

New Haven Ct.

March 14<sup>th</sup> 1873

Dear Father

I received your  
two notes today, one enclosing  
check for \$50. & the other the  
note for Prof. Richards.

I thank you for sending me  
more money than I expected;  
the paying Ned Fowler just  
makes my allowance even  
within one dollar, as you  
promised to give me \$66 to pay  
last term's bills, & I therefore had only  
received \$50. Now I expect to have  
Guy Howard





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Camp Apache, Arizona

14, March /73

Capt. W. C. Wilkinson A. D. C.

Dear Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication dated Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> which, owing to the lateness of our mails, has just arrived. I am very much obliged, and exceedingly grateful to the General and yourself for your expressions of approbation in favor of my cause towards the Indians. I assure you that it is a consoling reflection for one who has acted in accordance with the dictates of conscience, ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> knowing that his actions would be severely criticised by a majority of the people in this country, to know that there are at least a few who can appreciate and commend his endeavors.

I have just learned something which leads me to believe that a certain officer who was sent here to enforce Genl. Schofield's order in regard to counting the Indians has, had something to do with "tricks that are vain", but I will tell you the whole story.







and you can judge for yourself; a gentleman who has just returned from Fort Snelling informs me that while there an officer of that post told him that Capt. Brown wrote a letter to Col. Price requesting him not to allow my courier (who had the dispatch to the Indian Department) to ride to Santa Fe upon the Govt. mail wagon as he wish to retard it as much as possible, and this, after advising me to communicate with the Indian Dept. as soon as possible. I am happy to say that this letter had no effect upon Col. Price, but it so happened that the seats <sup>all</sup> had been engaged a week in advance. After leaving <sup>here</sup> this same Morn. Capt. B. wrote an exceedingly untruthful and libelous article about Agent Stevens and myself, which appeared in the Arizona Miner, and to which he subscribed the name "Grant." Now I am free to say that his statements concerning myself were wholly false, and I refer you (by permission) to the officers serving at this post. I have excused your commission in regard to the photographs. Please be so kind as to remember me to the General. Hoping this will find yourself and family in the enjoyment of good health I remain

Very Truly Yours  
Dr. M. Smith





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to record Jan of 1873



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Washington, D.C.  
Mar. 14. 1873.

Eaton, H. W.

Genl Howard,  
My Dear Friend,

It occurred  
to me that in the event  
of Mr Smith being ap-  
pointed Commissioner  
of Indian Affairs, there  
may be some place  
at his disposal, that  
may be filled by our  
friend & brother in  
the Church. Mr  
Biddings, should  
there be, perhaps  
a suggestion from  
you might secure  
it for him. I venture  
to remind you of it,  
knowing that you will



whom we all  
respect, & esteem so  
highly.

Yrs very truly,

F. W. Eaton

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March

[1873]



improved state without them. For this I thank God, & them. But when men, of the kind we have seen here, visit Indians they make a sad mistake. They are not safe men. I will say this of Mr Welch. A "flying visit" gives no man the opportunity for a perfectly truthful report. Add to this the fact that it is next to impossible for a man to talk to Indians, officially or privately, with official influence, without promising impossible things, & being misunderstood in it without & you will readily see that it would be far better for the Indians if such visits never be made. Then too the effect of these visits, (besides being felt directly in a questionable way on the Indians) is felt indirectly to the disadvantage of true missionary work because of the false impression white people receive on reading the reports, that, if wilfully made to convey this

Lakota Mission Ft. Sully D.T.

March 14<sup>th</sup> 1873

My Dear General:

Seeing your letter on Indian matters in the "Christian Weekly" for March 1<sup>st</sup> my first impulse was to reply thro' the Press. However as I think it will be more to the point as well as better for our Indian work if by a personal letter I state my partial disagreement with your statement I give my own view I'll do <sup>it in</sup> the latter way. I think I know the Captain whose letter called forth yours, & if I am correct in this, let me say that as <sup>such as I know him to be</sup> a Christian gentleman - one who heartily sympathizes with our work among the Indians - I know of no one who would be more likely to give a fair & truthful statement in this matter - so far as an army officer from his stand point can - than he. I do not wholly agree with



with him & yet there may be much more of truth  
as to facts in his letter than yours would seem to allow.

