

Harlem N.Y.

May 24th. 1866

Major Gen. D. O. Howard,

Commissioner of

Genl.

It pains me to listen (as I do fifty times each day) to the assaults of bad men upon you and upon the work which you have in hand. And not only are you now set upon especially by all the readers of the Copperhead Press and by those of Conservative Republican papers like the "Times," but every officer serving under you, as if you and they had suddenly become guilty of swindling both the Government, and the Freedmen all over the South; and guilty not only of swindling, but of persecution of the blacks in the service of your own aims and desires for gain.

It is part of my daily pleasure to shield you from these assaults. Your failure to do just what I would like, has nothing whatever to do with my appreciation of your character as a faithful Christian, an ardent patriot, and a true friend of the oppressed black man.

It appears to me that the President, in sending Steadman

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Cousin John W.

Friday (1866)

Recd May 25th 1866.

and Fullerton South, with a corps of reporters favorable to his policy, has gained an advantage with men, though not by righteousness. He may accomplish his wicked purpose of rendering the Bureau so obnoxious in the eyes of many as to feel justified in strangling it entirely. He probably will do so except you and your friends, and the friends of justice all over the land, and especially in Congress, will be equally bold for the right.

Can you not have the Congressional Committee on Freedmen so thoroughly informed on all the important facts as to save the day?

It appears to me that this is possible, though you are the best judge.

I have already called the attention of Congress to the instructions given by the President to Genl Fullerton when he sent him to New Orleans - the "Private instructions of the President" as the General styled them. These were enough to bring condemnation not only upon Genl Fullerton but upon the President, and you may have been deceived as to those instructions, as I believe you were, but you may rest assured that the Government

(Congress) is not, nor will the people long be. Let things of this sort be made known through the investigations of this Committee, and you will be strengthened by the exposure. The President's cloven foot is already manifest and men need not be in ignorance of it.

I am well aware that you have suffered most in consequence of the President's course in regard to the Bureau. I know that you have been hampered and tied by him, and you have never been without my prayers and sympathies.

Will it do any good to publish a vindication of the Bureau by the "radical Commissioners" who have been relieved from duty in it - say Saxton, Gregory, Thomas and myself?

With much regard and sympathy

I am very truly yours

Thomas W. Conway
Harlem N.Y.

No 715 Tremont St.

Boston Mass May 27th 1866

Maj Genl O. O. Howard

Comd^g Bureau Refugees Freedmen &c

Washington D.C.

Sir

The following from the
"New York Tribune" report of speeches made at the
meeting in N. Y. of the "American Tract Society of Boston,"
and copied into a good many of the papers here,
is causing considerable enquiry. Will you inform
me if the statements in the extract are true.

"Among the freedmen the Society had
90,000 pupils in their organized school, of which
there were 700. They had 1,300 teachers, and he
believed that from their labors great good must
result."

I am General

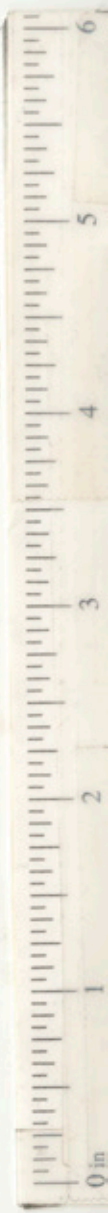
Your most Obedt Servt.

A. E. Simmons

Must be some mistake - not from my
speech - means the whole number of organ-
ized schools in the different States -

the following from the
the West Indian, report of the
meeting in N. Y. of the American
and copied into a great many of the papers here
in evening conversations among. Will you inform
of the statements in the extract on the
"Among the freemen the society had
20,000 pupils in their organized school, of which
there were 200. They had 1300 teachers and the
school had been there for a great good many
years."

