You may have heard that there has recently
been a very marked revival here in the
last month. A space of meeting of the
Convocations & others engaged in the court
is to be held on Tuesday 29 inst.
I hear that Mr May may reach here
in season to attend it & it will be
an occasion of rare interest. Our
people seem to think this a moment of
wonderful engagement in the meetings held
daily in several places.

Yours &c. Secretary

in this city & found that they could not feel justified in adding anything to the appropriation already made to this object by the Congl Union of New York. The full strength of the influence of the Amer Cong. Assoc. here is now required to complete the fund (£100,000) needed to build a "Congregational Home" in this city as a "quasi" Home of Congregationalism, or a rallying point of its friends;

The speeches at the approaching anniversary will doubtless bear largely on this point, while it seems to be an especial necessity at the present time, that the principles & peculiarities of Congregationalism and the church polity of our denomination should be more distinctly & prominently presented to the public, than has been done for many years past. The late National Council endorsed this sentiment, & the strong friends of the orthodox faith are becoming more alive

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to the importance of [illegible]
understand their peculiar doctrine
as well as their form of
Church government & organization.
We need all the influence
of our best men in their efforts
for prosperity as we can
be successful in preventing general
principles of action and it
formably effect local
enterprises like the one
in Washington, which you
have so much at heart.
I rejoice at your success
in Brooklyn, & I cannot
doubt that your personal
presence here would do much.

Maj Genl Stonard &c

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to warm the heart of the New England heart which you know are surrounded by a very cool atmosphere & need now & then, to be mercurialized. Now my dear friend, I am requested by Rev. Mr Langworthy & Rev. Dr Dexter (who with the writer are a committee) to arrange the anniversary meeting of the American Congregational Association, to invite you to plead the cause of the public with a speech on their public anniversary on Wednesday

Mt Vernon Church. I need
scarcely add my own personal
desire that you will if
possible accept this invitation
& spend the anniversary week
with us which I am sure
you will greatly enjoy
& would give me & my family
sincere pleasure if you will
freely accept the hospitalities
of my house accompanied &
cheered by Mrs Donald.
I am gratified to notice by
the papers that Genl Fisk
is advertised to speak before
the American Missionary

Association. I shall also invite him to be our guest, & you will thereby have an additional inducement to accept my invitation, and now I will add one more inducement. If you - if you will come, I will give $300. & towards starting a subscription for the Washington Church, & may add to the amount if found best. I am authorized to say that although no contributions will be taken up at the meeting, there will be no objection to your presenting

which I am sure would be considered
as strongly as you may
think proper the Church
interest in Marion & hope
that donations be sent
to me for that object.
I sincerely trust that
your arrangement officiating
will allow you to comply with
the Committee's invitation
and that we may see
thousands of the Church in
this matter. Will you have
the kindness to give me the
earliest notice possible
of your decision that I may
give seasonable publicity
to it.

Yours kindly
regards Vertreen &

Marblehead Mass. May 19. 1866

A. P. Barnes Esq

Dear Sir.

Please give the inclosed $5.00 to the building fund of the Cong. Church in Washington. The full presentation of the subject as given in the Independent, picks my pocket of this much —

Yours in
Marblehead

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Boston
May 19. [1866]

Maj. Gen. Howard,

Dear General,

You did not leave the Freedmen's Aid Commission wholly without hope, that you might take part in their Anniversary on May 31. — Gen. Hawley will be one of our guests. Lt. Gov. Anderson will preside. We only need your presence to insure a perfect success.

Please let us know, if you can come. You will find rooms at the Fremont House, and we should like to know the train if possible, that we may meet you at the depot.

With daily increasing respect
I am Yours very truly
Thomas Russell

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

Headquarters Ass't Commissioner, State of North Carolina,

Raleigh, N. C., May 19th 1866.

Personal

Dear General

I received your Telegram Thursday Evening, informing me that Gen Ruger has been appointed Asst. Comsr., & called on him yesterday morning to turn over my books &c. But he not having received orders to assume the duties, requested me to go on without change for the present. This statement explains the fact that I am still signing official papers.

Evidence is accumulating against S. & F. I am sorry F is associated in such a scheme, for I did respect him. After living nearly twenty years as a public man without reproach, I shall not go down

son without a desperate fight. Your noble stand for us we shall not forget.

Yours Truly
E. P. Pickering

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

May 19. 1864

Whitney &
Adj. Genl.

Friendly letter.