1<sup>st</sup> As to safety of settlers on our frontier.  
Are you not in error when you say, referring to points  
on the U.P. road, "yet people are as safe along that route  
as in Northern Minnesota or Michigan, or as any where where  
the yet uncivilized Indians are at peace." As for the  
entire region to the Northward from that road, between  
the Missouri & the mountains, every well know that  
this cannot be said. And a knowledge of this western  
geography & the highways for Indian travel teaches  
me that it is impossible for settlers to be any  
where nearly as safe along the U.P. road as to the  
eastward of this point <sup>(St. Louis)</sup> so long as we have between  
here & the mountains a large & powerful body of  
hostile Indians. And that these fellows are bitterly

hostile no one, who knows any thing of them, can doubt.  
All that holds the majority of what we call the  
"river Indians" & gathers them in villages & on farms  
along this Missouri valley is the "feeding system". See  
the majority, for there are some truly anxious &  
ready to be taught & yet if it were not for the  
rations these few would be so overawed by the  
other class that we would find it hard to hear the  
faintest peep of encouragement towards their civilization.

2<sup>d</sup> As to humanitarians! Do not see the paragraph  
in the Captain's letter to which you refer - doubtless it  
was omitted. I presume he refers to Mr Welch, as you  
suggest, & men of that stamp. Now let me say  
my say on this point. Much good has been done  
by Mr Welch & others interested. Doubt if public  
opinion could have been brought up to its present



impressions are false & hurtful. I have the assurance however  
that most reports <sup>from this section</sup> are false only thro' ignorance, & therefore  
merely unpardonable on that score alone.

You will understand that I have spoken only  
with reference to these Little Sioux. Of other Indians  
I do not profess to know but of these Dakotas  
entire ignorance would be unpardonable in me.

I believe in the present policy, & only wish it  
were carried out better. It would improve matters  
very much if we could have men who did not beforehand  
know every thing about Indians but that they might  
be willing to listen & learn, in control. Good earnest  
able men of this stamp are all that the  
present policy needs for its entire success.

A. O. Howard  
Washington D.C.

Yours very respectfully  
J. L. Riggs

John Dally, Esq.

March 14, '93.

Friend J. D.

While examining the  
the various papers on Indian  
Manners in the Smithsonian  
Museum.





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Santa Fe New Mexico  
March 14-1873

Gen. O. O. Howard,  
U. S. Special Indian Commissioner  
Washington D. C.

My Dear Sir,

Please find

enclosed Dr Lowrie's letter to you which I  
return as requested, and also accept  
sincere thanks for sending it to me.

How Dr Lowrie could get the idea from  
my letter, that I referred to him or the Board, is more  
than I can understand. When he gets my letter  
of explanation sent him to day, it will be all right.  
Here is an extract, as a similar explanation is also due to you,  
viz "I had no reference whatever to you or the Board  
when I wrote - 'we have no favors to ask for special  
favorites, which seems to have characterized several  
late appointments of Indian Agents for this Territory &c.  
"I had reference more especially to Mr Johnny Ayers,  
one of the most profane men in common conversation I  
suppose in the Territory, whom Col. Pope, the then Superintendent  
appointed Agent to relieve Agent Piper at Guleros a -  
and also Mr Col, the Pueblo Agent, - also Dr Longwell,

Santa Fe, N. M.

March 14<sup>th</sup> 73

New England D. S.

Ans. by Capt W.  
S. D. Mar 25. 73



(One Enclosure)



Temporary Agent at Cimarron, succeeding Agent Rodell, and  
Johnny Keens, sub agent for the Kwajos at Fort Defiance.  
Not one of these received their nomination from the Board,  
but were before my mind when I wrote to Gen. Howard.  
Besides, as you have my letter, you will see that the whole burden of it  
related to the Superintendent, and Pueblo Agent, neither  
of whom the Board nominated, nor even asked the privilege  
of doing so, therefore you will see that you were mistaken  
in your interpretation of the statements made in my letter.  
— "I would most earnestly urge upon you and the Board,  
to send immediately to the proper Department in Washington,  
the name of some good man as Pueblo Agent, were it not that  
Col. Dudley, the Superintendent, will be in New York, soon after  
you receive this letter, and will confer with you on this, and all other  
matters respecting Indian Agents, Teachers, and Missionaries in N.M.  
The Col. seems to be "the right man in the right place," and in full  
accord with our teachers, missionaries, efforts, and desires, to carry  
to success the President's Indian Policy." — "Mr. Cob was nominated,  
so I learned, by the Secretary of one of the Departments in Washington, who  
was a personal political friend of his father in Ohio, and hence he  
was truly a political and personal favorite." —  
Such is my explanation of my letter to you. Is it satisfactory?  
With kindest regards. Most truly yours, D. S. Farland.



