

U. S. MILITARY TELEGRAPH.

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Sept 24th 1865.By Telegraph from New Orleans 23^d 1865.

To

Br Maj Gen Howard
Com'r &c

The affair of last evening is being investigated and I will report.

The excitement is high at this time, I called on Gen Rousseau and told him of the feeling which exists among the colored people, The great democratic procession occurs tonight,

If any disturbance takes place will telegraph at once. I have telegraphed to Gen Hatch, will write officially tomorrow

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 Telegram from Gen. Sherman
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To.....

Everything, Please acknowledge
receipt

B. F. Hutchins

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Received of the
General Adjutant

of the
Major Genl
Capt Genl
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BATH

New York City
Sept 24 - 1868
25 East 31st St

My dear Sir. I rec^d a letter
from my son a few days
since, in which he
informed me, that
he had the pleasure
of meeting you recently
in New Orleans, and
that you were particularly
kind to him -

I am much indebted
for your attention to him,
and will be pleased
to see you should you
visit N. Y. -

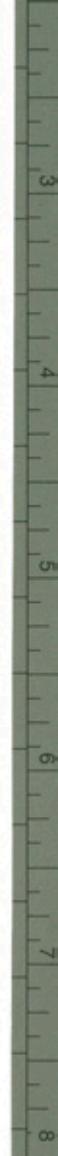
Wm. G. -
C. C. Howard
Washington D. C.
Very truly
yours
R. D. Wood

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Dear Mr. [Name]
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[C3- Sep 24, 1868]



Gent
90 Howard

Sir I wish
you to come or send &
take your old John Bull
away from my premises,
he is now lame and it
seems despicable means
in you; to throw him off
on me; now that he can't
work ^{for} you, he cheated me
out of rent last spring; and
so did several others, that
have been in your employ,
and your own Brattin and
porkins; promised my wife
for three months that you
would see it ^{said} and the last
time she called on you; you
~~had~~ the means to insult
her; and she found your promises
no better than the negroes

Please release my promise
of your best and save me
the trouble of throwing time
off

J. H. Merrill

I have heavy taxes to pay
help keep up the funds
the Treasury M

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Schenectady, 24. Sept^r 1868.

Maj. General Howard



Dear Sir

I am obliged for the permission to visit you, and will take the earliest opportunity to do so. The Communion service of my Church will be next Sabbath, and two young daughters unexpectedly are to leave for Paris next week & depend on me to protect them to the ship. If therefore I do not meanwhile hear from you to prohibit me, Providence permitting I will arrange to be in Washington some day during the week beginning

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Sept 1888



Prof. General Brown
Dear Sir

I am obliged for the
information to visit you, and will
take the earliest opportunity to do so.
The Commission Service of the
United States will be very grateful, and
to your kind interest in our
to leave for this week
I am sure to protect them
to trip. If the report to do was
incurable than from you to
with me, Providence
will arrange to be in Washington
on day during the week beginning

with Friday October 4th Unless I am
prevented by your engagements it
may be a matter of convenience
to me to leave uncertain which
of the days of that week. But, if
you are to be absent all or any
part of it, pardon me that I
beg the favor of you. to let me
know what day you will be at
home. Unless I hear from you
to the contrary please expect me
then.

Truly & respectfully
yours
J. Trumbull Backus.

the friends of the cause
to be a matter of convenience
to leave uncertain which
the door of that work. But if
one to be content all or any
of its portion we that
of the favor of you. To let us
now what you will do or
your wish of less than you
the country please expect in
them. With a respectful
Yours J. Thompson Boston

NATIONAL METROPOLITAN BANK,

WASHINGTON, 24 Sep. 1868

My dear Gen.

The last note
given by you on 1025 I am
now able to let you have
as follows: -

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Face of note | \$ 1,775.21 |
| Off for present pay ^{mt} | <u>316.07</u> |
| Leaving | \$ 1,459.14 |

for which please send me
a check and I will surrender
the note. This is the same
rate paid for the others.

There is no other note
held by Mr. Joshua Perce
which falls due in Feb, next.

I am unable to secure this
except on payment of face
of note and interest to date.

If you desire to take it
up in that way, I can
secure it for you.

Yours very truly,
Mrs. Kell,

Gen. O. C. Howard,
Sup^t & c. & c. & c.

