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Bangor May 1/68

Gen O. O. Howard

Dr Sir.

Yours

asking if the Y. M. C. Association
of Bangor could not
contribute \$100. or more
towards meeting expense
of building in Washington
is not.

I have delayed
answering till I could
confer with the association.
They seem anxious to respond
favorably to the call, but
in view of the fact that
our assn is in debt, with a
small membership, they

hardly deem it prudent
to make any pledges at
present to raise the funds.
During the last year the
Churches were appealed
to in behalf of our
organization, and they
responded quite liberally -
and I see no way, to
meet our expenses incurred
by extra meetings and mission-
ary ^{work}, but to do the same
thing the year to come.

The subject will come
before the Assn again &
if anything more favorable
should occur, I shall
be most happy to communicate
the fact.

Very Truly Yours

A. S. Weed Pres

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Headquarters, Assistant Commissioner,
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

Charleston, S. C., May 2^d 1868.

My Genl O. O. Harrison
Dear Genl

I have been trying to
get time to write you for a long
time, but my time has been so entirely
employed with the duty of render-
ing assistance to prevent extreme suf-
fering among the people, and at the
same time prevent usurpation, by the
large number of both white and black
who would resort to any means to
prevent good without honest labor
that it has been impossible to write
you in manner satisfactory to myself
I feel that it was my duty to have
counseled you before accepting the
nominations for Governor, but as I
had declined to be a candidate, and
was nominated notwithstanding I did
not feel myself at liberty to refuse

Nor had I time to consider what
cause was best. I will here say
that what ever may be the judgement
of the Country on my action I am
confident that my Election has given
greater Satisfaction to the white men
of the State than ^{would that of} any other man, who
could have been elected. And I will
further say, that I regard my nomination
as more a compliment to yourself than
as an expression of confidence in me. Every
man in that Convention knew that you
had from the first, sustained us in
all that I ever attempted to do for the
good of their people. With this uniform
expression of confidence on your part
I would have been a bad man indeed, if
I had not earned their respect at least.

I have intended for some time to write
on the subject of my continuance in the
control of the Bureau. I feel certain
that it is absolutely necessary that I
should close up the business now
open take charge of it at this ^{time} ~~place~~.

And carry it through And I am to the
Bureau half the friends that I can I
know all the people And they will feel
greater responsibility to me than any other
man - It would require too great space
to give the reasons in detail. I have talked
at some length to Mr. French ^{on the} ~~of~~ ^{only} the
subject And would be glad to ^{him} give
on some of the general matters that prom-
pt me to ask you to continue me in
charge. I feel assured that you will
make no change at least, unless I can
give you a full and complete statement
why I desire it.

Before leaving here I beg to express
my high appreciation of the confidence
you have at all times shown me, And
to assure you that what ever of success
I have had in the management of affairs
in this State is mainly attributable
to the fact that I have as my Superior a
true Christian Soldier whose enlightened
And Statesmanlike views have at all
times governed my action With the

have sent that you ^{may care} see to see and
in any some of the fruits of your labors
on behalf of the colored freedmen people
of this State. I have the honor
to be very respectfully

Your obedient servant

R. C. Scott

Brooklyn



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New York May 2^d 1868.

Maj Gen^l Howard, U.S.A.

My dear Sir,

In reply to
yours dated 1st inst I must regret
my present 'mobility' to give
more for your church, but we
are not making money, and
kindred objects crowd on us
from all quarters;

I remain,

Yours most sincerely

Aeth B Hunt

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New York May 20th 1862.

My dear Mr. Garrison,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst.

in reply to
your letter of the 14th inst. I much regret
my inability to give
more for your cause, but we
are not making money, and
therefore objects such as we
have are necessary.
I remain,
Yours most sincerely,
J. A. Knapp

Treasury,
Washington DC
May 2^d 1868,

Genl. O. O. Howard
Bureau, F.R. & A. Lands,

General, Permit me to introduce
to you Mrs Meyer.
Mrs Meyer is always engaged
in good works, & is ever interesting
herself in behalf of a colored
man. I especially commend
Mrs Meyer & her cause to your
kind consideration.

Truly Yours
Rosa Fish

Wash. D.C. May 2

Fish Race A.

Introducing M.
Meyer, etc,

General
Quartermaster General's Office,

Washington, D. C., May 2nd 1868.

