

Hd. qrs. "Camp Stanton"
Beaufort S.C. 172

May 24 1865

My dear brother

I was very

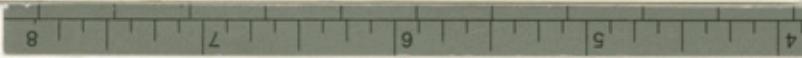
happy to assume to get a letter
by you own hand from Petersburg
and two others by Major Wilson
mailed at Washington but all
reaching me last Sunday evening -
one week after the last was
mailed. It seems you are
in charge of the Freedmen's Bu-
reau - I think it is well thought
beforehand I hoped you would
not have it believing it might
be distasteful to you to be
located in Washington and
have so much to do with
people as I imagined you
might - Please ask for
any suggestions I may have

about the interests of the
Freedmen - It is no general and
comprehensive a matter that
I could not undertake to
offer anything at present. I
mean however to make it a
study down here and as far
as you all in my power, I
will talk with all persons
I meet who are in any
way connected with the local
system of treating the Freed-
men.

If I should offer anything
off hand I should say
that the best general mea-
sure for the Freedmen ^{in the} the
Dept. would be to put Mr.
Saxton in command of the
Dept. And still there may
be much to be said against
such a course that does not
now occur to my mind.

I feel quite confident some
changes ought to be made. 173
From what I have seen and
heard from other trustworthy sources,
Gen. Grover at Savannah &
Gen. Hatch at Charleston
are not the right persons
to care for the Freedmen's
interests and the same is
probably true of Gen. Potter
now in command of this
district with Head quarters
at Hilton Head.

Gen. Gillmore seems sud-
denly to have changed his pol-
icy (at least in all outward
expressions it is so indicated)
and to be in favor the Govern-
ment's doing what it can for
the Freedmen - So Chief Justice
Lyon (with whom I conversed) was
impressed by his intercourse
with Gen. Gillmore.



I should again say, in
an off hand way (without
having had time to reflect much
on the subject) that you would
do well to make a tour of
inspection - especially, to look
down the Mississippi River.

If you could it would of
course be the pleasantest thing
in the world for me to have
you come on such a visit
to this Department - ~~but~~
you do it next Fall?

I have not seen the Bill
~~constituting~~ the Freedmen's Bureau.
With your wishes send me
a copy and write me freely,
asking all the questions upon which
(as I think I can get any light)
or information in this Deptt.

Do you have a Slave - I trust you
are now enjoying one & will not
enter upon the hard duties until
refreshed by a home visit of some
respectable length. I enclose two
days - showing you a little of my situation.

Brought with you much
about me, Regt. I am very
proud of it and I pray
I may do good in it;
making a model Regiment
in military matters, and
developing the men physically,
mentally, morally. It seems
like a vast field - Oh for
Grace & wisdom adequate
to the work before me.

W. Col. Beebe will have
a Scam by the 1st of July
30 days - Possibly I may
think it wise for me to
take a respite in August but
I do not now think it
probable.

I wish I could remain
here at Beaufort and
command the Post - i.e.
I think it would be better
for my Regiment. But
there is another Colored Regt.

here and when same is re-
ported by Gen. Lester as ready
for duty, I expect to be ordered
away with to Savannah, Atlanta -
Florida or elsewhere.

If Gen. Lester gets the
privilege of completing two
other colored Regiments which
he had started when recruiting
was stopped, he will desire to
keep me here in charge of the
Camp of instruction. I
hope he will get the privilege,
because I believe it the best
treatment of the colored men
to get them into the Army, thus
providing nearly labor under good
regulations for bodily health and
at the same time for his pecuniary
profit & moral well being.

What stuff do you return?
I was pleased at Col. Strong's promotion

Please give my kindest love

to Major Thimson - How
written have several letters which
he had not received - Please
tell him that of course I do
not insist upon his taking that
room but would like for him
to sell him advantageously for
me if he can.

I found your old block of
no value. Am about pur-
chasing a horse here - but
they ask \$300 or \$400 for anything
decent.

I suppose as the money
was deducted through you will
return your losses.

Did Sizgin come to
Philadelphia as contemplated.
I suppose you will take her
with you on your travels now
in these piping times of peace.

Yours affectionate brother
C. H. Howard

P.S.

Many are anxious
to know what is to be
done with Colored Regts.
Can you give us any
light? If mine is must-
ered out we shall claim
the exit bounty, and return
to our homes with happy
hearts - If not mustered out
I shall for the present do
my duty where Providence
seems to have assigned me
as faithfully as I can
looking unto Heaven for
help.

