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May Genl O. O. Howard.

Washington DC

My dear Genl.

I have written to Mr Mattoon by this mail, but would submit for your consideration, the main question proposed, that you may consider it even before meeting other members of your Committee.

Mr H. Custis asks why not let the entire property be owned by the Congl Union.

He would have all funds raised given to said Union, specifying of course for Washington Chh.

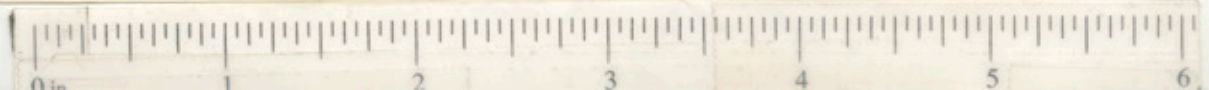
Dr. Bacon favoring the idea suggests that I learn from the Committee the objections if any, to this suggestion.

They feel that a large amount must be raised out of N. The present Trustees are fully satisfactory but changes liable to occur, lead them to these suggestions.

If you can, I wish you would address a note to Dr Bacon, immediately on the subject.

Yours truly
W L Coar

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AUGUSTA, GA.,

June 23

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Maj Genl C. C. Howard
 Camp Bureau N. S. C. C.

Dear Sir

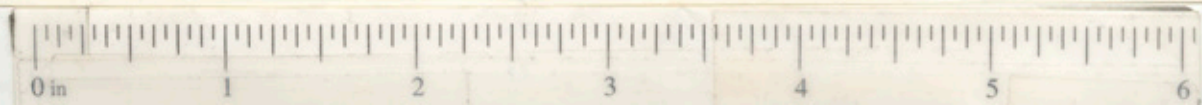
Your favor
 of the 17th has been received I was more
 than pleased to receive these few words
 from you. If I know my own heart
 General I am governed by pure motives
 Genl Tillson being from our State I
 wanted to like him and approve of his
 course I strengthened his hands as much as
I could. But I knew long before the "Cemetery
 affair" that ~~the~~ the judgments of affairs were
 not properly managed in his office. I was
censured by a friend of mine, a Christian
man because I did not oppose the officers
 of the Bureau here. I gave my reasons for
 not doing so, reasons satisfactory to me.
 After the unsuccessful attempt of the
 teachers to decorate the graves of the Union
sold in our city cemetery I gave a

mild account of the course pursued by
Genls Brannan and Tillson. But General
I was incensed by their course.

After witnessing the parade
attending the ceremony of decorating the
graves of the Confederate Dead I
think that the friends of our
brave boys who died defending their
country could not magnanimously strew
flowers on their graves and to think
that Union Generals should yield
to rebel clamor incensed me and yet I
did not wish to increase the excitement
although I considered it my duty to give
the facts. I intended to publish nothing
but the truth.

Genl Tillson sent for me im-
mediately after the paper of the 5th of May
was issued and curse and swore at
me in a brutal manner accusing me
of being a traitor &c &c. On account of his
position in the army, I could do nothing
but leave his office.

I did not again allude



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to the cemetery affair for several weeks
 But General Tillson commenced a system
 of persecution against me which was
 unexpected by me.

Previous to the "cemetery affair"
 Mrs Bryant and myself were upon friendly
 terms with the family of Genl Tillson
 Mrs Tillson and Mrs Bryant frequently
 called upon each other. The General forbid
 his wife to call at my house ^{after this}. I was upon
 intimate terms with several gentlemen
 connected with the General's staff and they
 were ordered not only not to call upon me but
 not even to speak to me. Mr Eberhart
 Superintendent of Schools who had frequently
 used the Loyal Georgian as a medium through
 which he could reach the colored people
 in different parts of the State was instructed
 not to write for the paper under our circumstan-
 ces. I had been ~~in the~~ practicing before
 the freedmen's courts by permission of General

Lillsan and by his permission charged the colored men a fee. But immediately after the account of the "Cemetery of Faki" was published he gave orders not to allow me to practice longer. Not satisfied he charged me with deceiving the freedmen, with having illicit connections with colored women and indeed with almost every crime known among men. And he even repeated his that had been told about my father.

I wrote a letter to him asking that he would appoint a committee, he choosing a Northern man and a colored man, and I was charged with committing crimes against colored people, and I proposed to do the same and they should choose a third and I would go before this committee and meet any charge he should bring against my character with the understanding that the report of the committee should be made public if he or myself desired it. This he refused to do. But nevertheless he continues to repeat the charges.