Major Genl. O. O. Howard,
Commissioner Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Washington D. C.
Dear General:

Under date of March 28th. you referred to this office a letter from Judge J. L. Gaunt of Bradley Co. Tenn. with the endorsement "Mr. Gaunt has been a thoroughly loyal man."

In this connection I desire to invite your attention to the enclosed evidence relative to Judge Gaunt's past record of loyalty. You will observe therefrom that Judge Gaunt was one of the rebel Governor Isham G. Harris' followers and was at one time in hearty sympathy with the Southern rebellion.

Thinking that these papers may perhaps contain information of which you have not before been possessed, I enclose them unofficially with the request that after perusal you will return them to me.

Truly

Government's Office
Your Friend

James A. Paul

Deputy Comm. General

Fort. Bragg, Ala.

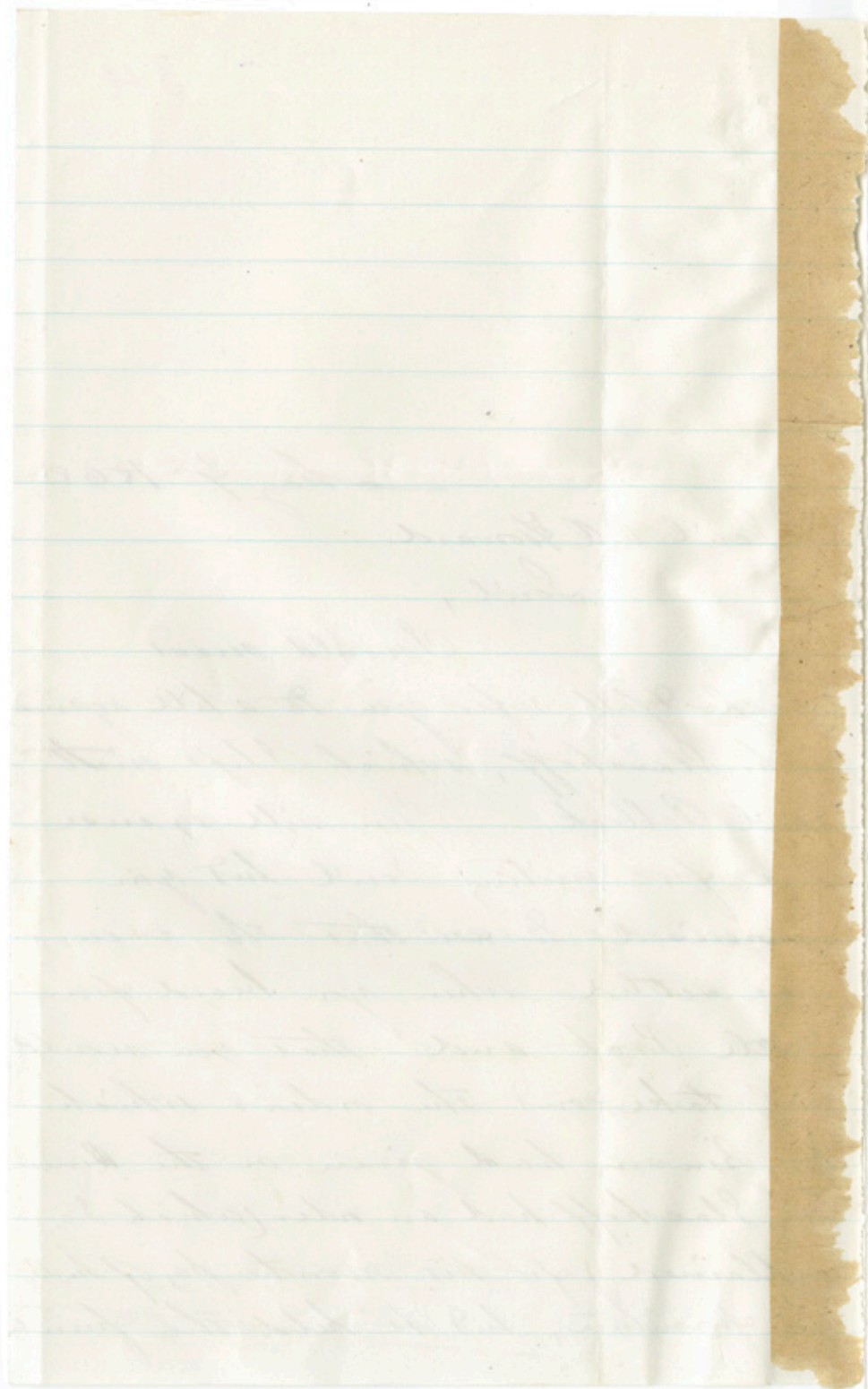
4 Enclosures.

