

Brooksbury March 9th 1866

Genl O O Howard

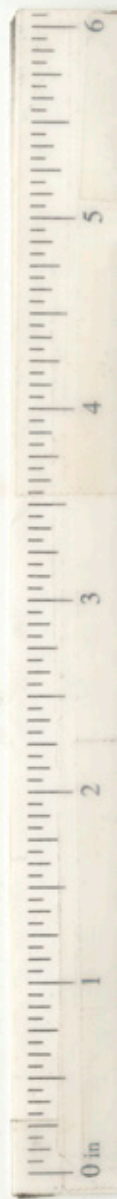
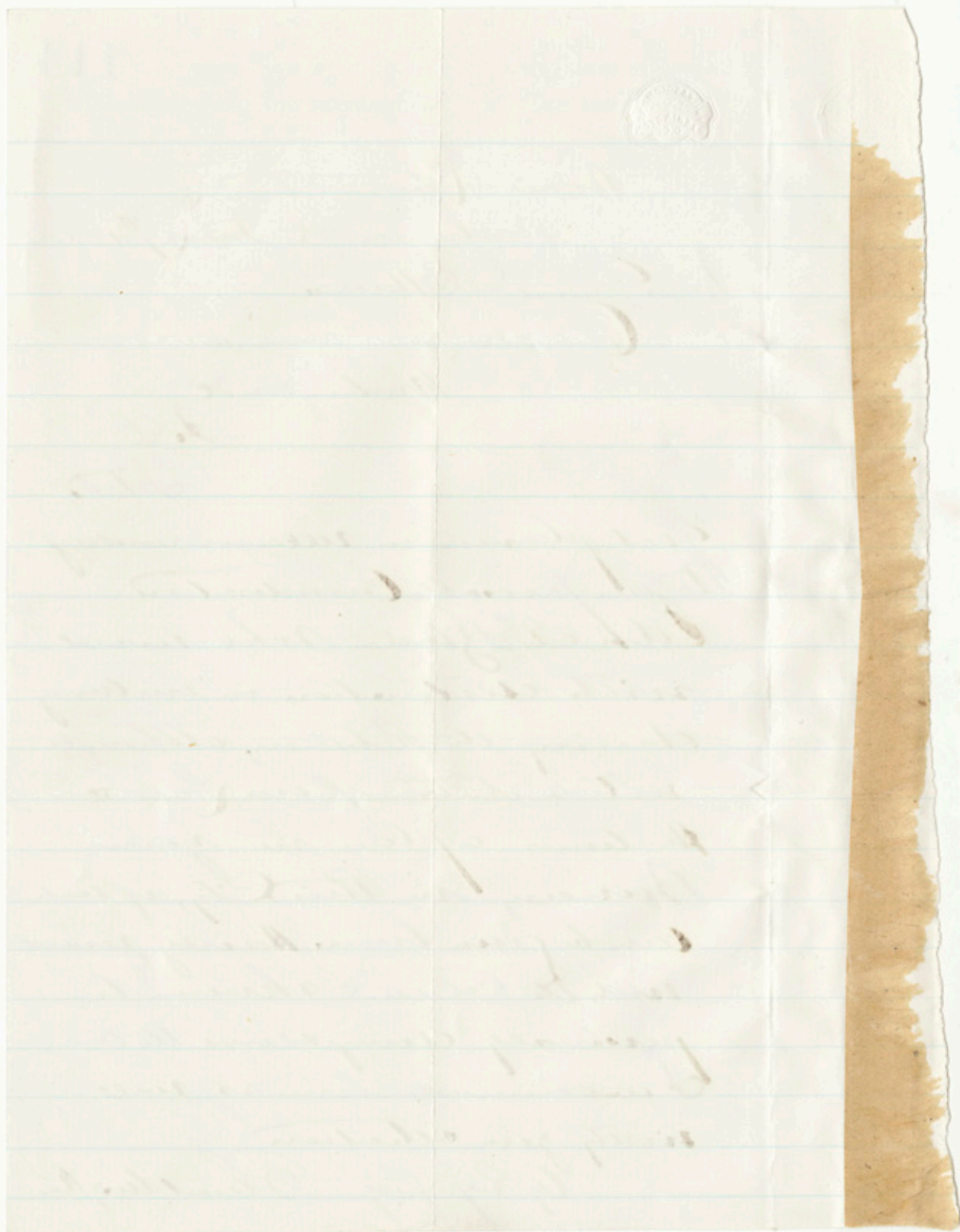
Sir as the pastor of the African
 Methodist-Episcopal Church of this
 City you will please permit me
 to ask a favor of you, after stating
 a few facts. We have purchased
 a house of worship for the sum
 of \$10,000. and paid four \$4,000
 dollars and have only three
 months more to pay the balance
 which we could very easily do
 if the Trustees of Methodist-Church
 South would give us the Lot
 that ^{we} bought and paid for out
 of our own money we paid them
 one thousand dollars for the Lot ~~in~~
 before the war & then deposited

