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Lodi, Michigan
February 12th 1868.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir & Brother:

Recently we received from you an acknowledgment of \$1²⁵, which was a small contribution from two or three of us who are members of the Congregational Church of this place.

In thus contributing, we supposed we were giving countenance to a Church of our order, in which the colored man would find affordable recognition of his equality among white men.

The recent position taken by the majority of the Church, we deeply regret; inasmuch as it seems to be, in our judgment, at least an indirect sanction of the old spirit of caste,

which, hitherto, has too much
influenced the Christian people of
this Country.

We desire to add, for the encourage-
ment of the minority among you,
that we regard them as having
taken a high moral stand upon
this question; and we trust the
time is not far distant, when the
Congregational Church of the Boston
Metropolis, will have freed itself
from the suspicion of indulging pro-
slavery prejudices. We do not think
the action of the majority of your
Church will be justified, by the
general sentiment of American
Congregationalists.

Hoping that time, and
the progress of true moral sentiment,
will eventually make your Church a
unit for the right, in this important
question, and making you - as
Church all temporal & moral power.

Prity, he remain
Yours faithfully -
W^m E. Caldwell
Pastor:
for the subscribers.

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Lodi Michigan

Feb. 22^d 1868

Caldwell Wm E

Pastor etc

In behalf of certain persons
of his church, who contrib-
ute to Washgton Ch. & in behalf
of general sentiment of
American Congregational-
ists, protests against
the position of a majority
of the Washgton church.
etc etc, etc,



Balt Oct 22nd 1868

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My Dear Friend

I thank you for your kind letter & the article. I had never seen it before. I do most earnestly rejoice to know that from your position you are better informed than I am that I am mistaken, for I care with the most earnest sincerity. I wish to see that race preserved, I wish to have them elevated. I wish they are instrument to do them good.

I do not believe in free dabbling in politics conducive to the moral advance of the masses of men either white or black. But I do believe a Christian education of all races will be the surest & safest way of preserving them & doing them good & thus so long as God gives me health & strength & full measure of favour I intend to devote myself to, for all races & all men anywhere & everywhere

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Dear Friend

I thank you for your

letter of the 21st. I have

it before. I do not remember

it to know that from your book

is a little difference than I am

at I am not sure, for I am not

that I am not sure of it.

It is not sure, I think

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If you could see all the inside
I know how I have had to stand
up & brace opinion. You could
understand and appreciate
the points of my address which
perhaps you might not like
however I know my heart is
in the right place. If I live at
any time in judgement God will
bring it all right for our Labour
is not in vain in the Lord.

I would go see Mr Cooke if
you thought it worth while, but
I would consider it an act of
Christian kindness in you to
set me right. That I have
not been misunderstood must be
corrected. That is if your confidence
in me has not been shaken or
your brotherly love weakened with
which I must for a moment believe
very truly & sincerely yours in
the faith of our common Lord,
A Sooner Sister

Baltimore Md
February 22^d 1868

Porter A. T.

Mentions receipt of
Commissioner's letter
of article, which show
that he (Porter) is mis-
taken in some things.

Requests that the Comr
set him right with
Mr Cooke etc. etc. etc.



Gen Howard

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Dear Sir

Please excuse the delay of
not informing you that your signature
to my Bond as Treasurer of "The Lincoln
Cooperative Association" has been can-
celled.

I am truly grateful for your kindness.
I may add that I shall probably be
elected Secretary of said Association,
when I may again ask you for your
favor in a lesser Bond.

Unless we had faith in God we should
feel that "the times are out of joint"!.

Yours forever, good word & work

G. F. Needham

Washington Feb 22. /88

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Frederham, J. F.