Yrs. Dr.

C.M.B.

P.S. No. 2

I do not remember Capt Dumont Brinkley
of whom Maj. Hinman wrote - No off'ts. to negro Regts.
unless Genl. Burton is allowed to complete them two.

Beaufort S.C.

May 24th 1865.

My dear General.

I cannot forbear expressing
to you the great satisfaction with which
I learned of your appointment as the
head of the Bureau of Freedmen's Affairs.
The need of such a head has long
been felt by the friends of freedom,
and I feel thankful that one so true
to the freedmen in purpose as yourself,
has been selected for this important
post. One of the greatest obstacles in
the way of the little I have tried to do
for the freedmen here, has been the
want of a bureau at Washington
where all questions at issue and

conflicts of jurisdiction with the
other military authorities could be resolved.
I rejoice greatly that this want is now
supplied. I think time will show that
your work is the most important in
the nation, for it is only by doing
justice to the oppressed that its future
can be really prosperous. It seems
a mighty task to shape the future of
these millions of emancipated ~~men~~
but it is one that will prove simpler
than it seems. There is a great deal
of recuperative vitality in the race
so far as I have been able to
judge of it. They only need to
be educated and protected in
their rights and all will be well
with them - In this great

work, if rightly performed, you will have
the sympathy and co-operation of every
friend of humanity, and better than
all that, we cannot doubt the
blessing of God will rest upon it.
I shall be happy to give all the
information and assistance I can
to such commissions as you may appoint
for this department. I have not seen the
act of Congress as yet, but I understand
it provides for the appointment of two
commissions for each state which seems
to me a wise provision, as a more
extended jurisdiction cannot be as
~~thorough~~ thorough or efficient - My
wife, desirous to be remembered, she
adores as much as myself
at your appointed - I see Col.

Howard daily. He has a splendid
regiment, it will be equal to any
in the service white or black.

I am Dearval
Truly your friend
John Howard

May 1st 1865 P. Saylor.

W. H. S.
D.

Dearval R.
Brook May 1st

Friendly letter.

Bangor May 1st 1865.

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Boston May 24.

Dear Genl. Howard.

"My kingdom for a horse". - It is too bad to trouble you, & that while you must have so many things to think about in your new position. But pardon the intrusion.

I have thought that you might have a noble charger - a fellow who has carried the Genl. - Seen the battle, & joined in the victory - & that you might have another - i.e. a number, one of whom you would like to send me by some Quartermaster's

returning, swept Boat
one ab^d pl^d go via the Canize
a little as well as under
the Saddle most.

Now, business - I want
a splendid 1000 pound, well
built, sure footed, magnifi-
cand, glorious, war horse

Oh, I mean, I want a
first rate Saddle horse,
& one that is kind so that
I may take you & your family
out in my carriage when
you come Valony, & perhaps
you have one for me. I shd
like to pay you what he
is worth & meet him at
the wharf here or at Fall-
river, or at such other place
as you can send him to.

Possibly Whittlesy, or some
one of your old staff may
want one also, & we^d come

along with them.

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you see what I
want—

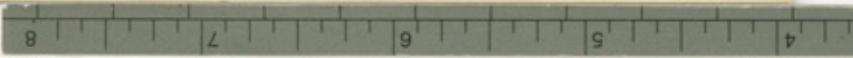
I wrote you last week.
I hope you rec^d the note.
I trust you will answer
Lyman's note affirmatively
that we may have gold
at our house at the
anniversary time.

Wish I could have seen
that review yesterday.

In haste, but sincerely
& fraternally

E.B. Webb.

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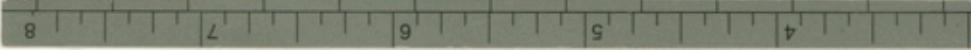


Boston, May 24/65.

Abel C. B.

Well C. B. S.

Reed Wash. May 27, 1865.



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May 24.

Dear Genl. Howard.

J. C. Bodwell Jr.
a Member of the Mass.
bar, called on me this
afternoon to get my recom-
mendation for an ap-
pointment in your depart-
ment.

Exactly what I have
to say is this - I know
the young man's father -
I know several of those
who have recommended
him - I think their re-
commendations are as
reliable as any.

He wants to go to Beaufort
& make that his future
home.

Yrs as ever C. B. Webb.