between four & five hundred
dollars in their hands for safe keep-
ing but they will not give us neither
the money nor the Lot without
we will come under their Church
South which we will not do if we
have to go in the old fields and worship
god as we have had to do a many
times now the favor that we wish
to ask is the L^o of two thousand
dollars for one year we will give
the property for security and if
there is any way that you can
assist us in getting our Lot out of the
hands of the Trustees of the Methodist
Church South you will confer
a great Blessing on a poor people
by doing so yours in Christ
Thos. W. Stinger



House Representatives
 Washington D.C. March 9th 1866
 Major General Otterbein
 Communes, Louisiana
 Washington D.C.
 D.C.

I take
 great pleasure in recommending
 to your favorable consideration
 Colonel D. B. East - who served
 with distinction in our Army
 during the Rebellion, although
 not a native of our State -
 He claims a place in your
 Bureau, in this City, if such
 can be given him. Having served
 with the Colonel & known him
 personally during & since the war
 I recommend him as well
 worthy your attention
 By R. J. G. S. Daniel M. R.



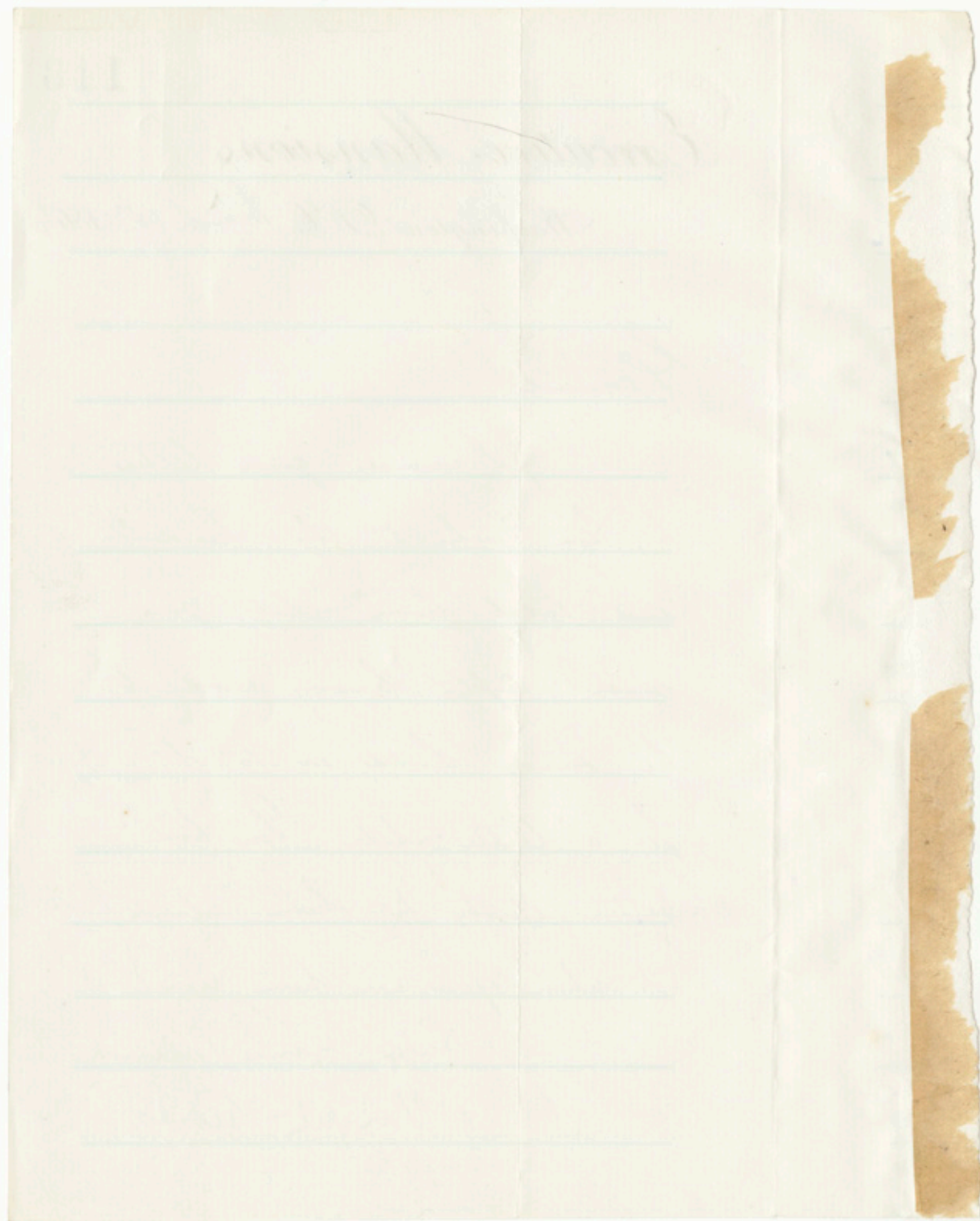
Executive Mansion,

Washington D. C. March 10th 1866

General

I read your letter
to Gen. Fiske to the President
and told him what you
said. After having read it
he said hold on to it
for a little while. You had
better speak to him about
it when you see him next.

Very your friend
Wm. H. Rives



Private

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Fort. M. March 10
Maj. Genl. Howard 1866-
U.S. Army
General

On Jan'y 24. '66.
