

Walter N.Y. Sept 14 1868

General Howze

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Dear Brother, I received
your circular in behalf of the Congl-
th at Washington and enclosed I remit
16⁰⁰ dollars for that enterprise - for which
I now return your receipt ~~16~~ 45

Respect The course of liberty is looking
up since the Res took his stamping tour,
And be the biggest danger in the nation with
the exception of the demagogic drunkard
I would. It is pernicious to the nation
to have such a head. Stick to your post my
Dear General - is the wish of every true man,
Yours & S. P. Bottwell.

* from P. Lloyd at Milton N.Y.

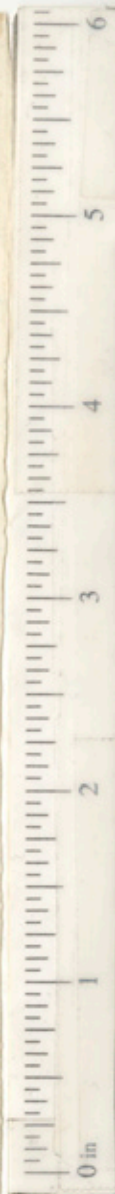
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Walter N. G.
Sept 14th 1866

Wallingill J. S.

Contributes \$15.⁰⁰ to
Congregational Church.

Recd Sept. 14. 1866



Wells, Me. Sept. 14th 1866.

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Maj. Genl O. O. Howard,

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Honored Sir,

Sometime since I received an appeal in behalf of the Congregational Church in Washington. It has not been convenient for me to lay the matter before my people - and may not at least for the present. Feeling an interest in the enterprise, I enclose Two Dollars, which I hope will be of some service in helping it onward.

Sincerely Yours,

J. B. Cook

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Spencer Mass

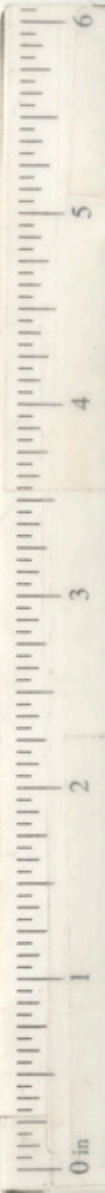
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Dear S. B

Contribute \$ 2.50
for Congregational Church.

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Boston Mass.
Sept. 14. 1866

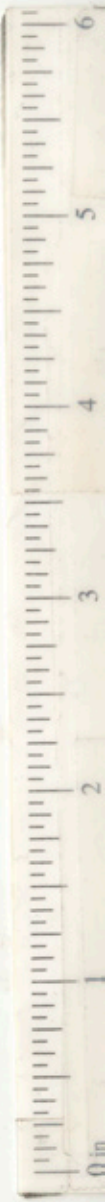
To Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Freedmen's Bureau,

