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War Department,  
BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN, AND ABANDONED LANDS,  
OFFICE OF SOLICITORS, No. 2 Four-and-a-half Street,

Washington, D. C., May 26, 1868.

Capt. Stodum

Please put a 5 Cts. Stamp upon  
the assignment made by Pratt & Turner  
on Phoenix Ins Policy on Genl Howard's  
property favor of W. S. Cox trustee for  
Jno A Smith which our Mr Wilson handed  
you the other day.

I find it necessary to make it valid.

Yours truly

Oscar Wilson

P.S. I have just seen Mr Cox, who is  
entirely satisfied with the endorsement  
& that Genl Howard should keep both  
policies. I accordingly have sent  
the Phoenix Policy to you.  
The Phoenix you already  
have.

Yours  
J.W.



Lee

To make the assignment initial  
etc, etc,





Govt Hospital for the Insane

St. Elizabeth, D.C., May 26, 1868.

Genl O. O. Howard

Treasurer Board of Trustees

Barry Farm, D.C.

Sir:

On yesterday I made a Requisition for the money to pay for the State received by the Hospital from the Barry Farm, and to pay other bills, and will send you a check for the amount due you as soon as I receive the money. I find that a Requisition passes thro' the various offices in from seven (7) to ten (10) days.

It has not seemed practicable for me to draw this money sooner.

Very respectfully

Wm. M. M. M. M. M.  
M. M. M.



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For the purpose of the business  
of the business, etc., day 20, 1885.  
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H04, 12<sup>th</sup> St. - Washgton  
May 26<sup>th</sup> 1868-90

Dear Sir,

That unfortunate "knitting machine" has been the source of very great annoyance to me - because of the pecuniary embarrassment growing out of the loss of several hundred dollars - since the machine was ordered - In my note to you announcing the arrival of the machine I mentioned a draft, then daily expected. Brother Shepherd (or one who) had been misinformed in regard to its having been mailed.

Being unable to obtain a loan, at legal interest, it has been out of my power to pay as yet the promised subscription to the Standard.

If you will put my name upon the list, and wait till I can get it



I have no desire to back down  
from the promise - The money  
paid me for the machine, I used  
in the full expectation of the im-  
mediate payment of a debt that  
had been some time due - as well  
as the daily expectation of the draft.

There is an appearance of mean-  
ness about this whole transaction  
that is exceedingly mortifying  
to me - The machine is only waiting  
for some spare needles which have  
been ordered.

And now, if I have not for-  
feited your confidence - I have  
for some time desired to talk  
with you about emigration - un-  
der the Homestead law. Just  
think of a flower-making colony  
the enterprising among these color-  
people the Pacific R-R - in a good  
state - each owning a farm -  
Just appoint me an agent of the

Bureau, give me the needed  
co operation and Heaven be-  
ing my helper, I pledge myself  
to bring about a grand result of  
that sort. I find the people  
very enthusiastic in regard to  
getting good land for so little.  
I know white persons who would  
identify themselves with such a  
movement each taking a claim  
under the Homestead law, and all  
working for the good of the colony.

I judge Mr. R. R. Co. would be  
liberal - donating some land for  
the Public good, granting passes  
- Senator Pomeroy could affect  
this if you were to ask him.

My opinion do not weigh as  
much with the wealthy Senator  
as they once did with the Kansas  
pioneer. Nevertheless he has a good  
heart, and will listen to generous



schemes - from the right lips  
If the Bureau can furnish  
transportation, and the teams  
needed - and rations for a  
with one large central building  
I am sure there would be no  
difficulty in obtaining farming in-  
struments seeds plants &c. and the  
money - from a generous  
people.

I RECEIVED  
MAY 28  
1866  
PRIVATE  
this is the work which  
true philanthropy suggests  
at present.

Is it not now  
work for the Bureau - for the  
permanent good of the  
men?

If I had the means to  
engage in such an enterprise  
making it my business, I should  
feel that I was doing the work  
of a Christian missionary - would  
you give me the opportunity?

Yours truly Lydia S. [illegible]



Personal  
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

Head-Quarters Assistant Commissioner, District of Virginia,

Richmond, Va., ... May ... 25<sup>th</sup> 1868.