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nowell land well

of Marshall Is.

Marshall, with whom
with me is killed, not
most fit off to search for
the old and a few
days ago in Northwood

and John's boat
would left to go
nothing to meet you at
water of lowest water
Chukchi sea and also
is with him I
do not think he would
you do think it
possible to get there it
nothing left there when

Marshall

Head-Quarters Army of the Tennessee,

May 24.

1865.

Maj Genl O'Howard.

Genl.

I see

from the papers that your
Army has just reached Alex
andria, and I take this
moment to wish you

We are all getting along as
well as we can expect.

The Military authorities are
doing all they can to pres-
-erve order, &c. and I
am happy to say, that there

is Comparative quiet throughout
our borders, little or no
guerrillaing, and the people
disposed and anxious to
work, to build up our
lost fortunes, and to strengthen
our Government.
My Brother is now on his
way to N.Y. to settle up our
old business and to bring
a Stark of goods. He will
stop at the St. Nicholas Hotel
I often think of, and
will ever appreciate the
justice & kindness of you

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heart, and the many favors
you did myself and my
fellow Citizens whilst you
remained with us. May
Heaven reward you both
in this and the world to
come.

My good little wife & children
desire to be kindly remembered
to Genl Haran. And should
you ever feel inclined to
visit our quiet little City
with your family: I should
be much happy to have you
stay with us. —

My regards to the members of
Your Staff
At your leisure moments
I should be pleased to hear
from You.

Yours truly

R. Tucker

Q. Do you recognize the
paper on which I am
writing?

Answered by
Majority of 11

Farmington May 24. 1863
My dear Brother 179

I hope your good wife is safely with you by this time and that you are very happy - Mother writes that you hope to be home some time in July - Please don't make any engagement elsewhere for the 4th but come & spend it with us & we will have Mother here to meet you - Tell Fannie we have got a new child - now bed & can now accommodate an indefinite number of little folks -

Our baby is quite small & I am suffering temporarily from a severe cold - Ella sends much love to you & Fannie & Mrs. Whittlesey if she

is with you - David wants me
to tell you that our little
carriage is intended for
little brother" and a nof
other equally sensible
messages -

I suppose you have a
file somewhere, or as
Ella says "a drawer in
your Bureau" for the names
of applicants for "positions" -
I have been requested to
suggest the following -
Capt N. C. Gordon -
Whom you knew in Cole
etc - He is now in the
Caraly Service at St Louis -
Also Henry Woodmane
of Winthrop - who has
written you enclosing
a note from me -

Your aff. Brother
Pauline

Farmington, Maine.
May 25th 1855.

Gen. C. C. Howard.

Sir:

The citizens of Farmington & Franklin County are making extensive preparation for a celebration on the coming Fourth of July.

The Committee selected to secure speakers for the occasion were instructed to extend an urgent invitation to you to be with us on that day.

We pledge you an audience of twenty thousand loyal people.

Very respectfully,

L. A. Preseit

for the Committee

P.S. I send "Chronicle" containing proceedings of our citizens.

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W. H. D. & Co.
Montgomery
N.Y.

Expressed by express to
and will forward immediately & will
not be delayed in transit & you
will receive it as indicated. I do
not know if there
is a middle station where
it would stop or not but I will
ask Mr. & Mrs. & Mr. & Mrs. so
as to get information & you will
be advised as regards the
exact location where

Expressed by express to
Montgomery N.Y.
and will forward immediately & you will
receive it as indicated. I do

Winthrop May 25. 1865

Maj Gen O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

Will you allow me for a moment to intrude myself upon your attention -

I learn by the papers that you have been appointed Commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau -

From the first mention of that Bureau I have for various reasons felt a desire to obtain some place in it where I might have opportunity to aid in the elevation of that long abused race -

I do not claim that considerations of philanthropy alone actuate me but that as between a situation in that department and one elsewhere equally advantageous I should very much



prefer the first for such reasons

You will please excuse me
therefore in taking the liberty to
apply to you, if you shall find
it consistant with your duty, to
give me a work to do in your
department - either of yourself, or
through your Subordinates.

Not having seen the law
establishing the Bureau and of
course knowing almost nothing
of the machinery of it - I am not
prepared to particularly designate
any place as desirable to me

And should you decide adversely
it would be of no consequence
if favorably it could soon be
determined -

Enclosed I send a note from
your brother Rev. R. B. Howard
with whom I am acquainted

Desiring nothing but what shall
be consistant with your duty

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To all concerned I sincerely
hope you may find it in
accordance therewith to favor
me—

With high considerations of
esteem I am very respectfully yours
Henry Woodward

San Jose Oct

Winthrop May 25. 1865.

