1125 Girard St.
Philadelphia
Nov. 4th

My dr. Genl.

This is to introduce to you Mrs Smith of Georgia, who has some business with your Dept. Will you do me the favor to give her a patient hearing and aid her all you can consistently with your views and position. I know that this family have always been kind to their people, & since the emancipation act have not turned their backs upon the freedmen formerly

These lines

Yours very truly

Mrs. M. Cuyler.

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Balt. 4 Nov. '66

My dear General.

Gen. Rosecrans

desires to make known

to you Mrs. Georgia

King Butler, a daughter

of the late T. Butler King

Esq. of Georgia, who

was for several years

a member of Congress

from that State.

She has business

with

you

you, which I hope you
will give him an
opportunity to explain —
and commending him
to your regard
I am truly
yrs.
Rowland Johnson

Magdalen School
Hereford
Carlisle

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East Madison, Maine
November 4, 1865.—

My Dear General:—

Broken down in health from injuries received while in the service, and deprived of a pension by reason of dismissal while I was at the point of death, I take this method of asking you for employment without going through the formality of petitioning, presuming upon old acquaintance as an introduction your notice.— My Surgeons recommend a change of climate and the strain upon my little property for the past three years has put such an object beyond my reach unless I can obtain some employment therefore I would respectfully ask you to give me an appointment in your Dept. My left arm is nearly paralized yet I can write and do business. If you

require any reference, beyond your own knowledge, in regard to integrity, ability or judgement. You shall have as good as there is in the State. Knowing that your kindness of heart towards your old Regiment will make this welcome I am General with much respect

Your Obedient Servant

Geo. L. Savage

Ex Lieut 8th Me. Vols

Maj Gen. Howard
Comd of Freedmen

East Madison, Me.
Nov. 14th. 1864.

Savage, Jeff
ex Lt. 3rd Me.

Desires employment in the Bureau. Apr. 1865.

Ans'd. Nov. 21, 1864.

Confidential.

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HEADQUARTERS
District of Mississippi,

Vicksburg Miss., Nov 24th 1866.

Major-General O. O. Howard.
Washington,
D.C.

General:

It is generally understood that there will soon be a vacancy among the Brigadier Generals caused by the resignation of General Rousseau. Many of my personal and military friends are kind and partial enough to think I am entitled, from qualifications, present rank in the regular army, (that of full Colonel,) and from my services during and since the war, to promotion to the grade of Brigadier General, and think I should receive it on the

occurrence of the first vacancy in that grade.

I will inclose with this letter a copy of a special recommendation of me, by our friend Genl Geo H. Thomas, for promotion. Besides this special recommendation, Genl Thomas has, since the close of the war, made out and forwarded to the War Dept, a list of general recommendations for promotion of the officers of the regular army who served under him. My name is at the head of the list, and I am the only officer whom he recommends for promotion to the grade of Brigadier General.

It is not meaning I should be guilty of the egotism of giving you a detailed account of my services during

the war, as you are familiar with my military history. A portion of my service was rendered under your command, or in the same general army with you.

I think it pertinent, however, that I should mention some facts connected with myself which may have escaped your observation.

I have been a full Colonel in the regular army since 1861; and not only is this the case, but there are only some four or five Colonels in the whole army who are senior to me. Of these I think I may say, without being charged with egotism or indiscreetness, that from age and effeteness, or other disqualification, not one is fit for promotion.

Not one of them served actively in the field during the entire war, and only one or two of them were in the field at all.

I am the only officer of the regular army who has been a full colonel since 1861, and who served actively in the field during the whole war, who has not received some permanent promotion. I know that above the grade of Colonel promotion is by selection, which I acknowledge to be a wise and just; but I respectfully submit, that other things being at all equal, some consideration should be paid to seniority. And I further submit that there is no full colonel in the regular army senior to

one, who is entitled by qualifications and service for promotion; and that to promote juniors over the head of a senior, who is entitled by his qualifications and services to promotion, is not the most happy method for securing a harmonious and efficient permanent military establishment.