The result of his course is that I am in constant danger of being

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perhaps
insulted and killed.

During all of this time I have never assailed his private character. When General's Steadman and Fullerston were here General Tillson on the Sabbath discussed the "cemetery affair" of one of the colored churches and attempted to show the colored people and you his course. I thought that the time had come when it was my duty to discuss his policy in the Loyal Georgian. I have attempted to do so in a dignified manner and in a proper spirit, and if your brother Charles or any officer as upright as he should come here I think that I can satisfy him that I am doing my duty. I shall not assail General Tillson's character. There are many things that I like in him but I fear that he has no sympathy with those who are laboring to improve the condition of the freedmen. Without

course he called the teachers damned
old maids and damned whores. Mr
Russell a Congregational clergyman sent
here by the American Missionary
Association he called old Russell
These things may seem small but
when you remember that they are
said in the presence of men hostile
to those who are laboring for the
freedmen you can understand why
it is that the Southern people here were
more readily insulted than.

I am not a Christian man
but I believe that my course has met
the approbation of other Christian
men and women here who have been
laboring for the freedmen or are their
true friends. But I believe in God
and in prayer and if I know my heart
I have done nothing and shall do nothing
which I think will be displeasing to Him
This I say feeling that perhaps I may at any
time be killed. I shall remain and try to
do my duty With Great Esteem of W B Bryant

Headquarters Soldiers Hailers Union
 Cincinnati June 23, 66

My Genl. O. Howard
 Dear Sir,

The Soldiers Hailers of
 the Great West give a grand
 demonstration on the 4th of
 July, and you are most
 cordially invited to be present.
 Many of the leading generals
 of the army have promised
 to be present, and we don't
 want you to fail us.
 Please notify us at once
 so we can make due
 preparations for you,

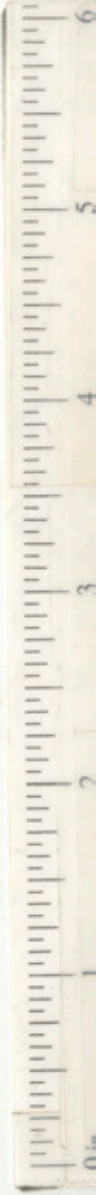
Truly Yours
 Wm. L. DeBeek
 Chief Secy Soldiers Hailers Union
 Cincinnati

Dear Mother
I am writing to you at 11.30

My dear Mother
I am writing to you

The weather is very good
I am well and hope you are
I have not much news to write
I am writing to you as usual
I hope you are all well
I am writing to you as usual
I hope you are all well

Yours affectionately
John Smith
123 Main Street
New York



Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
Office Act. Ass't Commissioner, State of Georgia,Augusta, Ga., June 23^d 1866.

Dear General

Your kind letter rec'd
last night. It seems to me that
in advising me to pursue a course of
"masterly inactivity" you forget that
so far as the public is concerned I
have done this. Up to the time you
wrote me last ~~probably~~ no word
of justification of my course had
appeared in the newspapers. I have
written one short note for publication
and sent it to the Tribune. It
was my duty to keep you well
informed. The result of my silence
is, that the abuse and falsehood
heaped upon me has daily increased
until my friends from all parts
of the country are calling upon
me to defend myself. I enclose
a copy of the Loyal Georgian
of this week - no comment is necessary

whose conduct Bryant attacks
The agent at Griffin, is one of
the most bitter and determined
men in the state - Bryant's
last move is to get up a
celebration on the 4th of July next
of which he is to be the head &
front. Already ^{so} threats are made by
prominent citizens that if he does
this ~~he~~ he will be shot. His
object is to create such an
excitement as to compel me
to interfere and stop his
proceedings in order to prevent
riot - and so make capital
out of it against me. The whole
people have the undoubted right
to celebrate the 4th of July and
I shall defend them in the
exercise of that right. If Bryant
chooses to provoke the white
people he must be responsible
for the consequences so far as they
may affect himself. So long

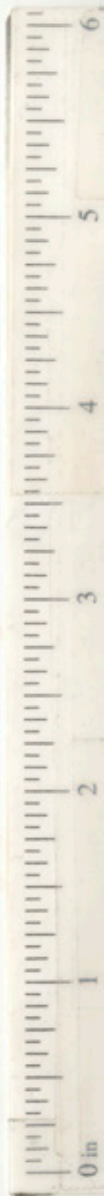
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as this fellow is allowed to remain
in the State and publish whole sale
lies about the Bureau and its officers
and stir up strife between the races
no improvement can be witnessed in
the condition of the freedpeople - It
seems that nothing will suit the
purpose of this unscrupulous villain
but that we must have bloodshed
in the streets. Excuse me if I tire
you on this subject, justice to myself
and family makes it necessary for
me to keep the record. I may
need to use it. I am Yours Very Truly
Dan Sillson

Br. May S. V. Co.
Ass. Com.