Woodward, Henry

Would like position
in Freedmen's Bureau

one enclosure

Reed Hall, May 27. 1865.

Washington May 26th 1865

Genl C. C. Howard

Commissioner of Freedmen
Sir - Allow us to introduce Garrison
Reed Esq of Florida, who is here to confer
with the Administration in relation to the
interests of the freedmen & the restoration
of Civil Govt in that State.

We Reed was formerly
a resident of Wisconsin where for
many years he was a prominent Editor
& associated in the public affairs of the State.

He designs establishing a press
in Florida where his character and
experience eminently fit him for
usefulness in the great mission of
civilization now committed to your
charge

An acquaintance of over
20 years enables us to commend him
as a gentleman of integrity & ability,
and in whom you may rely as
a true friend of freedom & the Government.

Mr Reed may refer to the Hon
John S. Potter Gen^t; Washburne, Shway
& Payne - The Senators & Members of
Congress & the public men of Wisconsin
generally, who will cheerfully give
him an unqualified endorsement.

With much respect we are Sir

Your O^{bl} Servt
L. J. Hinckell

Ex Gov of Wisconsin

A. W. Randale
1st Ass't P. M. Gen'l

James Lewis
Gov Wis



May. Gen' l Howard.

Dear Sir

Since my late return from New-Orleans, where I have spent a couple of months, on a special mission for the Amerⁿ Bible Socy, inquiry into the moral condition of the Freedmen there, and their accessibility to Christian work, it has occurred to me, that the facts gathered in regard to them, and my careful observations among that interesting people may be of service to you.

For the sake of its kindai-

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Let me pardon my assurance
as a Stranger, in saying that if
I can serve you & the cause of
humanity by any information
in my power to communicate,
on the subject referred to, I will
cheerfully report myself at your
office, whenever you may appoint.

I am most truly

Tor. D. D. Dent.

Dan H. Hale.

(Box 146.).

Newark

Wednesday

May 27. 1865.

Audubon

Newark N.J. May 29 1865.

Ball David H.

Friendly letter.

Recd May 30th 1865.

Census Office, Department of Interior,

Washington, May 27 1865

My Dear General

I take the liberty to introduce the Marquis de
Chambrun - grandson by marriage
of La Fayette - who is great-
ly interested in the question
of freedom and who will
be gratified for any printed
documents bearing on that
question.

Faithfully yours

J. G. Knobell

May 27 1865

Wm. L. Jennings and Son

Head Quarters 1st Regt. N. M. Hvy. Art'y.
Fort Reno D.C.

May 27th 1865.

Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard.

In charge Freedman's Bureau.

Washington D.C.

General:

Having had the honor of serving as Captain (Co. G. 5th Regt. N.M. Vol.), under your command - and having passed examination before a Board of Officers of which you were President - I take the liberty to request of you, a certificate of former service - if you are disposed to give it - for use, in preparing my military record. -

I have the honor to be, General,

Very respectfully

Your obdt. servt,

Chas H. Long

Col. 1st Regt. N.M. Hvy. Art'y.



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Census Office, Department of Interior,

Washington, 27 May 1865.

My dear General.

Permit me to inform
you H. J. Haberlin Esq.
of Quebec an earnest en-
quirer after information rel-
ating to the African race -

He is connected with
the Toronto Globe and ap-
pears to be kindred in giv-
ing him any information
on a subject in which he
is so deeply interested
Very truly yours
My best regards John Kennedy

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Wet ground near water

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Dated

May 28 1865.

Rec'd, Washington May 28 1865, o'clock, min. M.

To May Gen J. O. Howard,

The Undersigned have been
appointed a Committee on behalf
of the ladies of the Christian
Commission of this State to invite
you to be present tomorrow
night at the closing scenes
of their Floral festival held
for the benefit of our sick &
wounded Soldiers, the ladies
earnestly desire your presence
and we assure you it will
give great pleasure to all
our loyal citizens to have you
in our midst - Should you

Baltimore Md.
May 28th 1865.

Shoemaker, S. M.
et al.

Answered
immediately
by Capt Cole
P.D.L.

