

Providence R.I. July 27/67

My Dear Sir

In due time your favor
(Circular letter) of June 10th came
to hand and in response to
the appeal I inclose Cashiers
Check on National BK of Com-
merce at York for \$20 - it being
contribution from Beneficent
Cong^e Church for \$10 - and
Sabbath School connected with
same church for \$10 - We want
both our Church & Sabbath School
to have stock in your enterprise
and are only sorry that we can
just now do any more for you
You have our prayers & sympathy
with this little sum -

Very respy yours

Maj Genl O. O. Howard J. Wm Rice Supt
Chairman Buidg Comd S School
Washington D C

Cummington July 27 1867 6

Gen O O Stoward Sir

This day I recd a line from you
soliciting aid to build a church
in the city of Washington. I would
inform you that we have three Cong^l
churches in town besides as many more
of other denominations and the one of
which I am Clerk have had no preach-
ing for several years and our church
did number about 90 members
and now only thirty resident members
and but one third of them are males
we have no Sabbath School and a
very few of the people attend any meeting
I fear we shall all die Heathen

I would say that so long as we cannot
support preaching for ourselves on
account of our poverty it would be
folly & useless to try to procure any
aid for the city of Washington which
is so rich and wealthy, I am &c

Wm Packard Clerk of 1st Con

July 27 1867
P.S. I would here say that we
have only 1000 Inhabitants
Cummington

Savannah. July 27th 1867
Maj. Genl Howard
Dear Sir

Agreeable to
your advice in 1865, I applied
to a lawyer to enter a claim on
the government for the loss and
destruction of my property
by the Army under Genl Sher-
man during his occupation
of my plantation, of which
you were a witness and are
acquainted with all the cir-
cumstances. At the time he
advised me to wait until
matters became more settled
which I have done. A few
days ago I consulted another
lawyer, a Mr Ricci who has

a partner in Washington City.
He says that if I can prove
that my property was sold and
the money put in the
Treasury, I can recover it.

Now it is not in my power
to know what was done, as I
was imprisoned in my house
at the time for six days
~~and~~ without a morsel of food.
My provisions, ^{rice crops}, horses, cattle,
sheep, hogs, poultry and
everything on my plantation
were appropriated to the use
of your army, leaving me
destitute and in my old
age with no means of support
and depriving me of my
last hope in the death of my
son, an invalid whom you
will remember was taken
prisoner by Gen. Hillpatrick.

cavalry and died.

After serving the United States
government through two wars,
the last under the late
Andrew Jackson in Florida
must I now be robbed by
it of all I possessed and
left a beggar on the charity
of the world? I appeal
to you to aid me in es-
tablishing my claim and
beg that you will lend
your assistance to have
me remunerated. Hope-
ing soon to hear from you
I remain

Truly & Respectfully
W. B. Bourgeois.

Savannah Georgia
July 27th 1867

Bourguin B.

States, that he was advised
by Genl. Howard, to enter
a claim on the Govt for
the destruction of his property
by the Army of Genl.
Sherman in 1865. He desires
Genl. Howard, to aid
him as a witness in
prosecuting his claim,

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Portland July 24 1867

Genl O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

Yours of 23^d
is recd. I have collected
the Bank dividends \$177 ad.
and will herewith forward
the same. Enclosed pr Bank
check for \$172 cash \$5—

Very Respectfully

E Maite
"O"

Portland Me.
July 27th 1867

Waite E

Has collected Bank
dividends, and
here with encloses
\$177.

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Washington D.C. July 27th 1867

Major Gen O.O. Howard

Sir

I have the honor to say that I saw the temperance advertisement which you gave Rev Mr Anderson

After viewing the scenes which it attempts to illustrate, the thought occurred to me, that if these

scenes vividly portrayed by means of a panoramic instrument, such an exhibition would exert excellent moral influence and a handsome sum

might be raised to assist in carrying forward our educational movement.

I have been seriously thinking of purchasing an instrument and thirty two of Pike's paintings representing those scenes and exhibiting them with an appropriate lecture under the auspices of the National Reform Educational Association

I respectfully submit these thoughts to you asking your

views as to the propriety of such an undertaking and
the manner in which it would be received.

Hoping that you will pardon me for so frequently
thrusting myself upon you

I am very Respectfully yours &c

C. A. Yancey

Corner of 15th and I

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Washington D.C.
July 27th 67

Yancey C. A.

States that he has seen
the Temperance adver-
tisements, presented by
Genl. Howard to Rev.
Mr. Anderson. Thinks
that a panoramic view
of the scenes accompa-
nied with a lecture
would do great good
and besides, they might
realize a handsome
sum for their Educa-
tional work. Desires
Genl. Howard to advise on
the subject.

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Ind. du. Sac Wis: July 27. 1847.