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours most truly,
W. C. Garrison



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Received at *Washer May 25*

To *Gen. O. O. Howard*

*Our City tenders you
an invitation to deliver
an Oration 4th of July
will you accept?*

A. O. Morgan

Ans by telg

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New Orleans La

May 25 1856

May Genl O. O. Howard

My dear General

I have rec^d your letter in relation to brevet and other matters. I was anxious to have been in Washington before the end of the session of Congress to look out for my Army interests. You know that as Major in the Inspect Genl's Dept there is no promotion for me. I wished this piece but my friend Blaine from your State has been most kindly attentive to this matter and assures me that he will do every thing in his power to have me made a Lieut Col, as Asst. Inspector and to have promotion go on in the Corp. I do not wish to quit the Staff but I want a grade of promotion in it. If you have

an opportunity to give me a lift in
this I will be obliged. As to the brevet
I have certainly been unfortunate. Sherman
Thomas, & Meade each looked out for
his own men. And I fell between
Thomas and Sherman. I know that
Thomas rated me higher than several
of his officers who are put a month
ahead of me in the list. He told
me that he would have given me
the 14th Corps in preference to Davis if
he could and not Davis who has
never behaved well in a single fight
got five brevets to make him a Major
General. And I only three whereas in the
battles when we commanded divisions
together I was always recommended
for promotion and he was not.

The subject of brevets is a sore one
just now. And if I can not get
the brevet of Major General. I want my
other dates at proper times.

I wrote Blaine quite fully about
this the other day and explained

how I wanted it done. I want to
get the President ~~to~~ without its going
through the War Dept. to send in
my name again to the Senate for
Lt. Col. to date from Williamsburg May
5th 1862 - for Colonel to date from
Chickamauga Sept 1863 - and for
Brig Genl to date from Mission Ridge
Nov. 1863. This will leave the Atlanta
Campaign open and if I do not get
the fourth brevet now I may hereafter
At all events I will have my
proper grade among the brigadiers.
Blaine has a little synopsis of my
services and I told him I thought
Rousseau would ask the President
to do this for me. If you can
please give me a lift -

I enclose you a copy of an order
from Sheridan putting me in
Command of the Dept. and I will
relieve Canby on Monday next -
I will keep the Offices entirely
separate and spend a part of the

day no rack. Genl Gregg watching
over the Bureau when I am at the
other place. It will give me some
considerable advantage to have the
Command of troops when we want
them for the purposes of the Bureau.
This additional duty will preclude
the possibility of my going north as
I expected to have done or at least
hoped. I presume now that I must
remain until I am mustered out of
the Volunteer service until that time
therefore you need give yourself no
concern about finding a successor
for me. I shall be glad to see
Steadman and Fullerton for my acts
are open at all times to scrutiny
and I know that I have done
but according to my judgment
that the circumstances would permit.
I have at times found our Agents
doing wrong but the evils have been
promptly corrected as soon as discovered.

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I know of but one officer who was
interested in a plantation and I
relieved him and sent him to his
regiment. Col Reno has discovered
that one or two in collecting the
tax under my predecessor have
been guilty of fraud, but one of
them had gone to the north before
we made the discovery and escaped us.
The other is also out of the Bureau
but I at once asked the Dept.
Commander to have him arrested
and tried. I think our skirts are
quite clean. And the only persons
who complain of us are the N. O.
tribing people who are angry
that I will not let the Bureau
become involved by mixing it up
in those political manoeuvres. They
are really not pleased to have
an honest man in my place.
They complain frequently that President

are wronged and that we will not do
them justice but in nearly every
instance the case has been fully
examined and dismissed either for
want of evidence - or because the
offenders could not be reached, or
that the whole matter is frivolous.
The party then goes to the Tribune
and they are glad to take his
one sided statements on which he
intends to attack the Bureau.

Of course our machine is weak
in many particulars. but if
Stedman can find anything wrong
I shall be glad to see him.

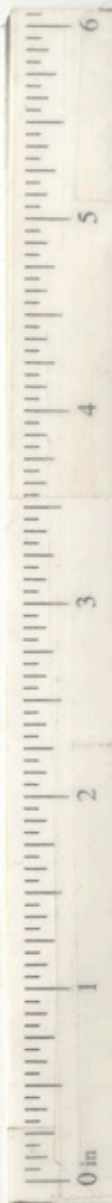
I presume he will be here within
a month and I will keep you
informed as to the course which he
will take.

This reminds me that I sent you
some time ago a long report
of my past quarters Administration.
Please have your Assistant
acknowledge the receipt -

Most Truly Yours &c

A. S. Baird

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My dear Mr. ...

David, a
Bot. Mag. Hunt.
all flower.

Very
Sincerely yours,



Washn. 26 May 67

Dear Sir

I feel that an explanation is due to you, as well as for my own credit, in view of the remarks yesterday, that I had dismissed my carriage, and yet had it there at the close of the exercises.

