

Croton Point Westchester Co. N. York
8th Month 12th - 1865
August

Major Genl. O. O. Howard

Commissioner to

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Esteemed Friends

Leaving Indianapolis about ten days since in company with an invalid wife to spend a short time with our friends in this vicinity, I had not time previous to leaving to reply to Durin in a circular addressed to me as Cor. Secy & Gen Agent of the Indiana Freedmen's Aid Commission, but requested by son W. P. Millets who will represent me in my absence, to reply as far as he could give the desired information. The annual meeting of our Com. will be held early in next month, after which we can reply more definitely for the past year.

I may state that the operations of our Com. have been mainly confined to Clarksville & vicinity Ind. In conjunction with the Western F. A. Com. of Cincinnati, we sent the first teachers there in Jan. 1864 - I have maintained several there up to the present time, in conjunction with the W. F. A. C. and the Executive Com. of Western Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Plainfield Ind. - there having been from 6 to a doz schools in progress - at Clarksville, Providence, and the Contraband Camp, a series containing a large number of Freedmen, and very interesting friends have long since appeared.

In April of last year the Contraband Camp was first commenced & in June Capt. Mon Brant was placed in Command, an earnest and faithful laborer, using great exertions to improve the condition of the Freedmen & at the same time to make the camp self sustaining. Commencing so late in the season last year, but little benefit could be obtained from cultivating the land but this year he has several hundred acres under cultivation. Feeling the necessity of instructing the people in the various employments and duties of life as well as in literature an Commission has this year appropriated a large amt. in furnishing tools and Agricultural implements, to enable them to cultivate the land profitably, and also tools and leather to establish a shoe shop, which Capt. Brant in one of his letters says "is a complete success".

I suppose Capt. Brant has given thee a statement of the condition & prospects of the Camp - but I thought - proper to give thee a brief outline. I suppose at the present time it is or was in a prosperous condition, and we were looking forward with much interest to the close of the present season when after the crops were gathered to see how the accounts would stand. But a day before I left home I rec^d a letter from Capt. Brant - who says "I write in haste. I have just had a long interview with Col Bernard, who brings imperative orders that the Camp must be broken up forthwith" and no more rations can be issued after the 15th of August - "What will become of the poor people I do not know. Set your friends

at work to find places for as many as possible. I can send them to Evansville or Louisville if you can send agents there to receive them." &c. He enquires what to do with the tools and implements &c that we have furnished, and feels much distressed to know what to do, and laments for the sufferings that many will have to endure in thus being hastily sent away.

He does not state the number but in the Spring there were from 12 to 1400, the larger portion women & children and infirm men, but the larger portion so employed as to be earning something & attending schools &c.

Altho he so earnestly entreated us to find homes in Indiana there is no prospect of its being done.

In a letter received from my son dated the 8th, he says "I rec'd a letter yesterday from Capt. Brunt - who says without further orders he cannot issue any more rations after the 10th. He says many of the Freedmen are going back to their masters in Kentucky, and hard masters they are. I wish thou would write to Gen. Howard in regard to that Camp, for it cannot be known to him how near it is self sustaining. If they could issue rations a short time longer they can support themselves".

I write thus particular to call thy attention to this subject - hoping thou may see it right - to countermand the orders for immediately breaking up this Camp, for we fear great loss will be sustained in various ways - Our Com. has taken a great interest in sustaining this establishment, believing it to be of great value in instructing

the people in the various duties of life, and not a few have already been employed, as teachers and mechanics to instruct others. Commencement buildings have been erected for residences and workshops. School rooms and teachers dwellings. A large amount has been expended for tools and implements by our Com. and others on which great loss must be sustained if so suddenly thrown out of use, which if generally known to the Community will have a discouraging effect on our future collections.

Thou wilt excuse me for thus pleading in behalf of this establishment, believing if thou would suspend the order for a time, thou might have an opportunity of becoming better acquainted with its character of management, and if not disposed to continue it as a school of instruction, at least give sufficient time to close it with less sacrifice.

