

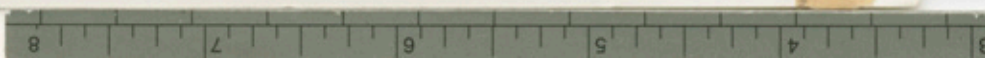
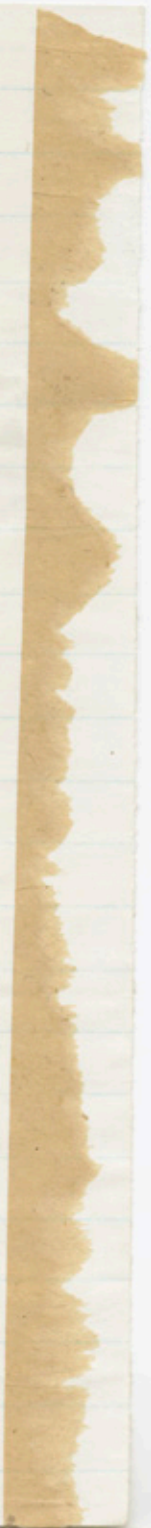
Washington Feb 3. 1868
 May Geo O. O., Howard
 Dear Sir.

If you do not think the sermon
 itself a sufficient answer to
 such letters as you refer to,
 would it not be well to refer
 the writer to my statement
 in the Congreg of Jan'y 30, or
 to the propositions submitted to
 the Church last Tuesday, or
 you can give them my
 verbal statements of yesterday.

You might at least say
 that the article in the
 Recorder is an entire
 perversion of the sermon &
 misrepresentation of my opinions.

Very Truly
 Yr. ally
 A. A. Burdett

[Faint, illegible handwriting on lined paper]



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4 Market Street
February 3^d 1868.

General.

Yours (per A.D.C.), of 31st ult, in reply to mine of 27th ult, is at hand.

The initiative is taken.

A Bill passed City Councils, and was approved, last May, to drain the Ponds around Lincoln Square and to fill in north B thereabout. But the Mayor fails to have the work done, — saying the plan ordered is ephemeral and impracticable.

We have repeatedly asked him to have Surveys and Report made thereon to him; and that the Report came to Councils with better plan for amended action, else to execute the Bill as passed. He does not appear to act. Cannot you ask him to do so?

Genl Michler has been asked to grade all avenues & across and about said Ponds, and to extend Lincoln Square to the two A streets prolonged.

Cannot you reinforce such requests?

General Michler has also been asked to ask of Congress the relocation of that part of North C Street which is east of east 15th St so as to align with that part west thereof. And, since

the objections to opening this much needed great thoroughfare of travel, east to the County road to Remmings Bridge, is first the offset complained of, and second the deeper cuttings for grade on the present line, Alderman McClintock, of 6th Ward, introduced, last Monday evg, a resolution of instruction to the Committee before us to seek to obtain from Congress the desired relocation, and at an early day. This

Resolution, together with maps, arguments and Bill, is probably now in hands of Mr Richards the Chairman of said Committee.

Cannot you assist us herein before Genl Michler, Mr Richards, said Committee and Congress?

As to the matter of appropriateness adjoining Lincoln Square with the proposed Monumental Statue of President Lincoln, I know not what is being done. Mr Thomas M

Plowman, of the "Philadelphia Building Company" most probably knows, and would at your request impart to you the requisite information.

Alderman McCallahan is also operating to that end, but calls for assistance.

Cannot you help us in this matter also?

Respectfully Yours

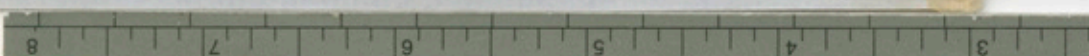
A. H. Adams

Major Genl O. O. Howard
Bureau Refugees & V.
Washington D. C.

Atty Genl's Spc. et
Washington Feb. 3^d 1868

St. Louis, A. G.

