

109.

ELIX R. BRUNOT, Pittsburgh, Pa., Chairman.  
ROBERT CAMPBELL, St. Louis.  
NATHAN BISHOP, New York.  
WILLIAM E. DODGE, New York.  
JOHN V. FARWELL, Chicago.  
GEORGE H. STUART, Philadelphia.  
EDWARD S. TOBEY, Boston.  
JOHN D. LANG, Maine.  
N. J. TURNEY, Ohio.  
VINCENT COLYER, New York, Secretary.

Board of Indian Commissioners,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 1<sup>st</sup> 1873

Dear General:

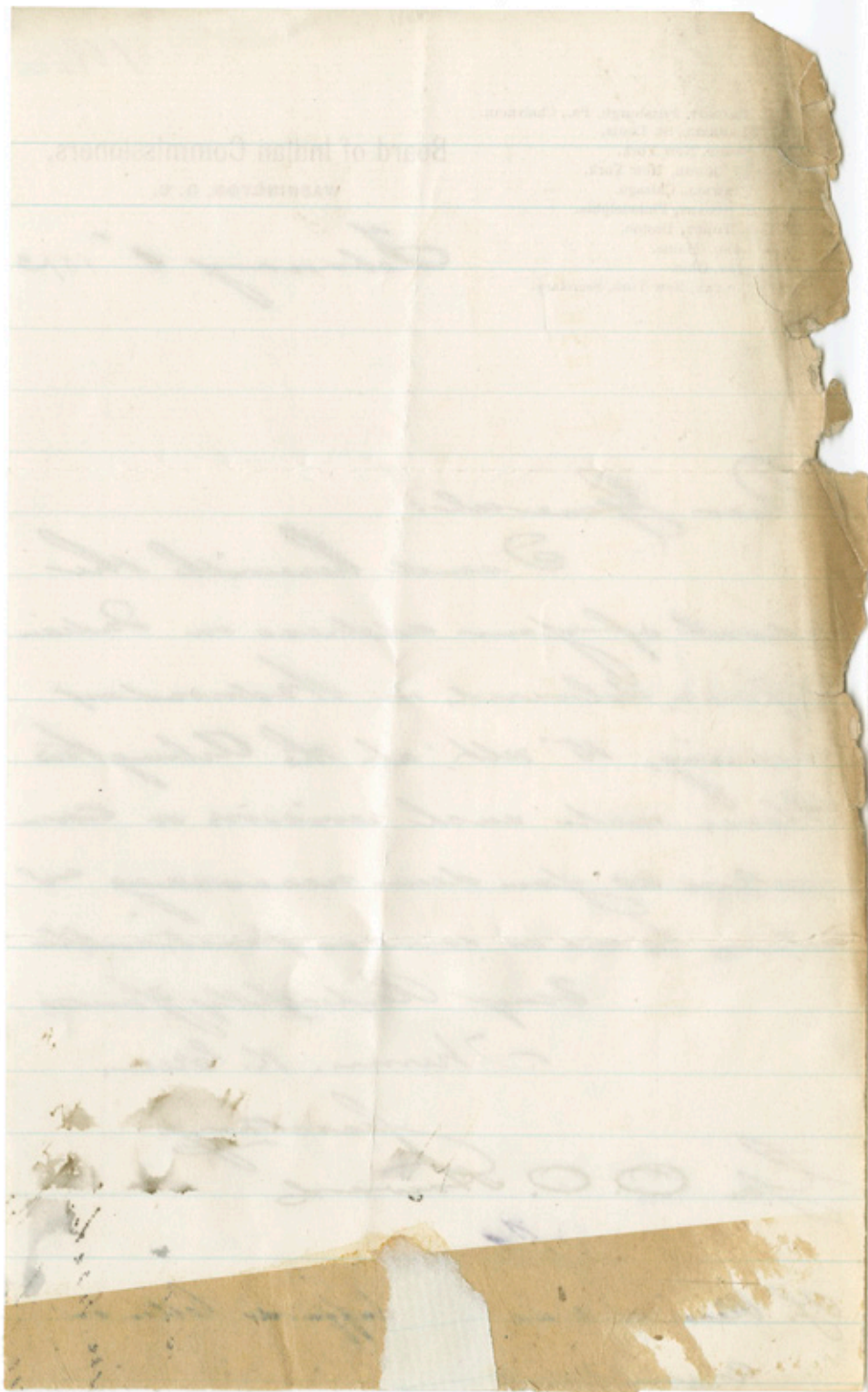
I send herewith the  
report of your address on Indian  
Affairs, delivered on Wednesday  
evening, 15<sup>th</sup> ult. at the Arlington  
Please make such revision or con-  
nection as you deem necessary and  
return to me as soon as practicable

