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Norwich, Conn. June, 26. 1866

Maj Genl. O. O. Howard,
and others -

Gentlemen -

Your circular respecting
the "Congregational Church" at the Capital has
been received. I approve of the enterprise con-
templated in the permanent establishment of a
congregational church in Washington. I regret
that in my present circumstances as an ex-peditor,
I am unable to become personally responsible for
any pecuniary aid. But I will call the atten-
tion of my successor, Rev. Mr. Dana, to the sub-
ject. Perhaps he may have been addressed, as he
should be, as the organ of communication with
the church of my late pastoral charge. It is not
long since he made of forcible appeal in be-
half of the "Am. Cong. Union", and the response
was unannouncedly liberal. This effort being of

recent date, and it being understood, that
was for church-building, and that a gener-
ous appropriation was to be made in favor
of the church at Washington, it will not, I
think, be judged advisable at present to make
a special appeal in behalf of the object proposed
in your circular. Mr. Dana, however,
may be relied upon to act in the premises
as the claims of this cause shall indicate.

With sentiments of Christian Fellowship

Yours Very Truly

Abner Bond

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Tract House, 28 Cornhill,

Boston, June 26 1866

My dear Gen Howard

At the congregational
reunion in Brooklyn in May
I subscribed \$10 in aid
of your Church outburst
which I inclose herewith.
I wish I could make it
a thousand times greater
but the salary of a poor
Secretary is not very large
and a son in college and
other home expenses take
what little I have. I send with
it my best wishes & prayers.

My Subscription was "28
Cornhill Boston," which Mr
Beecher, you remember, thought
a funny name for a mother
to Christen her son by.

I am most truly yrs
I. P. Warren,

Boston June 26th 1864

Warren I.P.

Kindly contribute
to the
Cong. Church,
Gloucester

~~Worcester~~

Recd June 28th 1864

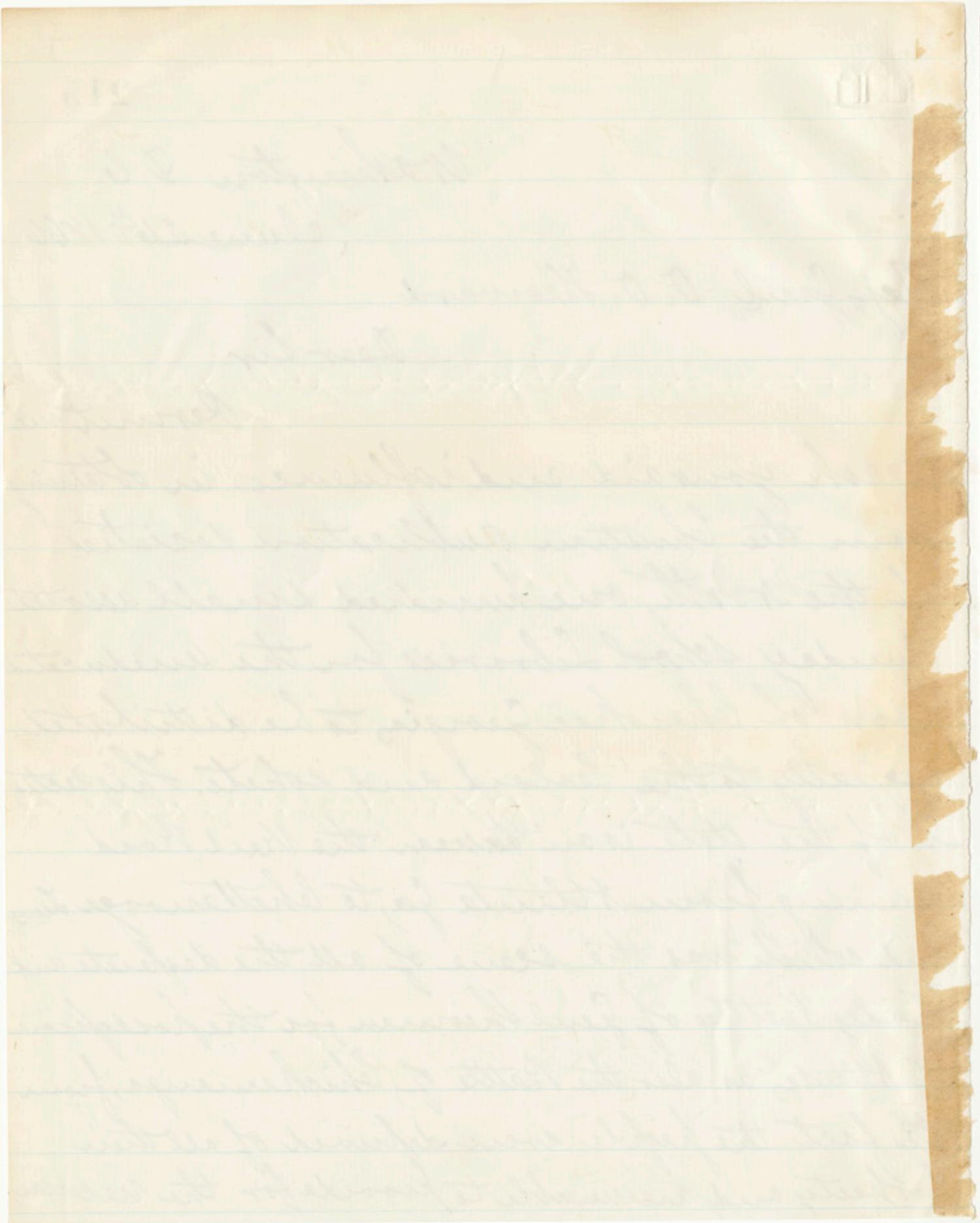
Washington D. C.

