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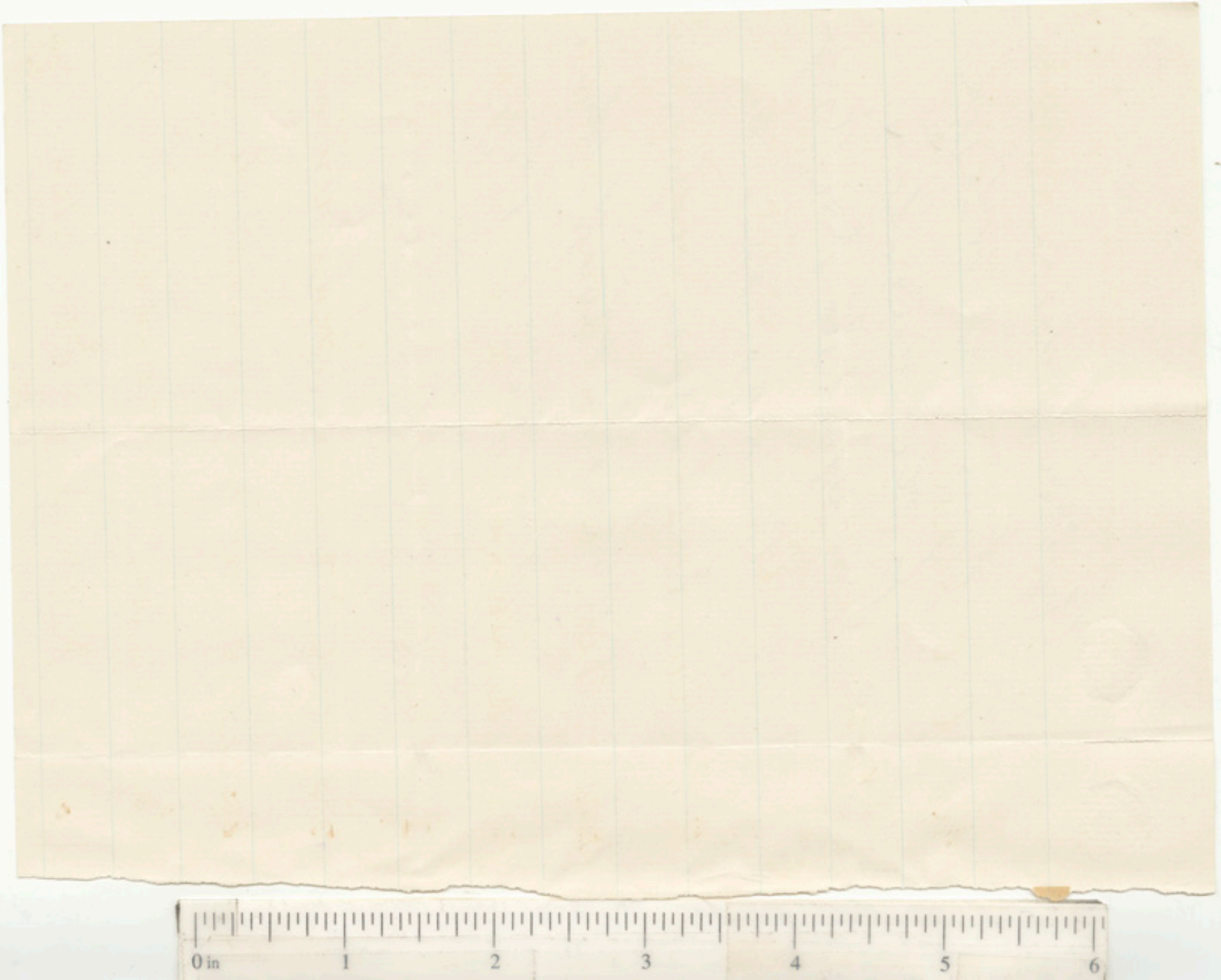
My Dear General

I am much obliged for the circulars in regard to pen Warry — Could you send me half a dozen copies more & through the Post office & oblige

Yours truly

J G Blaine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Wallingford. March 1st 1866.

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Major Genl. O. O. Howard.