I contemplate visiting Washington before my return and would do so next week, if I could render any service that would be of use in behalf of the Freedmen or White Refuges. A letter would reach me directed to the care of Geo. Underhill No. New York.

Respectfully

Jacobs S. Mills for Sunday
and Gen Agent of A. F. Horn
and Indiana Union Refuge Relief Assn

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Brooklyn Aug 13

Genl Howard

Dear Sir

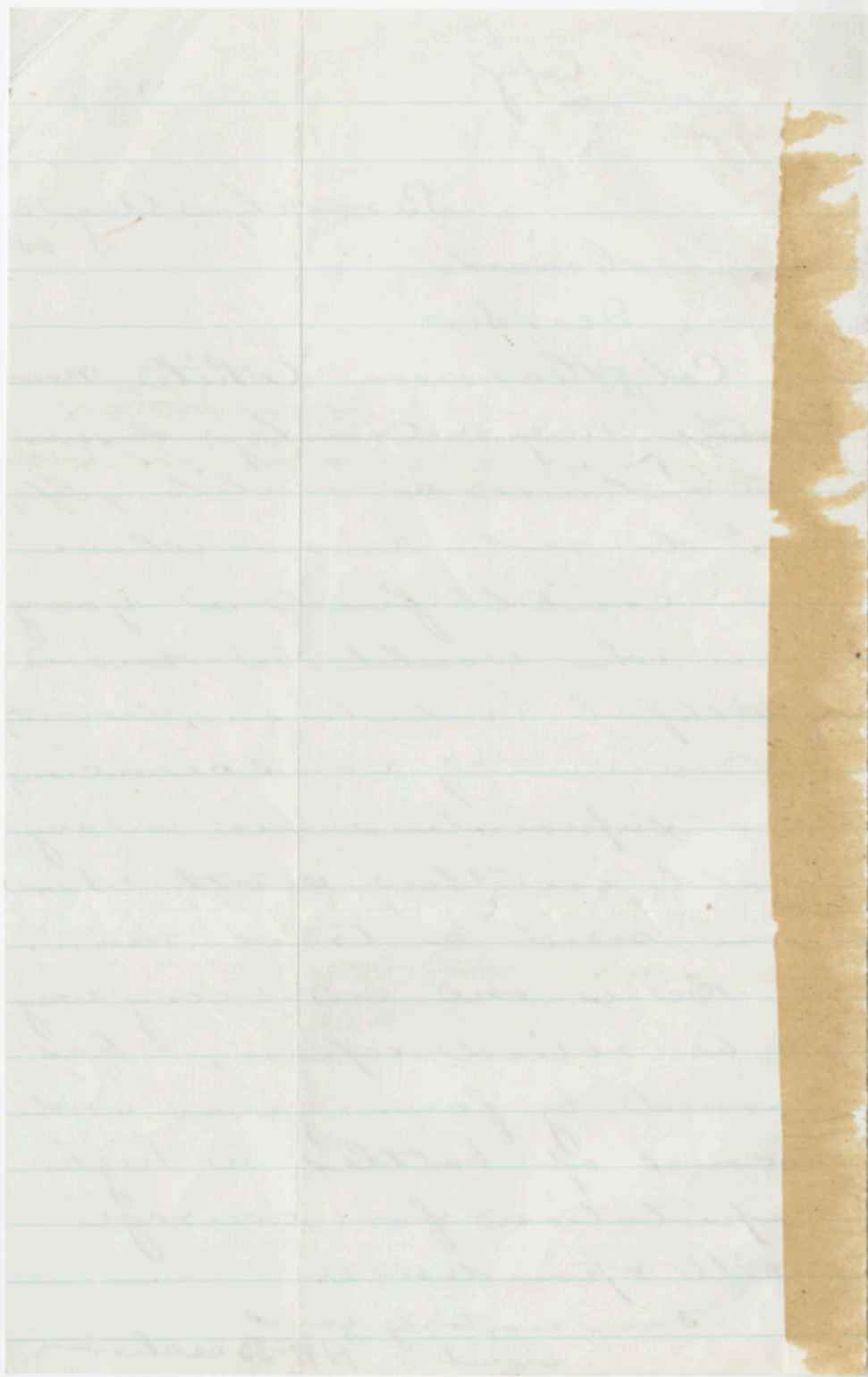
Col. Harrison White, now
in the N.Y. Cavalry, desires
to continue a military life,
& I do not know where
you could find a young
man who would be more
faithful industrious, discreet,
& eminently conscientious,
for superintendence in any
field in the South where
you need a true man.

