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Ipswich Feb 12th 1866

Genl Howard

Dear Sir

I write to see if you can come to Ipswich and Lecture any time within a month or any time in March. we want to hear you Lecture ~~in~~ here very much. what is your price for a Lecture. it is for a benevolent purpose. for the benefit of the Methodist Society in this place. and would like to have you come as low as possible. please answer by mail

and oblige

Frederic Wollcomb

(Unofficial)

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Office Assistant Commissioner, State of Alabama,
BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS.

Montgomery, Ala, 14th February 1866.

Major General O. O. Howard
Commissioner &c.
Washington D. C.

General

My private correspondence advises me that the desire of my parents that I should visit them in Washington, has been in some way brought to your notice. They have been bringing it to my notice for some time past.

I had not designed that such application should be made at all. I only refer to it now because of its connection with the expressed design of Governor Patton, as soon as the Legislature adjourns, to go to Washington to try to arrange a gradual or deferred payment of the direct taxes ~~deferred~~ assumed by the State. It occurs to me, that what would be personally gratifying ~~[illegible]~~ is now perhaps in the direct path of usefulness. Governor Patton has always sustained kindly and serviceable relations with the Bureau, and it seems as ~~if~~ though I were with him I might render such service in return, or at least show such a willingness to serve him, as

is perhaps justly his due, and would in any case be valuable to us in the future. In fact we have talked the matter over, though I have of course not said to him that I should go.

The Legislature will probably adjourn on Friday, 23d. inst, and on Tuesday morning following, the Governor hopes to get away. Should I in the meantime be advised that it is for the good of the service, in your judgment, that I go with him, the affairs of this office will probably be such that they can be safely left, at that time.

Should you think differently, I beg you will not be governed in any degree by personal considerations.

I am General

Very respectfully, your obedient servant

Wager Swayne

Bvt. Maj. Genl.

Montgomery Ala. Feb. 14th 1861

Swayne - Wagner
Brevet Maj. Gen. & Ala.

Leaves to visit Washington.

Telegraph

Please to have you visit ... supplies

Recd. Feb. 20th 1861.

Boston Mass
Feb 16th 1866

Dear

I have just returned from Somerville and though pretty tired I could not think of retiring till I told you I remembered that this is the Eleventh birth-night of our married life. I do wish I could see you tonight - I have now declined at Cambridge Lancaster-Plains, Somerville & Somerville and start for Springfield tomorrow. Next day will cover Saturday Sunday and then home probably Monday night. Give much love to Guy & Jakie & another dose to yourself

Lovingly
Otis -

(Write by return as you come)

Dear Guy
Jakie and
Uncle have to
write - thank
Aunt Lizzie
Lizzie Ware Cooper
Near Nora and
you & Mother is
spent a night with
them -

Washington July 15 1866

Gen O. O. Howard

Sir

At an adjourned meeting of the First Congregational Society, of this city held July 10 1866 you were elected a member of the standing "Building Committee".

This committee consists of the following named gentlemen

Gen O. O. Howard
Col D. L. Eaton
" E. R. Goodrich.
J. B. Hutchinson
C. S. Matton
R. H. Stevens
L. Watson

Very Respectfully
Israel Kimball,
Chairman Pro tem

S. H. Goodman
Clerk

Farmington, Maine, Feb. 15, 1866.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,
Chief of the Freedmen's Bureau,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

From the brief conversation which I had with you here, I received encouragement to expect from you an appointment as Superintendent of Schools in one of the states, or something of the kind, - but no positive assurance was given. Yesterday I received a proposal to which a definite answer must be given within a few days. This makes it very desirable that I should know whether I can, with a good degree of certainty, expect an appointment from you. The Bill enlarging the Freedmen's Bureau having passed, you may be prepared to tell me this, though

not ready to make the appointment. If so, will you please to inform me by letter? If it is probable that you will not have a place for me, will you be so kind as to send a telegraphic despatch to that effect?

I prefer to the work proposed to me yesterday such a situation as you suggested. An active life, and a climate less severe than that of Maine, may be better for me. The necessity of giving an answer to the proposal, is my apology for addressing you at this time.

With high regards,

I remain, dear Sir,

Very truly yours,

Geo. A. Perkins

Paymaster's Office 163
63 Bleecker St
17th Feb. 1866

My dear General

I have been invited to be present on the platform this evening at the Cooper Institute on the occasion of your Address. I regret that I shall not be able to go – But I write this note to say how deeply I feel interested in all that may be done to guard the interests of the "Freedman" to whom the honor of this Government is pledged. I have a warm personal interest in your success –

Faithfully & respectfully
Your ob Svt
Benj Alvord

Maj Genl O. O. Howard
U.S. Army
Cooper Institute
N. York

Rochester. Feb 17th 1866.

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Rev Dr Boynton

Dear Sir:

I see by the papers that Genl Howard is lecturing on "the Freedmen", the proceeds, or at least $100.00 from each lecture to be devoted ~~to be devoted~~ to the 1st Colored church Washington. Not knowing his address I send to you to learn whether he could be induced to visit Western N.Y. & enlighten us a little on this all important subj. There is a great deal of misconception, in this section, regarding the Freedmens Bureau & we would like to have the matter made clear & plain.

