

American Freedmen's and Union Commission,

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No. 76 John Street.

"This Commission is constituted to aid and co-operate with the people of the South, without distinction of race or color, in the improvement of their condition upon the basis of industry, education, freedom, and Christian morality. No schools or supply depots shall be maintained from the benefits of which any shall be excluded because of color."—ART. II. CONSTITUTION.

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New York, April 7

1866.

Maj. Gen. G. C. Howard—
Dear Sir—

We are making arrangements to hold a public meeting on behalf of the Cause during Anniversary week in this city the second week in May— I write to ask you to deliver an address upon that occasion. I know that your engagements are pressing numerous, but as this will be the first public meeting out of N.E. since the union, & as we know that the union & the principles upon which it is founded meet with your hearty approval, we should be very glad, — we are indeed very anxious — to secure your public endorsement & approval—

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We have just commenced the
publication of a Central Organ a
copy of which will be sent you
next week I hope - It is under
my editorial charge - I shall
be glad to have you use its
columns as a medium of
communication between yourself
& the public whenever so dis-
posed. I conceive that there
are times when you would
be glad to avail yourself
of such an organ for full
communications there are af-
fected by your more official
orders -

Very Truly Yours
Wm. A. Blount.
Gen. Sec.

P. S. Tuesday evening the 8th of May has
been agreed upon

Albany Apr. 7/1866

Dear General

Major Robert Chandler now
A. A. G. on the Staff of Genl.
Dent has learned that Genl. Dodge
is about to resign & he
w^d like to succeed him - It
gives me pleasure to say that
Maj. Chandler is a gentleman
of much intelligence of Cor-
rect habits & I believe of
strict integrity - He has
been in the service since
1861 - and I believe, if Genl.

have no other officer in view
he wd suit you = 20

I know the relations that
tho exist between you &
Genl Admr Genl, & so do
not venture to ask you
for so great a favor as
to accept an officer to
accommodate my particu-
lar - But if you have no
individual in view I
have great confidence in
recommending my friend
Major C.

Accept my thanks for
a copy of the paper in the

Florida Case -

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I arranged the business of Col. Freudenberg without calling upon the Leg of War.

Very truly
Yours

L. O. Howard

Wm. June O. Howard

Washington April 7. 1866

Howe, L. O. -

Recommends Maj.
Alexander A. S. for
that position in the
Genl. Staff -

Answer
Another officer
applied for -

Recd. April 9th 1866.

P.S. There is much religious interest
in many of the churches of this city.

Mr. Fort's death was the theme
of the preachers yesterday.

Please address me at 87 Cedar St.
Care Savings & Trust Company

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Lucy City. April 9, 1866
Pres. Brig. Gen. C. Howard.

Dear Sir,

Permit me to con-
gratulate you all on the passage of the
Civil Rights Bill. It is the breaking in
of light and indicates that Congress
and the people will take the right
direction. I hope now some Bureau
Bill can be passed.

I reached here in safety and have
been at work with the trustees at the
Bank; my health gradually improving.

The deposits from all the Branches
look encouraging. Have you had any
report yet from Col. Small as to
matters at Vicksburg. We are anxious
to know the facts of that case, and will
you please inform us the moment

of their arrival.

Mrs A. and my family are all pleased with the idea of our going to Washington and think they can make themselves comfortable in the Barracks.

We have ~~xxx~~ talked over how much with your help we can do there. The idea of the Industrial School pleases Mrs Alord. How does the fitting up of the buildings progress and when will the water be in and the rooms dry so that we can come?

Mr Whipple with their Association will become patron of the concern.

We enter into our plans of making it a model thing. If a teacher should come with us, we should need four sleeping apartments. I should be sorry to crowd Capt. Vanderberg. Can you arrange things to his satisfaction?

I wish also to ask if, in one of the Barracks, there will be a room for Sabbath and other meetings.

My mind runs continually upon the plans which we may accomplish there.

In Baltimore I succeeded in forming another branch of our Bank and, on my return, hope to do so in Philadelphia. This may necessitate my returning that way, instead of by steamer to Fortress Monroe, as the muster out of some regiments at Baltimore within a few days may also need my presence.

If any of my queries above can be answered may I have the pleasure of hearing from you by an early mail. My compliments to the General and kind regards to all the family. Mrs Alord and the children send to you their respectful remembrance. Please give me all the news, especially how your "cleaning up" progresses.

