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Mpril 1868. General; I have taken the liberty of thus addressing you by letter - not knowing but that I might be trespassing upon your time by calling whom you, and Jelling that perhaps I could say in better and cleaver language, on paper, than verbally what I wish you be know. To be brief, and to the point, I will say, that I entered the service of my country in July 1862, and served until June 1865, when I was discharged. I then entered the General Service of the War Deft. My time in that Service expires the first of June of this year, and as the force there is being reduced I do not culculate to remain longer as my services will not be medial,

I have an Father and Mother in Marie, mainly dependent refer my exections for support, and my anx is mostly for them, otherwise & wou not fear being out of employment I have therefore made bold ! Confide to you these facts, and to ask of you, as a friend other who are so situated, that you w if in your power, and if you thin me worthy, secure for me, by that he (June) some position that will en able me to provide for the comfor of Parents - or at least aid in procuring such position I core not what, or where the is (the under the present difficul of the Church, I had rather remains providing & can by it obtain some Compusation I would have given more for. Church entupinge had it not be for the above aircumstances, and

shall do more when I am so situated that I can have no doubt your influence would go far to secure one a position if you had not, yourself, such to I would like to have an inter-view with you at any time if it would be convenient for Please to consider this private as I feel a little delicate on Such a matter. Hoping I have not committed a trespos in writing thus by on, Areman General Very Keepectfully Your Obed Buoant E.J. Brookings Jen! O.O. Homard. Cour. Bureau J. R. an aband Laube_ Washington S.C.

B. 9. QQ. St. Vol. 1. 1868 Washington Dele April 1868 Brookings E.J. States that he served in the Army from 1862 till 1865 when he was dixcharged, and then intered the General Service of the War Dept; from which he will be discharged an the 1st of June. We have aged parent in maine, dependent, on him for support, hence he would like to have the Conmuseioner secure him a position by June. . Can no Josephledos &

your very Thely James thoughing

Newport. Ry. april 16 - 1868 -

My Dear Gueral. Unclosed herewith I lead mig resignation of my councissions in the army - My Battery has been ordered to Cook's Whilet, Alaska - and I have forwarded lungrond Cartificales to the Effect that I have buch thong constitutional tendencies to Palmonary tuberculosis that I could not live long in that Climate. If the authorities insist whom my going I doine this, as a last leart, handed to the Ast. Esu. for the action of the Prent rut. I was to have been heperintens such of our Sabbath School, had I muaired here, and I have an Excellent letter