Washington

Sept. 24th 1868

Gen. O. O. Howard



I enclose you
a letter from Mrs. Lipson
Crabtree. Will you not
try & aid me? I
assure you, necessity
compels me to make
this application -

Nothing else could.
You have seen
our distress of
Virginia and know
full well what havoc
war has made.

I know there is
great difficulty in
getting these places
but I know also
your influence is great,
Very resp. Iphigeneia Welch

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P.S.

If I should not
see you please send
an answer to
276 1/2 Street
At Mrs Macomber

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Abbeville, South Carolina
September 25th, 1862

My dear Sister

So as to give you a faint idea of the condition of affairs, & just how we are situated here, I have got Willie to make a rough copy of a paper he to day sent in, which I enclose; but for the sake of the safety of the man's life who made the Affidavit, do not on any account let his name be made public. It is generally threatened here now, that no colored man shall be allowed to vote, unless he does so for the Democratic Party; & on the day of election the roads leading to the 'Polls' are to be guarded, & every Freedman shot down who attempts to go to either of them, without intending to

vote the 'Democratic Ticket.'

When ever at any time they
get the affidavits of persons
who have complained to
him, to that effect. There
have been three colored men
murdered, & about six shot, one
white one, since we have been
here, & the proper officers of the
law cannot be got to make
any arrests. Some of these
men had their houses broken
open, & ^{were} shot in their beds, at
night. - Others have been
taken out of their beds at
night, stripped, given over
to sundry lashes, & on their
running off, also shot at, &
killed because they claimed
to belong to the 'Repub-
-lican Party.'

As this is written hurriedly
& at night, you must

excuse it, - &

Believe me ever

Your Afft Sister

Rose H. DeKnight.

— " — " —

P.S.

I forgot to tell you that some of the
white people I suppose in order
to create some evil disposed
person to get him out of the
way - have reported it about
that Willie is urging the
Negroes to kill all the whites,
& burn their property, so as
to get possession of their
land. Is this not dread-
ful? I have no peace day
nor night!

Rose

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State of South Carolina, } S.S.
Abbeville County } }

Araron Mitchell - freedman - resident in the State and County above written, on oath declares, that he was present at a political meeting of the Democratic Party of Abbeville County, held at Gordon's Mill, about 13 miles from Abbeville Court House, on or about the 9th day of September, instant, at which Wyatt Aiken (so called Colouel) was one of the Speakers: That in the course of a public speech then and there delivered by the said Wyatt Aiken, referring to Wm F. De Knight, the Officer of the Bureau of Refugees Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, then and now stationed at Abbeville Court House, in charge of the Office at that place, he declared that - "never did a damned rascal sit in a chair; that while his predecessor, "Genl". O. H. Hart, was a perfect gentleman, he, the said De Knight, was a no-body; that he was doing all he could to injure the white people of the County, by telling the negroes a lot of damned lies, and thus influencing them to vote against them; but, however, there was no wonder in that, as he had lately understood that he, the said De Knight, is a low mi-law of the man General Grant, and he, of course, very naturally wanted to get as many votes for him as possible; that through just such scraps as he they were being crushed to the earth, and unless they bolstered themselves and did something, they would be utterly destroyed; that as for paying the taxes in

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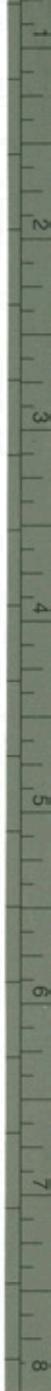


posed by the pretended Legislature now sitting in Columbia, to defray the expenses they were creating, they should lose their last drop of blood before they did that; and, again referring to the aforesaid W. F. De Knight, that he ought to be taken out and hung "the distance here stated not remembered) "between heaven and earth"; &c, &c.

And Deponent further saith, that by the use of this and other such incendiary and inciting language - which was loudly applauded by nearly all present - Samuel Davis, and Robert Hadden, two white men, forming part of the assembly, were then and there induced to draw each one a revolver, which he had upon his person, and express themselves to the effect, that if they were only let do it, they would go to the door of the Office occupied by the aforementioned W. F. De Knight, at Abbeville Court House, South Carolina, and, with said revolvers, put six balls into his head; and that one of the party then going up to him, deponent, placed his pistol on and fired four shots over his shoulder, saying he wanted to shake the Radical out of him, &c.