On this ground I think I may justly claim that I am entitled to be promoted to the first vacancy in the grade of Brigadier General.

It will not perhaps be deemed indelicate or egotistic, if I add that, besides serving actively in the field throughout the war,

and always exercising a command above the grade, with which I was legally clothed, I was twice wounded in battle. While still on my crutches from the wound received at Corinth, station, on the 20 of September, 1864, I commanded my division in active service a length of time, and subsequently the 4th Corps in the battle of Nashville, Dec 15th and 16th, and in the protracted and vigorous pursuit, of more than a hundred miles, made immediately after the victory, in the dead of winter, of the remnant of Hood's Army.

I believe I may truthfully claim that the history of the war affords no parallel of an Officer who remained constantly and actively

field fully under such adverse circumstances. But I will say no more on this point.

I write to ask that if you deem me worthy, from my qualifications and services, of the promotion I seek, that you will, if you do not consider such a course improper or indelicate, lay my claims for promotion before Genl Grant in a personal interview, or some suitable occasion at your earliest convenience.

I am, General, very respectfully your obt. servt and friend,

Th: J. Wood.

Nov. 14th 1864

Wood T. J.
Bvt. Maj. Gen.

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Concerning position
of Brig. Gen. in Ufr.

Surplus

Rec'd. Nov 13th 1864.

Head Quarters. Mil. Div. of the Tennessee
Nashville Tenn. July 30th 1866

His Excellency
Andrew Johnson.
President of the United States
Washington D. C.

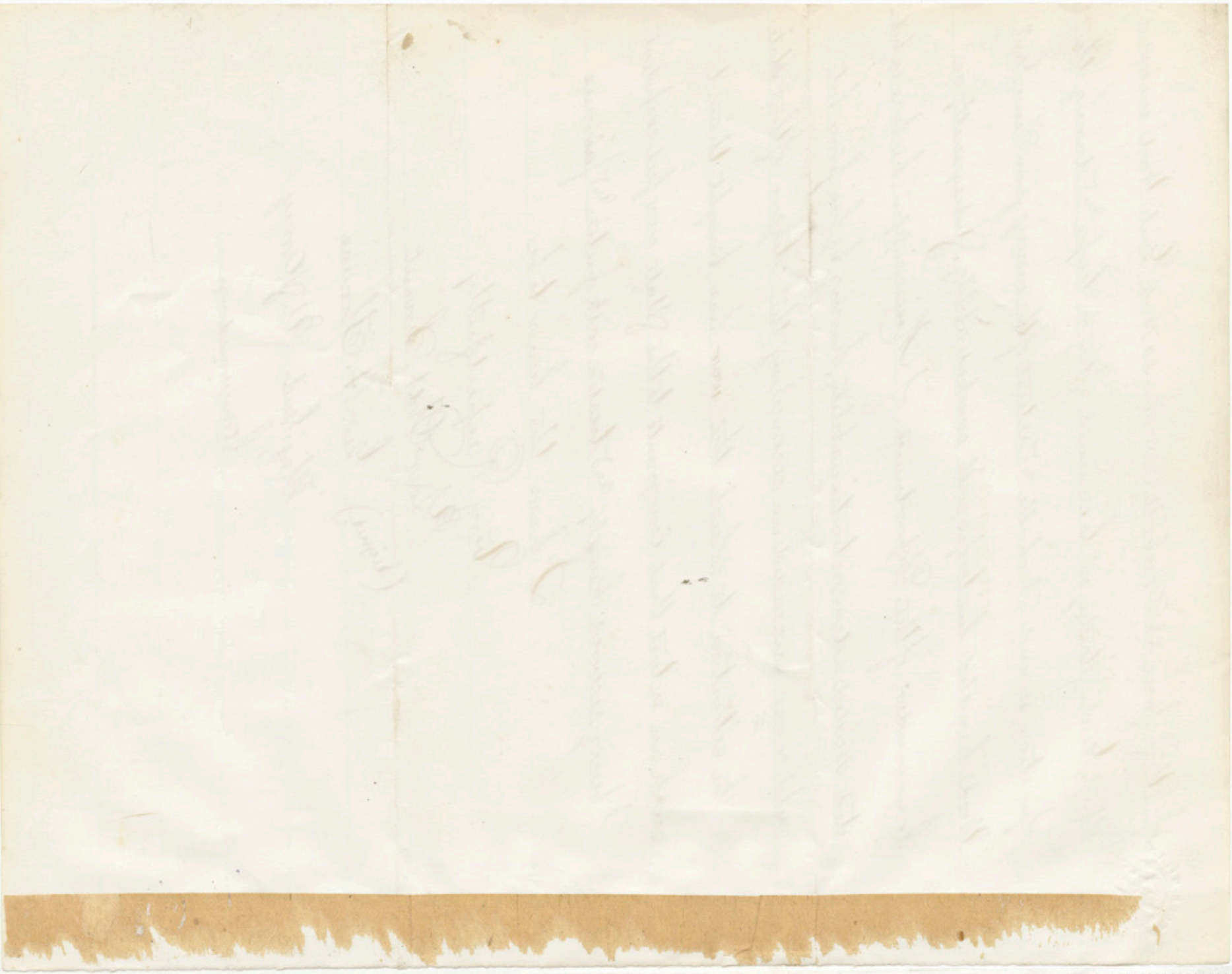
Sir.