I state that the General's
signature on his
(Frederham's) bond has
been canceled

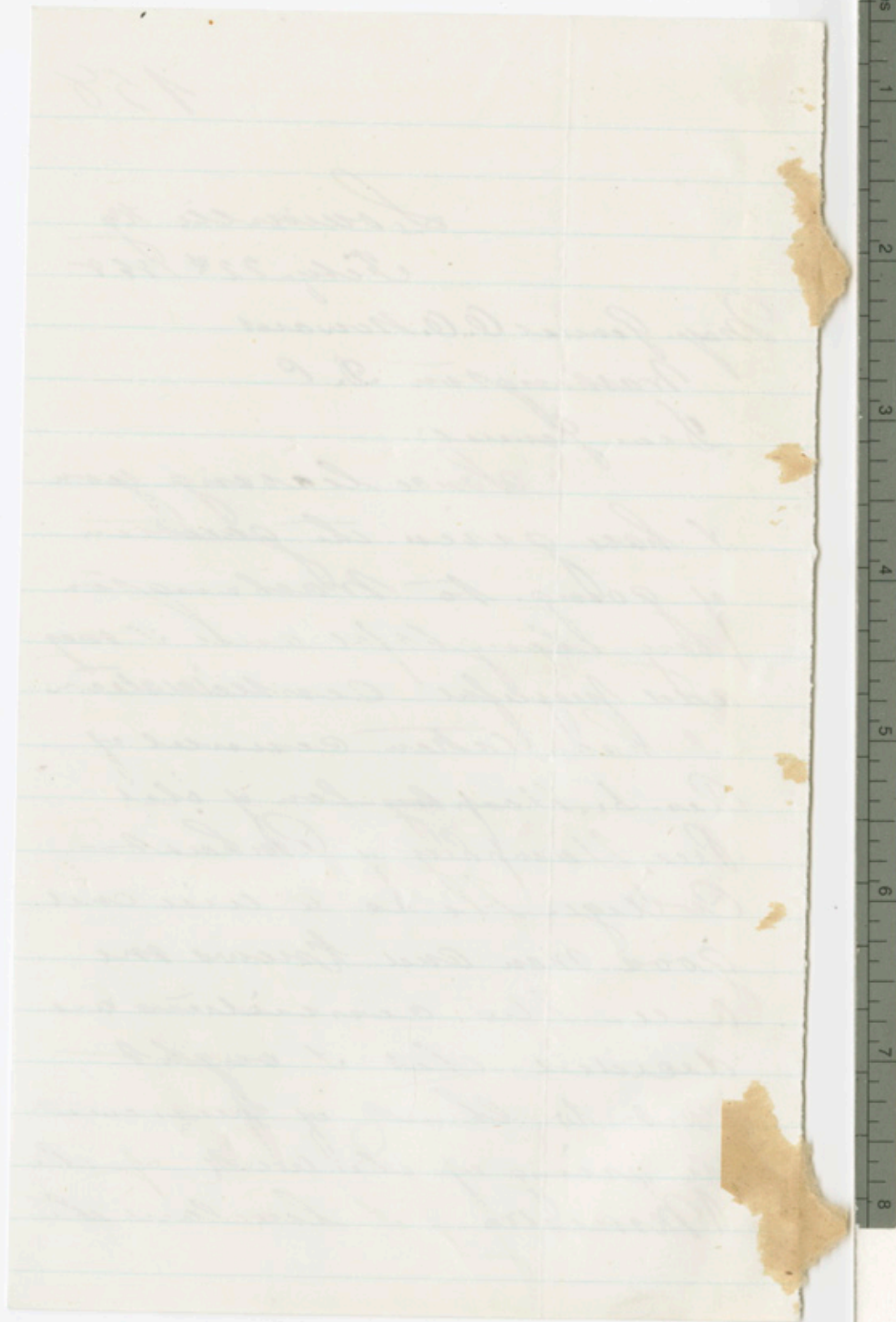
I am grateful for that
favor. May have oc-
casions to ask a smaller
favor ere long.