He is one in every way
to be relied upon; & has
earned by four years and
scores of battles, a high
reputation for courage
skill & prudence.

I am very truly yours

Signed

H. W. Beecher



Portsmouth Aug 13th/65
Genl C. C. Howard

Dear Sir

The anxiety of a Parent
to learn the whereabouts of his son
from whom he has not heard since
Your Army was in Richmond Va
Will I feel assured be sufficient
excuse for my troubling you with
this note. My son Edwin J. Newton
has for some time been at Your head
Quarters. His Regiment the 27th Ohio
Infantry having been mustered out of
service, and not having heard from
him as above stated, I thought I
could possibly obtain some informa-
tion concerning him, by writing to
you. If you are aware of his where
abouts, and it will not cause you
to much trouble, I will ever

feel. grateful to you for any
information. You may assist me
concerning him

Yours Respectfully

Genl C. C. Howard

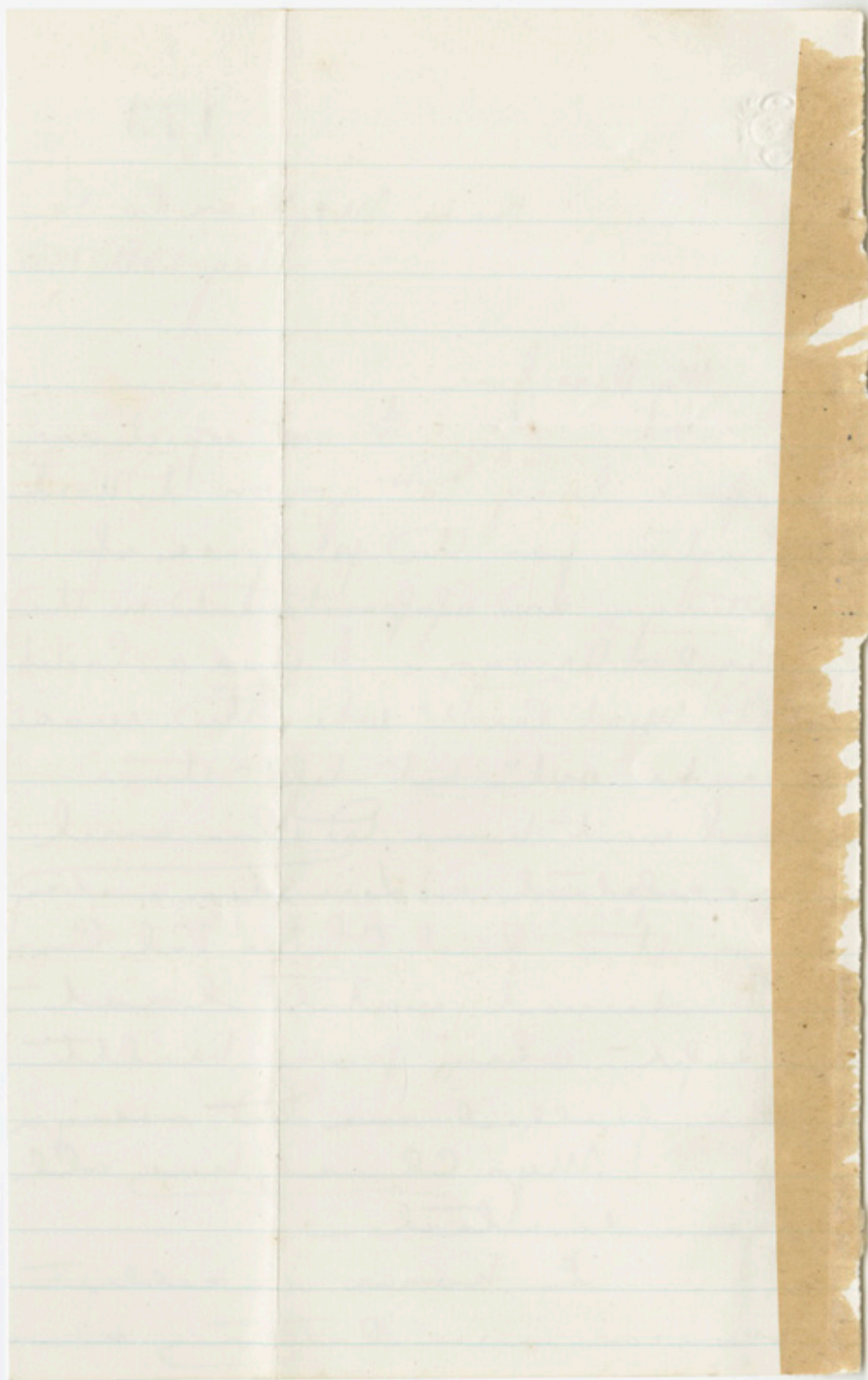
W. T. Newton
Portsmouth Seido & Ohio

Rane McKeon Co. Pa.
Aug 13th 1865

My Dear Jim -

I am expecting
before long to go on to Wash-
ington for the purpose of
getting an appointment in the
Regular Army - I was a Cadet
at West Point when the war
broke out - but left there
and went home to Ohio and
accepted a Lieutenantcy
in the 2nd Ohio Vol Cor.
I served until last
Sept - when poor health
compelled me to resign
My class has all
graduated -

I have excellent
recommendations now



in the War Dept^{mt} - from
 Maj Genl G. S. Smith and
 others - my application
 has been filed for some
 time but - as yet - have
 never heard from it -

I have been in the
 Army so long that I
 now cannot - pull out -