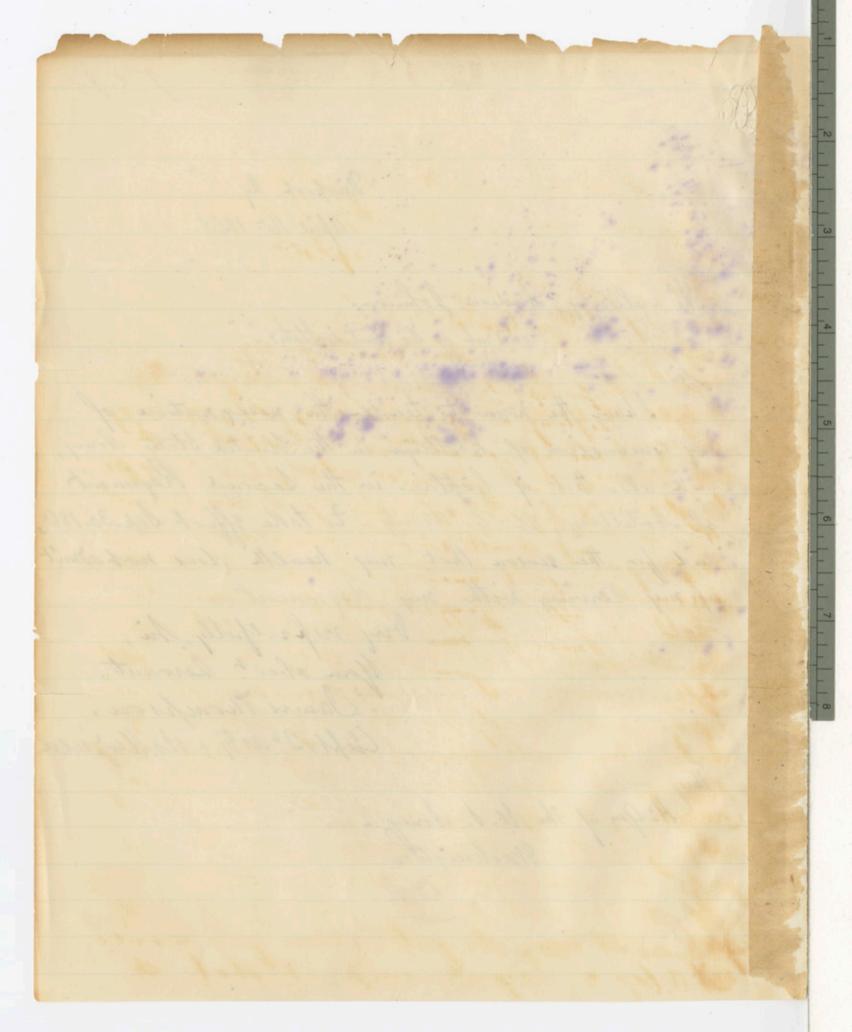
Organd by Rishops Clark & Kingsley & others of the Ul. E. Church - to our friends on the Pacific Court - My Christian Experience has been happy hice I saw you and I feel that I have grown in Grace about auting - More Thought on has also bern spiritually blessed and our Manies life has been londefully happy have we both repoused the Cause of the Lord - He are hoping love days the you Aller Howard to thank you for your lind pavors to us - all join in love byou all.

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Thompson James Capt 2th Arts, Brt, Maj Will. States that his Battery has been ordered to looke Inles Alaska; that he has a lung disease which would not permit him to live in that dimate (Surgeon's certificate to which has been forwarded to the authoris ties). If the authorities still inside upon his going, he encloses herewich, as a last recort, his resignation. Speaks also of the religious experience of hunself and rife. etc. etc.

Heioport, ly. april 16 = 1868. Hi Excellency, Andrew Johnson. Presid rub of New United States fii. I have the hour to tender the verig ration of my Commission of Bhilligor in the United States itmy, and also that of loaptain in the Second Regiment of Artillary, M. O. army - to take affect Sep. 30. 1868, and for the reason that my health does not admit of my serving with my Regiment very repretfully, hi, You obest Lewant. James Thompson. Capt. 20 arty, Molley usa Theof Hi- Gen of the U.S. Army - Washington De.



Azurierea 711/182) apr. 16.1868. Majlien O. O. Howard Dearfir. The Carte de vicile " eras duly recid for which you will accept many Thanks - I showed be glad to have your autograph on any Sheet of note paper, Raifing to MA. Phillips.

April 16 \$ 18685 Phillips, M. LO. neutions receipt of learte de Visite, and requests the leonmussioner's and graph on a

STATE OF TEXAS.

Salveston, Dexas, apl 1614, 1867. Dearlyweral: Dave you an apology Sprehaps for presuring to write you so long a spersonal letter. Def you mad it you will see my motive-I Trust you will not find it a great some and promise you I will I I for hope, much inflict another such a one upon you at least for Similar masong = Ruse and at yours Inuly Swelars

Headquarters, Bureau A., F. and A, E.,

Pensonal / Austin Tayas April 16th 1868 Gueral Howard Sin Gueral Rynords game me your letter of the 26th let neferring to myself and Porotheniulaw, and so far as & am concerned & have auswened it - I chope to your satisfaction, though had I not desired to immediately refute the Charges and suspicions thrown upon me & could have furnished you many titlens as strong as That of Gor, Plase, Struss however The Statements of the God, will be necessed with conduce and have as much influence upon your mind as the statements that have hew made against me by others whose seumity & have incurred by my official action as Inspector of This Bureau. Of you thew The characters of the mui who have assailed me and also the characters of the men who are my friends in this Dtate - Do mean The union mud-you would not for a moment suspect that It