Louisville Ky
July 22nd 1868

Major-General O. O. Howard
Washington D. C.
Dear General:

Since leaving you
I have given the question
of going to Washington
very thoughtful and I may
add painful consideration
I have taken counsel of
Rev. Dr. Humphrey-Low of old
Pres. Humphrey of Oberlin
College. He is a wise and
good man and knows me
well. His convictions are
decided that I ought
not to think of permanently
leaving up the work of the
Ministry. I have said the



matter before other of my friends
in whose judgment I have
the greatest confidence and
I find them all unanimous
in the opinion that my highest
usefulness lies in the Ministry.
If I should come to Washington
I should come with the purpose
to give my life to the work of
teaching. I do not feel at
liberty to go counter to my
convictions and to the judg-
ment of my wisest friends in
the Ministry. Thanking
you - General - for this expression
of your confidence and friend-
ship - I am now and
always your friend
W. P. Hobbs

Louisville, Ky
Feb. 22 1868.

Abble, Rev. T. K.

After due consideration,
and consultation with his
friends, concludes that
he can not give up the min-
istry, and come to Wash-
ington to give his life to the
work of teaching.

Dalton Ga July 22nd 1868

General Howard

My Dear Bro in

Christ. I write you a line
in order to say before you my
Rights and ask of you the kind
help to assist me in my just Right
under the Constitution of my Country
General when you came to Dalton Ga
in May 1864 you came to my House
on the Hill above the cane shed and
found me at my home and I Endeavored
to satisfy you that I had never been
disloyal to my Country. and you assured
me that if I was loyal that I should
not be troubled I remained
at my home in peace as long as Col B
Sibold of the 2nd Mo was in Command
at this place I went in the
Sanitary Commission and aided all
I could to supply the wants of the sick
and wounded when Col Johnson took
Command of 4th Coloured Regiment took
Command of this place he found
me at my home - He moved my family
from my home and made his Head
Quarters in my house and Fortified
By throwing up Earth works all round
the place and taking down houses
on the place & using them as he need &
saw fit - He destroyed my Barn Stables &
crops and all my furniture of any kind
together with what crops I had made

Ruin to feed my wife & happy
children - When Hood came to
Salter you know the time I don't
recollect the date precisely he captured the
plane or rather the plane was surren-
dered to him and after the soldiers
all left the plane so that it was
safe to go out in town I went
up to my plane and put out
the fire for the fortification and
set on fire to destroy the arsenal
I put out the fire and saved my
house at that time I then went
to the Colored Hospital & there I found
Eight or ten Colored Soldiers lying
on a lifeless corpses in the floor
all I could do to relieve them I then
to the White Hospital in search of
Dr J. Hogkins who was the only
in the plane that I could go to
told him the condition of the
men in the Col Hospital he at
once went with me to see them
or remarked to me I do not know
what I shall do with these men
said he I have nothing in the world
to eat or to give my men in my
own Hospital Every thing was exhausted
that could not be taken off
wile said I or something must be
done I will go home and see
you think these men ought to

Prepared for them he said some
Soup of some kind Bope if you
can it - well said I for I have
two Cows I will Kill one of
them for your men in your care
and will fry and put up some
Bread of some kind while you
can here from Chattanooga
the Road being gone up I went
home set my poor wife who is
since tied to cooking for the
men in the colored Hospital
I drove up the Cow Killed then
and meat & Gold for Hogkings
the meat was ready then for sent
his Stewart & got Wolfe the
Beef he said to me I have
nothing in order to pay you for
the meat well said I for the
man is sick and must be paid
for if I never get one cent for the
Beef for W. Gold Col Stevens
when he came and he ordered
Lieutenant Foot to give me a voucher
for the meat he said so and I
took it to Chattanooga and it
was not paid and I returned
to the Lt and the Gold Major
Foss who took Command of

This note, and ^{my name are among} present at
that at Chattanooga it were not
hard if then returned to Major
Houses ^{the voucher of} my or ~~for~~ been taken care
order all my Houses filled so
that was in side the first my
dwelling which you saw near
Smith House Kiteten School
Room where my children
were taught by my Elder ~~son~~
which left me out soon
that time I had to ^{take shelter} ~~be~~ my
family in other Peoples Pro
I Refuse you as you may
see in the Hand of J. W. Bell
at Law the Evidences of Col. ~~John~~
& Maj. J. G. Fox is shewing that
here stated the facts, you can
also see so Hogkins and
mile tell you whether you
tell you the truth or in
now General in Can. Claim
I want you to have one piece
for my property or use your
fulsome so if I were not in ~~the~~
to it I should not ask it you
can have such Testimony as to my
Sincerely as you may deem
Yours obd Servant
L. R. B. Leob