Dear General,

If consistent with your views, will you be kind enough to endorse the accompanying papers, and hand them to the Secy. I know that I am asking a good deal of you, but I thought I might presume on your good nature. Gen^l. Sherman signed the recommendation, and wrote me a very kindly letter, after leaving the Army. I tried Cotton-Planting in Louisiana, but with the water and worms, I lost all I had, and now would like to get back in the Army. I suppose there are no vacancies as yet, but I thought there would be no harm in filling my application, even if nothing came of it. Hoping to hear from you when convenient.

I have the honor to be General,

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt^t servt.

James. T. Conkline

Maj Gen^l. O. O. Howard
Washington D. C.

July 27th 1867

Dear Mr. Jones,

Enclosed find statement
in connection to the
accompanying papers.

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Fitchburg Mass. July 27. 1867.
Dear Sir;

Will you at some time during the coming winter come to F. and deliver one of a course of lectures arranged and sustained by the F. V. M. C. Association?

If you can, please write me your terms, and the subjects on which you are willing to speak.

We are in the first year of our existence and of course find many ways for our money therefore we should be grateful to you for fixing as low a rate of compensation as you can afford.

Yours Truly.

Gen. O. O. Howard Geo. S. Houghton
Washington D. C. Cor. Secretary.

Pittsburgh. July 27, 67
 Maj' Gen. O. O. Howard
 Bureau F. R. & A. S.

Dear Sir

Allow me
 to introduce to you my
 friend and fellow
 worker among the
 Freedmen Rev. W. L.
 Miller of North Carolina.

He is one of the most
 efficient laborers in
 the whole field. I have asked
 him to talk with you about
 the possibility of getting
 aid 1st for the institu-
 tion he is laboring to es-
 tablish & 2nd for the
 school we have in
 Charleston. We must

have a school house in
Charleston if possible.
We have secured a lot
but unless we can
get aid to build from
the Bureau we will not
be able to sustain the
school longer than
next January.

Mr. Miller can tell
you all you desire to
know of both schools
& churches ~~include~~ my
care.

Very truly yours &c
S. C. Layton

Pittsburg
Aug. July 27/67

Logan S. Co.

Introduces to Genl
Howard Rev. W. S. Miller
of North Carolina

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Treasury Department.

July 29th 1867

My dear General:

In reply to your note of the
27th inst. I have to inform you that the
services of J. D. Andrews, as Special Agent
under this Department were discontinued
April 1866.

Very truly Yours.