Very Respectfully Yours  
Thos. K. Green,

Secretary.  
Gen O. O. Howard

25th

P.S. Please send me Gen. Safford's letter on  
Arizona Indian Affairs





110.  
All Official Letters to this Office must be addressed to the "Auditor of the Treasury for the P. O. Dep't," and in replying to Letters from the Office the initials on the upper left-hand corner should be referred to.

Office of the Auditor of the Treasury

For the Post Office Department,

Washington, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 1873.

Genl C. O. Howard

Dear General

Permit me to remind you of your promise to assist me by trying to obtain my service in writing for you in connection with your business in the War-Department. If you can obtain for me some work which I can do in the evenings, I will allow my entire salary to go in liquidation of my debt on House.

Do your best for me and believe me  
indebtedly

Yours truly  
P. A. Staker

House has



Washington, D.C.  
Feb. 10th 1879

Brother S. A.

Recd.



Washington D.C. Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 73Genl O. O. Howard Esq  
Late Com<sup>d</sup> Bureau R.F. Post L.

Sir:

Your communication of the 29<sup>th</sup> ult. is received. In reply I would say, I was appointed Clerk in Bureau R. F. Post L. Aug 1<sup>st</sup> 1865 and assigned to duty in office of the Chief Disbursing Officer, where I remained till my discharge by the Hon. Secy. of War July 1<sup>st</sup> 1872.

Shortly after my connection with the above office I took charge of the Blotter Cash Books of the different Funds, viz "Appropriation", "Refugees and Freedmen", "School Fund", "Extra Compensation" and "Destitute". These for the most part I kept myself, except for a while after the Disbursing Officer of the States were reduced - all vouchers were paid at Head Quarters. I found myself unable to examine, fill up and make entries of all vouchers paid, but during this time I had supervision over the same. I do not hesitate to say that the books show a full and complete account of all monies for which the Disbursing Officer was responsible, as much as, as the Cash Book kept by any disbursing officer of the Government.

The entries made on Cash Book could not show how

Washington D.C.  
Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 73U<sup>th</sup> S. S. K.



much material was used, where the building was located and the name of the same, but simply the name of the party to whom payment was made, for what purpose (i. e. School House repairs, "Quarters and Fuel" Stationery and Printing, &c) and the amounts.

Information as to how much had been expended on any School Building could be found by learning in the Adjutant General's office the amt appropriated & when the work was done by contract, the name of the contractor. Then looking from that date forward on my Cash book till I found the name of the parties. If I had any doubt about being correct I would refer to the vouchers itself. At one time when past payments were made I kept a little Memorandum book crediting the School with the appropriations & charging them with the payments when made. As most of the vouchers were made out for the full amt appropriated the above named book was but little used, and was only kept by me to prevent overpayments.

Shortly after Genl Ballock was retired the clerical force was greatly reduced (owing to wants of funds to pay them) which prevented the finalizing of accounts. I understand that Maj. Brown and yourself have turned over your Blotter Cash Books, which if

so gives them a full and complete statement of Bureau finances from its organization to its close.

After my discharge I continued to work till Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> devoting my time to the examination of Accounts Current received from the Depositions where you kept funds, and to closing up Maj. Brown's and your Cash papers.

Hoping that this will answer the questions propounded in your communication I remain

Very Respectfully

Yours obt. Servant

S. A. Long



112,

Virginia City Feb 2<sup>d</sup> [1873]  
Genl. O O Howard

Dear Sir

I have delayed writing hoping to have been able ere this to send the amount due you. Am sorry to tell <sup>you</sup> General can not yet do so. Have had a great deal of sickness in my family and been sick myself. Therefore you will please wait on me a while longer and I will pay all I owe. I am daily striving to get even with the world again. If my Heavenly Father permits me I intend to work every day untill I am able to purchase myself a home in Washington, am denying myself and family almost necessaries untill that object is accomplished. You know General Howard I am but a poor woman. My family are entirely dependent upon me. I have trials plenty and

