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Dec 11th 1865

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Pres. N.Y. M. S. Socy

Dear Sir

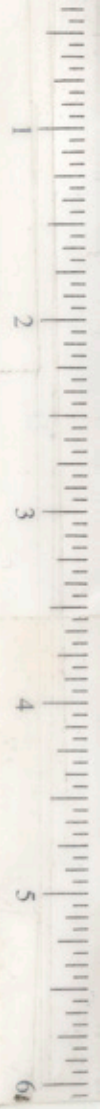
I take pleasure in recommending to you Bro. Samuel Day, late U.S. Chaplain & Asst. Sanitary Comdr. for Michigan & I have been well acquainted with him previous to, and during, the war and ~~with~~ his services, in the above capacity. He has always sustained a good Christian & moral character is energetic and of good capacity peculiarly qualified, as a lecturer, and business man for any place requiring correct business tact and habits.

Respect Yours

William Maynard Hayes

Mayor City of Rochester

From a personal acquaintance with Rev. Mr. Day, & a special knowledge of his extraordinary success as a Commissioner of Supplies &c. I fully endorse the above. E. O. Haven, Pres. of Wm. of M.S.



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From an acquaintance with Mr. May
of about three years, & considerable knowledge
of his remarkable success in soliciting aid for
the Sanitary Commission, I have no hesitation
in saying that he is remarkably qualified
for the position mentioned, & that the
Company could not possibly, in my opinion,
make a better appointment in the State

J. M. Coolidge

One of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Mich.

I heartily concur in the above
recommendation.

Stephen Felch⁺

⁺ Ex. Sec. Mich.

S. L.

Dec
Harrison
Judge of
Peace

J. H. Hays
Councilman
Nevada

Savannah Dec 11, 1865

Maj Genl O.O. Howard

Dear General

I drop you an occasional line to let you know I am not idle, Have been with Genl Lillien for the last few days. He is acting with great vigor - on, as I think, a right plan. The Planters are coming to terms on the subject of wages. They will offer 12 to 15 dollars per month (+ food) in many cases - and this we think a fair price for first class hands. It is hoped that even the latter price will become the standard on at least the large sea coast and rice plantations. He had a very interesting meeting with the planters; also one with the leading men of the colored people on Saturday.

Our self supporting schools here are doing well at where you was here. Genl Lillien helps them out of debt with the money in Genl Pharrons hands as you directed. & the people are full

of joy & very grateful to you for this help. I shall
make a good report to you of this class of schools
throughout all the route I have taken, in connec-
-tion with simply arranged normal schools preparing
colored teachers for the interior. This alone can be the
the system of popular education for the negroes at
present throughout all the South. He will thus bring
the great majority of the young men soon into a
knowledge of the common things of a common edu-
-cation - which must do for the time being.

Let the Associations of the north bring us better schools
so far as they can, but I am persuaded that
the masses must depend upon their own color for
some ~~imperfect~~ sort of education, at least during
this chaotic period of reconstruction. You saw
what could be done in the school you visited
while here in Savannah. I will add, a portion
of these schools are soon to be excluded from the
building they now occupy, but Genl. Tilton has ordered
that another shall be prepared for them.

The "Bradley" case is a bad one. I prefer
to comment upon it until after the trial. The man
will make capital out of what he will call "per-
-secution" I have no doubt, Genl. T. & Col. Sickles are

acting judiciously in the case I think,

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My Banks are destined to prosper so far as I can judge - All friends of the negro hail them as just the thing, The negroes will be drawn to them almost universally, ~~I have no doubt~~, I am placing them at all points, This is what detains me so, All say that now is the time to start them, as the crops and money are now coming in.

Your brother Charles was here Saturday on his way to the lower coast, He is full of zeal & doing well, I go to Beaufort tomorrow for the transfer of the Banks there, & then to Charleston,

If you have any commands please send them ~~there~~ to the latter place,

Kind regards to Mrs Howard & all the dear family, See you are ~~at~~ fetching up nobly in Washington - Strike, in your new Bill, for all you want. The Divine blessing is upon us. Sit us move forward - hopefully - gratefully -

Yours as ever

Very Respectfully

J. W. Alvord

Recd. Dec. 21st 1865

P.S. General Tilson assures me that there is not
to be the great destitution and suffering in
Georgia which Mr French spoke of in his public
meeting in New York. In November there were
1879 persons only, fed by the Government in all
Georgia - 763 of these were in Hospitals and 372 of
these were whites. In Alabama also, so far
as I could learn, the destitution will be far
less than was estimated by Genl Saragyn.