Mr. Hyde's sister, formerly the Principal of the Female Grammar School, returned in it without my knowledge, and I found it there after you had left.

Your presence with us, on Friday next, will be very gratifying, and we trust you will not fail to come.

I had not the pleasure of meeting your brother, on my recent visit to his Sab. School, but would glad to see him also.

Very respectfully
A. Hyde

An 1 Howard

[Washington
[May 26, 1866] 5
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Dear Brother Morris;

The christian spirit and zeal with which you have entered upon your labors have been highly gratifying to the Committee. They have cherished the hope that your further proceedings would have been equally satisfactory. It is only after much hesitation, and with sincere regret, that they find themselves compelled to withhold their approbation from some part of them.

You mention in one of your letters that you had spread our wants at the close of a lecture upon Lincoln, before a congregation assembled to hear it. Had we known that you contemplated such a measure we should have deprecated it earnestly. We do not question the merits of the lecture in the slightest degree. But the inevitable effect of making it precede the presentation of our claims is to preoccupy the minds of the hearers, and enlist their feelings in an entirely different subject, so that they are not in a fit frame to give our case a favorable consideration. And, if the lecture runs beyond the usual length, most of them will become weary and averse to listening to a new topic. They will be prejudiced,

in fact, against what they have been compelled to hear contrary
to their expectations. We are assured from more than one
source that such has been the result in this instance, and
that our prospects have been seriously injured in consequence.
We must request therefore that you make the presentation
of our wants your sole mission wherever you present it
at all, without connecting it with any such exercises.

We are compelled, also, to express our regret at the
publication of the circular prepared by you. You cannot
be ignorant that we refused to print the one prepared
here on account of its length, deeming it injudicious to afford
one of more than two pages at the extreme. It seems to
us indiscreet, moreover, to put in press the paragraphs
which imply a reflection upon the churches in this
city. They cannot but give unnecessary umbrage. You
may perceive this from the strictures contained in the
Presbyterian of last week upon General Howard's
address ^{before} at the Congregational Union in Brooklyn.
The promulgation of your circular at this juncture is
the more unfortunate, ~~therefore~~, especially as you voluntarily
~~have~~ ^{have} appended General Howard's ^{name to it} ~~note~~. ~~The only permission~~
~~was his name given by him was to the committee, after~~
~~understanding their views. It may not be best to~~
withdraw the paper, though that step has been urged.

upon us, and is under consideration. But we are decidedly
of opinion that ^{not} another copy should be sent out for
the present.

We are sorry we cannot concur in your hopes of
success in your mission. ~~The~~ Your report awakens great
misgivings on that point, ~~and strengthens the apprehensions~~
~~we had begun to entertain upon learning what had~~
~~taken place.~~ The promises and assurances ~~upon~~ which
afford you so much encouragement are what some of
us are familiar with, and, according to our experience,
forbode any thing but ^{an} abundant ~~fruit~~ ^{harvest}. In the usual
course you would have been gathering the cream of the
collections. You have not realized the expenses, although
much of what you have collected we were sure of before
you went. We have been waiting for your second report.
Should it show no better results, the continuance of the
agency must become a serious question for consideration.
There would be reason to fear that the favor manifested for
us in the west is in danger of being irretrievably ^{diminished,} ~~lost~~.

We assured that it gives us the deepest pain to be
compelled to hold this language. But unless our affairs
are managed differently, we ~~times~~ apprehend the most
disastrous effect upon the ~~present~~ enterprise or all cherish.

Wishing you many blessings, and praying that

you may be greatly prospered in your good work,
are with sincere esteem,

Your fellow servants in the Lord
The Business Comm^{ee} of the Free
Cong^l Society of Washington, D.C.

O. O. Howard
May 1861

Concluding the
Cong. Church -

Blair's Copy

ETNA LIFE INSURANCE CO. 73

Philadelphia Branch, 400 Chestnut Street.

GENERAL AGENT.

JOSEPH DICKINSON.

May 26th 1866Maj. Genl. A.C. Howard
Comm^d Washington, D.C.

Dear General,

Generals Hooker & Meade have forwarded to Washington (last week) recommendations for Brevets for my services during the war. As these compliments will be esteemed by ^{my} family as some slight acknowledgment of the part I took in the late rebellion, and as you were cognizant of some of my actions I would esteem it a favor if you could forward the recommendations to consummation.

