

a long letter, not hardly worth
 writing; yet, as I could not sit still
 and thought that you would like
 to know something of the outlook
 here I have trespasses my
 time.

I sincerely hope, that you will
 accept this as coming from
 Your true friend.

With high regards

I remain your obedient

A. S. M. Fay

Lieut. 19th Infantry

To

General O. O. Howard

referred

Washington
 D.C.

Baton Rouge, La.

May 16. 1871

My dear friend and General.

I am in receipt of the
 happy news of your entire vindication
 by the Court of Inquiry as you in-
 dicated to me in your letter of the
 15th of January last, you felt
 must be the result.

You had been so persistently
 assailed and for such a length
 of time, that this termination of
 so disagreeable a matter must be
 to you a great relief; for it si-
 lences these calumnious tongues
 for ever, not, that I think that
 these parties, instrumental in bring-
 ing on this investigation, were actua-
 ted so much by personal feelings
 to you; it was your popularity
 with the people, your name

with the masses and your inevitable
prominence in the great Christian
Government mission to the blacks
the "Freedmen's Bureau", that they
wanted to impair: it was jealousy
of what you had done, your labors,
and now that you were passing
into the history of this great
measure, it was hoped, that
you might not enjoy the
confidence to that extent of
the Country, as to have returned
to you any substantial fruits
for the work of success, that
the results of your administra-
tion have so clearly established
to every candid observer.

That there was a conspiracy
to some extent I know and a
few envious and jealous official
enemies themselves to the work (of)
assailing and if possible dam-
aging the character of a
Christian officer and gentleman.

The movement met with signal
failure as all such movements of
fact, when justice prevails, must
inevitably do, and none re-
joice more heartily than I, in
their discomfiture and your
triumph.

I have just left Greenwood La.
the Port having been abandoned and
the Company ordered to this place.

I found in Caddo Parish, the
labor question the principal one of
interest. The Freedmen have
difficulties to contend with and
the Planters have their troubles. On
the whole, however, I am satisfied,
that where the Planter has dealt
kindly and honestly by his black
labor he has had good returns so
far as the seasons have warranted
him to expect. The system of
renting out the lands is very
prevalent and when I say that
these lands are very poor (off

ably kept track of. The submerged district will not be available much before the 1st of July next. I am informed consequently the bottom land will not do much this year. The timely relief of Angoras and from certain sections of the Country has been sufficient to avert any further suffering and it is a sincere pleasure to hear the people speak of the Government, how much they appreciate the generous action and this thing has done, beyond feeding the hungry, a good word is breeding up a good true feeling of respect and love for the Federal Government and the generosity of Boston City. I have heard very pleasantly commented on and when I mention that fact you may readily believe that the Louisiana people are grateful for the assistance rendered.

Well, I have written you

the River) and corn but from 1 to 3 \$ per acre and the Planter rent them to his hands at from 4 to 7 \$ an acre. you can readily see that this is an unfair mode of dealing. Accompanying this is the system of advances by which the Planter charges his own prices and at the end of the year very few of the Blacks but find themselves largely in debt, which is carried over against them for the next year, thus setting up debt after debt against them until the Negro gets so demoralized and discouraged that he runs off to some other section where he begins anew the same system of remuneration labor.

Unable from their ignorance to understand how it is that they

are thus figured in debt at the
close of a year's labor, it produces
with some a kind of discouragement
to try to do anything and for this
reason more perhaps than any other
you will find many idlers, the
fruit of which is, as might be
expected, vicious practices and
vagabondism. I wish sincerely,
that Louisiana had a good wholesome
labor law and until she does the
State will never be half farmed
or her resources properly developed
and she will remain just as she
has been so long, a bankrupted
poverty stricken Commonwealth.

It is not Governor Kellogg nor
the struggle in political affairs
that has reduced Louisiana so
much, neither the terrible epidem-
ic that has occasionally swept
over her fair borders, but, it is
this same labor question which
has crippled her energies,

kept back her resources and
given her such a reputation
that Emigration shuns her
like a pestilence. Her own
natural labor, abundant and
available, is not utilized
or properly systematized and
controlled and the consequence
is, she is loaded down with
burdensome taxation and her
lands, once worth from 75 to
200 \$ per acre in the more
fertile sections are now worth
but from 5 to 15 and lying idle
while the high lands are almost
entirely unsaleable. Louisiana's
prospects are very gloomy and
her sister State Texas, taking ad-
vantage of her present weakness
is crowding on all sails to take
from her every interest that can
be made available - Commercial
and agricultural.