June 26th 1866

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

Permit me to ask your aid and influence in obtaining from the Christian Publication Societies of the South, one hundred small assorted Sunday School Libraries for the uneducated poor of Cherokee Georgia; to be distributed equally to the colored and white. This section of the state is on ~~at~~^{and} near the Rail Road running from Atlanta Ga, to Chatternooga Tenn, and which was the scene of all the desperate and bloody battles of Genl Sherman for the possession of Atlanta, as also the battle of Chickamauga; from this fact the people were deprived of all their property and are unable to provide for the necessary



or purchase school and Religious Books for
the education of the ignorant. If any society ²¹⁶
will send to my address, Leatersville Ga
the small Libraries requested, I pledge myself
to see them placed in the care of
good and proper persons in each Village
and District where they are most needed
and will be properly applied. The reception
of such Libraries will stimulate the desire
for Education (which is already very great and
increasing rapidly) as well as afford the
means to lay the foundation. I respectfully
refer the societies to Maj Genl Thomas, Hon
W. D. Kelly; and to Gov Jenkins of Ga, for
any information they may desire as to my
honesty and sincerity. Very Respectfully
your obedient servant.
Wm. J. Wofford

Washington June 21 1866

My dear Sir,

Asks that statements and
in obtaining Runday about
libraries for the destitute
people of Kentucky &c.

Recd. June 27. 1866

WAR DEPARTMENT.

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN & ABANDONED LANDS,

Washington, June 27. 1866.

Respectfully referred to

Genl. J. M. March
Adj. Genl. R. S. R.
J. & O. S. for reply.

June 27. 1866
Request to the Am. T. Soc.
Boston, with request that
they furnish the librarians
here in asked for I. M. above &c.

By order of Maj. Genl O. O. HOWARD,
Commissioner.

J. M. March
Lieut. and Aid-de-Camp,
Private Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
STATE OF TEXAS,

Galveston, June 24, 1866.

My Gen O. O. Howard
Dear Gen:

In reply to your personal communication with regard to Lt. Mc Clernot, I would state that he had been assigned to duty by Gen Gregory at Millican, a very important point. He immediately began "overhauling things" and, in candor, acted more like an insane than sane man. He went on a lecturing tour, and all of his actions were in the exclusive interest of the planter, and former master. He in several instances tied freedmen up by the thumbs for violating contracts, took all their fire arms from them - told them that they were not allowed to

at Lincoln. But says he would his own
kind regards - he is a good officer

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him (Gen Grant) private letters on the
inside workings of the Bureau. I rebuked him
and ordered him to report to me in person
and in a ten minutes conversation with
him I saw that it was rather the fault of
his head than his heart that he was not
adapted to such duty as I reserved of him.

