

LECTURE BY DR. RANDOLPH.

Quite a large audience gathered at Croby's Music Hall, yesterday afternoon, to hear the lecture of Dr. P. B. Randolph on "What and Where is God?" He stated that if weighed in the orthodox scale, he believed there was no God. If in the more liberal one of reason and newer light, there most certainly was a God. People in ancient times, long before the Christian era, believed there was a God, but what and where he was they pretended not to say. When Christ came, the people called him God. The speaker did not believe that Jesus was God any more than that any one of the audience that sat before him was, but he believed that He was nearer to God by possessing more of the attributes of God than any other human being that ever lived. He did not believe in the Christ as presented to day by the orthodox churches, or as taught by the Spiritualists; he believed him much more than that. The speaker said he was to announce the great truth of the nineteenth century—a greater and more potent one than the coming of Christ. The Apostles had no conception of the great truth. That great fact was that God is electricity, is motion and light.

The speaker labored for upward of an hour to impress his infidel notions upon the minds of his audience. So far as the object in view was concerned, however, his blasphemy produced no useful results, and the audience dispersed with no stronger conviction derived from the discourse than that the lecturer was hopelessly confused in his theological reasoning.

eri

Secret

o. Wh

E. ST

R. SH

Gen

cia

no

D.

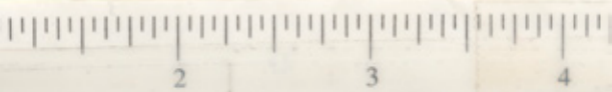
You m

voters.  
 he im-  
 pt to  
 Stan-  
 victed  
 abet-  
 loyal  
 pology  
 ibility.  
 should  
 hat al-  
 knew.

**TIES.**  
 entieth  
 Sanga-  
 ate, by  
 hat of

fects the South unfavorably, whether t  
 tend the franchise to the colored citi  
 not. "The Union," he says, "was ori  
 designed mainly for the conduct of fore  
 fairs and common defense, leaving to the  
 the regulation of their domestic concerns  
 Constitution resulted from a comprom  
 sectional interests, without which it co  
 have been formed. Indeed, in that co  
 mise, the rights and interests of the Car  
 as affected by the presence of a very larg  
 can population in some of the States, we  
 sidered and adjusted. The African el  
 whether bond or free, was computed  
 with reference to this identical subject of  
 sentation, and alike ignored regarding th  
 tive franchise.

"The object now urged against the s  
 ment is, that it will fall upon citizens b



## American Missionary Association :

No. 53 JOHN STREET.

Secretaries :

REV. GEO. WHIPPLE, }  
 REV. M. E. STRIEBY, } *New-York.*  
 REV. J. R. SHIPHERD, } *Chicago.*

*New York, Nov. 15, 1866*

*Gen. C. C. Howard*  
*Washington, D.C.*

*Dear Sir*

*You may remember that I expressed to you some unfavorable opinions in relation to D. Randall, of New Orleans. I learn that he had a levee at Chicago a few days since; and enclose you a slip from a Chicago paper noticing it.*

*I do not wish to injure D. R., but I would be glad to prevent his abuse of any commendation you may have given him.*

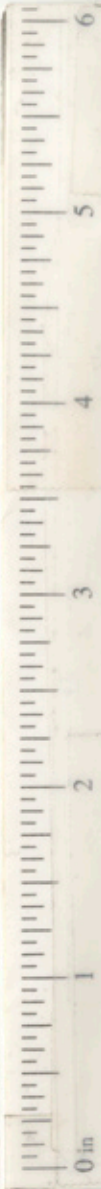
*Yours truly*  
*G. Whipple*  
*G. W.*

It is not believed that Jesus was God any more than  
of the attributes of God than any other  
but he believed that he was nearer to God by pos-  
that any one of the attributes that set before him was.

13

AMERICAN HISTORY ASSOCIATION

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



Marble Hotel Boston Mass. Nov. 15. 1864

Major General Howard

Washington

Dear Sir,

I shall leave to-morrow for Hartford, where I wish to confer with Mr. Bartholomew who stands at the head of the most wealthy & successful Emigrant Company in the country, as soon as I arrive in Phil<sup>a</sup>. I shall inquire by Telegraph whether you are in Washington, where I am desirous of meeting you. I have only raised here about \$300 but friends of mine will be active after I am gone. This refers particularly to my Orthodox Congregational friends, amongst whom, they say, you have made a clean sweep, but I suppose there is something left

My old friend Prof. Longfellow  
has added my Subscription List here  
with \$100.

