

P.S. This certificate is, I believe, negotiable in any of the Wash: Banks.

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Wm. April 9. 1867.

Gen General,

I send, with
pleasure, the amount of my
subscription towards the Corp:
Grant building, twenty-five dol-
lars. In doing so, to you, - I
very naturally think of the
feelings of the Old Jews towards
the Roman Centurion, - when
they said to him, that "he was
worthy, - for he built us a
synagogue, and he has built us a
synagogue." Please send me, at
your convenience, notice of your
having received it. 119

With high esteem, &c.
Wm: Gen: D. D. Howard. M. B. G. den

Farmington Apr. 9/67

Dear Mother

It was very kind
in you to remember Capt.
Menills appointment to our
P. Co. - I know such things
are very distasteful to you
and I don't wonder. If
the telegraph has not been
he has been "confirmed"
after two "coppers" had
been rejected.

We will be glad to see
Mother again but dread
the mud blockade so
much for her & ourselves, that
we hope you will keep
her in a summer chime
as long as you can. Our
snow is still two feet
deep on a level. Tho. the
roads are getting bare

3) Parsons that Caroline Olive has thousand too.
As a family her home need to be a sort
of Boston Hotel for us all. Our meetings
are well attended and there will be a
No: to join the Church May 1st - Blackley says
about a Minister in case Dr. Dargenton leaves.
It is a hard place to give. But it seems to
me you need a man of our profession
object & aim as much as any Church I ever
saw. His profpit labors must be good if
come. But above all he must carry into
that money & selfish Christianity. With the
family of his people the spirit of his doctrine.

and muddy in places. Our
 roads out of the Village will
 hardly be passable till about
 May 1st. I fear Mother will
 go home & work so hard
 after her winter's rest as
 to get sick at first. She must
 make us an early visit - before
 the Washington Story grows cold.
 She hasn't been a very constant
 correspondent of ours and
 there is much that we want to
 know. Such things as Charles
 probably finds time to write
 to Boston or Bangor. We
 enjoy living, in distinction from
 hoarding very much ~~money~~ - and
 anticipate our Garden & its
 work very much. This is one
 of the most beautiful
 locations in town. I was
 glad you could return
 some of the thousand

4. Finis. Be sure of a Congre-
gationalist. A Resbyterian
would not help. But
I didn't mean to write this
at all - Give much love
to Mother Charles, Lizzie
& the next generation - Dad
goes to a little family school
of four in a room now has
three hours a day - Otis improves
in looks and, I think, in
temper. He is too near his
father's age for purposes of
discipline. Uncle Esq's
note yesterday. I enclose
his letter for Charles
& Mother as well as
myself - Ella is saving
her money to go to Washington.
I am talking of going to
Bangor the last week of April
to Europe with Charles to the
great Exposition this summer.
Am used up with a "cold" now
affly. Remland

And then he will need
to be of a practical mind
or he will not be able
to gather up, organize &
gather in the Elements of
a good Church of Christ -
The smaller his connection
with Officers & Officials
the better for his highest
influence as a spiritual
adviser & minister of the
Gospel. I think the Priests
gain much by their single-
ness of aim. We should
subordinate everything to
Christ as they do to "the
Church" - Every other man,
from the politician
to the hod-carrier drives
his own trade in spite
of & exclusion of all others.
Christ's ministers must
seek first & exclude spiritual

interests. All things must
be subordinated to one thing.
Salvation = But doubtless
you have thought of all
these things and are con-
scious for the man. It
will be very unsafe to
take one without much
praying for him. Our fathers
always appointed a day
of fasting & prayer when
they were about to call
a minister. One other
qualification - He should
be a man of character
so respectable that the
dozen or so Cong. ministers
in the Church, who have
been near enough to min-
ister to lose the Eucha-
ment that distance lends.
shall be compelled to
show him deference =

It is a place that ought
to be avoided perhaps by
many, rather than sought.
The temptations will be greater
than usual. The encourage-
ments - especially the perma-
nent fruits of a ministry
will be less. One can gather
a Church & congregation and
to see them often disperse.
The pecuniary basis of the
Enterprise is small, even
now dependent on some
Enthusiasm for loyalty & Cong-
regationalism that will
pass away. The Kingdom of X.
in Washington is peculiarly
subject to the Kingdom of this
World. No man, as a rule
goes to W. or lives there
for Christ's sake. People
come here because they
wish to bring up their

Children in a Christian
Community - & see them
connected - Everybody goes to
W. for some other purpose.