I regret
to be obliged to state that I could not trust him
again in any portion of the State. I am working
pretty hard just now, and my health is good much
better than when I arrived here. I am preparing
a detailed report - could not report sooner for
the reason that I had to learn the workings of things
I am becoming very much interested in the
work, get along finely with the military, and am

a horse, cow or pig, or any kind of 218
property without written permission
of their employers - entirely overlooked
and failed to arrest parties who com-
mitted flagrant outrages, and against
Jordmen, and in one instance took
no official notice of a brutal murder of a
Jordman which was reported to him
by the friends of the murdered negro.
In a word he completely sold himself
to the bad people of the community
who used him to continue a form
of slavery more revolting than that
which formerly had the sanction of the
government.

I further have to state
that he represented himself to several
officers on duty with me, and also some
of the regular Army on duty under
the Hospital Command, that he had
been sent here by Gen Grant who
was a "personal friend" of his
to look enquire around, and see
"what was the matter" and write.

I fear too popular with the Citizens
for my own good worth. I have no
serious apprehensions of its lasting
very long. Two orders, Circulars nos
14 & 17 appear to have given the rebel
papers and Citizens such general
satisfaction as to have made me
the subject of one ^{or} ~~immense~~ ^{or}
amount of news paper commendation.
The orders I deem just & proper and
would be glad to have your sanction
or approval of them. Again Gen
Gregory was so thoroughly odious to the
people as to make any change popular.
I must say, however, that of Gen Gregory's
course, with a few slight exceptions
merits my most hearty approval. Will
you be kind enough to say to Col
Eaton & W Deane that you have
heard from me. Be pleased to give
me full information as to my whole
duty, and I will endeavor to perform
it — Respectfully — J. B. Kidder & Co

Decatur Ark. June 26th 1866.

Major Gen. O. O. Howard,

Com. H.

I have been shown an anonymous letter to you, written from this place, making ground charges by reflecting upon Capt Sewery, Supt of Freedman's Bureau at this place. I am persuaded that you know I can have no earthly motive to address you in his vindication - other than a regard for truth & justice. If there is any officer of the Bureau, whose administration of its affairs, has been just - kind to the Freedman - protecting him in all his rights - scrupulous and exacting from the White Race to the very verge of justice, but yet not forgetting that justice in my judgment Capt Sewery is that officer.

No one, as far as I have knowledge, has ever questioned his integrity of character.

In this District the Freedmen are working better - are more orderly and so, in all things doing better, and there is a better feeling existing between the White & Black Races, than in any other part of the whole South. And this

I am satisfied is owing to the wise and
just administration of Messrs Sewery. If there
was nothing else to be said in his favour, this
important result - known to the whole Country - is
in itself - an unanswerable vindication of his
Character. I have, as you are well aware, still
have the management of 5 Large Plantations
in this neighbourhood. I have had a good
deal of official intercourse with Messrs Sewery -
have never asked or received from him, any
personal favour - originally entertained
prejudices against him, but have long since
been satisfied that he is inaccessible to corrupt
motives of action - that his discharge of the
difficult and arduous duties of his
position, has given a general satisfaction to
the Freedmen, of the whole race, as it was possible
for any man to have done. & as long as it is
deemed necessary by the Government to retain
the Bureau, I should regret exceedingly
his displacement, not on my own account,
but on account of the interests I feel in the
Success of the great experiments of Freed Labor
proving a success. To aid you and

the Government, in being able to this great result, I have
been, as you are well aware, an earnest believer ²²⁰
Co-Monster. My own success is placed beyond
all doubt so far as I am personally concerned &
it gives me pleasure to acknowledge the
personal obligations I shall ever feel to you
for your kindness to me in my first efforts
to restore my shattered fortunes.

With assurances of great respect
& personal regard

I am General

Your Obedt. Servt.

Genl. J. Pillon

Stevens Ark

June 26/45

Willis Sellers

Commending the administration of Capt. Freeman at-
gent of the Bureau at Stevens,

Recd. July 5. 1845

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Clare 27th 1852

Dear Isaac -

Several months have
elapsed since I have had the pleasure
of hearing from you. I collected her
before for many months in the South
Florida organizing my agents
& getting them in a connected or-
-dure - some of my negroes left
me - she remained. and above
sells them on my land upon the
English System. Give the yr. &
I take up - or I pay all ex-
penses of collection -

Your Agent Capt. Howland, who
is a nice gentleman - when he
next gives his the purchase of
my house - write me if any
change should take place in
your business - I am looking
collaring my negroes - as to
in the latter manner -
we

My book will be out in a month
or so. I had from you some compliments
& you will see -

Hoping to hear from you soon

Yours
John D. Maynard

John D. Maynard

Recd. June 30th 1866

Ms. A. 9. 2. 1. 1866
June 29th 1866

At Myquers John

Friendly letter

Atlanta June 27th 1866

Major Gen O.O. Howard,

Dear General,

I received the official reply of your officers.

and in justice to Capt Walbridge, and myself allow me to say that I did not call upon them for Duties. from the fact, that I learned, there was none here to give suitable help.