W. L. Howard
Com. P. O. F. A. L.
Washington D. C.

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Home News Office,
Marietta O, June 23. 1866.

Maj Gen O. O. Howard,
General,

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I am requested by the Chairman of our Committee on Speakers to invite you to be present and address the soldiers of the 15th Ohio Reg., District on the 4th of July next. As a member of the Committee, and one of your veterans, I took the liberty of presenting your name thereto with the above result. Aside from the historic interest attached to the first born City of the "Territory North West of the Ohio River" we have to extend as an inducement for you to accept our invitation, the information that you will meet many of your old troops among which I enumerate the 315th and 738 O. V. I., Batteries K (Dr Beck) and H. (Huntington) of the O. V. A and Point (C, 1st W. Va St. Mt - Hill) and many other veterans who had the honor to see under you at Gettysburg and who will be glad to meet and greet you once again.

It has been determined to make this the celebration of the West. We do not propose to permit any of the larger Western Cities compare with us in our demonstra-

tions of joy over the return of peace. Generals
Cox, Hays and others will be present.

Should you be pleased to accept this
invitation it will afford me much gratifica-
tion to have you make my house your home
during what, I trust, may be your protracted
stay among us.

Hoping to receive a favorable re-
ply I have the honor to remain, General,

Most Respectfully,
Your Obedt Servt,
T. S. Field.

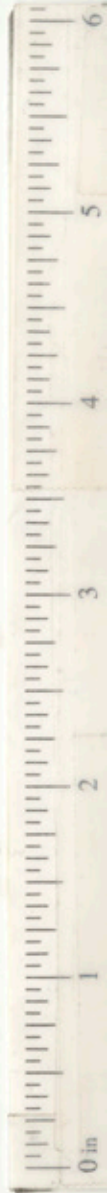
Late Lieut. Batt^y C, 1st W. Va. St. Regt.
("Pierpont Battery")

I had our stated female prayer meeting
 at my house Thursday, Laura came had her
 little boy with her and brother Ensign
 came to tea, he seems in good health & saw
 them at the funeral yesterday, I hoped to
 see K. B. H. this week but he wrote instead
 he has not been here since Charles was here
 Farmington seem'd vacant enough without
 Ella and the children Rowland has written
 you of Mrs Capt Lincoln Patten's death I suppose
 Ella is now stopping with her Uncle for a few
 weeks, since I commenced this letter I was
 interrupted by a short call from Mary Frances
 Lathrop whom I have not seen for a long time
 before, last evening I ~~shall~~ received a letter
 from Louise Abner urging me to visit her
 before leaving, she writes in good spirits, Susan
 Warren has recovered his health, Rowland is
 farming regularly, his wife sells abundance of
 nice butter and eggs, the children go to school
 Wash sends his, and they go along very well
 with the white children, to day is our conference
 and some one to be baptised tomorrow, I was
 out yesterday in the heat, and concluded
 to humor my strength by staying at home, I
 received ^{Charles} letter by last night's mail
 which still, ^{of} Lizzie's being in a good way
 Charles ask me to suggest a name for boy No. 4,
 but as I have always stood aloof in such things
 I may as well, ^{for a time} Edward is a good name
 and so are many others, remember me
 affectionately to all your family, individually
 O. O. Lowell

Yesterday is
 being, can he
 says she says
 than him, I shall
 write Charles my
 soon am rather
 glad the best
 don't come as it
 brings another
 responsibility to
 class Let Charles
 forget my picture
 I will have it
 framed
 Your's is the
 affectionate
 mother
 Eliza Gilman