214.  
Parker, Wilder & Co.

7 Sears Building  
Boston.

Commission Merchants.

62 Leonard Street,  
New York.

Boston, Mich 14<sup>th</sup> 1873

Dear Sir

Can you tell me what has become of O'Keefe that was a member of Howard University, and whom I aided for some years. I have heard nothing from him for several months.

I saw him once in Washington and was much pleased with him.

Very truly

E. Farnsworth

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

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Ans. by Capt W-  
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Virginia City  
March 14 - '73.

Puffin E. A.

no ans. required.



Virginia City. March 14  
Genl. O O Howard

Your kind and welcome letter was gladly received. As well with the children as myself. Concerning our money matter General am very much <sup>afflicted</sup> I cannot refer you to our worthy friend the Senator, because he has refused to settle for me the remainder due Mr. Moses. Dear General it is no fault of mine I fail to meet my obligations, when you consider Sir I have four children to support no one to help me and I to blame if some time fail to meet the necessary requirements. Had it not have been for the few generous and noble friends I had while in Washington could not have lived - As it was you Sir are aware my trials were severe - If General you will give me time, I will pay you every dollar. Now it is almost an impossibility



for me to do so. We are yet in mother's house  
on account of so much sickness I have been  
reduced to the last dollar. General please  
secure the property in the name of my  
& former residence. As I have not given  
you it is yours - The children send their  
love to you -

Yours respectfully  
E. A. Duffield



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**American Missionary Association:**

**59 READE STREET.**

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New York, Mch. 14<sup>th</sup> 1873

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard  
My Dear Brother

Your kind note of the 12<sup>th</sup> came this morning. I am glad you can be in Bristol on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

I have written Dr. Belden that you will come. It will not be necessary that I should be with you there.

With kind regards

Yours truly  
M. E. Strieby—



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<sup>new.</sup>  
Bristol March 14  
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Dear Bro. S.

Your good  
letter was just rec<sup>d</sup>.  
I am so happy to have  
the promise of Gen O.D.  
Howard to speak for your  
noble Ass<sup>n</sup>.

We shall certainly try  
to do our best }  
in the collection }

If Gen H. will let me  
know by what train he  
will come, I'll thank him  
I can leave N.Y. about  
noon, or soon after, & come  
by way of New Haven & come  
direct to Bristol, at 7:20,

Your obliged brother  
J. M. Selden



March 18. 1873

Gen. O. O. Howard

My Dear Brother,

Please give Br. Belden the information he asks, if you can. He will be gratified to show you all the attention and honor in his power.

ans by Capt W.  
S.B. Mch 25. 73





Fort Abraham Lincoln, D.T.

March 14<sup>th</sup> 1873.

Brig. General O. O. Howard

U.S. Army.

Care of Adjutant General Wdws.

Washington City, D.C.

General,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communications of the 20<sup>th</sup> ult, and in reply beg leave to say that whilst acting as Sub. Asst. Commissioner of the Bureau in Lake City, Florida, I did not keep any books, with the exception of a letter book and that I destroyed the latter in 1869, it containing nothing of any importance or value.

