

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

Washington, D. C., Sept. 2nd, 1868.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

Sir:

Enclosed please find
the deeds you requested me to prepare.

They may be acknowledged before a
Notary Public or Justice of the Peace.

The stamp must be in accordance with
the actual consideration. It would not be
safe to express a less consideration & stamp
accordingly because the conveyance would
not in that case be a valid one & might
hereafter be questioned -

Respectfully

Wm. A. Owens

Lincoln Buildings
Washington D.C.
Sept 28th 1868

Major Gen O. O. Howard
Chief Com, &c

General

I have the honor to say that in compliance with your wishes, I had this forenoon an interview with General O. O. Howard, with reference to the matter of my present relations with the Lincoln Buildings.

I first said to the general after being permitted to state my wishes, that I wished him to reinstate me Captⁿ of the Buildings giving me entire Charge, that I might have an opportunity to give him entire satisfaction in my management of affairs at this place. The general said he did not feel like granting my wishes, because said he I did not like your management of Campbell Barracks on other reason is that you have not after having ample time, filled all of the Lincoln Buildings with Tenants. further that some of the colored people at Lincoln Buildings had said to him that they preferred to have a white man in charge of them, and that he thought a white man could do better with them. These embrace all the objections. he seemed to have to changing my present "Status", except

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a general disinclination to enlarge my powers as he said till I succeeded better with what I had. but the General did not give me an opportunity to answer his objections to my request.

1st I can satisfy you (if permitted) by Major Vandenberg and my reports that I not only did well with the Class of persons I had in charge at Campbell Barrack. but much better than my predecessor did do.

2ndly That if a few colored persons should be so degraded as to express a preference to be in charge of a white man. simply on the ground of color. Their wishes should not be respected. by one wishing the elevation of the race

3rdly The General's opinion that this collection of people will do better. necessarily. in charge of a white ^{man}. I respectfully believe to be unformed. 4thly. The reasons why the Buildings are not at present all filled with Tenants. obvious. but as it would not be pleasant or proper to give them on the present occasion. I refrain hoping soon by your kind permission to have the pleasure of a personal interview with you. touching the whole matter. I trouble you no further.

But have the honor to be sir
your humble and obedient servant
O J B Wall, agt.

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.

Bael^o Sept 28
[1868]

My dear General

This will
introduce to you my personal
intimate friend Jos M Cushing
Esq who goes over at our
request to attend your conference
to morrow at Eleven O Clock -

Mr Cushing is the best
informed man we have on
the subject of schools and one
of the most active men in
our hard worked Association

I hope you will receive him
as cordially as you always do

Very fond

C. F. Howard,

Yrs Truly

Hugh L Bond,

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Harvard College Sept 28th 1868

SEP. 28, 1868

Gen. A. A. Howard

My Dear Sir

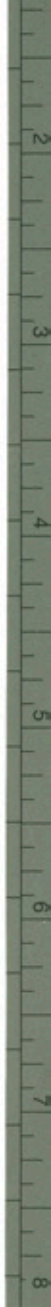
Your two favors
came to hand and are duly
noted. I desire to say that
I am not very anxious about
the \$500, being appropriated
to Harvard University, but
want it expended where it
will do the most good in
your opinion. I cheerfully
leave it with you to do as
you please with it. With the
assurance, God will bless the
means for which it is ap-
plied.

I learn by a dispatch from
Columbia that delegates from
Boston New York &c are to meet
you in Washington tomorrow
to take into consideration the
freedman's School South
If previous engagements did
prevent, I would be present
But when I go South this
winter can I pass through
Washington as I go to Havana
return through the South
hope that the School at Columbia
will continue at least year
certainly cannot be improved
Any discord would have an
unhappy effect. I have written
to Mr Kennedy but get no reply
I am sure these things will

be well considered at your meeting.
Pardon me for troubling you
so much upon this subject.
but having contributed about
\$2000. for this School I take
a deep interest in it.

