

Boston. Nov. 25. 1865

Dear Sir -

The Baptists
Episcopal societies of East
Somerville (2 miles from Boston)
are to have a course of
Lectures this winter.

We are all
wondering and we are so
sure to keep you -

Can you come &
what are your terms -

Fred Douglass speaks
Dec. 18. - If you can
earn before that date - A
will suit us - or at
any time while you are
in New England - I
have not the pleasure of
your acquaintance. Myself
I have seen you often

Your letter is duly
received and
kindly will

Come if possible
the children will be
in the summer. They
will not see.

Please write by
return of mail. I
have written little you
about the children
writing I

Love yours

J. H. Lane

My dear Howard

Miss M. G. Howard

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Headquarters, Assistant Commissioner,

BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,
SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA,

Charleston, S. C., Nov. 25 1865.

Dear brother

I have
received your long letter, from
Rowland from Vicksburg &
from Cairo but nothing
from you since your arrival
at Washington - You will
have found several letters
from me quite important
to us here and I trust you
will dictate answers to
them. A brief ^{official} note was
read by Gen. Saxton yesterday
regarding the Middleton property
at Georgetown. There was cer-
tainly no misunderstanding
for I investigated the
whole matter thoroughly and

the people of this State m^{ch} per were here -
and are entirely convinced that harvest
demands the agency of the Bureau to
remain. And it is equally certain that the
Bureau can no better do without the mil-
lions than when you were here. Cases of vio-
lence ~~the~~ ^{free} ~~freed~~ men are frequent - A woman was
shot in Anderson last Sunday - Thousand
have been forced from their homes in the
Upper Country & are flocking to the coast -
We are making a special effort to stay
this migration by the removal of contracts
satisfying of Schmidt & the men & the

the letter from Gen. Saxton ⁸⁷
inclosed to Maj. Anson
subodied my report.

Mr. H. A. Middleton was
a kind of bro. Aiken type
of "Union man" but insisted
our Military authorities & got
his house burned in con-
sequence - Instead of remaining
in our line, as a loyal
man would he walked
a hundred miles to get into
the Rebel lines, where he
stayed till the Surrender.

But I gave this subject a full
treatment in that letter signed
by Gen. Saxton.

Gen. Saxton has been
doing admirably of late &
Gen. Sickles is very hearty
in his support. It is truly
refreshing.

I have seen much of

Hallingford. Nov 25th 1865.

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Major Genl. O. O. Howard.

My dear General,

Your
kind letter of Septbr 8th has been in my
hands for some time, but I deferred an
answer until you should ^{have} returned to
Washington. I now see from the papers,
that you are again at the seat of govern-
ment, and I trust, that the duties of
your bureau will not soon compel you
to change the comforts of civilized life
with the semi barbarous surroundings
of Mississippi - et id omne genus. -

Accept my most sincere thanks for
the kind and friendly sentiments, of
which your letter was the welcome bearer.
Be assured, my Dear General, that as
long as I live, shall I cherish the recollection
of my intercourse with you during those
eventful times, which now belong to the past.

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Your offer to aid me in regard to my book, I accept most gratefully; - and as soon as ~~the~~ it is out, I shall send you a copy. - I shall at the same time indicate the problem which I have attempted to solve, so that you may judge in how far I succeeded or failed. - Of course I am well aware, that the most earnest endeavor is not always a guaranty of success. -

I see however some encouragement in several publications, that have of late appeared, as translations of two of C. Ritter's smaller works by Gage, - the future policy of America by Dr. Draper; - the republication of Buckle's history of civilization in England. - These works convince me, ~~that~~ (or rather the fact that they have been issued in this country) that my undertaking is timely; and that, if I do not signally fail in the execution, - my book will have some friends.

