
a few days Laura rejoiced & does
rejoice in the ^{next}
we have had two striking occur-
ences the past week The first
in the west & ~~the~~ inches of rain
in twenty four hours depriving
us of mails for four days.

also a course of lectures for two weeks
~~A 12 lectures~~ ^{on Swedenborgism} & two ~~exercises~~ ^{at} here
wrought its own crime I heard but
one Laura sends much love to
you & Liza & all the children
that your light may continue to
burn brightly to the ~~season~~ ^{season}
is our prayer

Ensign Oles

[Sept, 1871]

My Dear Nephew
The ^{first} with its gift produced a fresh
out-burst of gratitude.
There was connected with it a special
indication of the providence of God
of which you may hear with satisfaction
Laura had been urging for months
that I should have a new coat the
objection in my mind was that I should
not live to wear it much. Three days
before she insisted on ^{it} then as she was
at leisure to make it, the want of
money was then my objection.
your present removed all but the
real one. my feeble state has ^{under} ~~not~~
to make ^{me} more an egotist than before
all men are inclined to talk of past
events in my life & ^{of} ~~of~~ my health
& infirmities. of this you & other are en-
titled to know. Up to the last of August
my appetite and relish for food was
tolerably good for so weak my appetite
was gone the last two weeks it has
improved so that I relish some kinds
of food but my strength ^{has not} ~~improved~~

I still ride (or can) ^{at} most any day
a mile or so alone. Laura or some one
generally goes with me. My blood is
low, food does not assimilate sufficient
to supply the exhaustion. In this decay
is manifest the wonderful goodness
and mercy of God. I occasionally feel
some anxiety about becoming a burden
to my friends, for means to sustain ^{us}
us, owing to the change in our ~~to~~ ^{our} ~~well~~
affairs, and ^{their} not giving any but verbal
assurance, that no change ~~that~~ will
be made in my affairs. I have been
carried through this life in comfort
and happiness to the brink of the grave.
I ought not now to distrust

In what I have done, ^{and} ~~strove~~ ^{to} do, the
good & happiness of my fellow creatures
has been my object & when I have
seen any manifestation of it has
afforded me the most happiness.
Called to move in a comparatively low
sphere, I have ^{done} what I ^{could} ~~can~~ to compass
my object

perceiving you are actuated by the same ^{depl.}
motive in a vastly higher & more exten-
sive sphere. I pray that the Eye of your mind may
be kept single to its purpose, and that its
vestiges may not overwhelm you
I can see your family your wife and
each of your children and the influence
they will have upon your & her happiness
Teach ^{them} that their God will can only ^{of} ~~pro~~
for ^{them} now. that he began at the bottom of
the hill of life. that by diligence ^{of} ~~he~~ ^{perseverance} he worked
to the top. that each of them must ^{do} ~~the~~
same each must make his own path
upward. that their creator is their
Father that to him they must be obedient,
dutiful obedient & loving children.
I have but one object of a public nature
on my mind to accomplish that is
to enlarge and beautify our old
burying ground most of the first
settlers were buried in ^{that} ~~yard~~ it is
full & crowded, an organization
has been renewed a half acre of land.

Private and Confidential
but to be read by word of mouth.
Jackson Miss
Sept 1st 1871

Genl C. C. Howard
Dear General

The Republican
Convention of this State has met
and adjourned and before leaving
for home (Holly Springs) I thought
I would write you a few lines
to give you a point which I
referred to when in Washington
in a conversation with you.
There was a strong effort made
by certain parties to break the
Convention up and thereby dis-
organize our party but thank
God they failed. Alcorn wished
and demanded that he should
receive an official endorsement.
This we could not do, and therefore
gave him what might be called,
a compromise endorsement.

I enclose herewith the Resolutions
which you will see endorse the
Republican Administration only
and then we endorse Governor A
as our Standard Bearer &c thereby
forcing a united action on him
and his friends in the course
of the Republican party - We gave
him the resolutions but we keep
the Executive Committee and to
day I am able to inform you
that while we present a united
front to the Democracy and feel
certain of at least thirty thousand
Republican Majority this fall we also have an
Executive Committee which will
send delegates to the National
Convention pledged for Grant as
President and O. O. Howard
Vice President. I have the honor
to be a member of that Committee
and know of what I write - I have
found out while here attending
the Convention a plan which

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Alcorn has of making himself
a Candidate which I wish to
inform you of and I want you
to see to it that his end be not
attained. There is to be in South
Carolina a Convention of Colored
men of the Southern States, Gov A
has without doubt a plan to
cause that Convention not only
to endorse his Republicanism but
to have them recommend him
for Vice President and to send
a strong delegation to the National
Convention to ask that a Southern
Republican be given the 2nd place
and that the Colored people with
J. S. Alcorn - We are taking steps
here to have our men on the
ground to defeat any such
work. There is not the least
doubt in my mind that you
can have the endorsement of
that Convention and in fact
they would be glad to give it

