

Office of the Loyal Georgian,

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AUGUSTA, GA.,

June 16

1866

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard  
Commissioner &c

Sir -

I have the honor to send you a Loyal Georgian of this week. I am sorry that it is my duty to expose Genl Tillson we are from the same State but he has not done his duty. He is and has been trying to ruin my character but I shall not stoop to assail him in that way. I have been a soldier I feel that Genl Tillson to cater to Lutheran prejudice <sup>and make himself popular</sup> opposed the teachers who desired to honor the memory of the Union dead in our city cemetery. I was incensed at his course and if I had yielded to my feelings I should have denounced him but the account I gave was very mild as you will see by referring

To the Loyal Georgian of May 5<sup>th</sup>  
I shall be true to freedom but I am  
and have been conservative as  
my course since I came to this city  
As I can prove by reference to my  
printed speeches and letters.

The following communication was  
in the first issue of this weeks paper  
It was put in without my knowledge  
and taken out after I discovered it  
as the paper I send you will show  
I mention this thinking that perhaps  
~~that~~ it may be sent to you to injure  
me

I am

With much esteem

J. V. Bryant

Capt 8<sup>th</sup> Me Vol Buff

Communicated.

LET US RALLY AROUND THE  
FLAG.

Captain Bryant, (our good and faithful friend,) is attacked by a lion, and the threat is made that he shall be driven from this city, because of his kindness to us. Boys! the Captain befriended us in our hour of great need. Now is the chance to return our gratitude. Let us do it. A general desire is manifested to make up a purse for him. To put the ball in motion, it is proposed that all who wish to make him a present in cash, will call at Wm Hale's store, and leave their one, five or ten dollars. Come up boys! the time for talk is over. Let us prove to the world that we are a grateful people. Go to William Hale's store.

WILLIAM TELL.



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New York, June 16, 1866,

Maj' Gen. O. O. Howard,  
My dear Sir,

I had the pleasure to receive your  
return'd favor of 9<sup>th</sup> inst.

Since the few days we spent so pleasantly together, I have  
been to St. Louis to attend the Meeting of the Gen' Assembly of the W  
S. Presbyterian Church, and on returning, went to Boston to  
attend the Anniversary of the Am' Tract Society. My family are  
now preparing to remove to our summer home at Stratford during  
the next week. When I get there, I hope to take some rest, which  
I begin to feel that I need.

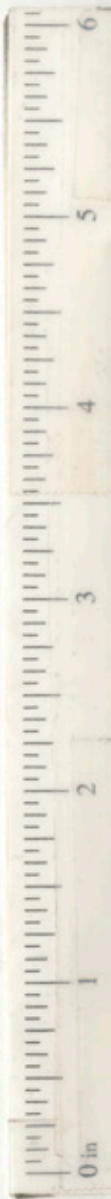
I should have been pleas'd if you put into execution your  
thoughts of coming up to see us, or your late visit to the City,  
You would be interesting to have spent a Sabbath here, & going  
among the African Schools & seeing what is being done for our  
destitute population in the way of religious instruction.

I have no doubt you have done wisely in adding to your  
ground, so as to have enough for your wants. I wish I could  
raise for you the amo: you desire, to pay for it, but I cannot.

If Dr. Pezart, Mr. Alond could help to make an effort  
for the sum, I will counsel them as far as I can, tho' perhaps  
in my mind is too great for me to offer to do more. It is a good  
work, & should succeed. I enclose a check, in your favor,  
for \$200, which please appropriate to the object.

My family are well, & remember your brief visit with them with  
much satisfaction.

Yours very truly  
W. W. Cook



Biddford Me.  
June 16<sup>th</sup> 1866

Superintendent of  
Foresters Bureau

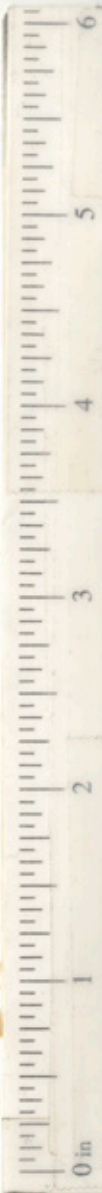
Dear Sir

I write

not knowing whether this  
will find Gen Howard in  
Washington - I simply wish  
to learn if Gen Howard  
will be in Washington  
during the next ten or fifteen  
days - I have been obliged  
to see him on matters of  
some importance - If he will  
not be in Washington at the  
time mentioned when will  
he or when can he be seen  
in any place in the  
North - An answer to  
this directive to me at  
56 Court St, Boston, Mass  
will be a special favor