Recd May 21, 1864

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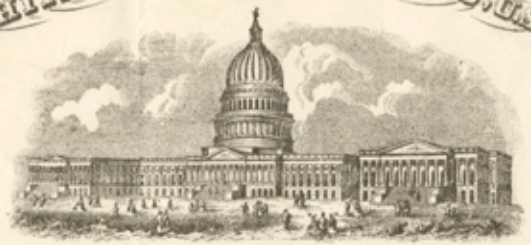
THIRTY-NINTH CONGRESS, U.S.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Washington, D.C. Sabbath. 1866
[May 20?]

Maj. Genl O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

I regret that I am not able to see you this morning. I have hoped thus far, escaped the expected chill.

It seems to me very important that the Committee shd hold a consultation as soon as possible in regard to a visit to N.Y. & Bosn.

Very Truly yrs
E. B. Boynton

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Rev. E. N. Kirk, D.D., Pres't.
Rev. Geo. Whipple, } Sec's.
Rev. M. E. Strieby, }
W. E. Whiting, Asst. Treas.

American Missionary Association,
No. 61 John Street,
New York, May 21st 1866.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Commissioner &c.
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir & Bro.

Your favor of the 18th is just rec'd. It was not necessary that you should reply in relation to Mr. Glavis. I had no personal interest in the matter; but having entire confidence that your only object, and purpose, was to do right, I thought it might aid you, to be put in possession of the information I sought to convey. I shall regret it much, if you at any time are troubled by my letters. I assure you, I write concerning any man in your service, as I would wish you to write me. The success of our work, depends under God, much on the success of yours. If you know of a bad man in our employ, you know also it is only from ignorance, and I wd have you inform me. So I wish to do with you, changing terms.

The extracts on the next page, are from a reliable source, and if I can do anything to retain Gen. A. I shall be glad,

Yours truly, Geo. Whipple.

Over

Efforts are being made to displace Gen. Armstrong, as Supt of this District by one whose sympathies are opposed to the Freedmen, and who if successful, will be a bar and a hindrance to your operations here, and the accomplishment of your plans

Gen. Armstrong is a true and tried friend of the Freedmen, and all his efforts are put forth to promote their interests. Every cause tending to their elevation and education receives his earnest attention. He has endeavored to surround himself with men who are fully interested in this work, and men of principle and integrity.

(Concerning the efforts to remove him the writer says)

What can be expected from one who looks upon the Freedman as a menial, fit only to draw water, black his boots, and perform the most menial of labors; inferior in <u>every</u> respect to the whites, and with no regard for their religious cultivation, or interest in their education? And this is the man who is trying by underhand means to have him removed

(Gen. A.) that he may step into the position of Supt.

Frequent changes in officials, cannot but result in injury to the cause of the Freedmen, and for that reason, to retain Gen. Armstrong in his present position, is of great importance. You are about making a most important move, in regard to the educational interests of the people and this step has enlisted the fullest sympathy, and cooperation on his part. As Supt. he can, and is disposed to render you all the assistance in his power. If he is removed he will go out of the Dept, and abandon this cause wholly, by entering into another business, which will engross his time and thoughts.

Gen. A. is a young man, but strong in friends and influence, thoroughly educated and practical; full of expedients, and continually seeking ~~seeking~~ to do good. Such a man is needed here, and (with his cooperation) you could count on the accomplishment of much good.

Rec'd York. May 21st 1866

Whipple Rev. Geo.
Cor Secy.

States that an effort is being made to displace Gen. Armstrong at Fort Monroe. Gives extracts from letters &c.

Reed. May 22nd 1866.

Washington D.C. May 23 1866

Resp. referred to Maj Genl Ord & Genl Barry Commdg Dept of Va.

Please read and return with opinion

Respectfully

O. O. Howard
Maj. Gen.

Head Quarters Dept of Va
Richmond May 28 1866

Resp. returned to Maj Genl Howard. I have very favorable impression of Gen. Armstrong, and should be advised to relieving him from duty.

Respectfully
Yours
Genl & Chief C

Albany 21. May 1866

Maj. Genl. Howard

Dear Sir

Should you attend the International Christian Convention to assemble in this city on the 1st June next - we should be happy to have you as our guest. I have invited my friend Chief-Justice Chase and should be happy to welcome you. I was present at the Plymouth church the evening you spoke there, and this at present we are without a pastor. I think our Congregational church here, will sooner or later expunge in

in help building a
Congregational church at
Northampton — a city I
am pretty well acquitted
with from having served as
a member of Congress

Truman M. Cole
Lyman Phelps

Bradford R. Wood

Maj. Genl. Banks
U. S. A. Ret.