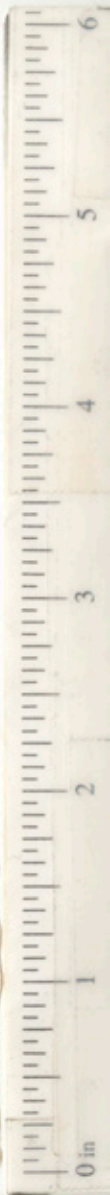
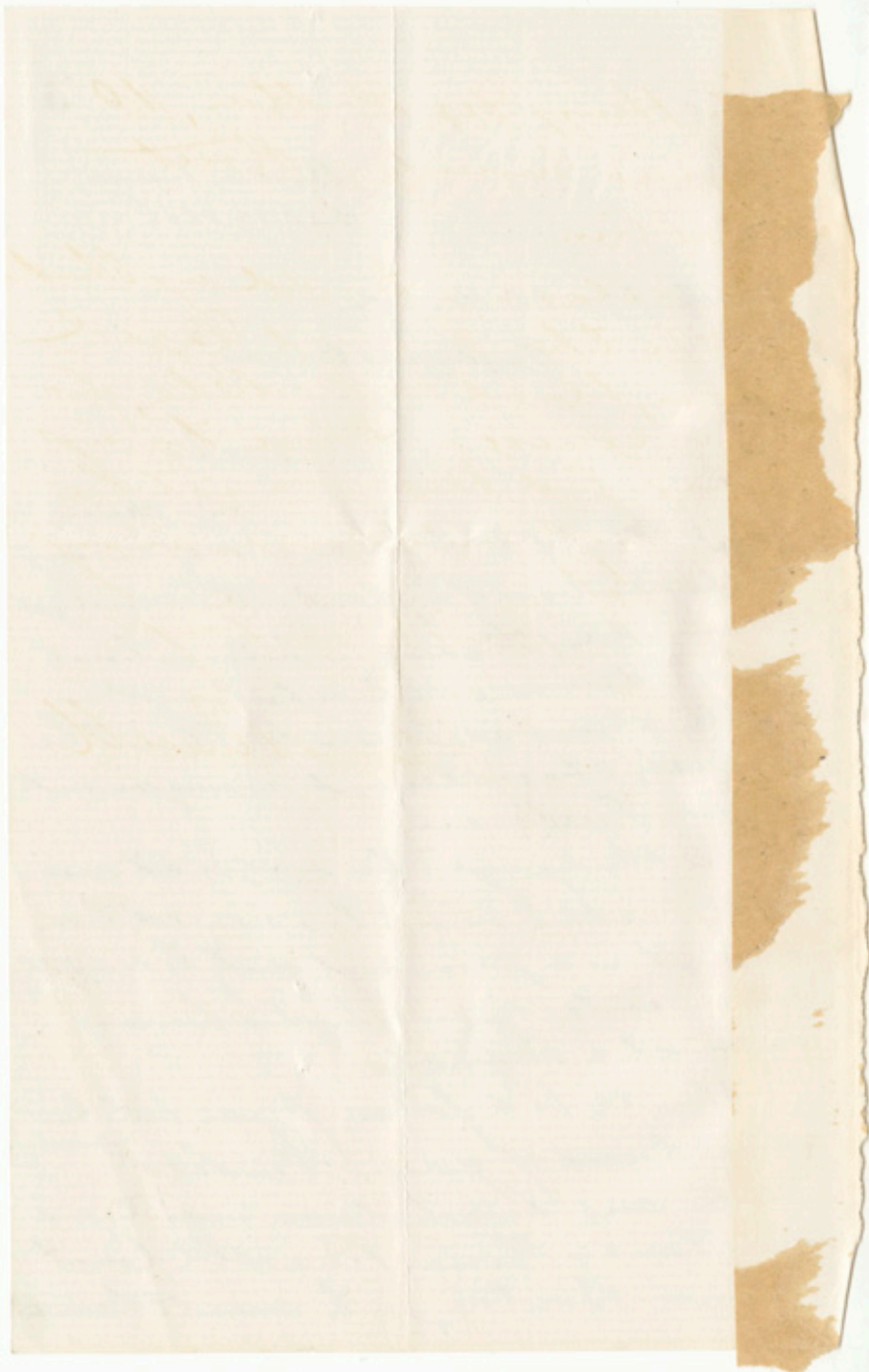
Dear Sir,

Henry
Dix Hutton of Dublin, author of an essay
on the Relations of England with uncivilized
Communities (7th essay in "International
Policy") desires such reports and
publications as throw light on the
conduct, character and management
of our Freedmen.

He is studying the subject care-
fully, with a view to a new edition,
and it is a pleasant duty to enlighten
an intelligent Englishman
on such a subject.

It will be a favor, if you will
direct one of your Clerks to
send me such documents as
you have - Thomas Russell, Court
House, Boston, or to mail them





To Henry Dix Hutton, 10
Lower Mountjoy Street
Dublin.

Allow me to add my thanks
to the thanks of all loyal
men, black and white, for
your course in these trying
times. God bless you in the
prayer of millions - among
them of
Yours very truly
Thomas Russell

Boston Mass
Sept 14th. 1866

Russell, H. W.

Asks for
printed docu-
ments concern-
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St Joseph Mo
Sept 14th 1866.