I did myself the pleasure to call
on you at your office. I was
sent by the Gov. to make a report
on the Agricultural Conditions of
So. California. (thru the Agl. Depart.).

At your suggestion I saw Genl.
Scott & Silliman - the former in So. Cal.
the latter at Sacramento. I talked
frankly with both - & stated what
I had seen of mismanagement
& suffering - I had no author-
ity to make an official re-
port on these matters - & consequen-
ly have not done so.

I have however given

ceived from the Com^d of Agriculture. A letter ^{of the 10th} I make the following report.

"I have received ~~that~~ ^{these} reports made by You on the Agricultural Condition of South Carolina - which in the main were satisfactory. I regret however, to say that Your action, while ^{these} was not as satisfactory to some as I could have desired."

To this I replied today

"I understood the object of the department to be to get at the truth and therefore sought information from every source regardless of recent political position - from those highest in rank in our military service to those who had lately

begin in arms against it.
In so doing I may have
offended some who desire
to control my actions & it
so I have no right to offer
my report with show if I
have been fair & honest in
my views. If the President
and Genl. Grant are se-
verely criticized - surely
I can scarcely expect to
escape -"

Having full faith, I have,
in your honesty of purpose
& knowing my own heart
I beg that if you have time
you will peruse my report
on the subject of labor & free
man & see if I merit any
condemnation from secular
service men -
I am most respectfully

Mr. New: St. St.

