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Raleigh N.C.

December 25 1867

Dear General.

I have written you
several times and feel very
great delay. amounting almost
to reticence in addressing you
again upon the same subject.

I know you are hurried and
perplexed by this constant appeal
from other sources, and I do
not wish to add in the least
to your many annoyances. Yet
I am exceedingly embarrassed
in my own judgement as to the

efficiency of these changes in
the organization of the Bureau and
removal of the Ad. Ins. & Galsboro.
The interests and efficiency of the
Bureau will be seriously damaged
by this change. Beyond any effort
I, or those connected with me
can possibly prevent.

Kaluzs is the center. Here paper
come from all parts of the State.
The facilities of the Bureau can
never ^{as efficient} be at Galsboro. There is
no Bank through which its business
can be transacted. The correspondence
of all of its branches, particularly
the Educational, must be seriously

deranged. And the actual cost
after this change will not be
less than one thousand Dollars
(Had not that money better be
used in the erection of a school
house?) What good is to result
from this change?—nothing, but
on the contrary discords, delays
and embarrasments. The contemplated
changes have already deranged the
entire operations of the Bureau.
What would you say if General
Grant had ordered you to command
the 2^d Military District with Adj. Gen.
at Charleston S.C. and appointed
Asst Comm^r who you had no

confidence in. when the Country ~~holds~~
you responsible for the proper administration
of the Bureau? In your letter to me
you say "hold on when you are if
you can." that General is not discor-
dary with me. The origin of these changes
must be traced to your office, and
you alone can, by prompt action, ~~can~~
correct the evil. I trust as long as
you have the power in your hands you
will exercise it. I have appealed to Gen-
Canty but in vain I have no doubt
he means well but I think fails
to appreciate the circumstances in this

State, you can as ~~soon~~ after
Bureau, direct that the system
which I have labored to perfect
be undisturbed. or if not this,
then I am relieved from
my military duty. in order
that I may devote my whole
time and attention to this
Enterprise.

In regard to the continuance of
the Bureau it does not require
much of a prophet to foresee
that by the 1st of June next
the Agents of the Bureau will
have all they can do to

issue returns to the people who
by that time, will be in a
starving condition.

Please inform me if I may
expect any change or modification
in this contemplated movement;
as Genl Canby's order admits
of no delay, and I shall be
obliged to act within a very
few days. Again I ask
what shall I do?

I have the honor to remain
With the highest respects

Yours attached
Nelson A. Miles

asst comr.

To Major General O. S. Howard
Commissioner
Washington D.C.

Waterbury, Conn.
Dec 25 1847

Wm. W. Woodcock

Writes a long letter
with regard to the recent
arrangements in business
affairs with the Landings
and discusses very much
to be seen from Woodcock
in the subject.

and by the way



Shred by W. H. Green Dec. 27. by

Private

Near Charlotte, N. Carolina. 134
25 Dec 1867.

Genl Oliver, O. Howard, W.A.
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir,

According to your request I have made enquiry about the lands of Mrs. Leathe Mother Mrs. Tripp - of Georgia. I understand they were not sold for Taxes. Mrs. Leathe recovered her - & placed them in the hands of a relative - for 3 years. for repairing - free of rent. - Of course there is no income. During the time Mrs. Tripp disposed of her landed property. I mounted the proceeds into Confederate Bonds - which are worthless.

The General Distraction of this country, both in money and means, deprives these ladies of much aid they would otherwise derive in consequence of necessity - as they have received a great deal from the kindness of neighbors.

I understand the family of Gen. Lee is entirely incapable of affording any assistance to them. These ladies are truly objects of charitable consideration - and I trust will receive all the assistance they so strongly merit - from a community - very respectfully

J. H. Gibbon.

Dear Mr. [illegible]
DEC 19 1867

Arthur J. St.

That had no compliance
with Goodfriend's request
he had made inquiry with
regard to the subject of the
fee, which had no compliance
and not for that, but that the
made them over to a collector
for three years, also that the
high the value of the fee
do not of his land and some
of the proceeds into Confession
etc. etc.



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Whitehall,

Prince Edward Co. Va.,

Maj. Gen. D. D. Howard,

Dec. 26th 1867.

Chief of B. R. F. & A. L.,

General.

Knowing that you would have noticed the resolution offered by myself on the last day of the State Convention, prior to recess, and thinking you might not fully understand the cause of the fate that resolution met, I thought it advisable to drop you a line on the subject, with a view of eradicating any erroneous impression the vote on the subject might have caused.

You may have noticed that my resolution contemplated retaining all the Officers of the Bureau now on duty in the State, and, presuming that if the resolution were adopted, that

retention would be obligatory; and knowing that many of the Officers on duty in connection with the Bureau are utterly opposed to the government from which they derive their power and support, many gentlemen voted against the measure who would otherwise have supported it, and who desire the protection which should come from that source as much as I do myself.