Genl Tilson says that "if his plans
for labor and contracts succeed, he will not
have, out of hospitals, a single person to feed in
Georgia the whole state after a month or two".
Sure I am, he is striving very hard to reach the
very desirable end.

M. L. J. W. A.

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RATES OF HIRE OF WHITE LABOR:
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Men, per year,.....	\$150 00
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They contract for one year, to do the same work as the negro; live in the same cabins, and on the same rations; clothe themselves, and pay their own doctor's bills. Time lost by sickness deducted from wages.

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WHAT THE RADICALS SAY OF THE ALABAMA
SENATORS.—The most encouraging sign that any
Southern State has yet given, we take to be the
election of George S. Houston and Lewis E.
Parsons to the United States Senate for Ala-
bama. Mr. Houston was a Union man in 1861,
and we believe he never took any part in rebel
politics. We heard occasionally, all through
the four years of the war, of his speaking his
mind with much freedom upon the iniquity of
secession. From the pugnacity of his nature we
make no doubt he is now a radical.

As for Governor Parsons, his position is clear.
These manly words from his message to the Leg-
islature mark him as the man for the hour:

"The people of Alabama in convention assem-
bled have forever prohibited slavery; in doing so
they have forever established liberty. Let us
boldly, watchfully, and with unfaltering purpose
pursue the grand idea."—*Wash. Republican*.

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and Sykes

The Senate took up the Senate bill to provide more effectually for the distribution of food among the destitute families of this State, which had been amended by the House by adding two sections. The Senate concurred in the amendments, and the bill passed finally.

The Senate took up the House bill entitled "An act to protect the freedmen of the State of Alabama"; which was referred to the Committee on Freedmen.

A bill to incorporate the Alabama Emigration White Labor and Real Estate Agency was taken up.

Mr. Wilkinson made an earnest speech in opposition to this bill. He argued that the white labor proposed to be introduced would be of poor character, and less valuable to the cotton planters than the labor of the freedmen, already to hand who cannot and should not be driven out. The freedmen are worth more to us as laborers than any set of men in any country.

Mr. Huckabee—Considered that the parties seeking the passage of this act could do nearly all that the bill gave them the power to do without it—it merely added something of dignity to their business and gave them power to hold their agents responsible for monies in their hands. He denied that we had labor enough. There was lack of labor before the war and the supply had been very much diminished. The same amount of labor that he formerly performed could not now be obtained by the individual. We cannot now depend upon more than one fourth of it, productive labor that we formerly had, and labor is our means of wealth. There were other interests besides cotton raising to be considered, and we ought to encourage the introduction of fresh labor by every means.

Mr. Wood thought we needed no foreigners among us unless they brought wealth or intelligence.

Mr. Barnes favored the bill. He hoped to bring the factories to the side of the cotton fields, to develop the wealth of the State by enterprise and labor within her own borders, to have the men of the State no longer overseers and agents for people without its limits. He believed this was a white man's government, and while willing to do all that any man would reasonably ask for the protection and welfare of the negro, he favored the introduction of all the labor that could be brought. He wanted competition in the field of labor, that every man might have the choice of such labor as he might deem the best for his interests.

Mr. Felder commented upon the provisions of the bill to show that there was nothing objectionable in it.

Mr. Drake eloquently opposed the bill.

Mr. Lindsay continued the debate in an earnest speech in reply to the Senators from Madison and Pike.

The bill passed by a vote of 20 to 13.

A message from the House was received stating that the House requested the return of the bill to protect freedmen, on which the House had voted to disagree to the report of the Conference Committee.

The Senate returned the bill.

Mr. Kilpatrick, from the Judiciary Committee, reported favorably on a "bill to allow the Commissioners' Court of Morgan county to issue county treasury notes. Passed.

Also—To allow the county court of Tuscaloosa

590 acres cleared and in cultivation; good dwelling house and all necessary buildings, ditches and fences in good repair. Also for sale, all the stock, teams and tools on the place.

One plantation, 920 acres, rich prairie, 460 in cultivation; good dwelling and all necessary buildings, ditches and fences in good repair; also, stock, teams and tools on the place.