W. B. Brewster  
1875

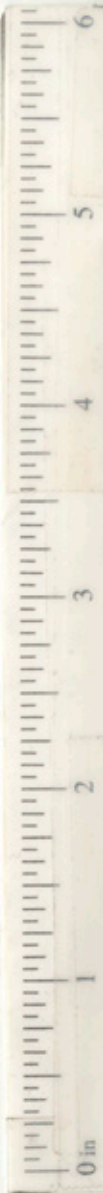
Department of  
Agriculture  
Washington  
Dear Sir  
I have the honor  
to acknowledge the receipt  
of your letter of the 10th  
inst. in relation to the  
proposed purchase of  
land in the State of  
Ohio. I have been  
pleased to hear from  
you and to learn that  
you are interested in  
the project. I am  
sorry that I cannot  
give you a more  
definite answer at  
this time. I will  
try to get the  
necessary information  
and get back to you  
as soon as possible.



Very truly yours  
S. D. Bowker

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Washington during the  
month of 11 or 12 days.  
This was all the time  
I spent at the place.

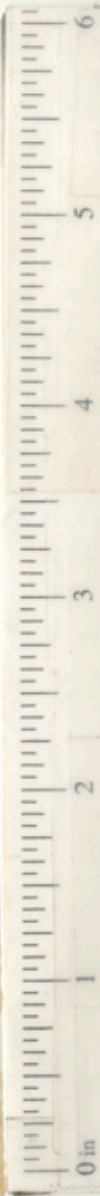




Biddford Me  
June 16<sup>th</sup>

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Bowker S. D.

Inquires whether Genl  
Howard will be in  
Washington during the  
next ten or 15 days.



Tenny Madison Co Miss  
June 16<sup>th</sup> 1866

Dear Cousin,

Please find papers enclosed relative to pay due me as per 2<sup>d</sup> Mr. and I have to request that you will put them into suitable hands for collection,

I would not ask this of you if I was acquainted with any reliable Agent in N.

I have never done any more than to get Mr. Merrill to present a letter of enquiry touching the matter. The reason that it was not attended

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\* at the proper time  
was owing to delay in  
getting receipts of Orders  
turned over by my Quaker  
Masters.

I have now notices  
of receipt of Returns re

I think there will  
be no delay in procuring  
the pay.

If you can  
secure its collection  
wish you to obtain  
one hundred dollars  
Ligue. I have always  
felt indebted to her and  
had I not expected to visit  
in Maine I had the pleasure  
of seeing her I would  
have the money before  
I. Hope you & your  
family are well.

Sarah joins me  
in sending much love  
to Cousin Logan & the  
children.

We are on a plantation  
in an orderly neighbor-  
hood.

Our little boy  
is now 2 years old & in good health  
except teeth trouble.

I cannot say we like  
this plantation life, but  
time may convince  
us to it. I work 14 hands,

Crops not looking very well  
owing to too much rain.

Hope you will put  
these papers in prompt hands  
& very much oblige me

Very truly yours  
M. M. M. M. M.

Madison Co. Vernon - Miss  
June - 16<sup>th</sup> 1866.

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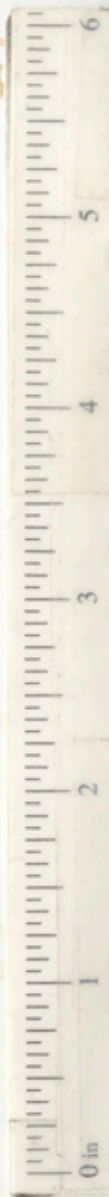
Woodman - W.M.  
Late Col. Maine Vols.

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Friendly letter -

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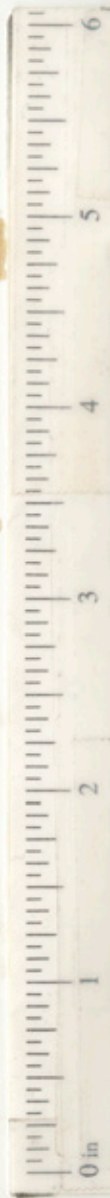
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Wash<sup>n</sup> City D.C.

Jan 16 1866  
Maj Genl.

