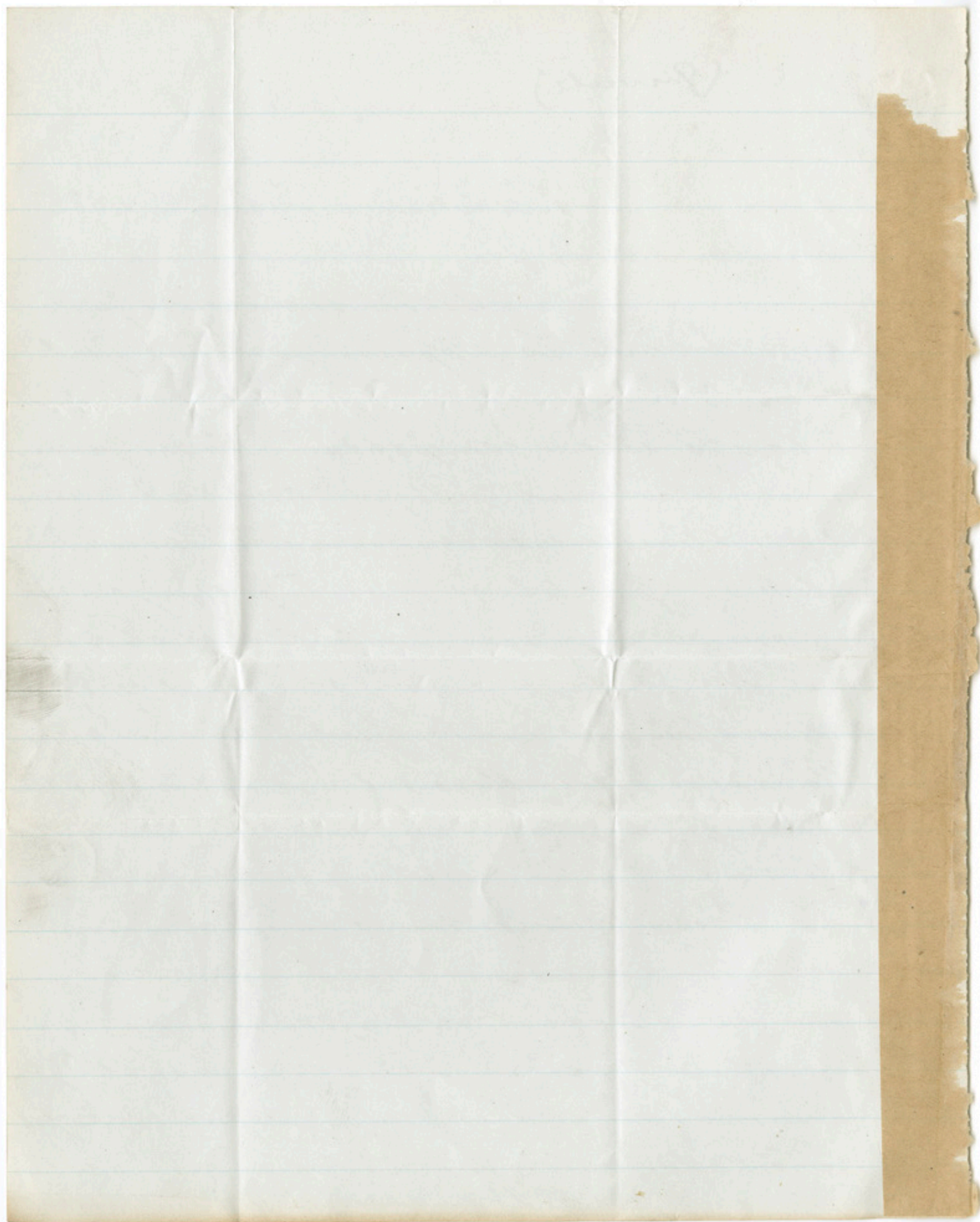


(Private)

Richmond July 3rd 1868

Honored and dear Sir

At the instance of Genl Brown I write to apprise you that Genl B. with all his desire to provide for me feels at a loss to allow compensation to me for my services rendered indigent and sick freedmen and for other services rendered the Bureau here, unless by special authority from you and in some way specifically designated by you. My time is greatly occupied by the duties assigned me by Genl Brown. I give attendance, prescriptions, orders for Rations and other means of relief, under the rules of the Bureau, to from 25 to 50 suffering freedmen daily. Genl Brown desires me to say that he really values the services rendered by me and is sincerely anxious to have it in his power to pay me liberally for them. I would not trouble ^{you} again on this subject - did not my necessities compel me to do so. For two months ending on 1st day of this month (July) I have received no compensation.