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am guilty of the Charges alleged against me. I show that you have enemies among the union new of the Country - Some of Thew and among them the Returned are in this State but this does not prove that you are unfriendly to the work in which you are engaged any more than the assertions of their same mu or others day that I am not. I Smow That The Charges Grought against me are from two sources, The motives That actuated their authors are not as pune and disintenested as Defear you have them cled to believe. In the purformence of my anties as Inspector & have Chim Compelled to report adminsty in The case of many agents - some I have suspended immediately on the authority deligated to me thy charles. Iniffin and Remalds - others have been discharged immediality on the neceipt of my report. In This Things I have only done what It ausidened my auty to secure to the frudperple honest, upnight and soher agents and preserve The neputation of the Buneau as much as possible from the many malignant Calumnies that all are at all times and with or without foundation heaped upon is. All of my reports are on file in The

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from the That have had got April. Deneth ; hear words ; The while at Acutten had camed go af our sainfaile of way as witness on Gury martine from I am Confested to remain here to descharge his duties. O who per and presume he well Gove hime - Bhanled the net had immetigate of any charges against one must overframily refer mine whom I have the fine reference whole making to the that I I I hould it.

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That Doufused to join them - apenly exposed thir rascally schemed - tried to defeat them and rejoiced at This Gailure. Muder these arcumstances you can readily see that Is might have evenies among the layal nun of the state or some of thew and not the working in the direction you have Chur led to believe. But These Things are all past - Chuural Hyprocas is a soldier - he is honest and Concentions and he will "do everything possible to give nigor and efficuery to the work of the findmans Bureau while it shall last in Jayas." To will to, Creword in negard to my Brother in law mr. Bartholomus the Chief Clerk in the office of the agatute The reasons why any Charges Should me made against him Dam at a lass to Comprehend unlipix is the fact that he is my Grother--in-law and was a friend and defender of The tachers whom Harris traduced and wrote him that for his treatment of the he should had him personally responsible when he met him. Dr. B. entired the Office something over a year ago as Subordinale clink - Gradually he has worked himself up to be Chief Clerk

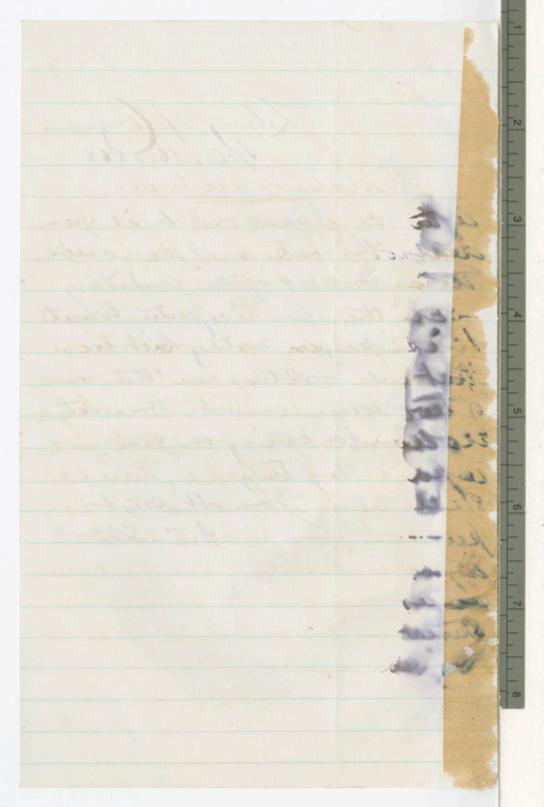
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Library of Congress I shall not be at your Africe this week as I was muchle to see the rest of the anditing Committee whom Dexpected to meet at the prayer meeting dast eve. Ishall Doubtless see them on the abbath and will then set the time for calling on you. Very Inily J.C. Strout