 - ispired out - of it - I wish
 to make it - my profession

While at West Point -
 I received special attention
 from you - I think you
 will remember me when you
 see me - If it - is of no
 use please let - me know

Truly Yours Ably Serv^t
 Edward B. Hubbard

To -

Maj Gen W. H. Russell
 M. S. C.

Kane Pa.

Aug. 18. 1868-

Hubbard Ad. B.

Secure opinion whether
it is best for him
to proceed to Washington
to obtain position in
regular army.

Recd Aug. 18. 1868.

Elmira, U. S. A., Aug. 15th 1865.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,
Dear Friend,

Adj. Gen. Thomas, while recently here to arrange for closing this hospital, offered me a position as Surgeon of some colored regiment, in which he believed there ^{were} several vacancies. I am to write him soon if I desire one.

As my duties here will soon terminate, I will thank you very much to inform me of the status of a Surgeon of a colored regiment. Is it regarded a respectable position? Are the officers generally intelligent christian or moral men & are there hopes of promotion for merit?

Do you suppose I could be located so far north as to render it safe to have my family with me & would we be likely to have any social or religious privileges outside the city?

If you can spare time to give

me any information or advice, it will
be received with many thanks, as I am
entirely ignorant about this new branch
of the service.

My application for the General
P.O. was unsuccessful & therefore it was not
best for me to have it. I thank you for
any effort you may have made for me
in that direction.

Very respectfully
Yours Truly

Andrew Monell

A. A. Surg. U.S.A.

Worcester, Mass.,
August 15, 1865.