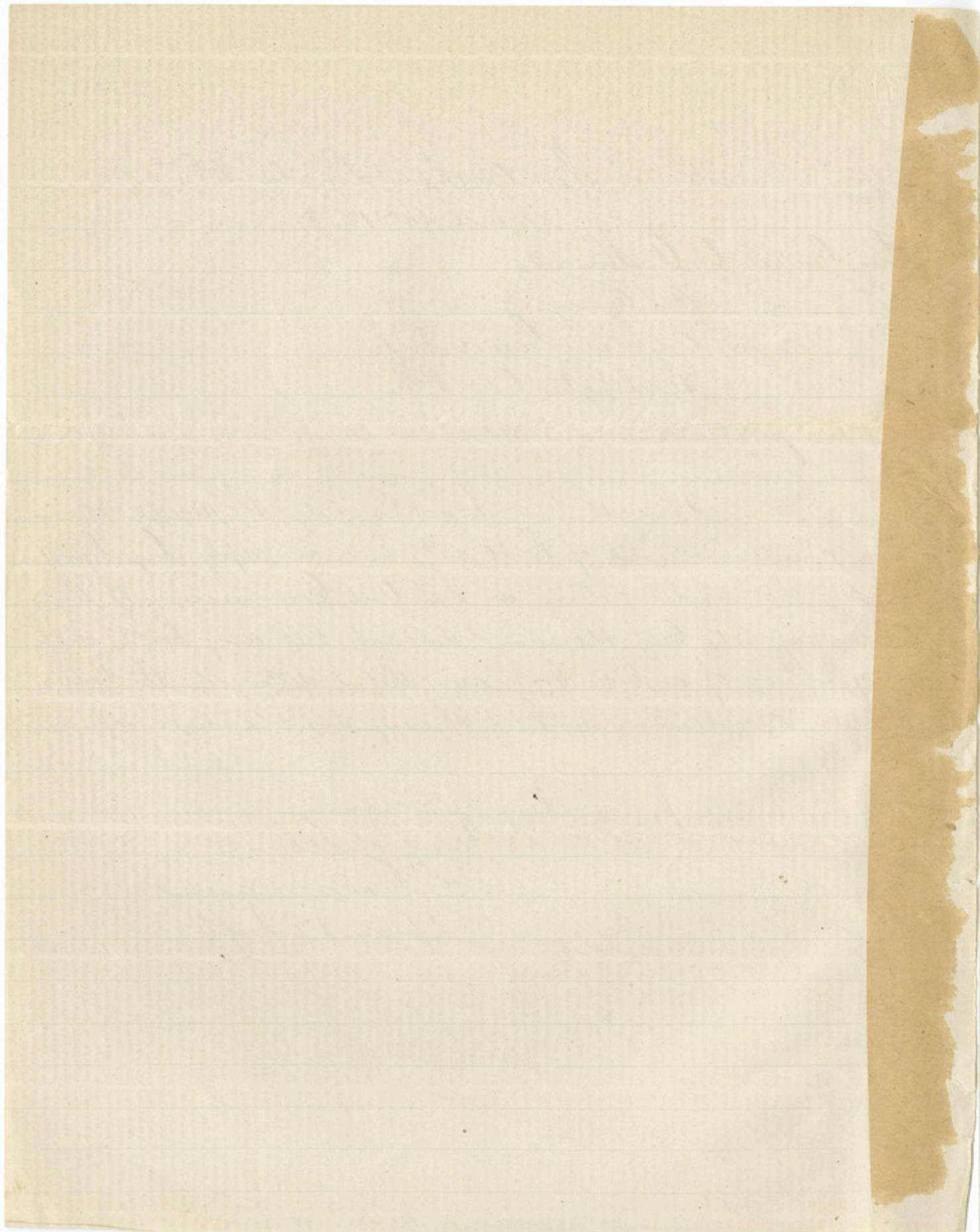
Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant.

J. E. Crossman

Captain 17<sup>th</sup> Infy.





Quancock March 14th

Genl O O Howard

Dear Sir yours  
of the 11th inst has been received  
and in reply to <sup>your</sup> request would  
state that. Genl Ballock  
sent a check to me in favour  
of James Rollins. I sent the  
check by a friend of mine in  
the upper part of this County  
where his Father lived and I  
learned that James had left  
home and the check was returned  
to me I kept it for a year or  
more and in the time I was  
in Washington and at the Bureau  
and talked with some of the clerks  
respecting the matter. I think Elliott  
was one of them & he said at the



that I had better keep it a while  
longer and if I could not find  
them it could be returned Genl  
Ballack was not in at the  
time. a while after that  
the check was sent for by  
Mr Drum or Whittlesey  
or the officer who occupied  
Genl Ballacks place and  
I returned it. The money  
not been paid unless it has  
paid since I found the check  
the vouchers have been signed  
I return you the order for the  
check which I had put  
file

Yours Truly  
P. A. Leatherbury

War Department,  
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

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Washington, D. C., January 22, 1872.

