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Senate Chamber

Feb. 5th 1868

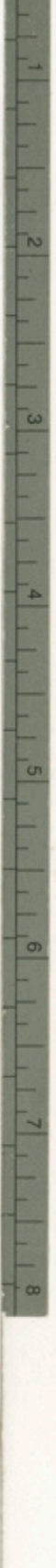
Dear Sir I have your letter
of the 4th, announcing the re-
sult of the examination, which
has been made into the scheme,
for purchasing the Parrot farm.
I regret very much that it has
been found impracticable, though
I cannot say that this result has
disappointed me, for it coincides
with what I feared.

Yours very truly
Charles Sumner

Major Gen. O. O. Howard,

War Department

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Dear Sir
I have your letter
of the 10th inst. and
am glad to hear that
you are well and
hope to hear from
you again soon.
I am, Sir, very
respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. H. [Name]



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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands.

Office Assistant Commissioner, State of Georgia.

Atlanta, Georgia, Feb. 6 1868.

Major General O O Howard
Comd^r of Bureau of R. F. & A. L.
Washington D. C.

Dear General,

Enclosed
herewith please find my photograph
as requested per letter of Captain
Stodden of the 11th M. I. C.
I should be much pleased, General,
if convenient, to receive a photograph
of yourself

I am very truly yours
C. C. Sibley

Col. 16th Inf 1st Brig Genl

Asst Comd^r

Office Asst. Comm.
Atlanta Georgia
Feb 6th 1868

Sibley C. C.
Col. 16th Inf. Bt. Brig Genl.
Asst. Comm.

Encloses photograph of
himself. Would be pleased
to receive one of the
Commissioner



N. E. Friends Freedmen's Mission,
13th Street, between R. and S.

Washington, D. C. 2^d ^{mo} 5th 1868
Feb. 5

Maj Genl C. C. Howard
Respected Friend

I take the liberty to
send thee my thoughts upon the
accompanying sheet, without
attempting to condense them,
in regard to the subject alluded to
some time since, and as first presented
to me; and if approved by thee
will endeavor to write out the
plan, as it suggests itself to my
mind in a more concise form.

respectfully

E. H. Valentine

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W. E. G. Friends' Meeting's Station

10th Street, between 1st and 2nd

Philadelphia, Pa. 1910

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Augusta Ga
Feb 5th 1868

General O. O. Howard
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

I avail

myself of this method to request your assistance in a matter which I am satisfied yound all fair minded & unprejudiced men are in sympathy withnd desire to see eradicated from the heartsnd minds of the heads of our Government. I mean prejudice. I desire to "break the ice of prejudicend enter one of the Colored Regiments of our Army as a 2nd Lieutenant if found upon examination qualified. I do not think race or color should preclude my entrance into the Service as an Officer when so many Colored men are required to serve as Enlisted men

I desire not the position if I
am not capable of performing
the duties that would be required
of me. I deem it unnecessary
to refer to my record as a Soldier
in the late war, as you are well
acquainted with the history of my
Regiment (73rd Penn vols). Numbers of
my old Brigade have been commis-
ioned &c. among them Col Cresson
Chambers McKibbin (formerly Private of
D. 73rd Pa vols) Col A.H. Jackson 134th Reg
&c. I merely ask for the position
as a man (as my Bible teach me I
am one) and a former Soldier of the
Union Army. I think if Colonel
J.B. Taft was living to day he could
testify to my conduct as a Soldier.
I deem it inexpedient General to
prolong this letter as I think you
are sufficiently advised as to
my status history &c. I desire
if you should be pleased to

aid me that you will do so as soon as practicable. as I see that there is a Bill before Congress to prevent the appointment of any more 2nd Lieutenants - And I do not think there is a Colored Officer in the Army though quite a number of Colored Soldiers. I respectfully call your attention to my application forwarded to you by Maj J. R. Lewis. And also refer you to Rev Mr Watts, Kent, Corey, Rice, Turner, White, And other Divines in this State.

Please reply as early as possible and let me know if I can secure the desired position

I am General

Very Respectfully
your obt servant

Edwin Belcher
Late Capt 73rd P. V. I

Glass Box No 35

February 5th 1868

Pelcher Edwin

(Late Capt 73^d P^a Vols)
(P.O. Box No 35)

Wishes to secure the
coöperation of the General
in obtaining the position,
if capable, of 2^d Lieutenant
in one of Col's regiments; and
thus breaking up prejudice
on the part of the Government.