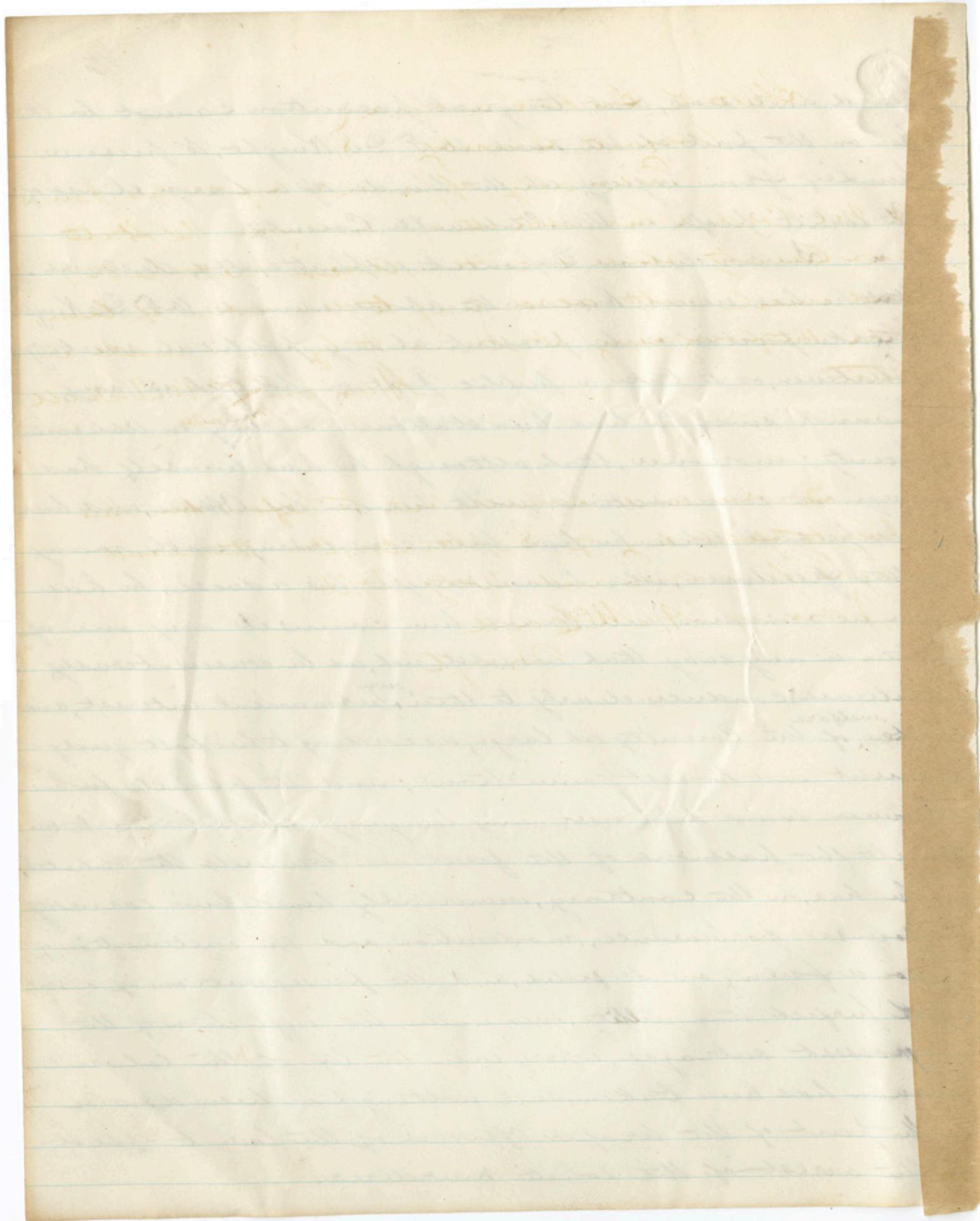
And Deponent still further testifies, that there was a great deal more such like language used, both by the aforesaid Aiken and others there present, tending materially to incite to violence generally, and against the hereinbefore named W. F. De Knight in particular; and it is his Deponent's firm conviction and belief, judging from what he has himself actually

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heard and seen, that too great precaution cannot be taken on the part of the said W. F. De Knight, to preserve himself from injury at the hands of a large class of the white people in this, Abbeville County.