J. A. Leatherbury, Esq.  
Agent Bureau R. F. Port A. S.  
Quancock, La.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> inst.  
I have to request that you will return to  
this office the check forwarded to you under  
date of Oct. 5 1870 in payment of the claim  
for bounty of James Robbins, late Col. C. S.  
10<sup>th</sup> U. S. C. I.

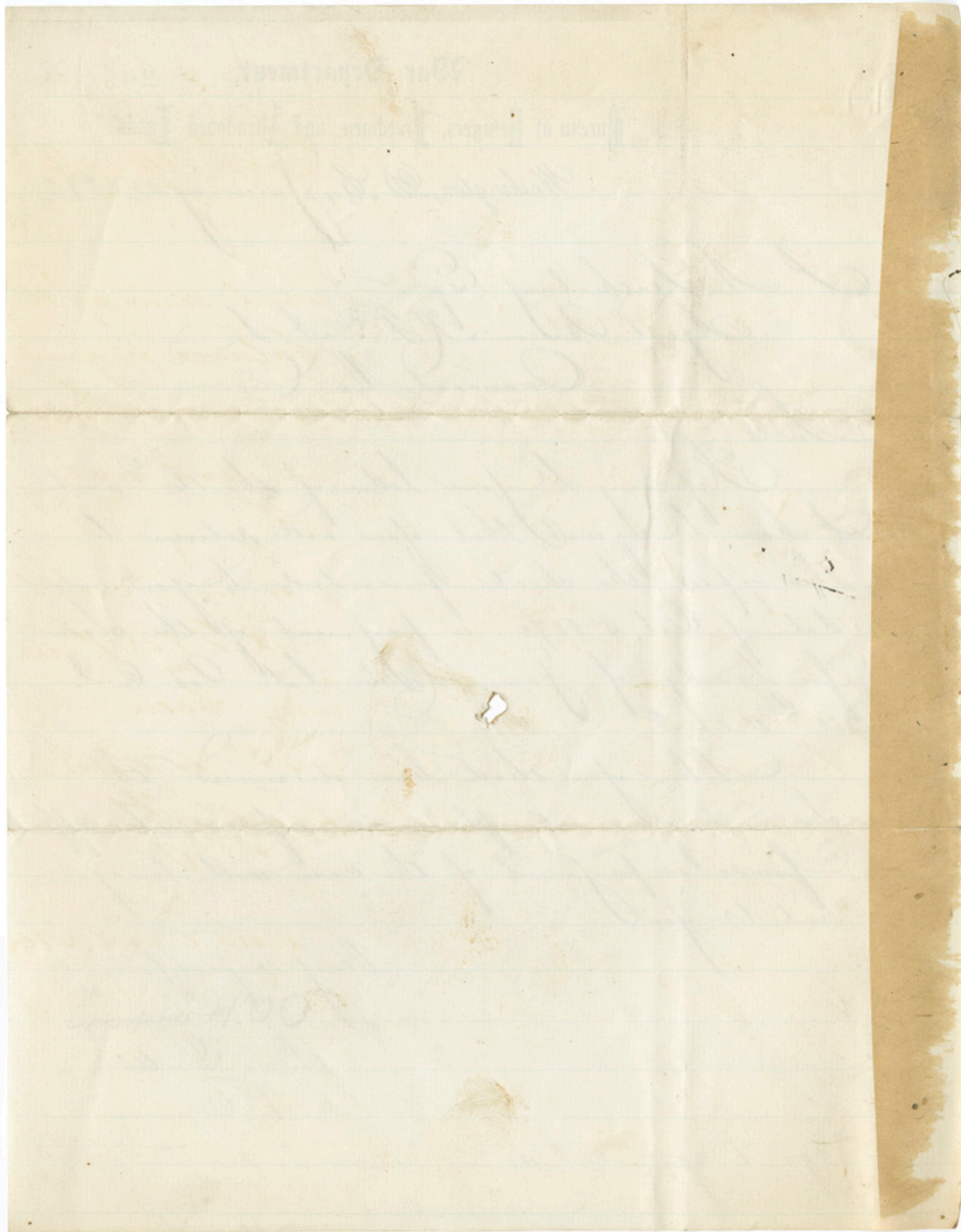
When you shall have discovered the  
claimant you will please so inform this office,  
and funds in payment of the case will be again  
sent to you.