I take the liberty of recommending to your favorable consideration, Maj. Genl. Th. J. Wood U.S. Volunteers as Brig. General. U.S. Army.

I have known Genl Wood's for many years during which period he has always sustained the reputation of being an efficient and zealous Officer. Since the fall of 1863, Genl Wood has been under my command. He commanded his Division in the Atlanta Campaign with decided ability and at the battle of Franklin Tenn November 30th 1864. After the concentration

of U.S. forces at Nashville December 20 1864. Genl. Wood succeeded Maj: Genl. Stanley in Command of the 4th Corps and during the operations around Nashville and retreat of the enemy from Tenn. Genl Wood handled his troops with marked ability. Subsequently as Commander of the Department of Mississippi, he has exhibited decided administrative ability, having by his firm but mild course succeeded in reconciling the citizens of that State to the situation to which the war has brought them to such an extent that Emigrants to the State now feel confident of being received kindly and treated with justice and fairness

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt. Servant
(Signed) Geo. H. Thomas
Maj: Genl. U.S. Army
Commanding



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1814.

DEPARTMENT.

American Tract Society,

Instituted in Boston in 1814.

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REV. WILLIAM HAGUE, D. D.
REV. WILLIAM C. CHILD, *Secretary.*

Tract House, 28 Cornhill,

Boston, Mass. Nov 1st 1866

Dear Bro.

I am very anxious to know how you are all getting on & have had my plans to be home Sat. night next – or Sunday morning – I left mother quite well – Celebration was well, was with Mrs E. B. Webb – Our meeting at Park St. last night quite good. subscribed $ over dollars on the Spot. & formed a committee in each the churches to get the 13 000 more – Committee & others, meet tomorrow morning at Mr Sohers – I spoke yesterday four times in different places – remembered Lizzie's birth day on the Sabbath ship. Does the Secretary complain of my absence?

Yr loving brother

Otis

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Tract House, 28 Cornhill,

Boston, Nov 5th 1866

Dear Mr.

I shall soon be back though I am losing the little boy - children are with me & happy - I have to meet some gentlemen tomorrow night at the Jokeys - everybody - Mrs Webb, Mrs Whittemore (who has another little one) & Mother and Lou - Mother thinks she would like to come on in January - Have you all at home - I am homesick for your call, not forgetting Jay, Harry, baby &c -

Shall positively reach you sub. night.

Yours Hpy & lovingly

Otis -

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Worcester Nov. 5 1866

Maj. Gen. Howard

Dear sir

Your favor of the 26 ult. is rec'd,

Naming the 7 or 8 of Feb. as the time of your lecture in our city.

Thursday the 7th. the Hall is engaged for the Lyceum course but the 8th will be entirely satisfactory to us and I have secured the Hall for you on that evening.