Seems it unnecessary to
refer to his record in late
war.

Gives names of several
of his comrades who have been
commissioned, etc. etc. etc.

Requests an early reply.



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West Medway.

February 5. 1868.

Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir,

I hereby transmit the enclosed twenty eight dollars, contributed by the Congl Church & Society in this place in aid of building the house of worship for the Congregational Church in Washington now being erected.

Please accept and appropriate it to that purpose and may God's blessing be your great reward for your selfdenying labours in this cause,

Anson Daniels.

Private

New York
Feb - February 5,
1868

P.S. Judge Wood did the
cause good service when
he was out here. I don't
know how you regard it
but his friends in Balti:
more think he has rendered
good service to the cause
in Maryland in connection
with the Bureau.

The Judge is poor. He is
reduced to dependence on his
professional services. It will
take time & labor for him
to get a practice. Has
the Bureau any occasion
for the services of a lawyer
when and he readily rend:
ered by the Judge? If so
may we have him in mind
our best friend

New York

McKim J. M.,

(Postscript to official
letters)

Thinks that Judge
Bond has done
the cause good ser-
vice in Maryland
and elsewhere.

The Judge is a
poor man, and
would like to get a
position in the Bu-
reau, etc.



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Senate Chamber
Feb'y 5 1868.

Dear Sir -

This will present to you Col. Chas H. Mansland of St Louis. Col H was a pioneer in the antislavery cause in Missouri and is one of our most active and enterprising citizens. He was for some years a most valuable member of the State Senate of Mo. He wishes to see you on some business which he

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Sweet Charles
July 10 1850
Dear Sir
I have the honor to
acknowledge the receipt of
your letter of the 2nd inst.
and in reply to inform you
that the same has been
forwarded to the proper
authorities for their
consideration. I am, Sir,
very respectfully,
Yours,
J. M. Smith

will present to you,
and I beg to ask
for him your kind
consideration.

Yours truly

J. J. Anderson

Gen O. O. Howard

Senate Chamber
Feb 5th 1868

Henderson Wm J. B.

Introduces Col.
Chas. H. Hamland



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Wash. Feb. 25, 1891.

Mayor Emil Howland

Dear Sir

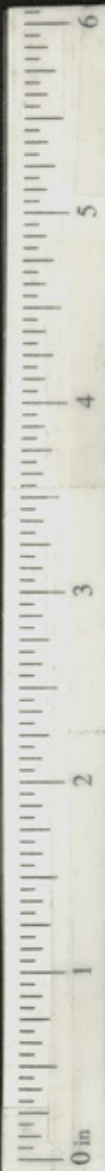
I find I was
misinformed in reference to the passage of the
Bill for relief & employment. I was in the House
at eleven o'clock and asked to have action taken
upon it yesterday. Hoped that it could pass
without going to the Dist Com. as I have always
found Mr. Ingwersol slow to act - against the Mayor
(who keeps good liquors). A man came to our
Office at close of the session who said the Bill had
passed. was a stranger. but should have known
the difference. I will do all I can to urge it
through the House Com. now.

Respectfully

J. S. Criffing,

Griffing Mrs J. S.

Was mistaken as to the
passage of the bill for
relief and employment.
Will urge it forward, etc,
etc,



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United States Senate Chamber.

Washington. Feb. 5 1868

My Dear General,

You may remember having interested yourself, at my request, in the restoration to his parents of a colored boy. I enclose a grateful letter from them, which will show you how your kindness is appreciated, and with the thanks of the happy parents accept those of

Very Truly Yours.

A. B. Anthony

Major General O. O. Howard,

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United States Senate Chamber

Washington July 2 1868

My Dear General,

You were remembered being interested
yourself, at my request, in the restoration to his parents
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them, which will show you how much business is accomplished
and with the thanks of the happy parents accept these of