Rev Lyman Abbott has all
the pulpit & administra-
tive abilities that you can
expect to find - His weakness
is in the line of Beechers -
Broad-gauge theology and
politics - A young man,
Rev. Mr Barber of So. Danvers,
Mass is a first class preacher
& I know of nothing against
him otherwise - Ditto Rev.
Edw. Hearse of Philadelphia.
Be sure to get a youngish
man. As a rule no other
can strongly break up fallen
ground & awaken quick &
strong attachments -
See page 4 - (back)

Washington. D.C.
April 9th 1867.

Sir.

The colored people will celebrate the
5th day of April next; - the anniversary of
the Emancipation of the District of Colum-
bia, - by a parade and a mass meet-
ing on the grounds adjoining the State
Department.

You are hereby most cor-
dially invited to address them on
that occasion.

Per order of the Committee
D. G. Mice,
Secretary.

Maj Genl C. C. Howard U.S.A.

Washington, D.C.
April 19th 1897.
The enclosed paper is in relation to
the day of April 1st - the anniversary of
the Declaration of Independence. It is
a list of persons and is enclosed in
a letter to the President of the State
of Maryland.
I am, with very much
kind regards to all,
Very truly,
J. P. Jones
J. P. Jones

Washington April 9th

[1867]

General O. O. Howard

Sir

I have just
received your note respecting the boy
aged 10 years to go the Orphan Home
please send him with a note
to Miss Strong and she will
receive the child

Respectfully
Eliza Beacock Sect.
of Colored Orphan Home

Washington D.C.
April 9. '67.

Maeneth Eliza

Acknowledges the
receipt of letter of
Genl. Howard in
regard to the ad-
mission of a Colored
boy to the orphan
home - States that
he will be received
if sent with a note
to Mrs. Strong -

Recd. Apr 11. '67.

Trsy Dpt., 36
Secy's Office,
Apr. 9. 1867-

Gen. O. O. Howard,
Chief of Bureau of Refugees, &c.,
Sir,

I have been engaged for several years in supplying the soldiers about this city with religious reading, and am spending several hours each Sabbath at present in this way. A small portion of the matter for this purpose I pay for out of my own pocket, which I am hardly able to do, being only a 2^d class clerk, and paying for rent ^{for my family} alone \$10.00 per an-

Will your bureau aid me in this business by furnishing me a supply of religious tracts, papers, temperance documents, Bibles, &c.?

Reference Rev. J. W. Alwood
of your bureau -

Vy respt D. D. Theech.

Treasury Dept.
Washington D.C.
April 9. '67.

Genl S. D. J.

Wishes the Bureau
to supply him with
Bibles, Tracts, Papers,
etc. for distribution
to the Soldiers about
this city.

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Recd. Apl. 17. '67.