Very respectfully, &c.  
O. O. Howard  
Brig. Gen. U. S. A.  
Commissioner

enclosed w/ #206

#290 B. 1872 C. S. O.







Office of U. S. Assistant Treasurer,

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New York, March 14, 1873.

Sir:

I have to inform you, in answer to yours of 10<sup>th</sup> inst, that the amount of the balance to your credit as Special Commissioner on 10<sup>th</sup> inst was \$1776<sup>35</sup> - which balance has not been changed since Feb 17<sup>th</sup>.

The amount of balance to your credit as Commissioner Recrean RFTA is \$309<sup>05</sup> - that amount having been unchanged from January 1<sup>st</sup> to date.

Very Respectfully

W. G. Wick  
Acty Asst Treas

Genl O O Howard  
U.S.A. - Washington  
D.C.



Free Press

March 14<sup>th</sup> 1893

White N. S.

A. S. Hall. Secy. M. M.

Still balance to Dr. A. Hall  
Amount of March 1893

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Albion March 15 '73  
Brig Gen Oliver Howard  
Sir

Will  
you have the kindness  
to inform me what  
part of the field  
you occupied at the  
Battle of Gettysburg  
and how large a force  
you commanded.

Pardon the liberty that  
I have taken and oblige

Yours Truly  
Kirke H. Fells  
Albion  
Orleans Co  
New York



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Ans. by Capt. W -  
S.B. Meek 19.93





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**Post Office**

CULPEPER.

Culpeper Co., Va. March 15<sup>th</sup> 1873-

Genl O. O. Howard U.S.A.  
Washington D.C.

My Dear General

Hon Hannibal Hamlin of Me  
is not willing to endorse me for the position  
of Supt of The Folding Room of the  
Senate unless Mr French Serjt-at-arms  
of the Senate makes the change in that  
event he tells me he would endorse me.  
Senator Lewis of Va will endorse the  
change. & from what Vice President  
Wilson said I am certain he will  
concur. The reason I abandoned my application  
for the position of P.M. of the Senate was,  
because I found that the incumbent  
of that office had but just been  
appointed (Mr Maguire) and it would  
embarrass Mr French to remove him -  
Mr Merchant the present incumbent



of the Folding Room of the Senate has held  
that office (4) four years - & other places about  
the Senate prior to that time He has  
no military record other than having  
been a Sutter in the Army and about  
Washington - He has though, I believe  
been a good Officer He is accendite  
to the District of Columbia as is also  
Mr Nixon in the Finance office  
of the Senate - If you should see  
Mr Hamlin or Mr French I hope  
you will speak a good word for  
me you know something of my  
status & my services to the Country  
& the sacrifices I have made

for it

I am General  
with great respect  
Yours obt Servt  
W.A. Mac Gully

Recd by Capt W.  
S.D. McKelvey  
1873

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No books pertaining to the  
"following-named stations are  
"on file.

"Savannah No book records of J. Murray Hoag"  
Please inform me to whom you transferred  
your book records when relieved, or if  
you have any books and records on hand  
now please forward them to me, care  
of the Adjutant General of the Army.

Very respectfully Your Obedt Servt.  
O. O. Howard

Brig. Genl. (U. S. A.)  
Late Commr. Bureau  
R. G. & A. S.



Maquette de Lava.  
March 15<sup>th</sup> 1873.

Perfectly returned to  
Eng. Genl. A. J. Howard U.  
S. A. late Secy. Bureau  
O. & A. S. with the infor-  
mation that upon being  
relieved from duty at  
San Juan N. M. by Col  
and records. and that  
was turned over to Mr.  
W. J. Trickett of Wash  
D. C. & Genl. H. at that  
place  
William Strong  
Capt. U. S. Army. Retired



Maquette de Lava  
March 15 1873

May. 8. Murray



BRANCH OFFICE  
OF THE

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## Freedmans Savings and Trust Company.