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Sir:

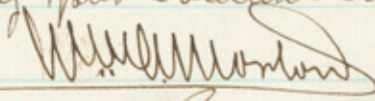
Your communication per your A D C is recd. and contents noted. I am not aware that there was ever an order issued for the issue of Gault-clothing to citizen employees. I issued on my own responsibility such articles as the men absolutely required, well knowing that there was no other source from which it could be had, and on the principle that, if Gault Nations were issued why not Gault-clothing? I am well satisfied that Col Boulbin or Genl Reese would have given me such an order if I had applied for one at the time. The men of my train were too busily employed to hunt up clothing in the vicinity of Atlanta or whiter on the march to Savannah.

Enclosed I have the honor to send a Statement of Clothing issued. I trust it is all that is required and will meet with your approval. Please accept the gratitude of an old soldier for the kindness you have shown in instructing me how to proceed.

Most Respectfully your obedient servant

To

Maj Genl O O Howard
Old Point Comfort
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St Joseph
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David Joseph May
September 14th 1866.

Winton Man A.

Notes concerning the
"Case of Governor's Election."

Recd. Sept. 15th 1866.

Lincoln University
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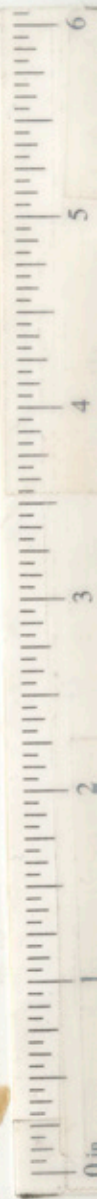
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Sep 14th 1866

May Genl. C. C. Howard

Dear Sir

Your favor of the
12th has been received, and we are
much pleased to fix Thursday
October the 18th as the day
of evening for our meeting
in Phil^{ly} The Trustees to meet
at 3 P.M. at 907 Education rooms
Arch Street, and we will make
arrangements for you at the
Continental Hotel and you escort
if you have any with you

of your name and with your
arrangements for your visit
to New Street, and we will make
at 10 o'clock at 10 o'clock
of the 2nd of the 2nd of the
meeting for our meeting
together the 21st or the 22nd
has been received, and we are
from your side of the
Dear Sir
Wm. C. C. Johnson
Sept 4, 1855
Lancaster University



If you will drop me a line just
before the 18th we will be pleased
to meet you at the Depot of the
Baltimore rail road with a carriage.
You do not say any thing of the meeting
in New York so that we will leave
it open and if you can find an evening
either between the eighteenth & the
twenty third or between the twenty fourth
we will hope for a word of en-
-couragement at a meeting there.

Our Session commenced yesterday
with over 40 students on the first
day & provision is made for the
support of near 100 - President
Tendall remarked that our best
students Mr. Pillsbury is sending
from Charleston -

Very respectfully
John M. Dickey for
Ex. Com.

your wife says she is very
glad to hear of the success
of the project of the
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to see you at the prospect of
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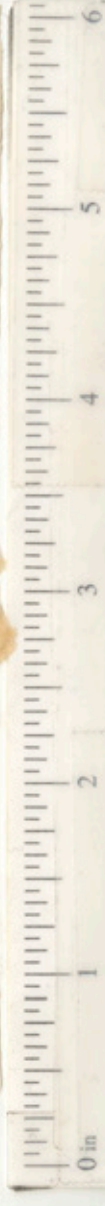
My dear Mr. W.

Sept 14. 1866

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Dear Mr. W. 17. 1866

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New York Sept 14/66
Maj Gen^c O. O. Howard

My Dear Sir

I was
happy to learn from
yours of the 10th inst
that the probabilities
seemed in favor of
your making one of
the Addresses at the
forth-coming Anniver-
-sary of our College
Society — I do most
earnestly hope it may
be so, for I think
you could do a great
deal of good —

The Anniversary is
generally held early in
Nov & this year would
come on the 6th & 7th of
that month — but for

the elections. On account
of these, it may be
necessary to defer it
till Tuesday & Wednesday
the 13th & 14th of November

Could you be
present then?

Respectfully
& most truly

Yours
Theron Baldwin

FREEDMENS' AID COMMISSION,
OF
Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio & West Virginia,
AUXILIARY TO THE
AMERICAN FREEDMENS' AID COMMISSION,

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Pittsburgh, Sept. 15, 1866

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Com. F. R. S. A. S.
Washington D. C.
Dear Sir

A few days ago we had a letter from W. P. Mitchell, our Sup. of Schools, for Freedmen in Penn. & N. Ala., from Huntsville Ala. written he had gone to see about the re-opening of our schools this fall.