Yours very respectfully
J. M. Alord

Newport R. I.
April 9th /64.

Major General O. O. Howard,
Commissioner Bureau of R. F. & A. S.

General.

I called to see you Thursday afternoon, but you being absent I was obliged to leave the city, without having the pleasure of seeing you. I presume that you know by this time whether you can give me temporary employment or not. If you have nothing for me to do, would you feel willing to give me a letter of recommendation for a Discharge in the Army. I am aware that you personally know but little about me, but I can show you my papers from officers of the Army with whom I have associated during the past two years or more. They are endorsed by Mr Eliot, Gen Banks and Mr Winson M. C. from Minnesota, and I can secure the influence of several others. Perhaps on the strength of these papers you might be willing to give me a letter, I should feel very grateful for such a favor. I think if I had temporary employment in Washington, I could do more towards getting the appointment than I can here. The Army Bill with its numerous amendments

will I understand, be reported back from the
Committee on the 12th of this month. I intend to
forward my application as soon as I have read
the bill. If you feel that you can conscientiously
recommend me, I shall be truly grateful for
such kindness, and shall endeavor to prove
myself worthy of your confidence, Hoping that
you will excuse the liberty I have taken
in thus addressing you.

I remain General

Very Respectfully

Your obt. Servt.

Olijah W. Barstow

Address

75 State Street

Boston

Mass.

Apr 9 1866.

Genl. O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir,

The Publisher has handed me your esteemed favor of the 29th ultimo, which I have read with care and interest, and shall make the subject of an explanatory note.

In the hasty perusal of the Occum sketch, received just in time to go to press, it was not observed that a remark which we regarded as referring to your ^{early} reputation in 1864 was liable to be construed as implying your present

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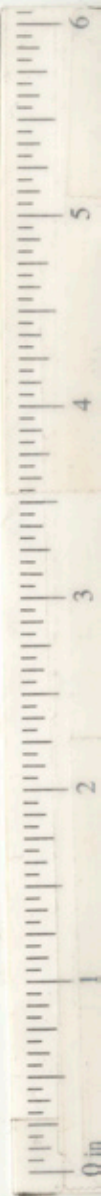
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J. O. Johnson

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present inferiority (in that, or any
other, respect) to General Hooker.

The article in question was
written by a distinguished officer,
for whose responsibility the Maga-
zine vouches while disclaiming
its own responsibility for his
opinions or allegations, as well
as for those of any contributor.

If ~~an~~ officer know~~s~~ whereof
he speaks, and be the proper man
to say it, and the subject be
of sufficient interest to any con-
siderable class, we open our
pages to his contributions.

How else can we do justice? ²

With sincere regard, and
apologizing for this intrusion,
very respectfully, yours,
Ellis Martin
Associate

New York City. April 9th/66.

Martin, B. Ellis
Ass. Editor U. S. True May.

Concerning the
'Elocution Article'

Recd. April 10th 1866.

Unofficial.

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

Montgomery, Ala., 9th April 1866

General

Allow me to ask that in regard of the within application to ask that you will deviate from your accustomed rule and present it directly to the Secretary. It was one of those I had in mind when I spoke to the Secretary and obtained his leave to present such requests in person. I have this one very much at heart but could not find out certainly that it had not been made until too late to present it myself. It is eminently due for faithful services in and out of the Bureau and your attention to it will renew as a sense of obligation which cannot well be increased.

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

Maj. Gen. O. T. Howard
Washington D.C.

Wager Swayne
Br't. Maj. Genl.

Swaine, Frank
May, Min.

Remains known
him for his blood.
O'Brien,

Dear Aunt M., May

REV. J. G. FEE, Pastor.
REV. J. A. R. ROGERS, Sup't.
REV. W. W. WHEELER, Principal.
MISS ELIZA SNEDAKER,
Assistant Teacher.

Literary Institution.

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Berea, Madison Co., Ky., Apr. 10th 1866.
Gen. O. Howard, Washington D.C.
Dear Sir,

Enclosed you will find a brief plan of the Inst. how which by admitting persons to its privileges without distinction of race is aiming a blow at Cost the very virus of Slavery and which is now as Prof. Taylor Lewis has so clearly shown threatening our Christianity. If the ends of the Inst. meet your hearty approval we should be very happy to have you give a brief statement to that effect at your earliest convenience.