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to you I have laid the whole
matter before your friends here
Maj French and others and we
are all ready to work and it
is the opinion that you should
see to it that some friend who
is strong should be in the
Constitution to look after your
interest the Colored people would
be unanimous for you and it
would give great strength to the
Republican ticket if you were
upon it I know this from my
association with the people in
this state

Alcorn by money and
by now removing officers and putting
in Colored men hopes to carry
his point He is however very
careful when he does this not
to remove a weak Republican but
takes the true and tried men

Sept. 10th 1877

W. L. G.

whom he can not use against
Grant or use for himself. You
must excuse this lengthy letter
but I feel that the matter is
of most importance not only to
the Republican party generally
but particularly the Republican party
of the Reconstructed States.

There will appear an
article in the "Daily Pilot" tomorrow
morning calling upon the colored
people to remember you when they
meet and is to be followed by
others looking to the same end.
Amen's friends are your friends
and I assure you they are
not few in this state and while
we do not speak out for Amen
in the convention we did that
in order to hide his power that
Amen would not hesitate to
leave the state this fall as
he is pledged to do and take
his seat in the U.S. Senate.

We then have Powers Garrison a
true Northern Republican a Republican
Executive Committee made up
from the truest Radicals in
the state. Now I have given
you all I think.

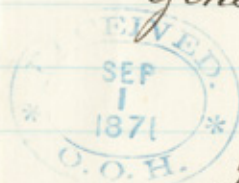
You remember
I promised ^{you} this result when in
Washington last February if
you will see to the Convention
I am convinced you will
be the next Vice President
wishing to hear from you

I am ever your friend
G. Wiley Welles
U.S. atty north Dist

Home, Holly Springs

Washington D. C. September 1. 1871

General Howard.



I have the honor to send you herewith a copy of The Little Christian Magazine, semi-monthly; and would rejoice if you should consider it worthy of giving your subscription for six months.

Also if it was considered advisable to send it to the teachers of the Freed-men's schools all over the country.

Very Respectfully
Victor Hannot

Publisher
Office No 1213 16th St & W.

I propose to call for an answer in a day or two

Washington D. C. September 1. 1877

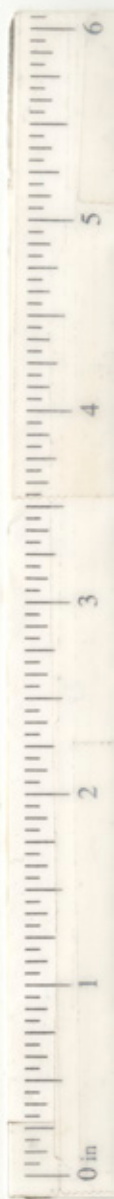
General Hancock.

I have the honor to send you
herewith a copy of the 21st Annual
Report, semi-annual, and with
a copy of your check received of me
of giving your subscription for six months.
The report was considered advisable to
send it to the hands of Mr. Hancock
and all our friends.

Very respectfully,
Wm. H. Bennett

Wm. H. Bennett

I hope to call for business in a day or two.



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President.
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Corresponding Sec.

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PORTSMOUTH YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

P. O. Box, 1199.

Portsmouth, N. H.,

Sept. 1st 1871.



Gen. O. O. Howard,

Respected Friend,

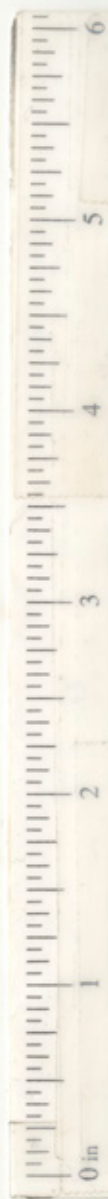
The Y.

M. C. A. Convention of New Hampshire will be held during the first week in October—probably Mondayst & Tuesday 2nd & 3rd—and hoping for your attendance, the committee desire to ask if you have any engagements for that time?

Hoping to hear from you soon,

Yours truly,

Frank W. Robinson
Corresp. Secy.



MEMBER'S NAME, No.
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CITY, STATE, AND ZIP
COUNTRY

PORTSMOUTH YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

P. O. Box 1199

Portsmouth, N. H. 03801

Rev. J. C. Kinsley

Windsor, N.H.

My dear Sir,
I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the matter of the Young Men's Christian Association of Portsmouth, N. H. 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 truly,
J. C. Kinsley



In confidence.