Mr. Lincoln's receipt of Ben-
crate Communion (Lansford
Atty Genl) in reply to his
concerning improvements
Again thank the im-
provements to be made,
and says imitative steps
have been taken before the
Major Gen. Maclean & Langston
etc, now requests the Benjamin
copies to be in influencing
each of these parties.
The Stewart & Mr. Leonard of
Ohio building the campaign
information as to Lincoln's
movement to be placed in
Lincoln Square, etc etc



Penfield N.Y. 94

February 3^d 1868

Dear Genl.

Allow me to trouble you again for a few moments.

I took your advice and went and saw Genl Grant the next morning after I was at your house.

He said they were going to reduce the Army the first thing in the Spring and he could not do any thing untill after the West Point Cadets graduated. He thought that I could have a situation about the first of July.

I see that Congress has reported adversely to reducing the army, and also that all Officers holding positions from other Dep^{ts} must resign their Commissions in the Army and the vacancies filled by promotion.

Now this will make many vacancies, and as Lie Stanton is now in the War Office. Don't you think I might receive an appointment sooner than Genl Grant could then

Please address
J. M. Fish, Esq.,
Penfield
Massachusetts

To: Maj Genl O. O. Howard
Washington D.C.

P.S. Ask one of "A.S.'s" Postmaster
through! Excuse this paper, as
is all I have in the House.
Could you do anything for me in your
Bureau?

Promise me?

As you are at the War Dept every day, would it be asking too much for you to state my case to the Secretary and get his views?

As you may have forgotten, in the press of your other business, about me, I will briefly state the case. I am 26 yrs old - entered service as a Private June 1st/61 - have been wounded seven times, worked my way from private to Capt & Bvt Major, am strongly recommended by Genl Cox whose Staff I was on as Ord Officer & Actg Inspr Genl, Indorsed by Govt Fenton - Genl Sherman and yourself Senator's table & Morgan - also by McCarthy & Selzer, Members of Congress, & am 4 yrs & more & seven days active service.

I desire a position in the Cavalry if possible. I was the only Scout Genl Burnside had when we first went to the Carolinas. and was wounded twice while performing those duties. But was never taken prisoner.

Well, please give this your attention and let me hear from you, if only a line, and your kindness will ever be appreciated by yours
Respectfully
M. Fish

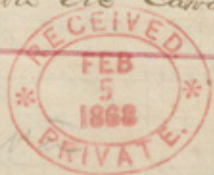
Senfield Manor Co N.Y.
February 3^d 1868

Fish J. M.
Post Master

States that (at the suggestion of
the Commissioner, when last at
his house) he saw Gen Grant
who, on account of expected re-
duction of the Army, could not
give definite answer as to
position till the 1st of July

Notices that there will be
no reduction, but many va-
cancies. Requests that the
Comm^r, if not too much trouble,
state his case to the Secy of War
and get the Secy's views

Let the Comm^r may have forgotten,
reiterates briefly his war records
together with name of Generals, Sen-
ators, and members of Congress.
Would like position in Cavalry etc
etc, etc,



Call at

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Dear Guil:-

Credit yourself
with \$1042.50. on your
private account with
this bank.

In accordance with
your order of Saturday
I have taken one one
thousand 10-40 bond
at that price - market
value cash.

Yrs truly

D. L. Eaton
Actuary.

July 3, 1868.

Please send me Gen. Dwyer's
article on amalgamation

Washington Feb. 3^d 1868

Estro Col. D. L.

States that General's private account is to be credited with \$1042.50

In accordance with order, he has taken one more, one thousand 10-40 bonds.



[Faint handwritten notes and signatures on the right side of the page, including "Dr" and "D. L."]

FROM THE
Law Office of Edwin H. Darling,
36 & 37 Old State House.