C. A. WOODWARD, Cashier.  
WM. C. WOODWARD, Ass't Cash'r.Mobile, Ala. March 15<sup>th</sup> 1873.

Gen. O. O. Howard.

Washington, D.C;

Dear Sir;

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication dated February 24<sup>th</sup>, 1873, asking for a statement of the length of time the undersigned has acted as Agent Bu. R. & H. Bonds, and directing the return of record book of bounties rec'd and paid at this office.

In reply I beg to say that I have acted as agent (without salary) from Dec. 23, 1869 to May 29<sup>th</sup>, 1872. My report as agent was furnished the Principal Office Dec. 28, 1871. To this







report please refer for details explanatory of entries on record book, I sent this book to-day by Southern Express Company. The following vouchers are enclosed with the book:

Abraham Jefferson	97 <sup>th</sup> Regt. U.S.
Rout Pickens	52 <sup>nd</sup> do. do.
Wm. Ira	48 <sup>th</sup> do. do.
Wm. H. Taylor	47 <sup>th</sup> do. do.
Jackson Morgan	97 <sup>th</sup> do. do.
Nathan Cooper	84 <sup>th</sup> do. do.
George Williams	52 <sup>nd</sup> do. do.
Victor Bister	97 <sup>th</sup> do. do.
Annunias Moore	47 <sup>th</sup> do. do.
Alexander Price	96 <sup>th</sup> do. do.
Pelix Levee	97 <sup>th</sup> do. do.
Jacob Brys, Simulman U.S.	—
Jo. Higg	83 <sup>rd</sup> do. do.

The discharge of Octave Surop is herewith enclosed: the voucher was sent to Gen. Balloch Apr. 23, 1870, and was retained. The voucher of Wm. Bimm 86<sup>th</sup> Regt was sent



J. W. ALVORD, President.

P. O. Lock Box 812

GEO. W. STICKNEY, Actuary.

BRANCH OFFICE  
OF THE

Freedman's Savings and Trust Company.

C. A. WOODWARD, Cashier.  
WM. C. WOODWARD, Ass't Cash'r.

Mobile, Ala. ....



to H. P. Drew, in 1872, - the  
discharge in this case is  
enclosed. Vouchers of Mure  
Campus 86 11 Regt were also  
sent to H. P. Drew in 1872.

I am

Very respectfully,

L. H. Andrew

Cashier.



J. W. ALVORD. President.

P. O. Lock Box 812

GEO. W. STICKNEY, Agent.

BRANCH OFFICE  
OF THE

Freedmans Savings and Trust Company.

C. A. WOODWARD, Cashier.  
WM. C. WOODWARD, Ass't Cash'r.

Mobile, Ala. 1877

March 25th, 1873

Mobile, Ala. March 15th 1873  
C. A. Woodward, Jr. H.  
Cashier of S. & T. Co.  
Please find the work -  
and return same to the  
proper authorities.  
Very respectfully,  
J. W. Alvord, President.



succeeded the regular agents from time to time) it may be that a large proportion of the missing records are now in their possession.

If you ever paid any claims please state whether or not you kept any records, and if you did the nature of them, at the same time forwarding them to the undersigned care of the Adjutant General of the Army.

Please state also the length of time you acted as Agent for the payment of bounties, as well as any other information tending to throw any light upon this subject.

Very respectfully Yours O. S. L.

Brig. Genl. U. S. A.

Lat. Comm. Bureau R. F. A. L.



Sturtevant - Mar. 13. 1873

Sturtevant - B. D.

Shaw - F.S. & T. Geo.

Sturtevant's St. G. Co.

Mar. 15. 1873

Respectfully returned with  
the information that the  
unrecognized has never  
been any business or had  
anything to do with them  
& there are no records at  
the Bank except those  
pertaining to the Bank.

C. J. Sturtevant  
attn

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Wed. March 19. 1873.

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Mr. R. told several parties and amongst  
them some private friends that he  
had orders to discharge me over a  
month ago, but he refused to give me  
any satisfaction, verbally or in writing  
General, with your prompt attention  
to this and a speedy answer.