1850  
1851  
1852  
1853  
1854  
1855  
1856  
1857  
1858  
1859  
1860  
1861  
1862  
1863  
1864  
1865  
1866  
1867  
1868  
1869  
1870  
1871  
1872  
1873  
1874  
1875  
1876  
1877  
1878  
1879  
1880  
1881  
1882  
1883  
1884  
1885  
1886  
1887  
1888  
1889  
1890  
1891  
1892  
1893  
1894  
1895  
1896  
1897  
1898  
1899  
1900



beg of you to pray that God will have  
mercy upon us and help us to bear  
cheerfully our lot in life - How often  
since I have been in Virginia City  
have I thought of the many pleasant  
sabbath mornings spent in our sub-  
both school room listening to bible  
instruction flowing from the lips of one  
as I thought of persons in the world  
Genuine Howard allow me if you  
please ~~to~~ one of your scholars to say  
you are that person -

My children have had  
every disease that children are heir to.

I would have been in Washington were  
it <sup>had I not</sup> ~~had I not~~ been prevented by sickness -  
this - I look forward with much  
pleasure to the time when we will again  
be among you all. Our love to our class  
Miss Locke particularly

Gratefully Sincerely

E. A. Duffield

46 North E St



Va. City -

Feb 2. 73

Mrs. Duffield.

Write a friendly  
letter, and  
cant' make her  
payments just  
now - wants the  
General to pay  
for her -

Yours by Genl. H.

S.B.



## What the Baptists are Doing for Freedmen.

**OUR PLAN OF WORK.**—In May, 1870, this Society unanimously resolved: **First.**—To attempt the founding of first-class Training Schools for colored preachers and pious teachers in the South. **Second.**—To enter upon the work of raising a HALF A MILLION OF DOLLARS for this purpose, to be expended in *Grounds, Buildings and Endowments.*

**OUR PROGRESS IN THE WORK.**—Already we have seven Schools in seven Southern States; embracing *Grounds and Buildings* worth over \$130,000, and every cent paid for. But our very prosperity embarrasses us. We greatly need funds to keep these Schools in operation. **Help! Help!!**

**HOW YOU MAY HELP.**—\$50 supports a student for the School year. An individual, a Church, a Sabbath School, a Bible Class, or a sewing circle, can send \$10 a month for five months. If we had 5,000 *fifties* we could have 5,000 students. \$1,000 given to the Society, to be kept at interest, will support a student perpetually. \$50,000 will endow a School.

**ENDOWMENTS INDISPENSABLE.**—If a college, which derives large revenue from tuition, requires an endowment of from \$200,000 to \$500,000, how can a School for Freedmen, who can pay but very little tuition, if any, be expected to succeed with an endowment of less than \$50,000? Therefore, **Help us!**

American Baptist Home Mission Society,

ROOM 25, No. 239 BROADWAY,

For Freedmen's Education and Southern Work, address  
Rev. JAMES B. SIMMONS, Cor. Sec'y.

New York, Feb'y 3<sup>d</sup> 1873

Maj. Gen. C. C. Howard

Dear Friend: It has so turned, in the orderings of Providence, that I cannot come.

Please furnish the bearer with the written statement over your own signature which you will to give me, sustaining our appeal to Congress, in as strong terms as you can employ. I have stated the cases of the N. Orleans & the Augusta Schools with painstaking accuracy. The amounts are correct. Both what the Bureau has paid, & what is still due, is given, I believe, to a penny.

Let me assure you that you have every reason to be hearty & earnest in helping us, <sup>with Congress,</sup> for not one dollar of the money which came to us from the Bureau proved abortive. Every one of our Schools is at work vigorously, & prosperously, & has been <sup>year by</sup> year from the first to now. We should be glad to have you personally inspect either or all of them.

Yours fraternally

James B. Simmons

Our new and spirited Monthly, **The HOME MISSION HERALD**, (not the Macedonian,) will give accounts of this work, from January 1st, 1873. Price, 20 cents a year, for a single copy; 15 cents each, for two copies or more, if sent in one package. Terms cash in advance. After December 1st, 1872, send funds to WM. A. GELLATLY, Treasurer,

At our NEW HOME MISSION ROOMS, 150 Nassau Street, New York City.

See "How the Freedmen Plead for Knowledge," and Form of Bequest on next page.