I am very truly
Your Friend
David Clark

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Sept 28th, 1868

Maj Genl O O Howard

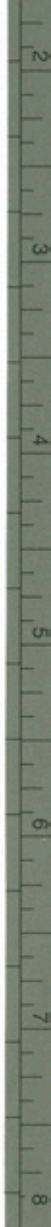
Dear General

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to be obliged to ask
an extension of my leave

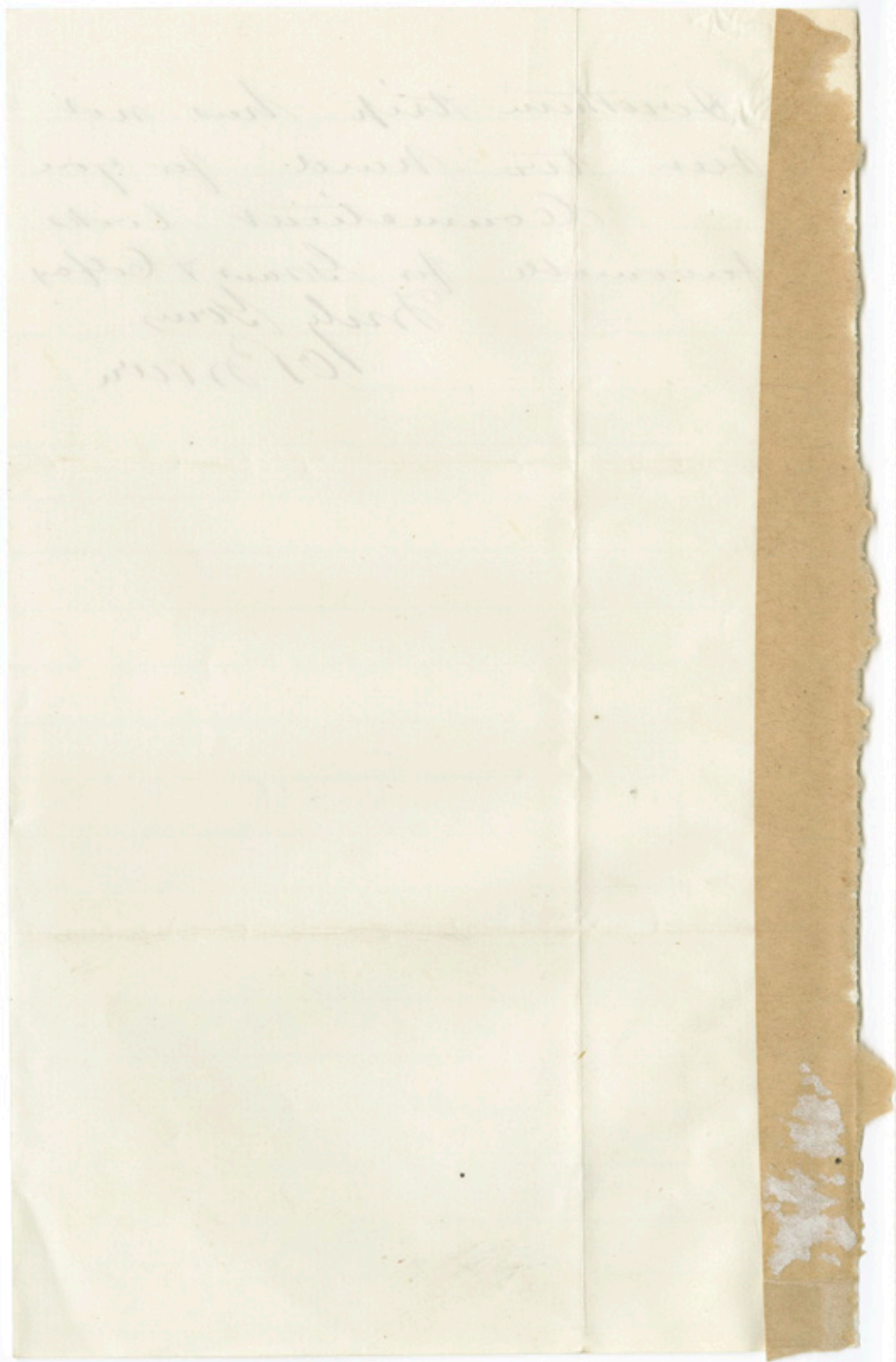
The reason of my doing
so is the delay in getting
my family settled; occasioned
by the bad weather; which
prevented the arrival of
my furniture in New York