Major Genl U. V. Howard,  
Commissioner,

Dear General,

Your letter in regard to "Mr. Blanchard and her promising literary son" has been received. It appears to me strange that you should credit the statement of these persons that "I sent them to you". I only account for this by supposing that you have not been "sold" as many times as I have by persons who represented that they came to me upon the recommendation of other parties. Perhaps General Howard's name has been given as a voucher for such persons often-er than that of any other party.

The facts in regard to the "Blanchards" are these. Some weeks ago the "promising son" called and stated that he with his mother were going to Warmville to establish a "colored School". I gave him a letter to the local Bureau Agent to afford such



aid and protection as might be required  
consistent with Bureau regulations. I  
now received a letter from Mr. Jackson  
asking for their transportation to return  
they had failed to establish a school  
and were boarding at the Hotel at  
expense. I informed <sup>him</sup> the Bureau could  
not give transportation in such cases.  
Mr. Jackson thinking it would be cheap  
for him paid their Hotel bill and sent  
them to Richmond. They came to my  
house a few minutes before the starting  
of the train for Washington and I gave  
them money to go to that place.  
I also advised them to find their Senators  
or Representatives and if they failed  
provide the means for their return.  
They would perhaps give them as  
to General Howard requesting of him  
transportation. So much in brief  
the facts in the case.

I now have to propose we get  
back our money in this manner.  
Have some of the so called "Civil War"



ow hand. A legitimate use of this fund  
would be the payment of your bill,  
as well as those of Mr. Jackson and my-  
self - If you will forward the Blau-  
chard receipt, I will return to you the  
money.

Rest assured that I shall not  
send you applicants for charity as I  
in common with your other friends  
believe that you are "bled" a great  
deal more in that way than you  
ought to be.

I am, General  
Very respectfully  
Your obt. Servant  
J. Brown  
Bot. Brig. Genl & Col  
Asst. Commr



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Avel-Comun, etc

Write that the Commiss-  
aries "was" devised in  
"regard to the Blanchard  
"matter. States the facts  
in the case.

Propose to "refund" from  
the "Civil Fund," the pri-  
vate funds expended by  
Mr Jackson, the Com-  
missioners and himself in  
the case of Blanchard.

Will the Comms send the  
receipt of Blanchard, so  
that the money may be re-  
turned