Very truly yours,

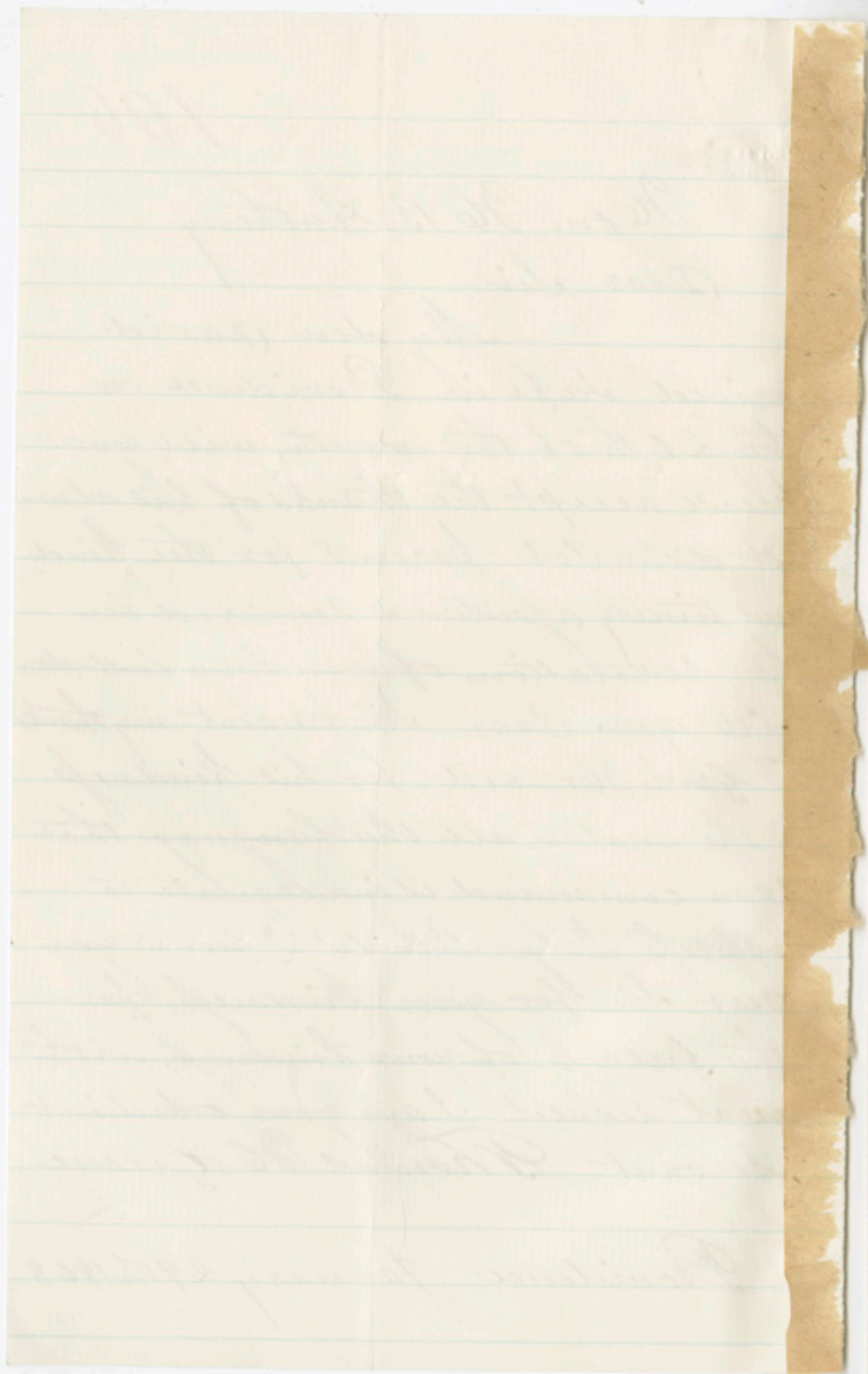
Wm. L. Chapin

Major General O. O. Howard

Hon. H B Anthony
Dear Sir

My son David arrived safe in Providence on the 26th of this month, will you please accept the thanks of his almost-distracted parents for the kind and timely assistance rendered in the restoration of our long lost son will you. Dear Sir, present my thanks to Genl Howard for his kindness in the matter, all the language that I can command is inadequate to express the gratitude I feel to you Dear Sir for your kindness, for the fulness of your kindness, with great respect I am your obedient Servant Thomas H Greene

Providence January 29th 1868



J. E. Corbth & Marked

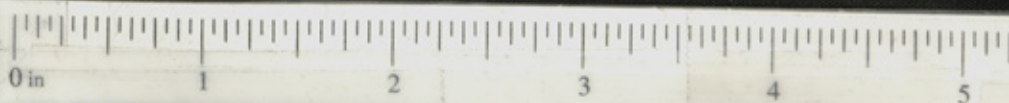
Philth Oct 6/68

Major Genl O. O. Howard

Dr Sir,

It rejoices
in your acceptance of our
invitation to the Dedication of
our Mission Guilding - Great
interest is felt throughout
the city in this event & many
are anticipating, with great
pleasure, seeing & hearing
you - In answer to your
inquiry as to the Character
of the Service, Gen Howard
needs no prompting, but
if information will serve
I would gladly state that
the Guilding - built expressly
for Sabbath School purposes &
Missionary work will be (DN)
dedicated on the 10th Anniversary
of the founding of the Mission.

