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Raleigh N.C.

Aug. 8th 1868

Dear Sir,

It is a delightful morning
at one of the finest old residences in
Raleigh - belonging to the Tucker family -
Gen. Miles takes for 1st. gr. 4 for home
also - the flowers, the great old elm -
the beautiful lawns & the
all the paths wide & narrow &
surrounding the flower beds. The
birds are singing sweetly & the sun
is not yet too hot - heat is mitigated
by a cool western breeze. The
evening flower bed in this
Miles, yet she seems to be planted -
an officers man, like Waterliet - who
Jigger Madi first changed her name -
all the appointments except &
mainly as there - the wills of the
young husband & wife are getting

adjusted. There is a little sorrowful
longing back that time and a
visit to an old home and
perhaps a fresh Olive branch will
be necessary to remove. You
can't think with what force our
early married life comes back to
me. I left home yesterday after I
wrote you I visited the Mayor of
Norfolk - Norfolk - The Mayor &
Council of Norfolk are most loyal
men, kinder to the judicious
appointments of Gen. Schafeldt. I
visited Chas. Fred Foster at the
custom house - Col. Eaton Grand
banks - we dined with Mr Craft -
and then rode to the ferry for
Portsmouth - crossed & set out for
Weldon. We had a real pleasant
ride, a neat car, no dust -
corn growing all ~~the~~ along. Some
nice patches of cotton, all the

people appeared contented - We arrived
at Weldon just about sunset. Oh,
how could I describe such a sunset -
the gold, silver, purple, glowing
dusky - Professor Weir could even
never putty such a sunset in
canvas than anybody. We staid all
night at a regular Southern Hotel -
large rooms, halls, & good
furnished - the inevitable bar -
but a fair table - much fruit -
milk, water, meat, Cantaloupes &c.
good punch - Weldon is a little
depot station, a few poor houses
as at Salem Va - an excellent
school - no white school - Nothing
moving we went with the fogies
the deputy post collector of future
business, to look at farms, found
a Mr. Long, owning miles of
land - He say there thirty acres of
cotton - one field. 13 plows with a

mile & colored driver - long rows
straight as a die - cotton in flower -
first day the flower is white - It
soon turns red. The night school school
about 30 scholars. Colored man, taught
by old woman, receives dollar monthly
for each scholar - calls on the
colored children "nigh friend" & an
earnest man with little knowledge
using all he has got. At 10-15 - we
start for Raleigh - see Bob - Ransom's
brother (confederate General) here.
Wiles meets us at the depot at Raleigh
& takes us straight to his home -
In the evening about 8 o'clock, we
went around & wandered at the
number of school houses, the
"Howard" school - Johnson - see - not
forgetting Dr. Tupper, Methodist from
Massachusetts, who is building a
immense building for Ch. School -
has even cut off part of work -



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War Department,
BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN, AND ABANDONED LANDS,

Washington, Aug. 8th, 1868.

Dear General

I enclose a letter from Gen. Baird. Do you wish me to apply for him? And if so, to what duty shall I assign him. He appears to understand that he is to be permanently stationed in this City.

I have your letter respecting Reed, & will do my best to find him and Mann.

The Richmond papers are full of abuse upon you. They will represent you as on a purely political campaign,

whatever course you may take.

The statement of Ches. C. Brown
of Norfolk respecting bounty in
Md. I have referred to Gen.
Brooks; but it probably refers
to State bounty.

Gen. Schofield has been
absent all the week till yesterday.
I will consult him about
appointments. After you see
Gen. Meade, please inform me
if you wish to have Gen. Rizer
appointed Asst. Commr. of Ala.

All well at home - rains
continue every day: work on the
buildings is much retarded by
the weather.

Yours truly

C. F. Smith

P.S. If you can tell me
a few days in advance where
you expect to be, I can commu-
nicate with you with more
certainty. E.W.

I open this to say that I have
seen Manny, who says Reed has
no intention of publishing. He ^{Manny} will
attend to the matter & see that
it is all right.

Boston, 8th Aug '68. 62

Hon. & Dear Sir,

I read a notice in the Congregationalist a short time since of a seminary at the Capitol for colored people a chiefly is as I recall it and think the same bears your name. Feeling called upon to make a thank offering I have thought perhaps it could not be better appropriated than by giving it to that institution. May I ask you how I shall send One hundred dollrs. (To what address)

My first child was born this week and we contemplate giving him the name of Howard - If

[illegible]

God shall lead him to a title
of the usefulness which attends your
life the fondest anticipations of it
parents will be realized.