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One plantation three miles West of Letohatchie depot, on the Hayneville road, 1500 acres, 1450 under good chestnut rail fence, 1200 cleared, 600 bottom, balanced rich slough, post oak and rolling prairie; splendid new dwelling house and every thing about the place in tip top repair; also, all the stock, teams and tools.

One plantation 8 miles from Hayneville, on Ashe Creek, 2300 acres, 1975 cleared, 475 prairie bottom, 1500 rolling prairie. Two complete settlements, with one fine and one good dwelling, suitably located to make two plantations of the place. Every thing on the place in good order and repair; also, the stock, teams and tools.

One plantation near Hayneville, 242 acres, rich prairie, 140 in cultivation, good quarters and fences; also, with the place, if wanted, a good furnished house and lot in Hayneville, very low.

Also, 7 other good plantations large and small and three houses and lots. Will sell the above plantations at from \$7½ to \$12½ per acre, according to quality and location. A hack runs from Hayneville to Letohatchie depot to every down train from Montgomery.

A good Hotel and Livery Stable in Hayneville.

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Real Estate Agent,
Hayneville, Ala.

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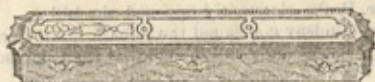
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At the well known old stand of L. H. Dickerson, Burton Block, Bibb street, would inform the old patrons of the establishment and the public generally that I have a complete assortment of Burial Caskets and Coffins and Cases, both metallic and wooden, the finest ever kept in this city.

Orders promptly executed at all hours of the day or night, from the city or country. Superior HEARSE in readiness at all hours.

As I have long been in this business, and devote my whole time to the manufacturing of my work, I feel assured that I can give satisfaction to all who may call on me.

Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 18-3m

Montgomery, Alabama

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Dec 11th 1865

Gen. Howard

Respected Sir

You may recollect me as
Matron of the 61st Reg^t - M. G. V. V. serving under
your Command at Fort. Worth. V. a - the last
few months I am residing with my Daughter -
a Reb in Montgomery Alabama -

They are trying Hard to get white
Labour - and the Enclosed Paragraph will
show at a High Rate. Now I take this
liberty, to Testify as an Impartial witness
that the Cry of the Doskeys not being willing
to - Hire, & to work - when they are engaged
is all false - I have been Hiring - and have
been watching the Course of Events the last
five years among them - and aver that
I have often come in Contact with but
one Sancy Doskey & She was a Northerner -

Many Here are now Suffering
for want of - Homes & Food - and I do
Hope, & Pray, if it is in your Power - You will
Prevent them, Deluding the Poor Confiding
Germans to Come Here, to be Hired & Ruined -
Ever your well wisher - Dave General -
Mrs D. Wren

Montgomery Ala. Dec. 11. 1861.

Wm. Mrs. Dr.

Writ concerning
Treatment of negroes
in Ala.

P.S. We have at the Present time a
good Cook - at \$4.00 per month.
and a House Girl at \$5.00
What more can be wanted -

I ought to tell How
shamefully they charge the Poor diggers for rent - a Poor
Barn with no fire Place \$20.00 per month & every thing in
Ratio - indeed the Southerners are determined to Exterminate
them - My own Daughter Cry is send them away or kill
them - No reason any of them

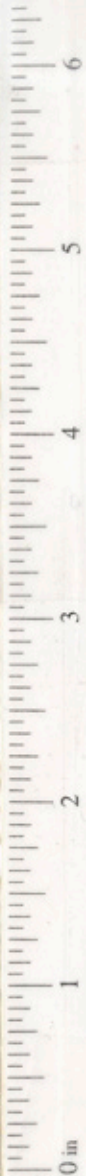
Dec. 16. 1861.

Citizen Office, N.Y.
Dec. 11th 1865.

May. Gen. Howard. N. S. &
Frederick's Bureau.

My dear General:

I write in the
case of a worthy & gallant
officer, Capt. Thos. Seddy,
now of the 16th V. R. Corps &
formerly of the 69th N.Y. Vols,
who was present in the
battles of the A. of the
P., & badly wounded twice
- at Todman's height and
Mudman Hill. He is now
about being mustered out;
& I write for him if possible
a place in the Frederick's
Bureau. - He is of



Excellent Character, of some
steady habits, has the
highest memory and abilities
possible, & I think would
make a capital officer—
one firm & yet gentle.