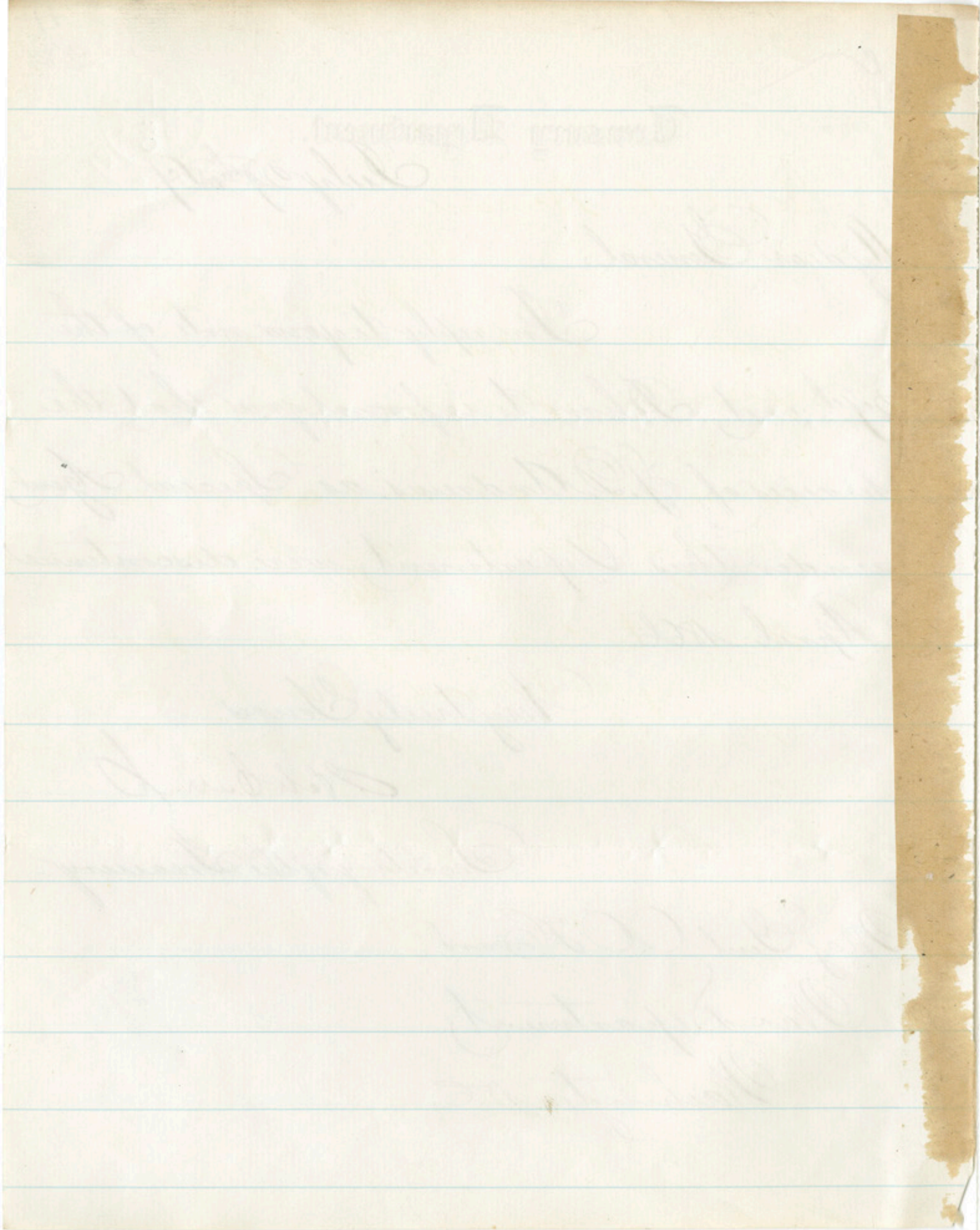
Wm. C. Cunniff

Secretary of the Treasury.

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard.

War Department

Washington D. C.



South Danvers July 29 1867

Major Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

Please find
enclosed a check for thirty six $\frac{35}{100}$ dollars
being the amount contributed yesterday
by the South Cong. Church & Sabbath
School in South Danvers agreeable to
your request for twenty dollars in aid
of church building in Washington please
forward a receipt for the same
and wishing you god speed in your
noble work

I am truly yours

William Wolcott

Treas of church

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South Danvers Mass
July 29th 67

Wolcott, William

Encloses check for
\$36³⁵/₁₀₀ dollars donated
by the Cong. Church and
Sunday School of South
Danvers to the 4th Cong.
Church Wash. D.C.

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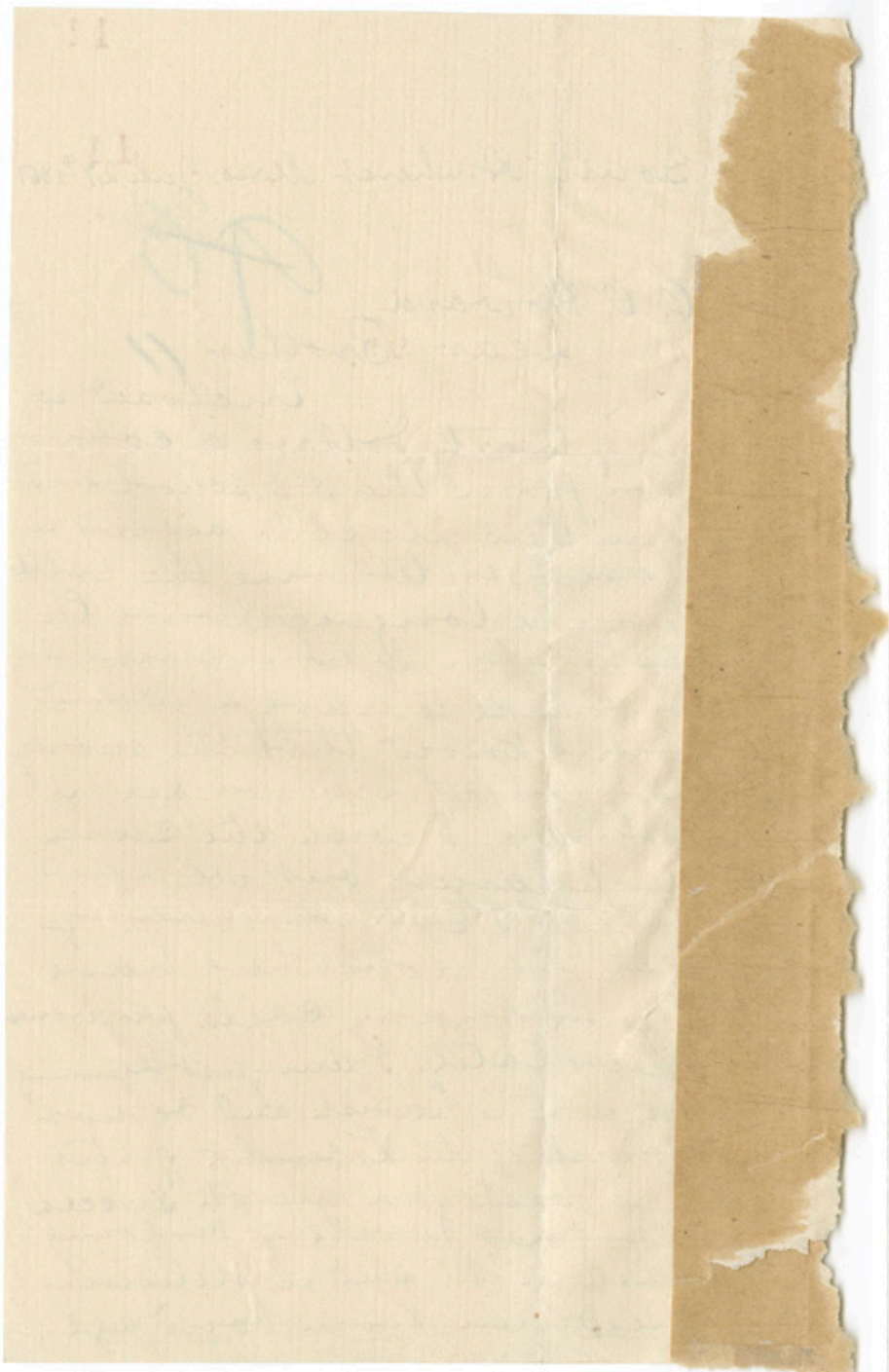
South Amherst Mass. July 27th 1867

Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Brother

Enclosed is

the sum of twenty Dollars, a contribution from the S. S. School and Church in this place, to assist in your grand enterprise, the establishment of a Congregational Church in Washington. If convenient we should like to have a word from you, to know that the money reached you, which you see is an Irishman. I wish the sum was much larger: but we have to say what I suppose many say, that the people here have had a good many calls for benevolent objects lately. I am just beginning my work in this parish and do not know much of the liberality of the people. I wish you much success in your great work of building a Church in W. and in delivering the freedmen from bondage.



Your Brother Rowland B. Howard
was a dear friend of mine in
the Free Sem. at Bangor. I have
not seen him recently.

Yours Very Sincerely
M. L. Richardson

March 28th 1852
Dear Brother
I have just received
your letter of the 24th
and am glad to hear
of your success.

South Amherst Mass
July 29th 1867

Richardson Rev. M. L.

Encloses \$20 donated
by his Church and
Sunday School, to
the 1st Cong. Church
Washington D.C.

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Rochester, N.Y. July 27, 1867.

Major Gen. A. O. Howard,
Chairman of Buildg Comm.
for the new Cong. Ch.,
Washington, D.C. - 8

Dr. Sir. -

Inclosed are
ten dollars & fifteen cents
(\$10.15) contributed by my
people for the erection
of the Cong. Ch. in the City
of Washington. I send
it to you by the hand
of my friend Mr. Patch
of John City.

We would be glad
to do more, but while
we are something in debt
for building at home,

we trust that this con-
tribution, small as it
is, will be gratefully
received. If we cal-
not buy a direct
lot in pay for the
merchandise to include it
in.

The Lord bless the
good work for country
this name's sake.