London, dear
sir, the liberty I have taken in thus
addressing you, but my heart sym-
thizes so warmly with your efforts for
Christ and His ~~King~~ is for that it
clamors for attunement. That your life
may long be spared and your labors be
attended with completest success is the
fervent wish and prayer of

Yours most respectfully
J. W. Field
Field, Lowrey & Allen

And shall look forward to a letter
of the conference which attended you
if the friends satisfaction of it
beant with a reply.

Yours, dear

Mr. H. I hope to hear from you in the
addressing you. But my heart yearns
there is a reward with your efforts for
Christ and God will be for that it
beant for return. That your life
may be to spend and you shall be
attended with comfort and success in
your work and prayer of

Yours and affectionately

J. W. Miller
Rev. James Miller

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The Daily and Weekly Courant,

No. 14 PRATT STREET,

Hartford, Conn., Aug 7th 1868.

My. Genl. O. O. Worcester

Dr Sir

Have

spent most of the day with
Genl Hawley & David Clark of
this city—planning what is to
be done.

Mr Clark pledges himself
and me & will do write you, to
give to the Institution \$5,000. and
possibly will double it—but the
remainder of the first drive is done.
We will have \$1,000 ready by 1st of Oct
and another by 1st of Dec 1869. The rest
on.

The day we will help raise as
much more, as he gives in this city.
He & Geo Hawley. Think you have

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placed the sum of Scholarships too low—that it should be \$2.00, instead of \$1.50.

Mr. Clark asks me if you need the money now, or when you wish to have it paid—meaning his own donation.

He asks me the cost of the Building and what has been expended for the ground i.e. cost of the whole. Others may wish to know also.

Mr. Clark thinks I should present a Subscription Book. So I will do so, and he will head it with a (sum outside his donation) Scholarships.

Please write as early as possible.

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Hartford, Conn.,

1868.

Since coming away I learn
that the messenger at our office
has been relieved.

The work is too
hard for any one alone, at home
and I have left but one person.

If possible will you allow
Harrison Harris to remain
& wait till I return to the city
very Respectfully

Yours Obedt. Servt.

J. S. Griffing

(H. Harris has been two years
messenger there & is an efficient
fellow. J.S.G.)

N.B. I will receive no money. J.S.G.

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No. 14 PRATT STREET.

1846.

Shelton, Conn.

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 18th inst.

and in reply to inform you that

the same has been forwarded to the
proper authorities for their consideration.
I have the honor to remain,
Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

J. B. Smith

Shelton, Conn.

1846.

Yours truly,

J. B. Smith

Shelton, Conn.

1846.

Private.

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Houston, ^{Texas} Aug 10

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Gen O. O. Howard:

^{DD Sir}
The letter is Strictly Confidential
I refer you to Rev R. R. Gurley ^{DD} & Rev W. McCain ^{DD}
of your city & Genl. Gregory formerly Chief of Bureau
in Texas for my character. I am an Elder in
Presbyterian Church - name of Smith - a life
long hater of Slavery - and lover of the Con-
stitution & Flag of my my Country (U.S.)

I am in possession of facts
which I think it my duty to make known
I have thought you might be a good channel
through which to communicate them to the public
But this you must be sure to do so in that
you no clue can be had upon me as the
author of the facts. Situated as I am, my dear
Sir, you can see the importance of this. My
very life may depend upon secrecy. After
thus candidly stating this to you I feel myself
safe in your hands.

Have you read the Report of the
Com of our Convention on Sandwich Crimes in Texas?
Well, add fifty percent to it. and then you
may arrive at some knowledge of the crime that
stalks, a broad, unrebuked, in society among us.
The hatred to the old Flag & to the Union
and to all who love the Union is every day

1808
The Hon. Secy to the
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Gen O. C. Howard:

The letter is strictly confidential
I am in possession of facts
which I think it my duty to make known
I have thought you might be a good channel
through which to communicate them to the public
But the more I think of it the more I am convinced
that I can do no good by doing so. The
author of the fact, I stated and may clear
up, you see the importance of this. My
very life may depend on it. After
them I can only state the to you of the
safe in your hands.
I have you read the paper of the
Gen of the Convention on Anti-Slavery & Emancipation
Well, what right has he to it in the year
many names. He has the knowledge of the names of
Slaves, a great, uncounted, in fact, number
He has to the old slave to the Union
and to all who love the Union a every day

growing stronger throughout the whole South, and especially in Texas. The cold shoulder is every where turned upon Union men. Their lives are only safe because it is feared that their murder would be known north and would in a the Republican Party. I speak after due reflection when I say that the safety & prosperity of the loyal men at the South depend upon the success of the Republican Party at the next Pres-Election. If the Democracy succeed the South is ruined! Many of the really valuable men of the country will be compelled to leave it. Some system of Peonage, or apprenticeship, as nearly as possible approaching to Slavery, will be adopted, and every man who did not go thoroughly into the rebellion will be forced to leave the country or submit to very unpleasant circumstances.