Pressing an answer at
your earliest convenience

Believe me ever
(with pleasant memories
of getting through)

Your friend & servant

Chas. J. Haynie

("MOR.")

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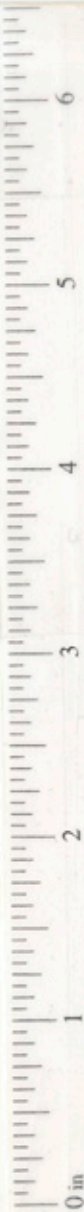
Citizen Office
New York Dec. 11. 1865.

Halpin, Chas. G.
"M O'R"

Recommends for
detail into the Bu-
reau of Capt. Tho^s.
Laddy, 16th Regt. V.R.
Co.

acknowledged
next list

Recd. Dec. 12th 1865.



Med. Dir. Battery Barracks,
New York City, Dec. 12, 1863.

General:

You will forgive me
for making so bold as to seek
your attention for a few moments,
to which your enviable reputation, not
only as a great soldier, but also
as a warm hearted and devoted
Christian prompts me.

My desire is to receive from you
a note of recommendation to the
Hon. Secy of War, for appointment to
one of the vacant 1st Lieutenancies
in the Infantry Bn of the U. S. Army.

I enlisted as private in April 1861,
and have served in the field since
that time - the last four years have
served as a Commissioned Officer, ser-
ving under your Command as senior
Captain of the 107th Ohio Vol. Inf., in

the 11th Army Corps. I soon, after the
Regiment was transferred to the Department
of the South, rose to the command
of my Regiment, which I retained
until honorably discharged, when I
immediately accepted my present
position in General Hancock's Corps.

You will probably recollect me
as the Captain who at Chancellors-
ville received the wound which caused
the amputation of the lower jaw, and
the insertion of an artificial structure.
This wound has however not in
the least disfigured my face, nor
has it impaired my voice in common
conversation; though it has incapac-
itated me for my former profession,
the Practice of the Law; and therefore
I desire to remain in the Army.

Another, and more important rea-
son for my desiring to so remain,
is that while lying wounded for
twelve days upon the battle field
in the hands of the Enemy, it pleased

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Almighty God to convict and ex-
tend to my sinful heart, as I ear-
nestly trust, the grace of Conversion,
which prompted my espousing, as
soon as well enough, the Cause of
our blessed Master in an open
profession of Religion by uniting with
the Baptist Church. For so doing
my father (The Hon. J. Meyer, of Ohio)
who is a rigid Roman Catholic,
in his misguided sense of his
Christian duty, at once disinherited
and disowned me. But thank
God, I have imparted to me strength
to bear it for the blessed Cause, know-
ing it is His holy will who doeth
all for the best."

Asking your forgiveness for the
freedom I have taken in this letter,
and hoping for the assistance of your
valuable influence, I have the
honor to be, General,

Wm. Jacob A. Howard
Washington, D.C.

Very respectfully
Your most obdt. servt.
Edw. Meyer,
Major 5th U.S.C.

Am. & Eng. M. & C. Co.

Mayor, &c. &c.

Mayor - 5th N. S. V. V.
Hawes & Co. &c.

Received from the
Mayor for appt. in
Regular Army -

Appt. & Expenses

For the expenses of

Quarters

Recd. Dec. 13th 1861

Darien Ga. 135
Dec. 12 1865-

Dear brother

I wrote you just as
I was starting on this tour. Have
since met Gen. Tillson in Savannah
and Mr. Alcock. The former had
come down to facilitate the removal
of Contracts. I heard him talk a
great deal to the planters & was much
pleased at his manner of dealing
with them. He is fearless in his claims
for the just rights of the Freedmen.

But his project of civilian operations
of the Bureau is not yet fairly in
operation. I have many fears about
his being able to obtain reliable friends
of the negro for this work. Will
report further after my tour -
Here & in the vicinity very little
has been done for the Freedmen - The
officers tell me they had orders

Gen.

from Brannon not to interfere
at all with Freedmen's Affairs, but
refer them to Government - but this
being 100 miles distant is the
same as no relief whatever.