Your friend  
Hermann Bokun

115

Will Genl. Howard be kind  
enough to appoint an hour when  
I may see him to make the  
necessary explanations relative  
to my claim, and present the  
petition I bring indorsed by  
Genl. Wilson.

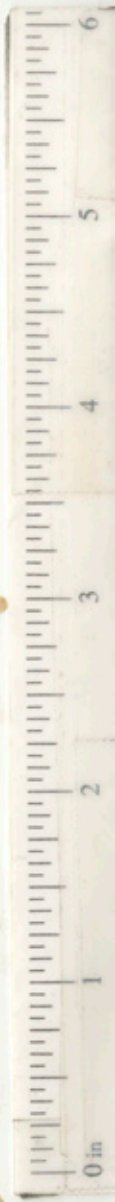
Very Respectfully  
George Washington Smith.

Thursday Nov 15<sup>th</sup>

[1866]

11

*[Faint, illegible handwriting, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side of the page]*





Dear Anson,

I have just had a conversation with Seneca Wilson. He regretted not meeting you in Boston. I inquired what Church he was going to attend. He replied - Dr. Lundbom's. My reply was; you must go with Row and stand by your own Church. His reply was, I will.

He goes to Washington perfectly acquainted with its temptations, and fully fixed in his purpose to honor his Saviour there.

Will you then put him out as soon as he arrives; before the first Sabbath, and introduce him to your circle and your services.

I believe in the unity of the Church; but have a growing conviction that we have never been true to

our own principles to labor so little  
for the establish of Churches framed in  
the pattern of the fathers, a presbyterian  
and puritan.

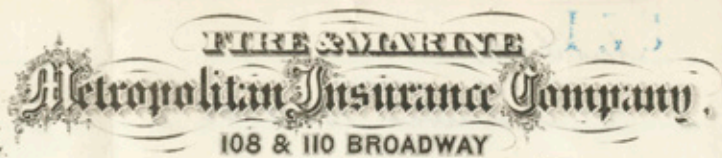
I talked with Dr. Palmer  
this morning about your Church he  
spoke favorably of them trying to get  
the money to enable the Conf. Union  
to take all the cost of the lot off your  
hands.

Yours in the love of Jesus and God

Edw. N. Kirk

Boston, Nov. 15. 1866.

James Levine, Chairman, Pres!  
Robert M.C. Graham, Vice Pres!  
Clintons B. Fish, 2<sup>d</sup> Vice Pres!  
Henry H. Porter, Secretary  
W. R. Wadsworth, Asst. Secretary  
Elliott Robbins, General Agent.



New York Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 1864.

Dear Genl Howard

I enclose herewith  
my checks ~~x~~ 4. Met Bank. / 50.00  
to apply on my subscription to  
your church enterprise - I hope  
to spare you the other 50<sup>00</sup> next  
month -

God bless you in the  
good work of erecting a Christian  
ch in Washington. where a free  
gospel shall be preached from  
a free pulpit -

Yours Very Sincerely

Christus H. Stark

My Genl O. O. Howard  
Washington D.C

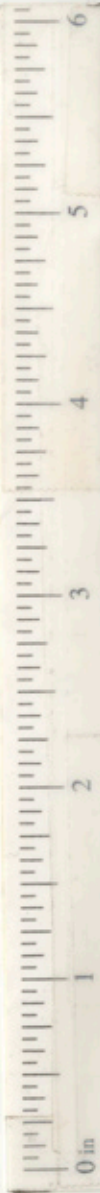
New York,

November 15, 1866

Chilton B. Fisk

Sund \$50.00 check for church.