Come please notify S M Shoemaker
adams Express Balto by telegraph
as early as you can on
Monday morning

Wm J Albert

S M Shoemaker
Committer

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I send you 10 signed letters
and all will be delivered
tomorrow and you will receive
them in time to meet your
order. I will forward you
also 10 copies of the
newspaper to be distributed

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Hillard -

29 May '65

Dear General

Major Noris has call
upon you again in
regards to the appointment
of Postmaster General
for Alabama —

To I
understand it these
apostate Commissioners
are appointed with your
advice & consent —

May I, as a favor
personae to myself,
invoke that advice
& consent in behalf
of Maj. Noris?

Very sincerely

Maj. Gen. Howard

Your friend

J. G. Blaine

-Fuller

Journal of Finance
was not well
in simple words
and the old
with it was a
widening of the
lips to the
most of the
feet in the mud
and all fell

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Washington D.C.

May 29th 1863~

Maj Gen. D.O. Howard.

Dear Sir.

I am instructed by the Sunday School Missionary Society connected with the Calvary Baptist Church of this city, to invite you, and earnestly urge you to accept the invitation, to address the above society next Sabbath afternoon at three and half o'clock, upon the subject of missions either Home or Foreign as adapted to such organizations.

Allow me to say that the desire to hear from you is unanimously expressed, and I hope to have the pleasure of announcing that you have accepted the invitation.

With the assurance that our people hold you in high esteem,

I am very truly &
476 16th St B. B. Johnson
New York Society

8 7 6 5 4 3 2

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should it a right & subject to visit
thee to command & upbore to
send to me the government no other or
any other good word now & it
subject government
small plant part

fourth

and give you to me & the
field with me & meadow
and to command it all presented to
be meeting with you to visit good will
continuall & at least to speak not

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Major Genl D. Howard and General
Wadsworth and more and less
Washington and his friends till it
is time to go to bed. My dearest son I hope to find
I have got so good work and
ministering you as the person
appointed by the President of the work
is City of New York when you passed
the Hudson River to meet
the 1st Regt. Régiment to meet
you on the dock. I march with you
and know how many things
I have seen and not what
I have seen the all experienced
since I have been to see the
battle of Brooklyn and who have
died and lost their life and who have
watched and prayed for you with a
such earnestness and anxiety.
You have suffered much heat this
fall & winter and crowded rooms
Gods goodness upon valuable life is
Spared to see the end of this
abominable & I have watched your career
with great pleasure and rejoice in
your present high position and
it was my intention to have met
you in person at the late grand
review of our Army in Washington
but I could not do it

~~but circumstances beyond my control~~
prevented, and I now gratify to thank you
for your laudable Christian devotion
to the cause of our beloved Country,
and to say, I should be highly gratified
to have you lodge at my house &
~~eat at my table at No 78 Livingston~~
Street Brooklyn, whenever you find
it convenient, my place of business is
at 29 South St it will do me & others
also be happy to see you, whenever you
are passing thro. And have not time to
visit Brooklyn - My Minister the Rev'd
Dr Storrs of the Church of the Pilgrims
would be delighted to pray his respects
to you in Brooklyn.

On the 1st instant (over National Hall)
Dr Storrs delivers an oration at the
Brooklyn Academy of Music on
the life and character of Mr Lincoln.
And as one of the Committee here
give you a cordial invitation to take a
seat with us on the platform on
that interesting occasion, it will
I think afford you pleasure to listen
to the Rev'd Doctor fine address & I know

will be highly gratifying to the citizens ¹⁹⁴
of Brooklyn to meet you at 1/2 past
10 o'clock on Thursday the 1st of June.

If you come please lodge with me
Wednesday night.

Very truly yours

R.R. Buck

P.S.

At the request of my friend Mr
Ammidown I have taken the liberty
of introducing Mr F. W. Newton to you.
You may find it for the interest of
our Govt to make his acquaintance.

to the Government, then I
don't want him there.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
W. D. Leggatt
Bvt Maj Genl
promptly

George Washington
Army of the Potowmack

W. D. Leggatt
Army of the Potowmack

Head Quarters 3d Division 17th Army Corps,
ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,

Washington D.C. 30th May 1865.

Maj Genl O.O. Howard
Commander-in-Chief.

Dear Genl

I did not
send my son to you as you
proposes, as I was informed
by Genl. Grant - that he had called
the Presidents attention to the matter
but too late - as all vacancies
were filled.

I feel very grateful General
to you - for your kindness - and
so does my son.