The present prevailing religion of the Country is a mafia. True Religion is confined to the few who have been all the while loyal to their Govt. The piety of the South was never in the Rebellion!

The freedman is intensely hated by all Democrats - The females especially. Great efforts are now being made to win over the Freedman to vote for the Democratic ticket by Danbarnes, whiskey, flattery & abuse of loyalty & loyal men - reiterating the palpable falsehood that the former owner

The first of these is the fact that the former owner of the property has been taken by the law, and the property is now in the hands of the State. The second is the fact that the property is now in the hands of the State, and the third is the fact that the property is now in the hands of the State.

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3rd page of The Slave is his only true friend; while in truth (with
few honorable exceptions) he is his ~~only true~~ bitterest enemy.
The condition of the freed men, in the mean
time, is most pitiable. Scarcely any thing is doing for his
education or evangelization. Den white & minster will
conducute to preach to them. Those of their own color are
ignorant & too often imprincipled. Their youth are growing up
in rags fields laziness, ignorance & vice. What can be
the future of a race thus trained?

(x 234,000)
For the School instruction of two
x hundred & fifty ^{of color} thousand Freed men I am
quite certain there are not now fifty (50) Teachers
(all told) at this time engaged. Many of these
Teachers are but poorly qualified for their work.
The freed men are poor - Scarcely any of them have a
home - very few a dollar in their pocket. In Tex. there
has not been a good crop raised since they were set free.

It is true many of them are lazy - not a few vicious
and a larger number improvident; but who can wonder
at this who is acquainted with the circumstances
by which they have been surrounded & the training
they have had? What shall? What can be done for
the black race? The freedmen? So far in Tex. (at least)
is concerned their situation is deplorable and calls
loudly on the Philanthropist for immediate aid.

I should much to be favored with a reply to
this communication

Yours Truly,
James Burke.

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Office of the Security Life Insurance and Annuity Co.

Nos. 31 & 33 Pine Street.

New York, Aug 11. 1868

Mr A S Pratt
Dear Sir

We enclose for
permit for Gent O O Howard

Yours Truly

Wm F Waring
aft Sec

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Office of the Secretary of the Insurance and Savings Co.

No. 31 & 33 Pine Street.

New York, Aug 11, 1868

My Dear Sir

The enclosed for
account for first Oct 1868

Yours truly

Wm. B. Flannery
Capt. Genl

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Office of the Security Life Insurance and Annuity Co.

Nos. 31 & 33 Pine Street.

New York, Aug 1st 1868

Permission is hereby granted
to Gent O. O. Howard insured
under Policy No 1298 for \$2000.-
during the continuance thereof,
to travel and reside in any
portion of the United States
without extra premium and
without prejudice to said Policy

Wm F. Waring
apt Sec

of the Security Life Insurance and Annuity Co.
Nos. 31 & 33 Pine Street.

New York, Aug 1st 1868

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th inst. in relation to the policy of the Security Life Insurance and Annuity Co. No. 1298 for \$5000.00. I am sorry to hear that the estate of the insured is not sufficient to pay the policy. I am sorry to hear that the estate of the insured is not sufficient to pay the policy. I am sorry to hear that the estate of the insured is not sufficient to pay the policy.

Very respectfully,
Wm. C. Manning



Headquarters, Department of the South,

Atlanta, Ga.. Aug 11 1868.

