Gettysburg Oct. 5th 1865.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,

My dear Sir,

Your favor was received some time since, and I would have acknowledged your kindness, in the use of your name, but have been very much occupied, and desired to see a little how the affair would succeed. Not wishing to obtrude your name in any doubtful way before the public, I have in a quiet and rather private way made some efforts among my friends. The measure I have found commend itself to all - not an objection having been made by any one, even where they could not give. In a very short time, and without any public appeal, I have secured a considerable part of the amount needed, and entertain no doubt of entire success. Indeed it is now considered by us as a fixed fact that there will be in this Seminary, "The Gen. Howard Professorship of Theology". Almost daily I have occasion to point out the field where you acted a prominent part in the most memorable

battle in the world's history: and now I am glad that your name is to be linked with this place, as the Christian Soldier.

My object in troubling you again is twofold —

1° to acknowledge yours and report very encouraging progress in our design — progress that authorizes me to say it will be at a comparatively early day be completed.

2°. To enquire whether it would be distasteful to your feelings, or against your judgment, when I shall have done a little more in a private way, to publish a card in the papers, inviting any and all who may desire to contribute to this object? I do not deem this absolutely necessary, but it might give some an opportunity, who would really desire it, and not otherwise enjoy the privilege; and it might aid our design, by giving proper publicity to the deed — a public monument. Still I am disposed to be influenced very much by a regard to your feelings and wishes in this matter. If it meets your views and feelings I may, after a little more personal effort, extend such a general invitation to Christian

patriots.

I will be glad to hear from you at your convenience, on the points mentioned, and also to receive any suggestions or advice you may have to offer.

I am very respectfully yours

W. S. A. Brown

Prof. of Didactic Theology in the Seminary at Gettysburg.

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Gettysburg, Penn.
Oct 6th 1865.

Brown, J. A. Prof. of Didactic Theology.

In regard to the Hen. Howard Professorship of Theology.

I appreciate kindness & delicacy as soon as he has no doubt of its success. I should have no objection to it, I feel very much honored.

C.B. p. 288.

Headquarters Department of Washington,
OFFICE COMMISSARY OF MUSTERS

Washington, D. C., Oct 5th 1865.

General,

I have taken the liberty to write a short sketch of your military life, which you will find in the Mag^n herewith enclosed.

Having served on the Staff of Gen Geary from the time he first took command of a Div, (soon after Antietam), down to the close of the war, I had opportunity for being personally familiar with your course as a Military Commander during that period, as well as obtaining some knowledge of your private life, from those who were near you,

I trust you will pardon any slight inaccuracies of fact, or dates, that you may discover,

The most of the latter were kindly furnished me by Col Ballock, formerly of the 20th Corps

Staff, but now associated with you.

The "Sketch" has been very favorably noticed by some of the New York papers, and if it meets with your approval I shall be most happy to receive a note from you to that effect.

I have the honor to be
Your Obedient Servant
R. A. Welbur
Major and Asst Com Musters
Dept Washington

Major Gen O. O. Howard
Freedman's Bureau

Washington, Oct. 5, 1865

Wilbur R. Hale.
Major Hales.

States that he has written a short sketch of Gen. Sherman and life for the magazine "Home at home".

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Major General
O O Howard

Dear Sir

You are announced to appear to speak here on the 11th.

Allow me to say that Tremont is still open and could give you a cordial welcome during your stay if it suits your convenience

I need not say how much pleasure we should receive if you found time

However should
accompany you
let me know
your movements
that I may prevent
inconvenience
Yours truly

A Meech
7 Oct 1865
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Stuart has sold
his Country place

All money letters, and letters concerning packages of clothing, &c., should be addressed to W. E. Whiting, 61 John Street, New-York.

Rev. Geo. Whipple, Rev. M. E. Strieby, } Secs.
Lewis Tappan, Esq., Treas.
W. E. Whiting, Asst. Treas

American Missionary Association,
No. 61 John Street,

New-York, Oct 6. 1865

Major Genl. O. O. Howard
Washington, D.C.

General

I am instructed by the Com. of Arrangements for the next Annual Meeting of the American Missionary Association, to invite you to be present and make an address.

The meeting is to be held in the Plymouth Church, (Henry Ward Beecher's) Brooklyn, Oct 25 and 26th.

We have thought that such an occasion might furnish you an excellent opportunity to lay before the christians and philanthropists not only of New York and Brooklyn, but of the whole union, and I may say of the world, your views of what the providences of God, and the exigencies of the present time, demand of them in relation

to the Freedmen of the United States.