The "reflow" you have prob-

allowed to return to private life -
he would give emphasis to his final
judgment.

I hear you have advertised
in the free press, an ad towards your
husband to sell your property, created
some circumstances and begun answer
It is natural and cannot be
prising to your friends, but it must be
painful to them and ought to make
Xth men who consider what has been
done for the freedom of the country and
for your government to make some
return.

The Govt I say again ought to unite
nity, but it has many enemies scattered
among its parties and powers. X
men can combine without the presence
of bad men, and can do something for
wound acknowledgment and indemnity.

But I am repeating I beg your pardon
I expect to return homeward Monday and
Yours affectionately
Edgar Allan Poe

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
squalorizing little editorial in the way
point column. How pleased I was!
Then, opening the Times, lo - there in the
Washington was shining Col. Dyer's
telegram, its very self, complete. Ver-
ily it will do good, very much good,
and every where. I must be glad
to see and know what thus appears.

Well - I was awake at early hour
and not till about 5 did I fall asleep
again, the little hours having been filled
with thoughts of the great and goodness
of the land, of Pres. Dyer, & yourself,
of your dear household - of the Pres-
ident, and of what he might do with
the findings and opinion of the Court.

But in view of this whole case what
must be the opinion of the Secretary of
War among good people? His accusations
~~not~~ were not merely statements of
fact to be explained or investigated.
They prejudged the whole and imputed
criminality and suggested punishment
and pecuniary forfeiture. If he knew

what he was signing he was incurring
a fearful responsibility. If he was not
he should confess it, and then had may
draw a picture of him as he drew of any
other in this week's Harper. But even then
he is responsible. Compare that little Trib-
bunal of yesterday, what it says of our
General's fame, and ~~the~~ with Sec. B's con-
duct and language, and say whether he can
be excused. He cannot ~~scatter~~ scatter fire
brands around and death and say 'am
not I in that?' Neither can he say
'all's well that ends well.' Who is
guilty? Somebody is.

And now for General Grant. Oh! he
has done great things. What estimation
he is held in for his sagacity, calmness, and
the great acts military and civil that have
gladdened the nation, and made many
forget his faults. Will he now add to his
greatness and glory by the crowning act on
the judgment of the Court? I believe he
will do it. And then if he would
signify that the Sec. of War might be



The American Sunday-School Union,

No. 1122 Chestnut Street.

Philadelphia, *May 16th* 1874

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the American Sunday-School Union, held at the Society's House, on the *14th* day of *May* you were elected one of the

VICE-PRESIDENTS

of the Board. An acknowledgment of this notice at your convenience, will much oblige,

Yours, very respectfully,

John West
Secy.

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

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The American Sunday-School Union,

No. 1122 Chestnut Street,

Philadelphia, May 14 1874

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the
American Sunday-School Union, held at the Society's
House, on the 11th day of May,
you were elected one of the

VICE-PRESIDENTS

of the Board. An acknowledgment of this notice at
your convenience, will much oblige.

Yours, very respectfully,

Chas. K. ...



Washington May 16th 1874
Genl. O. O. Howard;

Dear Sir,

Allow
me in this humble way, to offer you
my most heartfelt congratulations upon
the late triumph of the "Howard Investigation"
in the "Right," and upon the new strength
and power with which your name, familiar
to all Americans, is to day clothed. That
name, to me, to my Dear Homeland, to all
our household, has ever been cherished and
loved, both in connection with our country
History, and as a Friend and Helper.
but your Enemies have been strong, and they
would take from you, your grand good
reputation, but thanks be to God, he has

given you the victory, and has made
even your enemies to be at peace with
you. Our expectations have been fully
realized in your late triumph, and we
here, as a family do tender you again
and again, our sincere congratulations.
And we are so glad that, with your good
"right arm," not a jot of your power among
men, for good, has been destroyed. Pardon
me for this liberty. I only felt as if I
desired to express all our thanksgiving and
good wishes. God bless you General, even
as you have blessed others.

Yours most truly
Mary J. Blif

from friends who believed
you because they knew you
you will not despise the
of one who believed ⁱⁿ altho
she did not know you
well.