My dear General,

I received lately your report & that of your brother, together with those of several Assistant Commissioners of your Bureau. They are to me of much interest, for they contain the best information on the present state of the southern states. If I had not before been a radical, they would have been strongly effective to make me such. And yet President Johnson has seen fit to veto the Freedman's Bureau Bill! He is a demagogue & looks out for his reelection, & to judge from the present state of feeling in the country, it would not be surprising if he should be successful. I fear that the southern voters together with the disloyal, half loyal & wavering elements in the north constitute at this moment the majority of the people. Unless a reaction takes place in the public mind, & that can only be brought about by the very best ability of congress, the South will come out of the great struggle victorious. The dualism of the North & South is a fact. One of the two sections must prescribe the basis of reconstruction to the other. Either we of the north must force the south to accept northern principles; — or the south will force us to

accept northern principles. No other alternative, no middle ground is possible.

Your lecture in N. Haven ~~has been~~ was a complete success. The best men speak of it in the highest terms. I regret that you could not stay here a day or two longer. You would then have met those who do not like to push themselves. It is the light material, the mayor & the ward politicians, who always assume on such occasions to represent their city.—

Mr. Bachelder sent me his beautiful plan ~~of~~ or rather panorama of Gettysburg.— I wrote ~~him~~ to thank him for it; but he replied by informing me, that I was indebted to you for it. Please accept my best thanks for this fine present.

Have you heard anything in regard to the organization of the Army.— I trust you will not forget the subject of our conversation in N. Haven in this connection and obtain an appointment for me.

Whenever the proper time comes for me to send an application, please let Mr. Sladen inform me of it, if you yourself are too busy.—

With best regards to your brother & Mr Sladen I remain as ever

Very truly Yours
A. v. Steinwehr.

Wallingford Pa. Mar. 1st 1865

Steamboat, Avon

Friendly letter — thanking Gen. Howard for help of Gettysburg.

Rept. Mar. 7. 1865.

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Genl Howard. Milan O. March 1st 1866.

My Dear Sir.

Aquable to request, I am able, after some unavoidable delay, to forward to you, a photograph likeness of Genl Sprague, which please accept with my best wishes, and if it is not asking too much, I should be very glad to receive a picture of yourself in return.

Yours very truly

Mrs F. H. Sprague.

GEO. H. STUART, Chairman, 13 Bank Street.
JOS. PATTERSON, Treasurer, Western Bank.
Rev. E. P. SMITH, Secretary, 13 Bank Street.

U. S. Christian Commission

Central Office,
No. 13 BANK STREET.

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Philadelphia, March 1st 1866

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard:
Bureau of Freedmen &c.
Washington, D.C.

My Dear General –

The bearer of this, Mr J. B. Watkins of Richmond, Va. was long and well known to me before the war as a gentleman of high standing and estimable character; since the war closed he is one of the few who have shown their integrity by voluntarily coming forward and offering to discharge in full all monetary obligatations incurred before the rebellion.

He now calls on you in regard to some matter of business in your department, and I would ask for him your most favorable consideration. Any statements made by Mr Watkins may be relied to their fullest extent, and any kindness which you can show him I will regard as shown to myself.

With renewed assurance of my high regard for yourself, I remain

Yours Very Truly

Geo. H. Stuart

Philadelphia
March. 1. 1866.

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Introduces Mr. J. B. Watkins. of Richmond. Va.

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1504 Brandywine St.
Philad.a March 1st/66

Genl. O. O. Howard
Washington D.C.
Dear Sir.

I send you herewith copies of an appeal to the citizens of the United States, asking for such amendments to the National Constitution, as shall give to our government a distinctly Christian character. The movement has thus far been approved and aided by Christians of all denominations and by eminent men in all the walks of public life. Among those who have co-operated with the movement or given it their public sanction, I may refer to the Hon. Wm. Strong of the

Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, and the Hon. B. Gratz Brown U.S. Senator from Missouri; to the entire faculties of Princeton Theological Seminary, and of the College of New Jersey; to the Revd Francis Vinton D.D. of Trinity Church New York, the Revd. Benjn Kurtz D.D. of Baltimore, & the Revd. Henry Smith D.D. of Lane Theological Seminary, Cincinnati.

We desire to secure from you such expression of approval as you may feel disposed to give. Please address as above.