Our meeting will commence Wed. P.M., with the Secretaries reports: a sermon Wed. Evening by Rev. D. Kirk of Boston. Thursday P.M. the communion of the Lords supper will occupy a part of the time, the rest of the day will be devoted mainly to a consideration of topics connected with the work among the Freedmen.

Thursday Evening we devote to public addresses. Rev. H. W. Beecher will make one of them.

Permit me to express the earnest hope that you will avail yourself of this occasion, to arouse the Christian mind in relation to this great work. I feel the more free to present this request, because our organization tho' christian and Evangelical in character, is not denominational.

Please favor me with an early reply.

Yours truly
Geo. Whipple Sec.

Am. Miss. Assoc.
New York, Oct 6th 1865.

Whipple, Geo.
Secy.

Invites Gen. Howard to address the Am. Miss. Assn. in Rev. H. W. Beecher's church on the 25th or 26th of Oct: 1865.

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C.B. p 239.

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Boscawen, N Hampshire,
Oct 6. 1865.

Major Gen: O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir:

While absent from my home in Boston, I have seen in a recent number of the Commonwealth, an article which states that "Gen Saxton has lost one of his best officers, (Gen Wild,) who has been relieved by Gen Grant: and gives as a reason for this, the greater partiality of Gen W for negroes, & earnestness to secure for them their personal rights, than for rebel white men, within his district.

I beg to say to you that Gen: W is my son in law & since he has in all hands been acknowledged to have been a self sacrificing & faithful officer during the War, and cannot probably

be charged with any higher offence than that of sympathizing with the oppressed. I have strong hopes that through your influence he may have the same justice meted out to him at the hands of the Government, as has been recently accorded to Maj Gen. Palmer who stood accused of similar partiality for the negro, & cruelty to white men.

And he I see it is noticed was called to Washington to state his own case, & on a hearing of the same was fully justified & acquitted by the Government.

If you can procure it for him, I pray you to give Gen Wild a like opportunity, & I feel certain you will rejoice in the result of so doing.

With a deep & lively interest in the grand work in which you are engaged & the highest respect & consideration for yourself, I seek for you & for your Bureau, the continued favor & blessing of Almighty God

Very truly yours,

John W. Sullivan

Bokanen N.H.
Oct. 6th 1866.

Sullivan, Jno. H.

Asking that his Son-in-law Ser. Wild may come to Washington and represent his own case.

Awarded $60. C.B.

Recd Oct 9, 1866

Penn'a. Freedmen's Relief Association,
No. 424 Walnut Street, Philada.

Phila Oct 7th 1865.

To Major General O. O. Howard,
Dear Friend

A sense of the good to the cause of the Freedmen which may result from thy presence at the meeting in Philadelphia here, on the evening of the 11th. inst. induces me to add a word to the invitations of the Committee. Our whole community seems almost has shown much apathy about the cause of late, the excitement of the election will be over, and the fact of the meeting not being till after the election, will stifle all suspicion of political character, and leave an opportunity for what is really needed, to inform the public mind

most respectfully and truly thy friend

James E. Rhoads Corresp. Secy. Penna.
Freedmen's Relief Ass'n.

To Major General O. O. Howard

and arouse the public conscience regarding this great cause to the nation, to humanity and to religion. When our people are made to see that a great work must be done; has sound and strong claims to form them as christians and patriots, they are ready to help freely; but now they seem to feel that the navies over the country must take care of itself. Come and help to enlighten & arouse them to their duty. We will gladly pay any expense which thy coming may involve.

Pardon the blot - & thus take and believe me,

Phila. Oct. 7, 1865.

Rhoades, James E.

Invited him Seward to be present at the Phila. meeting on the 11th. inst.

C. B. [illegible]

Colonization Room,
Washington, D.C. October 7. 1865

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

Dear Sir

I enclose for your acceptance and perusal a small tract, containing the testimony of several Naval Officers who have visited Liberia in the performance of their duties, and who would have readily seen the least tendency to a relapse into barbarism on the part of the American people of color settled in that Republic. The evidence presented is the very reverse of this, and encourages us to persevere in our efforts to improve and elevate the African race.

I judge that you do not give credence to the charges against Liberia to which you alluded this morning, yet it may strengthen your faith in Colonization to know that the truth is supported by impartial and intelligent witnesses. Yours most respectfully,

Wm Coppinger
Cor Sec. A.C.S.

Washington Oct. 7. 1865

Copenhagen, Denm.
Cor. Sec. Am. Colonization Soc.