Yours in behalf of the Inst.
J. A. R. Rogers

Washington April 11th /66

Sen Howard.

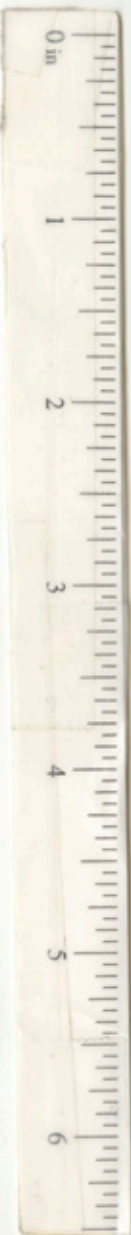
Sir the "Colored Citizens" of Washington intend celebrating the anniversary of the Emancipation of the District on the 16th of April, at Franklin Square, it was unanimously agreed that we should invite you Sir, with some others to address us on that occasion. By complying with this Sir you will afford us great satisfaction and pleasure.

By Order of the Committee
 Alfred Thigpen

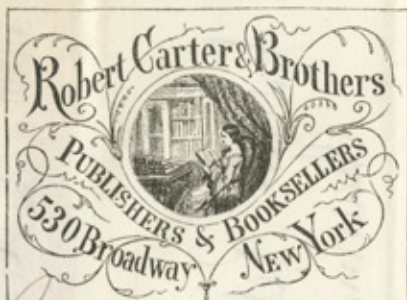
Marshal of the day

No 556. H & T

Sen Howard.



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530 Broadway

New York April 12, 1866,

Maj Gen O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

The National Temperance Society & Publication House hold its anniversary at the Cooper Institute on Wednesday Evening May 9th

An Henry Ward Beecher will probably be one of the Speakers (he has promised to do so, if nothing unforeseen occurs) and we would like you be another. Can you favour us in this?

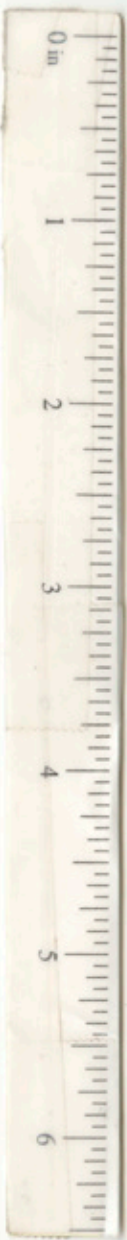
I had the pleasure of hearing you at the Cooper Institute on the "Freedman" not long since & was intensely delighted with the Lecture

Our Society has only recently been organized but it is in energetic hands & we trust under God blessing it may be the means of accomplishing much for the good of our fellow men. Hon. Wm E. Dodge is our president who will be here we expect at the anniversary

Our early reply will greatly oblige

Yours Very Truly Peter Baxter

Chas. Smith, Secy of the Anniversary



1844

Walter J. Ellis
Chairman

Friends Men, Women and
the whole Mass of
Abolitionists of the
at the meeting of the
National Temperance
Society.

Card - title

Recd. April 14th 1844

HARTFORD, CONN., April 13 1864

General,

We have been looking for a brief note from you relative to Mr Greeley's "History of the American Conflict."

As we are about publishing a new edition of the accompanying circular we would be very gratefully obliged to you if you could send us your opinion very soon. We are perfectly confident you have a good opinion of Mr Greeley's historical labors.

We remain, General,

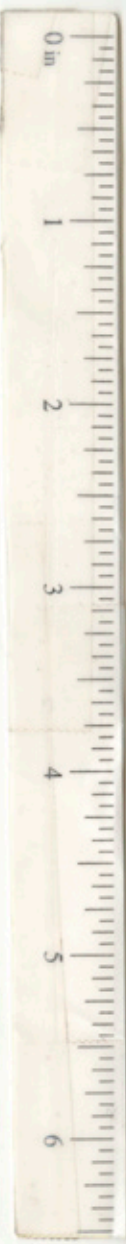
Very respectfully yours
O. D. Case & Co.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

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Office of O. D. Case & Co., Publishers.

Harvard Case, & Co., Publishers.



Boston, April 14. 1866.