Yours Respectfully
T. P. Stevenson
Amer Com. of Correspondence.

Ohio. March 1st. 1866.

Stevenson J. P.

States that he has forwarded a copy of an appeal to Congress for an amendment to the Constitution, bearing the Govt. of Christian character. Asks Gen. Howard to give his support.

Recd. March 3d. 1866

Mayor's Office,

CITY HALL,

Washington, D. C., Mar. 1st 1866.

My Dear Sir

I take pleasure in commending to you Dr. A. Barsa bearer. Statement may be relied on. Mr Mr. Dr Meus who bears this

Respectfully
Richard Wallach

Maj O. O. Howard

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Dear Sir

I am happy to have the pleasure of remitting this little trifle as a proof of my sincere interest in your laudable enterprize to restore a part of the human race to the liberty which God bestows on all his Creation you will give me credit for this part of my hundred Dollars which I hope my Heavenly Father will enable me to pay

I hope the good Lord will greatly bless you and smile with prosperity on the honor and well being of your once peaceful and prosperous Country and double your former glory as Jobs was after his trials. Amen.

I have the honor to be,
Your Friend and servant
Wm. Taylor near Cornwall

Bangor March 2. 1866

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Gen. O. O. Howard

My dear Sir.

I received your favor of Feb. 24th. Enclosing a check for One hundred dollars $100, as a donation to the Theol. Sem.y of this city. I thank you in behalf of the Sem.y for the generous gift. I remember, I had some compunctions that I had asked you for any thing, knowing that you were called to make so great sacrifices for the Country. But God has blessed the country; and has blessed us. The winter I met you in Augusta, I was endeavoring to ~~[illegible]~~ collect $7000. wh. was necessary to hold a donation by a gentleman in New York of $13.000. constituting an endowment for another Professorship. This gentleman made his gift on condition the balance $7000 be made out by friends in Maine. This balance was made out that winter

The foundations for the four Professors were all made out.

A little more than a year ago I called on my friend, the Hon. Isahad Washburn of Worcester who married Elizabeth Cheever formerly of Hallowell. Mr Washburn two years before had given us $10.000, the income of it to go to the support of indigent students. At this interview a year ago, he subscribed another $10.000 to be added to the poor students fund, also subscribed $10,000 for the increase of the library.

Mr Washburn will not pay this other $10.000 on the poor students fund till the last of the present year, and the fore part of the next. This fund is deficient till he makes his payment. We have not enough the present year by a little over $1,000.

We give to each student who needs it $80 for the year from our fund.-

I propose to turn your gift into this channel - No where else can it ~~give~~ do so much good or give so much relief.

With your consent we will so appropriate it.

I am with great respect
Most truly yours
Geo. Shepard

Bangor. March 2nd 1866

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Shepard. Geo.

Acknowledges receipt of check for $100.00

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My dear Gen.

The bearer Mr Watkins of Richmond visits you on business - He is a connection of the "Blairs" family & that I know will secure him such consideration in his business as your sense of duty will allow -

Yr truly

M Blair

Washington Mch 2. 66

Maj Gen Howard

Richland Stafford Co Va
March 2. 1866.

My dear Howard. You will find enclosed an application from my mother for the restoration of a few hundred acres of land we have in Fairfax Co. You may recall that in your letter to me of Sept 15 - 1865 you counseled the above course to be pursued, and I now avail myself of your kind advice.

I believe the last time I saw you we were Asst. Instructors at West Point together - you of Cavalry & I of Artillery - for I recollect that I promised you to go to church for three Sundays in succession. What manifold changes since! Now you are a Maj: Gen: Commanding &c

and I am a reconstructed harmonized "Insurgent" writing to you about earthly possessions.

If it is proper that the application should be addressed to some Asst. Commr. you must excuse the omission for I am so far out of the way of such things that I am ignorant as to who he is or where stationed.

I am now quietly farming down on Potomac River just above the mouth of Acquia Creek, having Christmas like made the exchange of sword and plough share. My address is Garrisonville Post Office Stafford Co Va. and I shall be very glad to hear what action has been taken in the matter, causing a letter from a real live kicking double dyed rebel to a loyal officer. For I am yrs very truly

Fitzhugh Lee

Baltimore. Feby 20th 1866.