Encloses tract concerning colonies of blacks established in Liberia

Philad.a Oct 7. 1885

Dear Sir

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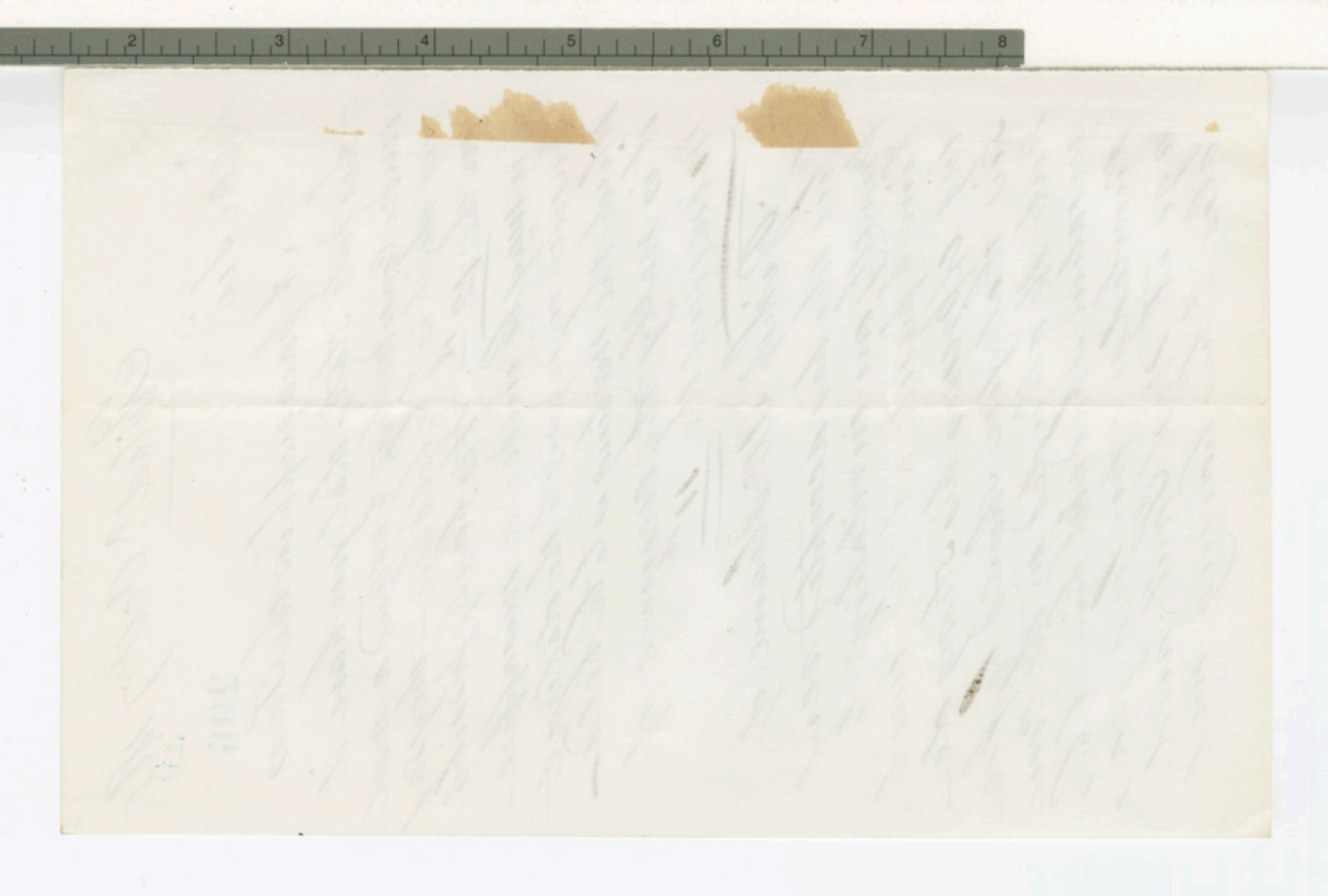
A paragraph in the Press of this date states that you have it under consideration to attend a meeting which is to be held here — they say on the 12th. It is barely possible you may be under a misapprehension in regard to the date at which the meeting is to be held — it is really the evening of Wednesday the 11th.

Bishop McSloane of Ohio who has accepted very promptly our invitation to him to preside at the meeting expresses his strong desire that you should be present. He alluded in the conversation I had with him to his knowledge of you long years ago at West Point, and also to his having met



you once since in the field. I told him I would inform you of the desire he had thus expressed.