We went & wrote that party & late letter at Charleston and have now embraced my first moment to write again, while waiting for the arrival of Gen. Meade at his Hd. Qrs. His son & several officers have come in, but, the Gen. has not even yet at his post & also. He perfectly had a late breakfast. We left Charleston yesterday morning at 10 past 6 - followed on line of R.R. as far as Branchville - dropping Col. Lodie over near Ashb. Cove. at Summerville. Summerville is the first practicable station for troops outside of Charleston; about 20 miles north. We had one or two looks or peeks at our ^{old} line of march. At Midway, where the negroes formed met us so gladly, dancing & singing with joy. I expected to find ruins, as I heard the buildings had been burnt down.

with her husband to see the city & surrounding country. This time is made
5 min-paths & places, like the light house looks out - her a big alarm bell -
the police or boys keep watch for the upper way - & suppose this is
some house on the ground of the city is so high. The next were
intelligent & bold men. The museum are much interested in this state
of the new ending disease keeping up them. Her to S.O. the State
project of conversation is with Haden & they about men who dare
to be moderate - I saw her G.C. Lee. He looks pretty - He seems like
a good white office worker, but over better doctor; was not so sincere -
he was in the end to be - She said we will finish we define in 5
min telegraph at the depth - or 10 ft. He was too wide to judge much
from appearance. She has three children from last one - & did not know
she has one too. The boys her husband found on sentents from
very poor. She owns her house, worth to sell 400 dollars when
she can even a living - 400 dollars would see what could be done
she 300 dollars - I think of how all the times. I know some remembered
them. The morning I saw as late as the 10th all on well -
thanking her always. This father did not live & pass her down
in years. The sister betty & vice. I found I was kept from
the girls & vice sleeping on from Augusta her last night - the night

When a new station can prove Auguste from last night - the night

at I found all the houses then -
including the one where they had. for.
were during our stay. We chance
to meet a brother of Wm Briggs in
the eve. He recognized me having
seen my ~~that~~ photograph, of Reg
Stanton & myself, (a meeting scene)
Briggs is at Semancho - wife now
in Baltimore, has six children, Wm
Briggs has joined the church - Mrs
Syrington has been in Savannah
but is now in Baltimore. Corolla
Briggs - married has four boys - her
sister, ^{Rebecca} was engaged to a northern young
man who died and has never married.
Carrie Syrington married a nephew of
John Hopkins of Baltimore (a ^{her} nephew) -
Mrs Briggs was very polite to us, showed us
the way to Stanton Hotel at Augusta -
After dinner - I looked up the Bureau
offices, visited the Thwing, Providence
Bank, went to see the School buildings -
ascended one of them immense street towers

very cool. We think of writing a book, the pr. of S to show how
much better it is to travel in the Southern States in the summer -
than in the winter. Dr. Chapman compares with his happy couple
when the subject is mentioned - & I long to write to him, to praise
his service, to Cleary & make a picture for ~~of~~ Henry - perhaps
to say they long enough to do so themselves - Give them all
much love from Papa - & suppose Miss Potter is growing -
& perhaps the slopes along the street are settled, & have
just had a long talk with General Meade - He wants to
know the state of our minds for leaving upon the military power -
& hope so. Whittelsey is well - Give him my love & tell
him to write patiently & I will soon return - probably shall
steer directly from Texas to New York. Send me letters to
New Orleans - with - Love of Y. husband
Oles -

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Columbus Co. Ga.

Aug. 12. /65.

Dear General:

I have made every arrangement to accompany you a portion of the way to Charleston. A great discrepancy between the time of the Post, and that of the R.R. caused me to miss the train this morning. I feel disappointed & chagrined; it is however all because I have lost the opportunity of spending several agreeable hours with you: made up at my father's to keep my engagement.

Hoping you will have a safe & prosperous journey to Florida & back to Boston soon I am very Respectfully

Yours
Genl D. D. Howard U.S.A.

Wm. H. H. H.

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Columbus, D. C.
May 10/91.

My dear friend,
I have been thinking of you very much lately, and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I have been very busy lately, but I have managed to find some time to write to you. I have been thinking of you very much lately, and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I have been very busy lately, but I have managed to find some time to write to you.

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Senate Chamber
Columbia St. Aug 12th 68

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir,

Many

of your friends and all true
lovers of liberty and the cause in
which you have so nobly given
your energies talents and a portion
of your body, would be glad to-
have you address them this P. M.
at 5.0. etc if consistent with your
duties and acceptable to your wish.
I am Sir -

Very truly Yrs.

W. B. Whittmore
Chm. Repub. State of Cal.

General Chamberlain
to the Hon. Sec. of War

Washington D.C. April 10th 1864

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th inst. in relation to the proposed purchase of land for the establishment of a military reservation at the site of the old Fort Mifflin, Philadelphia. The land in question is situated in the city of Philadelphia, and is owned by the City of Philadelphia. It is a piece of land of about 10 acres, and is situated on the site of the old Fort Mifflin, which was built in 1777. The land is now owned by the City of Philadelphia, and is used as a public park. It is a very beautiful piece of land, and is well suited for the establishment of a military reservation. I am sure that you will find it a very desirable site for the establishment of a military reservation. I am sure that you will find it a very desirable site for the establishment of a military reservation.