Very truly Yours,

B. W. Colledge.

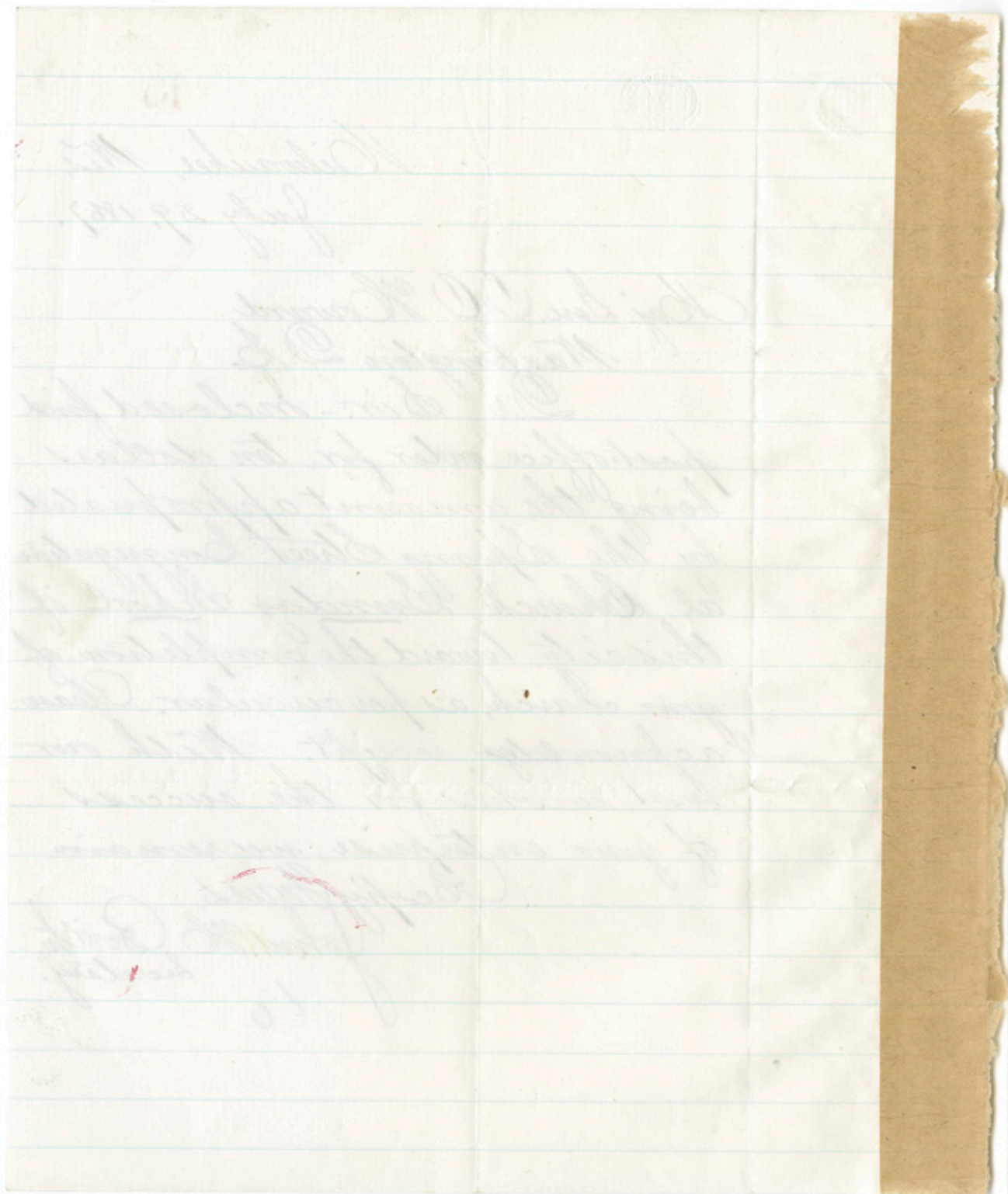
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Milwaukee, Wis.
July 29, 1867.

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

Dr. Sir: - Inclosed find
post-office order for ten dollars
being the amount appropriated
by the Spring Street Congregation-
al Church Sunday School, of
this city, toward the completion of
your church, as per circular. Please
acknowledge receipt. With our
best wishes for the success
of your enterprise, we remain,

Respectfully,
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John H. Booth
Secretary.



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Adrian July 29th 1867
Gen O O Howard

Dear Sir

Enclosed is ten dollars
give by a few members of Plymouth
Church & Society for the Congregation
at Church in Washington D C
Please send a receipt

Truly yours
Samuel Lathrop

Adrian
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Adrian Michigan
July 29th 1867

Lathrop Samuel

Encloses ten dollars
subscribed by a few
members of Plymouth
Church and Society, to
aid in erecting 1st Cong.
Church Washington St.

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Augusta Maine,
July 29, 1867.

Maj. Genl C. A. Howard,
Dear Sir:-

I feel it my duty, and so I have taken the liberty to write to you, in order to rectify a mistake written to you in a letter, sometime I think, during the month of May, by an old and valued friend a Mr. Warner.

It was concerning Mr. J. C. P. Doyle, of whose character he wished to learn, and for information wrote to you.

He wrote you that "Mr. Doyle was staff officer of Genl Sherman for some time during the war."

That was a very grievous mistake, and I beg leave to inform you that Mr. Doyle never represented himself as such; but, on the contrary, that he was on staff duty in Genl Sherman's Army, and on the staff of Genl. Hambricht.

You doubtless perceive the ex-

ror, by which you must have shot
of him as an impostor, which he
most certainly is not, and no error
though ^{un}intentional would have been
made, had E clearly given him the
information he ^(Went) asked of me, and E
sincerely apologize for such an error
calculated to have done Mr. Doyle
a great injury, were it not corrected.

I am obliged to you for answering
Mr. Warner's letter, though
regretting so great an error was
made; and I sincerely hope this
unfortunate error will not
lessen the esteem you may have
felt for him.

Begging your pardon for the
liberty I take in writing to you,

I am, Sir,
Very Respectfully,
Wm. Allen G. Swanton,
Bath,
Maine.

Bot 1077-

Part of the time he was our correspondent.

Rev. WM. A. HALLOCK, }
 Rev. O. EASTMAN, } SECRETARIES.
 Rev. J. M. STEVENSON, }
 O. R. KINGSBURY, ASS'T SEC'Y AND TREAS.
 S. W. STEBBINS, DEPOSITARY.
 No. 150 Nassau-st.