J. L. Shields.

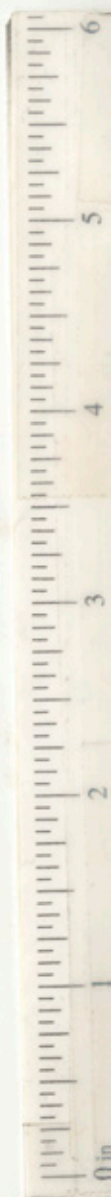
As I am comparatively well
known to you - I refer you to
Guth. Schiwin & Nichols - At
Guth Sept.

Washington D C Mar 10th 1866

Dear General

On arriving at my
~~at my~~ Hotel last evening
I found your note referring
to my call at your Head
Quarters, I was very sorry
such an impression had made
you that I was offended.

I asked General Hoge
who accompanied me if
I did or said anything that
the orderly could construe
into displeasure and he fully
exculpated me from any such
underness. When I enquired for
you he asked me if I wished
to see you on business and
I replied in the negative; He



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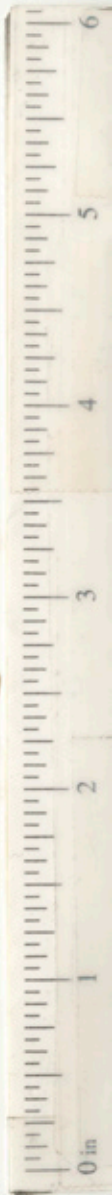
then told me you were engaged
with General Swan and could
not probably be seen for some
little time, I then asked him
to give you my card but
that I could not wait to
see you and left without
waiting for any reply from
you feeling particular about
disturbing you while engaged
in business. I assure you I
had no other feeling and
truly regret that such a
misconstruction should have
been placed upon my actions

Very Truly Yours
Edw. A. Smith

Washington

Mar. 10th 1864

Smith, Liles A.



Birmingham and Midland
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Edgbaston. Edgbaston.

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3rd No: 104 1866

Esteemed Friend

Thou may have seen
my name mixed up with
others in this Assn. I took of
mercy, for whom thou hast so
manfully evinced so much
determination & benevolence,
& it has afforded me great pleasure
to be a humble worker in the same
direction - At different times
since we commenced the work
we have put forth papers stim-
ulating the public mind in a
direction to do good - The

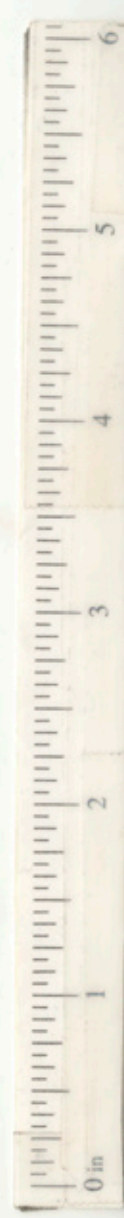
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 LONDON.

establishing of sewing circles
 has produced thousands of garments
 which your government have
 admitted duty free - Tools
 & ironing implements were
 the object of other appeals

What for Blankets last
 winter enabled us to forward
 many thousand pairs -

Within the last two weeks
 we see a tempting offer of land
 on easy terms & have put
 forth the enclosed paper ^{No 19} which
 seems likely to produce some
 money though it may not be



to the extent we could wish—

The object of my writing is to ask of thee what security we shall have, that after the people have taken possession, & cleared the land—built huts & settled their families on it, that they will not be disturbed.

A letter from thee on these points I have no doubt would induce many of our Asses to contribute, & those who have expended their funds we should endeavour to induce to make a fresh effort for this special object.