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To Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,

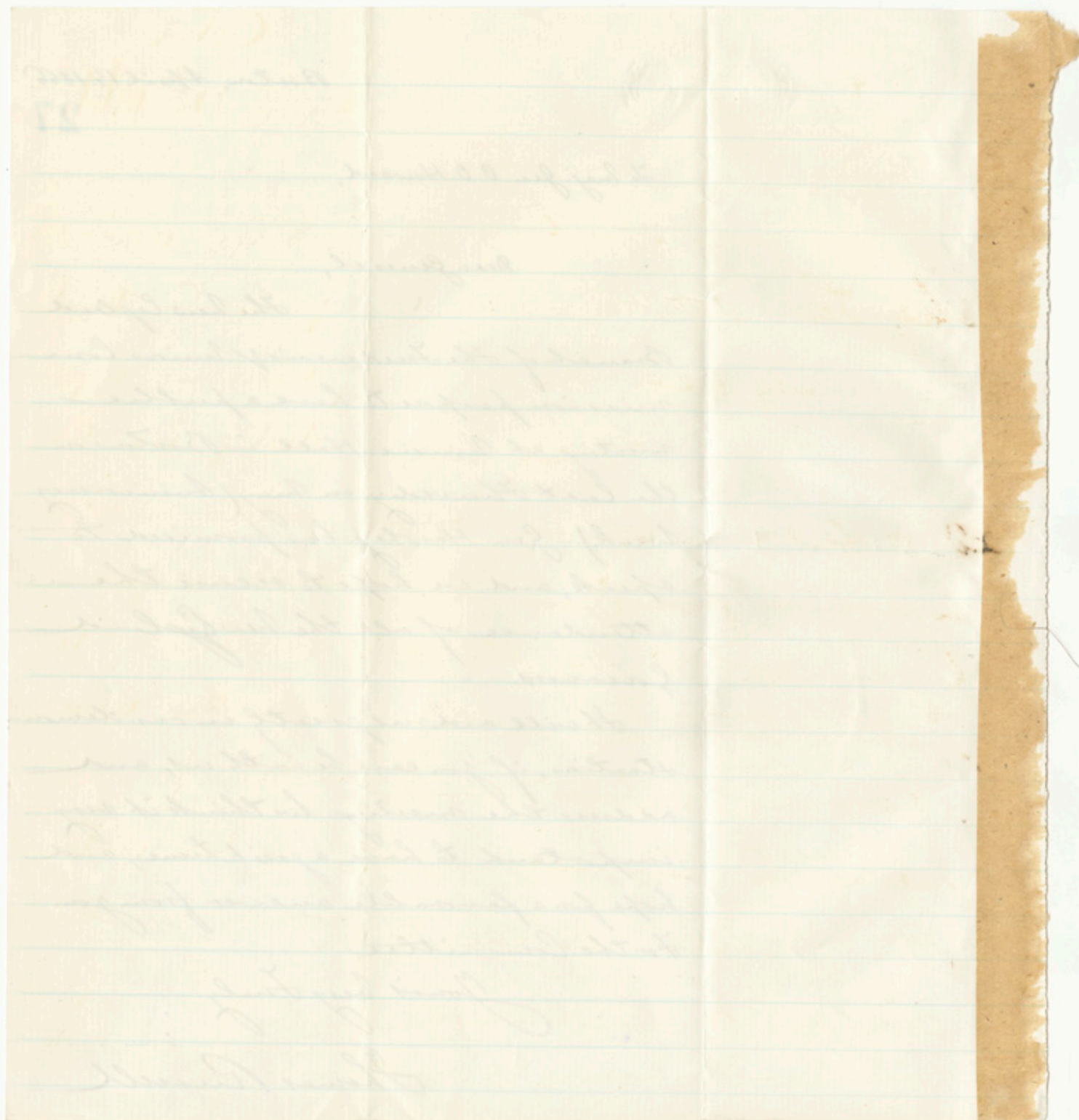
Dear General,

The New England Branch of the Freedmen's Union Commission propose to have a public meeting at Music Hall in Boston on the last Thursday in May (Anniversary week). - Gen. Hawley has promised to speak, and we hope to secure the attendance of all the New England Governors.