All important papers
are sent me from Richmond
and although sometimes
a little delay may occur
I think no harm will
result from my remaining
ten days longer -
I hope you

1891
The following is a list of the
names of the persons who
were present at the
meeting of the
committee on
the 1st of
January, 1891.
The names are
given in the
order in which
they were called
upon to speak.
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Southern trip has not
been too hard for you
Connecticut looks
favourable for Grant & Colfax
Truly Yours
W. B. Brown





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Memphis - Tenn
Sept 28th 1868

Genl Howard -

Dear Sir,

I have just returned from my vacation North, I spent a week at Schenectady N.Y. - where I graduated in 1848. From interviews with Rev. Dr. Baskins & others I found that they still had hopes that you would accept the Presidency of Union College - Form Hon. Wm H. Howard & his son Fred - you could learn much about the Institution - for they both graduated there. I did not understand that the appointment of Senator Harris was seriously thought of as a permanent thing - I judge from what was said that they are ready to offer you a very liberal salary - & would like to give the Institution

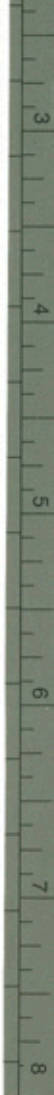
Somewhat of a Military Cast of
Character is I feel a deep interest
in the welfare of my 'Alma Mater'.
It would please me very much to
see you at the head of this old
honored Institution. I am satisfied
that the Trustees are willing to do
anything that is reasonable to get you
there. The Charter of the Institution
is not sectarian in its Character
if the Presbyterians seem too much
in the ascendency - it is because of
special Management to that end -
but in the beginning it was not
so - & ought not to be so now.
This - Senator Harris will confirm to
you - as he said the same to me
three years ago.

Dr. Nett's Endowment of the College
amounts to but little ^(if any) more than the
return of funds of the College - which
had been squandered & lost by his
wretched mismanagement in America.

this - Dr. Nett & his family tried very hard
to get back again - & would have done
it - but for the working of my father
in-law - Jonathan Crano - now of Schenectady -
This - the late Judge Page of S. - (a Trustee
& did all the Law business for the College) -
affirmed repeatedly before his death - in
a suit now pending against the
College for that fund - by an old partner
& creditor of Dr. Nett - the argument set
up by the late Judge Page - (who knew all about it)
was that the fund was properly College property
& that Dr. Nett really gave nothing to the College
Nothing!!! So much for all the blustering
of the Nett horns about his big (Presbyterian)
endowment!

I hope therefore that if you go to
Schenectady - you will be perfectly free to ask as
you please in religious & ecclesiastical matters
I do most earnestly hope you will go.
Please let this letter be kept private & write me
Dear Truly Yours
J. E. Bliss

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At Home Sept 28. 68
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Gul. A. Howard
Lundgren

Please Stop with us
While in the City we have a Cool Room
and we all would be pleased to have you.
= I ride down to the City Hotel this
morning = ~~But~~ being well for a few
days I did not go round to see you
for some
J. H. Woodman

Corner

Lerpsehorn & Coliseum Street

At home - 14/11/18

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Mr. R. A. Howard

Dear Sir

Please refer to the letter

which in the City we have a good loan

and are now in the hands of the City

and will soon be the City's

and will soon be the City's

and will soon be the City's

Yours faithfully
J. A. Howard

Yours faithfully
J. A. Howard

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Pittsburgh Sept. 29th 1868

Gen Howard

Dear Sir

The Y. M. C. A. of Pittsburgh intend holding a Christian convention, on the 10th 11th & 12th days of November next. (D.V.)

I have been instructed by the Committee of arrangements to extend to you a cordial invitation to be present. God has blessed our Association very much, and we are in a very flourishing condition, both spiritually & financially; but we desire to increase our labors, and extend our influence, and to this end we wish to get more young men of our City actively engaged in the work.

