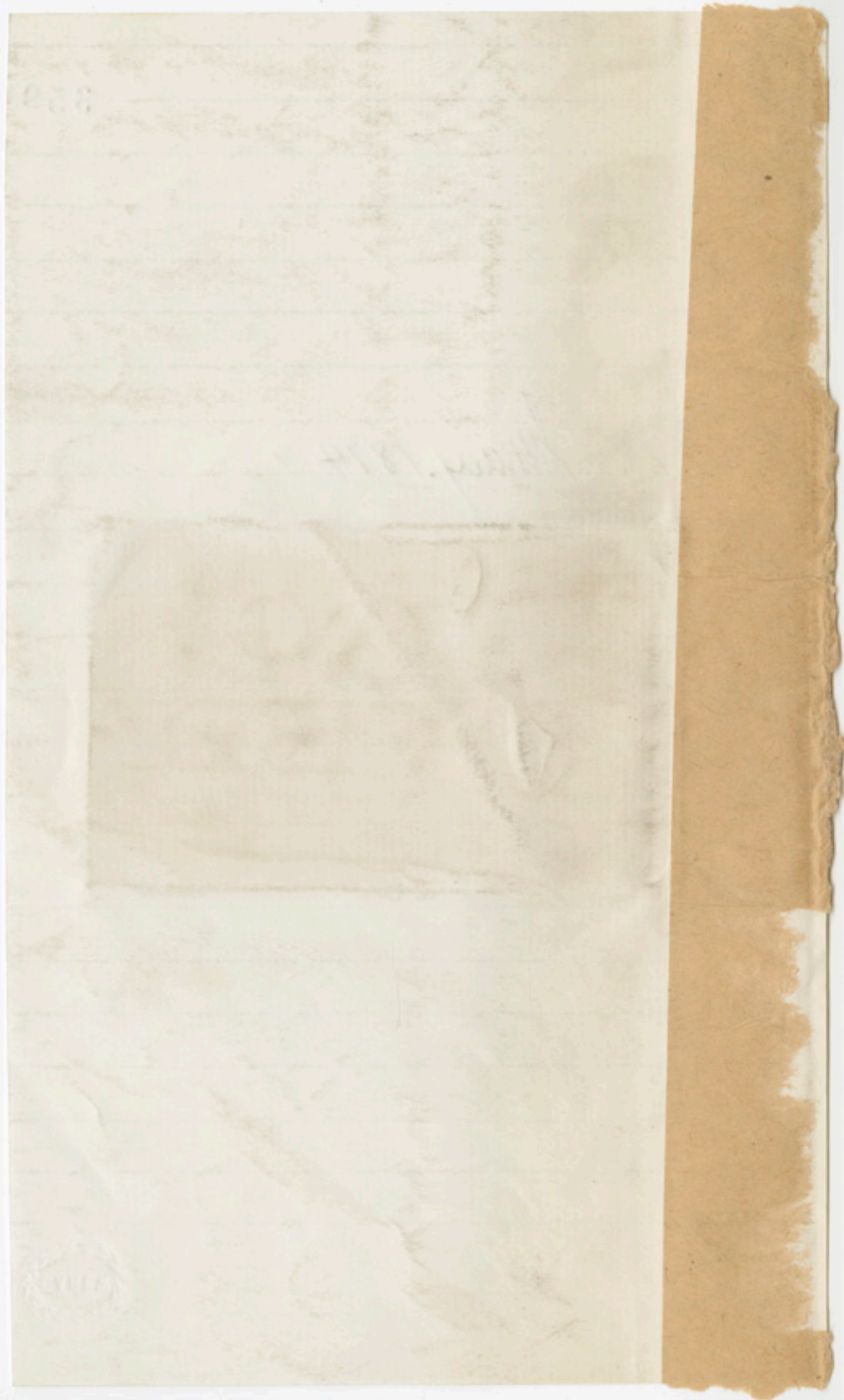


January. 1874

For Gen Howard,
Introducing Mr Kettleship
to whom you can explain
Mr. E. C. Banfield.
the matter you desire to
have investigated E. C. B.