I Remain  
Your obt servant  
J. A. Hay

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White Mountain Apache  
Indian Agency  
Camp Apache A.T.  
March 16. 1873.

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

I have the honor to inform you  
that on the 17th day of February I was sent  
by the Agent Mr Jas. E. Roberts, to New Mexico  
in search of blankets which were then  
supposed to have been shipped for this  
Agency meeting the wagon near the Rio  
Grande I retraced my steps towards  
Camp Apache but on the road my horse  
was taken with the Epizootic retaining  
me some little time but not beyond  
the time of my leave of absence, arriving  
at Camp Apache, Mr Roberts for causes  
best known to himself addresses me  
a small epistle stating that my services  
are no longer needed. (a copy herewith enclosed)



White Mountain Apache  
March 16, 1873.  
Wm. J. A.



whereupon I asked him by what authority  
he refused to state. I then refused to  
except the discharge. He said he would  
give me until the 16th inst to leave the  
reservation I also refused. He refused  
to give me my rations for the time I was  
gone and also to return to me or  
give me vouchers for my actual expenses  
while gone. The Indians are totally  
disgusted with him. He is stealing  
their rations which I can prove and  
which affidavits will be sent you  
by next mail. for instance in issuing  
to 1493 Indians from Feb. the 21st  
to Feb the 28th both inclusive 8 days  
they were to get 11944 pounds of flour  
and 3734 pounds of corn. they were issued  
10,800 pounds of flour and no corn. the  
coffee and sugar were also retained  
or portions of the same. I think as you  
do General that Agents cannot very  
well live on 1500 dollars per annum  
without their perquisites and Mr  
Roberts is making his in a large

scale. General, this is done by me as  
you requested and which I think are  
for the interest of the Government. Such  
work and especially by a man appoin-  
ted by the Association, are entirely in  
conflict with the requirements of the  
Government. I have done my duty beyond  
reproach, without stealing from the U.S.  
Mr R. is feathering his nest for <sup>he</sup> does  
not expect to hold his position long.  
He has an accomplice who buys  
all the surplus property at a trifle,  
but trifles count. I will, General admit  
your answer as regards my discharge  
in case I am discharged I hereby  
call for an investigation. Mr R. has  
associated himself with a gang of  
Citizens here who are contriving all  
sort of underground work. He has  
no friends here with but the few of  
the gang mentioned. Had I committed  
any depredation or stolen anything, I  
should not write you this but I  
am innocent of any charge whatever



Office Camp Apache Ind Agency  
March 15th 1873

Mr J. A. Hay

Your services as clerk  
is no longer needed.

J. E. Roberts  
Ind Agt.

a true copy.

Milton Jones

Capt L Troop

1st Cavalry

L. W. Clerk







Murguerra N.M.  
March 10<sup>th</sup> 1873.

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

Dear Sir,

I have heard through  
Genl. Granger of the effort you made last  
fall to procure me the appointment of  
Indian Agent for the Pueblos of this  
Territory, and beg leave to express my  
sincere thanks for the kindness, intended  
even though you failed in securing the  
position for me. A result not much  
to be wondered at, considering the many  
objections that could be brought against  
me, and the very few influential names  
that I could produce to forward any  
petition for an office. It would be  
a great assistance to me however, in the  
present unpropitious, financial, condition of  
our Territory, as until, through the  
influence of railroads, in the developing  
of the country we can expect very little  
change, and unless I give up all my

Albuquerque, N.M.

March 16, 1873

Superior Jno.

Expenses made  
for Genl. Howard's efforts  
to obtain for him the posi-  
tion of Indian Agent in  
N.M.



Done by Genl. H.  
S.D. Mtl. 9/93

M.H.



prospects of future benefit, and seek  
some other place more favored, and  
favorable to the maintenance of a  
Physician. I shall have to find out  
the secret of Economy, and practice it  
to the closest degree.

We are much disappointed in not  
having had another visit from you,  
and hope you will favor us with a  
longer stay among us if you come  
out here again.

Again with thanks for the kind  
interest you have evidently taken in  
my welfare, and best wishes of my  
wife and myself.

I remain

Very Respectfully

Yours &c.

John Symington M.D.