Among other things he says "The crops in this part of the Country are almost a total failure, and if rations are withdrawn by Oct. 1, thousands must starve to death. I never saw a town ^{of this size} so dull. The drought has almost burned up every thing. There is no trade & people seem lifeless & listless"

In another communication he says - Judge Soregg of the Probate Court

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expressed the opinion that the destitution
in N. Alabama, would be equal
to, if not greater this year, than it
was last." In the same letter he
speaks of the general stagnation of
business, consequent upon the failure
of the crops, the yield of produce
in this part of the state will not
support the people six months. I give
it as my deliberate opinion that
in pursuance of Gen. Howard's order
the issue of rations ceases, on
the 1st of Oct., hundreds if not thousands
and will starve to death."

When Mr. Howe & Dr. Sturges
to whom I read Mr. Mitchell's letter,
heard it, they said "the Government
ought to know this." In consequence
of their suggestion I write to you.

They have seen all have
the confidence in Mr. Mitchell's
honesty, capacity & veracity. They
themselves are among our most
just citizens. If not personally
acquainted with them I refer you
to your friend Rev. George Whipple
N.Y. who knows them well and
me! Mr. Mitchell has a few
days off (3rd or 4th Sept.) in Mr. Howe's
Office. I also refer you to Messrs.
Marshall & Williams our representa-
tives in Congress. We know you

are surrounded by difficulties,²
but it will not do to let people
starve by hundreds thousands.
As an association, we are so
limited in regard to funds that I
do not see that we can do anything
except in the way of our schools.
The Government thro' the Bureau
seems to be the only help.

Perhaps I might add that
Mr Mitchell is also the Sup.^r of
the school, or of the Pa. Freedmen's
Relief Assⁿ. at Philad. with whom
we are cooperating as to schools,
&c.

Our entire confidence in your
devotion to the interests of the
Freedmen and our respect for
you as a soldier and as a
man is our excuse, if one be
needed, for thus calling your
attention to this matter.

Last year and the year before

we did what we could in the
way of supplying clothing
to the Freedmen. This year
we had fondly hoped such
would be unnecessary. How-
ever the drought has
produced extensively the
destitution here spoken of
the people throughout the
country ought to know of
your facilities for obtaining
information and, of course
enable you to arrive fully
at the real state of the Esc.
State pleasure in stating that
Mr Mitchell speaks very highly
of the excellent qualities of
Col. John B. Callis, the Ass.
Commr. of the Bureau at Wash-
ington.

Very Respectfully
Yrs. S. Traveler
of Freedmen's Com. Wash.



Waterloo Sept. 10th / 1860.

Gen. A. G. Howard

My very dear Sir

For nearly
four years my husband
Gen. J. B. Johnson, has been
doing missionary work among
the Freedmen about it
and receiving for the same
a steady occasional support
of not more than \$300.00 per
year from a missionary society.

But for months, he has not
had even that, and we have
hoped and expected that the
Berean would provide proper
support. I am in feeble health
and utterly unable to maintain
myself. I do not wish to
weigh you, Sir, but I do

know that my husband is
as laborious and single-minded
a man as you have in your
 Corps; and that you only
need to investigate for
yourself, unbiassed by
unaccountable prejudice
manifested by Gen. Mr. B.
to be convinced of the merit
of Mr. J. & Davies, and
to cheerfully compensate him.

I exceedingly regret that a
brother minister should by
influence ^{the great} the object of pop
sustaining a brother minister,
who for the past thirty years
has devoted himself to the
cause of Christ, and the
suffering bondmen and
women with added expenses
is a confident and efficient
worker in the cause of Freedom.

This children on the part
of their Mr & - is not
Christ like - and it should
not be the means of defeating
the support where it is justly
deserved

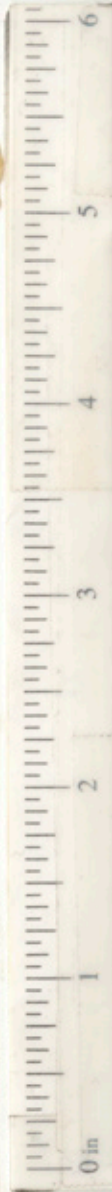
a I am Sir very respectfully
Mrs J. B. Johnson.