I read in the Star of to day thy assuring letter to the Comrs to do their duty & report

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night - I do not quite under-
stand Johnson's speech, but I
hope for the best & that he does
understand the constitution
of the People he has to govern.

but there is one part of your
constitution - that I do under-
stand, that the People do govern
whatever the veto of a President
may be. Wishing the success
in this work I am there truly

B. H. Cadbury

May we ask for an immediate
reply



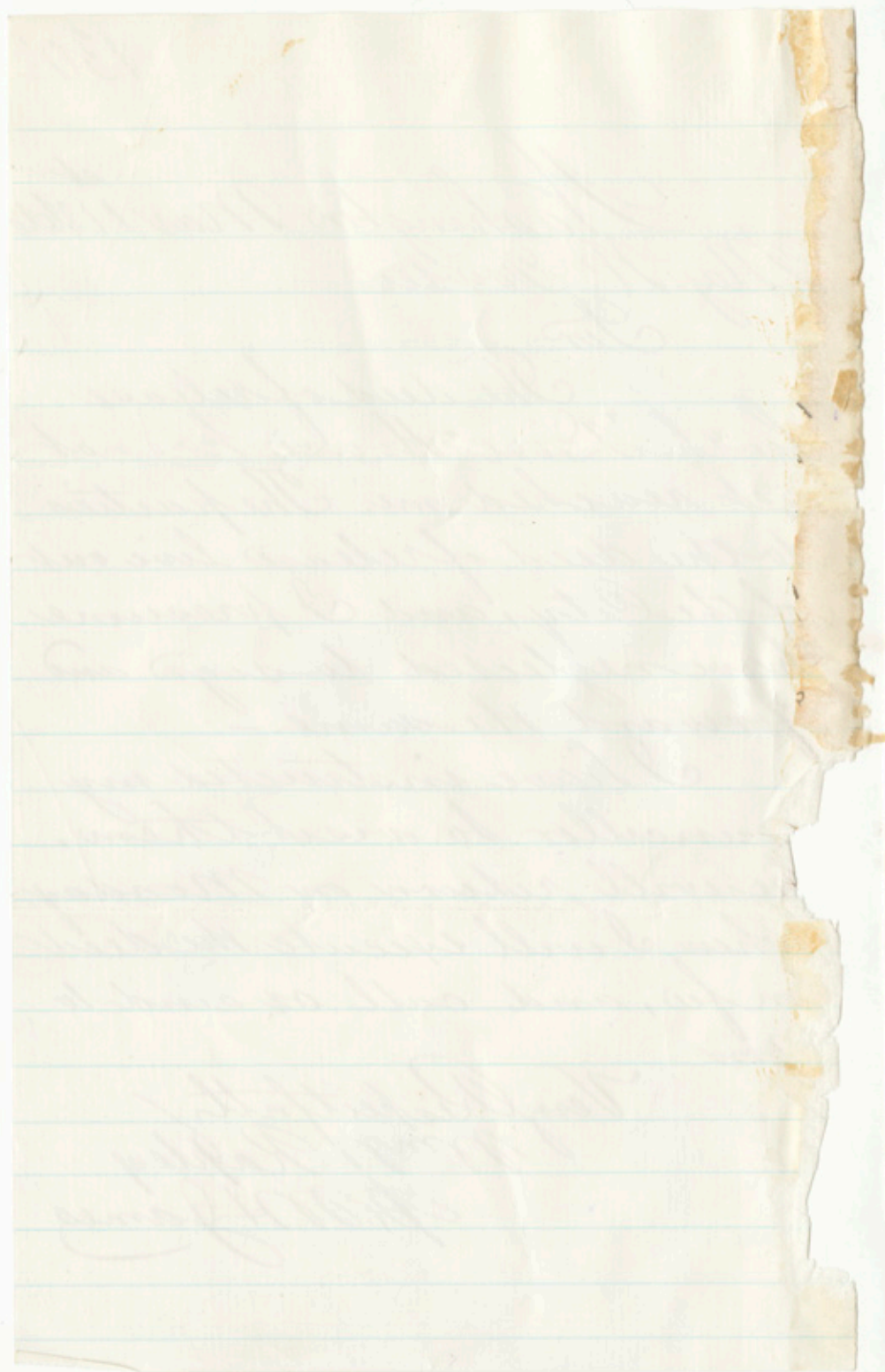
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Washington Mar 11th 1864
Maj: Wm Fowler
Sir.