I assure you my dear General I am very reluc-
-tant to embarrass you at all on this subject, but
I am advised that you can give me the relief
needed by orders through Genl Brown without
material inconvenience to you. With the foregoing
explanation I leave the matter entirely to you.

I have not heard a word from Senator
Wilson in relation to the removal of my disabil-
-ities. He thought he would be able to get the
bill passed before this time. I trust you have
been more successful in securing the desired
action in behalf of the Bureau interests.

It is the opinion of the most judicious,
reflecting and disinterested Republicans here
that it will be best to have no election
in Va until after the Presidential election -
especially if the commanding General
will fill the State & Municipal offices
with able, true & loyal Republicans.

Genl Brown asks to be cordially remembered
to you. With high esteem and heartfelt gra-
-titude for ^{your} kindness to me and mine I shall
ever remain your true friend & obedt Servt.
Genl O. O. Howard } E. A. Smith

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Robin

Smith & H.

Requeste that the Com^{rs}
give Emil Brown special
instructions to pay him
(Smith) for services ren-
dered in the Bureau.

Wee heard nothing
from Senator Shivers in
regard to the removal of
his disabilities etc, etc,

Private

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

Head-Quarters Assistant Commissioner, District of Virginia,

Richmond, Va., July 17th 1868.

Major General O. O. Howard

Dear General,

I have just received a copy of the bill "relating to the Freedmen's Bureau and providing for its discontinuance". - Permit me to call your attention to the 12th & 13th lines of the 1st section and suggest, that they be so amended as to read "and all assistant commissioners and other officers, agents or clerks, shall be appointed" &c. .

I need not say to you, that the commissioners and assist. commissioners can do but little if the subordinate officers are to be appointed as provided in an act; to continue in force and to amend an act to establish a Bureau for the relief of Refugees &c, passed July 16th 1866.

I believe the disposition exists on the part of certain authority to fill all the subordinate offices with persons opposed to General Grant. If this should be done, I do not think a Southern State could be carried for him.

I remain General -

Yours Truly
O. Brown

Col. Brig. General &c

P. H. & C.
Recd

Brown D

Suggests that the bill was
in the Senate relating to
the Freedman Bureau "it
be amended in lines
1290/13, - See 1st so as
to include the appoint-
ment of all other offi-
cers agents and clerks.
Should there will be
a disposition to fill
subordinate offices with
persons opposed to Sen
Grant.



Montgomery Ala. July 5th 1868.

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Major Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear General,

Our Legation
is to convene on the 13th inst and
will elect Senators on the 21st inst.
My prospects are very good indeed
and with your aid with the
colored members, of whom there
are twenty seven, I think that I
can safely feel confident of success.

I have this day written Sumner
to come at once. I wish you
would expedite his coming as
much as possible.

If you can come, you will
insure my success and plan me

myself infinite obligation. Dear
Gov. and St. Gov. that read the
leading Republican paper in this state
are for me and all the influence
of this city is in my favor.

All the Ohio papers have endorsed
me in kindest terms and Gen.
and Mrs. Sherman have each written
very flattering letters in my behalf
which have been published.

None of the candidates opposed
to me have any reputation or con-
siderable acquaintance outside of
this state and most of them would
be mere cyphers at Washington.

Gov. Smith is a true trusty
man and I hope you will make
him commissioner when Shepard
leaves as he will soon. Gen. Knapp

is not satisfied with Shepard
convicted him and has compelled
him Shepard back to the Union.
We deeply regret this for we know
him as our true friend & supporter,
and we know further that his
policy is the true one to secure order
and safety in this State.

We all want our new Gov't to
succeed. of this I am satisfied.