At the suggestion of my friends I have prepared the same subject in another form and intend presenting it as soon as possible after our re-assembling.

I should feel obliged for any suggestion in connection with the subject which you might favor me with.

I am General

Very Resp^{ly} Yours,

Address:

Edgar Allan,

Edgar Allan,

Member of Convention

Richmond Va

Germanstown ^{12/} 1866. ¹³⁶
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Dear Sir

This morning upon opening a package which I had in Washington I found the enclosed; which thy hand must have misplaced. In a matter of civility of this sort we will not be persistent: but Genl. Howard must not ignore the fact that the distinctly protective position of the F. Bureau, and its judicious administration have given to him - the Chief of it - a place in the warm and generous sympathies of the true friends of Truth both in America & Europe.

In addition to the note for C. Badbury I will take it very kind if Genl. Howard wd send one to Anne Warner & Rebecca Warner in tokens of the principles to which he dedicated greatly to their satisfaction in the Academy of Music Philada on the night of 22nd ult.

Respectfully

Gardner Warner

P.S. Please to say to the parties wishing to rent our building on 19th St, that an answer will be sent next week

W.W.

Dec 27, 1865

Harriet Vardley

Recommended that Dr. L.
Monroe autographs be
sent to Miss L. Vardley's
care & address Harriet

Box 5 & 8

Down

Will Mr. Beebe
please let Gen.
O. Howard's care-
taker send for
to Miss Caroline Codrington
address within
Dear Friends

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Yarolay Warner

Understanding that you propose
going to Washington in a day or two I desire that
you will call when there upon John Humbolt Supt of Schools
under the Bureau, and enquire about the Free Library
under the care of "Mrs I. B. Johnson" going to see her & it
if possible. He has just sent us a satisfactory acct of
some testaments he sent them in the Spring & asks for

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Caroline Cadbury, daughter of B H Cadbury,
Hon. Sec of the Birmingham Medical ~~Association~~
for Freedmen's Aid Association.

Would like an autograph of Genl Howard, he
has been much interested in his course in connection
the Freedmen's Bureau.

The writer thinks she would be doubly pleased,
a short paragraph annexed, addressed to her.

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Melrose Dec. 27th 1867

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir,

In behalf of the Melrose
Independent Army and Navy
Association, I would solicit for their
library, such documents as in any way
relate to the recent rebellion, and which
you may feel pleased to contribute. most
especially do we desire any such works as
relate to the momentous result of the
War. The freed bondman and the crushed
despot. Should you be pleased to grant
our desires, may we not solicit also your
autograph with the works.

I am Sir Very Truly
Yours Obedt. Servt.
Wm. N. Tyler
Cor. Sec.

Miss Mary A. Smith

Letter No. 24A.

In the behalf of the Union Society
Army and Navy Association
request of Rev. Mr. Ward and
documentary testimony, be-
stowed to your relation to
the late War the conditions
of the Freedmen's R. Co. with
the Rev. Mr. Ward.

attested to



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General Howard.

Dear Friend.

Please accept
thanks for photographs
enclosed in Mr. Thompson's
letter. They are most
excellent. & shall have
a choice place in our
"Sanctum Sanctorum".

I shall hope are long
to receive the bright
reflections of the little
ones. according to promise.

It is unnecessary to
add that I would be
glad to have one
of Mrs. Howard's. as I
cherish very agreeable
recollections of our friendly
intercourse in by gone days.

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Your letter brought me
particularly myself - very
disheartening intelligence.
It has been the prayer
of my heart to remain
somewhere near my dear
Mother. Now in the closing
years. The thought of going
to California is nearly
distressing to me - rendered
more so by the prospect
of my husband's being sent
from there to Alaska.
General. I feel that I am
indeed trespassing upon
your kindness & friendship
to ask further intercession
in our behalf. (I will say
truthfully my behalf) for I am
writing without my husband's
knowledge. I wish he knew
it. I would receive no
military requisition.

But I earnestly entreat
you to make one more
effort. Would it be im-
possible for Mr. Thompson
to get a position in the
Adjutant General's Department?

I would be thankful
for any position that would
frustrate the necessity of that
for. Aidant home in Califor-
nia. Any effort you may
make will be remembered
with the everlasting gratitude
of a prayerful. Servant. and
a fond Father's warmest
Thanks.

Please give much love
to Mrs Howard & the Children
and believe me -

Your sincere friend
Julia Thompson.

Sanport Dec. 27th 1867.

Newport N.Y.
Dec 27th 1867

Thompson, Julia

Friendly letter
acknowledging receipt
of photograph



Washington, D.C. 27th Dec 1867.

