

Headquarters Military Division of the Missouri,

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Saint Louis. Oct 24 1867.

Gen O O Howard.

Washington DC.

Dear General.

The Committee of
Invitation for the Society of
the Army of the Unconquered
has asked me to write
you privately urging your
attendance at the mee-
ting here on the 13 + 14 of
November. I do so
with great pleasure and
hope you will come.
The journey is very easy -
only 2 days. and you
can accomplish the
whole in one week's time.

I am still in
doubt if I can be

present. Because I am
still a member of the
Indian Loan Commission
bound to join them and
go up to Fort Laramie
in the early part of
November. I cannot
not possibly do this
and be at St Louis by
the 13 of November. But
when I meet the Com-
missioners at Omaha
if they will consent to
also if Ayres be present
I will get him to go
on & represent me at
that meeting, & come
back in time to be
at the meeting of the
Society here.

I really hope you
may come because the
old associating as we

national than any thing
else in our country, and if
we demonstrate that the
old Any feeling of Unity is
still in existence it may
help to carry the Country
safely through the discussion
that result from the war.

Of course the invitations
will be very general. But
of all persons the officers
would prefer to have the
Commander present. If
you propose to come
please notify Col Bayliss
at three day A.D. and he
will make it generally
known.

As ever your friend.

W. T. Sherman
Lieut.

Saint Louis Mo.
Oct. 24th 1867

Sherman, Gen. W.T.

Urge Gen. Howard to be
present, and attend the
meeting of the Society of the
Army of the Tennessee.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, D. C., Oct 24th 1866.

Major General C. C. Steward,
Commissioner &c.

Present:

General:

I have the honor to address you a few lines, as I fail to observe any moments of leisure calling upon you at Stratford, when I can verbally present the matter herein contained.

Under the many sad changes which have occurred in Texas, I am in a great measure left without demand for my services. I am further

informed by Maj. Geo. Doubleday - that
Lieut. Col. of my regiment - now
of the 35th Infy. - that there is every
reason to expect my regiment
towards the coming winter - to
crush up if possible the wasting
energies and health of the survivors,
and to secure the number of
crumbs, to raise the command to
proper strength and efficiency.

For these considerations, I
would be glad to be placed upon
duty here for a few months, until
the status of my regiment is more
fully settled. In this connection
as I have been informed you have
a vacancy upon your Staff - I
would respectfully ask to be con-
sidered for such position.

this be not approved by you, I have the
honor to ask, that I may be relieved
from further duty connected with
the mission upon which sent to
you by General Griffin, in July
last past, and ordered to report
to the Adjutant General, U. S. Army,
for further orders.

I have written twice to Brig. Maj.
Gen. Reynolds, now Comd. of District
of Texas, giving him a full his-
tory of my being sent here, ex-
plaining nature of the business
re. re.; but, to these communications
no answer, up to this date, has been
received.

I have the honor to be, General,
Very respectfully,
Your Obedt. Servant,

A. M. Sayson
1st Lieut. Regt. U. S. Inf.

late A. S. C. Va. A. S. G.

Staff of Maj. Gen. Griffin
District of Columbia

Residence,

503, 12. St.

Washington, D. C.

October 24th 1861

Taylor A. M. S.

Deceased to be placed on
Army from the Army of the
Staff

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N. Street bet. 14th and 15th Street.

Washington D. C.
October 24th 1867.