The White troops (12th Maine) return
today to relieve the Colored & the Freedmen
say that when here before the White
troops did them constant injury
robbing & mistreating them in every
way - Some good Union Citizens
(traders from the North) [Mr. Davis &
Mr. Gillson] say that the Colored troops
have behaved ~~better~~ than the White
but today by Gen. Brannon's order &
in accordance with petition of the Ex-
Rebel Citizens the 12th Maine troops
return & relieve the Colored -

But I did not write this
time to report these things only
I know you like information.
I have thought ever since Chicks

ton that I would like, if ~~you~~^{you} think it desirable, to visit Washington as soon as I get through Georgia - I shall probably go to Tallahassee & have recently been through the interior of So. Ca.

I thought I could perhaps give valuable information to yourself & such of our friends now in Washington as desire to inquire about the state of things. - Besides, in thinking over the matter of the biography (of yourself) in which I have ^{lately} been engaged in my leisure hours, I have very much wished to rearrange & rewrite certain portions. - If published it will be my first appearance in real substantial book form & this is to be a very elegant & valuable work. I leave it to myself & to you & to the publishers to put it in the best possible shape.

Now if you think the cause
may be subserved by ordering me
temporarily to Washington - say to
remain a week - I would like
to have it done - and have the
order sent either by telegraph or other-
-wise to meet me at Charleston
on my return say about Dec. 15th
or 28th inst.

Yours Affectionate Brother
C. A. Howard

Major Gen. O. O. Howard
Com^d Bureau R. F. &c.
Washington D. C.

P.S. There is some chance of my
Regt. being mustered out or con-
solidated with 33^d U. S. C. V. & in the
latter case a chance of my & Capt. H. H. H.
being mustered out -

C. A. H.

Recd. Dec. 20th 1865.

638 Tremont St.
Boston Dec 12, 1865.

Dear Genl. Howard,

I have engaged
you to lecture at Jamaica
Plain - you are to give
the lecture - they are to
pay your expenses to & from
Washington.

The cause is worthy.
Now let me know for the
sake of the Young Men's &
Association when you will
lecture for them, & so when
for this ref. Society -

The Young Men of Boston
must have you first in this
neighborhood - i.e. before you
lecture in the vicinity.
- next after the lecture

at Portland they expect
the lecture in Boston.

Just name the meet-
ings & places at the ear-
liest moment so that the
halls can be engaged.

Hope you are all well.

But what means this re-
turn of rebels, & surrender
of land by the Freedmen to
their old, guilty, blood stained,
impudent Masters?

I shall take no collection
for Freedmen whom the govern-
ment displace, & deprive of
the means of subsistence,
& turn a drift for the sake
of reinstating men who are
the cause of all our woe.
Let us have a little justice
as well as such mercy to

the white man, & ^{such} awful
Severity to the Black Man.

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There may be difficulties,
I doubt not there are, in
the way of the right course,
but let Congress make
a way. So far as some
of us are concerned we
are disposed to let govern-
ment feel the pressure
of the misery we act of
pardon & restoration
are causing till some-
thing is done for the freed-
men by the govt. itself

One white man, who has
forfeited land & life had better
be landless & lifeless, than
100 negroes who have forfeited
neither, & in many instances deserve
both life & land. Fraternally E. B. Webb.

Boston, Dec. 12th 1865.

Wm. E. B.

Dear Sir,

Recd Dec 14th 1865.

Washington Dec 12. 46
 Maj. Gen^l Harrod Com.
 Freedmen Bureau

Sir

Allow me to recommend
 to your Duties, and
 ask that he may be assigned
 to your department. He is
 sure to be added to
 some Southern post or
 position. He is a gentleman
 of strict integrity, good
 moral, sober & industrious
 & that he would be
 useful to you

Thos. A. Stewart

Washington Dec. 12. 1865

Stevens Thaddeus
M.L.

Recommends L.
Jones for employ-
ment in the Bu-
reau.

Recd. Dec 13 1865

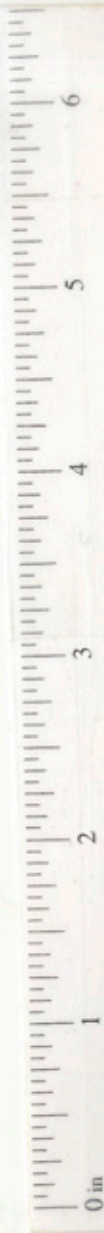
Raleigh Dec. 12. 1865

Dear General

Your letter is this morning received. I will comply cheerfully with your request to visit you in January, & shall be glad to talk over our affairs with you & other friends in Washington.