## How the Freedmen Plead for Knowledge.

A Colored Pastor in the South, of whom his teacher says, "he is one of the most faithful and useful Baptist Ministers in the State," appeals to a HOME MISSION teacher in these words:

"I want to go to school again, but fear I shall not be able. My church is poor; has paid me not quite forty dollars this year. My son, a member of the church, wants to go with me. But I am not able. It grieves my heart when he says, 'father I want to go to school and learn the Scriptures,' and I am not able to send him. My burden is great. I do not know what to do. I want to go to school and take my son with me, but I am afraid neither of us can go. I am in distress. Would that I could have you teach me again! It did me so much good. It makes me more useful in preaching and useful in teaching. I have over seventy scholars in my day school. If I had one more chance, I could make out. O, for the Lord's sake, can you do something to help me and my boy to go to school again? I am in trouble about the school. Can't you find some assistance for me and my son David? The Catholics want to educate him for a Priest, and I am afraid they will get him. I could have a little help I would take him to our school. Dear brother, help me. I have suffered beyond measure, but have held my peace. I want to go to school, but I am not able unless some one helps me."

These are the Lord's poor, and this is their cry for knowledge. Who will help? Who will help such pleading applicant as that pastor and his son? Must that son, and such as he, scattered here and there through the South, thirsting for a knowledge of the Scriptures, fall into the meshes of Romanism because Baptists would not help them in getting an education? *Never!* Tell it not in the churches of the redeemed! Publish it not among the enemies of Christ! **Who will help?—A. P. M.**

## Character of Our Schools.

Our Schools are Christian, not sectional. Not a doctrine or sentiment is intended to be taught, to which any Christian could consistently object. Already the colored brethren of the South are helping nobly. Eminent white brethren whose names stand second to none in the Southern States, have also made contributions to these Schools and spoken words of cheer. White and colored churches, or individuals, in any part of the South, by sending fifty dollars to the principal teacher, will be entitled to send a student of their own choosing. A colored person who earns and brings fifty dollars, will be admitted. The fifty dollars barely pays for food. Tuition is free to students for the ministry. The fifty dollars should come in advance with every student who applies. The state of our funds demands this. Our Schools are usually in session from October 1st, for a period of eight or nine months, as funds and the climate warrant.

## FORM OF BEQUEST.

If you would help forward this great and difficult work of Christ after you reach heaven, you can do it by making your will *now*—saying:

**"I give and bequeath to the American Baptist Home Mission Society, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ towards the Endowment of a School for educating Freedmen preachers and pious teachers; the principal to be safely invested, and the interest to be used perpetually for that purpose and for no other."**

Three witnesses should state: "We, witness to this instrument, consisting of one sheet (or two,) as the last will and testament of \_\_\_\_\_, by his (or her) request, in his (or her) presence, and in presence of each other."

The witnesses need not know a word of the contents of the will.

Be sure to write, both in your letter and in your will, **"FOR FREEDMEN'S FUND,"** If not, it goes not to educate colored preachers, but to the general work of the Society.

N. B. If you prefer to give to our general work, or the Church Edifice Fund, do so.

## How to Send Funds.

Drafts may be made payable to the order of WM. A. GELLATLY, Treasurer of the AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY, No. 239 Broadway, New York City, and each sum will be acknowledged in the *Macedonian*, a few weeks later.

The *Macedonian*, a Baptist Monthly, costs twenty-five cents a year, per single number; and fifteen cents a copy, per year, for package of seven or more. It gives full accounts of our work among *Freedmen*; also, general Foreign and Home Mission intelligence. It is sent *free* to all Baptist Ministers, who apply to B. GRIFFITH, D. D., No. 530 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

For the Southern work of the Society, embracing Freedmen's Education, address—

**Rev. JAMES B. SIMMONS, Cor. Sec'y,**

No. 239 BROADWAY, NEW YORK CITY.



A. Langdon,  
Harrisburg.  
J. F. Albright,  
Lewisport.

LANGDON, ALBRIGHT & COMPANY

Lewistown, Pa.

Miners & Wholesale Shippers of  
Anthracite Coal.

HARRISBURG, PA. July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1873

Genl. Howard

My dear Sir

I learn through Prof Bachu that other parties are negotiating for Miller estate. If these parties will agree to our plan I have no doubt it will help our other property - but I do not think Mr. W. will realize as much money from such sale as they will on the proposition I made you by many thousands of dollars - i.e. 10¢ per foot as minimum price & divide profits - I hope you will see this as I do & that you will use your influence to give us the control -

I will mention to you what I have not to Prof B., or any one else, (except parties interested) that I am negotiating a sale of all my coal interests - if successful it is my intention to go to W. & take hold of Real Estate as a business - If I do so I want to continue our last conversation & see if it will not be to mutual advantage. Please treat this as strictly confidential - I expect to know within 30 days in regard to my matter here.