It will aid us greatly in our demonstration, if you can be with us, and address the meeting. We think it very important to have a great time, and hope for a favorable answer from you.
For the Committee

Yours very Truly

Thomas Russell



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New York, April 14th 186

My. Gen. O. V. Woman:

My dear Sir:

We are pleas-
ed to learn - as we do by
inference from your letter
to Mr. Abbott on the sub-
ject - that you will
address a Freedmen's
meeting in this city on the
8th of May, in case you
can do so in convenience

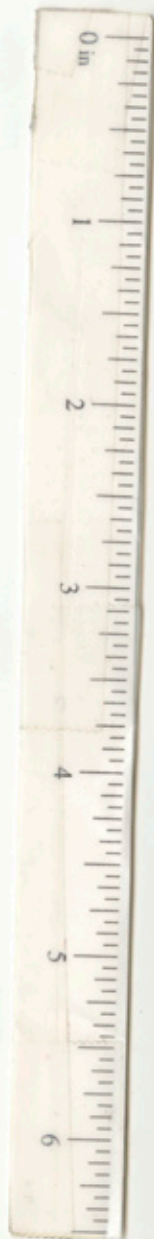


Frederick Douglass, who, with
our sanction as a quasi agent, he
could do this work, and, by charging
employers \$5 as a procuring fee,
live & be useful to the blacks. He seems
disposed now to give up the project. He
puts a little under the ascription to him
of a "speculative" intention. We don't think
that any imputation was meant by the
use of that word & so tell him
thus Wm. W. Kim
Secy.

with your prior Engage-
ment with the Bible
Society

Enclosed I find acknow-
ledgment of receipt of circu-
lars.

This circular as I am
satisfied it will put an
end to the project of one
very good but not very
efficient friend - the
Rev. Mr. A. W. - to
evangelize a self-sustain-
ing sect ^{here} for the re-
ception & distribution of

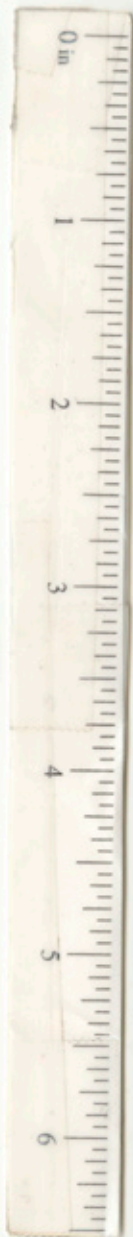


New York. April 14th 1846

Mr. Kimball. J. M.

Friendly letters - concern
ing should visit - to New
York next May.

Recd. April 16th 1846.



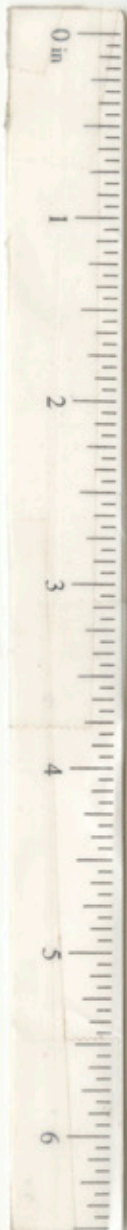
Personal & Confidential

Metropolitan Hotel
New York April 14th 1866

Dear General

Col Woodhull has doubtless advised you of the business interests and prospects that called me to New York - and of my wish - as expressed to him - of an early release from duty in the Bureau, and continuance in the public service -

I have given the subject careful and prayerful attention, and am now inclined to withhold my resignation until after the inauguration of regulations you may prescribe for our Government, under the enforcement of the National Civil Rights Measure - Our best friends here think I ought to remain with you during the year, or at least until after a fair trial of equality before the law for all men - The interests I had in view in New York I will place in the hands



of my brother and return to Nashville direct
on Monday next -

I have the honor to be

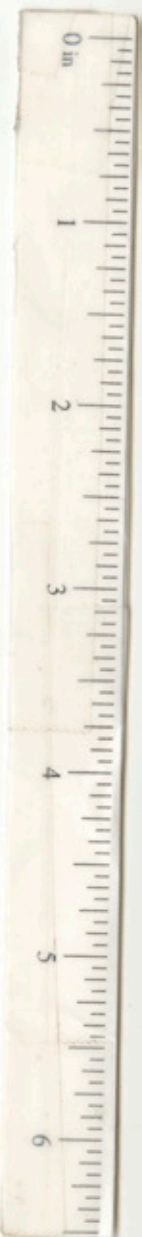
Very Sincerely

Clinton B. Stark

Col. Maj Genl

Maj Genl Howard

Comm &c. Washington D.C.



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Article, Number 12.

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