The slip from the Boston Commonwealth is rather hard on Barnett. I saw his "Address to freedmen" some time ago and wrote to him a sufficiently severe reprimand. He was not chosen by me for the

place he fills - you know
that we cannot often
select our officers, we must
take such as are given
or none. - But after all
his blunders in that
foolish address, he is a
vigorous officer, & has
worked hard, & done
more to protect the
freedmen, than ex-
tremely many
thousand such foolish,
fanatical scribbles as
the writer of that Article
in the Commonwealth ever
did or ever will do.
They all look upon him
as their friend & defender,
while the ill disposed
whites fear him as an
just & swift avenger of
wrong. He has imposed
more fines & penalties



upon men for abusing ¹⁴¹
freedmen than any officer
in the State.

Let fools prate, we
need not heed them.
We are doing a good
work, & trying to do
good to all, not ex-
cepting even sinners
& slaveholders & traitors.
I don't think we
shall ever be rebuked
by our Master for this.
Very truly Yours
C. J. Whittier

Raleigh, N.C. Dec. 12. 1865

Whitney, E.
leal & Co.

Friendly letter.

Extract for
Commonwealth.

Rcd Dec 14th 1865

Bath Me. Dec. 12th. 1865

Hon. A. M. Mason

U. S. Senate

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

Recent orders from the War Department, drew nearly, if not quite all of the officers of the W. Res. Corps, to their homes, there to await further orders. This I presume is with a view to their discharge.

Some however, have, as I am informed, been retained on duty in the Freedmen's Bureau and elsewhere.

If practicable, I desire to remain in the service. I prefer it to any other occupation, and an absence of four years has quite destroyed my former practice, which I find will be difficult to recover.

There are yet various duties, which call for the employment of officers, and I would

be glad if such a detail could be secured for
me, either in the Freedmen's Bureau, or on any
duty where I can be of service to the Govt.
I am not unmindful of the fact, that the
Officers of the regular army are opposed to
the employment of Officers of Volunteer
organizations in time of peace, except in some
very subordinate position.

If the organization of the Mt. Res. Corps
is to be broken up, and the regular army
increased, will there not be some provision
for the appointment of Officers of Mts. with
equal rank into the army?

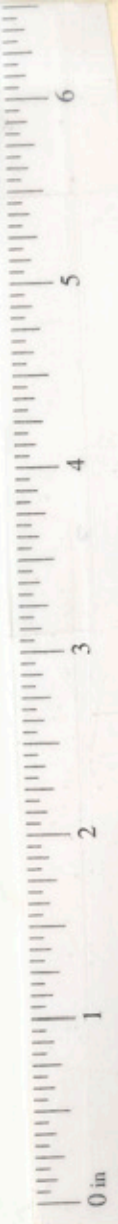
I dislike to trouble you, for I am sensible
of the various calls you have, and of the occu-
pation of your time, but if without trouble
assist me in securing an appointment to
duty for the present, or a permanent ap-
pointment in the future, I shall be under
many obligations to you.

I believe my record is such in the
War Department, that at present I require
no letter of recommendation -
Yours.

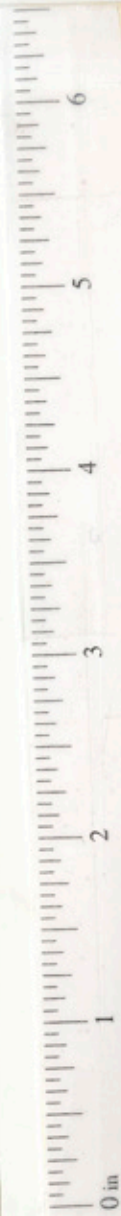
I am in very Respectfully
Yr. Obedt. Servt.
F. D. Lowell

Col. Wm. R. Capr.