Major A. E. Beecher, formerly of A. G. on
my staff, is now staying at our house,
and revises my text as to language and expression.
Holtz was ^{also} with us and reduced my larger
maps for a primary and common school
geography, which my publishers desire to
issue with my larger book: -

A few days since I wrote a few lines to
Major Stinson of your staff in regard to
a private matter of mine. My wife has
a small capital in Mobile, for which a Mr.
A. E. Ledyard is trustee. The interest due
thereon amounts now to several thousand
dollars. About six months ago Mr L. wrote
to us, that he then could not remit, but would
do so shortly. Since then we have written
several letters to him, but received no answer.
We think it probable, that Ledyard has either
removed from Mobile or has died. For we can
see no other reason, why he should not have
written to us. - Those persons in Mobile whom
I could have written to in this matter, fell

in battle during the rebellion, and so I thought
 that perhaps the officer of your Bureau
 in Mobile might make an inquiry about
 Mr. Ledyard, and let me know the result. -
 If I knew the name of that Officer I could
 write to him directly and obtain the desired
 information. - I never was a good financier,
 and I regret to say, that I am so seriously
 embarrassed, that unless this money arrives
 soon, I shall be in a most painful position.
 In view of these facts, I wrote to May. Atkinson
 Ledyard was very wealthy before the war,
 and has been throughout the rebellion loyal
 to the U. S. - indeed so much so, that, I
 am informed, he was repeatedly in jeopardy
 of his life. - As he had no faith in the
 success of the rebellion, I am inclined to
 think, that he has saved a portion
 of his fortune & placed it beyond the
 influence of events which have since
 transpired, and which he doubtless an-
 ticipated. - Or is it true that every one
 lost his all, and that not one is left
 in the South, who has retained something

of his former property? - No doubt
the southern people are poor at present and
their available, ready means must have been
lost. But I cannot believe, that they are
altogether as badly off, as might be concluded
from the newspaper accounts. -

We continue to live in our quiet way. An
occasional visit from some of our New Haven
or Hartford friends is the only interruption
of our rather monotonous existence.

Mrs. & L. joins me in the best wishes
for your health and for your further success
in your responsible and arduous Office
and I remain as ever

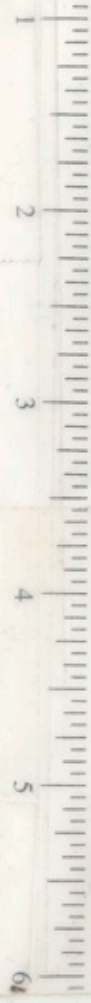
Very truly Yours
A. & Steinwehr.

P.S. Present my best regards to your brother
and the other Officers of your old staff
- L.

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 of our other necessities existences.
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 for your health and for your further success
 in your responsible and arduous office
 and I remain as ever

Very truly yours
 A. A. Lincoln.

P.S. Do not say that regard to your letter
 and the other affairs of your old staff
 &c.



Hamminglin Nov. 26, 1865

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My dear Brother

I arrived home safely
Thursday night - The baby was too sick
to come also I am alone - I am sorry
to say that a beautiful mug struck
my fancy in N.Y. & I paid the upper
price \$20.00 = It was however the admira-
tion of Grandpa & all the baby's friends,
to whom I didn't tell the secret of the
selection of course - Somebody sent those
packages separate by express & I paid
\$2.50 to get them to the owner - I have
enjoyed my sermon & evening meeting
very much - Everybody is anxious to hear about
my trip & I give a Lyceum Lecture before
our Library, Assn. next week = I have
sent Mother to come up & keep house
for me a while if she can leave home -
We have nice ~~dry~~ roads & pleasant weather
yet - We seldom have wind here you know
but the mornings are pretty sharp after
the Gulf of Mexico - It poured & blew so
when I arrived in N.Y. that I gave
up going to the meeting with Gen. Fisher -
He was a delightful traveling companion =
With much love to Lizzie & the children
& kind regards to Henry & ~~the~~ Lazzard
in affecⁿ. ~~Remond~~

Howard, Rowland

Nov. 25, 1845

Recd Jan. 29th 1845

Ranger Nov. 27 1875

Genl. O. O. Howard.

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir.

Fearing that a note I addressed you at about the time of your departure on your Southern tour may not have reached you. I am tempted to write again and repeat the request that I then made - that you will some time in the course of the winter deliver a lecture in Ranger in behalf of the Freedmen.

We are about to make an effort to raise funds for the relief of those who are now undergoing the sufferings incident to a transition state.

Our means are now projected a course of lectures. If your name could be positively announced as one of the lecturers

it would help us very much in the
sale of tickets.

You will ~~excuse~~ pardon me, Sir, for
alluding to the fact that our people
take a very deep interest in your
character and views. and what you
might say would be received as truth
and would go far toward removing
what remains of prejudices against
the colored race.

Hoping you will be able to name
an early day when you can com-
municate with this request.