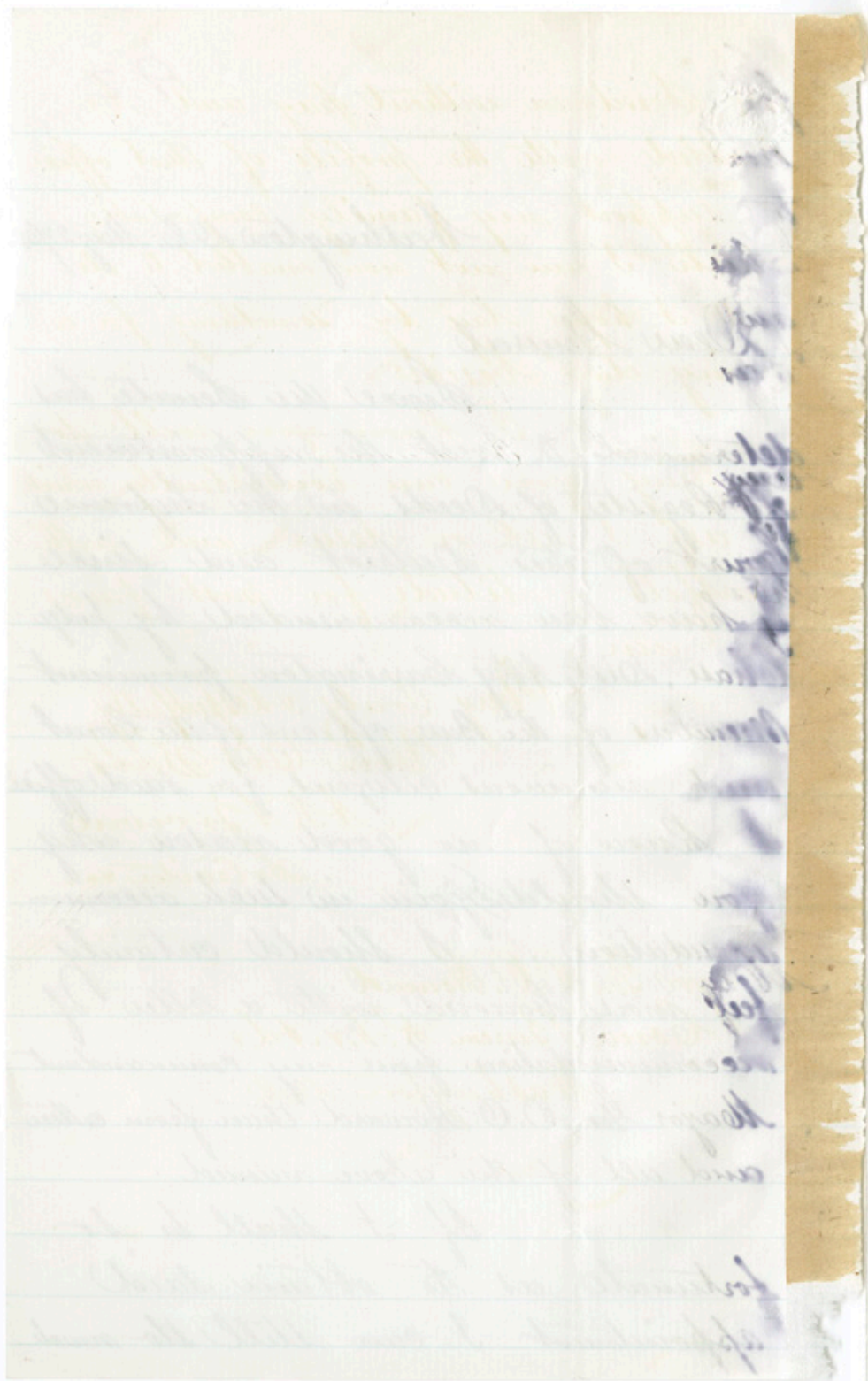


Washington D.C. May 27/68

Dear General

Since the Senate has determined to vest the appointment of Register of Deeds in the Supreme Court of this District and since I have been recommended by Judge Chase, Dist. Atty Carrington, prominent Members of the Bar, officers of the Court and numerous citizens for said office I know of no good reason why you should join in such recommendation. I should certainly feel more honored with a letter of recommendation from my Commandant Major Gen. O. O. Howard than from either and all of the above named.

If I shall be so fortunate as to obtain said appointment I can still do much





for Freedmen without pay and be  
enabled with the profits of that office  
to support my family comfortably  
which I am not now enabled to do  
and I hope lay by something for a  
'rainy day' besides.

I know you will do  
anything you can consistently which  
is all I ask or desire and with  
heartfelt gratitude for past favors  
I am,

Very Truly & Respectfully  
Yours Obt Servt

A S C Brown

Solicitor &c.

Major Gen. C. C. Howard  
Gen. Bureau R. I. & A. L.  
Washington D. C.



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Washington D.C.  
May 27<sup>th</sup> 1868

Brown A. K.  
Solicitor, etc,

Requests That the General  
give him a letter of  
recommendation for the  
position of Register of  
Deeds - the power of ap-  
pointment to be vested  
in the Supreme Court  
of the District.

See another man



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Portland, ME  
Autumn May 28 1868  
My Dear General Howard

I herewith  
Enclose to draft \$25.<sup>50</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars  
twenty five dollars & fifty Cents  
I have cried & cried because  
I could not find you your  
money without your asking  
for it and but God has seemed  
to hold me so I could not  
get the money till this morn.  
I have told a good many  
what your cashier told me  
or the one man who paid  
the draft who was a black man  
I told him a good many  
of our folks did not think  
them capable of holding such  
a place or that he self was  
that they were going to be that



dawn. may God ever  
bless you General but I  
am so sorry that I  
could not pay you  
before I ~~one~~ when I ~~perlan~~  
twenty dollars I ~~ordered~~ the  
same time I ~~had~~ you but  
I am in hope to pay him  
immediately please send the note  
soon

yours truly  
Charles O. Stevens



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Bureau R. D. & S.