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Boston, Mass., Feb. 3rd 1868

My dear Sir,

I have been intending to write to you for some time past, but thought I would defer trespassing upon your attention until in my judgement it became unavoidable. For the past six months I have been practising law in Boston, and during the whole of that time I have not made one cent. This is both discouraging and demoralizing, more especially as I can conscientiously say that I have attended closely to my business, and tried very hard to work into a practice. Although I am surrounded by wealthy relatives, I don't want to accept any pecuniary assistance while I am able and willing to work. But having been engaged for some time past in seeking something to do, and not finding anything whatever, and having pretty nearly run out of money, the future commences to look very black. My wife and child I sent

to Hawaii last December, though I expect they
will return in the Spring. After all that my
good father has done for me, especially in
view of his recent severe pecuniary losses,
I could not and would not ask any aid
from him. It has occurred to me that in the
event of a re-organization of your business, you
might find something for me to do. I am
well-educated as you know, can speak
freely well both French and Spanish, and
am steady and willing to work hard.
My father deliberately and from principle
sacrificed a large, in fact an enormous
fortune during the war in support of the
cause of the Union, and as he has
asked any thing from the government,
I think they might do something for me,
especially as I propose to render them
a "quid pro quo". I dislike to give up
my profession even temporarily, but unless
I get something to do speedily, I see
no alternative standing me in the face of
my present situation. I have
been our former acquaintance as well

your knowledge of my family may plead an
excuse for trespassing upon your time, and
with the hope that I may hear from
you at your leisure, believe me,

Yours very truly,

E. H. Darling

Should Perry Lee be at H., please remember
me kindly to him -

36nd 37 Old State House
Boston Mass.
Feb. 3^d 1868

Darling, E. W.
Att. at Law.

States that he has been prac-
ticing law for six months,
and has not made one
cent.

Is ready and willing to
work, and is well educa-
ted. Hopes that the commis-
sioner may see something
for him to do, to prevent
himself and family from starving
etc, etc, etc,

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Boston, Feb. 3rd, 1868

Maj Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

Enclosed

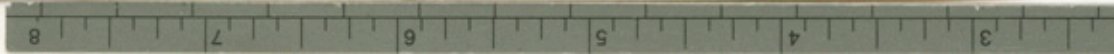
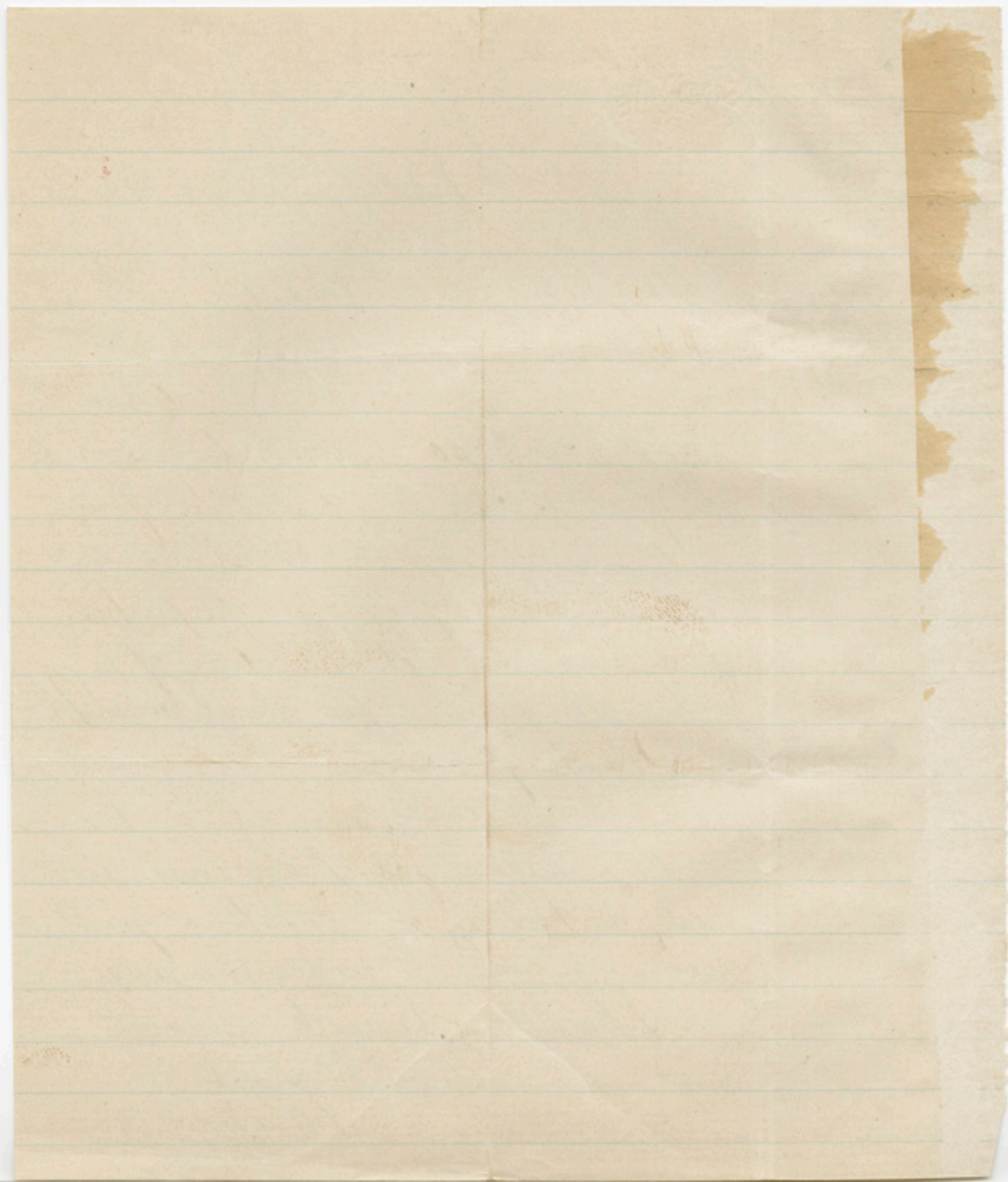
Please find \$18.50 eighteen dollars and fifty cents a contribution from the Mr Vernon S. S. (Dr. Kirk) to be appropriated by you for the purpose of aiding in the erection of a Church edifice for Congl Unionship in Washington

