

OFFICE OF THE
New England Mutual Life Insurance Co.
No. 39 STATE STREET.

Boston, Aug 4 1868

May: Gen. O. O. Howard
insured in this Company under
policy #20485, has liberty to go to,
return from, reside & travel in the
Southern States except in local-
ities where epidemic exists.

J. M. Gibbons
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OFFICE OF THE

The England Mutual Life Insurance Co.

NO. 70 STATE STREET.

Wm. Ward H. M.D.

Wm. Ward H. M.D.
resides in this country
having been born in
Boston, Mass. and in
this order of business.

Wm. Ward H. M.D.



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Aug 4 1868
Fredericksburg

Gen Howard

Without preface I
will call your recollection
to a night you spent
~~with~~ with my Sister and
Mrs Fitzgerald. My Sister
Miss Ann Barnett rented
the house from Mrs Fitzgerald
me - also and we lived together
until we had to refugee -
after the War we, my two
Sisters and myself returned
to Fredericksburg and have

been supporting ourselves
by taking some boarders
we have gotten on all right
the house and lot was not
arranged for the present
system of labour - consequently
-ly in the last 3 years we
have almost entirely broken
ourselves down - and this
year will not be able to
pay our rent. My Sister
has often spoken of the
kindness of yourself and
Brother and I have been
thinking you would aid

us by making up a small
collection for our benefit
and at all events give us
some advice relative to
what we could do in future
as we are in the decline
of life and have no Brother
or any near relative. If
you can aid us in any way
it will be received with
a very great gratitude - and
one of us would come to
Washington to receive it
or you could send by
Express or a check by mail
and I am convinced if you
would give our case a
little attention for a day
or two you would relieve
us very much - please
write immediately and
say if you will make
the effort - Mrs Fitzgerald

Set out on a little trip a
few days since - My
Sister desires to be kindly
remembered to yourself
and Brother and joins
in the request that
you will write in a day
or two and you shall
hear from us again
very respectfully

Direct to

Mrs Matilda Barnett
Fredericksburg
Virginia

Please do not forget the name

Matilda Barnett

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Nottingham Pa. 4th 4. 1868
Gen O. Howard

Esteemed Friend

The Friends
of Temperance in adjoining
parts of Chester & Lancaster
Counties Pa & Cecil Co Md. -
propose to hold a Grand
Mass Meeting for the fur-
ther advancement of the
Cause at Nottingham Station
Chesterles - P & B. Central RR
on Thursday Sept 3rd next -
3 miles west of Oxford on same R.R.

While The Friends of Tem-
perance would esteem them-
selves highly honored by
thy presence on that
occasion - we cannot conceiv-

how in case so well accom-
plish the purpose in main-
tain as set forth in the
enclosed favor of Bro
Nicholson ~~than~~ by extending
^{to the} ~~this~~ cordial invitation to
become our distinguished
educator in the 3rd of Sept
next

Very Respectfully Thine
Geo B Passon
Tottinham
Chester Pa



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Washington Aug 4. 68

Dr General

I have nothing to do with the
Avenue Store which is occupied by Mr Hopkins
all of my business is done in the warehouses
nos 7 & 9 Ave bet 9 & 10 St where I shall
be pleased to serve you

Very Resp:
John R Evans

Washington D.C.

I have written to the
other side to be
my business in this in the
of the fact that the
of the fact that the

Very truly
yours
John R. Johnson

Northfolk Va. Aug. 5, 68

Dearest,

After leaving you the boat
started at the usual time - We found
one or two articles on board &
learned the present state of public
sentiment in regard to suffrage, election
negroes &c. &c. Half past ten came
quickly - Virginia Creek was reached - it
was raining hard, but we got to the
car without going from under cover
at all - Our car was a neat one
with the high backs which you like
so much - Slept nicely, with a little
stiffness at 11 A.M. - Went to the Exchange
and slept till seven. Then her enjoyed
this rest & travel - got a good breakfast -
then spent the most of the day (morning)
with her. Brown on business - saw
Gen Schaffner - his wife is north - dined
with Mrs Ballacks disbanding officer May