In conclusion, Deponent emphatically declares, that he has never known the above named W. F. De Knight to take part in or be present at any political meeting whatever, or to take a public part in politics in any manner since he has been stationed on duty in Abbeville County; moreover, that although he has himself had frequent conversations with him, in his Office, and been also present when he has been conversing with many other freedmen, who have sought his advice, he has on no occasion ever heard him counsel any one of them in any way that would not, as he conscientiously believes, conduce clearly to their ^{own} permanent interest, and the ^{welfare} of the Country at large, according to his best judgment and honest conviction; and that while he has never heard him use any language calculated to excite the passions of the freedmen towards the whites, he has, on the contrary, invariably heard him earnestly counsel forbearance, moderation, and the cultivation of good feeling on all sides, and the preservation of a state of perfect tranquillity, even under the infliction of the grossest outrages, where even the life of the colored man has been taken, and nothing has been done on the part of the proper Officers of the Law to effect the arrest of the white murderer.



State of South Carolina }
Abbeville County }

Personally appeared before me, James
A. Mc Cord, a Magistrate in and for the State
and County above written, Aaron Mitchell,
and made oath, according to due form of law,
that the foregoing statements, by him made, are
true.

Aaron ^{his} Mitchell
mark

Sworn and subscribed to before me this
twenty fifth day of September, One thousand
eight hundred and sixty eight
James A. McCord
Magt

Blair's South Carolina
County
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter mentioned therein. I have the honor to inform you that the same will be forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
John A. McLean

I am and ever shall be
Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter mentioned therein. I have the honor to inform you that the same will be forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
John A. McLean

Rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association,

Over Metzert Hall, 318 Penn. Avenue, bet. 9th and 10th Sts.,

Washington, D. C., Sept 26th 1868

General,

Our Daily Prayer Meeting is growing every day in interest; last evening was the best of any yet held. We commence at 6 instead of 6 1/2 P.M.

We are all anxious to have you with us to night.

An adjourned meeting of the "Board" is to be held this eve at 7 P.M. to especially consider the matter of our finances.

Open Air Meetings are being held each evening. and last evening aft^r the service one man so broken in heart burst into tears and begged us to pray for him. God is with us in a precious manner.

Yours in haste

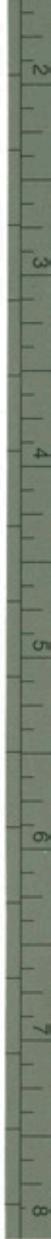
Geo. A. Hall

Boards of the Young Men's Christian Association

Over Metzger Hall, 318 Penn. Avenue, bet. 9th and 10th Sts.,

Washington, D.C., 1888

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Williamsport Pa. Sept. 26, 1868

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Maj. Gen. O. B. Howard
Washington D. C.



Dear Sir, — On behalf of the Y. M. C. A. of this city I addressed you a letter some time since asking you to deliver a lecture under its auspices at any time to suit your convenience during the coming winter. I now, in obedience to the wishes of our Association as well as our people generally, repeat the request and sincerely hope it may receive a favorable response. Our Association is struggling to maintain itself, and to that end we are endeavoring to secure a popular Corps of lecturers for the coming season. We have already some very prominent names on our list and we greatly desire not to complete it without your own. Please give us an early answer, with terms, time, etc. I am with great respect

Very Truly Yours

H. C. McCormick
of Sec. Com.

Wilmington, N.C. Sept 25 1861

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My dear Mr. Garrison

I have just received your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the proposed Convention. I have no objection to your holding a Convention at any time to suit your convenience. I have no objection to the location of your Convention as well as the time. I have no objection to the subject of your Convention. I have no objection to the location of your Convention as well as the time. I have no objection to the subject of your Convention.

Yours truly
Wm. Lloyd Garrison

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Raleigh, N.C.
Sept 26th 1868

Major Gen. O. O. Howard,
Dear General,

Your miss was duly received. The Trustees, as I assured you, will take great pleasure in accommodating you in the money matter. Your letter, however, is not perfectly clear to us.

You propose to deed us a part of a square in Washington, but you do not mention whether for the \$4500, which you proposed to borrow, or for the whole fund, procured us from the "Barry Farm." Please be explicit.