WAR DEPARTMENT. Bureau of Befugees, freedmen, and Abandoned Lands. Washington City, 4-/16 1868 . Kunorandum. after coreference it is undeistood between The Commissioner of the purior Secretary of the american that are unexpended balance I two hundred & seventy on dollars appropriated for repairs at Topeka, Kausas, shall be transferred to texperded for repairs at Maka Mobile, ala, au Eguw. elect amount having been Streenise provided for Topeka. by undividual contrabution. Tromalled Muj. Gen. Com, 4, -0 S.R. Shiphend

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Bureau R. 7 4 8. L Nachville Leun April 16th 18-48

Dear Jennal:

On the 14th war Me & G. Dean late Disburing Office. Came to me under the impression that I had discovered ofther frauds committed by him (a fact stated by him during the interview) and made the coupersion that he had depended the government of nearly & 4 mor and described The mode in which it was done. I requested him to make his compession in writing and required him to refund the money before leaving Marliville. The inclosed letter is his confession and The drags covers the amount I his frands therein conferred. I have no desire to have his conduct publicly exprosed, and would recom mend that is should now be done, for the take of his fairly in Illinois and with the hope that he will reform and repent. Bar I run under no obligation of secrecy. He was induced by Rev D. Bust and Sr Grosebuck to make false statements against me; but I Can and do forgine him - Though none of his conferring were made till after less creposure, or the belief

the desired the state of the st beg General in the morning the same than Come to my Timber the on pression that I had he would then the government of many of person and described the hoods in which it was been I acquested him to enfromed the many before bearing Markeinelle. Her inclosed letter is his confession and The Brage Course The Course of him pants treeden conferent. I have no being to here his contend probleshy enopous, and around become mand that it should not be done for the softe of his family in believes on with the hope that he will reform and referent . Hat I now course no oraciotini of secrety. The was induced by There & But and St.

that he was obtacted. Here are just four herrous later from Nashmila I that should are Mer Dean letter, vis: yourself, I'm E. Whitting, Jul #. D. Sawall and Expecially Bordain lot Beaman, and I donie that they be allowed to Lee iv. I have receipted to Mr. Dean for the money. Of course the idea I made sutertained of giving him suplayment as click is abandoned.

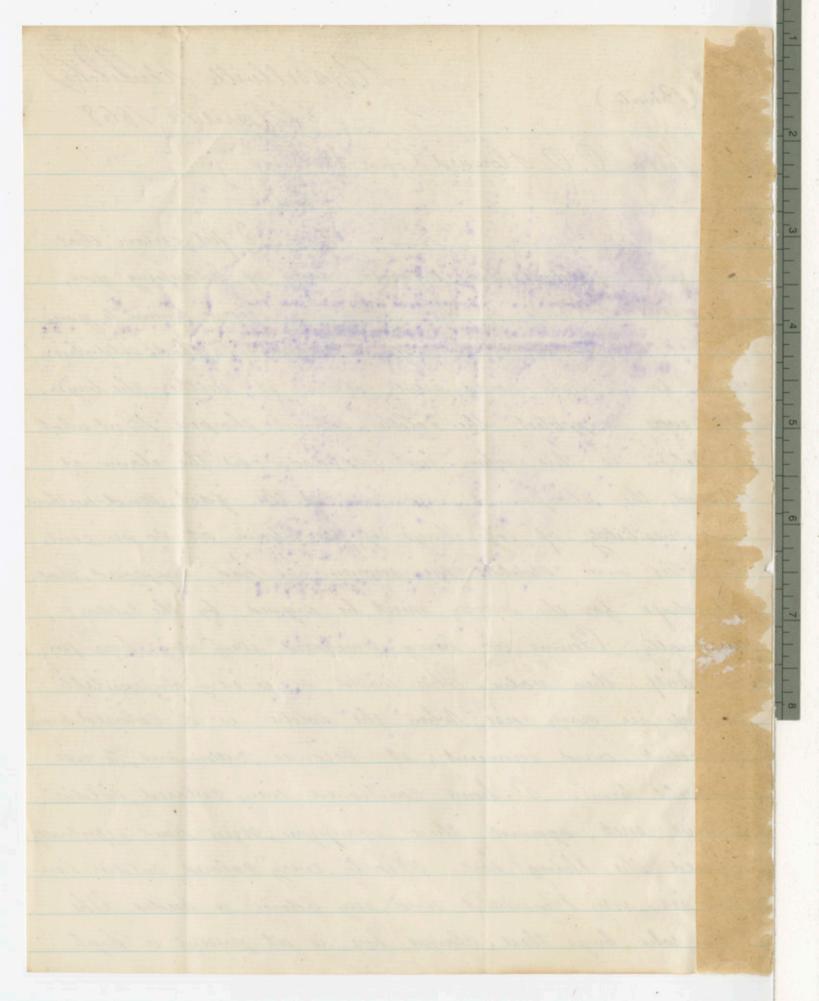
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Le, 6, 00 At. Vale 1, 1868; April 16, 1865 Carlin Jr. 9. Bot May Gen! Comm? Eucloses a letter of nor A. I. Dean, Cate Disbursing Officer, com Joseving frauds upon the Sovernment for nearly les ao 200; also his draft for the mon ey. Hee does not make to expose Mr Dean, but he desires that Low White Ley, Sew Swall and Col Fearman see nor Deans etters. etc. etc. money to