Recd Nov 16. 1866



Congregational Building, Chauncy Street,

Boston, Nov 16 1866

My Dear Genl. Rowland,

38  
 Your request for aid from the Am. Cong. Union, with which to pay for the remainder of the laid on which we are building a house of worship for I. Cong. Ch. of Washington D.C. that you left with Dr. Palmer in New York, was laid before the Board of Trustees, at their meeting ~~day~~ before yesterday. All expressed the warmest sympathy with the object, & with you personally. But the funds in hand, it was strongly felt, would not justify so large an appropriation now to any one place. It is hoped that the next two months will put us into a better condition, when we may be at least able to look more favourably at this request.

I assure you personally, that no effort shall be wanting on my part to obtain the funds; & to no place now available would I prefer to see them largely invested than in our great capital, so completely the doorway to all the great affairs being  
 Yours as of  
 J. W. Langwell

Congregational Building, Spring Street

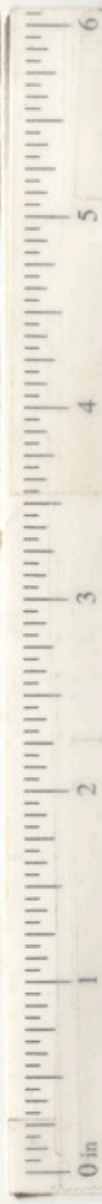
Boston, Nov 10 1846

Dear Brother, Dear Sir,

Your report for this year  
 from the Congregational Society to pay for the  
 maintenance of the choir we wish to see before  
 being presented for a copy of it. I understand  
 that you left with Dr. Johnson in  
 the month of last year before the Board of  
 Directors, in their meeting they before  
 the report of the various departments with  
 respect to the year ending. Now the  
 year in hand, it was thought best to  
 justify in large or of proportion now to  
 my eyes please - It is subject that the  
 it has matters will just as well as  
 the condition, when we may be at  
 not able to look over favorably at  
 the report -

I assure you however, that no other  
 will be wanting on my part to obtain  
 a favor; as to the other part which  
 could I prefer to see them copy of minutes  
 in our present condition, as completed  
 the clear way to all the fees upon this  
 report.

Yours affectionately  
 J. W. Johnson



Jacinto Miss Nov 14 1888  
 Maj General O Howard

My dear Sir

You are no doubt through your  
 Subordinate Officers well informed as  
 to the Condition of your Department  
 in this State, It is but due to them  
 that I give my endorsement of the  
 fair, impartial, able, and satisfactory  
 manner in which their duties have  
 been perform, and from the position  
 I occupy, I have a better opportunity  
 perhaps than any one else, to judge  
 The Governor of the State in his Message to  
 the Legislature although unfortunately  
 indulging in some reflections upon  
 the Union Soldiers, during the war  
 paid a deserved Compliment, to  
 General Howard, and those under his  
 Command.

I have by myself and Co-operation  
 endeavored as far as possible to relieve  
 your Officers from being troubled  
 with judicial questions, and to aid in  
 securing to the poor people their civil

rights, I have found a mild but firm and decided course the best, public opinion is now as a general rule in favour of giving these people all the rights provided for by what is known as the civil rights law, it is found that the interests of both classes are promoted by its observance. The Governor recommends the repeal of the restrictive laws passed by the Legislature last year, and the securing of their civil rights, and if not done by this Legislature, I have no doubt will be by the next, if indeed now they are with occasional exceptions dead letters on the statute book.

The failure of the crops owing not to the want of culture, so much as the wet Spring, and dry Summer will make the ensuing year a very hard one on the poorer classes, both black and white in this State, and from information in most of the South, if therefore Congress will be liberal in making appropriations to your department for the purposes of relief, your institution will prevent great suffering and at last be a favorite popular institution.



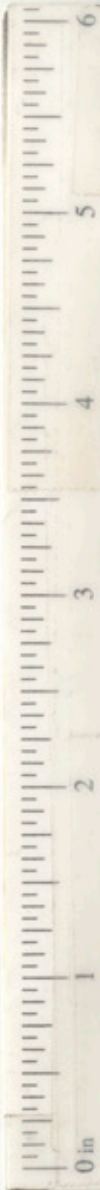


our industrial pursuits, the prejudices  
to be overcome and must think we  
have done remarkably well.

Hoping that the day is not far distant  
when all the States may be placed in  
full relationship to each other, when  
passion and prejudice shall have  
given way to a Christian and brotherly  
feeling between not only the two races  
but between the people of all sections.