Maj. Gen. O. M. Howard,
Commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau, Washington, D. C.,
Sir,

I write this to introduce to your acquaintance and favorable consideration Mr. Thomas J. Harrington, of Millbury, Mass., who visits Washington to see you on business of Mrs. Mary E. De Graffenreid, of Chester, S. C., who accompanied him, and whom he will introduce. Mr. Harrington is one of the most respectable and loyal of our Citizens, and what he may state in behalf of Mrs. De Graffenreid may be relied on as correct.

Mrs. De Graffenreid is a Massachusetts Woman who became an inhabitant of South Carolina by marriage. She is a widow. Such correspondence as she could maintain with her friends here, during the war, showed that her sympathies were on the side of the national government. She will explain her object in visiting you; but I commend her case to your most favorable consideration.

I have the honor to be

Your Most Obedient Servant,
John D. Baldwin,
Representative of the
Massachusetts 8th Congressional District.

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To Major Gen: Howard

Sir - May I trouble you
with a request regarding a
young man formerly a
Slave in whom I am inter-
ested? I am very desirous
to learn some tidings of him
to communicate to his wor-
thy and anxious relatives in

Boston and will take the liberty
to state to you what I know of
him. Hoping that if it be in your
power to procure any intelligence
of him you will have the kind-
ness to forward it to me.

John Page about twenty one
years of age, was sold by a
Mr. James Garrison of Norfolk
Virginia about eight years ago
to Mr. Chamberlain residing
in the town of Lunenburg in

Georgia. No tidings of John
have been received since
the war broke out:

I enclose an envelope
with my address upon it
and should there be any
response to the enquiries
you may institute, please
enclose the information
and forward the same
to Yours respectfully
Susan T. Hillard

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Boston Mall.

Aug. 15. 1865.

Hillard, Susan

Desire to ascertain
the whereabouts of
John Page (son).

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Lambertville, Hunterdon Co. N.J.

August 16th 1865

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

Sir - Our Aid Society are engaged in securing funds for the erection of a monument to our deceased Soldiers, the first local effort of the kind so far as I have heard. The Ladies have been working for the living Soldiers for nearly four years under the generalship of Mr Geo. H. Stuart, and propose to conclude their labors in this direction in the manner stated. On 30th inst, the Ladies will hold a festival in our grove for the purpose of adding to their funds. They have desired me, in their behalf, to invite you to be present and address the people who will be there in immense numbers if your name is announced.

I have supposed that your engagements would prevent your acceptance of any such invitation, but am

led, from some considerations, to hope
that I might be mistaken -

I know that the object is one that
you would gladly aid if in your
power, and Mr Stuart (who expects to
be present) has promised to endorse
our request. More important than
all is the fact that this is a section
in which sound sentiment on the
great questions of the day, especially
those with which you are now prac-
tically engaged, does not much
prevail, and some of the earnest
and powerful utterances which we
have heard from you elsewhere, with
delight and profit, would do much
to set the people right.

We do not invite you to any "formal
reception", as we have no great
people here, but simply to a quiet
day in the woods -

As you may remember that Mr. Geo.
Fisk denounced our State as "out

of the Union" we do not know but
you may feel it to be a ~~duty~~ ^{task} as
an officer of the General Government
to assist in restoring us to our "proper
Constitutional relations" to the Govt.

If you visit us however you will
find some good American citizens here.

Very Respectfully

Yours Obt Servt

J. A. Anderson

Trains leave Phila for this place from
Kensington Depot 7.30 Am 3.30 Pm 5 Pm.
Time 2 hours -

Lambertville N.J.

Aug. 18. 1865

Anderson J. A.

Request address of
and friends Aug. 20

Philadelphia
18. August. 1865.
Room. N. E. corner

My dear General

The communication within
from one of the most faithful com-
munities in New Jersey - which has aided
the Commission, most earnestly and
Energetically, I have the greatest pleas-
ure in commending to y^r. attention.
The writer I am well acquainted
with and I most sincerely wish that
your engagements will allow you to
be present on the occasion named.