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Trussellville Kentilcky (Private) April 16" 1868 Gen O. O. Howard Comir fo. Siste I feel certain that you will pondone this informal way of addressing you, when the contents of this little has become known to you, By out of Congress, a soldier who had sold his claim for Bounty, could never obtain it, weither the buyer. Whis was To protect the soletier against sharpers. But what protection is this, when just as soon as the claim is orllowed, the sharper is informed of the fact, and-without the possibility of loss-buys up the claim at 50 per cent, and at once doubles his money. I had Supposed, that the draft for the Morrey, must be signed by the Soldier, personally. Clerins are being purchased every day here for one half their value. This would be a very disreputable basiness in any case; When the soldier is a colored man, ignorant, and innocent; it becomes villainous; to use a wild term. I have cantioned every colored soldier I have met, against these vampyres; and have expectually stopped the thing here. Wearly every colored soldier here was in my Requirent; and my advice is heeded. The man who buys these claims here, is at present a high



civil M.S. officer, and was a high military one. He has said that he obtained information when a claim was allowed, from persons connected with the Bureau. This Leens wrong. I have been on duty here as Bureau Agent for some time. I may be troubling you needly by, perhaps intrusively; But my intentions are good. I wish to have you in whose virtue, all who know you have perfect trust - know these things; and to forward such a paper, through the ordinary channel, would defeat the very object intended. I would not cast a single cloubt, upon the integrity of a single officer in this State . Such is not the object of this letter; and should it be referred to any of them, it might injure me in Their estimation. I have by private letter, notified But. Brig Den S. Wurbonk Usst. Cour, of the existing facts. I send a list of Soldiers, who have bounty claims. I hould it seem proper to you, I electe to know whether any of them herve been paid. I have reason to think Some of them have been, and that the money is in danger of being obtained, by these sharpers; for little eginvalent, If required I can give part of my information; but it was given me consideratially by a reliable gentleman. I em Sir Very Respectfully M. E. Billings

3.13.00 D. Val. 1.1868 April 16 1 1868 Billings On, E. Agent, Bureau B. J. Ted S. States that a high civil U.S. officer in that vian. ilig buys up the claims of colored soldiers for solt on the dollar three defronding them of half their namey a thing which is of every day occurance. These parties learn from the Sureau, or here the claims are about to be paid. The has notified been Surbank of these facts. Sends a list of persons who have claims, desires to know whe then they have been paid. Some of the men When their claime have been paid eto, etc