Should you need his services
for a time upon your staff
he would be glad to serve
with you - but not unless his
services can be made useful.
He holds the rank of Capt and
A.D.C., - assigned by order
of Sec. of War to the Staff of
Maj Genl Blair, but by
my request made Engineer
Officer of my Division. Don't
let this matter or his desire re-
borrow you in the least. If you
cannot use him so as to make
him serviceable to yourself

113 Clinton Street
Brooklyn N.Y. May 31. 1865. 196

Maj. Gen.

O.O. Howard, My dear friend

I now desire to express to you my sincere thanks for your kindness to my unfortunate friends south - Now that peace is restored we must leave those who have been enemies - How many young men have been misguided and have lost their lives! I pray God that ^{living} they may now repent and seek salvation.

I rejoice to observe that the public and the Government appreciate your valuable and Christian services, May God reward you eternally!

I have just received advice of the death of my brother Frederick in Charlestown in his 76th year also of the death of my nephew Fredk. Tupper, at Hospital near Balto, of a wound he was son of my unfortunate brother of Savannah - I have also rec'd. the enclosed, can you consistently with your duty & without too much trouble obtain

his release? I believe he is
a worthy and quite young man
with best regards to W^W St.

I remain my dear Sir,

Yours sincerely

H. Prepper



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Fort Delaware, May 24th 1865
Officers Barracks, No 39

My dear Uncle

I regret very much to trouble you again,
altho I consented some time since to take the amnesty
oath I see no possible chance of my getting out
here, except through a special release, a good many
of them have arrived here lately for officers I think
you will find no difficulty in obtaining one.
I would not ask the above favor if my health
were not very bad. Remember me very kindly to
all of your family

Your affectionate nephew
James Sapperton
1st Lieut 27th S C Inf't

On the demand
by India - a
kind letter.

Cannot answer
till the General
sees it again
as his intention
is asked in the
case of a prisoner.

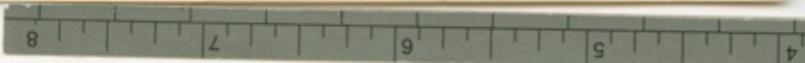
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22 Bruford St
Boston, May 31.
[1865]

Dear General.

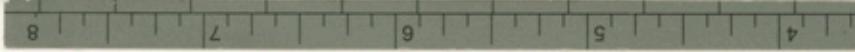
One brief word,
which please read &
answer. —

Can you not,
August 1st do the
great moral good,
perhaps of your
useful life, by



being, at least one day,
at our National
Temperance Con-
vention, with
if possible also
your noble sub-
ordinate in rank
& associate in
good words & works
- Gen. Fiske.

The Meantime



make it Christian
a Patriot. 199

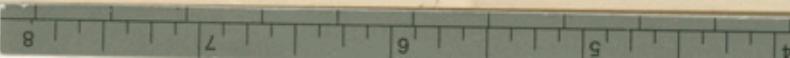
your name
as "Expected", to
be present", will
help make it;
as your Comely
& words will
greatly aid it.

And you can
say a most

effectional word for
your special protégés
— to the thousand
of Saratoga visitors.

— Can you say "yes",
by Saturday or
Monday — to me

"Care Dr. Marsh
5. Beckman St.
New York"
and grunitly oblige,
yours truly
J.W. Chickering. Sen^r.



Hanington May 31, 1863

My dear Brother

Mr. demand of the U. S.
Ch. Com:^{miles} that he would like to have
me go out to the Army for them
for four weeks. and if I can get
the consent of my people, I would
like to go - starting from home June
8th By going I will miss our State
Conference where I was to speak &
also our "National Council" in Boston June
14th that I had hoped to attend - The
great motive of my going is to see you
& get what information I can with
regard to the Southern States - Freedmen
&c - that I may learn something of the
proposed policy of the Govt and
the openings for Christian & philanthropic
labors at the South - It will be pleasant
also to say some parting words to the
soldiers about Christ and to let those
in the Hospital know that our sympathy
lives out as long as their suffering -
It would be pleasant also to visit
our old friends at Gettysburg under the

Present happy circumstances and
be there with you on the Anniversary
of our parting July 4th 1863 - and
look over the fields then devastated by
war - Will you go to Gettysburg?
Do you think I had better come?
When probably can you come to Maine?

Can I do anything for you or Sippie
before starting if I go? When will the
return? I wish I could leave
from Augusta - It will be 8 days
before I get away & I hope to receive
a few lines from you or Sippie as
soon as you receive this -

With much love to her

Yr aff brother

Ronan