Head Quarters, 9<sup>th</sup> Sub Dist, Va

Winchester, Va May 28<sup>th</sup> 1868.

Major Genl. O. O. Howard

Commissioner, Bureau R. D. & S.

Washington D. C.

General

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 27<sup>th</sup> instant.

Very Respectfully

Yours Obediently

John A. McDonald

Sub-assistant



Winchester

May 28<sup>th</sup> 1868

W<sup>m</sup> Donnell, Jr. & Co.

Ac knowledge receipt  
of the General commu-  
nication of the 27<sup>th</sup> inst





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Washington, D.C.  
May 28<sup>th</sup>, 1888.

Dear Sir:

I wish you would send me a receipt for \$20. the subscription of my friend William Hinwood to our Church. I have sent me a receipt for the first \$10. subscribed but it was accidentally destroyed before it reached Mr. H's. hand. The second \$10. was handed to Mr. Ramsey and I have nothing to give Mr. H. to show that I paid the money over.

I regret the necessity of giving you this trouble.

Very Respectfully  
James McMillan  
Secretary U. S.

Maj. Gen. Howard,  
Gen. - &c.



Working in the  
July 27th 1882

Dear Sir:  
I have your letter and  
am a receipt for the same  
of my friend William Johnson to me  
I have a receipt for  
the first \$100 subscription but I have  
not yet received the other \$100  
I have the balance \$100  
I have to the amount of \$100  
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Very respectfully  
Yours  
Wm. Johnson



Personal & Private

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Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

Head-Qrs. Assistant Commissioner, District of Virginia,

Richmond, Va... May 28... 1868.

Maj Genl O O Howard  
Dear General

The truth about my present increase of Bureau Agent is. I desire men in particular localities to head off the influence of a class of incendiaries and to prevent the Legislature that may assemble under the Constitution from being composed of men such as were members of the late Convention — I know the importance of doing this & I would not regret the appointment of Mr Leachey.

A powerful effort is being made in favor of procuring you the Command of this Military District — If



General Rosseau should  
succeed General Schofield  
I shall arrange to have  
the Bureau as much as  
possible separated from the  
Military

Senator Wilson writes  
me this morning that he  
will have the Bureau Brought  
up in a few days and  
he thinks it will become  
a law

I can imagine the  
unpleasant days you are  
now passing through in  
Washington - I will try to  
take care of Virginia -

Right will yet triumph

Yours truly  
J. Brown



Phil<sup>la</sup> May 28<sup>th</sup> 1868

My very dear Friends,

When I reached home today with the hope of enjoying you both, and found that I was just a half an hour too late. I could scarcely keep the tears back I was so much disappointed, and having had scarcely an hour sleep either night made me feel it more. I came in yesterday on purpose to see you. & it was a very hard struggle to go back to poor Mrs Linn and the little sick darling who life was hanging only by a thread for the Doctors scarcely dared to hope. I waited to see the Dr. this morning he hopes now that the child will recover. It seemed so much more delightful to stay at home and be with you. Poor Mrs Linn clung to me. & is herself very miserable and sick. I did wish I could lead her to the only friend who could comfort her in just such trouble.



And now I must say Good night. Please kiss each of the  
dear children for "Dumelle Guelle" and give my love to yr brother  
Charles & his lovely wife. With a heart full for you my dear  
friends believe me ever with most lovingly your Grand  
Papa  
Charles B. F. Guelle.

but she could not feel that sweet comfort  
I pray God may give it to her. I must  
thank you my dear Mrs Howard for so  
kindly hearing Edwin's lessons he thinks  
you are a splendid teacher - I think he  
is a very agreeable scholar. I wish that  
little Clara could or would learn as  
easily - perhaps she may in a few  
years - she enjoyed your visit as indeed  
did all the home people, only they re-  
gretted that your visit was so very short.  
Mamma says I really must go to bed  
and indeed I can scarcely see to  
write but I could not rest until I  
had taken this only day of speaking  
to you on paper, every unsatisfactory  
day, but better than nothing - I had a  
world of questions to ask you both &  
ever so much to talk about - but why  
regret what can't be cured - but was it  
not very aggravating to be obliged by  
you yesterday without being able to see  
you fairly or make you see me. Mamma  
Guelle wants me to add her love.