Very truly yours,

Wm. A. Rorer
Major General

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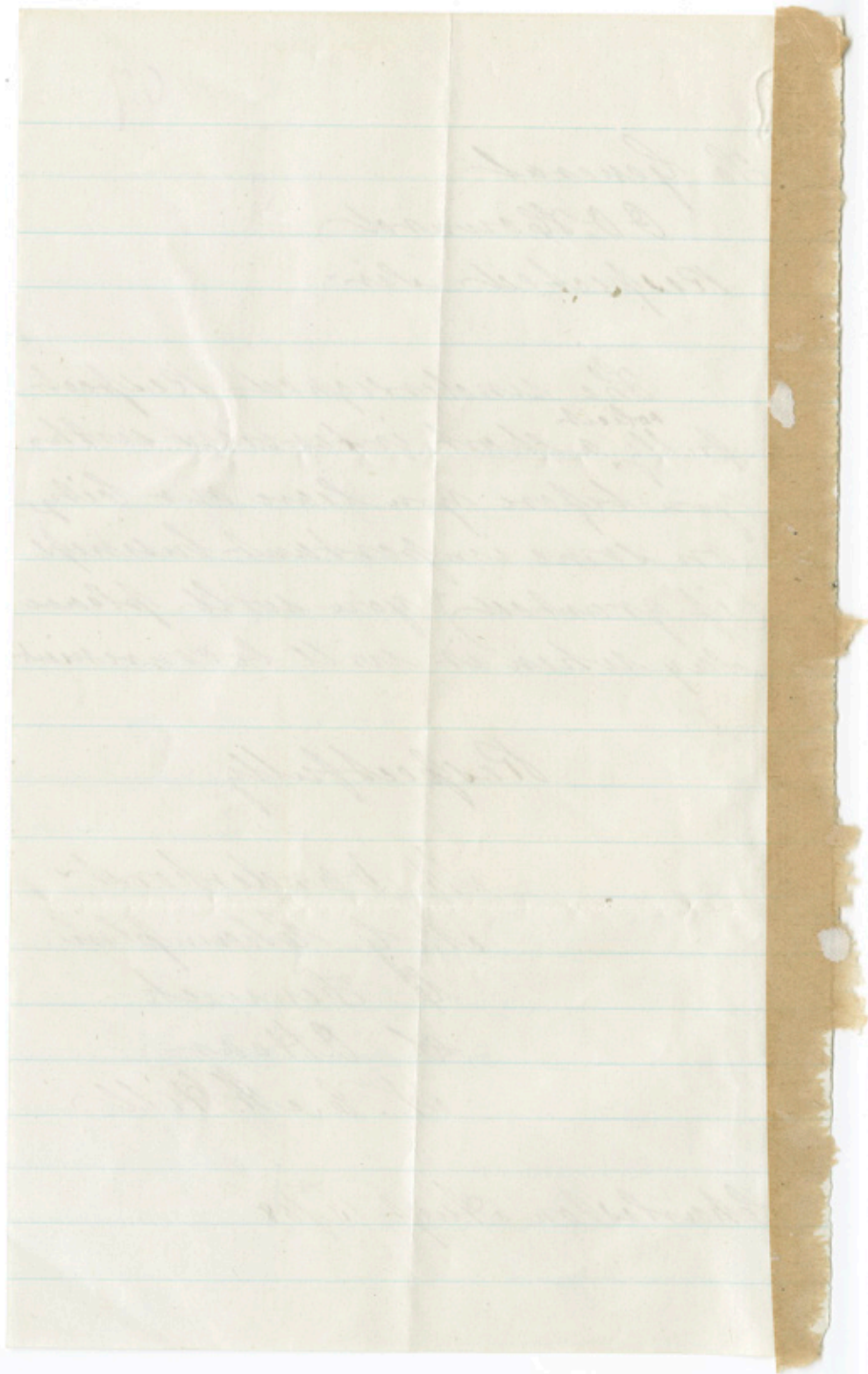
To General
O. O. Howard,
Respected Sir