We are pleased to loan you the \$4500, and hope you will at once be able to have the use of it. Do you propose to deed us the property you mention in consideration of the \$4500? Arrange the matter to suit yourself. Of course, we rely upon your judgment, and can rest in your word. What you propose is fair.

Dear General, cannot there be some action of the Trustees of the Barry fund securing to us in pledge on third of

Sept 26 - 1868
Wm. L. G.

Mr. Gen. S. B. Howard,
Brookline

Yours was duly
received. The Trustees, as I informed you,
in their great pleasure in administering
the same, under your letter, have
been most perfectly able to do so.
Yours purpose to check up a part
of the account in Brookline, but you do not
specify whether for the \$4500, which you
propose to borrow, or for the other part,
amounted to from the "Trustees' Fund," please
specify.
We are pleased to hear you are
still in the city and will do our best
to have the use of it. The year has
not been in the prospect of our meeting
the requirements of the \$4500. However,
another \$2000 might be raised. Of course, we
prefer your judgment, and can do
nothing without it. What you propose in fact,
Brookline, cannot be done
without the sanction of the Board of
Trustees to be in help or trust of

that fund which you have promised us.
There certainly should be some action
taken. If you live and carry out your
wishes on the premises, all will be right.
But the thing ought not to be in un-
certainty.

Of course, the deed should be
made to the "Trustees of the St. Augus-
tine Normal School and Collegiate In-
stitute," located at Raleigh, N.C.

General, we must leave the whole
matter to you with reference to validity
of title, &c.

Yours, faithfully,
J. Brinton Smith
Pamphlet & Ben Holt

that find your name pronounced as
the certainly should be some other
than of your line and carry out your
idea in the business, all will be right
and the things ought not to be in our
country.

Of course, the best should be
made to the "Committee of the H. A. A."
a formal demand and categorical in
nature, directed at "Bishop," etc.
General, we must have the whole
letter to you with reference to volatility.

Yours faithfully,
J. B. B. B. B.
B. B. B. B. B.

letter, etc.

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Maj. General Howard,
 Sir, I beg you
 will excuse this intrusion - as in
 that light you may consider this
 communication. You are acqu-
 ainted with that branch of
 the "Educational Society" for the
 benefit of the Freedmen - under
 the control of Mrs Isabella
 James of Phila. I was engaged
 by this "Association" to take charge
 of those "Colored Schools" at Petu-
 burg Va. Some five months ago.
 The first decision was that I
 should go down in July this
 was revoked until Sept. I held
 myself in readiness to enter upon
 my duties at that date. I had
 seen Mrs James - received the

transportation papers furnished
by you - and was to go
on the 23rd on the afternoon of the
twenty second I called upon Mrs
James for the final directions
where that lady informed me
that I was not to go - the ter-
mination was revoked until
an indefinite date. I must feel
in telling you how bitter was
my disappointment. Had the
different "Churches" forwarded the
amounts promised the schools
might have been opened - as it was
the two or three years of labor
among this neglected and con-
sequently degraded class
literally thrown away. The ground
may be tilled - but the seed
is to be sown - and then seed
each soil may not yield fruit
until many harvests shall have
come and gone. My paper is

being rapidly filled but I have
not yet arrived at the request I
wish to make of you. I have
properly no right to do so - but
you have been represented to me
as a kind and humane person
and I write hoping to have you
convey a favor on me. It is now
too late to enter a school as
teacher as almost if not all have
opened - those which are not as
yet have their corps of Instruc-
tors engaged - Therefore efforts
in that direction would prove
fruitless. I am an Orphan and
have resided, when from school
with ^{an} Aunt, this Aunt moves
her house, at the furthest
in two weeks. - This movement
obliges me to make earnest efforts
to obtain a position in which
I shall feel settled for the Winter
My object in writing to you is

to ask you if you kind of a family desiring a
Teacher or of a Lady wishing a Companion - or
of any position which a Lady might fill - I am
able to give Superior Reference from prominent per-
sons of this City. I trust if in May Report
of something of the kind which I have made.
I most earnestly speak of the urgency of the case
requiring me to take this unpardonable step of
writing to our entire stranger. I hope I may
hear from you at your earliest convenience.
Thanking you most cordially for pursuing
this lengthy epistle, I remain Sir,

Edw. M. Phillips
321 N. 7th St. Phila.

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