My last effort to get my supplies was in the Spring. I obtained from Capt Beckwith, who was then in command of this District, some food for some Colored people. who at that time, was in great distress. The officers, of the Government have always responded promptly to my call I had made for the suffering.

Gen Winslow, back Lady, consulted with the first Surgeon. and he was very kind to all the poor people for whom I solicited help.

I have now in our family Six Little Orphans and
one aged Grandmother. that I have been picking out
of my own Little Store. but the Demand, is too great
upon my Limited Supplies.

I saw Maj Leonard, this Morning. He is now in
Command of the District, and kindly promises
assistance. to these Little ones.

I am aware, that there, has been, my many calls
upon the Government. that should not have been
both, by the Blacks, and the Whites. and that
it is difficult many times. to do justice in
all cases. I am very grateful to you, for forwarding
the testimony of the officers. thus giving me
an opportunity of explaining. the true position
and preventing the Cause, for which I feel a
deep interest, in from suffering.

The Society here from Pennsylvania, are doing well
for our poor Whites, and Blacks, and I understand
will continue, their labors, of Love amongst us.
I am very anxious, that a Home, should be built
for the Orphans of our State. where the Children
would not only be educated, but be taught
to labor. One great Cause of Death of the

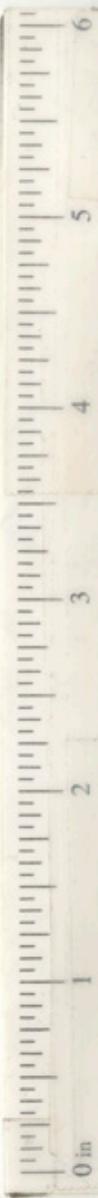
suffering with the people is insolence, that
with their ignorance, some month in the rebellion.
the poor class, men thought, for themselves. but
allowed the leading men to think, for them

I cannot close without expressing my gratitude,
for your prompt reply to my appeal, for the efforts
and I still urge your influence in their behalf

With strong wishes that you may
be spared to a long life of usefulness.

I remain very respectfully

Abner Dorsey.



Attentio Co
27th June 1866

Dorsey, Helena

Detailing suffer
ing in Attentio

Recd July 2. 1866

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Assessor's Office
United States Internal Revenue
Third District of Georgia
Augusta June 28th 1866

(copy)

General Davis Tillson

Dear Sir

I am constrained to write you this because of the malicious misrepresentations of you by the *Loyal Georgian* and its editor in public and private.

A respectable colored man in whose integrity and veracity I have great confidence told me that "the proposition of the mayor of the city of Augusta (on the occasion of the colored people seeking an entrance to the grave yard) to allow as many of the colored people to enter as the white leaders thought necessary to carry in the flavers &c" would have been accepted willingly only for the interference of Bryant who advocated that all should go in peaceably if they could, forcibly if they must. He stated to me further that "Bryant had repeatedly said that "he (Bryant) was strictly the colored man's friend and consequently made

no pretensions to be the white man's friend, as
he could not be friendly to both races" (I was
not aware that there was such bitter hostility
existing between the two races here as that his
guage would indicate) "Bryant had also a
that a sum of money be raised among the
colored people to defray the expense of his
when arrested by the City Authorities for swin-
dling the colored people" and that he (the
colored man) had been urged to give for that
purpose" I know of my own personal knowledge
(said he) that Capt Bryant has swindled the
colored men very recently out of large sums
of money" and in answer to my question why
he did not inform on him or give you the
benefit of what he knew he said, I should
be killed if I did, for I know the black
people are organized and would do any
thing Bryant said "with any colored person
who turned against him" No Col I know too
much of his power with the colored people to
say anything about this matter" It seems
that the Inferior Court have determined to
establish free schools for the blacks and the

Mayor had accordingly notified the leading colored men to meet him at a certain time in order to get at the number of Col^d Children &c and before the time appointed to meet the Mayor Bryant has a meeting of the Col^d people and sends a man from his office to advise the colored people "not to accept the offer of free schools for the Col^d Children" "We prefer to select our own teachers and pay them ourselves". He further states that Bryant has circulated a report (which is strictly believed by the Col^d people) that you had informed parties in the country (who were getting up large subscriptions lists for the Loyal Georgian) that you had suppressed the paper and that the money had better be returned to the subscribers" and on that account the paper must be supported by private subscription and that now the Col^d men were required to pay 25¢ per week and those who could not do that must work it out.