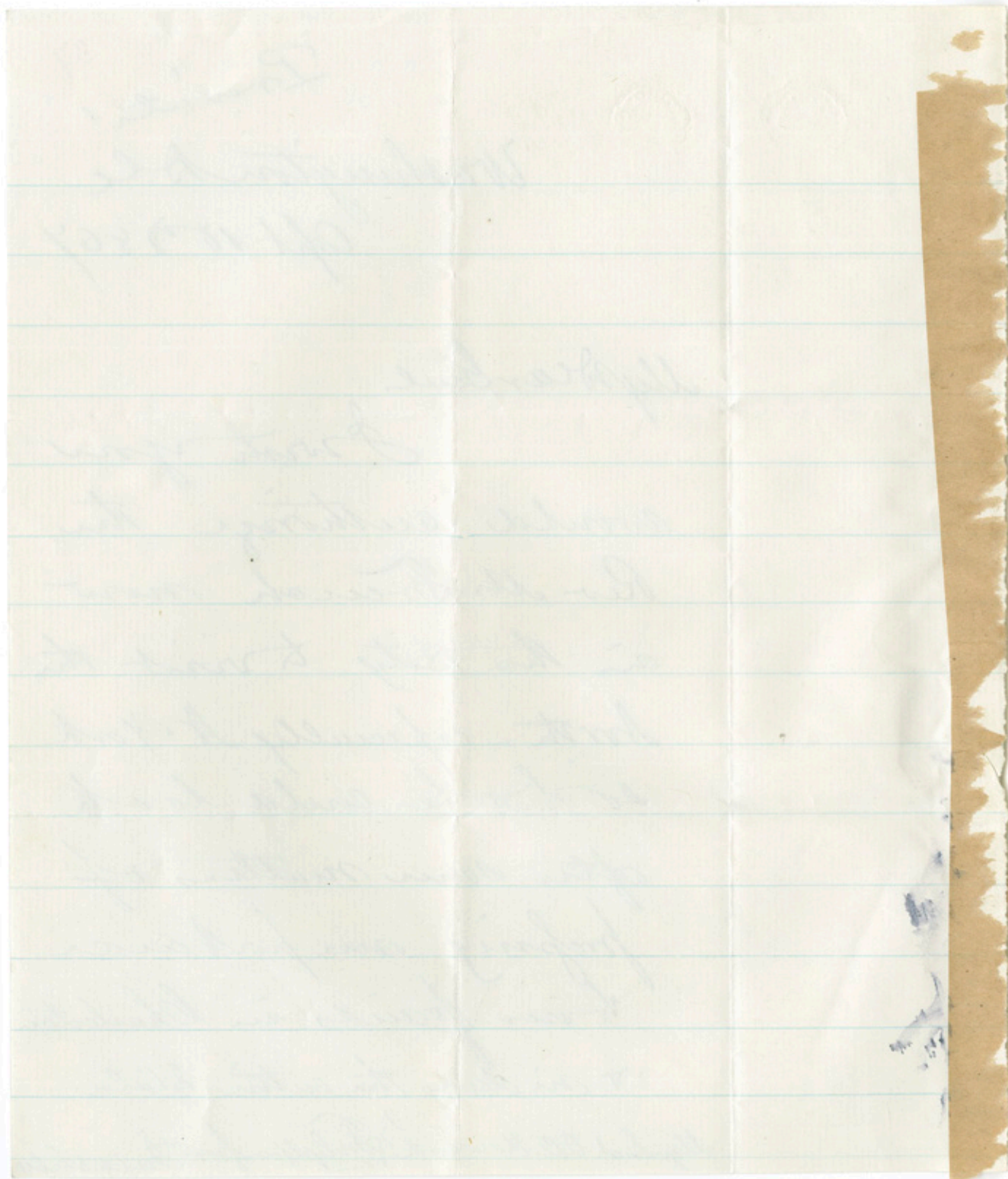
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Private!
Washington Dc
Apl 10th 1867

My Dear Genl.

I wish you
would authorize the
Rev Mr French now
in the City to visit the
North - especially N York
so that he could look
after some matters of
pressing importance
to our friends in Charleston
& indeed the entire State.

Yours truly
O. O. Howard

Philip Henshaw Incashley





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State of Maine.

Head Quarters,

Adjutant General's Office,

Augusta,

March 10th 1866
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Expedient

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[April] 10, 1867

Major Gen. O. O. Howard,
Washington, D. C.

General.

I am directed by Adj. Gen. Woodson, to request of you some account of your military career for the forthcoming volume of his Report.

We have no record of anything relating to you subsequent to the notice of you contained in ~~his~~ his Report for 1863. It is his design to republish the same with such emendations and additions as you may be pleased to make.

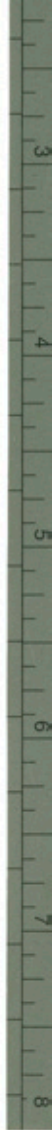
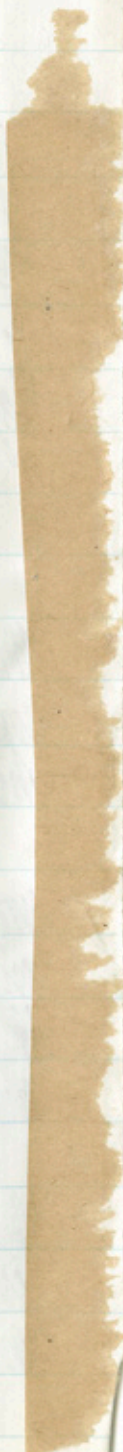
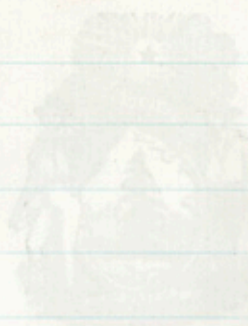
As this will be the final published record of this character (so far as the State is concerned,) the General is exceedingly anxious to make it as full and complete as possible.