The undersigned ^{solicit} Respect
fully a short interview with
you before you leave our City,
on some important business
(if granted) you will please
say when it will be convenient

Respectfully

M. Vanderhorst
M. G. Champlin
C. Fenwick
H. O'Hear
et. C. A. Hill

Charleston Augt 10th 1868





Washington Aug 13. /68

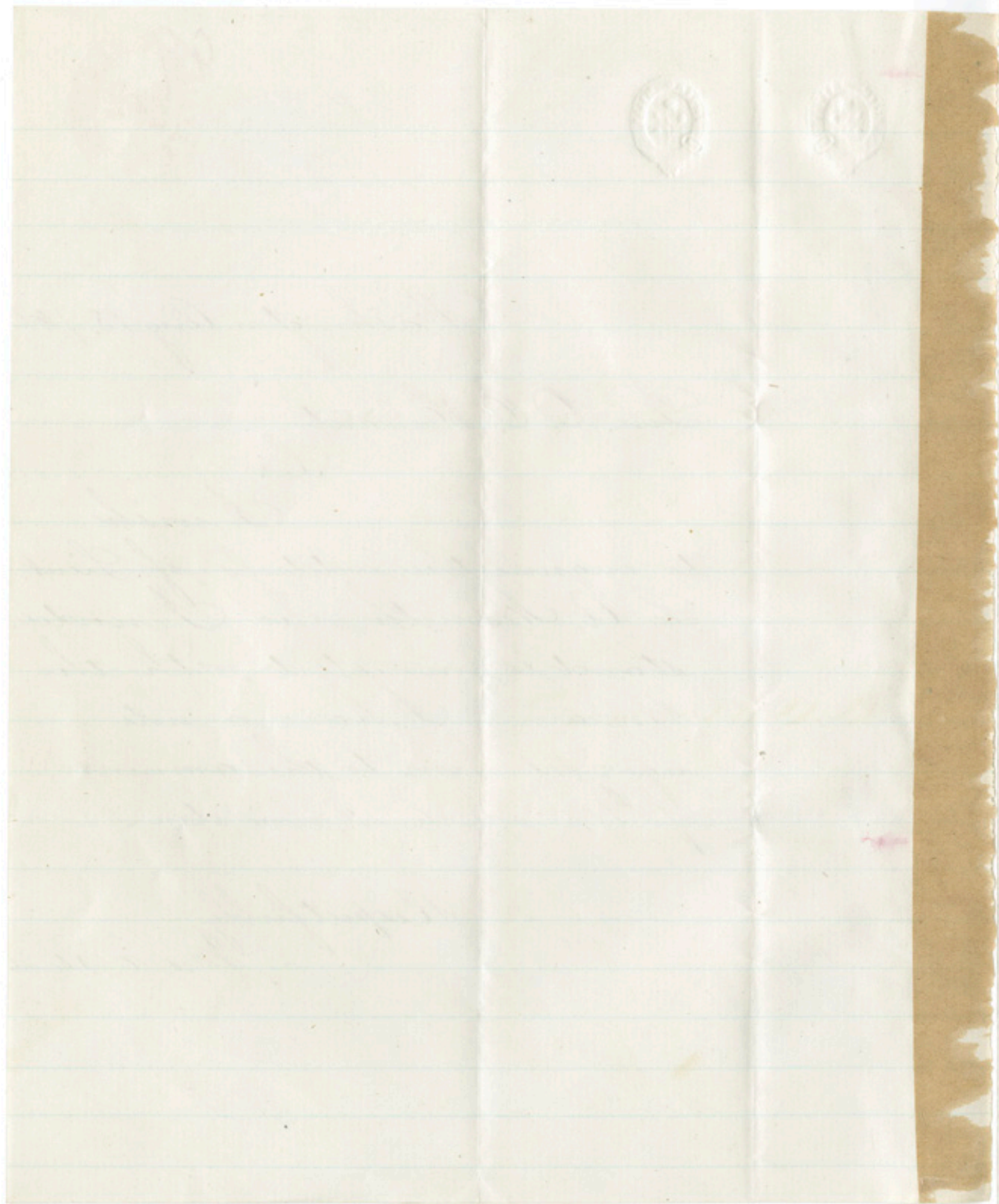
Gen. O. O. Howard

Sir

I wish
to enquire the address of Lieut.
L. A. Smith, who I under-
stand is connected with the
Bureau. I have a note
against him to the amount
of \$4,000 which is over due.