I am Dear Sir.

Your most obedt. Servt

Wm. F. Hubbard

Secy. Ranger F. A. Association.

Wheeling W. Va

November 27th 1865

May, Gen^l. O. O. Howard

My dear Sir and Bro. in Jesus.

The teachers and scholars of our large, big Fran. Sutheran. Mission S. School, having heard of the deep interest you manifest in the S. School cause, as well as every other good work, earnestly desire your presence at their regular anniversary on the evenings of the 23rd and 25th of December. Our School has been working for the orphan cause, and also in the effort to endow a "Genl Howard Professorship" at Gettysburg.

Your presence, General, will cheer us in our work and stimulate us to nobler deeds of self-denial for the future. Hoping to receive a favorable reply

I am very truly

Yours inf Sam^l. B. Bannitz

Washington, D.C.
NOT RECORDED
1845
Dec. 17, 1845

Barnes, David B.

John Brown
Wm. Brewster also
S. S. Convent
in 23 of Dec. 1845

Given for 23. 1845

Worcester Vry. Nov. 27. 1868

My Gen. O. O. Howard. U. S. A

Sup: Friedman's Bureau,
Washington City

General

My friend Mr. Robert B. Ream,
late a Commander in the U. S. Navy,
has been pardoned by the Pres^t & he
has not been able to recover possession
of his property in Norfolk, which is retained
by the Freedmen's Bureau. This case is
one of great hardship, & I am sure, I
only need to call your attention to it
to secure its immediate release.

San. Gonzal, Key Rio
Thom: R. Smith

Norfolk, Nov. 27. 1865

Smith, J. M.

Recommends restoration of the estate of Mr. Robt. B. Pegram late Comdr. U. S. Navy.

Recd. Nov. 28th 1865.

Department of State.

Bureau of Immigration.

Washington. November 28th 1865.

Sir,

I acknowledge your favor of Nov. 24th which sets the question of Mr. King at rest.

During a late visit in Philadelphia (where, by the way I spent an evening in the company of Mrs. Gre. Sel) I was brought in contact with Mr. Koradi, the Swiss Consul, a very worthy man. He stated to me that he had reason

to believe that statements un-
favorable to the Freedmen's Bu-
reau had been made through
the Press in Switzerland and
that in consequence of it he
had received a letter from
a Swiss Gentleman desiring
information from him with
regard to the character of
those who are at the head
of the Bureau (the chief
actors), and in what man-
ner contributions could be
most effectively made
whether by money or by articles.
I have addressed a letter
to the Consul in my own name
in which I pledge myself

to the fact that the Bureau
(Friedman's) has been placed ⁷⁷
in charge of persons the most
reliable. If you think
best to add any thing I
will convey it to the Council
whom I expect to see next
Saturday.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant
Hermann Bokum

My address is:

Herrmann Bokum
Bureau of Immigration

I am not the head
of the Bureau.



Dept. of State
Bureau of Immigration
Washington Nov. 28th 1865

Bokum, Hon. Herman

Desires information in regard to the Bureau, that he may correct false statements that have been published in Swiss papers.

Ans'd Dec 5th 1865
Rec'd Nov. 29th 1865

Johnson's Island Ohio
November 28th 1965

My dear Cousin

It is a long time since I have heard from you and I thought I would send you a note to let you know that Lizzie and myself are ~~still~~ well. All the news we have heard from you for a long time has been through the news papers, and I see that you have been very busy where is Charles. I have not heard from him for a long time.

I have been in command of this post since July last. And have just been relieved by its being made the H.Q. of the 2nd Regt of the U.S.A. So now I have nothing to do, as the detachment of my regiment under my command

Consists only of 8 officers and
four enlisted men in their company.
I hope soon to be ordered away
where I shall have something to
do, as I dislike to be idle.

When I had the choice I preferred
me to go out of service or remain
I decided the latter, as the loss of
my own disqualifies me for my
old profession of the sea. I hope
it will soon be decided what
they will do with us, as the
uncertainty is not pleasant.
How our mother is, Missie & the
children I hope she is with
you and you are once more
enjoying a home. My Missie
joins me in much love to you
all. She is the same good
little devoted wife as ever
has been with me since I left
and bids fair to make a good

Soldiers wife. She thinks
 I ought to be promoted as all my
 old comrades are. But I tell her
 it requires proof at Court which
 I have not got. If you should
 require a real Sworn Major in
 your Bureau please remember
 me. I have not heard from
 Sarah for a long time, when I
 did she was well. As you are
 very busy, tell Higgins I hope she
 will favor him with some tidings
 of you all.