May 4th 1868

Levi A. Howard

Levi,

I would most respectfully refer you to a bill against the Glasshoff, which I left with Levi Ballou. You will excuse me for writing Levi but you promised to see that the account was settled when you heard from Little Rock and that you would only take out the orders which Mr Benson had given on the Bank. Mr Glasshoff had an order (which I explained) for two months pay of M.B. for furniture, but he held the furniture



when we left the village, for the
same and the other money all
~~from~~ Mr Benson^{or I}, even received
from Glaschoff was in payment
for his board, and he has no
order against Mr Benson for \$160.00
as represented, and you certainly
are too kind and good to hold it
back for this man's statement, when
there is no order to prove the indet-
-edness. The delay has thrown us back
so much, you don't know how hard
it is to have to wait ^{so long} for what
is justly due, ~~when~~ persons are in
affluent circumstances, it makes no differ-
-ence what it does to those in adverse
situation, if you would let Mr Benson
have the amount due on Transportation
we would be glad, and I think I will

did you know our circumstances
you should act differently in this
matter, Hoping I will that you
will favor this with attention
and excuse me for writing
again when in necessity, I am very
-ed me, I am very Respectfully
Yours Mr J. G. Benson
367 1st Street

Chas. L. O. Howard near 13th
R. R. Grand A. L.

Mr Benson is confined
to his bed was taken ^{sick} yesterday,
the symptoms are those of pneumonia
Perhaps I will you can get me some
copying to do or some folding from
the capital, if you will do this
for me I will be obliged
Mr B

Leeds May 5th 1868

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My Dear Nephew Rowland visited us last week. It was the first opportunity we have had of inquiring into the details which most interest those that are near to us.

He told us of the trials you are having ~~with~~ with some from whom we supposed you were receiving strength & support.

I recd the report of the committee by Mr. Elliot a few weeks since - we had taken of the arduous duties & the strain upon your mind and the relief you had in the worship of God. The affection of your dear family and the love and fellowship of your christian brethren. The account which he gave us filled us with grief. We could see no opening ⁱⁿ for immediate relief. We made it a special subject of prayer. I trust you can say it is of the Lord, and wait, you and your brethren that are with you. God is no respecter of persons but of principles that ^{is} one of the foundation stones we as individuals for ourselves & for the Church of God that we must build upon

Dear Lizzie

I have just been answering your Mother's letter that I got from Cedar Rapids. I did feel very anxious about her; breaking^{up} seemed to affect her very much, she did not seem like herself. I do miss her very much but I think it is much better for her than living alone; I often think of my pleasant visit at with your dear family and very kind you all were to me I never shall forget it since Rowland was here Friday I have thought much about you in your trials. I do pray Jesus will be with you. and we have that promise that he will never leave nor forsake his children that trust in him. I feel that he will be with you in this your time of need. it may look dark now but I do feel that this is right. God's promise is sure to them that put their trust in him and he will yet see the hand of God in it all. Oh we have a precious Father to go to in every time of need. I do feel to pray for you and hope you will pray for. I do feel that my Father is precious and I enjoy his presence most of the time still I have some trials our Minister is just leaving us. his wife

is a very dear Friend of mine. it is hard to part
with her and your dear Mother. but I know that
none of you will come to Maine without visiting
us it would grieve me much if you did. tell Charles
if he comes on this summer I hope he will visit us
for I do want introduction as I failed of it when
he was married. I waited for a letter to go to Brunswick

but no letter came. as long as you have Mack lines I hope you
will visit us. I hope it will be so ordered that you will be able to
come on this summer. little Ennie asked ^{her} who he was writing to
he told him Otis says give my love to James and Charley he remembers
his visit there often speaks of it he is learning fast got so he can
read in small reading I think he is better boy I can reason
with him some but he has got a will of his own. Helen has got
a little girl two weeks old. my love to Charles and Wife, our love
to Perry and Wife, how I should like to just stop in when you
get in your new house and have another good visit, have
one good social chat. she that was Mary Howard was buried
last Thursday. they feel her death very much as it is
the last of the family that lived at home. Dear Lizzie if
you can write me soon I do want to hear from you.