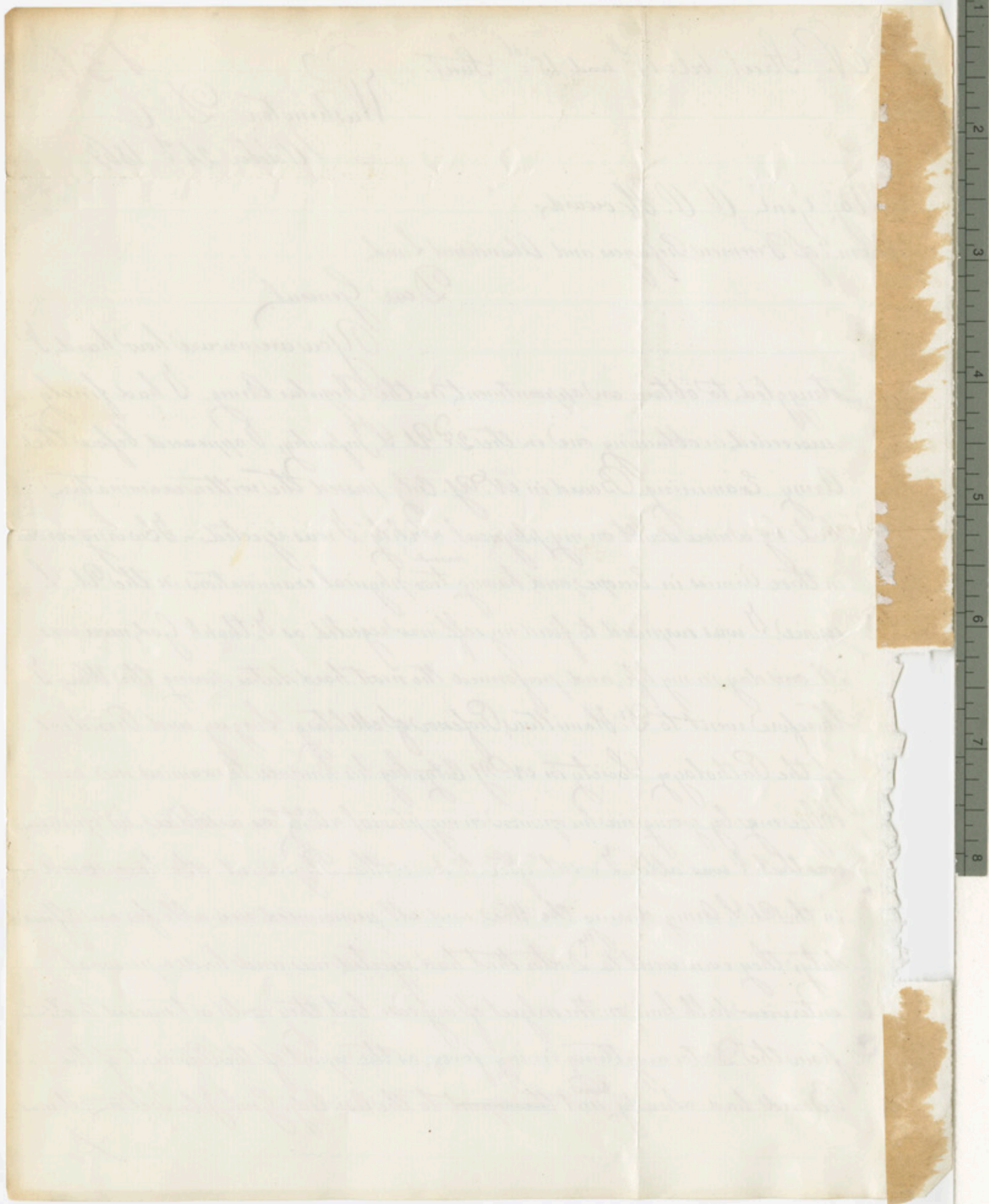
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Maj: Genl. O. O. Howard.

Com: of Freemen, Refugees and Abandoned Land

Dear General,

You are aware how hard I struggled to obtain an appointment in the Regular Army. I had finely succeeded in obtaining one in the 2^d U. S. Infantry, I appeared before the Army Examining Board in N. Y. City, passed the written examination, but by a mere doubt on my physical ability I was rejected. - Having served in three Armies in Europe, and having two physical examinations in the U. S. service, I was surprised to find myself now rejected as I, thank God, never was ill one day in my life, and performed the most hard duties during the War, I therefore went to Dr. Hamilton, Professor of Military Surgery, and President of the Pathology Society in N. Y. City, beg his kindness to examine me and oblige me by giving me his opinion on my physical ability as a soldier, his opinion was that I was able, I went after to some other Physicians who have served in the U. S. Army during the War, and all pronounced me able for an officer's duty, they even went to Doctor that had rejected me and had a personal interview with him on the subject of my case, but they could not succeed to obtain from the Doctor anything in my favor, as the report of the President of the Board had already ^{been} sent ~~the~~ to the Ass. Adj. Genl. J. C. Kelton, it was



therefore necessary that I should apply for a re-examination, but as Doctor Moore would not commit himself in endorsing or recommending my application it was unfavorably considered by the As. Adj. Gen. Ketton. By you see, dear Genl. that all my efforts of fourteen months and the sacrifice of all I had, has been useless, and all through a mere doubtful opinion of a too much zealous Doctor; I have now my case in the hands of Genl. F. T. Dent with all my documents to see whether I can obtain another appointment and appear before the Louisville Board; a word from you to Genl. Dent would surely interest him more in my case.