State of Maine

Head Quarters

Adjutant General's Office

August 1864



As the preparation of the Report now
approaches completion, I have the honor
very respectfully to request your attention to
this at your early convenience.

I have the honor to be,
General,

With great respect,

Your obedient servant
Jos: S. Belcher,
Colk, A. G. O.

Augusta Me. April 10th 1864

Belcher Jas. S.
Chk. Also -

Desires some record
of the military career
of Gen. Howard - to make
up the record of
the Also.

Recd. April 12th 1864

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~~United States Sanitary Commission.~~

American Freedmans Union Commission,

No. 76 John Street.— P. O. Box 5,733.

LYMAN ABBOTT, Gen. Sec.

J. M. McKIM, Cor. Sec.

New York, April 10 1869

May. Gen. O. O. Howard

My dear Sir:

Copy of the
9th about transportation of
teachers is duly received, &
is very satisfactory

Truf. Yrs.

J. M. McKim
Cor. Sec.

United States Sanitary Commission.

American Friends Union Commission.

NEW YORK, N. Y., 1864.

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE

UNITED STATES SANITARY COMMISSION.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.

in relation to the

above named

matter, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Yours very truly,

Wm. L. Garrison

Secretary of the American Friends Union Commission.

cc to

45 Bible House New York
April 10. 1867.

General Howard

Dear Sir.

I thank you for the copy of "My Southern
Sons", this morning received. Do you not think it would be
proper to print it complete in the "Rebellion Record" or by itself in
a separate form? I think it would be read by a considerable
body of our people and result in much good.

Behind enough to let me know your opinion on this
head.

Very truly your friend

Frank Moore

Wednesday Morn April 18th

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Genl. Howard

My Dear brother in Christ,
I beg of you as a personal favor to
lend the honor of this note your
influence if when conferring with
him your conscience approves of his
integrity as highly as mine does

The finest sympathy
I have received during my long life
has been from this down trodden
race. May God reward you in
all your efforts is my daily prayer
for you "Blessed are the pure in heart
for they shall see God"

I try to be patient
hopful trusting my Father will in

regard to health

I remain about

the same - Trust to be better soon:

If it is His will,

"He doeth all things well."

With kind regards I
will bid you Good morning

Truly your friend

W. C. Gilman

Frederica
Simons Island
Geo.
April 10th 1867
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Major Genl. Howard

My dear Sir

Your note

of the 30th ultimo has been received
and I return you my grateful thanks
for your prompt and kind action with
regard to our claim.

I sent your note
to Col. Securus, the Agent of the Bureau
on this Island, and he thereupon forwarded
the original papers to Col. Sibley, who
will, I hope, transmit them at once
to you.

My heart is very
full of gratitude to you, and I can
never forget your Considerate Courtesy
towards me, and this most important
and vital aid - at a time when we
need it so much - the Equity, as well
as justice you have shown.

Very Respectfully

Yours obt. Svt.

Georgi K. Smith

Dear Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.

and in reply to inform you that the same
has been forwarded to the proper authorities
for their consideration. I am, Sir,
very respectfully,
Yours obedient servant,
J. H. [Signature]

(Private)

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Washington D.C. April 10, 1867

Dear General:

Being about to leave the city and not wishing to intrude upon your already fully-occupied time I feel constrained to put on paper a few things that have occurred to me while mingling with the people of the West & Northwest during the past few months. If my suggestions shall prove of any benefit either to yourself or to the good cause which is not yet entirely victorious, I shall be glad - if not, no harm will have been done.

First, then, the Republicans of Ohio and the West are fully awake to the obvious fact that the political campaign of next year will have an important, if not a vital, bearing on the revolution now progressing, and happily so near a successful close. That is, unless matters should progress very rapidly,

and the new order of things become fully and permanently established before the close of 1868, a defeat of the Union Republican party in the coming contest would be a long and dangerous slide on the backward road. And, even though a Republican defeat might not greatly endanger the nation yet a Republican victory is needed to finish symmetrically the colossal work of the past six years. A Republican victory is therefore fully resolved upon, and is as certain as almost anything political.

A careful observer can see plainly that among the people as well as in Congress the Radical element of the Union party is the life & soul of that organization, and is able & determined to control its course and destiny. The Radicals are resolved not to throw away their coming victory, and therefore will not cast "a sop to Cupid" by nominating a man of negative character & record, or of "conservative" tendencies. They have learned from Sumner's experience that it is impossible to

carry out a policy which is wholly right by placing all power in the hands of men who are only half right, with a chronic tendency to go ~~to~~ wholly wrong on the slightest occasion.