I certify on honor the above is a correct statement of what was told me and that I believe it to be

Recd.

a statement of facts

Very Respectfully
Col J Bowles
U.S. Afessr

P.S.

I do not feel at liberty to give the name of the Colored man because if by an accident it should be made public I verily believe his life would be endangered

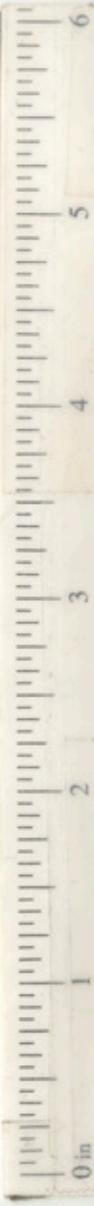
J. B.

Respectfully forwarded for the information of Gen Howard Carter I scarcely need say that the statement about my owning word to printers getting subscriptions to Lyne's paper is simply false. Bryant's interjection about the schools will prove a misfortune to the colored people of the State unless it

Can be overcome -
Col Bowles served throughout the war
in our Army

Davis Sillman
But my son

D.T.



Pekskill June 28th 1866

My Genl O. O. Howard.

Genl.

I suppose you will be somewhat surprised to receive a letter from me; but I trust you have not altogether forgotten me. As you are aware I was in the Southern Army during the war, though in no very prominent position, my service being mostly west of the Miss. and in a Staff Department. The close of the war left me, as many others, penniless; what little my wife brought me was used up during the struggle. During the past year I have been at home with my mother, and in very poor health. My health being now somewhat established, I take the liberty of writing to you, to ask you, if you have not among the employes of your Bureau, some position vacant, that you can give me by which I may be able to make an honest respectable living. Allow me to congratulate you upon your promotion; it afforded me great satisfac-

tion to hear of it. My mother desires me to present
to you her kind regards, and hopes should you
ever come this way, she may have the pleasure
of seeing you.

Very sincerely yours
C. H. Rundle.

Direct Peekskill

New York.

Scotch Gate

July 1 1866

June 28

Major General W. Howard

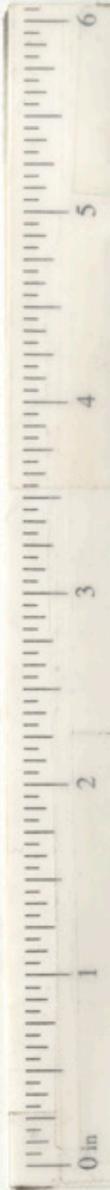
Sir

Mr Holman

My Master has this morning paid
 the sum of eighty dollars being
 due two months timely dues - I suppose
 acceptable to all concerned notwithstanding
 respects to the contractors it is possible
 my pay has been raised to fifty dollars
 notwithstanding you will please to pardon
 me from saying any thing at this
 time I hope to continue in your favor
 for many years & should like to
 see you much but it will be impossible
 at this time.

I am, Sir, consider myself
 Yours with the highest
 Respect & esteem
 W. S. H. H. H.

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Wilberforce University June 28th 1866

Major Gen O. O. Howard,
Dear Sir

I beg leave to inform you that you were elected a Trustee of Wilberforce University by a unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees June 28th, which we hope you will accept.

In behalf of the Board of Trustees of W. U.

I am yours very respectfully
J. T. Jenifer

P.S. My Dear General,

I hope you will accept our election of yourself to a Trusteeship of Wilberforce University.

We are conscious of our poverty, ob-
scurety and want of prestige, but
we are nobly struggling to build
up a great Institution of Learn-
ing, which we hope under God
will become a great power in
the land to bless all the
races dwelling beneath the
broad aegis of the Republic.
With the best wishes for your
future,

I am dear General
Yours fraternally
Daniel A. Payne

Raleigh June 29 '66

Dear Sir

If you have retained the letter written to you about the 2^d of May by Gen. Howard, & published in the N. C. Tribune, will you have the kindness to send me the original or a certified copy. I may need to use it as evidence for my defence.