The deed of release
for the "Dove" House has not
yet reached me. The parties
to the deed of release live out
of the City, and I presume
have neglected to sign and
forward the same.

I have instructed my
councillor to visit them.
He will return on Monday,
when I will execute the deed
in fee, and call around to
you.

Very Respectfully
Wm H Rapley
B W James



Washington, D.C.
March 12, 1864.

O. O. Howard,
Maj. Gen. & Comd'g.
Bureau of F. & A. Ld.
Gen.

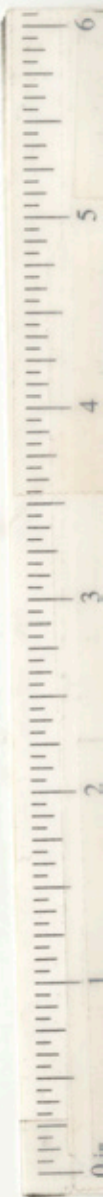
The Baptist Society
residing in the vicinity of 9th St. East
and E. St. North, are desirous of
obtaining your influence with the
Hon. Secy of War, for the purpose of
buying some Govt Building on good
terms, that we may erect it as a
house of worship.

I have the honor Gen. of
Remaining respectfully
Your obt. servt
Smith Pratt,
for the Society.

Washington, D.C.
March 12, 1880.

O. C. Howard,
Prof. Am. Mus. Nat. Hist.,
New York City.

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that
the Department has been
pleased to accept of the
manuscript of your paper on
the "Fossils of the
Cretaceous of the
United States," and
to place it in the
hands of the
authorities for their
consideration. I am
very glad to hear that
you are so interested
in the subject, and
I am sure that your
work will be of great
value to the science.



Newburgh. N.Y.
 March 12. 1866.

General,

I take the liberty of addressing you in relation to the possibility of my obtaining a position in the Freedmen's Bureau, either in ^{the} Executive or Educational capacity. —

As, probably you are aware, shortly after the Gettysburgh Campaign I resigned my Army Commission believing there was little probability of my being of any further use in the Service (or out of it). However the fears of my friends were happily disappointed, and the quiet and nursing of home in a comparatively short time recruited & restored me mentally & physically. On my return recovering I accepted the position of

Mathematical & Mil. Instructor in
the M^t. Pleasant Mil. Academy, Sing.
Sing. N.Y. where my engagement
expired the first of the year, when
I had anticipated going to the
Pacific Coast in a mercantile ca-
pacity, but subsequent advice
compelled me to relinquish my
design, and I now find myself
without employment, and at a
season of the year when mutations
either in Educational or business
Establishments are of rare occurrence.

Knowing that in the wide field
'occupied by your Bureau there
are many positions of labor and
responsibility to be filled, and prompt-
ed by the recollection of a great
kindness done me in my misfortune
I am induced to ask your interest
in submitting my name as a can-
didate for employment in the
South.

I can, if advisable, furnish
endorsements of such a character
respecting my ability as an Instructor,
or capacity & energy as an Ex-
ecutive Officer as must tend to
a favorable consideration of my
application.

Begging pardon for my freedom
and feeling deeply grateful for
service rendered me in the past,
I am

Your obt. Serv.
Sam. M. Sprouts

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard. U.S.A.
Washington D.C.

Newbury. N.Y. Mar. 12th 1866

Spole. Saml. M.

Would like a posi-
tion in the Bureau.

Recd March 14th 1866.