With much love remain
 Yours faithfully
 W. L. Lee

Johnson's Island, Ohio
Nov. 28th. 1865.

Sir. S. P.

Friendly letter.

Recd Dec 1st 1865

My dear Sir

In the midst of so many calls as you must have in your Bureau, it may seem unkind to interpose another, and yet we are here to work untill the day is done, and as the Providence of God opens the way.

I have been wanting to get you or Genl Fiske among us on some occasion when we could have the opportunity of letting our people see that men can be christians and engaged in benevolent works, who have been warriors.

My object in writing now is to know if you could not sometime in December or in January make us an address on Temperance. I send to you a small pamphlet in Tract form containing an address to our people with proceedings of a convention and some hand bill tracts on temperance, which I had issued for the purpose of stirring our people up to do

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something to reduce the number of Liquor
Shops.

We can't make such a blow out as our friend
Geo. H. Stuart did on the com mission - but we will
find you a good audience, and may hope that
you will do good.

You will see by a little item on one of the
hand bills that we have 2066 Liquor shops
in our city to war against. We need to realize
our work, and feel like those of Macedonia. "Come
over & help us." If you can, we shall be greatly
obliged to you, and will give you the oppor-
tunity to row beside our waters, as we don't
know whether this or that shall prosper.

I also enclose you a copy of my account of
the Battle of Gettysburg &c - with an account
also of the com. work until we had reached
the Battle of Hatcher's Run. I think I gave
you a copy of the Article on Gettysburg at the Com-
mission meeting in Phil^a - but I send you it in
connection some other matters.

Will you please let me hear from you?

Baltimore
Nov 28/65

Yours aff.

Andrew B. Cross

Baltimore, Md. Nov. 25/65

Cross, Andrew B

Writes friendly letter
and would like
Gen. Howard to
be present at a
Temperance meeting
in Dec or Jan.