The National Temperance Advocate, and The Youth's Temperance Banner,

J. N. STEARNS, *Publishing Agent.*

Office, 172 William Street.

New York, May 21 1866.

Maj. Gen. Howard.

Dear Sir.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Managers of the National Temperance Society & Publication House, held May 19th. at the above place, the following resolution, was unanimously adopted, which it gives me great pleasure to communicate

Yours very truly

James B. Dunn

Rec. Sec.

"Resolved. That the thanks of this Board be tendered to Bishop Janes, Rev Henry Ward Beecher, & Major General Howard for their services at our anniversary meeting held at the Cooper Institute, May 9th. and that the Secretary of this meeting convey to these gentlemen a copy of this resolution."

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Mr. Jas. Howard,

Dear Sir:

At a regular meeting of the Board of Managers of the National Temperance Society & Publication House, held May 19th, at the above place, the following resolution, was unanimously adopted, which it gives me much pleasure to communicate.

Yours very truly

John B. Dickerson

Sec. &c.

"Resolved, That the thanks of this Board be tendered to Brother James, Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, & Major General Howard for their services at our anniversary meeting held at the Cooper Institute. May 9th, and that the Secretary of this meeting forward gentlemen a copy of this resolution."

Farmington May 22. 1866

Dear Brother

I see rumors in the papers, knowing nothing of their foundation, that you talk of resigning - Some good friend has sent me the N.Y. papers containing the worse portions of Fullerton's Report & your letter to Phillips &c. I have been thinking pretty hard about the whole matter and I want you to stay in the Bureau till you are ordered to do a thing against your conscience, or are removed - Resignation would be construed like suicide in a criminal, into a confession of the truth of the slanders against the Bureau - Removal would throw the whole responsibility on to the President. And leave you free, popular with good men & happy

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I trust, in the sense of duty, done -

My family are at Bath & were well yesterday. Mrs Lincoln Potter is very near her end - Mother seems very happy in her old home at work, with Maria in the garden - There is still a pleasant state of religious interest among us and awakenings every few days. I enjoyed your speech (in the Independent) at the Cong. Union very much & am glad you got so much money - I will see the one before the Mis. Asso. & Bible Soc when their publications come:

I go to Worcester Friday & attend the Boston Anniversaries next week. My address will be care of F. B. Gilman 107 Slate Street:

Give my love to Fizzie & the children & please hand this to Charles - Be sure of a letter sympathizing and papers in every line that has come on Jamaica yet - With Brown & Willitts see & clear Thousands all their submissions from most vindictive & unchristian men

Good deep sympathy from your loving Brother

Newman

Galveston Texas
May 22 - 1866

General

In my interview with you which I was at Washington you may remember that I represented the difference of opinion that had before existed between General Gregory and myself relative to the administration of the "Freedmans Bureau" in this state and that I spoke quite warmly in defence of my opinions and equally as warmly in opposing the course pursued by the General with whom I had been on intimate terms and for whom I always entertained the highest respect for the integrity and zeal displayed. I have now been here about one month and have observed the results of the plans he had inaugurated when

I was a party having the service and my position as Provost Marshal General of the department

From motives of justice towards General Gregory I deem it proper and right for me to say to you that the conduct of the General in his official matters has been much more successful than I anticipated, that he has exhibited marked ability and steadfastness of purpose, most untiring industry and the most praiseworthy zeal and integrity in all his transactions

I voluntarily and without his knowledge make this explanation which I regard as due a worthy officer, but at the same time do not admit that the course I advised would not have been better and more productive of good. I do claim that his administration has been eminently successful, that it would have

been difficult for you to have found a man who would have done better and few who would have done as well and also that any accusations of fraud speculation or wrong motive such as his enemies have charged him with are in my opinion entirely without foundation.

I sincerely hope his successor will accomplish as much for the Colored race.

For the reasons before mentioned I write this which please regard as strictly private in its character

I have the honor to be
Sir Very respy Your Obt Svt

Major Genl
O. O. Howard
Commdg &c

L. Wm Stark

Letter from

Mch L

Gives an account
of affairs in
Texas

Recd Mar 31st 1866

Office of the Barstow Stove Company,

Providence, May 22 1866.

Mess. A. S. Barnes & Co.

Gent.

I have your note of 21st. Inst. and note contents.