Our course will be advertised tomorrow, & will be fully arranged in a few days, when I will send you the list

Respectfully yours &c

A. S. Bumbank

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Western University
Pittsburgh, Pa. Nov 5. 1866.

Major Gen. O. O. Howard,
Dear Sir,

Please do not forget our Chair of Civil Engineering & Military Science.

Do you think Gen. Hunter or McCook, Mack could be induced to accept the situation?

Respectfully yours

George Woods

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The New England Society,

Of the City of New York.

New York, Nov. 5th 1866.

Dear Sir.

The Committee of Arrangements of the "New England Society in the City of New York" respectfully invite you to be present on the occasion of their Sixty first Anniversary and the 246th of the Landing of the Pilgrims on Plymouth Rock on Saturday the 22nd day of December next, at "Irving Hall" corner of East 15th St and Irving Place.

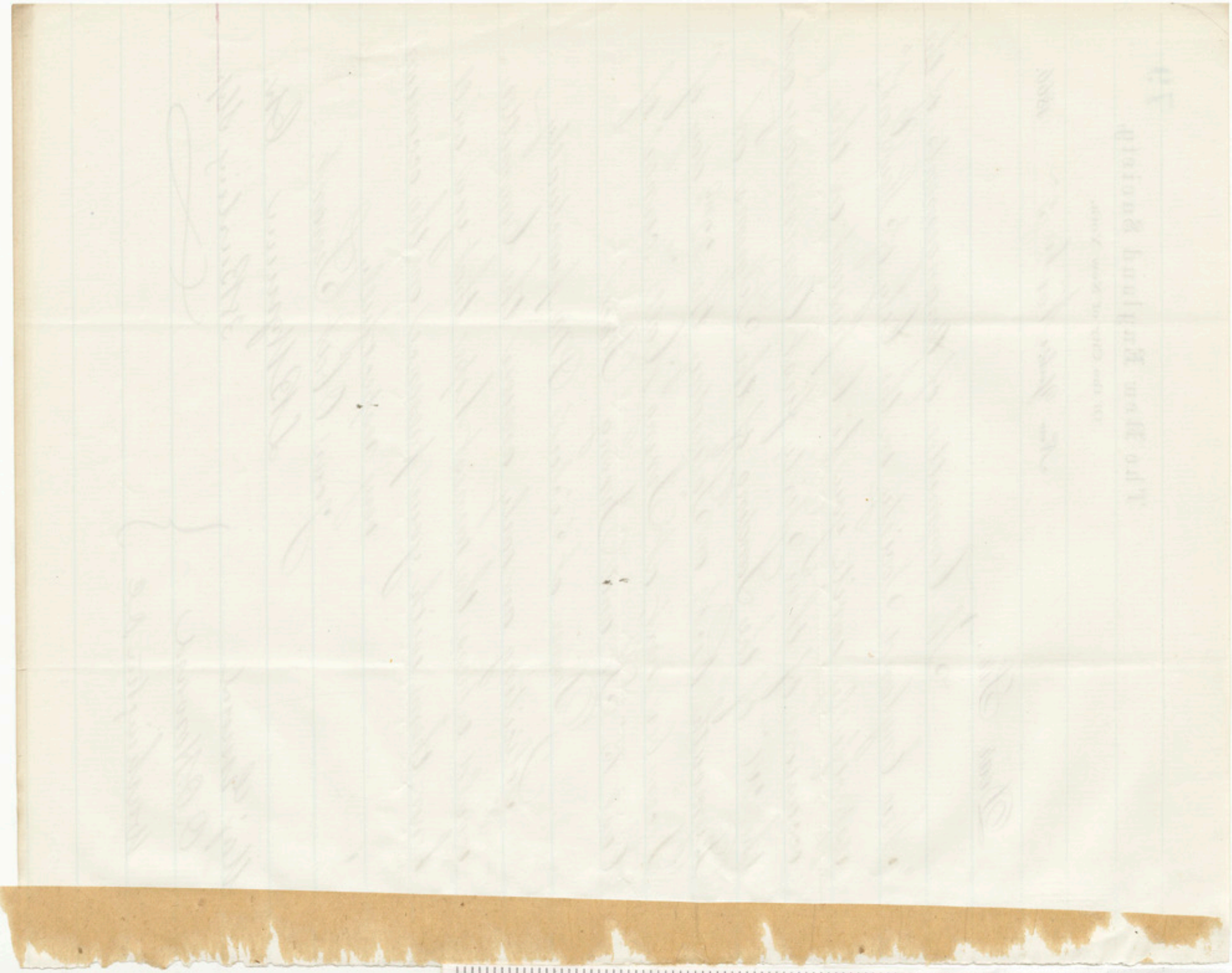
Dinner at 5 o'clock P.M. punctually

Soliciting an early answer the Committee would express the earnest hope that you will honor them with your presence on the occasion

very respectfully
your Obt Servant.

L B Wyman Ch.
38 Burling Slip

To Maj General
O. O. Howard
Washington D.C.



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Hdqrs 2n Bd Bellefonte 16th Mfy
Nashville, Tenn
Nov 6th 1866

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Dear General:

I have fared very badly in the way of promotion in the new Regiments, finding myself as nearly as I can learn, a Major of the 34th Mfy under Lieut Col A. V. Stanty, and probably Lieut Col P. H. Hartranft. I am not only not promoted, but have one junior and one civilian promoted over my head. Under these circumstances I would like to remind you of the proffer you once made of a position in your Bureau, which I believe Mr Stanton prevented your from giving me. Perhaps he would do the same again. But I will take the liberty of saying to you that the position of Asst Commissioner for Tennessee would suit me very well.

I heard to day that Brt Lieut Col Thos C. Williams Captain 19th Mfy was trying to procure that position. As a friend of yours, I would advise you not to consent to his appointment.

He is engaged in litigation here with his deceased wife's family about her property, and the hostility against him on the part of his wifes relatives, and all their friends is very bitter. However it is not delicate in me to advise you on this point, as I have signified my willingness to accept the position; - but I assure the advice was given from purely disinterested motives. Williams would probably be murdered here in less than a month if he were to come. -