American Tract Society;
 New York, July 30th 1867

Gen O. Howard

Dear Sir

We have received a letter from Rev. W. J. Crowder, Raleigh, N.C. in which he says: -
 "I enclose you a statement which I have just made at the request of our Charity Committee, Editors & others that information might be given & aid obtained. The half is not told. Neither tongue nor pen can express or describe the suffering. I am sure our condition was never so distressing, unless we get help starvation is inevitable

Before I tell a few mornings ago there were 23 at my door who had walked from D to 21 miles. Some were so exhausted for lack of food that

they had to lie down. The white & colored are nearly equal in this suffering. I am one of the Agents recommending proper applicants for relief to the Bureau, as well as Superintendent the other Charity Supplies - which gives me full information -"

Inclosed is the Statement referred to - Mr. Crowder was formerly a Colporteur of this Society - and the most perfect confidence is placed in his statements.

Will you be so kind as to inform us whether you have knowledge of this state of things in that Section - If these facts were placed before the Churches well authenticated there would be an immediate & liberal response - This is my object in addressing you -

I am Very truly Yours

H. J. Acker

Dist. Secretary.

New York
July 30th 67

Acker N. J.

Enclosed a statement
made by J. W. Lowder,
of the intense suffering
in Wake Co. N. C. for
Genl. Howards information,
and action,

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Young Mens Assn
Library Rooms
Buffalo July 30th 1867

Dear Sir

We are getting up a Lecture Course for the coming winter & would like to get you to lecture before our association say between the first day of November next & the first of Feb^y following. If you can come please state the time & your terms &c. An early reply will greatly oblige

Yours Respectfully

H. H. Parker Chair

Sec Committee

To
May^r Genl O. O. Howard
Washington

Buffalo N.Y.
July 30th 1867

Baker H. H.

States, that the Young
Men's Asso, are getting
up a course of lectures
for the coming winter
and desire to secure
Gen. Howard for a
lecture some time
between Nov. and
Feb'y next.

Ans'd by circular
letter Aug 5th 1867

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Treasury Department,

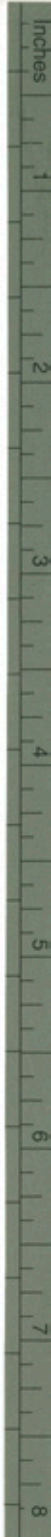
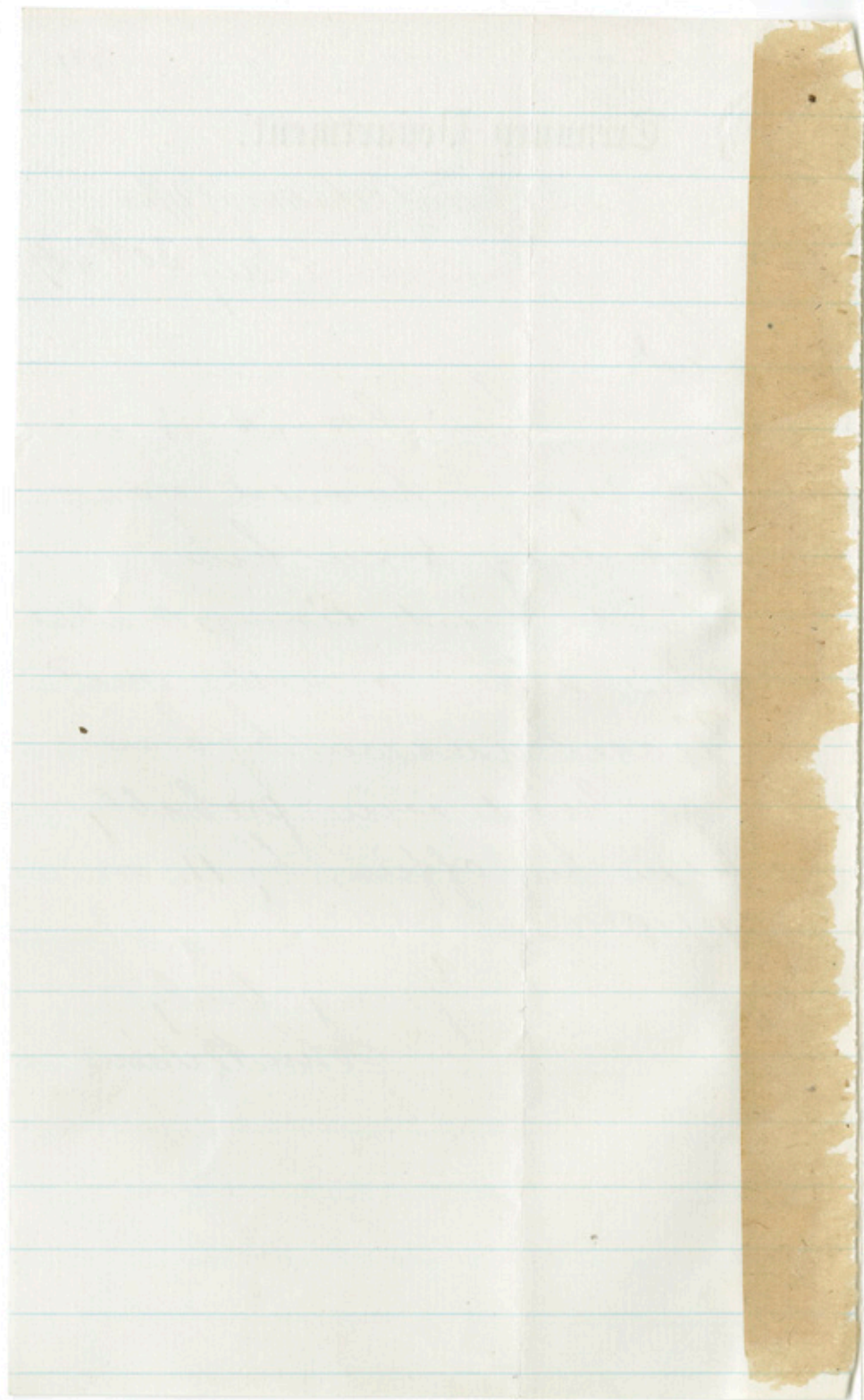
Third Auditor's Office.