Be so kind as to acknowledge recd. of the same as early as possible. Wishing you success in your noble enterprise

I have the honor to remain

Your Obedt Servt

N. J. Marble Coast, P. O. Merrill
Boston



Collinsville Conn

Gen O O Howard

Feb 4 1868

Dear Sir

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Enclosed find a

PO Money Order - \$13.75 to aid in completing the
Congreg^l Church in Washington. It is a
small contribution for so worthy an object,
& so able a church as ours.

Very truly yours

A Hall

O O Howard

Pastor Cong^l Ch Collinsville

Conn

Co. M. W. L. Conn.
P.O. No. 1568

Will A.

Butcher,

Enclosed P.O. order
for \$13.75 from Cong.
Church of Kellinville to
Cong. Church at Hudson

W.B.



Cofftown Feb. 4th N. Y. 64

Gen. Howard Dear Sir - 106

Take my pen to express my surprise and sorrow at the report by the Congregationalist Boston that D. S. Boyington refused the request of two respectable colored persons to write with the chh. under his care. Believing you are a member of that chh. and knowing you have done very much for it; you must feel some interest in this decision. Did the D. S. do it himself or by vote of consent of the chh.? Think a very important matter. I have ^{been} in the ministry 50 years in a few weeks. Most of that time I have labored and prayed for the abolition of slavery, and not wholly without success. you may remember sending some 2 yrs. an appeal to me at East London for aid in erecting a sanctuary. No one took interest, I sent the small sum of \$5. not that I regret it. But I now say I would not give one farthing to erect a sanctuary or support a minister whose doctrine were that against colored persons writing with the chh. and especially at this most critical period!! It is a blow against suffrage, Congress and reconstruction, and states and liberty of the negro. And rebels and traitors who are not pleased; you will certainly know. But this is not only against man, but against the Bible. see Eph. 6th 4th and 9th That weid good thing any one doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord whether bond or free. What they do the same things unto them, knowing that your Master is in heaven: neither is there respect of persons with him. This, the uniform teaching of the bible lets ye see, that others, &c. I hope you and D. S. B. will read the Article in Cong. Boston, quoted above. It does not present feeling of the great body of Congos, I am mistaken. The slaveites might aid your building.

