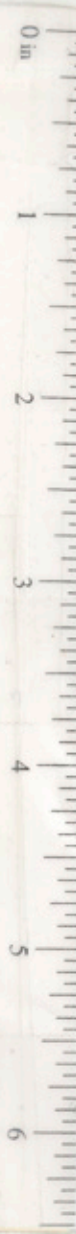


Augusta July 4th 1866.
6 o'clock. P. M.

Dear General

The celebration of the day by the colored people passed off in the most satisfactory manner. They cheered the Mayor on passing his office in the heartiest manner and paid the undesignated a similar compliment. They had an oration by one of their own number after which I spoke to them briefly. My presence seemed to gratify them very much and my remarks were received with great enthusiasm. I loaned them flags - fired a salute for them - got them sabres &c. The Mayor also exerted himself in their behalf. He defeated Mr Bryant's schemes and have succeeded in creating a kinder state of feeling between the races

August 1st 1865
Dear Sir
The enclosed is the
copy of the report
of the committee on
the subject of the
proposed changes in
the law relating to
the office of the
Recorder of the
County of New York
and the City of New
York. It is submitted
to you for your
consideration and
approval. I am,
Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. M. [Signature]



The Mayor said he would not
 take a thousand dollars for the
 complement the colored people paid
 him. ^{my way to make} I start this evening for Savannah
 on a tour of inspection ~~at~~ the
 quarantine Stations on the coast. I
 shall visit St Catherine Island
 where, I regret to say, ^{some of} the freedpeople
 who are planting on their own land
 are out of food. I endeavored last
 spring to show them that this result
 would probably follow their attempts
 at planting by themselves but they
 would not be convinced and as they
 were on their own ground I did not
 feel authorized to compel a compliance
 with my advice. I shall try and
 arrange it in some way to aid them
 without putting the Bureau to further
 expense.

I am yours Truly
 Davis Tillison

May Lane Howard
 Chas Bureau P. O. & L
 Washn, to D.C.

But May Lane Dr
 asst Comm

Augusta Ga
July 14th 1866

William Davis
Bristol Ga, Ga. D. C. H.

Exhibition of the 14th of July by
the people in Ga. Every thing
passed off most pleasantly

Washington, July 4/66.
Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,
Dear Sir,

Herewith
is a copy of the Bill I
have prepared in regard
to Freedman's Bureau.
The 5th Sec. simply confines
the former title granted
under Gen. Sherman's order.

Amid with the confirma-
tion by act of Congress, would
you not have the result
of bringing the former owners
to such terms as would in the
end secure to the latter some
of the land in fee?

Yours truly
Lyman Tumbull

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Whitesboro, Oneida Co. N.Y. 4th July 1866

Dear General,

Your favor came some
time since in my absence.
The places I had in view, are
Glensville & Johnstown, in Fulton
County; Little Falls, & Mohawk &
perhaps Glion, in Herkimer County;
Albany, Rome & Oneida, in Oneida
County; Oswego & Mexico in
Oswego County, & one or two
places elsewhere. I am in the
employment of the American
Freedmen's Union Commission
the avails of all our lectures goes
right into the Treasury for the Cause
of Popular Education at the South.
For this cause, we wish to make
our Expenses out, as little as possible.
It gives me great pleasure to
feel that the Commission

^{will} allow me to be when it shall
be convenient to yourself,
to invite your address to
our County Ladies Reading
Aid Society. In the Fall, as
your proposal I think we shall
be happy to correspond with
you more particularly about
this whole matter. In the
meantime allow me to be
& to remain very truly & sincerely
Your Obedient Servant
Augustine Root.

Washington
July 5. 1865.

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To.

Genl. Grant
Superior " Freedmen's
Bureau

Sir,

I am about to return
to Switzerland, after a visit
of three months to my home
at Washington - Mr. Gerrington,
my husband, has the honor
of representing our country at Bern,
the capital of the Swiss Confederation.
My object in addressing you, is
to beg you to give me any
papers or documents in re-
lation to the State of the Freedmen,
as the Swiss are very much in-
terested in the question, and
have little or no information.