My only reasons for desiring these Brevets are that so many officers who were my juniors in the Army have received such promotions that my friends think I could not have deserved, if not receiving any. With respect I remain, sir, as the

Wm. A. Linnitt
J. H. Dickinson,
Late Lt. Col. & A. A. Genl. A. G. P.

Philadelphia

May 26. 1862

Dickenson, J.
Late A.A.S.

Series record
meditations for
Greek.

Recd May 29th 1862

Executive Officers.
James Lenox, President.
Joseph Holdich, D.D., Cor. Sec.
Wm. J. R. Taylor, " "
William Whitlock, Jr., Treas.
Henry Fisher, Asst. Treas.
Caleb T. Rowe, General Ag't.

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American Bible Society.

Bible House, Astor Place,
New York, May 26 1866

Major General O. O. Howard
Washington D. C.

My dear Sir

We send you to day by mail the
manuscript of your address delivered
at our jubilee. Be pleased to accept
our thanks for your kindness in present-
ing the Claims of the Freedmen to the
audience on that memorable occasion.
The noble building in which we met is
in ashes but the Spirit and power of
that meeting will live for many a year
to bless our Country and the world.

Our limited space and the specific ob-
ject of the Institution oblige us to abridge
some of the longer addresses in our publica-
-tion of them. We have therefore selected from
your address those portions which relate
most intimately to our immediate
work, especially the important state-

American Bible Society

White Plains, New York

Oct 10, 1845

Rev. James O. D. Howard
 New York, N.Y.
 Dear Sir,
 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the American Bible Society.

Very respectfully,
 J. C.

Wm. H. Burleigh

My dear Sir,

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We trust that this will be agreeable to
Yourself and will send you Copies
when issued, which will be within
a week or ten days.

With sincere respect, I remain,
General, in Christian bonds

Yours very truly

William L. R. Taylor
Gen. Sec.

New York City
May 26, 1866

Taylor, W. R.
Cor Lee. Adm's.

Lucas Manuscript
of General's address.

Recd May 28, 1866.

Shadland, Virginia,
May 26th 1866.

Rev. O. C. Howard.

Dear Sir,

In my sweet
home I have often read of your deeds of
benevolence and Christian zeal, and I wondered
if a letter would not meet your
kind consideration.

I am begging to-day, not for myself but for
Christ, and knowing the link that binds
you to Him, I imagined I should
not plead in vain.

A little band of Presbyterians at Halls Church
Virginia are very desirous to build a small
plain house of worship, and as most of
our pleasant things were laid waste by war.

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we find it necessary to go abroad for assistance.
 This Church is connected with the Presbytery of
 Potomac (D.C.) and Northern Assembly, & is under
 the charge of Rev. Howard P. Decker - a member
 of the Presbytery of New York.

To build we require \$2000, this far another lady
 member and myself have collected \$500, Mrs.
 Grant & Harrington being among our contributors.

Will you not aid this struggling people?

Any contribution you may feel disposed to
 make, sent to me or Rev. Dr. Guiley, Pastor of
 the New York Avenue Church Washington D.C.
 will be most thankfully received and I
 hope profitably invested.

Yours respectfully,

Hamme Bittinger

P.O. Address Bible Church, Fairfax Co, Virginia.



Shadland Pa.

May 26 1866

Bittinger, Shannan

Desires aid for
building a church



Wilmington, May 28. 1866.