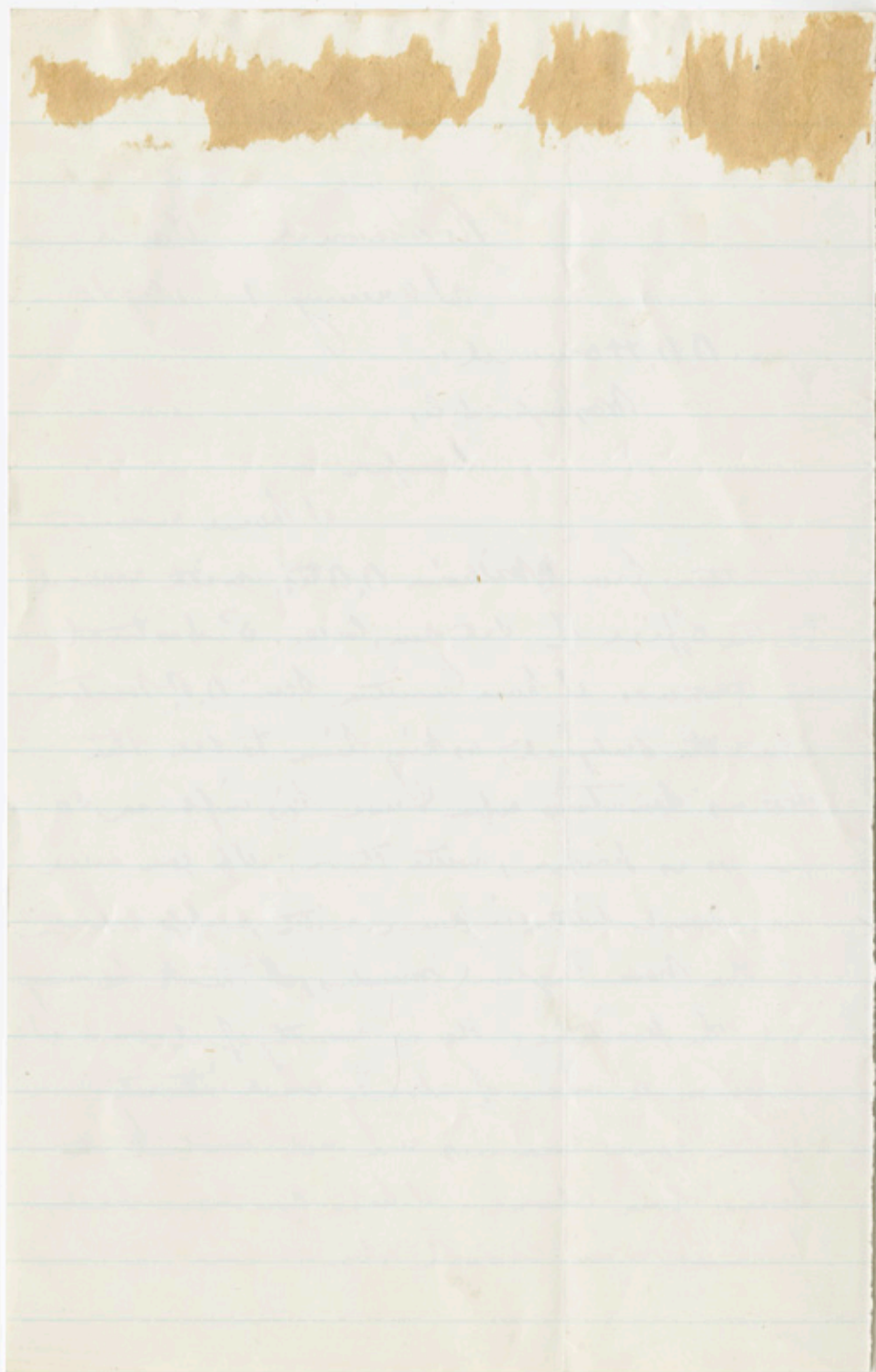
Richmond Va
January 1 1874

Gen. O. P. Howard,
Washington D. C.,

Dear Sir

I have received
a letter from William O. Otis, with regard
to the office of Dist. Atty. Gen. 3^d District
in Texas. I have written Sen. O. P. Morton
upon the subject, asking him to see the
Texas Senators and use his influence, so
far as is proper, with them. If you will
use some little influence with perhaps some
of the New England members, I think he may
get the position. He is worthy of it and I
believe a man of ability and integrity.
I see your enemies are not content to
leave you alone. I hope you have had
business men enough about you, to have

(over)



Keep your matters in such train
as to show all your acts as they
should appear, and as you intend
they should be. None of your friends,
or those who know you, doubt your
intentions, or have any fear for the
result.

We all unite in the compliments of
the season, & in kindest regards, to
yourself & family,

Yours truly
G. H. Strickland

Richmond Ind
Jan'y 1 1874

Stickland OH

Writes concerning
the appointment
of Willott as Int.
Revenue Collector in
Texas. *Ans. by hand.*

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Fort Mifflin, Md.
Jany. 1, 1874.