O Howard  
Dear Sir. I address these  
few lines to you to  
inform you that I  
have had an interview  
with the Secy Mr Albert,  
and he has with  
much politeness and  
consideration given  
me information yet

I am still not satisfied  
he referred to 5 & 6<sup>th</sup>  
sections of the constitution  
of the Banking company  
saying to me that  
in those sections a  
prohibition was entered  
against all banking or  
exchange of the funds,

Other than when  
The promise of the  
Act, or Section, calls  
for, I wish to no  
and would like to  
have decided and  
a question of interest  
to thousands of the  
Representative men  
of my race who have  
your book, propounded  
to secure, is their  
Section so emphatically  
expressed as to not  
be interpreted in any  
other sense. Now  
I hope God, you  
will give me  
an opportunity to  
have a talk  
with you and  
when I do I think  
each will be



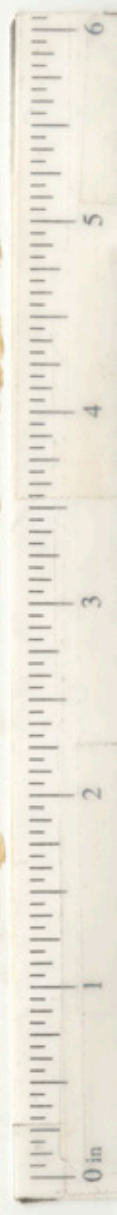
Beneficial by it.  
I am under 176  
Great obligations to you  
gentl<sup>ly</sup> for your kind  
consideration so far

My address is  
William Bowen  
618, G. St. N. 5th & 6th  
Sts. Washington City, D.C.,  
D.C.

I'll be pleased to  
receive an answer  
and I would like  
to know when I can  
see you I wish to know  
if this matter could  
be done with the  
company or some one  
of the affair take the  
individual responsibility  
I hope this can  
in some way ~~be~~



Effectual,  
Your Pleas  
Answer, to address  
I truly  
Yours  
H. J.



Wallingford, Vt. June 17/66

June 17

Mrs. Howard  
~~Homero~~ &  
Brewster,

Dear Sir,

Your  
Circular requesting aid  
for the erection of a Con-  
gregational Meetinghouse in  
Washington is received. The  
Object commends itself  
to us as eminently worthy.

Hon. Silas H. Hodge - well  
known & honored in this  
region - has expressed a  
willingness to visit some  
of our <sup>in the vicinity of Rutland,</sup> Congregations, de-  
voting his summer vacation  
to make collections for  
this object, & probably  
more will be secured by  
him than in any other

way. In this town those  
who love Christ & Congre-  
gationalism are not many  
and, nor rich, but we will  
do something for you.

Yours truly  
Abner Walker,

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Greenbury  
Cong. Church

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Walker, A.

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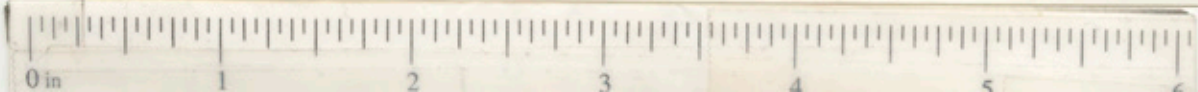
Wallingford St.  
June 17, 1864.

Unofficial

Bu R F 2d A. S.  
N<sup>o</sup> 2's Southern Dist N C  
June 17 1866

Major Genl. O. O. Howard  
Com<sup>r</sup>: Bu R F 2d A. S.  
Washington D. C.

General  
In reply to your letter of the 11<sup>th</sup>,  
calling my attention to a letter written by the  
Rev James Thurston to a Member of Congress,  
complaining of irregular action on the part  
of the Bureau in this District; I have to say,  
that I have seen Mr Thurston in accorda-  
-nce with the suggestion contained in your letter,  
and he informs me that in his letter, he made  
no reference to my acts as Superintendent of  
this District, except as such acts had been  
changed, or overruled, by the Assistant Com<sup>r</sup>  
of the State (Genl. Ringer) He stated that he  
believed from the course they had already



pursued that the Officers at Raleigh, now  
at the head of the Bureau in this State,  
was seeking to render it powerless for good.

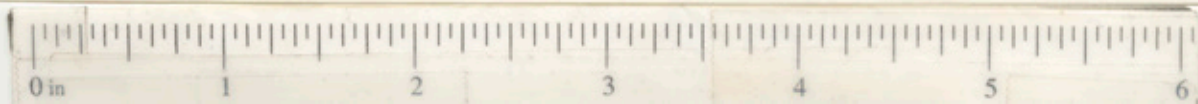
I avail myself of the opportunity of reply-  
ing to your Unofficial letter to call your  
attention to some facts in regard to Bureau  
Affairs in this State, which I could not have  
brought to your attention in any other way,  
or under other circumstances, without exposi-  
ng myself to charges of disrespect towards  
my Superior Officers; and I would say, confi-  
den-cially, that the opinion above expressed by  
Mr Thurston is also my opinion.