Respectfully

Mrs. E. Stoddard



E. B. 30

War Department

Bureau R. F. ^{Ed. A. Sayde}
Washington D.C. Aug 13th 1868

Respectfully referred to
Lieut L. A. Nesmith.

Mrs Staats is a very
worthy lady, and much
in need of the money. I
have no doubt that the
mere reference of the en-
closed communication
will be sufficient.

O. O. Howard

Major General,
Commissioner.

E. B. 30

Lynchburg Virginia

August 21st 1868

Respectfully returned.
to Major General
O. O. Howard, Commissioner.

The enclosed letter
to Mrs. E. Staats
contains the amt. of
my indebtedness to her

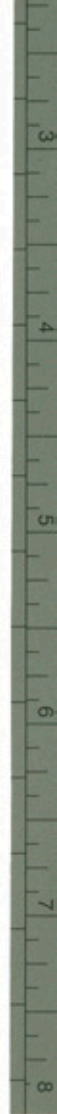
L. A. Nesmith
2nd Lieut. 12th Infy
A. S. A. C.



Rebuck

1870
The undersigned
Respectfully
to the Hon. Secy.
of the Interior
Washington
D.C.
Dear Sir
I have the honor
to acknowledge
the receipt of
your letter of
the 10th inst.
and in reply
to inform you
that the same
has been forwarded
to the proper
authorities for
their consideration.
Very respectfully,
J. H. Brown

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The undersigned
Respectfully
to the Hon. Secy.
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Dear Sir
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Very respectfully,
J. H. Brown



Charleston S.C.

Aug. 13 1864

Dearest - I did not write you
from Columbia, simply because
I did not get an opportunity & I
have almost spent my time in
Charleston without writing a word.

Now since I have written the
above words, three gentlemen have
been in to pay their respects
& it is now w^ol^ol^ol^o to write more
than a few lines. Dr. Ryburn

& I leave for Atlanta tomorrow
morning to meet him. Meanwhile -
I have now done all my packing
here. dined with Rev Mr Porter &
took tea with Dr Mackay's
family. Mr Porter has a fine
wife & three children also. I

was a very nice christian mother -
I visited Hyman & Tony, the "Hewitt"

Wednesday

Aug 18 1881

Dear Mr. T. - I have not yet

received your letter of the 17th

but I am sorry to hear that

you are not well.

I am writing you a few

lines to let you know that

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The Shaw. The Marine Hospital
School, ^{building} also the Presbyterian -

The African Cemetery - the colored &
the white - & the Alms House -

After dinner Mr Parker went on
to see what he was doing for
~~self~~ white children in connection
with his church - He has a
nice two story school building -

Col. Cogswell of the Army gave me
a ride to show me what he had
done while Mayor. The Asylum, the
Alms House, the parks, the Shell
Road & other public places gave
evidence of his enterprise.

The Hospitals, the sickleings, the
parks, the schools, the drinking,
the amusements &c. &c. are so great
that I fear that God will
send upon this people some fearful
judgment. They are now trying
to corrupt their negroes with whiskey

It will be impossible to
make many of them in
this vicinity vote the democratic
ticket. Give much of Papa's
love to the children - One
little boy told me today that Washington
was the capital of the United States
& that Washington was the first
president - What will Abner say
about it? A little while or the other
some, about four years ago had been
picked up, just before deathly starvation -
literally skin and bones - Papa
saw a little boy just four years ago in the
can fall asleep, stretched out on the seat -
his mother appeared in the next - he rolled over
offell on the floor, but he did not cry -
the Porter has a son about four years ago &
another about four years - after some
little girl (young lady?) reminds me of
Bertha - Not right - May God
bless & keep you
Everingly yr husband
Otis

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Dated, Atlanta Aug 13 1868Received at Charleston Aug 13To Br Mas Gen Howard

I do not expect to
leave here under a week
unless circumstances not now
anticipated should occur if
however you desire to
see me on any business
I would suggest your
coming here at once

Geo H Wade
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Rooms Am. Christian Commission,
26 Bible House, August 13, 1868.

Rev and Dear Sir,

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If you approve the following Call, please sign and return it to
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Ensign Esq, 14 South Fifth St. St Louis, Mo.

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CALL

FOR A

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONVENTION.