Dear Sir;

Inclosed you have a draft for \$200. (two hundred dollars,) donations from Lorenzo Sheldon, M. D. and Benjamin F. Blanchard Esq. both of West Rutland, Vermont, of \$100. each. —

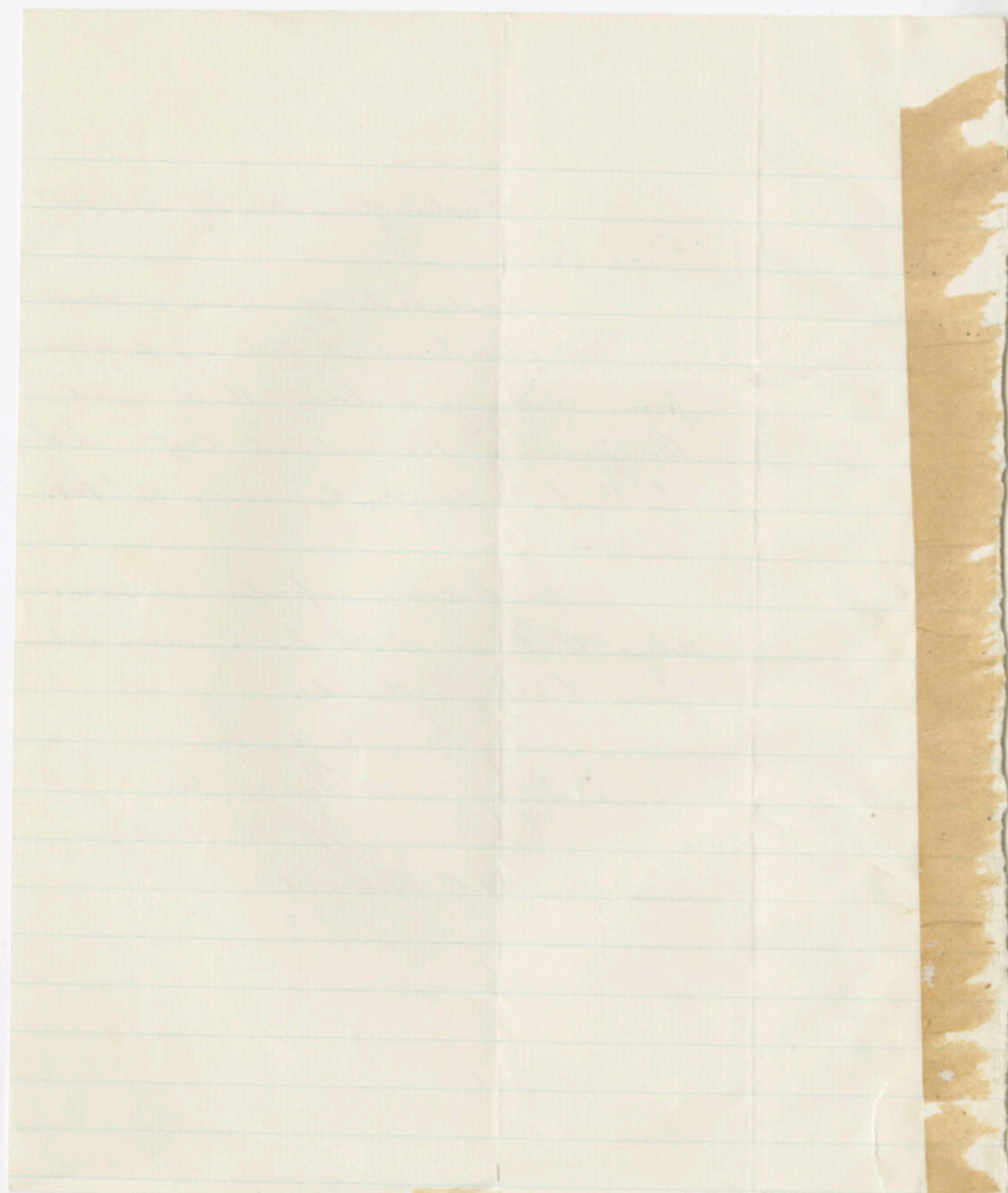
Doctor Sheldon expresses his convictions that we shall have more yet from West Rutland.

Very truly &c.

Yours &c

J. H. Hoildyes

Maj Gen. O. O. Howard.



A. E. Chamberlain.
O. N. Bush.
F. V. Chamberlain.

-OFFICE OF-
ANCHOR IRON WORKS,
No. 53 Vine Street,

Cincinnati, Dec 28 1867

Major Gen O O Howard

My Dear Bro

Yours of 21. Enclosing
Photograph is at hand, a great improvement
upon former Card. When we get a large one
to take place of one on the wall we will
be made up. and very greatly obliged.
My family send some Christian Greetings.
We are all in excellent health, wishing
you the greatest success in all your noble
efforts for the Cause of Christ and Humanity
Believe Me

Very Truly Your Brother
A E Chamberlain

Cincinnati
Decr 28 1867

Chambelain A. C.

Kindly letter, acknowledg-
ing receipt of photograph