I intend to go to W. - in a few days I hope to see you, in fact I do.

Very truly  
Yours  
A. Langdon



Feb 8-73

A. Searson.

In regard to  
the Miller Estate

Ms-9-

Recd. by Genl. M.  
S. J. Feb 5-73





Office of Indian Affairs,

Feb 3, 1873.

127.  
FEB 4 1873  
General: Why does not the Missionary Society, having charge of the matter, designate some person to take the place of the present Pueblo Agent. - Mr. Cole? I should judge from these letters that he is totally unfit for the position.

A. R. Lum

Chief Clerk.







123.  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL SCIENCE,

Miami University,

OXFORD, OHIO.

Gen. O. C. Howard, - Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> 1873.

Pres. Howard University, -

Dear Sir:

Please acquaint me  
with the object of the University under  
your care - who are taught & what is  
the range of studies? I write with the  
object of aiding it in some way if any  
aid I can give would be of impor-  
tance.

Yours truly

H. S. Estlin

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



Aford Ohio

Feb 3. 73

H. S. Ostorn,

Wants to be informed as  
to the object of H. U.  
so that he can help it.

No - 8 -

Ans by Encl H.  
L.B. Feb 5 73

Call Seal

FEB  
5  
1873



126  
IRVING HOUSE,

WOOLMAN STOKES & SON,

No. 917 WALNUT STREET.

Philadelphia, Feb. 3. 1873,

Dear General:

Your favor of the 29th  
ult. was just received.  
I have not seen the  
Report of Gen. Buncie  
other than the outline  
of the same as embodied  
in the World's dispatches.  
Can you not send me  
a copy, so that I can  
see what he really does



say about the Courtship  
of the Queen- Division  
of the Bureau. in answer  
to it- I may intelligently  
answer, & I feel confident  
that the true facts in  
the case will remove  
all ground for censure

Very truly yours,

W. A. Drew

Gen. O. O. Howard



128.

341 Penn. Avenue  
Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> 1873

Dear General,

Wishing to consult you, and  
seek your advice, and knowing that your  
time is very valuable, would you kindly appoint  
some evening this week when I may call  
and see you. I am engaged at the office  
every day up to 6 o'clock P.M.

Yours truly,

Winter Andrew.

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



341 - Rev. Aar.

Feb 3-73

Hunter Andrews -

Wants an evening  
appointed when he can  
see the General - is  
so busy he cant  
get out of office.

Ans by Capt. W. H.  
Feb 6 1873



"Canudow House"

Chicago. Feb. 3. 1873.

My dear General.

I am in receipt  
of yours of Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> per M. C.  
Wilkinson A.D.C., in which mention  
is made of two mntances, one  
for a large sum and one for a small  
sum. The latter I was aware of.  
The Treasurer of my church has  
shown the receipt of \$18. under  
date of Apr. 11. 1872. but I can  
thus far, find no trace of the



other remittance. Did any one  
acknowledge its receipt at the  
time? I am alarmed, lest it  
was lost. To whom was the  
remittance directed?

Please give me word about this, that  
I may look it up.

Regretting that you should be thus  
troubled, and thanking you for  
your kindness, I remain, as ever,

Yours sincerely,

L. T. Chamberlain

Dr. L. T. Chamberlain  
Washington D.C.





Bridgewater  
Feb 3, 1873.

Maj Gen O. O. Howard

Dear Sir. During my visit  
in Washington I tried to find Gen  
Thomas B. Van Buren the Commissioner  
of the Vienna Exhibition for the  
purpose of applying for a clerkship  
for my son Frank D. Millet whom  
you once kindly recommended for  
<sup>place</sup> on the Baron Hunsing Exposition.  
I think I told you Frank was now  
at the Royal Art Academy in  
Antwerp where he won the Medal  
in the Antique class last year  
after a study of nine months.  
And I think I may safely say that  
he now has a fair prospect of  
winning the first Medal of the  
Institution in the Concours that  
begin next Wednesday, Feb 5<sup>th</sup> and  
close about the 25<sup>th</sup> of March