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I believe several of the prin-
cipal friends of made contribu-
tions in the form of clothing &c
to your Bureau, that there
are many private individuals
who are anxious to be informed
upon the subject, as well
as the members of the
Governments.

If this request meets
with your approbation,
something would reach
at me, at Malcolm Sel-
den's, 123 E. Street, addressed
to Mrs. Harrington.
Apologizing for troubling
you. I am Sir, yr. obt. servant
Mary Weston Harrington

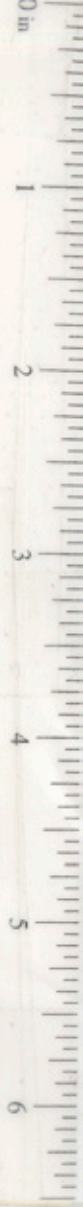
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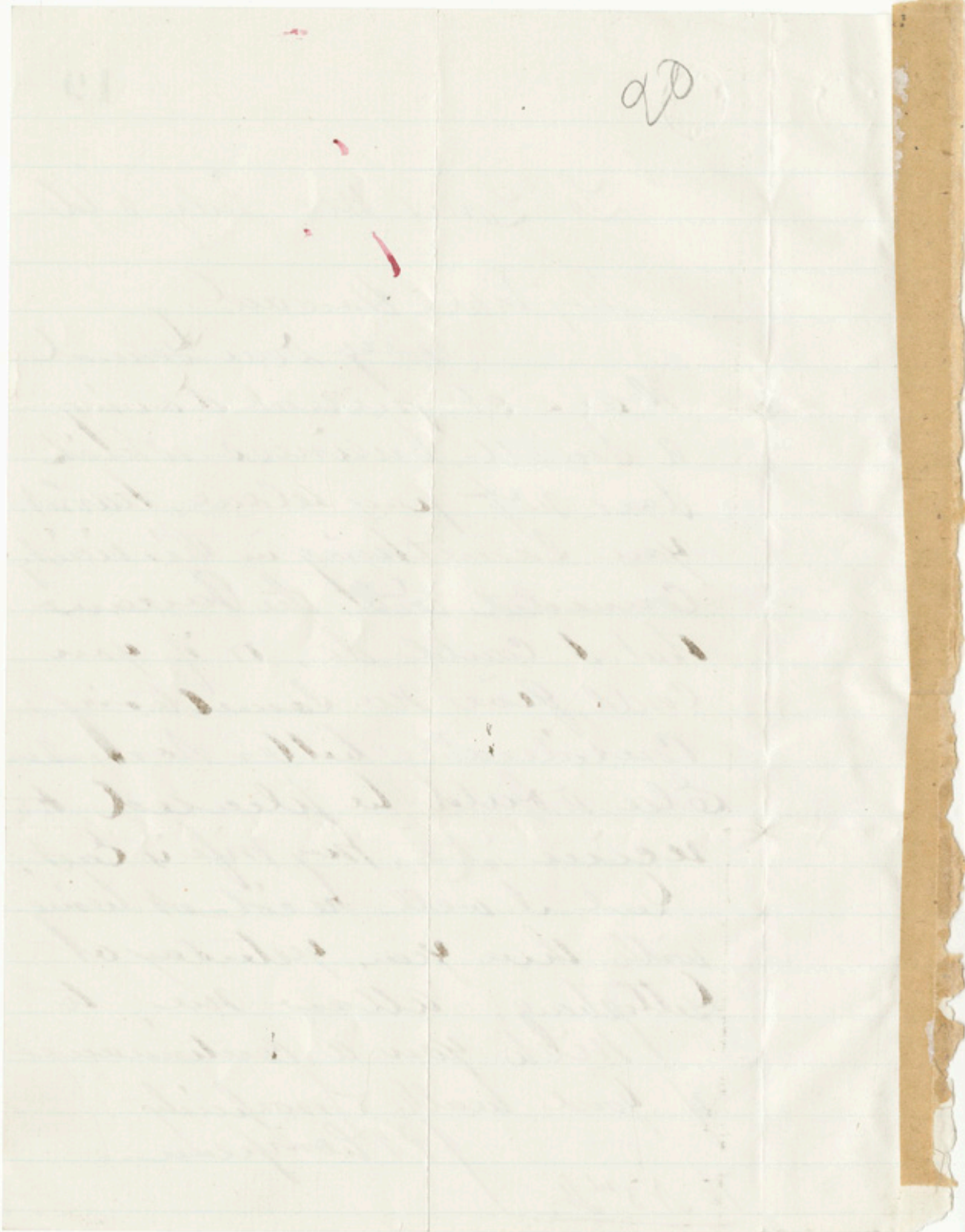
My Dear General
I am at present doing
a small business which
does not pay alone, haven't
you something in this vicinity
connected with the Bureau
that I could do, or if you
could give me something
considerable better somewhere
Else would be pleased to
receive it. My wife is East.
And I well recollect being
with thee year yesterday at
Cattaraugus. Allow me, to
wish you a continuance
of good health & prosperity.