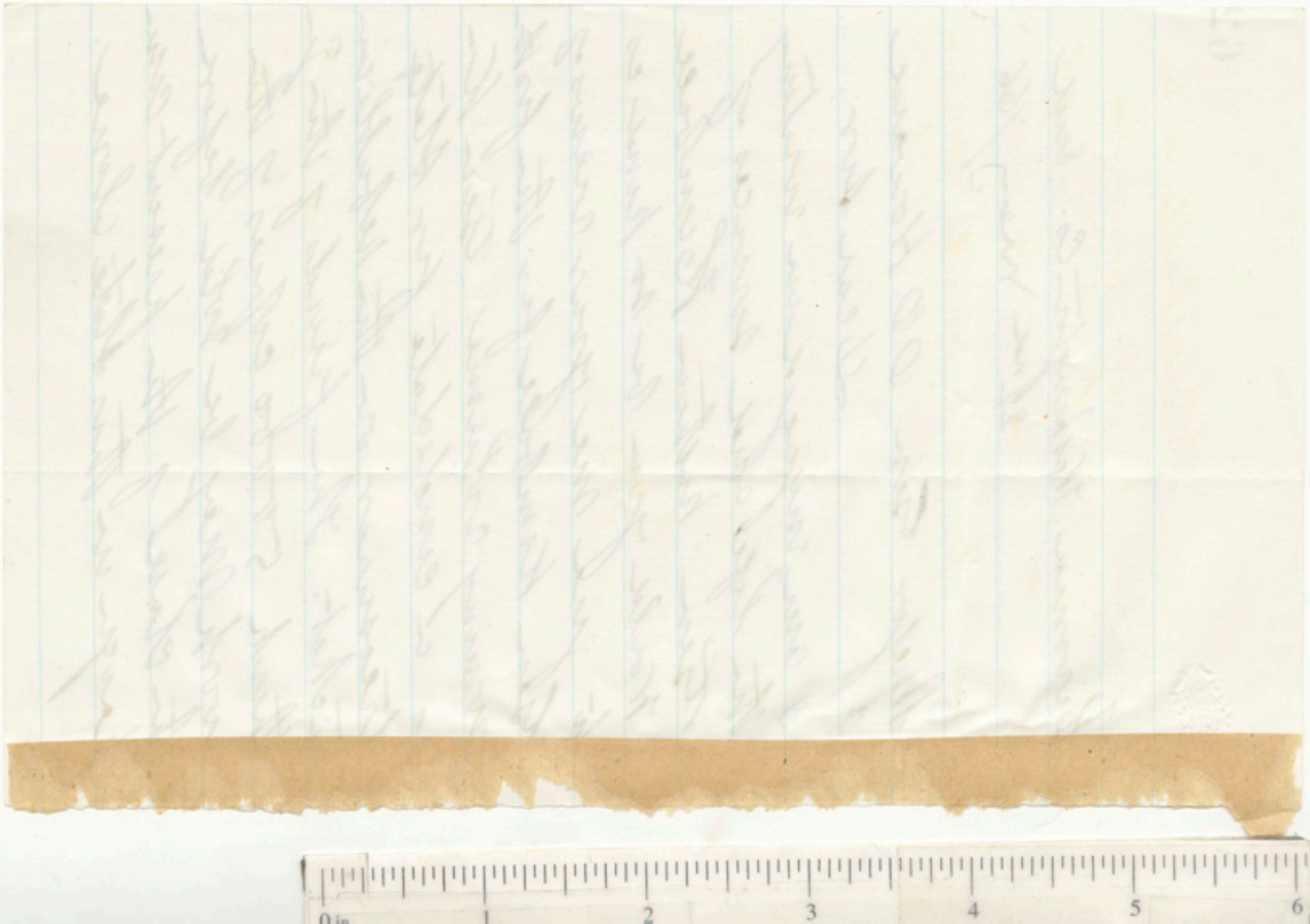
I have not remitted the Amt. of my subscription for Church in Washington, because I supposed there was to be a special appeal here; and if so I preferred to wait — and secondly because I supposed there was no haste for the money.

If I am mistaken in either of these matters, you will advise me. I gave $500. to the general Church building fund, and will give this $250. when really needed.

Yours &c. A. C. Barstow

Livonia. Washington Co. Ind.
22nd May /66

Major Gen. O. O. Howard
Dear Sir,
I am engaged in writing the life and services of Gen. Nathan Kimball. Would you be so kind as to give me your views of Gen. Kimball for the forthcoming volume. Gen K. is a candidate for State treasurer on the Republican ticket. The friends of the Gen think 50000 copies of the work may be sold before the close of the present campaign in this State alone.



Gen. Kimball is a member of my church the Livonia O.S. Presbyterian Church. With your permission I shall dedicate this work to you.