Every thing about your building and chh.
is of very peculiar interest. We want to see
chh. be a model of our Puritan free con-
gregationalism in so important a place where
we are so little known. It should be a
model entering wedge pointed south.
We have a negro who takes care of our
meeting house, and we esteem him highly
and very few if any are more decent
or casual and interesting in firing.
Several of his children are members.
I hope the case will be reversed. Are
there no colored persons in any of the
white chhs. south? I rejoice in the stand
you have taken, and glad you have
accomplished for the freed men. You have
our thanks, and our prayers. A true more,
that we so many good ^{men} important
stations south. May God prosper all
your efforts for clearing the down
en.

A no nothing. Have not Congress
power and the right, in time of oppression
like this, to prohibit turning tow into poison
to kill and not to cure?

God has begun to deliver the oppressed, and He
will accomplish it; if need be, by more terrible
judgments; if rebels won't learn righteousness.
The Lord guide and establish our loyal Congress
and all good men, and abuse the proud.

A trembling hand & O in March - Manning
Yours truly & for justice Abel Manning.

Confidential Washington Tuesday
July 4. 1868.
(at the Office)

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Dear Brother Howard.

God bless you! - I hoped that I might be able to go to the gathering last evening at the Columbian Law Buildings thinking I might perhaps meet you but I could not. I wanted to say to you how truly & deeply I sympathize with you & that my prayers in the closet at my family prayer are daily ascending for you and that in the little Union week day prayer that every morning I attend you are most specially remembered, while like your blessed master, placed as you are by the Providence of God in that important you are ministering to the wants and woes of thousands and that you may be sustained you as He kept you in the thick of the fight in the day of battle He will still keep you & honour

your faith & make you a blessing in your
prayer long time to the Church & the
Country at the world. Sure I am there
are many who will rise up to call
you blessed. I am not ^{one} who is ac-
customed to flatter, but ever since
I first saw in the E. St. Union Judge
meeting just after the battle of Bull
Run & heard you express your feelings
as a Christian Soldier & you then led
us in prayer my heart has gone
to you & I have loved you. I did not
know indeed then what great things
our God had in store for you but
after we parted on the Avenue a few
weeks subsequent, all through your
glorious career of heroic service, I
followed you with my prayers & then
crowned with laurels I first saw
you at the meeting of the Christian
Communion still standing up for
Christ; and I felt as I now feel
I but gave glory to God to recognize

helping in you one by whom He had wrought
the so great things, while you as His own
rather love your honors so meekly, I did
all my dear Brother most truly feel
a c- for you last Sabbath. It was all
ine strange to me, I had not heard
judge a word of the meetings of the week
But before for I was unable to go out
being but it did seem to me such an
in to utter pervasion of the text and such
me an extraordinary course for a pastor
and to withhold so many longing hearts
things from the ordinance where the Saviour
but was the all & in all to us and it
a few to remember Him in compliance with
me His dying words, just as He was going
I to Gethsemane where His soul so so-
then ceeding sorrowful even unto, to turn
law off our minds from the tender touching
than words so receded to make what I
or could not but view as a most un-
feel generous unmanly use of his position
cognize to attack you to whom our and b

your disinterested devotion the
so much - and I blessed God too
you so calmly & nobly vindicated
yourself. I tried to say see you
as much at the close of the service
but could not find you. I say it
from a full heart. - You had a right
to protest - it is a privilege never
I do not know what I might have
felt best for me to do but situated
as you are you did right as I believe
I did not hear the sermon you vol
for its publication. When I read it I deep
thought as I do now - the text was how
misapplied and the idea of an
Civilization in the midst was against
all the teachings of History. Only in
the case of antagonistic religions
such things have been known as in the
Turkish empire - Jews, Armenians,
Greek Ch. with Mohammedans
but not in Persia, Grecian Roman
Empire, Empires, not in Europe or
Buthan &c. as you well know
It was unkind I think and unjust
to ask you exposed as you to daily
attacks from the political papers
answer the question as to Amalgam

And helped you to the right reply,
And He doubt not will give you
the Cover of His broad shield of faith
to ward off the fiery darts of the
adversary in whatever shape they
appear. — Now dear brother I have
re-written, as you see most hurriedly,
this letter and I trust it to your
discretion. Its design is to let you
know particularly how most truly
I deeply sympathize with you
— how earnestly you are ever to me
on my poor prayers. Again I
say God bless you & your family and
all the great trusts committed to
and make you further as you
have so largely been a blessing
to His church & to the church of
which I am a fellow member
with you & may His Spirit be
with us all to guide us aright
in the way of all truth and after
He has in any manner wrought His
will with us, or by take all the
glory to Himself and thus permit

how more than ever day by day
He is with us and gives to be
Christlike by blessing others
& so being doubly blest ourselves.
May your children under their
fathers & mothers teaching so
ample grow up to make you
blest in them & to serve the
Lord.