Leeds, June 24, 1866

My dear son, you
 Favor of 15th Inst, I received
 in due time, I am very glad to hear that the
 general health of the family are as good
 as could be expected, Lizzie I hope still doing
 well the little boy is healthy, I trust and
 will be equal to any of his older brothers, I
 think of you all daily, and at this time the
 Anniversary of Grace's birth, and the many
 attendant circumstances ^{connected with it are} at least at heart
 times now living over again, your father's
 silent kindnesses, and Mrs Waite's quietly
 suffering out her life here with us, seem
 but a day in thought, but it has been an eventful
 mine years to me, my rooms are empty of
 all now, I have some fear of the hot weather
 on Lizzie's strength, I am much gratified
 to hear you, or read it, speak of each one
 of your family, individually, they are
 dear to me at heart & regret to be so far from



Children I am a little lousy, uncomfortably
so sometimes, but not unreasonably. So,
twenty years this house has been my home
and everything seems very natural, every-
thing seems blooming, for two or three weeks
after I reached my home vegetation almost
stood still, but since then everything is beautiful
the orchards were one mass of blossoms, then
came flowering, trees and shrubs one species
after another, and have continued, the snow
balls have no insects to retard their beauty,
this year, and the Cyninga's are now just
in their sweetest time; I have a great
number of common flowers in my front
yard, these are my pets, I have worked
more than common in the front yard
this year; yesterday I prepared a large
wreath of flowers and sweet scented shrubs
and placed on the coffin of that
contain'd the body of ^{of} Lester Howard, he
died Wednesday evening at 8, o'clock after
being a great sufferer he fill'd with water
I call'd to see him a few days before his

death, so Lester Howard has laid away his
last son, he died in his full reason in true
belief in his Saviour, he said to his father
a few days before his death he need no more
grieve to suffer and die ~~thus~~, than to face death
on the battle field, he had no rest from great
bodily suffering for a long while, two or
three nights before his death, his mother
at parting with him for the night, said Lester
do you feel that you can rest to night, no mother
but a few more such nights and I shall
rest forever, yesterday I attended the funeral
he was carried into the Church and from thence
on the ridge ^{to} the family place of burial he
was dressed in his uniform and plac'd in
a handsome coffin, the services were conducted
very quietly and solemnly, but affecting to
me, I have been spared so far seeing my sons
borne away to the silent grave, all who
have come to manhood, we are generally
healthy in town, Capt Turner is very feeble
and I would not be surpris'd if he did not
live much longer he keeps his bed most of
the time

you with the sad tale. my heart aches
for the poor child. & how hard the
way of transgressors is. I hope his
life will be spared to repent of all wrong
doing, and become good.

Sister Wait and myself have intended
to call on your friend Mr. Jewett.
I hope we shall soon be able to.
this Spring time has been very busy with
us. Sister has now a heavy cold,
and Cough, but I hope it will soon
yield to this good warm weather.

The remainder of us are well as usual.
Albert's wife has taken three of her little
girls, and gone to Newport for a short
time. Please give my love to your
mother, and the dear children, I think
of them often.

A line from you, or your Husband
as soon as convenient will be very
gratefully received.

By your friend

Susan W. Jackson

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Portland June 25, 1855

My Dear friend Miss Howard

How do you do to day? I expect the
weather with you is very warm with you
now it is pretty warm here now. We
had a cold Spring.

I think of you every day, especially
when I put on the pretty Gingham dress
which you bought for me in Augusta.
I often think of last summer with pleasure
and shall ever feel glad that I was with
you at that time. How is it with your
house there now?

I have made you
a very pretty braided mat from
those pieces you gave me, and if you
ever live where I can get it to you
shall be happy so to do.

Susie Thwing with her children made
us a visit in April, since that time
she has moved into another house.
Mr Thwing will visit us again in

about a month, if nothing prevents.
When you were here last, I think I
told you I received my last letter from
Charles last October, and that was
dated from Fort Pickens.

I have received letters frequently for
several months past, from his half
Brother Marcus D. Jackson, he heard
that he was in New Orleans, and
has written to him, asking him to
come to Spackburg Virginia,
where he is settled, and printing
a Paper. he has at last received a
letter from Charles, and knowing how
anxious I felt on his account,
sent me the letter, enclosed in his

about the former desertion you already
know. his letter to his Brother is dated
June 8th, and he writes as follows
I was on a Boat running to Wick-
burg about a month. when I left her
in this place (New Orleans)
and after some time, enlisted in the

1st New Orleans Regt., where I have
been ever since. the Regiment is now
mustered out; but I, for being absent
without leave for about a week in the
City, was arrested, tried, and senten-
ced to six months confinement
at Ship Island, to which place
I am waiting to be sent.