White - Mrs White has an little girl
Bessie - jumping size - She was from
Phil^a - a very nice lady - She is in
the 14th Regt. regular Army - After
dinner Dr. R. and W. Thayer
visited the Traders Store works -
they own 9 acres of ground near
employing 1000 workmen. Jennie
would like to be the short thick
bore red hot. pass under the rollers
several times & come out long
R. R. rails - or long rods looking
like snakes. Ben Anderson the
Supt. treated me with much
kindly consideration - He has
colored & white all working
well together - Some colored men
are skillful - one had been there
22 years & got the best wages - After
this we went to Libby prison, then
to a tobacco factory, where colored
women & little children were all

diligently employed. Richard seems quite
lively, business more active than I
thought. We took tea with Mrs Brown
& she wanted to see you, wished you
had come down. We attended a
colored meeting in the evening at
Cheney's Ch. where I ~~also~~ addressed
the colored people at length. After
this we went to Mrs. White's & staid
over night. This am. at 10
we left for Norfolk by Mr. Egan
stage. Since I wrote her, Whittier
I have concluded to go to Raleigh direct
tomorrow starting at 2 P.M. We are
very well & the weather is much
colder. It has been cloudy all
day - Much love to all the
children, kiss for them not
forgetting Johnny & Henry. Best
of love to yourself. What bless you
Sincerely yr. husband
Otis

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Detroit Mich
Sept. 5th 1868

May' Gen. A. O. Howard
Washington D. C.

Dear General
I have just
returned from the
Upper Lakes where I
have been absent inspecting
for the past three weeks
and I find your letter
of the 23rd ult. awaiting
me - I am quite
anxious to spend the
coming winter in
Washington and would
be glad to assist you
in the work you are

engaged in - but would
hope that my station
then would be as
permanent as you Schuyler's
continuance in office.
I would not like to
break up here simply
for a short visit to
Washington at this
season -

I would have been
pleased to have been
with you on your present
tour but found on my
arrival here that you
had already started, I
have however telegraphed
to you today indicating
my willingness to accept
your offer -

Very truly yours.

S. H. David
Bvt. Maj. Genl



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The Independent,
New York,

Aug 5/1888

My dear J. Howard,

I am quite
enamored of Howard
University. So let me
offer a suggestion which
will be of benefit
to it. Write for the

first page of the
Independent an article
to be published with your
name, saying all that
you would like to say
concerning the institution.
Then, in publishing your
communication, I will
accompany it with a

heartily & warm editorial.
These two articles, taken
together, will do far more
more than either of them
separately. Your article might
be in the form of a
letter to myself, if
you wish the greater
latitude of expression
which a personal

confidence gives
Letters, you know, permit
the use of the pronoun

"I." Articles are
more formal & cold-blooded

Be assured that I will
help the new Oxford
all I can!

Ever yours,
Hodder & Tilton



Hartford Ct. Aug. 6th/68.
May. Genl. O. Howland

Dear Sir

Permit
me to make brief report of my work
in N. York in reference to the University
Finding that the A. Miss. Association
had quite heartily endorsed the Lin-
coln College in Pa. I asked permission
to lay the claims of the N. University
before them and as Mr Whipple was
out of town have by invitation from
Mr Joslin and Tappan arranged to
visit the Com. in about two weeks
when Mr W. returns.

It will be necessary,
to succeed with the N.E. Congregationalists
that we have their endorsement which
Mr Joslin thinks will be given.

I presented the claims of the School
also to Mr Greeley the days he will

investigate it - at his house
if I can spend a day there
which I hope to do. I think his
wife gave it favorable notice in
Tribune. Mr G. was strangely
"under the cloud" from the Kentucky
Election & said if we did not
work, hence, the Slaves would go
back to bondage - that their con-
dition was little better than Slavery
now, in Md. & that, perhaps our
efforts to educate them, would be
thrown away at last. This talk
was on the 4th. I hope he will be in
more hopeful mood next week.

I am
that we must have the influence
of the Independent - and ask
Dr. Leavitt (Mr. Tilton, being out of
town) to consider it - send the
subject before him as well as I
am able. He seemed very favor-
ably impressed - asked if any

collision was likely to come
between this & Mr Lincoln School.
and since he would give it notice
in the College Column, and ask
Mr Teller, to make it felt, thorough
an editorial. He gave me good
counsel in reference to the class
whom I should see, and said
he would give me letters to any
whom he could reach, next week,
or when I return. Said nearly
all whom I ought to see, were out
of the city. but thought there
would be and given when the
appeal, hereafter.