J. P. Thompson

76 N 3rd St.



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Newbern July 5 1866

General

I would most respectfully inquire whether in case of the favorable termination of my Contumacious. I may expect to be Continued in the Service of the Bureau Re^d. rat Lands. It is important to me to know as early as possible whether I am to be shortly mustered out of service & make my preparations accordingly -

Permit me to say that whatever the result of my trial may be, should I leave the service so soon after it as to appear to be a result of it, it will be difficult to convince the public that some fault has not been proven against me, and this stigma a life time cannot eradicate. It would attach itself to my children after me.

In view of this I would respectfully urge, that simple justice to me who is unconscious of having neglected any interest committed to him, or violated any order or regulation of the Bureau or the War Dept. demands that after his innocence is shown such public action should be taken as

Wednesday July 2 1862

Dear Sir

I would most respectfully request
that in case of the favorable termination
of my contract, I may expect to be
continued in the service of the Boston A.S.
I feel sure. It is important to me to
know as early as possible whether I am
to be kept in the service of the A.S. or
my proposition accordingly -
I am sure to say that whatever the
result of my proposition may be, should I leave
the service to go on after it as a matter of
fact it will be difficult to
renew the service that I have found to
not be a pleasant agreement to me, and this
I fear a life time thing. I have
not asked for my child after me,
the view of this, I would respectfully
urge, that I might prefer to be in a
position of being respected and valued
as a member of the A.S. or at least my order
of admission of the A.S. or the A.S. or
church that after his services to them
and public action that he takes as

will show that he has not forfeited the Confidence of his superiors - I would therefore request to be assigned to duty of the exigencies of the Service permit in a position not inferior to that I have lately held - I have no interests in this State which would induce me to remain here, and would prefer to be assigned elsewhere -

I feel no doubt as to the result of a Court-martial in the Charges preferred against me, but the interest & welfare of my children requires that I should know as early as possible what I am to expect -

I would respectfully request that if you conveniently can you will give me an answer to this in any way that seems proper to you -

I have the honor to remain
General, with great respect
Yours Obedt Servt

W A Suly
Br May 1862

My son, O. D. Howard USA
Chief Clerk, U. S. A. S.

Dear Sir,

Dear Sir,

Dear Sir,

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to
acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of the
10th inst. in relation
to the matter of the
estate of the late
John A. Smith.

Yours truly,
J. A. Smith

Post Office, New Haven, Conn.,

July 8th 1866

My dear Howard,

Dear Sir

Mr. Coker has just called upon me relative to col^g money for a Congl Church in Washington D.C. Mr. C. comes to our City - at a very unfavorable time to collect money. We have here two Churches without Pastors, and a third is raising an annuity for its pastor besides they have been building a large Lecture Room or a Cor^r of some \$20,000. The Church to which I belong the Rev Mr. Easton, has just been paying a debt of some \$4,000. To take our position upon these matters and you will see that the present is not a very good time for us in New Haven to do much. I think if you were to come here sometime in the fall with Mr. C. it would be a better time to operate than now, and I have no doubt at that time some money could be collected.