Earnestly hoping to see you
soon, I am

Truly Your Friend
Willard Parker

P.S. Not much news from Grant & Colfax
by 3111111 majority. The house
a tremendous meeting here
yesterday. Ditto all over the State.
Negroes a unit for Grant

July 3rd 1868

Warner Willard

States that the legis-
lature of Ala. meets
on the 13th inst and
will elect senators
on the 21st inst. His
prospects are good, but
would be rendered sure
by the presence ^{and aid} of General
Howard. Will the Sen-
ate convene, or can Mr
Langston come at once,
etc, etc,



A reply at your early convenience
as full a reply as may be practicable
with any printed or other documents bearing
on the subject - will be highly valued.

yours most respectfully.

John Taylor. Hon. Secretary.

Thomas Phillips

Secretary.

Major-General O.O. Howard.

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OFFICES:—Friends' Institute, 12, Bishopsgate Street Without, London, E.C.

July 8th 1868.

Dear and Honoured Sir,

At our Monthly Committee Meeting,
held on Friday last - B. H. Cadbury, Esq. of
Birmingham, in the chair - during a
conversation on the state and prospects of
the Freedmen - a Friend present suggested -
and all concurred in the suggestion - that
you would, if applied to by us, be quite
willing to communicate your views on
this important subject.

The British movement, in aid of the freedmen
has produced altogether in money and
goods (clothing, implements, &c.) nearly
£100,000 (one hundred and Twenty Thousand Pounds)
which have been distributed amongst various
American Freedmen's-Aid Associations, viz.:—
The American Freedmen's Union Commission;
The American Missionary Association;

the Western Freedmen's Aid Commission;
the Philadelphia Friends (Richard [adbury]);
the Baltimore, &c Association (Francis J. Knig)
&c.

Our Freedmen's Aid Union raised in cash,
from April 14th to June 16th 1868 - nearly
£14,000 (fourteen thousand pounds); and
in goods nearly £5,000. Our latest
effort, from October last year, will bring
between £7,000 and £8,000 in cash.

We have specially devoted between
£5,000 and £6,000 (recently raised), for normal
Schools and classes; chiefly in connection
with the American Freedmen's Union Com-
mission; and we shall have still some-
what more than a thousand pounds to
appropriate.

We are thinking of dissolving our
Union - which was never intended to be

be permanent; and of appointing a Com-
mittee to correspond with American Freedmen's
Associations - the duty of which Committee shall
be, to take such action in the future as circum-
stances may suggest.

Now, knowing the deep interest which you
have taken, and still do take, in the Freedmen
- and your most extensive means of knowing
their condition - we are desirous of receiving
your kind advice, as to what it would be
best for us to do, together with any informa-
tion as to Education amongst the Coloured
People; - their general conduct; - their treat-
ment and prospects; - indeed, on any depart-
ment of this interesting subject.

Your views, moreover, as to the preferable
channels of communication would be es-
teemed a great favor; and you may fully
rely on our keeping anything private
which you may mark as such.

Our Union is mainly made up of
earnest Anti-Slavery Men - members of
the Society of Friends predominating; but
our printed note-head fairly represents
our character.

May we add, that your own name
is loved and honored amongst us -
for Christ and Humanity's sake.

I know of no one who could give a stronger
sense of security and stability than he.

With high esteem and affection

I remain, Yours truly,

rd O O Howard

Major General.

To

Rev J. T. Buckus

Schenectady N.Y.

Copy of
Letter to Rev. J. T. Buckus
in regard to the Presidency
of Union College, &c.

Washington D.C. July 8th 1868

My Dear Sir:

Your kind letter I find among my files on
my return from the West.

Jude Harris has conversed with me at length
upon accepting the presidency of Union College.

The confidence placed in me and the marks of
esteem with which the offer is presented af-
ford me great satisfaction, and yet I do not feel
that I can leave my present post. I cannot
help seeing that Providence has placed me in a
peculiar position, with an unusual array of forces,
and I trust by the Divine blessing to give some
positive, early fruits; and better some plants that
will grow and produce abundantly. Possibly af-
fairs may take such a turn as to cast me out.
After Congress adjourns, Mr Johnson may re-
move me, yet we hope very strongly that General

Grauf will come in, and that opportunities for extended usefulness will be reopened for all of us who love the Savior and his children.