I do not ask any reply
we may see each other some
time, perhaps in some prayer meet-
ing - but I should be glad if you
have one to spare you would send
me one of those printed papers which
I have read over (but I may see the
whole in the Ensign and Advance
both of which I take) my address
is Box 509. P. O. -

Your brother in Christ
Goodrich Smith
Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard.

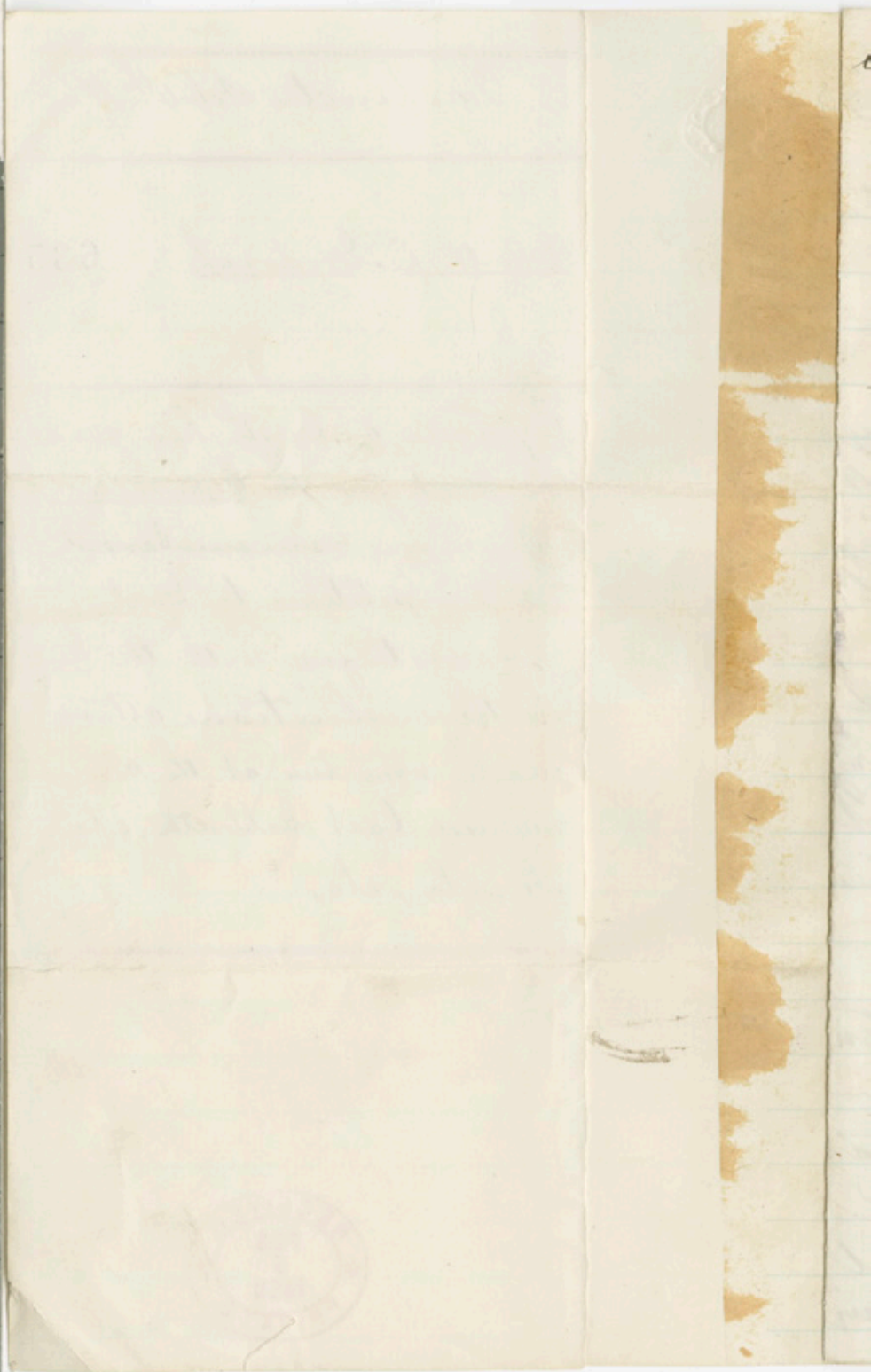
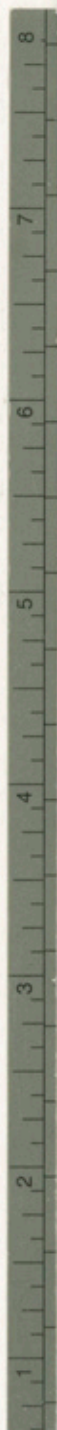
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Smith E. Goodrich 635