THE undersigned, ministers and members of evangelical churches in various parts of the United States, in order the more fully to develop Christian zeal and render efficient the gifts and energies of the Church of Christ, invite their brethren in the faith, both lay

and clerical, to meet in Convention, in the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, on the corner of Fifth Avenue and Twenty-ninth Street, in the City of New York, on Tuesday, November 17th, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The increasing influence of material interests in our land, so rapidly growing in population, wealth and commercial activity; the ignorance of the multitudes and their indifference to the claims of the Gospel; the extensive introduction of irreligious and anti-religious styles of thought and life from abroad; the organized forms of attack upon the authority of God's word; the fascinations of a shrewd system of superstition allied to open worldliness, and the inroads of an infidel philosophy reared upon the foundation of universal skepticism, alike demand peculiar vigilance on the part of the disciples of the Son of God, lest the high vantage-ground God has so graciously given His people in this country be stolen from them. Extraordinary efforts must be put forth to meet the crisis, and to fight the spiritual battle to which Providence summons us. Co-operation among evangelical churches, and the hearty union of all sincere Christians in sympathy, conference, prayer, and activity, are imperatively required by the times. All differences should be sunk in the harmony of one faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, our atoning Saviour; and His pure Gospel must be proclaimed by the united voice of His redeemed people. All avenues for the propagation of His truth must be sought and diligently used, and every Christian heart be awakened to its responsibility; in other words, it is the Church's work in its broadest meaning that must be done; that by the Church (true to her Head) the manifold wisdom of God may be made known to the principalities and powers, who beyond the sphere of sense, are interested either in her glory or her shame.

In view of these considerations and the high duties they imply, we respectfully issue this invitation to the people of God, that they may, by such a convocation, not only cheer and comfort, but instruct and edify the body of Christ, to the successful resistance and over-

throw of the powers of evil, now so boisterous and so boastful. All which we propose in humble dependence upon Him who has promised to be present in the assemblies of His people and to guide them by His Holy Spirit.

Signed,

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TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION.

1. How can the Christian activities of the entire membership of any particular church be best organized and developed?
2. Why do so many Churches fail to reach the poor?
3. The right relation between the Churches and Voluntary Christian Associations.
4. How to make the week-day meetings of the Churches effective for spiritual purposes.
5. Woman's work in the Church.
6. How can the influence of Christian homes be increased?
7. By what means can the homes of the poor be improved?
8. Who should engage in lay preaching and how?
9. How and by whom can open air services be held most profitably?
10. The organization and work of City Missions.
11. How can the people in rural districts be reached by Gospel influences?
12. What is the work of Young Men's Christian Associations?
13. How can a better observance of the Sabbath be secured?
14. How can the personal and social study of God's Word be made more general?
15. The best method of conducting Sabbath Schools.
16. How is an unconverted person to be approached?
17. By what means can we reach those who do not come to our Churches?

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Montgomery Alabama

August 13th 1868

Major General O. O. Howard

Commissioner D. F. T. A. S.

Montgomery Alabama

General:

On leaving this city, and the duties of Assistant Commissioner of your Bureau in this State, I take the liberty of stating that I feel great regret at not seeing you as I had hoped, before my departure. I wished to answer such verbal questions as you doubtless would have, and to explain the condition of the Bureau more fully than I could in written reports.

Colonel Pucher U. S. Pay M^r.
the Disbursing Officer of the Bureau, and

the Rev. Doctor Harper or in the latter absence Mr. Puck, will be able in a great measure to satisfy you of the condition of its affairs.

I also ^{have} begⁿ to recommend that the Headquarters of the Bureau be continued in Montgomery, as the central and more suitable point to attend to its interests, and should you deem it advisable to appoint a new Assistant Commissioner, instead of Genl. Suger, who seems to care more especially for his military duties, as Commander of the District his Regiment and Post, and who will remove the Headquarters of it to Huntsville, an out of the way place, I take the liberty of recommending Colonel Pucher as the most suitable officer for Assistant Commissioner in this State.

The Quartermaster Col. Arthur could
in such event be the disbursing officer,
but Col. Procher would probably scrutinize
as he has heretofore, every item of expen-
diture.

In Col. Procher's ability
and disposition, I have the most perfect
reliance.

I submit the opinion
that it is quite essential to have the best
kind of an officer as Asst. Comr. to close
up the affairs of the Bureau, in the few re-
maining months of its existence. - It is
all important to the freedmen: - and
officer lukewarm to their interests would
suffer great injustice to happen to them.

Trusting that you will excuse this hasty
and unofficial letter, I have the honor to remain,

Yours very obedient servant

O. L. Shepley
Col. 15th Inf., 3rd Div., 2nd U.S.A.

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