Now if Genl Howard will come to Rochester, I will guarantee him $100.00 & his expenses - & if desired will make arrangements for him to lecture in Syracuse & Buffalo - adjacent cities, on the

same terms.

I am a well wisher of the Good cause in N. & an ardent friend of the Reformers in the Gospel

(Rev.) J. Edwards Bell

Address - 35 State
Rochester
N.Y.

I should much like to have the Seal come within a month if possible.

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Talladega Ala 17th Feby 1866

General;

The matter I requested leave to see you about in person was the abducting of freedmen & selling them as slaves in Cuba. But the mention of names can only be in connection with conditions. — Letters do not go here in back mail bags. A sailing vessel can make a voyage across the Gulf & back sooner than a letter can come to & from Washington (of late the time from Philadelphia here is twenty six days.) It is ~~thought~~ right to spend money freely for the relief of the helplessly infirm — those who can make no return for the aid given them, It did not occur to me the government would mind the expense of officially protecting the young able bodied working men, the class that is by odds the most useful of the inhabitants of the Country.

Very respectfully your obt Servt

R. Johnston

United States Senate Chamber. 169

Washington. Feb. 6th 1866

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir,

The President's veto message has just come in — How not wait to-

Yours

Lyman Trumbull

Tallahassee. Fla.
Feb 17. 1866.

Dear General.

We arrived here Monday. the 12th Harry stood the journey remarkably well. and for the first two days after his arrival he seemed to rally and was quite like his former self.

But now he really does not seem any stronger: that there is no visible change for the worse.

He has the room formerly occupied by Col Axtom and is as comfortably and pleasantly situated as he can possibly be.

Col Axtom is having a carriage fitted up for his especial benefit.

Dr Applegate says he may rally and gain strength if he takes no stimulus coca and kaujaan no relapse.

I am now getting the information

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Jan. Monday. 70.

Feb. 15. 1916.

Dear Samuel.

Yes we met last Monday. It is 12½ years since the happy moments only met. and so the past has been long enough but we greet with the same old.

But now I really am out and now my strength allows it to go to Sunday evening for the morrow.

I hope the more frequently correspondence by and by when and is to be comfortably met personally substituted as it can frequently be.

Feel darling is having a rather hard time with so he has enhanced troubles the difficulty arising in many ways but most from strength of the faith we have been given and happiness I trust.

I am now trying the medicine

you denied as distinctly as possible - and will have time to fully report the same to you by letter.

The climate is generally all that could be desired

I remain here.

Very respy

Your obt Servt

F. W. Smith.

Tallahasse, Fla.
Feby 19. 1866,

Gilbreth, T. W.
Mayor.

Relating to various matters,

Recd. March 3rd 1866.

Boston
Feb. 19th 66.

Dear General,

I enclose $25. which Mr Pitman brought to you from the Cambridge people for your lecture the day you left us. Seeing your Somerville lecture advertised for Thursday eve. he supposed you would be here on that day, & was quite disappointed & mortified, that you had gone. He said the Cambridge people were greatly interested

Dear General, we are so fine & well. Charles is quite a nurse. Darwin is with us. Kind & warm as ever. Also to Dr Hill & family

Very truly yours
E. F. Webb.

& delighted with your
Lecture & visit. On
the whole, you have
quite won the hearts
of the community here,
& will always be warm
ly greeted when you
come to Boston. Mr Tobey
came again to see you
~~Thursday~~ Wednesday eve. & took us
all down in his carriage
to hear Mr Beecher*. You
will be glad to hear that
one little girl of our S. School
was very much impressed
~~with~~ by your little speech
the Sunday you were
with us, & told her Mother
next. She had been trying
to give her heart to the
Savior.

*(I enclose the Hartstown letter.)

* Yours in haste for telling you everything you know we love you

Farmington Me. Feb. 19. 1866

Gen. Howard.

Dear Sir — Through the politeness of your brother and Mrs. Howard, I have the pleasure of forwarding, herewith, a plain proof, and a vignette, from the first negative you were so kind as to sit for in my Gallery, I am sorry to say that the second sitting was a chemical failure.

The Vignette has received a few touches with Ink, the other, none at all,

Please accept them, if satisfactory, which I trust they may be.

Very Respectfully

C. D. Merrill

Bridgeport Conn. Feb. 19th 1866

Major Genl. Howard

Dear Sir

The United States Club of Bridgeport, an association of men who have been honorably discharged from our army, and who have united for the purpose of assisting disabled soldiers and their families and orphans, have requested me to address you.

The funds of our society amount to upward of $400 and we desire to increase this sum, to meet pressing demands upon our treasury.

We therefore propose to have delivered to our citizens, two or more addresses from

distinguished many officers, the necessity to be added to our force — The question arises (and our legal advisers will jointly with us) to serve upon the subject of the Freedmen.

I trust you will not consider it impertinence to make an address, with a change for admission, under these circumstances.