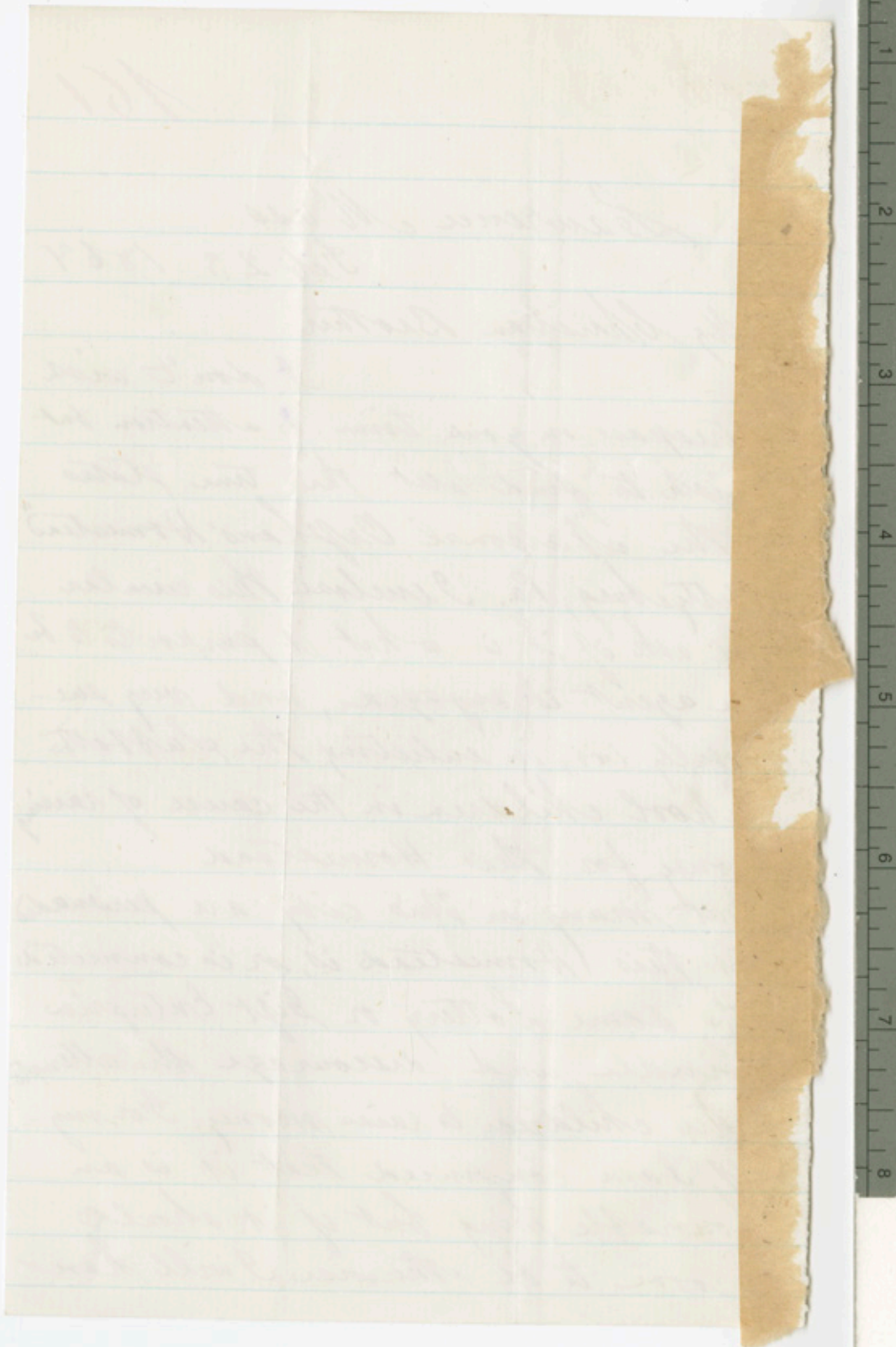
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Lawrence Mass.