Mr Beecher & Dr Bellows of New York have agreed to be present — also of course Bishop Simpson

Trusting your other duties may permit your being with us — I remain —

Yr faithfully

Ellis Yarnall

To Maj. Gen O. O. Howard

U S A

Phila. Oct. 7, 1865

Farnall, Esq.

Invited Genl. Howard to attend a meeting of the C. Com. in Phila. on Wed. evening Oct. 11th.

Pass free to Gaston and
back to Petersburg.
Maj Genl O. O. Howard and his
aide

C D Sanford
Oct 10. 1865. Pres. Petg R.R. Co

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Pass. free over the R.F.R.R.
Genl. & O. Howard and his staff
Octo. 10th. 1865.

P. M. Lapeter
Pud't. N.O.S.N.B.

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Vicksburg Nov 9th 1865.

Conductors will pass free Maj Genl Hawes Aide from Vicksburg to Jackson

C A Reading
Capt

The Bearer

War Department.

Office of

Director and General Manager of Military Rail Roads, U.S.

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Washington Octr 9th 1865

To Railroad Managers

Gentlemen.

The Bearer of this Maj Genl. O. O. Howard and personal aid, are travelling on business connected with the Freedmans Bureau.

The mileage paid by Government comes far short of paying the expenses the General is obliged to incur. And inasmuch is the mission of the General is one of more than ordinary character and one in which we are all deeply interested. May I bespeak for him the courtesy of a free Pass of your line.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
D. C. McCallum
Brevet Brig Genl. & Aide de
& Genl Manr M.R.R. U.S

McClellan Dole
Bvt Brig Gen.

Recommends that Railroad managers pass General Howard and aid free, passes enclosed.

3 enclosures

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War Department,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

Washington, Oct. 30 1865.

Dear Mack

I got pretty tired before I attempted to write you last night so wrote all night from Jacksonville here. I do hope you can settle matters in Atlanta to your satisfaction & come home. Take this letter. Henry, Mrs Colonel & Rowland are with me. We will go by Savannah if we can get a steamer, or rather get one if that is now open. I have started back like you intend on visit at Charleston, Fernandina, Jacksonville, Baton, City Point & Elgin, but with reason I do talk over. After I get home — I shall be there soon from

Unless prepared by the way of Anacostia — I shall have Fanny kiss to the Children. I shall then have Newton here — both — live with her Mr. Hamilt ~~Fairfax~~. She is a nice lady — with three boys — brothers you all respects to call you Mr. Hodges Gilbertie &c.

Lovingly Your
Mrs Otis

New York 11th Oct 1865

Washington D.C.

Maj. Genl O. O. Howard

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My dear Sir

I return last night from my journey for over a month in the N.C. States. This visit has been a most gratifying one to me in its results, and I think will be no less gratifying to you; you will be surprised in what sense I mean that you may think most advisable to regulate the labor of the Freedmen.

Be pleased to inform me (directing to the "Care of Ralph King Esq. No 59 Pearl St New York") if you will be in Washington the next week and I will immediately make you another visit

and probably Mr. Edward S. Tobey of Boston will accompany me on a visit to you please advise me by earliest mail

Very Truly Yours

Your Obedt

W. Gray

of Georgia

Should Genl Howard be now absent from Washington, will Genl Fullerton inform me when he will be return

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Brooklyn N.Y.
Oct 11th 1865

Gen. Oliver O. Howard

Dear Sir

On behalf of the Hamilton Literary Association of the city of Brooklyn we hereby tender you a cordial invitation to lecture before the people of Brooklyn at the Academy of Music at any time during the ensuing season which to you may be the most convenient.

Although the Association is literary in character, the topic, whether literary, political or otherwise

is left entirely to your choice

The times suggest many questions in regard to which the people of this city would be rejoiced to hear the views of one, whose genius and patriotic career as well as philanthropic labors have made a name so illustrious as your own.

Hoping to receive an early and an affirmative reply — We are with sentiments of the highest regard

Very respectfully Yours

Geo. W. Hoxie

J. F. Lyman

J. D. Ray

Lecture Committee of the Hamilton Literary Association of the city of Brooklyn N.Y.

Our Address is 60 Wall Street New York city.

Headquarters, Assistant Commissioner,
BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,
SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA,

Charleston, S. C., Oct 4th 1865.

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Dearest.

It is very kind of you to have just forwarded some important letters on board both today & we just back and may be detained here owing to a strong wind. If so I will write you tomorrow. We are all quite anxious that to get your letter. Now will be more comfortable when the house is clean & your husband is home again. It is not so. Give them love to home as soon as it may be very pleasant. Much love to the children & yourself

lovingly
Your husband
Otis

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