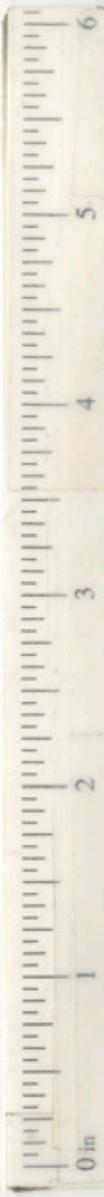
It having been made public, Gen. H. will not object to my making such use of it.

Yours truly,

C. H. Hittlesey

Rev. Gen. Whipple

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Westerly June 29, 1866

Mr Howard-

Dear Sir, My heart is in full sympathy with the object presented in your circular, but I am now without a pastoral charge, or a pastor's salary, and of consequence can do for benevolent objects very little, but what I can do, I do most cheerfully-

Within please find five dollars, for your chh building fund - & may the blessing of the great Head of the chh, rest upon the enterprise.

Yours in Christian love -

A. L. Whitman

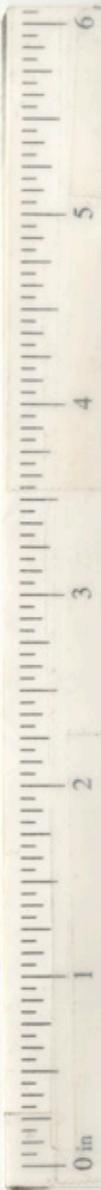
P.S. I shall try to get your cause before the members of the chh in this place

Whitman, R.S.

Whitman, A.S.

Sends contri-
bution of 5
dollars

Acknowledged



County Journal

30 June 1866

Dear Sir,

Herewith I have \$5 as
my contribution towards building
the regational house of worship in
Washington.

Yours truly

Wm. H. White.

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Country
29 June 1866.

White, Thuy D.

Sends contri-
bution of 5 dollars.

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Recd. July 3rd 1866

New Orleans La
June 29 1866

My Genl O. O. Howard

General

Permit me
to introduce to your acquaintance
Capt. W. J. Miner an extensive
planter both in this State and in
Miss. who is about to visit
Washington for the purpose of
pressing a claim which he

was against the Govt. The
Bureau has nothing to do with
the business involved but from
what I know of the claim I
consider it an eminently just
one. Capt. Mear was thoroughly
conversant with the system of labor
prevaling and no one
takes hold of the new system with
greater energy & practical good
sense. I have had much
intercourse with him both personally

and official which has been
highly satisfactory and pleasant.
And I feel assured that you
will be gratified to talk to
me upon the condition of things
in this State.

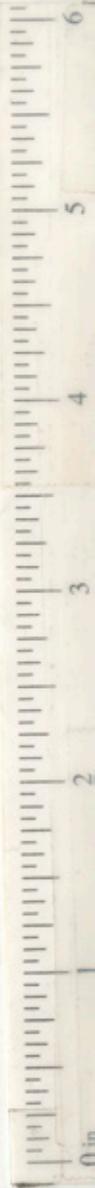
Wash. Respectfully
+ c + c

S. P. Baird

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New Orleans La
June 29th 1866.

Baird Maj Genl A.

Introduces Capt
H. J. Minor.



Alas. is very well
Wish. must be very kind to you -
All in all will not forget you -

War Department,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Washington, June 3rd 1866.

My dear Mother,

We are all quite
well, glad to get your letter. Hattie & I
are doing nicely. I am very sorry to hear
of poor Hector's death. He was
a most promising young man -
and I am particularly glad for
his parents that he gave them
abundant evidence of being a
Christian. I think some of the
family will visit you this summer.
My own time is beyond my
control, but I may see you
by & by. Love to all - though
be lonely. With such beautiful
surroundings, flowers & a garden
you will not be much lonely -

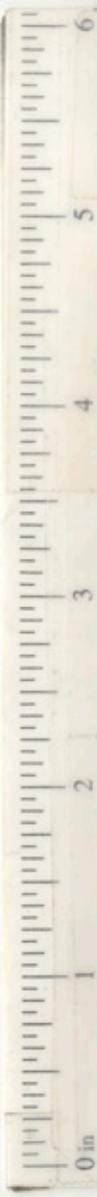
Yr. son

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Division of Biological Resources and Agricultural Lands
War Department

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Headquarters, State of South Carolina,

Charleston, S. C., June 30th 1866.