Yo Very truly Your friend

Maj Genl O. O. Howard — O. P. Martin

Comd Bureau, F. R. & A. L. — Maj 16th U.S. Infy

Bvt Maj Genl U.S.A.

Boston Nov 6th 66

Thos Bennett. Esq
New York

Dr Sir I recd
Your letter of the 5inst to day and
was very happy to hear from
you. I am sorry that my
brother did not go in the vessel,
& I hope he will stop, and help
me out of this trouble - all I
want to get out of this, is some
friends to bail, me for my
appearance at the Court in March
I hope all my friends will club
together and go security, to Perkins
Jones & Co. for my appearance - I for
need not fear, as I shall
appear like a true soldier
& I will be able to meet them
& able to be successful in
my trial. No doubt I will, if

they give me the chance of meeting them. I hear this morning Mr Ingal the Boston Lawyer has gone to Newfn by the Atlantic Ins. Co. Keep if you see Mr Hawkins my lawyer, tell him to call on Mrs Brean & instruct her what to do, & how to meet him. He wished my lawyer in Boston to go down to Nova Scotia with him. but I will not let him go. as they have not fulfilled their agreement with us. The opinion of my lawyer here they mean to keep me here in jail, & I will compromise with them. "I will die first" You can show this letter to Mr Hawkins my lawyer. Show this to the Atlantic Ins Co. if they want to see it. The truth is powerful & I shall depend on it always & I shall not be deceived whenever is done faithfully & truely

I am astonished that gentlemen of means & capital to try to put down a poor man, who is trying to work himself up for a living put him to confinement & try to compromise with him what is not right for him to do. I sooner die, as to give in in this - I value my honor to much - See Mr Hawkins to show this letter to the Prest of the Alfalfa Mo. Co & tell him I am willing to go before him & make my statement of the whole affair - I will give them all the satisfaction they want & all they wish to refer to about my character for the past. & they will not find an honorable man, who ever say one bad word against me, Do not fail to show this letter to Mr Hawkins & to meet Mr Mills the lawyer & Mrs Brennan together -

Yours Capt Morell

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Boston Mass.
Nov. 6th 1865

Morill Capt.