Feb 23 1864

My Christian Brother

I don't wish to trespass on your time or attention but I wish to find out the true status of the "National Orphans' Homestead" Gettysburg, Pa. I enclose this circular and ask if it is what it purports to be. An agent is engaged, and very successfully too, in enlisting the Sabbath School children in the cause of raising money for this Homestead.

But many in this city are persuaded that this Homestead is, or is connected with, some Lottery or Gift Enterprise Swindle and discourage the attempts of the children to raise money. For myself I am convinced that it is an honorable thing but if it should prove to be otherwise I will have



nothing more to do with it.

Can you give me correct informa-
tion in regard to it

Is it an honorable, upright, Christian
and a fair dealing thing?

² Is it connected with any Lottery or
Gift Enterprise?

³ Is it conducted by Honorable men?

Will you please answer, if you can,
these three questions?

Your Christian Brother

A. E. Baker

Superintendent of Universalist S. S.

Lawrence.

Mass.

To Gen. Howard

P.S. I was a private in the 5th N. H. V.
and was wounded at the Battle of
Fair Oaks Va. and, if I mistake
not, you were wounded at the same time
A. E. B.

Lawrence, Mass
Feb. 23^d 1868

Baker N. E.

Requests information concerning the "National Orphan's Homestead" at Gettysburg Pa. It is reported that the enterprise is connected with some swindle.

The enterprise has appealed to his sabbath school for aid, therefore wishes to know

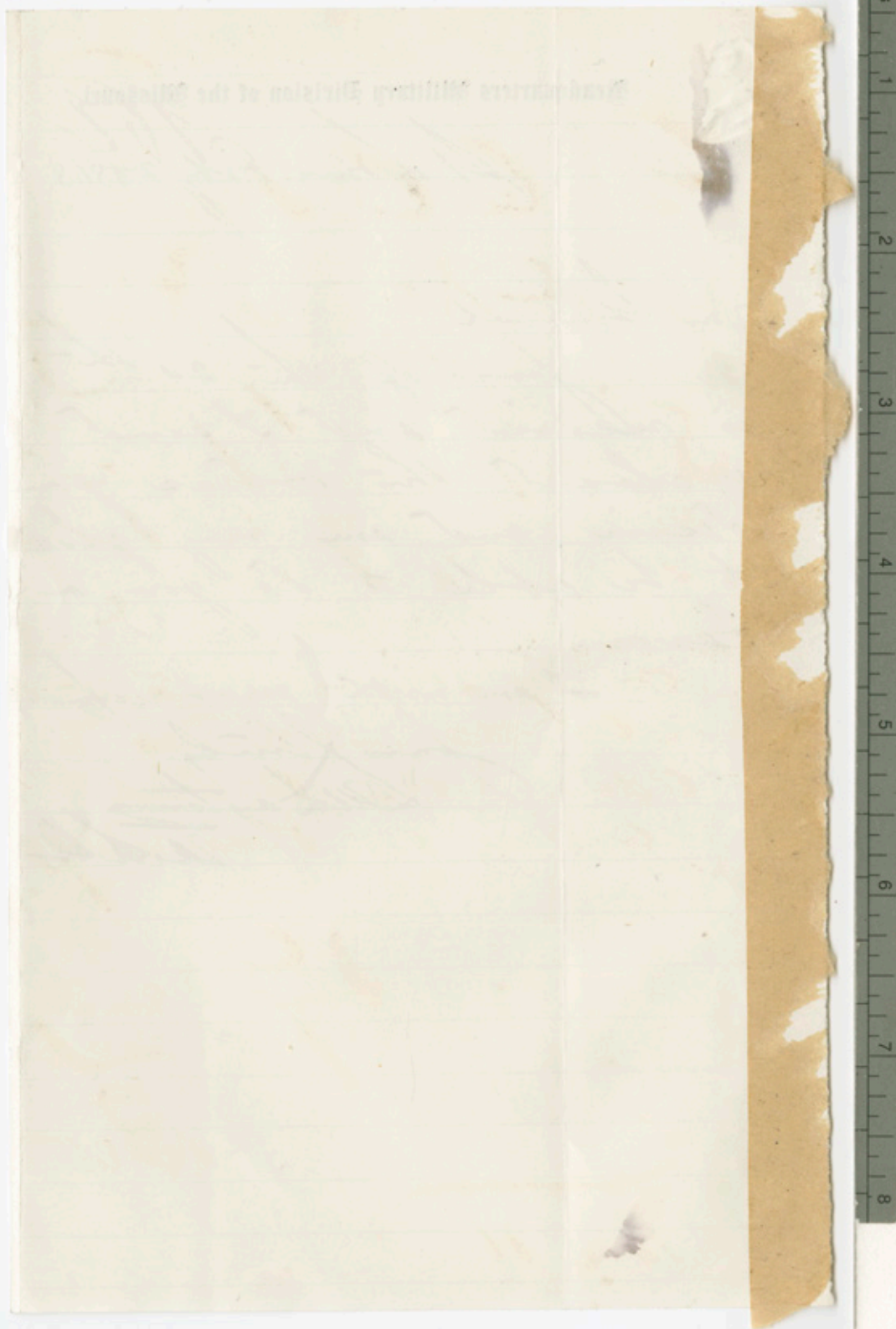
- 1st Is it connected with a lottery or gift enterprise?
- 2^d Is it conducted by honorable men? etc, etc