Those of us who had the pleasure of listening to you at Detroit last June, believe that you can do great good, and honor the Masters name by coming to our convention, and if your official duties will permit, we most earnestly desire your attendance.

I have written thus early

in order that you may have time to
make your arrangements. We desire
to pay all expenses.

Hoping you may be able to come

I remain

Chairman Com. of
Arrangements

(Yours In Christian Bond
W. K. Jennings

Box 782

Pittsburgh

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May. Gen. O. O. Howard

U.S. Army

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RECEIVED
WASHINGTON, SEPT. 29th 1868,
Maj Genl O. O. Howard

Dear Sir —

I expect Mr Harney
will want to draw money on the Church,
while I am away. I do not think it
would be advisable to pay more than the
amount of labor — as the material on the
ground, the Church has already paid for.

Mr McDill my clerk, with Mr
Rumsey can tell how much the labor
would amount to, Mr Harney has been
cutting stone some time but it has been
mostly on Seneca stone for other places —

Mr Harney handed me this morning
the very modest bill of Twenty seven
thousand dollars extra on the University
Building — Mr Harney may try
have you appoint other referees than myself
to settle the Measurement of the brick
while I am away — According to the
contract I should first make the settlement

and if he is not satisfied with it; he can
appeal to the Court for relief.

I would respectfully say, that I think
it will save you trouble if you will have
this business settled as the contract requires.

When I return I will look carefully
over my estimates of Mr. Harveys Materials
and extra work with any one you may
appoint - but I do not think Mr. Har-
vey & myself could agree as our ideas of
reason are so different; -

What I mean by "save you trouble"
mentioned above is that to deviate from
a contract always gives the opposite
party a chance to make trouble with
I believe in this case would be taken
advantage of.

Very Respectfully Yours
Henry R. Searle

Washington D.C.
Sept 29th 1868.

Mr. Peter Gallant.

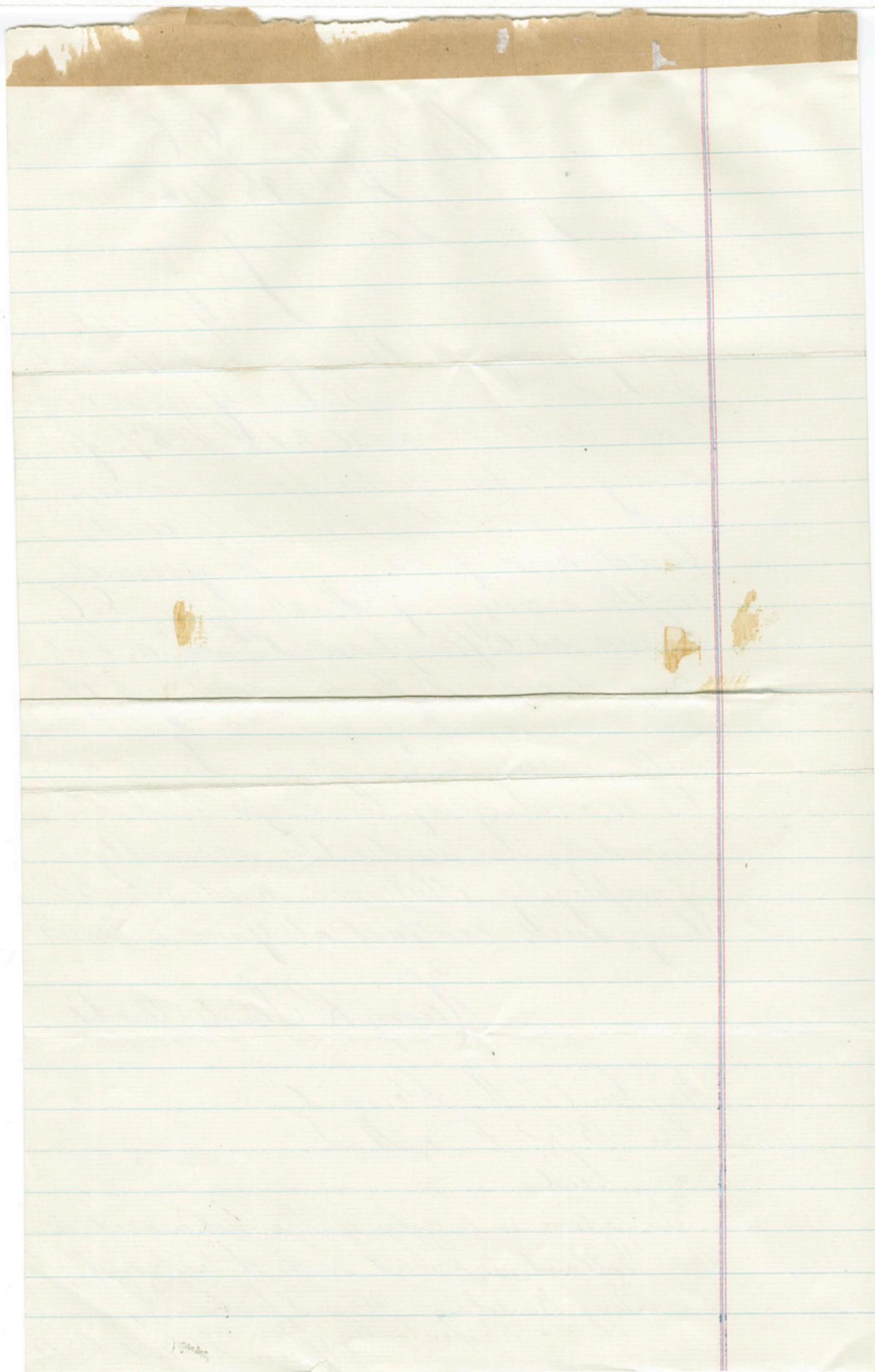
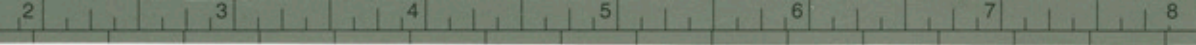
RECEIVED
SEP 30 1868
PRIVATE