It is located on the outskirts
of our city began with 24
children now numbers between
90 + 1000 - During the revival
of '58' the school was held +
continued religious services in
a tent on one of the
neighbouring lots. Since that
it occupied a small Chapel
+ now through the friends of
City Missions we have completed
this the largest + best arranged
Sabbath School Hall on this
Continent + we go up to
"Bethany" next Thursday night
to give all to Jesus + consecrate
ourselves to the missionary
work - The neighbourhood is
a poor one + we work by
night schools, Cottage meetings
Women meetings, Improvement
societies + Preaching the gospel



in the building & from house
to house—

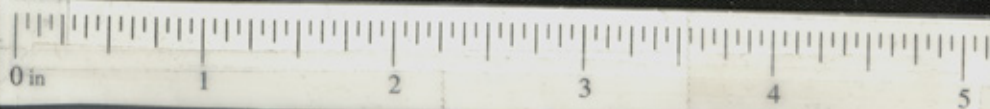
God help you
in your coming to do
great good for our church
stirring many hearts
work for Jesus—

Please advise
me of the time of your
departure so that I
may meet you with
Carriage

Yours Very Truly

Wm W. W. W.

The Leaflet enclosed will give
you an idea of our service



Little Rock Arkansas

Feb. 8th, 1868

Sir -

I would most respectfully ask the Commissioner, if any funds under his control (whether derived from a private or public source), may be applied to the cultivation of any plantation where great advantages will accrue to Freedmen, who may be worthy of such assistance?

The same to be secured by mortgage on the growing crop -

I see by your report - that in a few particular instances this has been done in South-Carolina, and that you regard it as safe and practical -

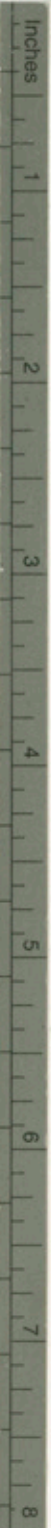
I make this enquiry direct to you, by privilege of early friendship - Should it meet your ability and favor, I will then detail to you the object I have in view -

I have the honor to remain

Very Truly yours.

O. C. Howard Maj. Gen.
Commissioner

R. G. Jennings



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Received of Mr. [illegible]
the sum of \$100.00

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your check for the sum of \$100.00, which has been duly cashed and the proceeds forwarded to the proper authorities. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours obedient servant,
[illegible signature]

Very respectfully,
[illegible signature]
[illegible name]

Quartermaster General's Office,

(Personal.)

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Washington, D. C., February 6, 1868.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,

Comm't. En. R., F. & A. S.,

Washington, D. C.

General:

I desire very respectfully to state, in behalf of Rev. R. W. Harper, A. A., of Xenia, Ohio, whose name has been suggested to you as a suitable person for the position of Superintendent of Education in the State of Kentucky, that I have known Rev. Mr. H. personally for the past twenty years. He has for many years been the efficient Secretary of the Board of Home Missions of the United Presbyterian Church, and Pastor of the First Church of Xenia. He is a gentleman of superior education and culture, of excellent judgment, of great energy, and of high ad-

ministrative ability. His character is above
reproach. I can safely commend him to
you as a gentleman eminently qualified for
the position above mentioned. And if you
shall be pleased to appoint him, as I earnestly
hope you may, I am satisfied you will find
him to be "the right man in the right place."

I am, General,

Very Respectfully,

Your obt. Servt.,

James A. Fann

Deputy Quartermaster General,

Bot. Brig. Gen. U. S. A.

American Missionary Association:

No. 53 JOHN STREET.

PRESIDENT—REV. E. N. KIRK, D. D., Boston, Mass.