With kind regards and
wishes

Yours truly

J. R. Belger.

New Orleans May 16th
[1874]

Genl. O. O. Howard,

Dear Genl.

I saw
a paper two or three days
ago, a brief notice of your
equittal, and although our
actual acquaintance is slight,
your sympathy and kindness
in my trouble when I saw
you last makes me feel that
you are not merely an ac-
quaintance and I hasten
to offer my hearty congratu-
lations upon the happy
termination of your trial.

Perhaps my
sympathy is more vivid because

my dear husband went through one something like it though, alas! his acquittal could not shield him from a cruel injustice whose bitter consequences he feels to this day!

You are happier in being fully vindicated, and I sincerely hope it may be the end of all those unjust attacks which have annoyed you.

I am expecting to join my husband in Baton Rouge, and I confess not with a good grace because it is not the station for even his reduced rank, and I am so proud or sensitive for him, though. I do try and feel that it is by God's permission that we are tried. If I

were in Washington I would go boldly to Genl. Sherman and entreat his influence to have my dear husband stationed in St. Louis as I see by the papers that the Genl. is to make that place his Hd Qrs.

You know an officers pay is so much better than at a depot and being out of the army so long threw husband into debt that harasses his life every hour. In all these heart cares I do try "On Him to lean Who not in vain Experienced every human pain!"

I offer no apology for intruding upon you, my dear Genl, for numerous as are the congratulations you will receive

I have heard but one opinion expressed - and that is gratification at
your triumphant acquittal. I can not doubt, but the President will approve.

I hope, you will not let
an ill-advised modesty pre-
vent you from bringing
the subject to the attention
of your friends in Congress.

My name is on
file as an applicant for the
appointment of Commissioner
under the General award.
Your kind letter is on file
with many others, in the
Department.

If, at some con-
venient time, when you
have an audience with the
President, you could recollect
to speak to him, in my
favor, you might perhaps
confer a decided favor
on my wife and children.

Most truly & respectfully
Y. Raymond

Nesbitt, Desoto Co. Miss:
May 15 - 1874 -

Genl. C. O. Howard,
Dear Sir,

I can not
withold the expression of my
gratification at your trium-
phant vindication - in the
finding of the Court of in-
-qu-ry, in your case. I have
watched the progress of this
piece of persecution (for such
I regard it) and not know-
-ing, what deep-laid plans,
your enemies might have
resorted to and nature,
I have felt anxious as
to the result.

Thank God! in-
-nocence has triumphed -

-calumny has been put to
shame. Much annoyance
as this protected issue must
have caused you - you have
cause to rejoice that the
issue was made. The re-
-sult places you on higher
ground than you ever occu-
-pied before - I, as your friend
rejoice at it, and
sincerely congratulate you
on your signal triumph.

I know, that any
humble congratulations
amount to very little - but
they are the honest tribu-
-ute of a heart that feels
grateful to you for your
kindness on several occa-
-sions. - Some one was, when
my favorable opinion might

have been considered worth
something. But misfortune
has laid its afflictive
hand on me so heavily -
that I have but little
heart or spirit to think
of any thing, except to pro-
-vide bread for my family -

Now General, you
have friends in Congress; and
I think you owe it to the
cause of truth - you owe it
to your family, to appeal
to these friends, and ask
them to have a Law in-
-dicted, to reimburse you, for
your expenses, in defending
the honor and reputation of
the Army, struck at through
you, against an envious
and malignant assault.
It ought to be done - and



Princeton May 18, 1874

Dear Brother

You know that my interest in the "Inquiring" and satisfaction at the result is deeper than words can express. (Chicago Tribune)

"Gath," says you have advertised your house. If it were God's will I would not detract from our happiness or usefulness. I wish we could live where we could see each other often.

I hope no one will think you are compelled to sell & so get your property at too small a price.

We hear also that you are unwell, not wonderful certainly after so long an

Excitement of the Nerves =
We are all as well as
usual in the midst
of fruit blossoms.

Heelm & Mother join me
in love to you & Lizzie -

Sellie is better - Charles
is trying hard to make
the Advance pay (as it does
not say well) & yet make
a good paper.

God bless you & keep
you. As you need ready
money - a little, I mean,
such as Mother & I might
make up?