May Genl O. O. Howson

Genl

I have thought
it best in the present mixed con-
dition of affairs in the Medical
Department between Military and
Bureau to order Dr De Witt
to Washington to lay before you
in person the whole matter, that
^{you} might understand and settle
the question as to who Dr De Witt
is to report to viz. Dr Warner
Chief Medical Officer of the Bureau
or Dr Page Chief Medical Officer
of this Department or whither to
write. If to write Dr Warner & Page

Should have an understanding¹⁰
to present a conflict of orders
and an unnecessary number of reports
I have thus far, felt that it was
for the interest of the Bureau
to keep it distinct from the
Military, but have made wherever
Consistent Post Commanders the
Acting Asst Comd of the Bureau, that
a more perfect Co-operation of
both might be secured. for the protec-
tion of the Freedman. I have thus
far given no Nations to people
employed on Plantations, Nations
standing many one in grate so
My Reasons for not forwarding
a National Return for your approval
is that both Genl Sickles and
Governor Orr are opposed to it

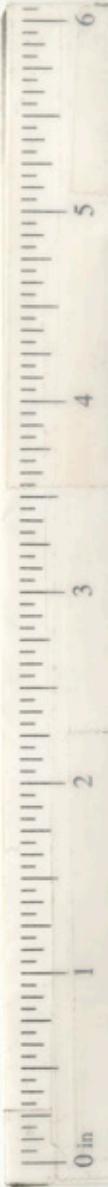
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on the ground that it will en-
-rage Idleness. My own opinion
is that some Genesman could be
assisted with great advantage
as it would enable them to place
themselves beyond the chances of
want for the next year -

Hoping my action in sending
Dr de Witt to Washington in
this matter will meet your
approval. I have the honor to
be very Respectfully

Yours Obedt Servt.

RK Seaton

But My friend
Asst Comm



Charles W. D. S.
Jane D. S.

Wm. D. S.
C. M. S.
C. H. S.

Concerning the D. S. S.
making known the shall
return, known & the
destitute &c

Dr. H. S.

The fund
has been this letter -

A. P. S.

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Genl. Howard

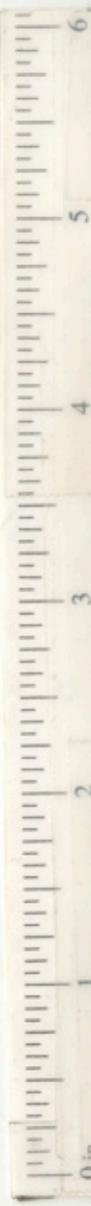
I have rec^d
another package of
Circulars -

I am
sure we have
now enough! -

Don't send any more

I am truly

S. J. Pomroy



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National "Freedman's Savings and Trust Company," 228

AMERICAN EXCHANGE BANK BUILDING,

No. 87 CEDAR STREET,

New-York, June 30 186

To
Maj Genl O. O. Howard
Genl.

I have the honor
to say that I have been about
this City and Brooklyn these two
days, finding as I feared that
most of our friends were out of
town, Mr Dodge did not come to
N. York as I was told it will be,

His Son gives me \$100. & sends you note
to his father advising him to make
you a subscription. You better see
him if possible - as the subject will now
be brought fully before them.

Other men whom I encountered in
finding are very friendly to the Church

Mr Chittenden will give - invites me
to his counting room after the 4th
Mr Hatch (Fisk + Hatch) proposes
& asks me to call after he con-
-sults with his partner. Mr R
Ghent gave \$300 - in Brooklyn. a
says perhaps he will do more.
But such men as E. A. Lumber
- Hunt, Humphrey - Holmes. Robert
Woodruff &c &c are all out of
town. I am told that after the
4th they will be apt to come
to see to their business. & as there
is a general Stampede to day to the
County for over the Sabbath & the com-
-ing holiday. I will also make
little excursions into the County where
I know some men who may give.
Please address Mr Chittenden (C.B.)
a postal note on the back of the
Circular. - Kind regards to

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Mrs Howard with congratulations -
and all the family.

I remain

Yours &c

Very Respectfully

J. W. Howard

Yours &c

New York City
June 30th 1861

Mr. J. W.
Dunbar

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