July 30th 1867.

Genl.

Gen Grant is in
the city. Would you
be willing to see him
about Lieut Ewing's matter,
either alone, or with me?
Please answer by bearer.
Gen Grant will probably
be in his office, by 11, or
12 O'Clock.

Yours truly,
John Wilson



Mackey Lodge No 120. A. S. M.
Cave Spring Ga July 30. '67

Dear Brother,

During the war, our Lodge was entirely stripped of its furniture, jewels, &c, and owing the distressed condition of the brethren, we have been unable to refurnish it. We are therefore forced to ask aid, of our more fortunate brethren, in this the hour of need. Hoping that you will remit us such an amount as you feel disposed to give,

We remain

Yours Fraternaly

A. S. Ford W. M.

G. T. Watte S. W.

F. A. Glenn J. W.

Cave Spring Ga.
July 30th 1867

Ford, A. L. and others

States that their Lodge
(Mackey Lodge No 120 A.
V. M.) during the War was
entirely stripped of its
furniture, and owing to
the distressed condition of
the brethren, they have been
unable to refurnish it.
They request a donation
from Genl. Howan

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Head-Quarters District of Alabama,

Montgomery, Ala., July 20th.....1867.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

Washington D. C.

Dear General

I have refrained from writing you for some days past partly from hope of seeing you and partly from the haste of preparation.

I start tomorrow on a leave of twenty days. I hope to report to you in person before it is half over. I want to have exhaustive conversation with you about matters in the Bureau, as well as to enjoy a personal meeting with you.

Very respectfully and truly yours
Wager Swayne

Head-Quarters District of Alabama.

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Montgomery, Ala. Feb 22

Major Gen. O. Thomas

Washington D. C.

Dear General

I have a great pleasure in
receiving your letter of the 17th inst.
and in reply to inform you that
I have taken the same into
consideration and will be
pleased to comply with your
request in the future.

Very respectfully,
Wm. H. Thomas

War Department.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

Washington, July 30th 1867.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard, Commissioner &
General,

The Rev Lyman Abbott was mistaken in saying that "none but Episcopalians were to be employed on any account" in the Normal School at Raleigh, for neither the charter nor by laws exclude teachers not Episcopalians.

He was also mistaken in saying "that its avowed object was the introduction of Episcopacy and the extension of the Protestant Episcopal Church," for the express terms of the charter and by laws are that "the purpose of this institution is the education of teachers for the instruction of colored people in the State of North Carolina and elsewhere in the United States."

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands

Washington, July 30, 1867

Col. Gen. B. B. Howard,
General,

The New Orleans

also mentions in saying that "none but this

refugees were to be employed on any account"

in the Annual Report of the Bureau, for neither the

order nor by laws exclude teachers not of this

color.

He was also mistaken in saying that the

object was the instruction of freedmen and

the efficiency of the Protestant Episcopal Church."

The efforts of the church and by law

that the purpose of this institution is the

education of teachers for the instruction of

other people in the State of North Carolina

and elsewhere in the United States."

I did say, in my conversation with Mr
Mc Kim, that "it was intended to have Epis-
copalians as teachers," but I spoke simply
in my private capacity, and as an individ-
ual. The trustees are at liberty to employ
Episcopalians or others. There is nothing ex-
clusive or restrictive, as you are aware, in
the charter or by laws.

Yours faithfully,
Wm. W. Smith,
Secy & Gen Agent P. E. Freed. Com.

Aug 28th 1867

Smith J. Bronson

It is hard Dr. Dymond
to find no mistake in
saying that "none but
Episcopals were to be
employed on any account"
in the "small church at
Raleigh. There is nothing
exclusive or restrictive in
the Charter or by laws.