Yours, Brother

Rouland



Nut Grove Farm
Sherman Nebraska May 18th 1874

Genl O. O. Howard

My dear General =

= Accept

my hearty congratulations =

Your friend
Lurch Howe

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MAY 28 1881

My dear Sir,
I have the pleasure to inform you that
the same has been forwarded to you.

Very respectfully,
C. C. Shivers

Enclosed for you are
two copies of the report of the
Committee on the subject of
the proposed amendment to the
Constitution of the State.

Agricultural Institute.

ED TEACHERS FOR THE COLORED RACE,
IAL TRAINING.

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Mrs. E. F. Thrope Martin.

Willowbrook.

W. Va., May 19 1874

My dear Genl.

A very nice lady
whom I met on the car some weeks
ago desired me to send you the
enclosed Card. She has been greatly
interested in you work especially
among the Indians. She is one of the
nobler women in New York State and
does great good.

She spoke of you with
great regard & interest.

Sincerely yours

S. C. Armstrong.

J. F. H. HARRIS, Treasurer.
1000 N. 10th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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The Washington Agricultural Institute

FOR THE EDUCATION OF COLORED TEACHERS AND THE COLORED RACE
AND TO PROMOTE AGRICULTURE

Washington, D. C. May 19 1875

My dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the matter of the purchase of land for the purpose of establishing a school for the education of colored teachers. I am very glad to hear that you are interested in this cause, and I am sure that your efforts will be successful. I have already written to the Board of Directors of the Institute, and I am sure that they will be very glad to hear of your interest. I am sure that you will find the Institute a very valuable institution, and I am sure that you will find it a very pleasant place to visit. I am sure that you will find it a very interesting place to visit, and I am sure that you will find it a very pleasant place to visit. I am sure that you will find it a very interesting place to visit, and I am sure that you will find it a very pleasant place to visit.

Very respectfully,
J. F. H. Harris

Fort Hamilton N.Y.
May 19th - 1874.
General D. O. Arnold,
Warney
Washington -
D.C.

Dear General:

Your letter of the
14th inst is received.

It would afford me
much pleasure to furnish
you with the information called
for, if I thought I could do
so, without violating well
established customs of the Ser-
vice.

I am not aware that the
proceedings of the Court have been
made public, and even if I
could not, with propriety,
divulge the substance of opinions
of members of the Court, unless

Unauthorized to do so by the proper
authority.

I deeply regret the
publication in the newspapers
mentioned by you, tho' I have
not seen any of them.

Sincerely, yours
Geo: D. May.

C. C. DUNCANSON.

J. M. DUNCANSON.

Office of **Duncanson Brothers,**
Auctioneers,

9TH AND D STREETS N. W.,

Washington, D. C., May 19th 1874

Gen O. O. Howard

City
Sir

We have an offer for your
place part improved & unimproved real estate
in the city & part cash, how would that suit
you, call at our office when you are in this way.

Yours &c &c

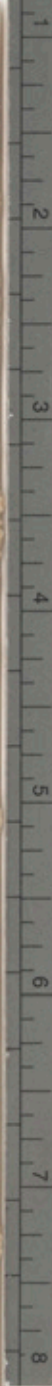
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Collegiate Institute, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.,

May 19th 1874

Gen. Howard.

Dear Sir.

I met you at
the "Y. M. C. A. Con-
vention" last sum-
mer; - though, of
course you have
forgotten me -
and since then,
have been very

anxious to obtain
your photograph,
which I now take
the liberty of ask-
ing for.

Hoping you may
be kind enough
to grant my re-
quest.

Believe me.

Respectfully.

Mary L. Dowd

P.S. I send a copy
of a paper, of which I am a



MAY 22 1874

San Francisco May 19th 74

My dear Cousin

a few days ago I recd a pap from Rowland, giving a pleasant sketch of the different members of the "Court", & yesterday I recd a pap from you containing some of the proceedings -

The Letter to Genl Sherman pleases me very much, and think that a step in the right direction - Ten days ago the Del announced that the Court exonerate you of all the charges, and the report had gone to the President - I am exceedingly anxious to hear what he has to say -

As I wrote, I had no doubt about the real facts in the matter,

but feared you would be held
responsible for some of the
acts of your subordinates - it would
have been remarkable if all of
them had been honest true men.