Concerning this law suit
- written to Mr Th. Bonnet
of New York.

Refuse to
Mr Ackerbert
by order official

Office of J. M. Warren & Co.

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Troy, N.Y. Nov 6 1866

J. Alton Sladen
Lieut U.S.A. A.D.C.
Washington

Dear Sir

I have received no reply to my letter 18th ult – I have placed Gene Howard on my Course for Thursday Feby 7th & if he cannot make any such arrangements as proposed in my letter will accept Feby 9th the date mentioned in your favor 12th ult.

Please give me by return mail the subject for his lecture & terms.

Yours truly
James W Greene

Serg. Jr. Ef. Nov. 6th - 1866

Dear Jamieson

Concerning Rev. Dr. Arch's lecture -

Recd Nov 9th - 1866 -

Waterville P.O.
Nov. 6th 1866

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

Sir

Although I have not the honor of your acquaintance I trust that my connection with the Freedmen's Association of Philadelphia (where I reside) may warrant me in giving a note of introduction to the bearer, Mrs. Wm. Duncan Smith, of Virginia, the daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Butler King. Any or every civility I shall have Mrs. Smith some embarrassment in the interview with you which she desires, is I can know by no further. The object is to obtain from the government

an allowance is sent for Mr. King's plantation on St. Simons Island, which has been occupied for some time by the Freedmen's Bureau. He is a man of very superior intelligence and refinement, and your intimacy with his wife, I am sure, is in every way agreeable. She will fully explain the details of his case. It will give me much pleasure to learn that you have felt justified in extending favorably to him appeal. I am, with great respect,

Your obedient servant,

Philip C. Randolph

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O. H. PALMER, Sec'y. J. H. WADE, Pres't.

16 Dated, Washn Nov 6th 1866

Received at South End Office

To Genl O. O. Howard

care Rev Dr Webb

635. Tremont St

Boston

Genl Swayne is here,

When will you be back?

Chas H. Howard

Genl

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Washington DC
Nov 6 1864

Howard O. O.
Bvt. Brig. Genl.

Concerning Genl. Howard's
return to W.

58 Wall Street 74

New York Nov. 6. 1866

My dear General,

Your note of yesterday is before me. I have made a list of persons to be invited - and consulted my own deliberate judgment; and advised with common friends of ours and of the cause. The unanimous conclusion is that the plan I proposed will not be good - that the result would be an injury rather than a real benefit. It is with real regret that I have come to this conclusion: and with more regret that I write it.

But we put apart ~~&~~, in an enterprise so important, and one which will probably be sooner or later laid before nearly every one who will be present, to make an experiment: and an experiment which may succeed or may be only a partial success. If it is a partial success, we injure the good cause. For patient effort will do all that we can hope for in the meeting. It is an experiment, to get both men and women together in a private house and for such an object. Understand me: the

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guests will all be my friends. There is no possible objection on my part: but I must not put you or the church in Washington in the position of doing what Mrs Grundy will not approve.
New York people are as peculiar in their ways, and as obstinately wedded to those ways, as are our New England kinsfolk & friends.

If you can be here on Friday morning, and will write or telegraph when you stay, I will call and go with you to see such persons as we think will aid the work: the task will be lighter if a friend goes with you.

and it will give me real pleasure to be of any assistance in your arduous undertaking.

One thing more: if you are coming on with Mrs Howard - as I understood - or if you are others come directly to my house. We will be glad to take care of you while here. If you must do this, take dinner with me on Friday - we dine at six - and I will ask two or ~~three~~ three clever fellows to join us - and please to write a telegraph to me ~~tomorrow~~ when you will arrive, and whether you will adopt all of my suggestions - and if not all - and why - which -

Very truly yours
Chas Sumner

Maj: Gen: Howard

New York City
Oct 8th 1844

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Gould Chas

My home is No. 5. East 26th St

Concerning the affairs of
the Congregational Church
of Washington D.C.