Waterloo Sept 16. 1866

Johnson F. B. (Mrs.)

Desires that her
husband may obtain
compensation from
The Bureau.

Reed, Sept 19th. 1866



Private & Unofficial

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands, 13

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS OFFICE, STATE OF KENTUCKY.

Louisville, Ky. Sept 16 1866.

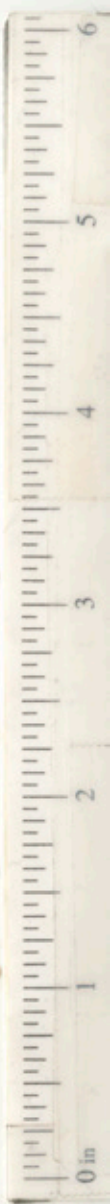
My Dear General

If consistent with your wishes I would be glad to be ordered to Tennessee as Adjutant & District Commander. I see my very good friend Faithful Officer Massell Fisk who has left the Service.

The Administration of the Bureau is now well organized in this State and is running as smoothly as the rebellious disposition of a majority of its inhabitants will permit.

I have found General Davis a very pleasant and cooperative Officer to serve under and am quite as pleasantly situated here as I could wish, but would much like to have the opportunity of aiding you in your arduous and perplexing duties to the extent of my ability as your Asst Commissioner for the State of

[Faint, mirrored handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page. The text is illegible due to fading and bleed-through.]



Tennessee. If you decide to order me
then please have me assigned to duty as
of my Present Rank

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If I go I would like to
take with me Lt Gen F. Burnett
& R. C. now on duty in the State

Please consider this letter con-
fidential

With great respect I have the
honor to be your friend & obd serv

To
Major General
O. Howard
Washington
D. C.

John Ely
Col. F. R. C.
Fort Bragg
Alabama

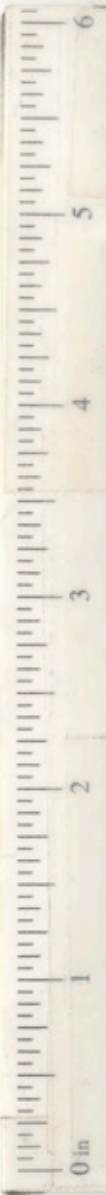
Amurillo Ky.

Sept 14, 1880.

Belief. John
Felt. Perryman.

Asks to be appointed
to the commandant
of Tennessee river
John Felt. Mulford and

Recd Sept 14, 1880.



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Charleston S.C.

Sept. 16 1866

P. S. I enclose
a letter of Gen. Scott
concerning the inci-
dent of leaving of arms
not to be published - C. H. H.

Dear brother

It is a rainy Sunday - I
got here yesterday afternoon and was intending
to visit my Regt. at Sullivan's Id. this
morning with Gen. Scott but the boat
proved us having sprung a leak - I thought
I would be present at the Sunday morning
inspection of the four Companies there.

Dined with Gen. S. yesterday but
stayed with Smith last night - Am now
at Gen. Scott's house - The latter has
been telling me much about the Southern
proclivities of the 6th Infantry officers -

One was tried by Ct. M. for drinking
health of Jeff Davis - Court (mostly 6th Infy.)
gave him easy sentence - Gen. Sicks re-
commended his dismissal - disapproving
sentence of the Court - but the President (John-
son) confirmed sentence of the Court. At
least half of those officers are of that

description.

I saw Beebe at Raleigh - still on that Commission - Has submitted to Adjutant General as to whether his recruiting order should relieve him from the Comnd.

Owing to the preference of Miss Moore he would have preferred a Captaincy in a white Regt - but says he would rather have the Captaincy in a Colored than a Lieutenantcy in a white; ^{28th U.S.C.T.}

Major Donelson has received orders to recruit in my Regt. for U.S.A. - Major Roy ^{6th} Regt. ditto as it requires a Commissioned Officer of Regular Army to sign the papers.