After you have done with Court
of Inquiry etc, I hope Genl
Sherman will assign you
to duty on this Coast -

Washington is a bad place
to live in - too many busy bodies.

We are all very well - Mrs
Martin & Dora are at
Sacramento - I expect Mrs
M. home tomorrow - Dora
will stay a few weeks longer.

Ollie is in school, going thro
the yearly examination -

We have quite a garden - Have
already growing, Radish, Lettuce,
Beet, Carrot, Potatoes, Corn, Squash -

Apple, Pear, Cherry, Fig, Plum,
& Quince trees - Blackberry, Raspberry,

Currants & Strawberries -

We are now having very
fine weather - Strawberries very
plenty - price $7\frac{1}{2}$ cents for lbs -

Cherries 50 cts for lbs -

Remember us all to your
family & believe me

Your affec^ted Cousin
A Martin.

Washington D.C. May 19 74

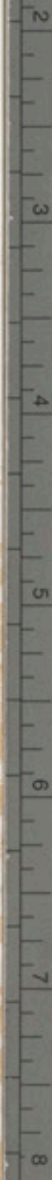
Gen. O. O. Howard



Dr Sir

I would call your attention to the fact, that the Howard University Association have not carried out the agreement made on the 30 day of Dec 1871 by you as President, that the Association should take back lot 12 in Black's land and refund to Mrs Lake "all she had paid so she should not lose a dollar" I hope you will feel it a ~~privilege~~ if not a duty under all the circumstances to use your influence with the Ass. and see that it is cleared up before leaving for the far west. I think if you would heartily take hold of the matter, it would be arranged without further difficulty.

Yours Respectfully
John L Lake



J. C.
S. J. G.

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Treasury Department, *W*

Fourth Auditor's Office,

May 19th 1874.

Sir;
Enclosed please find the Reconciling
Statement of differences in your account of payments of
Prize Money, Bounty, &c to colored seamen, extending
from April 22nd 1867 to June 30. 1872.

I am very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.

S. J. W. Taber,
Auditor.

Brig. Gen^l

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

Howard University

Washington D.C.

May 23rd 1874. New York.

General Department

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst.

in relation to the matter of the application for a license to sell and dispose of the property of the deceased of the County of New York, and in answer to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. W. [Signature]

Very respectfully,
J. W. [Signature]

J. C.

Reconciliation of the account of Gen. O. O. Howard. U.S. Army.
Commissioner of Freedmen's Bureau. from April 22nd 1867 to June 30th 1872.

Balance due the United States as per the Official Statement. \$ 69.52

Thus Explained.

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Debits.
Prize Money.

Voucher No 3 November 1871. Suspended
claim of A. H. T. Baker, Landsman U.S. Navy.
twice paid. Nov. 28. 1868 & Nov. 20. 1871. 91.76

Voucher No 1. November. 1871. Suspended.
Fees of Edward Bissell, attorney for the
above suspended claim of A. H. T. Baker. 11.50

Voucher No 369 January 1870. Suspended
Attorneys fees twice paid in claim of
Robert Thurston. in January and April 1870. 9.50

\$ 112.76

Credits

By Internal Revenue Tax erroneously
acknowledged as money received in the following
claims. viz:

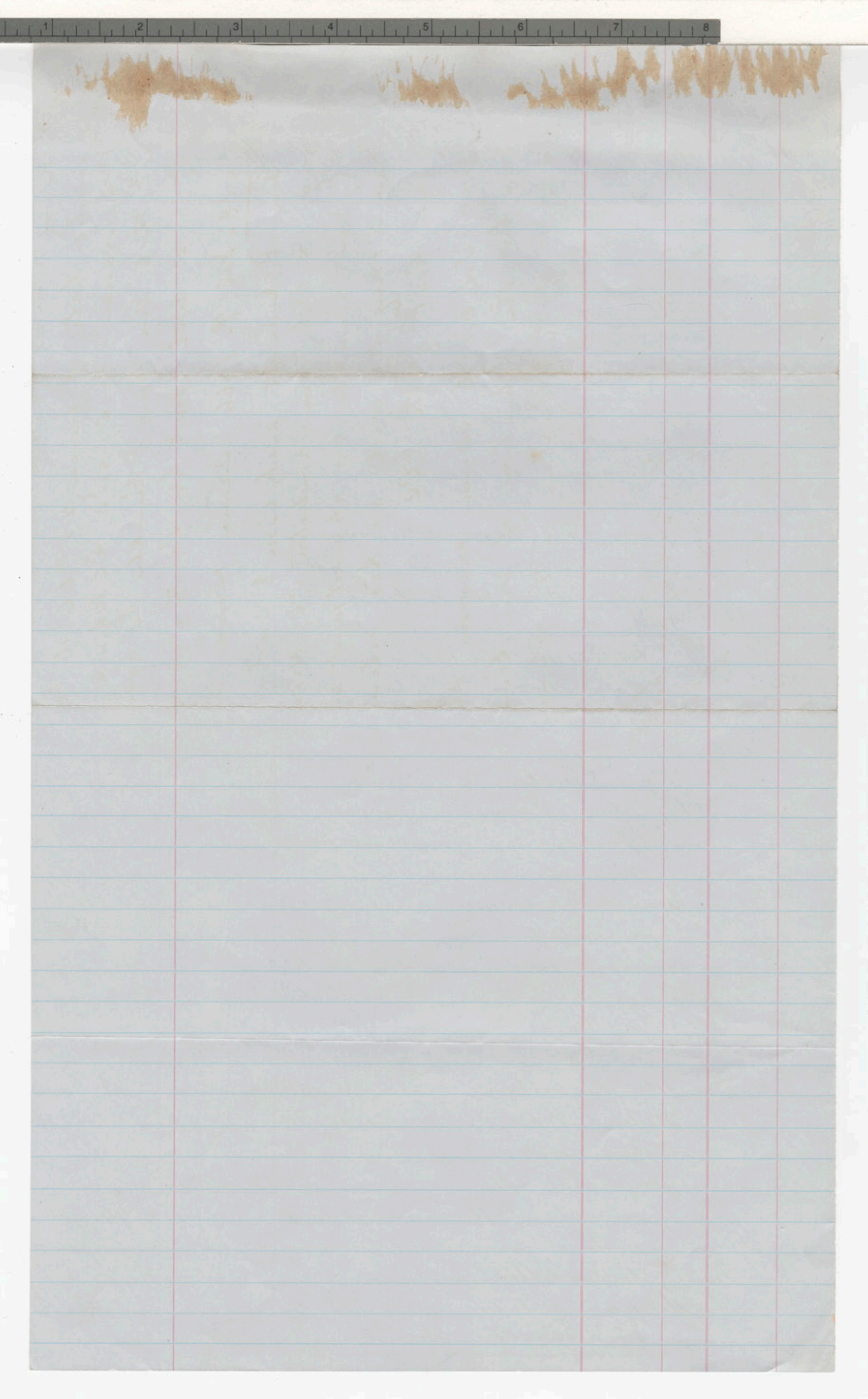
George H. Fitzgerald.	\$ 7.04
George Washington.	7.21
Francis Dukehart	3.61
Harry Williams	6.25
John Wilson.	2.63
Eugene Carroll.	1.46
John H. Tabbs.	3.42
William Hall.	10.74
Robert Sanders.	33
James Halloman.	55
	43.24

Difference as above.

\$ 69.52

Treasury Department
Fourth Auditor's Office
February 28. 1874

S. J. W. Tabor, Auditor





Baltimore, Md.
65 Mc Culloch St.

19-5-74.

MAY 19, 1874

Genl. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir;

The Congregational
Churches of Maryland, Virginia,
& the District, to the number of
five or six, expect to meet in
the Chapel of Congl. Ch.
Baltimore, Tuesday, May 26th, by
Pastors & Delegates, to consider
the expediency of forming
a local Conference.

In the evening it is
proposed to have a Public
meeting with short addresses.

I write to ask if you could
do us the favor to be present
& make the principal address
say 15 minutes or more if you

desire. If not, may
we not expect you to be
present & make one of
the shorter speeches, say
5 or 10 minutes.

We are desirous to have
the public meeting a success
to which we believe your
presence will in no small
degree contribute.

Dr. Lantier & Prof. Chickering
or Genl. Whitelsey can give
you further information
concerning the proposed
Conference, which we think
will materially aid the people's
churches, & possibly encourage
new enterprises in due time.

Hoping for an early &
favorable reply, I remain

Very truly yours

C. P. Osborne