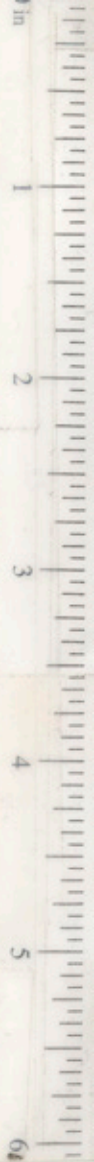
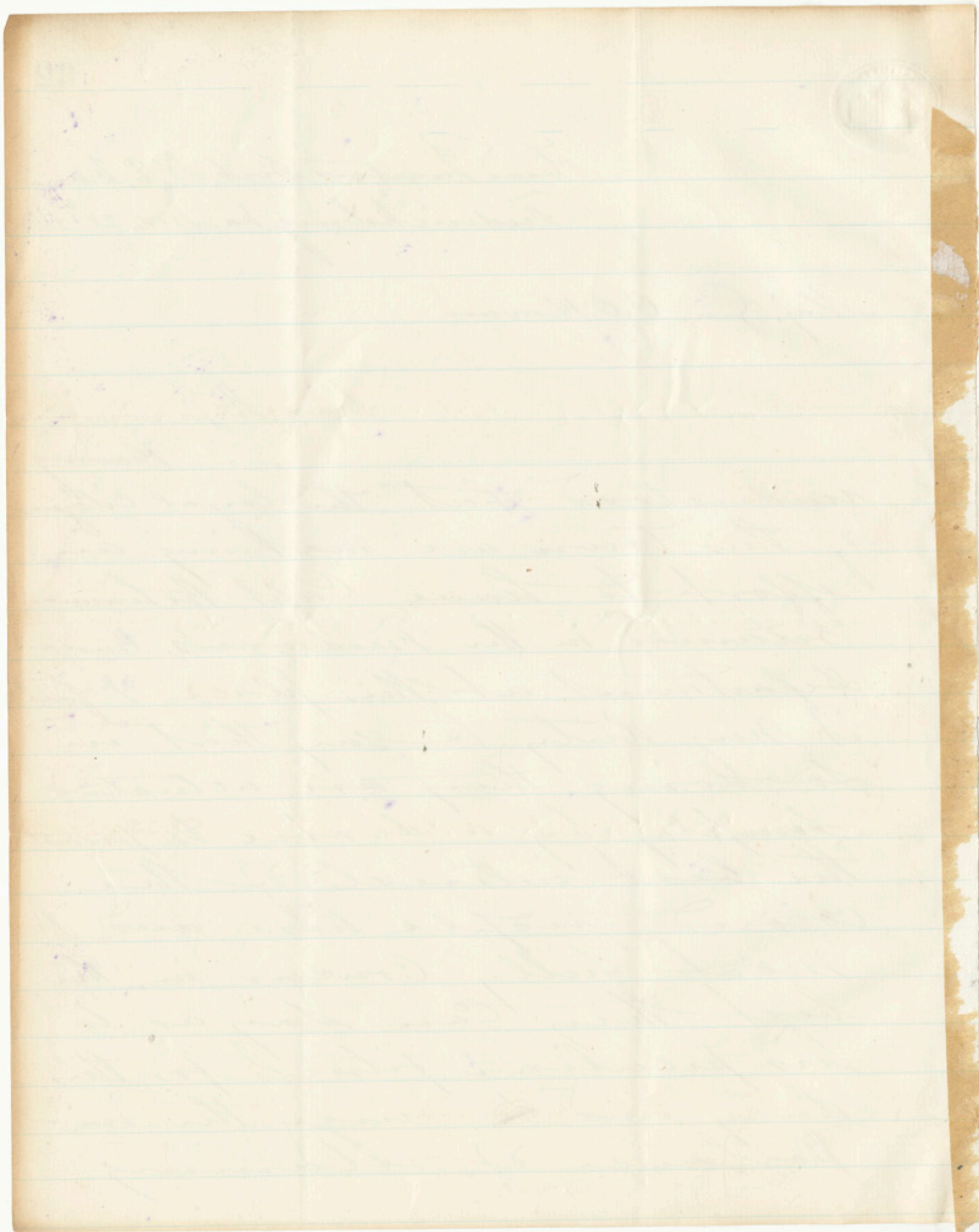
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Headquarters Dist. N. E. Va,
Fredericksburg Va. Nov. 28th 1865

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir,

Having understood that the loyal citizens of this town are making an effort to have Capt. Bohannon retained in the Freedman's Bureau Department at this place I feel it my duty to say that in so doing they are actuated simply by a desire to promote the best interests of the Colored people here and I most fully concur in the best they can say as to his peculiar fitness for this duty and to urge the importance of retaining



him in this position  ⁸³
he can by any means
be retained in the service
after the muster out of
his regt.

The great importance
of this step arises from
the fact that there are
very few officers in
the service who are
fit for the important
duties of this station.

I am Gent

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt,
J. M. Kearns
Maj, Genl.

New York Nov 28th 1865

May Genl, O. O. Howard

My Dear Sir

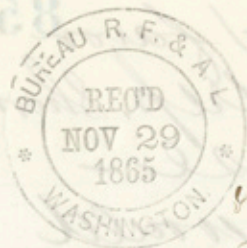
You may think this a strange note to receive, but knowing that you are deeply interested in good works I venture to write it. I write on behalf of the Sabbath School Missionary Society of the Allen St. Presby. Church of N. Y.

We hold our anniversary on the 3rd or 11th Sabbath Evening of December next. Thinking that you might possibly be coming to N. York about that time I write this to inquire if such be the case and if it is whether you would be kind enough to attend

My dear Mr. Howard
I have been thinking
of you very much lately
and wondering how you
are getting on. I hope
you are well and happy.
I have been very busy
lately, but I have not
been able to write you
more often. I have been
very busy with my work
and with the children.
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our anniversary and favor
us with an address, short
or long as you please -
a favorable answer would
delight us. and we would
do every thing possible by way
of arrangement to suit
your convenience - we have
this year helped the Sabbath
Schools of poor East Town
& "out West" "about home"
Soldiers &c &c if not too
much trouble will you
please answer soon and
very greatly oblige yours
Respectfully

E. P. Tibbals
Post Office 3500
New York



New York,
Nov. 28/65

Sibbals. E. P.

Invites Genl. Howard
to address the "Sabbath-
school Missionary Society"
in that City.