Major Genl. O O Howard
Commissioner, Bureau of Refugees Freedmen &c
General.

I have the honor to make application for the restoration of the piece of land, lying in Fairfax Co: Virginia, known as "Fairfax Station" and now in the possession of your agents, as "abandoned property".

Previous to, and in the incipient stages of the late war, the place was tenanted out, but the burning of all buildings upon it, made it impossible for the tenant longer to remain in charge, nor, for the same reason, could his place be supplied by another, and hence at the termination of the war, the land was found unoccupied, and fell under the control of your Bureau.

I would also state, the U.S. "Direct tax" upon it, has been paid. That the property has been in the possession of the family for a very long period, and of course there is no dispute as to their original title.

Very respectfully yours &c
Anna M. Lee

My address is —

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At Mrs Tennisons – 37 – Mount Vernon Place
Baltimore –

Phila. March 2nd 1866

My very dear Friend

I was very glad to receive your letter, it came just as I was having for the Arsenal where I spent the day very agreeably with the Benéts who enquired most kindly for you. My conscience has been reproaching me for not replying to your letter this morning but I was busy reading "Winifred Bertram" by the author of the "Schonberg Cotta Family" I want you to read it, for I am sure you would enjoy it. To day's mail brought me a letter from Clara from California I think she is becoming more satisfied, but she complains of want of strength for her ordinary duties. I have just finished a letter to John enclosing her letters. John has just been made Adjutant of the 8th he is still in Baltimore. Emma Willard's

lovingly your friend Sarah B. L. Greble

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is very soon to be married to a Mr
Lewis — whose first wife was Louisa Barnes
daughter of the Prof. and her intimate friend
Katie Willard is also to be married soon.
Were you not sorry and shocked to hear
of poor Seth Williams. they fear he has
lost his mind hopelessly. I can hardly
make you realize how fully we all en-
joyed and appreciated Dear General
Howard's visit. and regretted that we
did not ask you to rest here on your
way through from Maine. — and now
about Louisa (whose name you remember
rightly) I have not seen her or heard of
her but once in five years. then Brother
John saw her in Washington, I think he
said she was married — her name was
Louisa Adams. She is very light colored &
lived with Dr. Edwards of the Army. at
Judge Crawfords the corner of 7th & G. I think
She nursed me when Edwin was born & Mrs
Judge, Mrs Schofield &c. I think perhaps
that Matilda Madison a colored woman
living on the N. W. corner of 14th & I streets
might know of some good efficient
servants — but my friend, it is ten
years since I left the District, and
I may be sending you on a wild goose
chase. I will write to Mother & ask her.
Do you not know Mrs Maynadier? she
could help you out of any domestic
troubles I think, she always has good
servants. I hope you may succeed in
obtaining good servants for without them
housekeeping is up-hill work. You must
enjoy having your Mother with you. I
hope to know her some day — my love
to her — and your brother Charles.
Tell dear Annie that Edwin and Clara
often speak of him I hope some time the
children may have the pleasure of being
together. I do hope at some future time
to come to Washington for a few days I
should feel a child again. I daresay
I should miss many loved faces and
find many hearts changed. Kiss the
children for me — love to your noble
Husband — and reserve as much as
you wish for your own dear self
All the family join me in warmest
love to you. believe me ever to be

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American Tract Society.

Committee of Charities.
REV. E. B. WEBB, D. D. S. G. BOWDLEAR, ESQ.
REV. WILLIAM HAGUE, D. D.
REV. WILLIAM C. CHILD, *Secretary.*

Tract House, 28 Cornhill,

Boston, Mar. 2 1866.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

I have the honor, as the Clerk of the Executive Committee of the American Tract Society at Boston, to transmit you a copy of a vote passed by the Com. at its last meeting, as follows,

"That the thanks of this Committee be tendered to Major General Howard, Commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau for the warm interest which he has taken in the Society's work among the Freedmen, & for the facilities which he has furnished the Society for distributing its publications among them by the agency of the Bureau."

This vote was unanimously passed, and but feebly expresses the appreciation of your efforts, dear Sir, on behalf of the Freedmen, & the work of the Society among them.

Sincerely Yours

William C. Child