I met a Colonel Man Samuel
Assw. Foster born in China, & educa-
ted in ~~China~~ the N. Indies, a very
earnest, active man, of 30, I think.
Who says, he has some business
talents, and needs & intends to have
an education. I will be glad to
enter him in fall, if he could be assisted

ⁱⁿ Paying tuition - I think in due
as he, we may safely invert, &
has a wife - is a Parson (Horn P)
and I judge is thrifty - & we
can pay his board. His address
386, Hudson St. N.Y. What end
- against can I give such. - I have
also seen another young man
thoroughly educated - has been a slave
in the South - fine in his character
I have known him before.

Am to have an interview with
Proff. Keener, & Peterson next week
in relation to other students in
their Schs, or Institutions.

Mrs. S. A. Tilton will subscribe
for a scholarship - and she will
send, some time here, a schol-
arship girl to take a course, she
would pay in small instalments
more easily, she says, than to pay
the whole at once. & would start
the first - on the 1st of Sept. 1868, if she
can know the terms. Wm. H. P.

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I would save labor & time
perhaps, if a Printed Subscription
Paper, and Receipt were put in
my hands (simply stating
receipt of Subscription, not Cash.)
If you think proper you can
send such papers to me at
29, Norcristin St. Hartford or in
two weeks, at 53, John St. A.M.
Assn Room.

It is not likely that
many students will be found
among the Col. prepared to enter
a college class - Shall I solicit
any in Preparatory classes, or
solicit any, but Colored - and
girls as well as boys? May Col.
Churches subscribe Scholarships
and send such as they choose.
How much time, can be given,
where money cannot be paid

at once? by the Church, or the
individual?

I judge you will
be glad to see the colored people
giving as much support to
the School as possible. This will
encourage the public spirit
of all, will it not?

I shall be
happy to receive any directions
you may think proper to give
on the above named details
of work, and to know especially
how far a scholar must be
advanced, before he can enter
the College class - also, if those
wishing to study Theology
(who are now preaching) can
have an opportunity, &c.
And if those wishing culture in
business or Book Keeping, will find
it practicable, without taking
College Course? -

Respectfully, J. S. Griffin



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1868

Fitchville New York Co Aug 6th

Gen O. O. Howard, Washington D C

Dear Sir— I desire on behalf of Mr Samuel Palmer of this place to call your attention to the following facts in relation to W^m H. Day, who I understand is in your employ.

In 1852 Mr Day was attending School at Oberlin, and came to Mr Palmer, who was known as a friend of the Colored people, and solicited the use of his name on a joint note for borrowed money, to enable him to prosecute his course of study in College.

Mr Palmer finally assented, upon the fair promises of Mr Day that as soon as he was through at college he would return the money and take up the note.

In stead of keeping his promise to Mr Palmer, he went off and left the note unpaid, and Mr Palmer was finally sued on the note and had to pay it. I should here state that the money was borrowed from two different persons, fifty dollars each, and two notes given.

Mr Palmer showed me one of the notes, and I have it now before me as I write.