Washington 12 March 1886

Dear Sir;

A reply came from Mr. Barnes this morning. He says he can say nothing officially. But, after consulting two other members of the Finance Committee, he has "no doubt the Trustees will approve the purchase and see the money paid"; i.e. \$13,550. for the four lots; and that we had better secure them. Still he thinks it would be "proper" meaning "better" perhaps, if we could obtain the refusal of them till after the meeting of their Committee on the 14.

We have made an appointment with ^{Fowler,} the Agent of the owners, to meet him at 7 o'clock this

evening at his office, on the
north side of H St. East of
Ninth, the building next the
corner house. It is a low office,
with Fowler's name thereon.

It seems to us better to close
the contract at once, if you can
lend your personal guaranty.

Mr. Barnes suggests that the
promise of the money down on the
1st of Apr. may induce Fowler to
take \$1300. for the lots.

We are to have the refusal also
of the two next lots north until
1st Aug.

May we hope you can meet us?

Very truly &c

J H Hodges

May Gen. O. O. Howard

Mar 12/66

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
STATES OF KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE.

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ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,

Nashville, Tenn., Mar 12th 1866

General

I have the honor to introduce
herewith Peter Bonesteel Esq of
New York; the gentleman who at
the instance of "Genl" W. C. Ketchum
came to this District for duty
for a short time. I commend
him to your confidence and
esteem

I have directed that he
make his Report on Kentucky
direct to you - as this special
work is all he has done - and
I would like it to appear to
the public - if it does, appear
as a vindication of my own
reports -

Very Respectfully -

Maj Genl. Howard

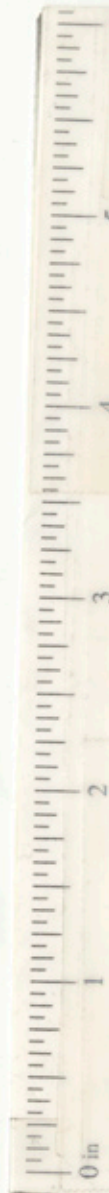
Clinton B. Stark

Civil & C
Washington, D. C.

Bt-Maj Genl
and Com

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Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th inst. in relation to the matter of the Chicago Convention of 1893. I am sorry to hear that you were unable to attend the Convention, but I hope that you will be able to do so in the future. I am sure that your presence would have been of great value to the Convention. I am sure that you will be able to do so in the future. I am sure that your presence would have been of great value to the Convention.



Bucksburg Mar 12 1866

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Dear Bro.

The aff^{rs} with Ch. here are in serious trouble.

They have bot a house (Ch) for \$6000. worth about 8000. & have paid about 4000. They are in danger of losing it for the want of the 2000. until they can raise it, which they can certainly do in a reasonable time - if they can only get time - They raised the 4000. in little over a year - & it has been the Col' people's only place for some time - It is of vast consequence to the whole Col' people here - & must be saved somehow - The cities are determined to drive them out if possible - & divisions are springing up among them in consequence of these difficulties - If they can save the house as a rallying point it makes a permanent institution - but many fear to give, lest they lose it after all - Nothing is so important to the people of this whole region just now as this -

Now I suggest a remedy - Col. T. has \$85,000. of Bureau money locked in his safe, & it will not be used for a year at least -

Let 2000. of this idle money be loaned to the Church, with or without interest - taking a mortgage on the whole property (unincumbered with 4 times the amount) for one year - It costs nothing - & saves the people from persecution - & division - & defeat & great loss - So try & get the Gov. to order it - Mr Stringer the Pastor is Chairman of our Con. Bank Com. a strong & good man - with the house he can do more for the Col' people here than any other agency - & we lose that, he is a failure - & so are the people religiously -

I have some good reason to think that Col T. is in fault about these divisions among the Col' people - Allow me to say that I think it is just like him to carry his point about the Bank by breaking down the Ch^{ch} of the Con. Com. whose leading men are H P Scott. C. P. Wood. David Fort. J. Fields

Ch Kirkback & I don't know how many more -

Don't delay the consideration of this matter - as time
is all important. & strain a point with the Gen. to save the
ch -

Yours very truly J. A. Hawley

Respectfully referred to Sup.