my time will be up the 28 of next
November, when I will gladly come
on see you if you remain there.

he writes, there are about \$100 due when
my time is out, and \$275 more if I
get pardoned. this is sad news if
him is it not, but it might be worse
he still lives, and I am thankful
for that. I little thought when he passed
the summer of 1862 there, that at the
close of the war he would be sent there
a prisoner. he and his Brother both
think that if Mr Howard knew of
it he could in some way get him
out of it, and this is why I trouble

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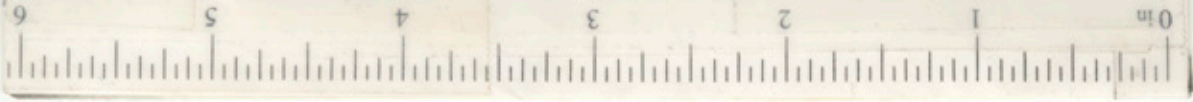
Dear General.

I notice the appropriations of Congress a large amount to the Bredman Bureau and among the articles specified was that of clothing. if you are not too much occupied will you write me how the Bureau of Bredman is supplied with clothing? who gives the contract? and if it is done by advertising? I supposed you would know all about it and have taken the liberty to write you. If you can consistently with your position aid me in getting a contract for this clothing any part or all of it you will confer a favor I am in a position that I can make an arrangement of this nature with the strongest assurances that every thing shall be perfectly satisfactory as to quality, time. &c.

Trusting I may hear from you soon fully explaining this matter I am & by the way your friend I paid a Gas Bill which I enclose say \$4.⁰⁰ and as I think there will no more bills be presented I forward this to close it up - We are

all very well this summer and living quietly as we have been the past few years Nothing especially new except we are to have our church dedicated one week from next Thursday evening and it will then be all completed with Organ, Carpets &c and a most beautiful church inside and out. Our Sabbath school is in good flourishing condition and will be very much larger when we have a new Library and get into the new church

With kindest regards to Mrs H. & the children I am
Truly C. P. Mulliken



James M. ...

Hilliken, C. K.

Desires information con-
cerning the Bureau.

June 27. 1864

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1819 Chestnut Street
 Phila. June 25th 1866
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Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,
 Adjutant General
 Washington D.C.

My dear Sir,

Some time since I took the liberty of addressing you a letter of inquiry relative to obtaining a copy of your "Bibliography" address July 4th 1865 which you kindly had answered stating that it had not yet been published, a few weeks since I saw a copy and since then I have been endeavoring to procure one, but without success so I now dare to write you again to ask if you can direct me when it may be found.

Trusting you will pardon this second intrusion.

I am with much respect,

Your obt. Servt
 Chas. F. Fawcett

United States Sanitary Commission.

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Central Office 244 F. Street.

Washington D. C. June 25th 1866.

May. Genl. O. O. Howard -

Comd^g. Bureau Refugees & Deadmen to be -

Dear Sir.

I beg to acknowledge rec^d. of your note by the hand of Mrs. Wilson, of Savannah Ga., commending her case to the attention & aid of the Sanitary Commission -

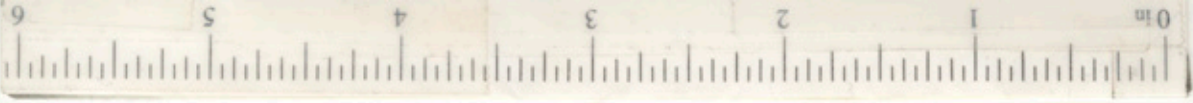
It will give me pleasure to present her claim to the Standing Committee of the Commission at their next meeting - on the 29th inst. - if she will favor me with copies of the several papers in her possession, endorsing her claims; and I have reason to believe that her case will be favorably regarded.

Can you give me Mrs. Wilson's address in this city, or inform me how I may communicate with her -

I am, Very Truly Yours -

Mrs. S. Blatchford.

Central Secretary



Washington D.C.
June 25/46

Clatford J. S.
General Secretary
U.S. Sanitary Com.

Relative to the case of
New Wilson of Savannah
Ga

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Washville Tennessee
June 25th 1876.

Genl O O Howard

We respectfully invite you to
be present on the 4th July pro. and join
with us in celebrating the anniversary of
our National independence.

We have the honor to be
Very Respy. Your friends
In Trumble
Horace H. Hanson
R. H. Melby
Committee