I would like for you to make application to W.D. for Lt. Col. Beebe to report to you as soon as he is relieved from the Military Comnd that he may take Spurgin's place as Local Capt. in D.C. - He will, I think, do well there and Spurgin expects to leave - It would save us the delay and prevent Col. Beebe's transfer out which he would regard a great favor at least until he receives his other Commission.

Then there will be Lt. Col. Beebe, Maj. Ketchum, Chaplain J. K. Noble and myself to be retained by virtue of the new Bureau Bill. 16

If I could have had my Regt. filled up to maximum & thus regain full complement of Officers I would have been glad to have it retained in service - But this they refused and if the character has degenerated it is largely owing to that fact - viz small no. of officers & most of them detached. So I shall not ask for its retention - though it seems poor policy ^{for my Regt.} to lose both officers & men so much needed and wait for the new Regts. - so slow in forming & expansion.

I intend to send an application for Maj. Donibson's name to be substituted for that of Maj. Ketchum - Perhaps it will be better to forward to you for your endorsement and then get Gen. Miles to work it out -

Gen. Scott has done nothing whatever about the Sea Islands - I shall see Mr. French today or soon & will write again - Gen. Scott did not propose to touch that

Recd Sept 29: 1862

matter till after harvest - but this would
put it beyond his term of service if
he is to go out Dec. 1st - The people (at least)
here don't want him to take hold of it I
think - hoping that the law may be repealed.
I think he better push it - getting survey
made and all preliminaries done at once -
What do you think?

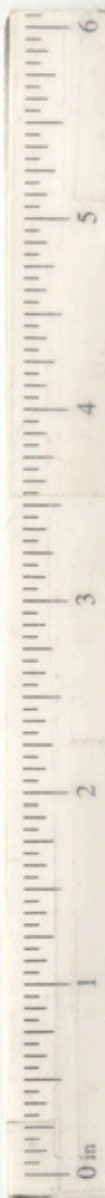
Gen. Scott says of others I consulted on the
way - coming via Charter & Columbia
that there will be lack of sufficient food
this winter without doubt and that the author-
ities will do nothing for the freed people - but
Gen. Scott proposes with our sanction to trans-
port them ~~to~~ freed people in the Western part
of the State to Mississippi, Arkansas &c. as he
says there is a demand for labor in those States.

Residents in Western S. C. tell me that planters
will generally reduce ^{the number of} their hands this fall -
so that many will be thrown out of employ -
Gen. Sickly has accepted the Colonization of the
V. R. C. Regt - having seen that Johnson stock is falling
in the practical market - and knowing that
he was too far committed that way to make anything
by going home now - I am to surprise & the children
your affectionate brother C. H. Howard

Personal

Charleston S.C. Sept 8th 1866
Friend A.

I Enclose you
 an apt from Charleston
 daily news of the 7th
 Do you think his
 conjectures are true
 that the whole North
 may become Reconstruction
 - ties on the subject
 of Slavery - I pity
 the South if you do
 conclude to again
 force them to accept
 Slavery - A great many
 men here think the
 institution will be
 reestablished - But
 I hope you will ^{not} begin
 the of restoring Slavery
 while I am here; a



I know of one man
who enlisted in the
South, considered himself
and served through
the Mexican war - was
honourably discharged
returned to New Orleans
married a white woman
and commenced business
A gentleman of this
State by the name of
Allen James him
and claimed him
as his slave brought
him here - Whipped
^{him} until he got down
on his knees and called
him Master - He then
branded him on the
fore head with the
word slave - That being
the only ^{way} to prevent him
from passing like

a white man - ^{his} This
same Mr Allen ran
for Governor of this
State at the Commencement
of the war or
not long before but
was beaten by Pierce
a few votes - Hence
when it ^{became} the policy
to Reestablish Slavery
I would rather be able
- see and think other
Gauss's had better go
north - As it would
not be difficult to make
a Negro out of any
man by a simple brand
on his face - Oh! Civil
- ization - Oh! Christianity
What? a Jewell to make
Kinel Hapening you are
well - I am. Good.

Remember that while
I am in the Military
Service of the U.S.
I am not permitted
to write anything for
Publication of a pub-
lic Character that
would in any way
affect my duties as
an Officer or committed
thereunto -

Senator Cowan's
at Pittsburgh, Pa.