Genl O. O. Howard

Washington D.C.
Sept. 1st 1871.

Dear Sir and brother:

My object in addressing you this note at present is to let you know how extreme my necessity is, owing to the fact that while I was absent after my wife those malicious fiends Mountaugh & Harris sent the Marshall to my house and Compelled my son to pay him all the money I had to pay the Expenses of the house (over \$76.00) to pay the Costs of that suit which was so badly managed by A. G. Riddle, or rather not attended to at all by him after receiving a retainer's fee. But I do not wish to detail troubles but simply to say, that we are in the greatest pecuniary necessity at present having had already to pledge or sell furniture of the house to buy something to eat. This is indeed a dark dispensation of Providence but we are taught by his word that "the Lord will provide" but He does it by the ministrations of his good Angels, and may we not hope & trust
(over)

that you, my good brother will prove
to be one of those good ministers to help
us in our present distress until I can
recover from this severe stroke, and get
into some business by which I can again
sustain myself and family. My son has
an application for a Clerkship before the
Hon. J. M. Edmunds City Postmaster
and if you, Dr. Brainard, Genl. Balloch
and others, whom I have requested to go &
see Mr. Edmunds and press the matter
according to the necessity of the case, I
have faith to believe that he may get
the place until Congress shall convene
if no longer. By that time I trust, by
the blessing of God, I may have something
to do. If my son can get the place he
has applied for, it will keep us from
absolute want until I can get into the
business I have in view. Please consider
our need and act as God may direct
you.

Yours as ever in great
affliction.

Wm. G. Finney

Washington D.C.
Sept. 1st 1871

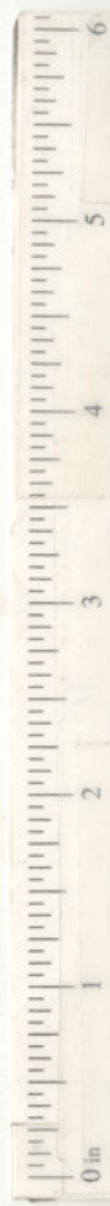
Hon. J. M. Edmunds }
City Postmaster }

Sir.

I have the honor to make application for a position as Clerk in the Dept. over which you preside. I am a voting Citizen of this City and have lived in the same over ten years, and beside my extreme necessity. I trust I may be found at least as well qualified as many who are in the Dept. and who are not so loyal to the Government and to the Republican Party. Hoping that my supporters and endorsers may be satisfactory and that you will feel it your duty to grant my request. I am

Very respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.
Argyle Finney



Washington D.C.
Sept. 14 1877
Hon. J. M. Edmunds
City Postmaster

I have the honor
to acknowledge the receipt of your
application for a position as Clerk in the
U.S. Court which you preside. I am a native of
this City and have lived in the same
for two years, and desire my entire
attention to be given to that
office. I may be found at least as well
qualified as many who are in the Post and
are not so loyal to the Government and
the Republican Party. Hoping that my
services and labors may be satisfactory
and that you will feel it your duty to
grant my request. I am

Very respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant,
George J. Thimney

S. C. Armstrong, Principal.
F. Richardson, Farm Manager.

Miss R. T. Bacon,
Asst. Principal.

Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute,

Hampton, Va.,

Sept 14 1871

My dear Genl.

Yours of the
3^d is recd.

Glennie will
leave tomorrow evening by
the Washington boat
reaching there Sunday
morning. I did not
like to send him so far
as I have enjoyed having
him here. I fear he
has been a little lonely
but he has enjoyed it.

about & learned to take care
of himself & behaved
very well.

I hope the little
boat will reach
home safely.

With kindest regards
to Mr. Heman

Yours sincerely
J. C. Armstrong



Vineyard Haven Mass
September 2^d 1871

My dear Cousin

I have received a letter from Prof. Payne of the East Tenn University, saying that you had recommended me for the position of Military Professor of that institution. Can you give me any information about it. Is it a colored or white College. Is it pleasantly situated near the ~~profess~~ Union or Rebel rail.