Dear General -

I have received the
commission of Colonel of
Engineers in the Egyptian
service & have the assurance
of Genl. Sherman & the
Secy. of War that I shall
receive leave of absence for
a year. Mr. Merchant, the
agent in New York, desires

me to go on Saturday next.
I believe the five others ap-
pointed are to leave at that
time. I telegraphed to Genl.
Sherman today in reference
to my leave & expect to
be able to get it in time
to leave tomorrow for New
York. We are to go on the
"White Star" line. I am ex-
tremely sorry that I shall

not be in any way able
to help you in the matter
referred to in my note
of some days since, but
I feel assured such as-
sistance is not essential
& that you will completely
vindicate yourself in every
particular. Should you wish
me to remain, however, - if
I can be of any assistance.

telegraph me at the Astor
House, New York, & I shall
only be too delighted to
postpone my departure as
long as you may deem
necessary. -

Hoping that everything
will be justly, & consequently
satisfactorily, arranged, believe
me, General -

Very Sincerely Yours,
Robt. M. Rogers.
14th Feb. 1874.

Camp Harney, Oregon,
January 1.st 1874

My dear Godfather

I thought you would like to hear from the little boy that you named Howard Spring Durrant when you were in Tucson, Arizona. We do not live there now, we came away more than a year ago and live at camp Harney. I like it very much and there is a great deal of Snow here, and I am going to get a nice Sled, then I will have a good time. I try to be a good boy and learn all I can.

I hope you are well, and I wish you a happy New year.

Howard Spring Durrant

Camp, ~~Spring Creek~~
January 11th



Durant, M. S.

Intends to be a good
boy

Harlem January 1. 1874.

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Dear General

Here is my first writing in 1874
and I wish you and your dear wife and child
even a happy new year, and a happy victory
of all your enemies. What a prayer that is
"Let not mine enemies triumph over me!"

they only can know, who have enemies.
I think the Psalms of David are given to man
kind to sustain and comfort them in the dark:
set him of this life and specially to help
the Christian.

I read that Sun the day it came
out and saw the Friend all over it - saw the falseness
of him, and my spirit burned. He says every one
of word's charges was proven true. Word withdrawn
one of his charges. The falsehood about that pay, that
"Salary" I saw very clearly, and many other things.
Indeed the whole story is like a view taken through a
colored glass: it is a jaundiced eye, false in every
thing. There is no ^{immediate} remedy. Evil will have its course.
Evil men and seducer wax worse and worse, deceiving
and being deceived. This last is the horrible thing for them.
Their person poisons themselves, and they are themselves remed-
iless. 'Tis God's justice. Therefore let every man beware

Thank you very much for your letter of 4th - S.K.

against harboring malice. God has appointed that it shall
most afflict its cherisher. Unto him shall be sent strong
delusion, that he should believe a lie, that he, and all,
may be condemned who believe not, who practise not,
the truth. He shall not escape, however it may be with
the object of his hatred. It is Huidibras's dog again,
and still he runs, but all in vain,
He still drags after him his chain.

Much wisdom is to be learned from men of the world, and
even from men who relied on Philosophy falsely so called.
Jefferson said he never read the newspapers. The tradition
is he was the best abused man of his time. Why should
he have read them? Hamilton did read them, and wrote
for them too, very much, and this sort of thing brought
him to an untimely death. In this, Jefferson was the
wiser. A public man who is especially hated must have
uncumbersome gifts as a writer, and a little army of helpers
of the same sort to answer newspaper assaults upon him
when they open in full cry. And after all he must be
unhappy from the abrasion of spirit all this continual world
produce. And this brings to mind the wonderful thing expressed by
those wonderful words: "As a lamb before her shearer is dumb,
so he opened not his mouth." What words he might have tho:
ken: words before which his persecutors must have fallen
as fell the men before the flame into which they were casting
the three faithful servants of God! But he was silent.

And now how is it, and for ages how has it been? In your

patience possess ye your souls. Tribulation worketh patience.
Now the God of patience grant you to be like-minded.
This last is very impressive in view of the silence of the Lord
just now mentioned. He is the God of Patience. And his
lands ones shall through patience inherit the promises,
Ah - do I offer these to you? - May, I would turn them
around toward myself dear General. We commonly know
more of ourselves than of others, and from what I know I would
make all this a soliloquy, a talking to myself, suggested by
your present visitation indeed, and you being an auditor.
Job's friends could advise more easily than they could have
endured. But we go to the Sanctuary when we would be-
come the end of the wicked, and we sit at the feet of Jesus
when we would get wisdom to direct our steps. This is what
I mean to be upon. Read over that psalm, "To rest not thy-
self because of evil doers" and take comfort and sweet rest,
as many have done in all the ages since it was given
to the world. How I ~~th~~th have liked to have had you here 3 or 4
minds ago when I heard Newman Hall preach from a kindred one
the 72^d, on Asaph's Faith, Asaph's Doubts, and Asaph's Restoration. I made
a pilgrimage of some miles to hear him and was largely rewarded.