Otis and you are very dear to me and I think as much of
you as our own brother or sister for you have always been
such to me. it gave me pain when I heard you was in
trouble. take it all to Jesus he alone can give us peace
he will if we have faith to believe in him I have even found
him a present help in time of trouble yours in love Laura B Otis

Rev. WM. A. HALLOCK, }
Rev. O. EASTMAN, } SECRETARIES.
Rev. J. M. STEVENSON, }
O. R. KINGSBURY, ASST SECY AND TREAS.
S. W. STEBBINS, DEPOSITARY.
No. 150 Nassau-st.

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American Tract Society,

New York, May 5th 1868

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard }
Washington D.C. }

Dear Sir: The Secretaries of the American Tract Society request me to invite you to make an address at their approaching anniversary. It will be held in the 3rd Avenue Pres. Church, at 10 A.M. on the 13th inst. It is hoped that our President, Bishop McIlhenny, will preside, and addressers are expected from Rev. Dr. John Hall of this city, Rev. Dr. Jessup of Syria, and Rev. Dr. Talmage of Philad., to which we desire to ^{add} your name in connection with the theme "Evangelization at the South", to which topic half an hour may be devoted.

In addition to the usual interest of the occasion the consummation of the plan for the harmonious action of the two Societies, and the healing of the long existing breach, will doubtless make the day an era in the history of the Tract cause.

The Society earnestly hope that you will allow nothing to prevent your complying with their request. Should this be impracticable, please telegraph upon the receipt of this letter.

Very respectfully yours

W. L. Shearer

Dist. Secy. Am. Tr. Soc.

W. A. HARRIS
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American Church Building
Chapel Hill, N.C.

Rev. J. A. Harris
Chapel Hill, N.C.

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the proposed building of a new church at Chapel Hill, N.C. I am glad to hear that you are so interested in the cause of the church, and I am sure that your efforts will be successful. I have no objection to your building a new church, and I am sure that the people of the church will be glad to see it. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
W. A. Harris

Albany, Oxford Co. Me. May 5. 1868

To Gen. O. O. Howard

Sir

Please accept the
enclosed note, (\$3 dollars) & appropriate it for
the benefit of the freed men -

From the Female Benevolent Society of
Albany, Oxford Co. Maine

Yours truly,

Mrs. H. G. Longjoy

L. 3. 0 @ 26. Vol. 1, 1868

Mary Oxford to Mrs
May 3rd 1868

Lovejoy Mrs H. L.

Encloses three (3)
dollars, to be appro-
priated for the benefit
of the freedmen.



Portland May 5th 1868

Gen Howard

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Dear Sir

I enclose to you a letter from
my daughter who is now
teaching at Winchester Va. The
mission is under the superinten-
dence of Rev N. C. Brinkitt of
whom you can make any en-
quiries his address is W. Ferry
W. Va. The letter explains
my object I write unknown
to ~~my daughter~~ ^{to her} the person
referred to who committed
this most-wicked and outrageous
and act endangering the health
and possibly the life of ~~my~~
~~not only her but perhaps others~~
~~daughter~~ was Capt. McDaniel
an Officer of the Bureau.
This is not the first insult
offered her he had been
heard to mock their religious
devotions and had refused

the Teachers the room in which
the school is held to hold
their meetings in, and told them
they must hold them in a back
room not convenient.

My daughter is disposed
to hear all this without
complaint but - I am not
willing that she should.
I have that confidence
in your General that you
will not allow such meane-
ness ~~to be done~~ by your Officers.
My daughter volunteered
her services as a teacher
last October feeling a great
interest in the Welfare of the
freedmen and receives
what the Board of Missions
are pleased to give her.
And when the Man who
should be her protector
and whose duties I suppose

it is to render every facility
to aid the teachers in
their labour of love. 38

turns ~~from~~ and becomes
their enemy it is indeed
discouraging.

I trust I'm it is unnecessary
for me to do more than to
state the facts.

Most respectfully

Yours &c

Rufus Deering
D.

P.S. For any enquiries
about myself I refer to
Hon John Lynch or
Hon W. P. Fessenden

If not too much trouble
should be glad to have
you return the enclosed
letters to me when you are
done with them

R. D.

Handwritten text on a narrow strip of paper, likely a bookmark or endpaper, featuring cursive script. The text is partially obscured by a vertical crease and a horizontal fold.

