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AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION,

No. 53 JOHN STREET,

New York, June 12th 1867.

To all whom it may concern.

Rev. W. D. Harris has been laboring for more than three years, under the commission of this Association, for the colored people of the South. As his connection with our service now ceases, by his removal from Richmond, we take pleasure in bearing testimony to his christian and ministerial character, and his correct and gentlemanly deportment.

We commend him to the kindness of all who love our Lord Jesus Christ.

In behalf of the Executive Com. of the Am. Miss. Assocⁿ

Geo. Whipple
Secy.

New York, Dec. 11, 1867

Miss John Lee

Decommissioned Rev. W. B.

Heaven's for some
position in the Bureau

New York,

No. 21 John Street,

MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION

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Metropolitan Div Sost
June 12. 1867

Sir, I have the honor to inform
you, that in reply to your
communication, stating that the
Procession &c. is postponed until
4th prox - Metropolitan Division
unanimously voted to participate
on that occasion, if it is so
ordered.

Very respectfully,

Wm. S. Sost

Rosa, Fish

R. S.

To
Genl. O. Howard
R. H. R. Howard Div
Marshal &c.
Wash. Dc

Personal

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

Head Quarters Assistant Commissioner, State of Virginia.

Richmond, Va., June 12th

1867.

Maj Gen O O Howard

Dear General

I see it
advertised that your Inspector of
Schools (Mr Langston) will address the
colored people in different parts
of Virginia - I know that
the Bureau is now being closely
watched in this regard and fear
that Mr L will make us all
trouble if he is allowed to stump
the South - I am dear

Very Yours
O B. Brown

Richmond Va.

June 5, 1867

Dear D.

Thank God we have seen
it actualized (that
the. Longston will
act as the cost of the
in different period
of, and I think that
if he is allowed to do
so it will make
trouble.

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Palatka Florida

June 12: 1867.

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Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard U.S.A.

Com. B. R. Area. V. A. L.

War Dept.

Sir,

We
the undersigned freedmen
of Palatka, in behalf
of the freedmen, write you
to ascertain the character
of one Rev. William H.
Mitchel, a colored preacher,
who came here last
January with a letter
endorsed by yourself,
and the Sec. of War.
Will you please at
your earliest convenience

inform us if we are
deceived in the person;
for we fear he is work-
ing mischief for our
people, not only here
in Palatka but else-
where in Florida.

Very Respectfully,

Albert N. Doyle &
James Adams.

Please address Albert
N. Doyle, or James Adams
Palatka, Florida.

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Greensboro. N.C.

11 P.M. June 12th 1867.

Journal:

I arrived here at 7 o'clock this evening, having left Richmond at the same hour of this morning. - I have already visited Military H.Q.s. here, and also Major Bellini, who arrived here only three days ago to take charge of the Bureau affairs, extending over eight counties - I was detained until 3 o'clock this morning at a meeting held at the residence of Governor Pierpont in Richmond, and am consequently in no condition to write at length. I understand however that in the eight counties here the Bureau matters have been managed badly or not at all. In all, there

These are seven officers, or
agents, for these counties, besides
the one here. All of these are
civilians; native here. I also
understand that by the order
of Genl. Miles nearly all of these
men will be relieved ~~at~~ from
duty at the end of the present
month. The man stationed here,
it would seem, was totally un-
qualified in head and heart for
the business. Against some of
the others there are charges of
a very grave nature which I
cannot now explain. - Major
Bellini, a man whose heart
is evidently in the work, will
make a thorough investigation
of these charges in a few days.
Tomorrow he goes for a three
or four days tour through
some of these counties on
business connected with the

Registration. On this trip, I shall accompany him, as it will afford me an opportunity to ~~visit~~ inspect matters in the country. Things are reported as very quiet here, there being no outrageous cases of injustice toward the blacks. The charges against the Bureau men are of another nature.

With your instructions to such an effect, I would be inclined to await here the results of an reamination into these charges, and report them. If you are pleased to send such instructions, they can reach me at this point before my return from the country.

On leaving here, it is my present intention to proceed to Raleigh and then further south into the State where

I hear there is a condition
of lawlessness, approaching desper-
ation.

The political condition
of this State is entirely different
from that of Virginia, and I think
will be found a curious study.
The face of affairs is more than
two ways for a Convention.
Even a portion of the blacks, it is
said will vote against a Convention
for fear of falling again under
the tyranny of the rebels. If a
man is not sufficiently radical,
let him come South, and he will
give, at least, ten years extension
of time to military government
over such ignorance and stupidity
as he finds here. We are in too
great haste to reconstruct, at the
North.

Very respectfully
Yours Obediently

Wm. J. Armstrong,

New Orleans.

June 12 1867.

Mr A A Howard

Dear Friend

Yours as hand
I have directed all the
persons writing for my
paper, to forward to you
in the same time
all charges.
And I am happy to say
that in many instances they
have made immediate
change -

I think to mark
of my end friend. (yourself) to
improve, in any way the
usefulness of the Bureau

I call your attention
to an article in today's
paper, on this subject
"Shall we have protection"
it fairly sets forth the

the condition of things
in Louisiana.

We hope for
changes. We look for
them. We must have them
on this. State remains
unreconstructed. The
whole material interest of
the state. Most of the federal
power of the states. The
North. & part of the
in the hands of the. Rebel
& they are engaged =

Until Loyal men
are in power. until
Loyal officers are the in-
struments of executing
the laws. Crime will
go unpunished. the
Criminal & bully. defy
Loyal men. Will have
to watch for life & liberty in

some
passions, as closely
as Mr. Retelion, was
at its height.

We have spoken
plainly, at that End Thursday
(to plainly in some personal
articles. What I regret
but there shall be no more
of that.) but these Rebs
must be put out, if the
Republican. prospects are
to triumph. We cannot
fight with our hands
tied.

With the best wishes
I am yours as ever
Truly

S. L. Brown Jr

New Orleans La.
June 12th 1867

Brown & Co S. L.

Acknowledges receipt of
Genl. Howards letter, and
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Bath Nov. June 12, 1867
Maj. Genl O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir,

I have been authorized
to write to you to obtain in-
formation of Capt. J. E. P. Doyle
of New York, and who is at pres-
ent, acting as correspondent of
the New York "Herald"; and al-
though I am not personally ^{acquainted}
with you, yet by reputation I feel that
I know you well, and being
a gentleman from my own
State, I have taken the lib-
erty to write to you, feeling
confident that I shall receive
a direct reply to my letter.

I wish to know of the
character and principles of

Mr. Doyle.

He was for some months
during our late war, staff
Officer of Lt. Genl Sherman.

Learning that you were
acquainted with him, I have
written to you believing you
will give me a correct state-
ment of what I desire, as far
as within your power; and I
trust very carrectly I am
not mistaken; and more es-
pecially when I assure you
upon the honor of a gentle-
man, that it is solely
for the promotion of his
own personal interest and
happiness.

If you will give me the
information at the ear-
liest possible convenience, I

shall be under the great-
est obligation to you.

I am, with much esteem,
very respectfully,

M^r. A. B. Warner,

Bath,

Maine.

Bath Me.

June 12th 1867

Warner A. R.

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