Very respectfully

A. D. Sherry

New Haven Conn
July 5th 1864

Henry A. D.

Concerning collections &
donated by Mrs. S. S. Green

St. James Conn
July 5th/66

Genl

I am quite unwell to
day (have been so since Friday last)
and feel unable to write tho
brevly as I design doing
soon. I'm all enterpriser
there are favorable (or otherwise)
times for a given movement, in
aid thereof. However unpleasant
it may be to myself, the fact is
apparent: we had better withdraw
or to use a military term, "Retreat
in good order," & reorganize somewhat
for a future movement. than to
push now. Dr. Barton and others
advise in harmony with Mr Sperry
letter. Mr S is PortManteau here. has
great discernment, a large in-
fluence. is liberal himself

and can do much, as I have
no doubt he will. And you can
in the future. He has just given
\$1000 to pay off a debt on Mr Eunk's
chuck. His advice - in which

Dr Bacon and others concur - is
that - in Sept. or Oct. you spend
an evening here in conference
with - say 100 (more or less, picked
men called together by a short
printed Circular, and at that
gathering call for sledgers. He
Mr S will aid in selecting and
calling the friends

Now Gent. my convictions favor
such a change of Policy.

You had better have the
chances of such a movement be for
than to pursue the matter now.
Many are away from home. It is hot
weather. Men don't feel good natured.
I cannot regard it as a failure but
as an indication of Providence that
He will smile upon and bless in His
own good time.

Yours truly
W. L. Coan

July 5 [1866]

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My dear General

I learned yesterday
that our Feaster
mem. had been, by
mistake, referred to
the Com. on Claims
instead of the Mil-
itary Com. to whom
Senator Sherman
designated it to go. We
have lost time by this.
I saw Sen. Sherman

18
yesterday & he prom-
ised to rectify the
mistake. Mr. Sena-
ta Wilson has been
interested in the
case & he says if
Sherman will
take hold of it in
earnest he can
carry it through
the Senate. I have
no doubt if the Mil

they can. have
it referred to them
they will report fa-
vorably.

Now what I ask
you to do is to
write a note to
Genl. Sherman so
that he may be
reminded of the
case & in it you
can urge him to

put it thro'!

Pray excuse me
for asking you to
do this engaged as
you are, but I feel
it will be of so much
service that I do not
hesitate. Give your
note (let it be urgent!)
to the bearer & I will
send it to the Capitol
with some other things
I have. Truly Yours
Reed July 5, 1866. E. Schrieve

~~New York~~, Walpole N.H. July 6 1866

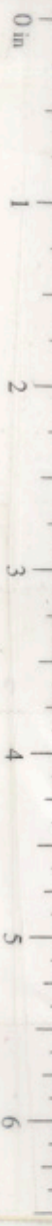
Major General Howard
Washington D.C.

My dear Sir

I write to ask a personal
favor of you. I have taken charge of "Eagles-
wood Military Academy", Pratt Ambury N.H.
The methods and tone of the Institution are indi-
cated by the enclosed circular of last year.

I desire to make it a first class Educational
Institution, securing to its training the advantages
of Military discipline.

I wish to have an "Advisory Board," (who
shall also be the Examining Board) who once a
year shall assemble, and give the benefit of their
name, their presence, and their counsel.
Will you allow me to place your name on that
Board? In addition to a number of literary,
and scientific men, I hope to obtain the
aid service of some Military men who have
known more or less of me as connected
with the Sanitary Commission, in my former



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your service there.

As member of this "Advisory Board," of course no claim would be made upon your time when business or duty rendered it inconvenient for you to be present at the annual meeting.