I remain your friend

Robert A. Hill



[Jacinto] November 16, 1864

General Hazard

In writing you I omitted to mention that not long since I met with Judge B. M. Moore, of Anite City La, an old acquaintance of mine, formerly of Tennessee. Judge Moore informs me that if the peculian system is properly encouraged, and protected in his portion of his State he believes the Community will loose little by the change. Should you need an agent or information in relation to the affairs of your department you might do well to appoint him or correspond with him, he is a man of good practical sense and when I knew him in Tennessee a man of standing and character, which I presume he maintains. I was pleased to hear him express hopeful views of the future knowing him to be a sensible practical man I know nothing of his position or conduct in relation to the rebellion.

Yours truly

R. A. Will

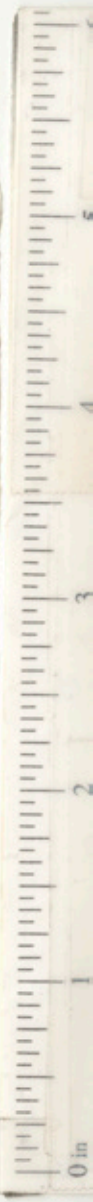
Memorandum  
November 16<sup>th</sup> 1846

Will. Parker A,  
Judge

Bring an account of  
affairs in Miss, and  
the workings of the  
Bureau, the condition  
of the freedmen &c

and

Read Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 46



Journal

Nov 16 1866.

Major Gen Howard

San Francisco.

157

We learn from Sam<sup>l</sup> Hall Esq who was formerly on your staff that the citizens of Dover, 12 miles distant from us, are to be honored with a lecture from you on the evening of February 6<sup>th</sup>. Our citizens have long been desirous to listen to you in this city and they would most respectfully invite you to lecture here the evening before or after you lecture in Dover. or in fact any evening from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> of February. Your compensation to be one hundred Dollars, 100<sup>00</sup>.

With Sentiments of

Respect & Esteem

Yours &c forwards

John F. Raulo

Jos. Miller Foster

Charles L. Sidd

Charles W. Brewster

George J. Vaughan.

John L. Harvey

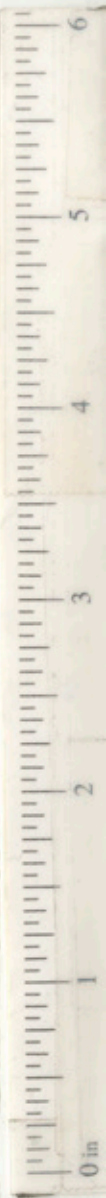
James H. Dow.

Joseph A. Grace

Lewis W. Brewster

1855  
Nov 10 1855

*[Faint, illegible handwriting on lined paper]*



Time 12<sup>30</sup> Pm.

Office U. S. Military Telegraph,

Telegram received at **WAR DEPARTMENT,**Washington, D. C. Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> 1866

To

From

Baltimore Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> 1866To Maj Gen C. O. Howard

Can you attend meeting  
 National Ophan associated here  
 tonight By request of the Lady  
 Managers

E. M. Gregory  
 Put in Post

Rfd 415-

Baltimore Md.,

Nov. 16. 1866

Telegram:

Gregory - S. M.

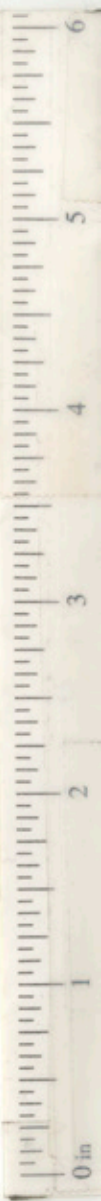
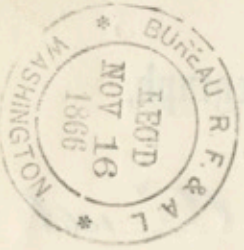
Bot-Bing Street.

Can General Howard

attend meeting of the

National Orphan Association

on 16th?





159

Syracuse Nov 16, 1866  
General

Can you make it convenient to lecture here, under the auspices of the "Syracuse Fraternity", on your way to or from Oswego? - we see you announced for the coming winter course there -

If you can please state terms and time & oblige

Yours truly

J. G. M. Troy

Drawer 84

Genl. Howard  
Washington

Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> 1864  
Orange, N. Y.