I think you might secure active co-
operation from an active community
and might also gratify in no small
degree some noble people

and your true friend.

Geo. H. Stuart

Chairman

U. S. C. C.

Ans.

Received

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War Department,

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Washington, Aug. 16th, 1865.

My Dear General.

I have just received your letter of the 12th inst. I will write you but a few lines this morning, as I have not yet worked off all of the papers that have accumulated in my desk.

I telegraphed to Baird to know, about accepting ^{for information of} him to Gen. More re^d. a letter from him asking the duties that would be required of him. I have answered his letter, and in a day or two will get a telegraph stating whether he will accept. I think he will.

Herewith I inclose two letters from Gen. Gilliam.

I wish more could be done for him. He is doing good work where he is. Gen. Thomas told me that he is the best organizer, and a man of the best administrative ability in his Department. It would be well, if possible, to attach North Mis-

Washington, Aug. 15, 1882

My dear Sir,

I have just received your letter of the 12th inst. I have written you but a few lines this morning, as I have not yet worked off all of the

papers that have accumulated in my desk.

I telegraphed to Board to know about arranging for the [illegible] of him [illegible]. There is a letter from him asking the

Board that would be required of him. I have secured his letter, and in a day or two will get a telegram stating whether he will accept. I think he will.

Thanking you for the letter from the [illegible]

I will now close for this time. He is leaving tomorrow when he is. The [illegible] [illegible] are that he is the best [illegible] and a man of [illegible]

administration [illegible] in his [illegible]. He would be [illegible] if possible, to [illegible] [illegible]

scribble to his sub district. All of the R.R. in North Miss. center at, or start from Memphis, and it is the point ~~at~~^{to} which the people from that part of the State go to transact business.

If Conway is found wanting, Gen. Y. might have Brumama. Mentioning Conway a report has been rec^d. from B. Rush Plumley at N. O., this morning, stating that Conway has not the capacity for the position. Gen. Stony Duffme will report fully in this case when he returns.

Gen. Birney now says that he would rather go to Maryland than sea, as the officer who goes to sea, should be one who knows the military authorities of the Dept. & Mil. Div., and one who could cooperate well with them. He does not know either Gen. Thomas or Steadman. Judge Bond & Henry Winter Davis wish Gen. B. to go to Maryland. The Secy. of War has been

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spoken to in this matter, and he also
wishes him to go to the same place — so
Judge Bond says.

I wish you to enjoy your trip
as much as possible, and therefore will
not write to you any more than I can
pardonably help on business matters.

Things progress as usual. A fine
article in this morning's *Chronicle* on you.
I enclose it herewith.

My kindest regards to Mrs Howard.
Return me to Guy.

Very truly
yours

J. O. Sturges

My friend J. O. Howard

Augustine

Washington

Aug 14/1865

Walter, J. S.
A. A. S.

Concerning affairs of
the Bureau in the absence
of Mr. East Howard,

Racine Wis.

18th August 1865

Dear Genl.

I arrived in Chicago
a day or two since on my way to
Washington. Not feeling well, I
decided to come up to Racine
and spend two or three days on
the Lake shore, thinking the change
might benefit me. I have not been
well since I left Little Rock

Over a month ago,

I will spend the Sabbath
in Racine with my Mother & sister
& will leave Chicago for Washing-
ton on Monday next,

Love to all.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

Wm. C. Brown
Inspector Genl.

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Washington, Aug. 18, 1865.

Dear General.

I inclose herewith copies of papers on which are endorsements of the President. These papers are self explaining.

The President sent for Col Eaton this morning and stated to him that complaints had been made of the action of the Agent of this Bureau at Pulaski Tenn: also, concerning the Agent in Ga. (he tried to Chaplain French). He said that he did not wish to have an Agent in East Tennessee. Genl Fish will be written to concerning the Tennessee matter today. And in reference to Ga. I am momentarily looking for a telegram from Genl. Baird stating whether he will go to Georgia at once. If he says no, I will, in your name, ask for Tilden. Good reports are coming from this Tenn. of Tilden.