Jacksonville, Fla. May 5th 1868

O. O. Howard.

May. Genl., Comm^r
Dear General:

Allow me to introduce to you J. Henry Fikes. Insp^r of Customs, Tampa - noted for his unswerving devotion to the old flag - He has been attacked by some scoundrels, manifestly, with intent on his life - and seeks redress which he has failed to get in the civil courts - His position has been anything but agreeable - and we earnestly hope that the day is at hand when brigands cannot attack a United States officer with impunity -

I have the honor to be General,

Yours friend & friend

W. H. Thursten Thursten



Grand Division, S. of T., D. C.,
OFFICE OF GRAND SCRIBE,

Washington, *May 7th*, 1868

Brother:

You are hereby notified that there
will be a ~~regular~~ ^{special} quarterly meeting
of this Grand Division, at ~~the New Hall~~ in the
Intelligencer Building Cor. 7th & Dets 3rd Story, on
Wednesday May 13th 1868, at 7 o'clock, P. m.
You will please be punctual in your
attendance.

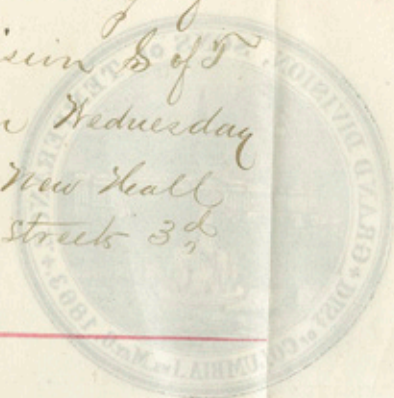
I remain yours, fraternally,

Arthur Shepherd,

Grand Scribe.

Entrance Cor. 7th & Dets.

Special meeting of
Grand Division S of F
to be held on Wednesday
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cor 7th & D streets 3rd
story.



Grand Division S of F
OFFICE OF GRAND DIVISION

Washington, D.C.

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Your presence is requested in person

attendance.

Respectfully,
Charles J. [illegible]

Grand Duke

Germanytown D.C.
May 7th 1868.

May Gen. Howard.

Dear Sir,

(By invitation), if any thing occurred on any thing which would lead to any thing conclusion of what was said by myself some weeks ago in relation to what may occur if Andrew Johnson (the accidental) ^{is unfortunately} all things under my observation will lead to the report which ^{I made} to you and Gen. Grant him self, the demonstration made in the Senate on the conclusion of Manager Bingham's closing remarks. will convince you that there is an excitement in Washington also on Wednesday the (Accidental) had a great many visitors among them was the General which you will find enclosed. Gen. please excuse me if I intrude upon your time to read this as may be supposed groundless letter but as sure as you live it will tell for all to on a signal tower, but the night cometh when no man can work.

With sincere wishes that
this letter may prove glowing
I remain always on hand
for Mr. Hany

THOS. E. WATSON
126 Pa. Ave., bet. 19th & 20th
FOR SALE
BY KILBOURN & LATOURETTE
CHOICE SUBURBAN PROPERTIES

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Wm. Sincere wishes that
this letter may prove groundless
I Remain always on hand.
Wm. H. Hays

Journal by Town 1868.
May 7th 1868

Henry Joe. Jr.

too in reference
to the probability of
the here in view
of the impeachment of
the President.

enclose newspaper
article in regard to vi-
sion at the Executive
Mansion.
etc. etc.



If worthy of notice.
Address.

Jos W. Harty.
Tremont Town
D.C.