The bearer of this is my wife, she will, with your kind permission, further inform you how we are fix'd, I beg you will listen to her and that you will pardon us for troubling you. As you are a true Christian friend, and that you are able to do the dicted of your noble and philanthropic feeling I took the liberty to confide to you my present position. - Faithful to the Almighty, and to my liberal principles, I have sacrificed all I had of most dear upon this earth; fatherland, parents, property, titles, and even many times have offered up my life for the welfare of my fellowman; I am now reduced to the extreme of misery, having been out of employment for 9 months, with two children very often without bread to give them, and next month if Providence don't help me I shall be in the street as the land lord want his rent; I have pledged everything I had of any value, nothing remain to me now but the hope that your kindness will assist me in securing an employment of some kind that I may be able to procure the necessities of life for my dear family.

Trusting you will take into consideration my position accept the most earnest thanks and believe me to be

Your Very Respectfull and
Obedient Servant
C. C. de Rudis

Oct. 18.
Sept 24 1867

de Lucie E. C.

State that Genl. Beards
interesting himself in his
behalf to procure him an
appointment in the regular
Army. Request that Genl.
Howard will say several to
Genl. Grant in his behalf that
he may take a further interest
in him.

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Major Gen^l. C. C. Howard,

Dear Sir,

You have
kindly allowed
me to write you
about the "Bible Reader".

10. The lessons all from
the Bible alone are so
selected as to exhibit
the great truths essen-
-tial to salvation -
An important point
is gained if a person
learns to read even

these passages alone.
2nd The lessons are ar-
-ranged upon the Ind-
-method. Words because
having a meaning
are more interesting
than a-b- abs.

3. It has been found
that adults are
sometimes mortified
at being obliged to
use books designed
for children. This is
for adults especially.

4. It has also been
used with equal

success in teaching
children to read -

One of my boys at
five years old - with
five to ten minutes
instruction daily, in
ten days was able
to read ten verses.

From one of the
Tables to be used
in connection with
this book, classes of
fifty & more colored
persons have learned
to read one verse in
less than half an hour.

For this fact I may
refer to Rev J. M. Stebbins
D.D. 150 Nassau St
Dr. H. W. Purson - present
address not known -

For the successful
use of the "Bible Reader"
in the instruction
of single colored persons
I give ^{where they met} the names
of those who ^{gave the names}

of Mrs. Gov. Elders
of Princeton N. Jersey,
Mr. ^{A.S.} Merwin, long con-
nected with the Am.
Board C. F. Mission
Mrs. Hotchkiss of Eliz-
abeth N. J. & thus I give

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Several Superintendents
of Public Instruction
in office at the
time the book was
first published, gave
their unqualified
approbation to the
Word-method - They
had used it in
their own families,
& were very positive
sentiment was not
prepared for its in-
-roduction into the
Public Schools -
Among these gen-

Miners were Prof. W.
F. Phelps then of New
Jersey, now of Minn.
-Sota, & who prepared
the "Bible Reader" Tables,
also Mr. S. S. Randall
of New York City, & the
State Sup^{ts} of Mass^{ts},
& Minn.

The "Bible Reader"
is published by the
American S. S. Union
1122 Chestnut St. Phil-
adelphia, and can
be furnished at a

moderate price.

If you, Sir, should think best to sign some ~~recommendation~~ paper favoring the use of the "Bible Reader" it would greatly promote its use where it might do good - especially in schools at the South, both for whites, & freedmen -

My letter is not as short as I hoped

to make it -

With sincere regards
& many thanks for
all you have done
and are doing for
our country,

Y^{rs}
J. E. H. Harris

5th V. Boulevard Sts
Washington Oct 24/67

Brig-Genl C. A. Howard

Sir I take
pleasure in contributing another
[Note] five dollars, to the building
fund of the 1st Congregational
Church.

I was in hopes to make
my contributions oftner, but the
privilege of purchasing stores
at the Commissary, not being
extended to me, I am able
to save but little from my salary.

I do not understand Dr Keyser's
reading of paragraph in Officers
Manual relative to fuel, that
leads him to doubt the allow-
ance of fuel as per Manual to
Dr Purvis & myself

Yours Oct 24

J. A. Bushnell
A. A. Surg

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