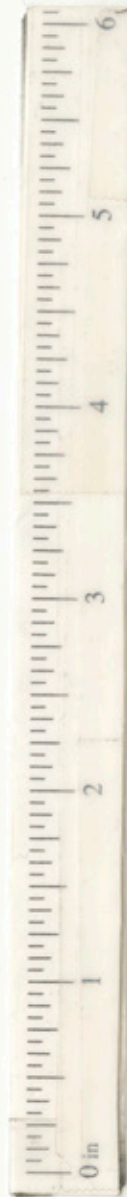
Genl. D. C. Howard by

request of J. M. Alvord

J. A. Ferry.
Clerk.

Recd. 21st / 1861

Genl. D. C. Howard



Portland, Maine,

March 12 1866.

General:

By reference to the enclosed programme, you will see that the citizens of Portland are to hold a Fair in April, for the benefit of the widows and orphans of deceased soldiers.

The Committee are very desirous of receiving an autograph letter from you, on a full-sized letter sheet.

I am, general,

Very respectfully yours

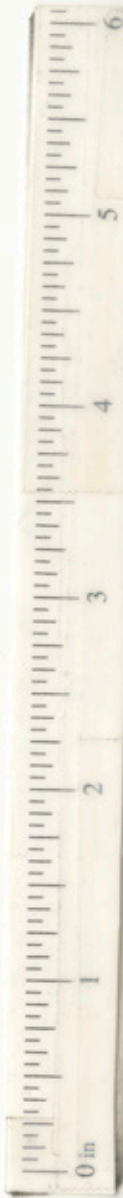
Darius H. Fiske

To
Mayhem O. O. Howard Chairman Executive Com.

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March 12.

GRAND FAIR!

IN AID OF THE

WIDOWS and ORPHANS

OF THE

Deceased Soldiers!

WHO WERE RESIDENTS OF THIS CITY.

DURING THE WEEK COMMENCING

MONDAY, APRIL 23,

AT THE

CITY HALL.

Under the direction of the following, viz:—

LADIES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Mrs John Rand,	Mrs Samuel Rumery,
Mrs J. B. Carroll,	Mrs Alfred Dyer,
Mrs Elbridge Bacon,	Mrs Ira J. Batchelor,
Mrs James M. Churchill,	Mrs A. B. Winslow,
Mrs Charles Clark,	Mrs George Head,
Mrs Joseph W. Dyer,	Mrs Mary P. Goddard,
Mrs Chas. W. Richardson,	Miss Mary J. E. Clapp,
Mrs J. F. Miller,	Miss Marcia H. Woodbury,
Mrs Colin E. Cross,	Miss Maria Greely,
Mrs Southgate Boyd,	Miss Kate Libby.
Mrs Levi Morrill,	

GENTLEMEN'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

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CHARLES RICHARDSON, Treasurer.

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Col John M. Brown,	Joseph W. Symonds,
Major E. Houghton,	Charles H. Fling,
Capt Henry Inman, U.S.A.D. F. Corser,	
Capt Geo. W. Verrill,	George O. Gosse,
O. M. Marrett,	Albert Q. Leach,
John H. Hall,	George L. Swett.

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St. John Smith,	A. K. Shurtleff,
	George F. Emery.

Further particulars hereafter.

March 14.

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Washington March 12th 1866

Major W^m Fowler

Dear Sir the papers
necessary to transfer the Dove
house would have been executed
three days since if your
Counsel had been instructed
to draw the Deed. I have
just seen him and directed
him to have them done by
twelve o'clock this M. the
parties are now in the City
and will execute them to
day and you can have
them to morrow

Yours

W^m E. Spaulding