I enclose a circular, which Mr Spring, the Proprietor of the School, has had printed, which contains the names of some of the gentlemen who will constitute the Board above referred to.

I trust, General Howard, that you will answer my request favorably.

I am sincerely

Yours friend.

Edw. A. Knapp

Waltham. N. H.
July 6. 1866

Brother. Dear Sir

After Mrs. Brew-
ster is become
one of the board
of visitors of the
Haglemore Unit.
Institute

Dear Aug. 14. 1866.

National "Freedman's Savings and Trust Company,"

AMERICAN EXCHANGE BANK BUILDING,

No. 87 CEDAR STREET,

NEW-YORK,

July 6th 1866.

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To
May Genl O. Howard

General

I have the honor to report
that our New York friends do not quite
like your asking only for the ground money.
They say — it is more like Chittenden — that
the whole amount must be paid — should have been
on the paper. I have had three long talks
with him & he refuses to do any thing in the
matter proposed. He said to me at length that
if you would put a house on the lot named
worth \$50,000 he would give one tenth of the whole,
and I was obliged to leave him only with a
heartly "thank you" for this generous offer.

Fisk &

Watch gave me \$500 — Some others have promised.

— By the way — Fisk made the same objection as above —

The sum I shall obtain will be small, as this
heat has driven all able bodied men out of town, they
do not return since the 4th, But I will pick up
what there is. In Autumn we shall get the whole sum
needed, if you will come along. Mr Ritchie (E.)
said in reply to "how shall I get \$50,000 for the Washington
Church?" "Put two slabs on each shoulder & cut off your right arm"

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Bank matters look encouraging - if we can only
keep down expenses for the next 6 months - We are
engaged figuring up for the July dividend

All here are anxious about your Business -
men who want to give to the Ch. fear that some hope
you are to be ousted, such weak faith to bolster up
in all possible ways, by the autumn - or after the
Bill becomes a law, & the Pres. & cabinet to threaten you,
there will be much more confidence,

Shall I be needed at Washington if I
stay another week? I hope in the morning to receive
the Circulars from Mr. Gladstone

Kind regards to all

Yours &c

Very Respectfully

W. A. Brown

P.S. Please ask Mr. Kimball to supply my people
again on the next Sabbath & oblige

W. A. Brown

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New York July 6th 1866
General.

It becomes my pleasing duty, in accordance with a resolution of the "Huntsville Home Missionary Society" of the Second M. E. Church in this City, passed at its last meeting - June 24th 1866, ^{to inform you} that you were unanimously elected a member for Life of the above Society on that date. The members of our Society did this to show in some slight degree their appreciation of your patriotism, tried fidelity, and loyal support of our government and people in the late struggle, as well as your honest and intelligent support of the rights of man and the interest you take in philanthropic objects. I transmit herewith the Certificate of such election duly authenticated. Humbly hoping that it may be acceptable, my only regret being that it is not more worthy of your great deeds.

Now, General, may feel some slight interest in our

Society as you are now one of us. I will as far
as possible explain. They are as follows -
raise funds for the spread of the gospel among
the poor and then to place those funds in
the disposal of the most efficient agencies
having that object in view. Our work is
strictly "Home" and I take it that we have
in the greatly wicked City of New York any
opportunities to show our Missionary Society.
We make no distinctions of race or color, believing
that in grace all are absolutely on an equality
as they should be before the law. We trust and
hope for success.

Hoping, General, that you may find it convenient
to acknowledge the receipt of this -

I have the honor to remain

Yours Obedt Servt.

Jack Dell

Sec. A.M.S.

Maj. Genl. O. C. Howard
Commr. Bof. B. A. S.

Please address in return

Wm. H. Bell

18 Lewis Street

N.Y. City

New York

July 6th 1866.

Rev James D.

Writes concerning a
life Membership in the Juniorile
Home Missionary Society of sec-
-ond St M.E. Church

Please
Answer

Recd Aug 18th 1866.