He is the most studious young  
man I ever knew and the  
most industrious in all things  
he undertakes. I hope in a  
year more he will be able to  
return to America better fitted to  
teach all branches of his profession  
than any person among us. I want  
him to go to Vienna and have seen  
Gen Van Buren in N. York and  
believe his application now will be  
received by him. But I feel as if  
some one might influence the General  
more than the simple recommendation  
of myself. If Van Buren is clothed  
with ~~all~~ full powers in his office  
— makes all appointments &c and  
can appoint as many Secretaries & Clerks  
as he pleases provided Congress  
will give him money enough ~~to~~  
I told General Van Buren that Frank  
could read & speak French  
well. Could read & speak French



and French And could read Spanish  
and Italian and was experienced in  
reporting for the Boston Daily Papers  
and I had no doubt that possessing  
these qualifications and good habit he  
would do him good service.

Now General if you can see any  
way to help the boy to get that appoin-  
tment and will be kind enough  
to assist him. You can rely on my  
word that you will assist a really  
worthy young man and one who  
never forgets a kindness in any one.

I do not know what you can do.  
But if you could ask for the place  
for Frank and get the President or  
some of the Cabinet (Secretary Boutwell  
who knows me) to endorse your request  
I think he would get it.

If you wish for further information  
about Frank my daughter Mrs Dunphy  
can tell you all. You will  
remember her as she called



at your house with me; and I  
will ask her to call and present  
this note.

Pardon me General if I  
ask too much. I would not  
ask if I believed it there was any  
possibility that you could ever  
regret any thing you could do  
to assist Frank.

With many wishes for your  
happiness and many thanks for  
your past kindness I am yours  
very respectfully

Wm. H. Miller

Wm. H. Miller

Recd Gen Van Buren's address is  
Feb. 14. 73

Gen Thomas D Van Buren

Wm. H. Miller

N. Y.



116.

Phil. Ind mo. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1843.  
Feb.

My dear friend

Thy letter was received & read with much interest. I have considered well thy proposition, respecting the young who are struggling along under great difficulties to fit themselves for business. But above all have the aged a strong claim, on our sympathy, our means of support, & most tender care, until thier last moments. Never can we repay them for what they have suffered, & been bereaved of, every tender



lie in life, severed, until  
the last drop of their  
life's blood has been  
drained by the cupidity  
& wickedness of others,  
in which we have been  
large partakers. How  
beautifully will the  
Scripture text in their  
case apply "Cast me not  
off in the time of old age,  
forsake me not when  
my strength faileth,  
when I am old & my  
head is gray." But  
how is it with the old  
slaves in W. The brute  
creation is far better cared  
for than they. I know it  
for I have been in its  
midst. Has my health  
sufficient to endure the



off fatigue of going to  
H. I would visit every  
hovel there as I did two  
years ago. There is no  
class of people under the  
sun, that has so strong  
a claim upon us as the  
worn out slaves. I believe  
their wrongs will rise up  
against us in the great  
judgment day, altho' I  
believe in the judgment  
being every day. I hope  
thou will be able to pro-  
-cure the books I spoke of.  
Please let me know about  
the hospital building. I  
have advertised for a  
matron. One has responded  
but did not seem to be  
strong enough to undertake  
the charge. But I think



R. W. M. Townsend,  
Philad. Pa,

Someone will be found.

Thy friend

R. W. M. Townsend.

To Gen. O. O. Howard.

RECEIVED  
FEB  
4  
1873  
P.O.O.



2. 4. 1873

Feb 4

Gen. Howard

Dear Sir

I am a stranger to you, and the only apology I can offer for addressing you is, that stern necessity compels me. I don't know that I have ever seen you, but for years through report have been familiar with your name and character; and some irresistible impulse has led me in these days of trial to seek your sympathy and aid.

I send you certificate from my pastor and sabbath school superintendent, that you may know my statement can be relied on - each hope it may assist me in obtaining the help I so much need.

When in good health I sup-  
ported myself by teaching but my  
health failed and an incurable  
disease of the eyes gradually  
came on and for years I have  
been dependant. My parents are  
dead, my brother died in hospital  
at Baltimore from want of care, a  
few days after his term of service  
expired in the army. I am dependant  
upon others and have many trials  
sometimes in great need with no  
means whatever, and in conse-  
quence of my infirmities am de-  
barred from applying myself to any  
remunerative employment. This  
winter I have really suffered for  
want of proper clothing and I have  
thought for some time I must make  
some effort to support myself.  
I have been thinking of going to  
work but I am not strong enough to do so.