It is therefore safe to say that the next Republican Candidate for President will be a fair representation of the sensible, practical & practical radicalism which has thus far shaped the course of things under the new dispensation.

Another thing is obvious to our mingling much with the people: A man of doubtful, or even negative, moral character & principle will not be the first choice, at least, of those who will really select the next Chief Magistrate. Notwithstanding discouraging appearances on the surface of society, the American people are really nearer to God than ever before, and thousands who lay no claim to Christianity themselves are yet convinced by the terrible discipline of the recent

past, that Christian principle in our
rules and equal justice to all classes
of men are ~~the~~ our only guaranties of safe-
ty and peace as a nation. Besides, ^{is to} the
Christian or religious element ~~in~~ the
Radical wing of the Union Party what the
Radical wing is to the Union Party itself.
I therefore infer that public opinion, in
settling down on the "coming man", will
instinctively turn to a representation of
American Christian manhood who
possesses the other needed qualifications.
If the matter should be left wholly
to the politicians, such an inference
might not hold good.

The Republican party, having once
decided that the next President shall
be a Radical and a man of un-
questionable record and immovable
principle, will next turn their attention
to availability - a perfectly legitimate con-
sideration when properly subordinated.
In looking to this element of availability,
people & politicians alike will turn instinct-

- ively to the military, and select either a presidential or vice-presidential candidate from among the successful & popular officers of the late Union Army; And if one of this class can be found who combines in himself the qualities I have mentioned above, he will stand a much better chance to be placed at the head than at the foot of the ticket. The popular and ~~prev~~ prevalent belief that a Soldier is to be our next President, will not be disappointed by a nominating convention unless there be good reasons for it.

Only one other point of availability needs to be considered. The Campaign of '68 will determine whether or not we are to have a Republican party of progress in the South. With right management and judicious nominations in the next two years, one half the Southern States can be secured to Union principles and the Republican party; by a wrong policy on our part the ~~4~~-rebels will be enabled

to secure & retain control of the colored vote.
It is therefore most important that at the first
general election at which the Freedmen will vote
the Republicans have such Candidates as will,
beyond doubt, secure their confidence and their votes.

The late slaveholders will use every device to turn
the negroes against their Northern liberators, but nothing
could lead any considerable number of the Blacks
to cast their first vote in opposition to a man
whose name is intimately associated ~~with~~ in
their minds with their own freedom. Once
committed to the Republican party they would
be easily retained in its ranks.

General, I have already written too much
and you are doubtless, tired. Suffice it to
say, that I am not alone in believing that
the Chief of the Freedmen's Bureau fills, more
nearly than any other prominent American,
the specifications mentioned in this letter, and
at a fitting time, unless requested otherwise
I shall take the liberty to state ~~these~~ convictions
in print. My address will hereafter ^{be} Sandusky,
Ohio, and whatever you may ~~at~~ at any time wish to
write me (if anything) will be kept in perfect con-
fidence.

Truly Yours

Gen. O. O. Howard }

A. B. Nettleton.

War Department
Washington City.

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April 10th.

1864.

Major General Howard,

General.

I beg to introduce
to you my brother John A. Johnson,
Esq., formerly a Justice of the
Peace, but now a member of
the Bar of this city.

Whatever he may say
to you in relation to the status
of Mr. Howlitt, may be im-
plicitly relied upon as true.

I have the honor to be,
Your obedient servt.
A. C. A. Johnson

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New York

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Apr 10. 1867

To
Maj Genl O.O. Howard
Dear Genl

The fixing of the
Bank, & the matters with the Congl
Union will detain me until 1st of
the week - if you will allow me
to stay. Each of the unions must
will have to be seen separately. Mr
Barrett, & one or two others, I have seen,
talk favorable as to the plans proposed.

The Bank Trustees have met today
& could not decide the ^{of removal} question, but
adjourned to Tuesday next. Mr
Booth will write you on the subject
in the morning.

Very Respectfully Yours L. J. Pollock

April 10. '67.

Alvord J. W.

States that the
fixing of the Bank
and the matter with
the Curs. Union will
keep him in New
York until the
of the work.

Each of the Union
men will have to
be seen Separately—

Mr. Barnes thinks
favorably of the
plan proposed.

Recd apt 11. '67.