Be so kind as to reply at your earliest convenience and oblige

Yours truly

John H. Aughey.

Livonia
Washington Co.
Ind.

Livonia Washte Co. Ind,
May 22nd 1866

Aughey, John H.,

Is writing a life of Gen Nathan Kimball - asks Gen Howard for contribution to the work.

Recd May 25th 1866.

544 Broadway. New York
May 23rd 1866

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Maj Gen. Howard

I have a plan of teaching reading which I believe would save years in the Education of the Freedmen.

If you have time to read a short communication presenting the plan, I will write one, and send you books exhibiting the method.

Please give me the adress of Gen. O. B. Fisk (my classmate in College), in order that the plan may be brought to his attention.

You will perhaps remember my brother, Rev. D. L. Graham, a graduate of Oberlin

Earnestly hoping that the real Moses of the Freedmen may be successful in bringing them from Egypt to the Promised Land

I am very Resp.d Yours
Andrew J Graham
N.Y.

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My Dear Howard

I have a plan of teaching reading which Robins would give zeal to the execution of the Freedmen.

If you have time I send a short communication presenting the plan, hints with me, and beg you both to listen to the method.

Please give me the address of Prof. W.D. Gish (now Lincoln's College), in order that the plan may be brought to his attention.

We will further trouble you with a letter, as practical of Dublin.

Sincerely hoping that the real Alma of the Freedmen may be successful in bringing them from Egypt to the promised land

Yours very truly & true
Anthony Trollope

N.Y.

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My dear Gen

I have a young friend (Capt Maj F. C. Von Schroach) who is very desirous of getting a position on your Staff. I can recommend him to you as a good subject, young gentleman, and believe he will give you much comfort if you will take him - he lost a leg at the second Bull Run, and has suffered a great deal since - he has the highest recommendations from Van Simon Cameron, who takes the greatest interest in him. Excuse me if I trouble you Gen, but believing you to be a true friend, I appeal to you with

-out hesitation — I hope your family are all well, if I ever went to see a living being, I should have gone to see your wife when she was here — give her my love when you write, and do not let my little pet forget me — Ever truly your friend A. H. Carroll

Cor F. & 18th St.

May 23rd — 1866 —

Washington D.C.
May 23/66

Carroll, Md.

Introducing
Maj. F. C. Von
Shrach.

Recd. May 23. 1866

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Tribune Office
Hartford May 23, 1886.

Dear General Howard:

I doubt believe it was a Tribune reporter to whom your MS. was given. I am unable to find any traces of it in the office. I am vexed & mortified that you were treated so shabbily about your speech. But it was after I heard the proper orders given by the Managing Editor; so it was neither my fault nor his.

Faithfully Yours
Albert D. Richardson

Pickens' Office
Milledgeville Aug. 30, 1861

My Dear Friend: I don't know
but it was a Pickens which
I broke upon Mr. Cobb
yesterday. You would think
from this it is the Office
I am most anxious that
you see Cobb to settle
what you intend. But it
is after I have the Governor
order you to the Messenger
Guide: so it is another matter
for him.

Faithfully Your
Robert A. Richardson

Washington City D.C.
May 23d/66

Genl Howard

Sir

I am compelled to trouble you with this note, as I did not catch the name this morning, of the gentlemen you have selected to view the farm in Va.

Col Randolph I am sorry to say cannot go, as he could not leave the Office for so long a time, Mr Samuel Cutts, will go. You will please say to the parties who are going over, that Mr Cutts will go tomorrow (24th) at any hour after 12 O'clock. He belongs to Sec. Office Treasury Dept, & says, if they will call, at his Office — when they are ready, and he will go. If tomorrow does not suit the other gentleman Mr Cutts will go he says, any day this except Saturday, but cannot leave a day earlier than 12 O'clock. If convenient

I would like to hear by the bearer whether they will go tomorrow

Very Respectfully

R. C. Sommers

76 John Street
P. O. Box 5,733.
New York, May 23/66

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Maj: Genl. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir:

At the request of the Rev. Lyman Abbott, who is still very sick, I write to ask you to please answer to him the points in the enclosed printed matter which he has marked.

The document was issued at Boston and the meeting is to transpire next week.

Since writing the foregoing, I have received a letter from Jonathan A. Lane, 43 Franklin street, Boston, saying, among other things, that you are expected to address the good people of that city to-morrow night, so I will send a duplicate of this letter — or at least its substance — to you there in his care.

Respectfully
A. N. Rankin.