If here you will be able to visit us, for it would be a great pleasure to meet at my residence the gentlemen whose acquaintance I made at Harpers Ferry, at the religious services of my Brigade in Franklin Damion.

I remain on behalf of the U.S. Chub. Very respectfully

Douglas Morris

Formerly Co. 14th Conn. Vols.

Bridgeport, Conn. Feb. 19th 1866.

Morris Wright

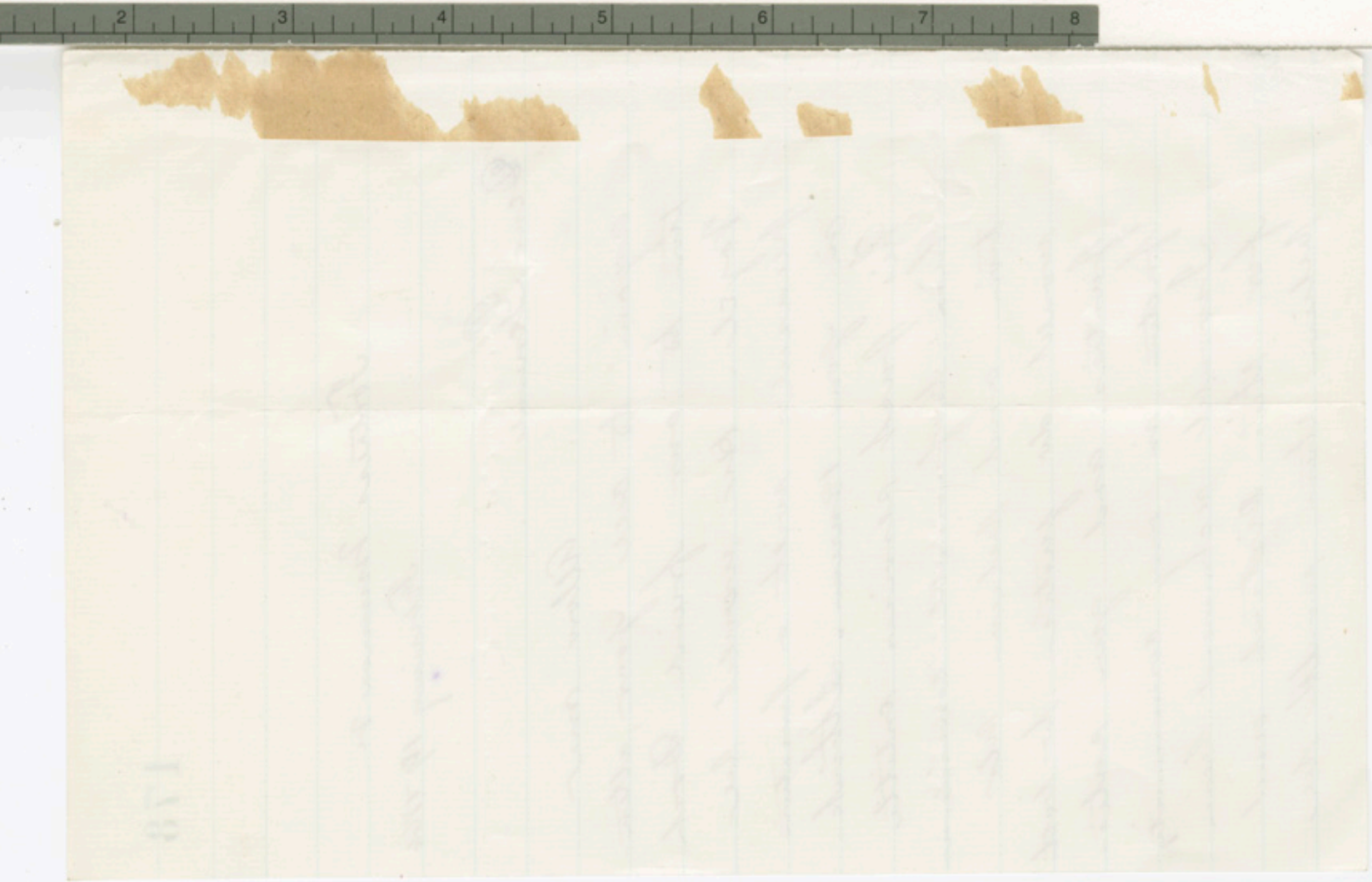
Invites Mr. Howard to lecture before the U. S. Service Assn.

Recd. Feb 21. 1866

Fortress Monroe Va
February 19 1866

Dear General

Allow me again to call your attention to our friend Doctor Vogel. He would be pleased with a position in your Bureau. I think his past services entitle him to favorable consideration and believe he would do justice to both parties, and give satisfaction in any community. I would recommend him for this District and believe there would be



less trouble with his administration than under the present Superintendent.

Wishing you every success in your great work and again thanking you for past favors to myself

I remain

With the highest respect

Your obt. Servt

Nelson A. Miles

Major 2d U.S. Cav

Major General

O. O. Howard

&c &c

Fort Monroe Feb 14th 1866

Miles - Nelson a -

Recommends Dr. Bagot for the position in the Bureau -

Recd. Feb. 20th 1866 -