Expresses at length his great respect for the Commissioner, who is ever remembered in his petitions to God.

Sympathizes with the Genl. in the unchristian attack made upon him at the communion last Sabbath, etc, etc, etc,





AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS.

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F. C. WITHERS, SECRETARY,
110 BROADWAY.

NEW YORK,

H. th February 1888.

My Gen: C. C. Howard

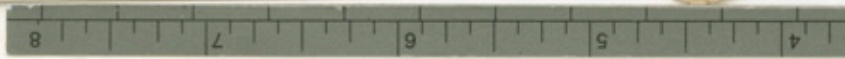
Sir:

W. Henry R. Seale of Washington, proposing at this time to become a member of the American Institute of Architects, has referred the Trustees to you for information in regard to certain points, which are fully set forth in his application, of which a copy is enclosed.

Hoping that you may find it convenient to forward a reply at an early day. I remain Sir

Yours respectfully
Fred. C. Withers Sec:

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No. 76. No. 30. Washington, D.C.

4th Feb. 1868

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Major Genl. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

This will introduce to
your favorable consideration,
Genl. J. W. Barnes of Texas. He is
President of one of our Texas Rail
roads; and he wishes to present
to you some views in regard
to the labor of freedmen. I take
pleasure in saying that Genl. Barnes
is thoroughly reconstructed and
that he has humane and liberal
views. Whatever he undertakes
will be done in good faith,
and for the benefit of the
freedmen and the country.
You can implicitly rely
upon his statements.

Any facilities you may
afford him will greatly oblige
me. I remain with great
respect.

Geo. W. Paschal

No 26
Shanghai Feb 4 1868

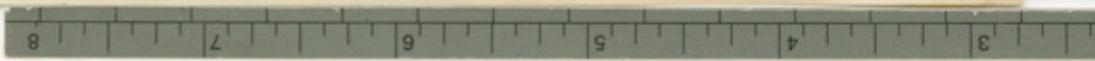
Prochal B. H.

Producers Club

J. W. James



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Office of Public Buildings, Grounds & Works,
Washington, February 4, 1868

Major General O. O. Howard
Commissioner of the Freedman's Bureau,
Washington, D.C.

General:

I have the honor to enclose
herewith an Indenture properly signed
and witnessed, conveying to you Square
south of Square 1035 in the City of Washington.

I am, Genl. Very respectfully,
Your Obedt. Servant,
A. Michler.

Major of Engineers,
1st Brig. Genl. G. A.

[Faint, illegible handwriting on lined paper]



C. C. WILLARD.

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EBBITT HOUSE,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Feb 14th 1868

Dear General

I would like very much to remain in the city until day after tomorrow night & attend to some little (private) matters of importance. if you are willing? I regret that I am unable to tap your generosity as I have done. and thank you for sparing me so long. but as I am now in the city I would like to arrange all of my affairs before going South.

I have the honor

ERRITT HOUSE

Drum

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

With the highest respect
for your

Nelson A. Miles

Respectfully
Yours