Ms. 100.1.1.1  
I thought perhaps I had better  
write to you, perhaps you would  
sympathize with me. I had heard  
of you so often, & do hope it may be  
in your power to help me so. Oh  
sir, will you not, or obtain me  
and from some one. I should be  
so thankful if you only would for  
I know not what to do. I hope to hear  
from you soon and shall await with  
much anxiety your reply. Please  
address, Miss Mary E. Gilbert  
Windsor

Broomfield

H. J.

Hindson N.Y.

Mary Gilbert.

Is in great  
want asks  
for help.

Ans by Guel. H  
L.B. Feb. 11. 73

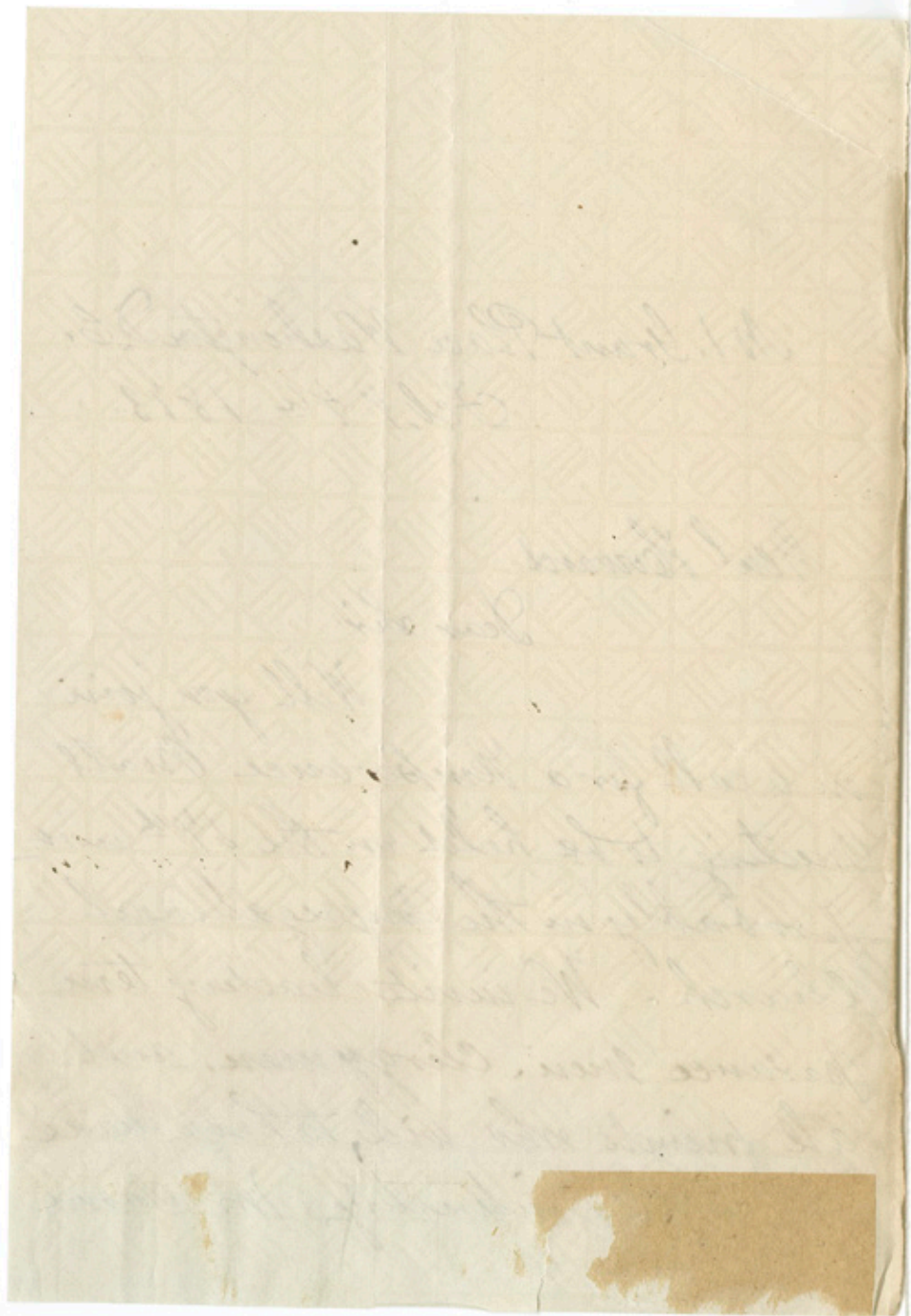


118,  
No 1. Grant Place Washington D.C.  
Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> 1873.