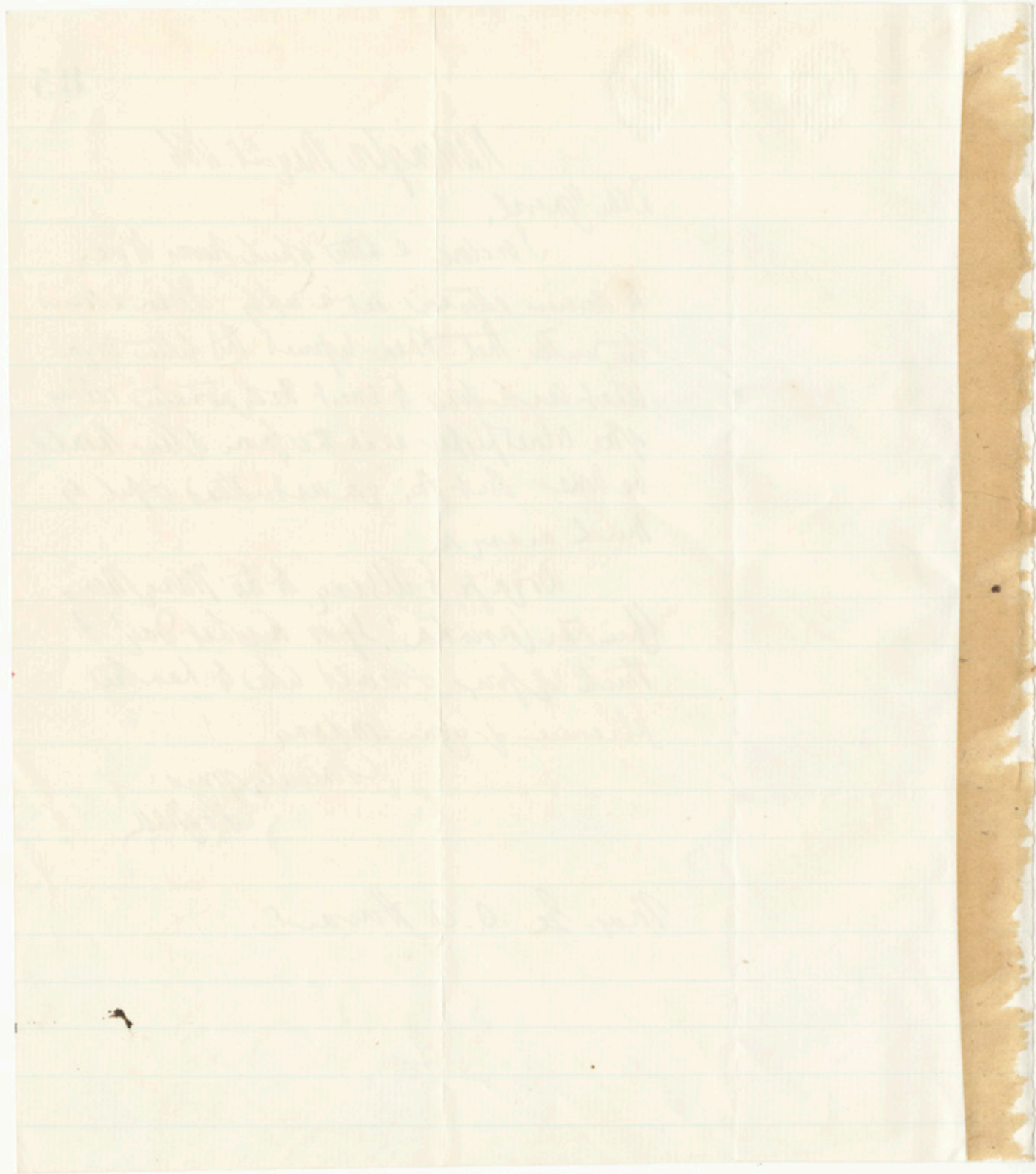
Dear General,

I enclose a letter which seems to me
to deserve attention and a reply. I then arrived
the winter that I had written the letter to you.
What can be done to arrest the systematic robbery
of the colored people under the form of law should
be done. But this you understand I feel as
much as any man.

Do you go to Albany to the May Men's
Christian Convention? If on a winter day? I
think if going I should like to have the
pleasure of your company.

Sincerely yours
L. P. Hall

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard.



Headquarters Department of North Carolina,

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Raleigh, N. C., 28th May 1866.

Monday morning

Dear Genl.

Your telegram of Friday
was recd. same night. & the
instructions therein contained im-
mediately obeyed. All officers
and Agents of the Bureau in this
State, accused, & named in my
order have been relieved from duty
& others assigned to take their
places. Genl. Anger arrived

well pleased with his new position
He is taking hold of freedmen's
affairs with great earnestness &
vigor. He proposes making a
few changes in the manner of con-
ducting affairs in the state, all
of which changes will, in my
judgment, be improvements. He
intends to cause a rigid and
thorough inspection to be made each
month of every officer and agent
in the state & a searching & sweeping

Examination will be made as to
Official Conduct of subordinate 84
Officer & all who are worthless &
inefficient will be disposed of
& replaced by others. The Genl.
will consolidate some of the sub-
districts & desires me to say that
he will not need any more officers
at present. I like the way Genl.
Ranger takes hold. & I am well
convinced you will be well
satisfied with his administration

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