On the relief of Genl. Whittlesey as A. S. Com.  
Bot Col Clinton A Cilley A. S. G. U. S. A. was  
placed on duty as A. S. G. of the Bureau and  
Col M. C. Garber A. S. M. was placed on duty  
as Bureau Quartermaster. The Report of  
Genl. Sewell of your Staff in regard to Col  
Cilley's method of conducting the Bureau while  
he was on duty as Superintendent of the  
Western District of this State, may explain  
why the action of the Bureau should be a  
subject of complaint from those friends who

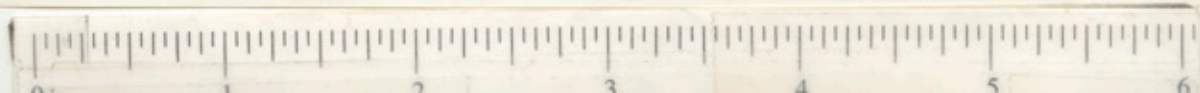
do not wish to see it made "an instrument <sup>124</sup> for  
the oppression of the Freedmen".

In the District of which I am Superintendent  
Major's Mann and Wickesham have until  
lately been on duty, one as Quartermaster and  
Financial Agent, and the other as Asst Supt  
of this Sub-Dist, and they were each authorized  
to employ one Clerk. I also had two Clerks  
employed in my office. Since the two  
Officers named have been relieved from duty,  
I am only allowed one Officer to fill both  
positions, and have been compelled to discharge  
all except one Clerk in my own office; The  
result of this is, that my time is now so comp-  
letely taken up in performing a Clerks  
duty, that I cannot devote that attention  
to other business which it requires.

Colonel Gaskers hostility to the Bureau is  
well known, and he apparently avails himself  
of his official position to place every obstacle  
in the way of its Officers, both in regard to  
the transaction of public business and in  
regard to any personal business that may  
necessarily pass through his office.



1871  
The first of the year  
was a very dry one  
and the crops were  
very poor. The  
winter was also  
very dry and the  
crops were very  
poor. The spring  
was also very dry  
and the crops were  
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 Lieut Means, 8<sup>th</sup> U. S. Infantry - Post Quartermaster here - stated to one of my employees that Colonel Garber had said to him "not to take any trouble to accommodate The Office of the Bureau". Col Garber refused to pay my accounts for mileage, on your order assigning me to duty in this State, until ordered to do so by the Quartermaster General.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> Inst, I was ordered to turn over all Government Transportation used by The Bureau in this District, to the Post Quartermaster here altho it had been issued for the use of the Bureau by order of the Secretary of War, and is very necessary for the proper transaction of its business. Immediately on Col Garber assuming the duties of Bureau Quartermaster - relieving Brig Maj Johnston - he refused to issue Forage to supply the Public Animals used by me - declaring that there was no authority for its issue - and from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> of this month (when the Transportation was turned over) The



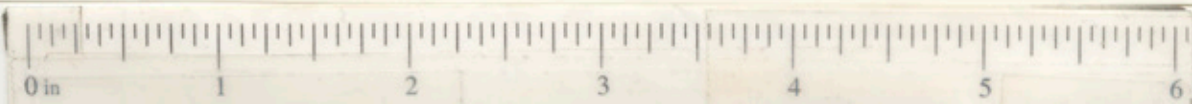
Public Animals were only kept from starving by my borrowing the Forage necessary for their use. In regard to Col Gartin's previous efforts to embarrass the operations of the Bureau while he was Chief Quartermaster of the Department of North Carolina. I can only refer you to Genl Whittier and other Officers who were on duty in the Bureau at the time.

Since the visit of Generals Steadman and Fullerton the Rebel element has become perfectly rampant and instances of injustice to the Freedmen more frequent than before. I have had considerable difficulty with the Mayor of this City A H Vanhook who consulted in my office, in the presence of Genl Sewell of your Staff, that he was "an original secessionist" - in consequence of his many gross acts of tyranny and injustice towards the Colored people, on reporting one of these cases to the Asst Comd at Raleigh I was directed not to interfere.