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New York, Feb 4, 1868
Gen. C. C. Howard,

My dear Friend,

In conversation about
your Church, Mr. L. Tappan says
he has a letter from Rev. L. B.
Boynton which says you avow
yourself an amalgamationist, and
say, if the church will not sustain
you in that doctrine, you and your
friends will leave. So he ^{says he} has
been informed. He thinks

the church will not sustain you,

Does he correctly report you?
A Brooklyn paper abuses you, as an
amalgamationist. Please let me
know the truth. Yours truly, G. Whipple.

A. M. Association
New York, Feb. 6th 1868

Whipple Rev. Geo.

States that Mr Tappan has
a letter from Rev L. P.
Boydston, who says that
General Howard (if report be true)
is an amalgamationist
and will leave the Church
unless it sustains him
in that doctrine etc, etc,
A Brooklyn paper abuses
the General.

Writes for information.



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Department of the Interior.

PENSION OFFICE.

Washington, D.C. Feby 6 1868

Dear Brother

Your enunciation last Sabbath of the Creed to which you subscribed, "Love to God with all the heart, might, mind and strength and to love our neighbor as ourself." Is the Creed I have endorsed for years, and for many years I hesitated to join any Church here, desiring not to compromise these cherished doctrines of the New Testament. I but recently became a member of the first Congregational Church of Washington. I think there is not a member of the Church but what heartily subscribes to that doctrine & I would that, that was the extent of its formula, not that I have any objection to the remainder of the Articles of Faith & Practice; but few Young Converts can comprehend fully the deductions which older Christians have determined by study of the Scriptures until they have become settled & grounded in the truth. I think it was the extent of the "Apostles Creed" instance Philip and the Eunuch, but enough on that head. What is the ground of difference? so far as I have been able to learn there is not a member that has any objection to receiving Colored persons upon the same evidences as others.

As I understand it, all the matter of difference, arises out of an irrelevant matter, which has no legitimate connection with the subject matter of the reception of Bro Wall & Cook. And brother I mean to be honest toward God, and with fidelity to the Chh. If it had not been for the unadvised presentation of that Sermon, we would to day be walking together in Love and fellowship building each other up in the faith of the gospel. This I believe is the cause of offence. Now as to the sentiment of the sermon. It is an abstract question which was not and is not pertinent to the duties of the present hour or even to the present generation. Our present duty is to receive them as the Redeemed of the Lord, throwing around them the warm Arms of Christian Love, encouraging them to active deeds of love for Christ in winning souls to him, and if need be in my advanced years I could have associated myself with one such Colored brother I should have gladly gone for the two by two as of old to the destitute either of white or black and broke to the Bread of Life.

I have said enough on that point of the impulses of my own heart. As to the real question of African Civilization I agree with Dr Boynton that the Colored man of this land is by nature when sanctified by the Holy Spirit better adapted for the evangelization of Africa than the white race. So whom there is a glorious field held in reserve for

occupation. These views are not worthy of a moment's consideration whether for or against the Dr's views and is really of no practical importance and the presentation of them has only produced evil and lead to much Misrepresentation and un-Christian Spirit

The Dr disclaims any intention of repelling those brethren or any others. Now shall we accept of his disclaimer and forgive his indiscretion and continue to foster him with our prayers and Christian fellowship, trusting that he may be an efficient Minister of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in winning souls to Christ, or shall we agitate this question (which does not consist of heterodoxy of any fundamental principles of the Church) but an opinion on an abstract question of the future. I have come to the conclusion that we should bear and forbear, and with shoulder to shoulder go forward to avert the ill effects it has had or may have on others beyond our reach or control.

It is far better that we should occupy an unfinished House or remain as we are, than to have the Church surrendered and the evil due to low discord among us.

Yours brother in the fellowship
of a precious Saviour

R. B. Crippen

May

Gen O. O. Howard

Washington D. C.

Dept Interior

Washington Feb 6 68

Crippen R. B.

Believes with the General in his enunciation, last Sabbath, that "love to God," etc, is the fulfilling of the law. Thinks that every member of the church subscribes to that doctrine; and, as far as he knows, not a member has objection to receiving Hall or Cook, or other cold persons.

Unfortunately the sermon, (an abstract question for future generations) has caused all the trouble.

But the Dr. disclaims any intention of repelling these or any cold brethren. Thinks, therefore, that his disclaimer should be accepted, & he should be forgiven etc, etc.



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