And now dear General I am convinced this new assault
must be met by the ~~artillery~~ artillery of evidence: that the news-
papers can be compelled to do justly only by the decree of
a court, whether military or civil: that you must with
good advice make war, as doubtless you are doing: that
you must be wise as serpent; 2. 9. acts ~~xxiii~~ 6-9.

I heard something about waiving all benefit of the Statute

of limitations, and remembered what Bro. Whipple told me a while ago. He said he had written early in the new storm to you saying it was perilous, more than any other, because those who have raised it did first of all take possession of the place of the papers, and of the papers, scattering these at their will. Now it is for such things the flat of land was made, i.e. to proportion the measure of responsibility to the measure of time, and of the means of armor and defence.

We are to put on the whole armor and not go into battle with a sword only. We want the helmet, the shield, the breast-plate, - to be well shod and fitly covered every way. I would not surrender to the crying false and wicked friends any thing whatever. War is war. The time ~~for~~ fight is quite different.

And now dear General I have been writing as far as I could - occasionally with a pen to receive calls. If you find this legible I shall be glad. To me it is very plain just as a spider runs with facility over his web that plays the mischief with the legs of a fly; but perhaps it will be plain to you and supply a mesh or so of wholesome truth by which to ~~catch~~ the falsehoods of the enemy or repel them.

I am glad indeed that you trust in the Lord. May He keep you and yours and make ashamed all the plotters of evil.

affectionately, Your friend

Edgar Ketchum

2 Matt V. 11. 12. fear of our reading this letter.

I think Beecher has not only gained but wisdom. So has Grant in some great things.



Weymouth Jan 10th 1874

Jan 1, 1874

My dear Cousin

I enclose you two
 slips from the Weymouth Journal
 the one of last week the editor
 was ashamed of after I sent
 him a copy of your letter which
 he had not seen as it was not
 published in any of the Boston
 papers (that I have seen) I first
 saw it in the Weymouth Journal
 & sent it to the Weymouth Journal
 & he has published it & come
 down a little from his stand
 of last week. Mr. Guppy, son
 gave him a good talking to for
 his first letter article

Wishing you all a happy New
 Year. I remain your

affl. Cousin

was glad to see your letter

Very
 affectionately

LAW OFFICES OF

N. P. CHIPMAN,
A. A. HOSMER,
C. D. GILMORE,

Chipman, Hosmer & Co.,

Washington, D. C.,

Jan 1 1874

Genl C. C. Howard U.S.A.:

We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 31st ult, transmitting lists of claimants for bounty.

We return the same with certificate that all the claims for the amounts stated were collected by us on powers of attorney received from the claimants

Very Resp^d Yours
Hosmer

Jan 1. 1874

Kosmer & Co.

402 Walnut St

Phil^a Jan 1st 1874

Genl O'Connor
US Army

Dear General.

Since his retirement

Lieut F. A. Page has been in
the service of several Ins Cos,
among the number I will
name the Continental (N. M.)
St Louis Mercantile, (St. Louis)
Piedmont & Arlington of Va^c.

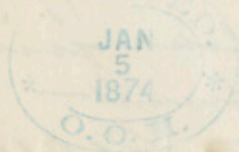
It seems to me to "him" he
should refer for Character
and Standing" in applying
for new service of the same
nature. It is not to be expected
that every good soldier will
make a reliable & efficient
business man. Very truly
Yours
G. H. Gillet

Phil. A. Du
Jan 1 - 1874

Gile Geo. H.

States that he
(Page) has been
in the service of
several Ind. Cos.,
and to whom you
should refer.

File.





Toledo Ohio Jan 2nd 1874

Dear

General

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In reading some
of the correspondence from Washington
referring to charges against you
I think there is some of the most
low and malicious designs in
the most of it I have ever seen
recorded. There is one consolation
you will have that is the greater
part of the Old Army of the Tennessee
will wait until you are proven
guilty before they will think of
condemning and some of us will
be slow to do it then not that I do
not think there has been some —
irregularities in some branches of

the Freedmen's Bureau but that
you could have avoided such irregularities
or that you have benefited or enriched
one dollar either directly or indirectly
I do not, nor never will believe
Not that I believe all Soldiers to
be honest for I am sorry to say
that I found too many that were
not during my four years and
a few months in the Army

I write this simply to assure
that the ranks and file of the Grand
Old Army that marched on Atlanta
do not feel towards you as some
of the Washington Correspondents
have shown that they do

Hoping you may receive a
fair and impartial investigation
since things have assumed such
a shape as they have and that
I may yet have stronger proof
of your honesty and integrity

I am as ever your well
wishing friend and once a
soldier. in your command after
the death of the good and brave
McPherson

Yours Respectfully
Saml B. Litchuist
Ex Soldier Army of Johnston

Told to Ohio
Jan 9 1874

Gilchrist Jan 13

Friendly letters

Ans'd. Jan. 7. 1874.