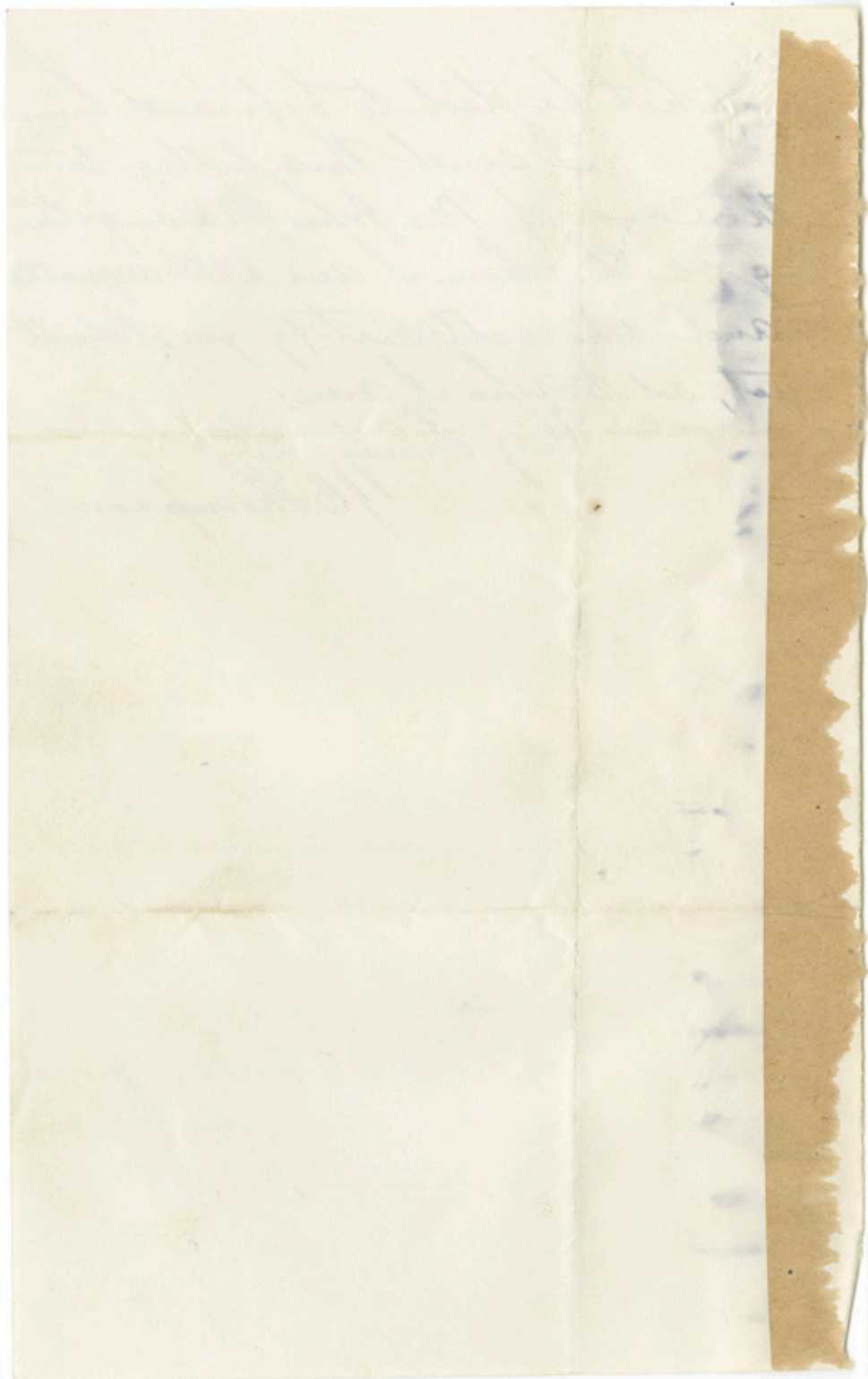
Now General, if you can do any thing to assist Mr Palmer in getting his money he will esteem it as a great favor, and will reasonably compensate you for any trouble you may be to in the case. He is not in a situation to loose the money, and Day ought in all conscience to pay it after Mr Palmer did.

what he did to befriend him.

I send this letter to
the care of Mr John M Longston
Esq, with whom I am well acquainted
and who will certify you, I doubt
not, as to who I am.

Very Truly &c

J. C. Thompson



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Washington, Aug 7th 1868

Gen O. C. Howard.

Respected Sir

At a
monthly meeting of the Young
Men's Christian Association
the following resolution was
unanimously adopted.

"Resolved that the thanks
of this Association is due
Maj Gen O. C. Howard, and
the same is hereby tendered
him, for the use of Hall
for the purpose of holding
Festival, and for his
sympathy for us."

Respectfully
Yours in Christ
F. H. Freeman

Washington, Aug 27/18

Mr. O. O. Howard

Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th inst. in relation to the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States. I am glad to hear that you are so interested in this important question. I have already received several communications from you on this subject, and I am sure that your views will be of great value to the Commission. I am sorry that I cannot give you a more definite answer at this time, but I am sure that your patience will be rewarded. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
John A. B. [Signature]