Genl Howard

Dear Sir

Will you join  
in a call for a Temperance Mass  
meeting to be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> inst.  
probably in the Congregational  
Church. We invite leading tem-  
perance men, clergymen, and  
all friends who will, to help make  
the meeting interesting. Mr Aaron





Roswell and probably W<sup>m</sup> E. Dodge  
& J. W. Stearns of N. York will be present  
The design with which I started and  
for which I proposed the meeting  
is to arouse the interest of parents &  
children and to institute temperance  
work by some attractive method  
among children

We shall be glad to have your  
name signed to the call

Yours Respectfully

Lucinda B. Chandler.

Washington DC,

Lucinda B. Chandler

Wrote Genl. H. to join  
in a call for a  
temperance meeting.

answered and  
sent  
D.O.B.

FEB  
7  
1872



124  
Washington D.C.  
Feb. 4th. 1873

Dear General:

Can you give  
me the address of a Rev.  
Terree who had charge  
of the Freedmen's camp  
during the war, and possi-  
bly after you took charge  
of the Freed. News Bureau.

With great respect

Your obt. Servt

Jas Harlan

Gen. O. O. Howard U. S. A. }  
Washington, }  
D. C. }

Washington  
Feb. 14/83

Dear General:  
I am very glad  
to see the sketch of a  
man who has charge  
of the American camp  
during the war, and  
I hope you will charge  
of the French American  
with great respect  
your obedient  
servant  
Gen. W. H. Harrison  
Washington  
D.C.



Chiricahua Ind. Agency.  
 Sulphur Springs Arizona,  
 Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 1873

Brig. Genl O. O. Howard.  
 Washington D. C.

Dear Sir -

You requested me when you left me in charge of this reservation - that in case I was assigned to the Superintendency of Dr. Bendell, and that he attempted to embarrass me to inform you.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> day of last Nov I received a telegram from Washington, assigning me to the Superintendency of Dr. Bendell, and reported immediately as ordered; I also stated the condition of my agency: That I had no supplies whatsoever, and requested that I be furnished as as early as day as possible. I have several times since then made urgent requests to be furnished with supplies; but have each time only received evasive replies, and have not been furnished with a single pound of anything. Except Beef from him. I have on



two different occasions been compelled to purchase corn  
to issue part of a ration to the Indians. But to  
day I have received a communication from him <sup>ordering</sup>  
me to make no more purchases without authority from  
his office - I have perhaps enough corn on hand  
to get along with until the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.

I have replied to Dr Bendell in these words "Sir,

You do not state whether there are any  
stores en route for this agency - I would most  
respectfully inform the Superintendent that I have  
at present on hand only about enough corn to  
last till the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month - and no other  
subsistence stores whatsoever - Except Beef; If I  
am not furnished with stores before that time  
it will be absolutely necessary for me to purchase  
or let the Indians go hungry - and I would re-  
spectfully state - that I think it would be to  
the interests of the Government that I purchase  
more corn in case that my supply become exhausted  
before I hear of any en route for this agency.

The Indians continue to be exceedingly well behaved  
not a single complaint has been made against them  
and the settlers are rejoiced at the peace.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> ulto I received a visit from Inspector



Genl. Brown, who had been ordered by Genl. Hook,  
to come and have a talk with Gochise in regard  
to the treaty - he stopped with us until this  
morning and left exceedingly well pleased, as  
has every other person who have visited him.

The Indians are still living apart, as when I  
wrote to you last - but are all within the limits  
of the Reservation - I have made a visit to the  
different ranches, between the 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> days  
of last month - with the intentions of getting  
as accurate a count as possible - and made  
the count about 1025 souls. A few have come  
here from the Tulerosa - and they report that  
there will be quite a number come here as  
soon as it becomes warm enough.

Very Respectfully Yours,

Thomas A. Cofford  
W. C. Spl, Ind, & Agt,  
Chumahuachas





Ms. A. 9. 2. 1. 1