Washington, D.C., Aug. 17, 1888

Dear Sir,

I enclose herewith copies of

papers on which are contained the results
of the experiments on the effect of the

of the President's letter for the purpose of the

and stated to him that the experiments had been made

of the effect of the letter of the President on the

same: also containing the report in his (the President's)

+ (Chapman's book). He said that he had not read

to him any paper in regard to the same. I have

will be written to express the same in a letter

today. I am very much interested in the

results for a long time from the results of the

he will go to the point of view, but I hope we

will see from the results, that the results are

reports are coming from the results of the

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I fear Conway will bring us into trouble.
He is working, it appears, against the President's policy
in the restoration of Civil Government in ^{Southern} ~~the South~~.

The article included in Mr Wells letter was a
Newspaper report of a universal negro uprising
~~just~~ speech that Mr C. made in N.O. It
was a harangue that would cause discontents
if not stir up quite an excitement. He, like some
other Agents of the Bureau, may be endeavoring to
make it - (the Bureau) the vehicle for carrying out
certain political designs. Mr Johnson
is very kindly disposed towards you & the Bureau,
but if we attempt to work against him or
oppose his policy, then "look out for breakers"!

Will you go to Chicago? If so how long will
you be away. Please telegraph ^{me} a reply.

I have not written to Saxton yet. Col
Osborne has gone to remind him of Florida.
I think my visit has had the effect of awaking

Mar 6

I am convinced we have no real friends.
It is not, it appears, against the friends of
the constitution of this country in the future.
The entire nation in low halls better than a
philosophy of a universal right suffrage
first showed that the C. was in N.O. It
was a known fact that would cause discontent
if not this up spirit in the future. It is the same
other spirit of the future, we are not
mark 11 - (the future) the future for some
certain political changes. The future
is not kind, changes that are to the future,
but if we attempt to work against them or
oppose the future, then, that is for the future.
Will you be kind? If so, we can only
be the same. Please remember, we are not
I have not written a letter yet. But
Johnson has four to be sent to the future.
I think you will find the spirit of working

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live up, as he is now doing something in
South Carolina and Georgia.

Very Respectfully

Your obedt Servt.

J. D. Fullerton

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Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard

Augusta Maine

Sept. 18

South Carolina and Georgia.

Very Respectfully

Yours truly

J. S. Johnston

Wm. W.

Wm. W. Johnston

Augustine Moore

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P. S.

The Adjutant Genl. has reduced
me from Lt. Col. to Major. I do
not know whether it is ~~an~~ a hint
from him that it is time for me
to leave the service.

Remember me kindly to Mrs. Howard
and family.

Yours truly

Wm. Howard

P. S. 2^d.

Col. Whippley says that he
was promised a leave of absence, &
he would like to have it as soon as he
can leave his work for a time if agreeable
to you.

Wm.

War Dept. Bureau R. F. T. A. S.

Washington Aug. 18/77

Fullerton, J. S.
a. a. g.

Encloses copies of papers on
which are the Presidents' end-
owments, also giving statements
concerning affairs of the Bureau
in the absence of Genl Howard

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Dear Sir

Genl. Howard's order

Our present position for a period of six months
is now over the 2nd of June & we are
now having a great deal of business to do



Chicago, August 18th 1865.

Mr. O. Howard

~~Friendship Bureau~~

You are most cordially invited
to attend the Inauguration Ball of the
Board of Trade in their new Hall, Chamber
of Commerce Friday Evening, Sept. 1st 1865.

Committee.

G. M. Kimbark.	W. D. Booth.	W. C. Ranney.
G. H. Wheeler.	Howard Priestly.	Geo. C. Walker.
J. E. Maple.	L. J. Glover.	D. C. Scranson.
C. B. Pope.	L. A. Hunt.	W. Bickford.
J. P. Clarkson.	E. D. Cogswell.	W. H. Wills.

Tickets can be procured of the Committee.

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