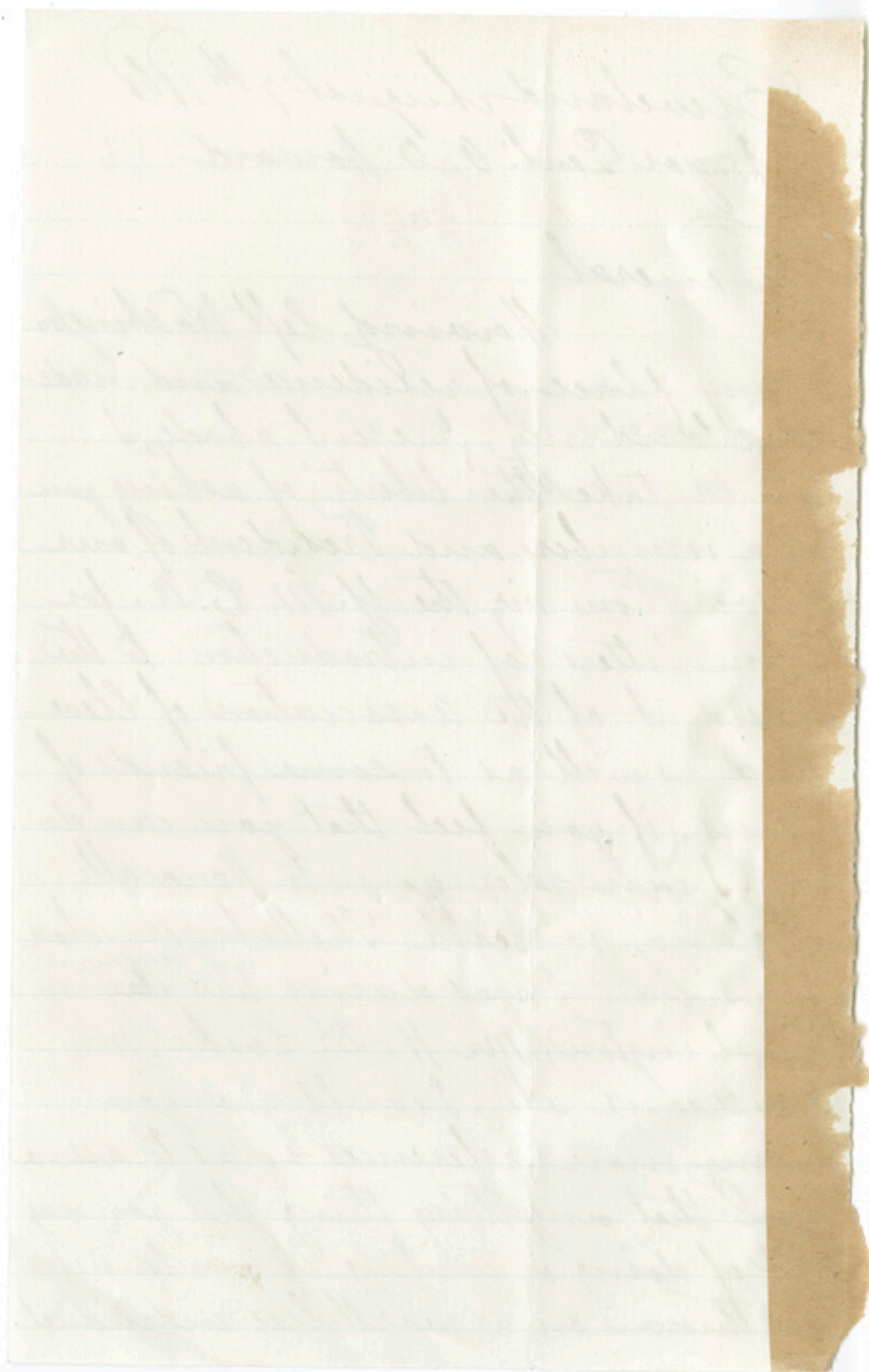
John A. B. [Signature]

Cleveland August 7th 1868
Major Genl: O. O. Howard 60

General



Having left Washington as my place of residence and made Cleveland my present abode, I would take the liberty of asking you as a member and President of our association viz the U. M. C. A. for some letters of introduction to the President of the association of Cleveland as well as to some friends of yours, (if you feel that you can do so). I can refer you to Honorable Delano, Honorable Shellabarger whose ^{residence} physician I was during his ~~stay~~ in Washington, Mr H. D. Cooke Mr Severance etc. I could give you many more references so as to assure you that anything thing that you may fit of doing or writing it would not be thrown on a worthless individual



I suppose however that
the above names are sufficient endorse-
ments.

I am making Cleveland
my home where I shall exercise
my profession.

Any recommendations
from you will be thankfully received
believe me General

Very Respectfully
Yours

Ciro G. Verdi M. D.
Address No 17 Monument Place
Cleveland Ohio

P. S. Please let me hear from you as soon
as convenient