What compensation is usual for Military Professors. I am very much obliged for your ~~kindness~~ in recommending me, and as I feel that I must do something at once I may accept the position although I would prefer something in a Union State. Lizzie joins me in much love to you & Lizzie & the children. We have passed a pleasant summer here and have this week to make Sarah

a little visit and return to
Hartford the last of the month
my absence until the 15th will be
Case of Vittum & Talbot no 8 Central
Wharf Boston after that 181 Seymour
St. Hartford Ct. I never felt the
necessity of having something to do
until now or realized how hard
it is to know what to do and get any
thing to do. Remember me kindly
to Gen Whillsey he has our
heartfelt sympathy in his great
affliction. How do you all do at
your house. I am sorry to trouble
you to give me information on the
above subject but as you have so
much to engage your mind & time
but thought I could get it quicker
from you than any one else and
I want to know how you are
~~at~~ at home and when are you going
to be in Hartford. Mr Clark was here
last week & said you was going to visit
him this fall, with your ^{to all from} ~~your~~ love
very

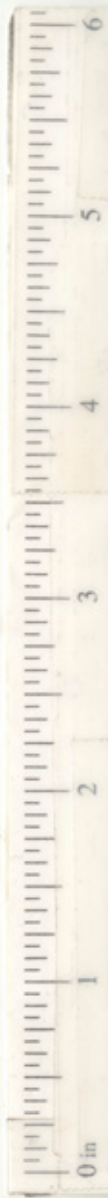


36 Leir St.
Newport B. I.
September 27, 1871.

Gen. O. O. Howard.

Sir.

I have the honor of address-
ing to you an applica-
tion for a recommenda-
tion. Since the Spring
of 1867 I have been teach-
ing in Maryland,
under the auspices
of the Freedmen's Bureau,
New England Freedmen's
Aid Society and the
Baltimore Association
while it was in opera-
tion. I have received



testimonials from the
last two named Societies,
and from Gen. Gregory
(late Commissioner of
the Bureau in Baltimore),
and will be grateful
for a credential from
you. Rev. John Kimball
and Wm. W. W. W.
visited my school at
Churchville, and were
pleased with its condi-
tion. Not knowing
when my charge may
be another year, it is
well for me to have
your recommendation
particularly.

Most respectfully yours.
Eda S. Marshall

Newport I. I.
Sept. 2^d 1871.

Marshall, Ida B.

Requests a recom-
mendation from Genl.
Howard.

Washington Sept. 2nd 1871

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir:

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Allow me to commend to your patronage and kindness my son William Mercer Lynch, who is desirous of prosecuting his studies at the Harvard University with the view of preparing himself for the medical profession. To enable him to do so, it is necessary for him to obtain some such employment as will yield him a small salary. He is without means, and I am myself too poor to afford him any pecuniary assistance. I am nearly sixty years old, and have been deaf many years. My sole dependence is on a salary of \$1400 as clerk in the 1st Comptroller's Office.

My son desires an appointment in the Department of the Interior, and has a letter to Mr. Delano from Comptroller Taylor, in his favor. If you will please aid him to

get a place, you will be performing a generous act for a youth, who, I think, will all his life endeavor to honor his benefactor, by a course of diligence and eminent usefulness.

I am not personally acquainted with Mr. Delano, but am with Col. D. C. Cox, his Acting Chief Clerk.

I am sorry that my son did not get a line from you ^(from Son) Shanks when he was here, but he was so occupied that he left without doing so.

If my son does not succeed in getting employment, it will be impossible for him to go on with his studies; and such failure may seriously affect his future success in life. I am, therefore, very desirous that he may not be disappointed in his present hopes.

William is unusually free from the follies of youths of his age.

Please show him all the favor you can, and oblige

Your sincere friend,
Wm. Lynch.

4.
Sheriff's Office,

New Orleans, Sept 3rd 1871

May Genl C. C. Howard
Washington D. C.

Sir

I take the liberty of introducing
to your acquaintance, Mr. Sydney Thegan
of this city.

Mr. Thegan is one of our most
respected citizens - a warm friend of mine
for over twenty five years.

He visits the district for the purpose
of putting his son in college.

All favors you could do him, would
be an addition to those which you have already
favored me with and will be duly appreciated.

I am, General, Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
A. S. Sawin

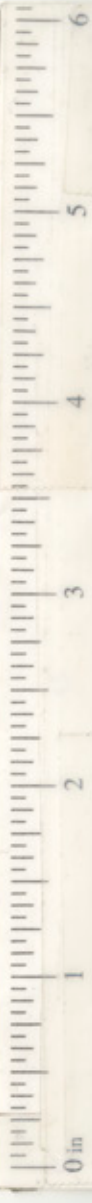
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Sept. 3rd 1871

Dr. C.
W. B.

Sherrill's Office

New Haven, Sept. 3rd 1871



Wichested Virginia Sep 3rd 1871



Esq. Howard;

Sir I write to know if
you will please to give my son some kind
of employment this winter to help to
pay his board. ^{at over school hours} I also paid last term
up untill the 1st of July when it expired
on the 14 of June

I would like to know if that is
good to my credit or when I begin
this term I would like to know
how we stand please answer

address to Robert Orrick, Kings
box 183 and please tell me what
day school will begin