We have started a University, here, with all the branches represented and I feel in duty bound to continue to labor for it with the hope of procuring full endowment. We are searching every where for just the man to become president of such a University. We want a decided, business man, a scholar, and a very large hearted Christian. I can also help this University, more or less, if I remain in the Army. Now after all the objections I have offered, the whole substance of them is what appears to be the will of God concerning me. Doubtless before many days He will make my duty very plain before me as He always has at critical periods of my life.

Nothing seems sweeter to me than to occupy

the place of comparative rest from political turmoil and public life, which you so affectionately offer. Again my four boys are growing up around me, and I want to have the benefits of just such a locality as yours. I am however somewhat in debt and need my present pay to relieve me gradually of my obligations. I shall take the whole subject under ~~very~~ careful and prayerful consideration if you ^{have} really elected me president as the newspapers report, and give you my final answer just as soon as you require it.

I am afraid I might not be equal to the necessities of your institution, notwithstanding my apparent fitness. It often seems to me that I am a very slender reed to bear heavy burdens; responsibilities, however, are not always of our own choosing. Could not Judge Harris, strong, noble man, ^{as he is} take the position permanently?

Washington July 8. 1868.

May. Genl. O. O. Howard.

Dear General:

The Secretary stated in the interview of this morning, that one great objection to having a Civilian, as Asst. Commr. or Chief Agent, is, that he cannot be tried by Court Martial, for any offense. His attention was then called to the law which provides for the appointment of Civilians as Agents &c. Mr. Ashley touched a tender chord in the breast of the Secretary, by referring to a certain "Colonel" in whom the Sec. takes a great interest, and stating that he "might aid him in the matter that he has before Congress, although he is probably a Copper-head." The Sec. observed at this point, in a very friendly tone, that he would "reconsider the subject of Genl. Scott's appointment," and see Mr. A. again. —

I designed calling upon you in person to morrow.

but have just received a telegram, which
compels me to start for Columbia this evening.
I will inform Genl. Scott of your intention to con-
tinue him as Asst. Commr. until his successor
is appointed &c. This, I am sure, will be entirely
satisfactory to him.

Be assured, dear General, that amid all
changes of fortune I will remember you with
the most profound respect and gratitude.

Very respectfully,
J. J. Mackey.

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July 6th 1865

Wade, J.

Smiles in regard to our in-
terests of "Justice the Right"
and all with the beauty of
man concerning the as-
surance of civilian
and Communist, etc.,

Legation of the United States
Berlin, July 10. 1868.

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Major General
O. O. Howard
Commissioner of the
Freedman's Bureau.
Washington.

General

This Legation has received from the hands of the Rev. Mr. Eichler, Superintendent and Superior Pastor of the Synod of Bublitz, District of Görlitz, in Pomerania, in the Kingdom of Prussia, the sum of 127 Thaler's 15 Sgr., Prussian currency, with the request to cause the same to be applied to the relief or instruction of Freedmen in the United States.

I have the honor to enclose herewith a draft for the equivalent of said amount, in the currency of the U. S. viz. (\$127.50) one hundred and

Signature of the United States
John Jay 1792

Major General
C. C. Howard
Commissioner of the
Department of War
Washington

General
This application has received
from the hands of the the United States
infantry and regulars of the United States
Military, a report of the United States
Department of War, dated 12th March 1792
transmission containing the report to and the
same to be applied to the relief or satisfaction of
the United States
I have the honor to enclose herewith a
draft for the payment of and request on the
Comptroller of the U. S. of 1200 or 1300 dollars and

twenty seven dollars fifty cents U. S. paper currency
to your order and upon Messrs. James G. King's Sons
of New York.

I have promised the Rev. Mr. Eichler who
is, I believe, an intermediate, not the original
contributor, to transmit to him your acknowl-
edgment of the safe receipt of the above sum for
application to the purpose indicated.

I beg you therefore to enable me by your
early acknowledgment to fulfil my promise.

Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

Alexander Bliz.

Chargé d'affaires.

Twenty seven dollars fifty cents U. S. paper currency
to your order and upon the order of James D. King Esq
of New York.

I have forwarded the Rev. Mr. Cooper who
is I believe an appropriate, and the original
contributor, to transmit to him your acknowledgment
of the safe receipt of the other sum for
application to the purpose indicated.

I beg now to beg to enable me to give
early acknowledgment to your faithful and generous

Respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt.
Alexander K. B. J.
Director of Efforts