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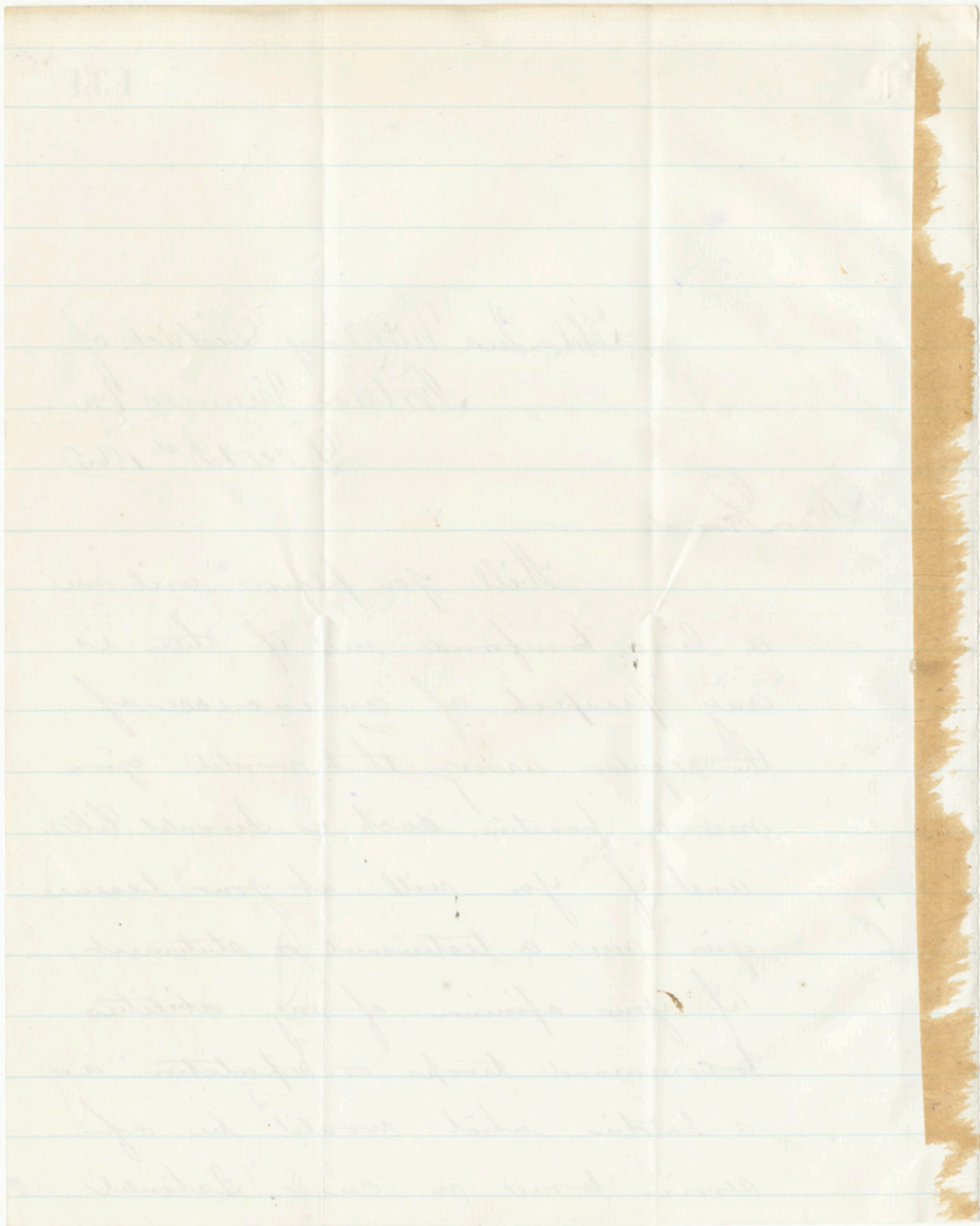
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Adj. Gen. Military District of
Fortress Munros Va
Dec 12th 1865

Dear General

Will you please write me
a line to inform me if there is
any prospect of an increase of
the regular army that would give
me a position such as I would like,
and if you will at your leisure
give me a testimonial or statement
of your opinion of my abilities
to command troops or reputation as
a Soldier which would be of
service to me in case I should



with volunteer my services in any
foreign war either on the staff of a foreign
General or in the line. If I do not
receive an appointment in the regular
Army I expect soon to be recalled
& return to civil life. I should also
prize such a testimonial from you very
highly to keep with the former recommendations
of Generals & my Commissions.
Hoping this may find you well I
have the honor to remain

With the highest respect

Yours obt. Servt

Nelson A. Miles

Major Genl. U.S.A.

Major Genl

O. J. Howard

USA

Fortold Moore. Va.
Dec. 12th 1865.

Wells. Nelson A.
Maj. Gen. U. S. A.

Desires to know the
prospect of increase of the
Regular Army - and if
recommended then or a
discontinuation of his services,
from Gen. Howard.

Endowed me

Remains in

Alegance

Recd. Dec. 13th 1865