---

F. H. Crosby

---

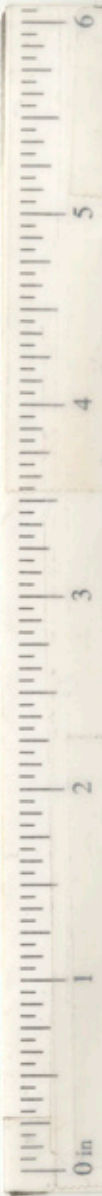
14

Concerning letter.

---

Ans'd

Ans'd  
Recd. Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 1866.



Secretaries:

GEORGE WHIPPLE, } New York.  
MICHAEL E. STRIBBY, }  
JACOB R. SHEPHERD, Chicago.

160  
AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION:

29, Lombard Block;

Chicago, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 1866

Dear Brother

I reached here today from Cleveland. Dr. Storms after consulting some of his Church thought it better to defer all efforts in behalf of our Church till they had completed a similar undertaking in aid of a Church at Indianapolis - Rev. Mr. Nichols of Dr. Bogutan's Church was out of town so I did nothing there. Dr. S. seems to think if you would come that something would be done but their ideas range low - small sums - in levies.

At Cleveland I saw Dr. Wolcott & found they were just talking of building. He & others of the Freedmen's Aid wish

you to come & say they will do  
something - Mr & Dr. Stans promised  
to prepare the way & both showed great  
interest in our Church, Dr. Stans  
was particularly kind - taking me to  
ride in his buggy &c. - Mr. Croft  
of Am. Miss. Assoc. thinks you must  
come West to attend some meetings  
for Freedmen's Cause. My official  
business at the two other cities there  
has been very satisfactory - met the  
Officers of the Freedmen's Aid of Cleve-  
land - They will assist in the Emphy-  
ment business - Mr. Shepherd says  
Kiddos wanted to see you - Perhaps he  
goes to Washington. Mr. S. says that the  
Supt. of Education for Texas, G. M. Wheelock  
is not a reliable man & that he is very in-  
active - says Kiddos said he would like for  
you to address his removal but that he  
own social relations were such with Whil-  
that he did not like to dismiss him!

I suppose you will be disappointed

1871

Secretaries:

GEORGE WHIPPLE, }  
MICHAEL E. STRIEBY, } New York.  
JACOB R. SHIPHERD, Chicago.

**AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION:**

29, Lombard Block;

Chicago,

I have done so little for our Church but it is a matter that requires more time than I felt I could use - especially as it had not been previously proposed - It seems to me you could come out here by & make quite a harvest -

Shipherd says so and besides is very desirous you should come & address a meeting for the Freedmen.

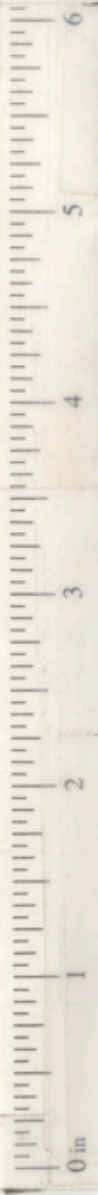
I got in too late to go to Cedar Rapids before Monday - Will be back here Wed- and start for Washington that night or next morning - unless I get a summons to come sooner from you - Love to all the family  
Your Affectionate Brother  
C. A. Howard

Chicago, Ill.

Jan. 19. 1864

Dear Sir,

Recd Jan. 20. 1864



Nov. 17. 1862

Dear General:

Ascertain for me  
in a perfectly reliable  
shape, whether the la-  
dies of the Institution  
for destitute women &  
Children (colored) have  
made any arrange-  
ments for vacating Mr  
Cox's house, and let  
me know. Truly Yrs,

L. Schuyler

Genl. O. Howard

Indeal

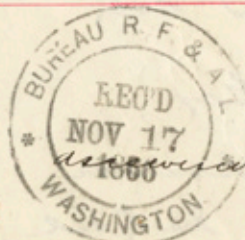
Washington

Nov. 17. 1866

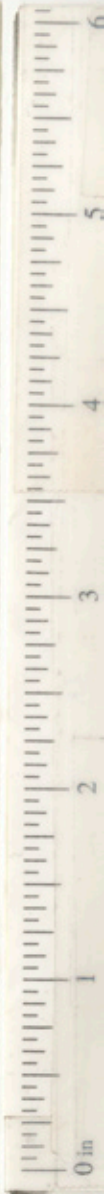
Shower - E.