For sent. A.G.O. -

Washington D.C. Jan 2^d 74

Emil. Adams

Cmsr

Late Bureau R & A Lands -

Washington D.C.

General

Referring to communication of 1st July 1872 of Major J. M. Brown late Disbursing Officer, Copy herewith, transmitting certain unsettled accounts for transportation furnished on certain orders of the late Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands from 1866 to 1868 and reporting that there are no funds to pay the same, I have respectfully to invite your attention

Copy

With fact that no schedule or certificate
showing the outstanding debts of the
Bureau of R & I Lands accompanied
the same as required by Paragraph
1009 Revised Regulations U.S. Army
I am General

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
E. D. Townsend
Adjutant General

659-a G.O. (P.B.) 72

Original in file
with copy of inquiry

Alma G. G.
M. H. G.
W. H. G.

American Missionary Association:

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New York, Jan. 2nd 1874.

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

Dear Bro.

Pardon me for again troubling you in relation to the Hampton Singers. I would not do it but for one remark in your letter to Gen. Armstrong, a copy of which you sent me. It is this—“I would not like to excite a feeling of rivalry between the Fisk and Hampton students”.

Permit me to disabuse your mind of this part (would that I could remove the idea from Gen. Armstrong's mind). The apprehension of rivalry between the Jubilee and Hampton singers in England never entered my mind. My hesitancy as to the approval of the plan is on wholly independent grounds. As a trustee of H. N. and A. Institute, when the Hampton Singers first started out, I told Gen. Armstrong that they would not succeed unless he

engineered the matter and gave his personal
time and attention to it, and that I thought
he could be much more useful to the Insti-
tute in other ways. I think the event has
proved that I was correct. I have the same
feeling in relation to the visit to England,
and on grounds entirely independent of its
relation to Elisk and the Jubilee Singers.

Very truly yours &c.

Geo. Whipple.

Cor. Secy.

P.S. Since I commenced this letter, Mr. Cran-
ch has received word from Gen. Armstrong that the
English project is given up. I shall send
this, however, because I wish you should
understand my views and feelings in re-
gard to the matter.

Wm. West

June 26th 1871

Wm. West

Relation to the
"Jubilee Singers"

File.

War Department
Washington City.

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January 2^d 1874.

General O. O. Howard, U. S. A.

Late Commissioner Bureau R. F. & A. F.
Washington, D. C.

General:

Referring to the communication
of George W. Balloch, late Disbursing officer,
dated the 29. ultimo, forwarded by you
to me with your letter of the 30th ultimo,
and wherein he has stated: "that from February
1870 to February 1871, there was on deposit
with the U. S. Treasurer, United States securities
costing \$ 334.875.00, (these may have been
withdrawn a short time before this when sent

to New York to be sold,) and from March 1871 to the date of my [his] discharge October 11, 1871. Similar securities costing \$273,375.00, were also on special deposit with him (\$50,000.00 of this last sum was in my [his] safe for a short time)" I desire information:

1. — As to the specific character of the securities referred to, and the authority for converting the funds into the said securities.

2. — What was the object of so converting the funds?

3. — To what object, or for what purpose, were the funds represented by the said securities applied or used?

4. — If the said securities were U.S. Bonds

what amount of interest accrued between the dates of purchase and sale, and what disposition was made of that interest?

5. — What increase resulted from the use of the funds represented by the said securities, and what disposition was made of it?

6. — Why were not the transactions connected with the securities now under consideration, referred to at, or before, the time Inspector General Schriber investigated the \$280,000.00 (cash value) Bond Matter [\$200,000.00 registered, \$50,000.00 coupon] involving the accounts of Disbursing Officer Balloch for June, July and August 1871?

In addition to what is indicated in the foregoing, please add all information necessary



to a clear understanding of the subject.

A reply is requested by 9 o'clock
A. M., Monday next the 5th. instant.

Respectfully,

Your obedient servant.

Wm. W. Beltrac
Secretary of War.

On receipt of the
R. R. F. P. & Co.

W. W. Beltrac
Secretary of War

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