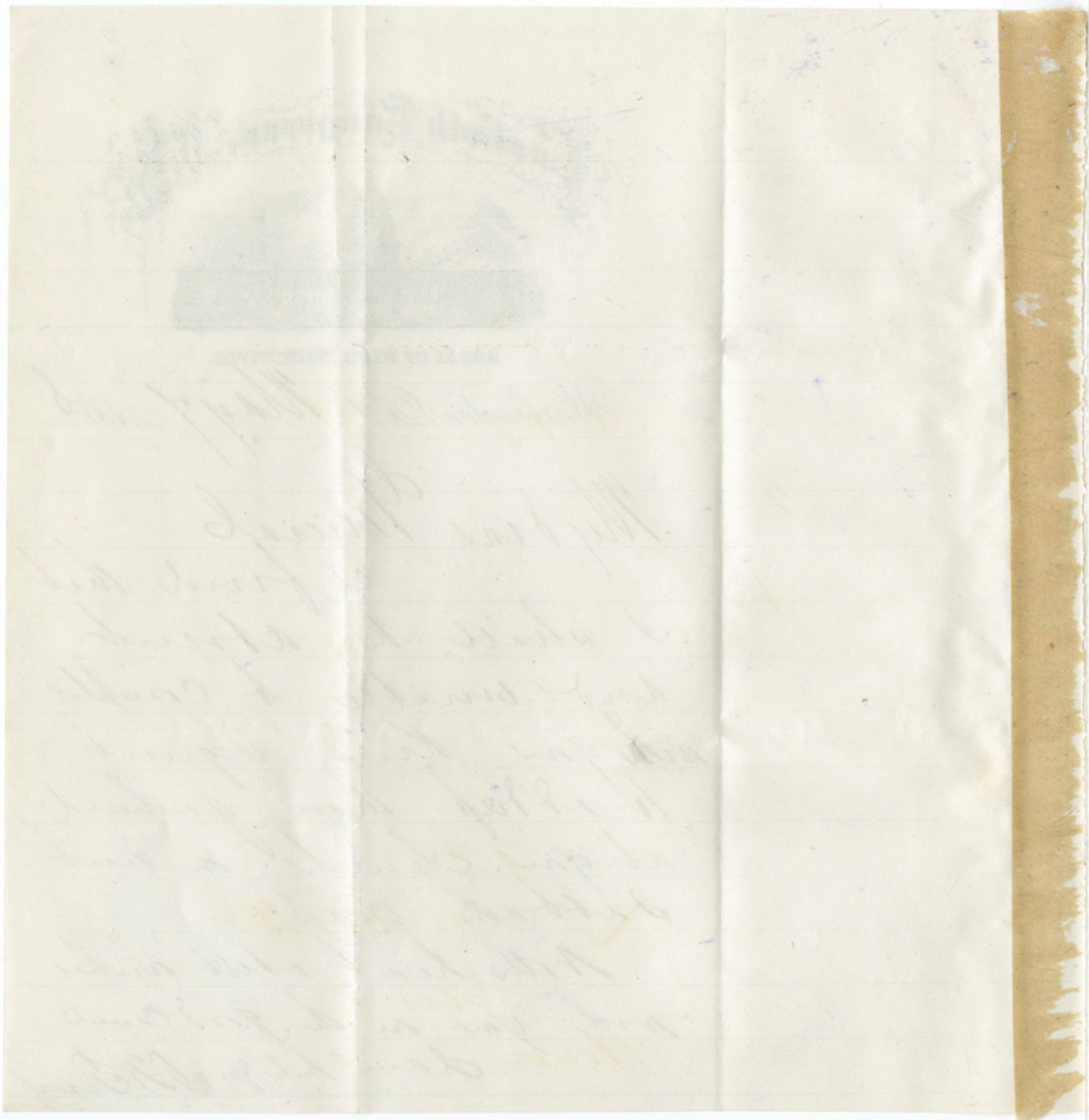
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Washington, D.C. May 7 1868.

My dear General

I find that I shall be absent and unable to comply with your kind request to address those gathered at your church on next Sabbath eve.

With kindest wishes with you in the good cause
I am truly yrs. S. H. Ferry



American Freedman's Union Commission.

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No. 30 Vesey Street.—P. O. Box 5,733.

LYMAN ABBOTT, Gen. Sec.

J. M. McKIM, Cor. Sec.

New-York, May 7 1868

My Dear Sir.

Your favor enclosing enclosures of Col Sprague's purchase is just received. Please accept my sincere thanks for your prompt attention to my request, & for the satisfactory information afforded—

Yours Very Truly
Lyman Abbott.

Wm. Gen. Sec.
C. C. Howard.

American Freedmen's Union Commission

No. 2 West End - 7th St. N.W.

WASH. D.C.

LEADS ABOUT ONE

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.

in relation to the matter of the Freedmen's Union Commission.

I am sorry to hear that you are unable to visit the city.

I am, however, glad to hear that you are still in the city.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours,
Wm. A. Howard.

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