Inspector General

Requests to be inform  
ed if the ladies of the  
Institution for destitute wo-  
men & children of color have  
arranged to vacate Mr Col's  
house yet.



received in person



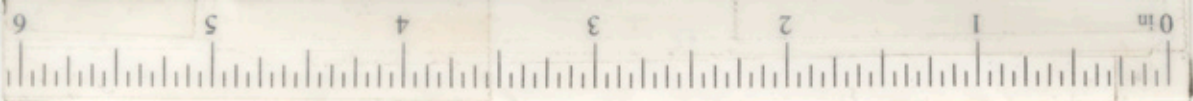


New York 20734 Maiden Lane  
Nov 17<sup>th</sup> 00.

Dear General

Your kind favor  
has been rec<sup>d</sup>. I beg you  
will accept my thanks for  
your attention to my inquiry.

Without having the  
ample opportunity you  
certainly have of judging of  
the Cotton crop, I had  
made up my mind to  
about the same estimate,  
possibly lower, say 900,000 bales —  
I hope that I may be  
disappointed in my anticipations



& best wishes,

I have the honor to subscribe myself

Your obedient servant

Max Woodbury

My dear Mr. Howard

Washington D.C.

of the earnings of Reuben  
 will use the shutters  
 of the crop, as an argument  
 against the new system  
 of labor, throwing out of  
 consideration the other  
 influences that have  
 acted unfavorably -  
 under certain circumstances  
 in my business, a shut  
 crop may be advantageous  
 to me, proving the old  
 adage, "Tis an ill wind  
 that blows no one any good".  
 With kindest regards,

New York Nov. 17, 1846

---

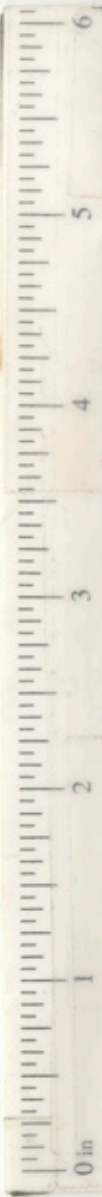
Hoodkull, May

---

Friendly letter

---

Rica Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> 1846



Theo. Seminary, 168  
Gettysburg, Penna.,  
Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> 1866.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,  
Gov. Freedmens Bureau,

Sir:—

There is connected with the Theo. Seminary, of this place, a Missionary Society, composed of the Professors and students, which meets once a month. The Society is divided into Standing Committees to whom is assigned the duty of gathering all the intelligence they are able upon the various subjects which it is their duty to investigate in reference to the efforts and success of all Christian Churches and associations for the evangelizing of mankind at home and abroad. It is their duty to make a report once a month. Up to the present month there has been no Standing Com-

upon Freedmen. I introduced  
a resolution providing for a Stand-  
ing Committee to gather all the  
intelligence possible in reference  
to the spiritual, moral and mental  
progress of the Colored race in this  
Country, and such other facts as  
may be of interest in reference  
to the elevation of this race.

This resolution was unanimously car-  
ried, and a Committee appointed  
with myself as Chairman.

The importance of such a Com-  
mittee cannot be overestimated.

All the students have the man-  
istry in view, and every year a  
class will leave to commence  
the active duties of the ministry.

In June next another class will  
be prepared to commence their  
duties as pastors. They are well  
earnest, large hearted men, and  
ready to assist in every good

work. The reports of such a Committee will keep this matter constantly before our minds, and serve to prepare us for an active co-operation with all lovers of humanity in contributing our humble part towards the elevation of a down trodden and persecuted race.

In view of these facts I desire to gather all the material I can for my monthly reports, and I trust you will pardon the liberty I take in respectfully asking your co-operation in this matter. I have the honor to ask, if not incompatible with your duties, that you will please send me such papers and documents as you can from time to time, in reference to the Colored race in this Country, as may come into your possession, and which you may desire to furnish under such circumstances as I have stated.