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Lockport N.Y. July 30th 1867

May^r Genl O. O. Howard

Sir - You will remember
that I had a promise from
you to come and address
our Freedmen's aid Society
when I got ready. Our Ladies
want you about the last of
September not far from
the 25th. I have given them
your promise. Write me if
all is right and if we can
depend upon you at
that time and I will give
you the exact day. It will
be the time of our annual
fair and we will give you
a fine hearing in a large
Hall. Our Society supports
a Teacher south and

the object is to raise money
to support her in her work,
no one will answer but
you. We want to see you
here as well as hear you.
He will at least pay your
expenses both ways.

If you would like
I would arrange for you
to speak also at Rochester
& Buffalo.

Yours

Barth Van Horn

Roxbury Ms

Boston July 30. 1867.

Dear General,

A young man, formerly 16th Mass. Vol. Inf^y, now of one of the Vet. regiments and stationed at ^{or Tampa} Brookville, Florida as an officer of your Department, is ambitious of a commission in the regular army. He served with great credit and was badly wounded; he has strong testimonials of merit from Gen. Barnes and other officers, and his application for examination was filed in Wash^g by M C Boutwell; but having no friend in W. to look after his case, nothing has come of the application. He is an uncommonly good soldier in every respect of excellent general

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general education. Moreover,
he has the enviable reputation
of having preserved his morals
during his army career. Went
in, a man of pure personal
life and is so today. His
acceptance to the regular army
would be a gain to it.

Can you help him to
an examination?

I am, very resptl
and sincerely

Yours

W. Raymond Lee

Brig Gen Vols

Gen. O O Howard

U S Army

Washington DC.

Roxbury

July 30. 1867

Dear General,

In my letter of
this morning, I omitted the
name of the officer therein
referred to - which is,
Lieut Wm G Vance.

I have the honor to be

Yours &c &c -

W Raymond Lee

Gen.^l O O Howard

U S Army.

Brooklyn

July 30. 1867

Dear General,

In my letter of

this morning, I omitted the

name of the officer therein

referred to, which is,

Lieut. Wm. Vance.

I have the honor to be

Yours &c.

Wm. Howard

Gen. O. O. Howard

U. S. Army.

Wachus July 31. 1867.

To Maj Gen Howard

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Dear Sir

I have the honor to enclose to you herewith Twenty dollars in answer to a call by circular to aid in completing the Bang Church in our national Capital. I sincerely regret the small amount contributed for this object by our Society and should be glad if able to give a generous donation. One thing however I can do, and that I will not forget, it is to remember you while on bended knee before our Father!

The Sabbath School done well comparing it with the Society, having given Ten dollars & eleven cents, while the contribution in church amounted to but Eight dollars & twenty five cents.

I am Sir very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt

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Maj Gen O. O. Howard
Washington. D. C.

C. F. Stone
Trea Centre St Cong Church
Wachus Mass

July 20th 67

Stone H. J.

Enclosed \$25, contributed
by the Church
and Sunday School
toward building Cong.
Church in Washington
D.C.

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Rutland Vt. 31 July, 1867.

Dear Sir;

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Inclosed you have a
draft for \$150.00 to be expended in the
building of our church. It was contrib-
uted as follows; viz from
John B. Page, Rutland, \$100.00
Wm. Gilmore, West Rutland 50.00

Dr. L. B. Sheldon of West Rutland
has also promised \$100.00 more.
But it is proposed to take up a
~~large~~ collection in their Sabbath
school in response to your circular;
and he intends to make the offer
to give that sum if the school will
miss as much more, and he
wishes to retain his subscription for
that purpose.

Yours

As I return to Washington
next Monday you need not
acknowledge this by letter addressed
to me here.

Very truly &c.

Yours &c

J. N. Hodges

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard.

Springfield Mass
July 31st 1867

Gen C. C. Howard

Dear Sir

Enclosed is \$10.00
for the Cong. Church, in re-
ply to your Circular,
from the South Church
in this City -
Yours respectfully & pa-
ternally -
S. G. Buckingham
Pastor -

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Springfield Mass
 July 21st 1867
 Rev. C. C. Thorne
 Dear Sir
 I have in your
 for the City Church in re-
 form to your Circular
 from the 20th Church
 in this City
 and respectfully
 Thank you
 S. W. Blackington
 Boston

Maine

Litchfield Corners
July, 31 1867

Maj Gen. Howard

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Dear Sir,

Please

find enclosed \$6.25 in response
to your circular asking aid
in building a house of worship
in Washington. \$3.92 collected
in congregation and \$2.33 in Sabbath
school. We are a small and poor
society, are taking monthly
collections, in the Society for the
American Missionary Association,
and in the Sabbath School for
Mission Schools.

Yours truly,

G. C. Waterman, Superintendent
of SchoolsLitchfield Corners
Maine