Headquarters Military Division of the Missouri.

St Louis *July* 24th 1868.

Dear General
Yours of the 20th
is received and I send
enclosed the orders you
desire and am very glad
to be able to do you a
favor.

I am with most respect
Yours truly
Wm. D. Bayton
W.D.B.





Wheaton College

J. BLANCHARD, President.

Terms commence 1st January, April
and September.

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Wheaton Ill. *Feb. 24th* 1868.

The above engraving is the plan proposed for the new building of WHEATON COLLEGE.

The front is to be 235 feet in length, facing the south. The wings to contain Laboratories, a Cabinet, Gymnasium, Dormitories, and a Domestic Hall. The center building is to contain a Chapel for religious exercises and rooms for Lectures and Recitations. We want FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS for this building. We ask all friends to aid us by their subscriptions, by sending us pupils and by their prayers.

Gen. O. O. Howard-

My dear Brother - I send you scraps from the Chicago Tribune of the 24th inst. that you may see that I am endeavoring to act simply on my convictions of truth & right.

When you complain of us for threatening to ball Gen. Grant's nomination you do not influence me in his favor. A man who lacks nerve to resist appetite and social drinking usages before and on the eve of his nomination to the Presidency will surely be weaker against those influences after he feels himself seated in the throne.

But when you tell me (as you did) that Gen. Grant felt mortified and ashamed of his fall

from manhood - that he does not com-
pany with "Tom Filone"; and, above all,
when you assure me that he is a good
man in his instincts and proclivities -
(though such are the common victims
of intemperance) - You do influence me
vastly in his favor - I can understand
what it is to sin under temptations
for that I have done myself, though
not by strong drink -

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I hope God through your prayers will
strengthen & keep him - and if he is the sol-
dier he prefers for, and which I believe he
is - We will respect those of us who
are resolved not to vote for a drunken
President or for a President who gets
drunk, if we know it. We will risk
voting for a third party as we did for Bir-
ney and Gree so it first. And as we live
within an hour of Chicago we shall of
course be with the multitude near the
nominating convention & know the use of New
papers. As the case now stands I expect to vote
for Gen. Grant & that he will be elected. Wm. Christ
J. Blanchard

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