You would also confer a great favor  
if you would indicate how &  
where I may obtain monthly in-  
formation concerning all religious  
efforts made among the colored people.  
I desire to get all the material  
I can, and all the general  
information bearing upon this subject.  
We are all limited in our means  
and cannot afford to incur  
any expense in getting documents  
and material, and consequently  
we must rely upon Christian  
Friends to furnish us such  
papers and information as we  
need. I refer <sup>you</sup> as to myself and  
the institution to Rev. Mr. Butler,  
pastor of the Lutheran Church in  
your city. Asking pardon for  
intruding this upon you I

Remain  
Respectfully  
H. C. Grossman

We meet the  
1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday in every  
month.



Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,  
OFFICE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER, STATE OF GEORGIA,

163

Savannah, Ga., November 17<sup>th</sup> 1866.

Dear General.

Taking advantage  
of the Steamers going to Beaufort  
to break up the quarantine, I  
visited St Catharines & Sapelo  
Islands for the purpose of settling  
the land claims of the Freedmen  
and giving them warrants for  
land in South Carolina in  
compliance with the law of  
Congress to continue this Bureau  
&c. I have already given  
quite a number of warrants  
but it is plainly evident  
that these claims cannot  
be adjusted prior to my  
mustering out of service at  
the 1<sup>st</sup> of next month. Some  
few of the Freedmen are  
ready to move now, but

the most of them will be  
gathering their crops up  
the December 25 at which  
time the year ends by the  
customs of the Country. I  
think the settlement of all  
these claims can just about  
be completed by the 1<sup>st</sup> of  
Jan. next. If you still  
desire it, I will remain  
during next month and  
complete this work in  
accordance with my plan  
while in Washington. I  
cannot remain on duty longer  
than Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> as I have  
purchased a plantation and  
after that time I must  
attend to my private business.  
Indeed, should you retain  
me, I must ask you to  
allow me to give a few  
hours occasionally to my

own affairs, in order to direct  
the mechanics who will be  
repairing my house. My place  
is only three or four miles out  
of my track in going to  
and from the Islands. I  
should prefer to be mustered  
out on the 1<sup>st</sup> of Dec next  
and be employed by you.  
But as the law (Sec 4)  
requires the West Court of  
SOUTH CAROLINA & GEORGIA to  
examine all their claims &  
I doubt if I could legally  
do it after being mustered  
out of service and thereby  
relieved as West Court. If  
you decide to have my  
muster out changed to Jan'y  
1<sup>st</sup> please let me know the  
fact. If not, I recommend  
that my successor be selected  
at once, to enable him to

to become acquainted with  
his duties while I am here  
and can give him <sup>and information</sup> assistance,  
which I will gladly do. While  
at the Islands several gentlemen  
asked me if I could not  
aid them to get to their  
homes they have selected for  
next year. I told them I  
had applied to you for authority  
to hire a small steamer to  
enable me to go along the coast  
to settle their claims, and  
that if my request was granted,  
and you would give your consent,  
I would take them <sup>with the logs</sup> on board  
and land them at points  
along the coast where they  
wished to go. This seemed to  
please them very much, and I  
believe it would be not  
only an act of charity but  
of justice to do this, and  
I am satisfied it would

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,  
OFFICE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER, STATE OF GEORGIA,

Savannah, Ga., 186

have the happiest effect. It will cost the Government but little ~~and~~ will please both the former owners of land, and the freedmen, and encourage the latter to begin their labors for next year in a hopeful spirit. They are off the ordinary links of transportation and if compelled to remove at their own expense, they will absorb a large portion of the little they have raised this year and will become discouraged and disheartened. If this aid can be extended to them in addition to giving them warrants for land I ~~think~~ am quite sure I

can satisfy them fully  
and adjust, <sup>means or dates</sup> all these  
questions harmoniously. Please  
let me know your decision  
on both these points as  
early as possible.

Obliged Yours Very Truly  
Danis Bissett  
Paul May

Mrs. Jane Howard  
Carr Bureau R.F.A.D.  
Washington D.C.

P.S. I have not yet heard  
from my application for  
to go and permit to his  
aboard steamer.

D.T.