A number of cases have been reported to me where Union men had been indicted for

acts committed during the war, in trumped  
up charges of "Assault & Battery, 'Larceny'<sup>186</sup>  
to with the expressed intention of Convi-  
cting and whipping them, so as to  
drive them out of the County, among  
such cases I will mention the following  
Case of Stephen Elkins (white) indicted by  
The County Court of Columbus County for  
assault and Battery, committed during  
the war. This case was reported to me by  
Lieut E H McQuigg, Asst Supt of Colum-  
bus County, and stated that Elkins had  
been a Union Man, and had hid in the  
swamp during several years of the war to  
save himself from serving in the Rebel Army  
that he acted in concert with other Union men  
and with escaped Union prisoners & colored  
men and had a sort of a Rendezvous for escaped  
Union prisoners. I made a statement of the  
case, and endorsed the opinion of Lieut McQuigg  
that if the man Elkins was tried by a Civil Court  
he would certainly be convicted, and recomme-  
nded that he be tried by a Military Commi-  
sion, if tried at all. The papers were returned to

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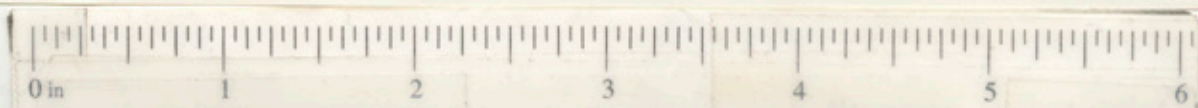


me with an endorsement, that there was no cause to interfere with the action of the Civil Courts. another case is that of a man named John Thompson also of Columbus County, who was tried here last week on a charge of slavery committed during the war, and was convicted and publicly whipped.

I have endeavored to act consistently and to carry out the orders I have from time to time received, and have followed, as far as they are applicable, the precedents of cases previously decided. I trust General that you will excuse my troubling you with so long a letter, and that you will regard it as an Unofficial Communication, as I am well aware that if it ever brought to the attention of the officers at the Head of the Bureau in this State, it is in their power to make my position very unpleasant. I availed myself of your Unofficial letter to reply and state the foregoing facts. Believing that you would desire to be informed of them.

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I Am General  
With Great Respect  
Your Obedt. Servant.

Allan Rutherford  
Lieut Colonel U.C.  
(Brig Colonel U. S. V.)  
Supt. S. Dist N. C.



Washington June 28<sup>th</sup> 1866

Maj. Genl. O. C. Howard

Dear Sir

By your permission, we would be happy to serenade you at your residence on Wednesday evening between the hour of 10<sup>th</sup> & 11 o'clock P.M.

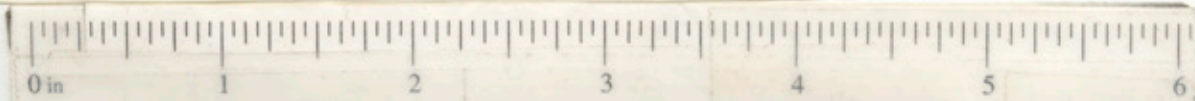
You will please excuse the abrupt manner of asking so much of your time which we know is precious. we earnestly hope that you will accept this as one of our expressions of appreciation of yourself as our Good Friend

We are your O<sup>b</sup> Servants

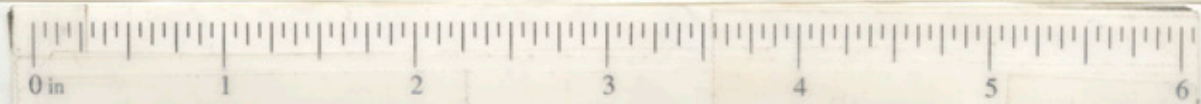
J. Jackson.

Leader of the 1<sup>st</sup> District Col  
Brass Band

Washington D.C.



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Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

STATE OF KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE.

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ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,

Nashville, Tenn. June 18 1860

Dear General -

I have the honor to introduce herewith Rev. A. S. P. Green D. D. of Nashville who desires to confer with you touching the refunding of rents received from his property formerly held as abandoned -

I have no hesitancy in commending Mr. Green to your confidence - as in saying that he is entitled to the most liberal consideration in adjusting the claim he presents, which is for rents rec<sup>d</sup> subsequent to the title of his property - My correspondence on this subject heretofore gives a full history of the case, and shows the



action of the Federal Court in  
the premises -

I am Dear

With Great Respect.

Your Obedt. Servant

Clinton B. Fisk

Br. Maj. Genl

and Col.

Maj. Genl. Wm. Howard

Commissioner &  
Washington

D. C.