Sir: You are
hereby notified, that if you do not
proceed to the completion of your con-
tract dated August 21st 1867, for
doing the Carpenter, joiner, mason
and other work required to erect,
build and finish on the ground
in the vicinity of Washington D.C.
known as "Effingham Place" a build-
ing designed to be used in the
education of Refugees and Freedmen,
with reasonable diligence, I will at
the expiration of ten days from the
above date, be under the necessity
of employing other men and comple-
ting said contract at your expense.

Henry R. Searle Archt.

May Genl C. W. Howard
Com. B. R. F. & A. L.
Genl -

The above is a copy of the notice sent to
Mr Gallant, to proceed with the work on the
Dormitory Building Howard University.
Respectfully Yours,
Henry R. Searle Archt.



Washington, D.C.
Sept. 29th 1868.

Mr. Thos. Harvey
Esq.

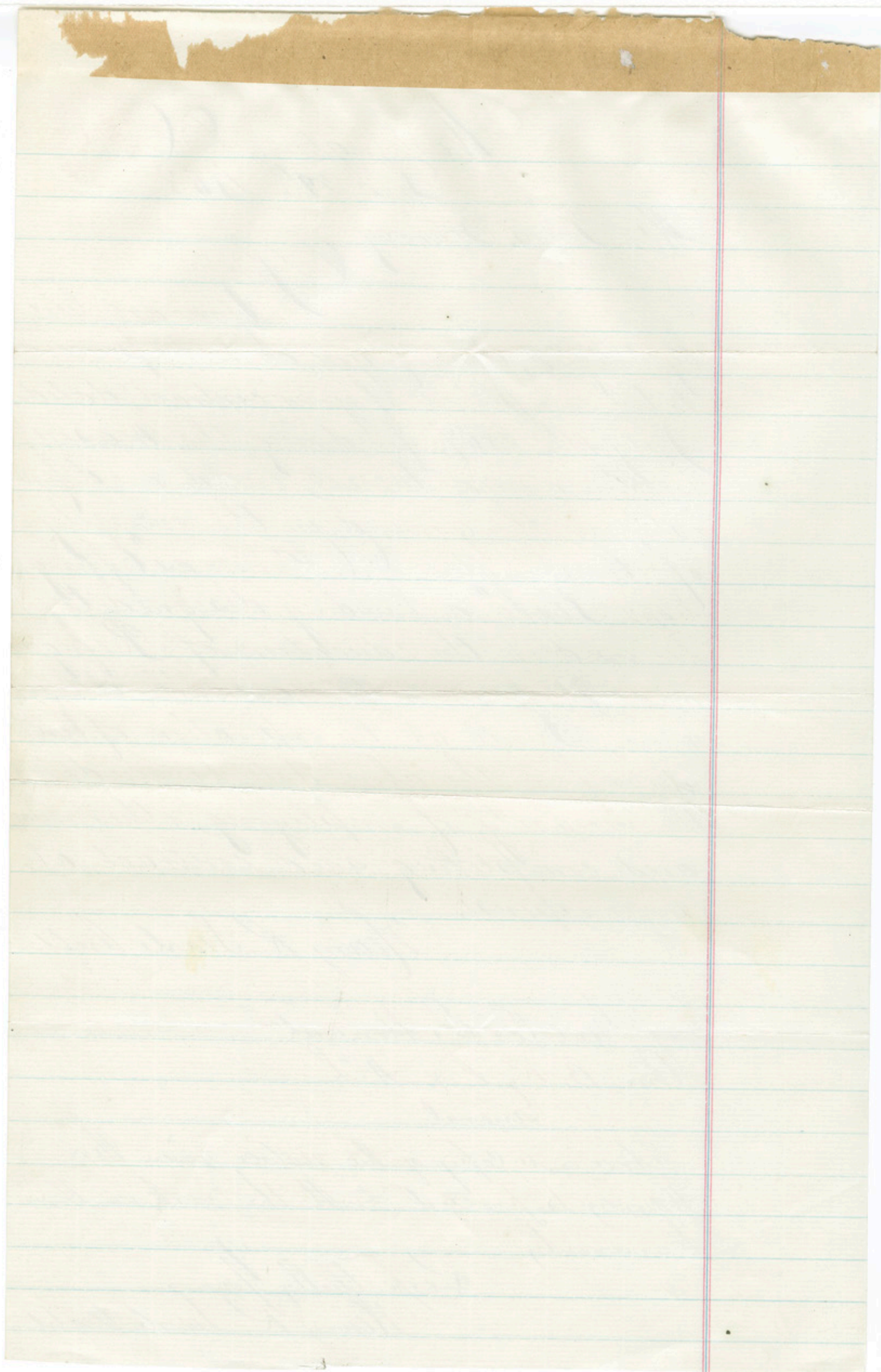
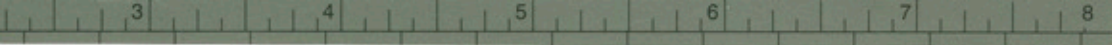
You are hereby notified, that if you do not proceed to the completion of your contract, dated July 11th 1867, for doing the mason work required to erect, build and finish, on the ground in the vicinity of Washington D.C. known as "Effingham Place" a building designed to be used in the education of Refugees and Freedmen, with reasonable diligence, I will at the expiration of ten days from the above date, be under the necessity of employing other men and completing said contract at your expense.

Henry R. Searle Archt.

Maj. Genl O. O. Howard
Hon. B. R. T. & A. L.
General

Above is a copy of the notice given Mr Harvey to proceed with the work on the University.

Respectfully,
Henry R. Searle Archt.



RECEIVED
SEP 30
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Washington, D.C.

Sept. 29th 1868.

Mr. Thos. Harny,

Sir,

You are hereby notified, that if you do not proceed to the completion of your contract for doing the brick work and cut stone work in the Congregational Church corner of 10th & G streets, with reasonable diligence, I will at the expiration of ten days from the above date, be under the necessity of employing other men and completing said contract at your expense.

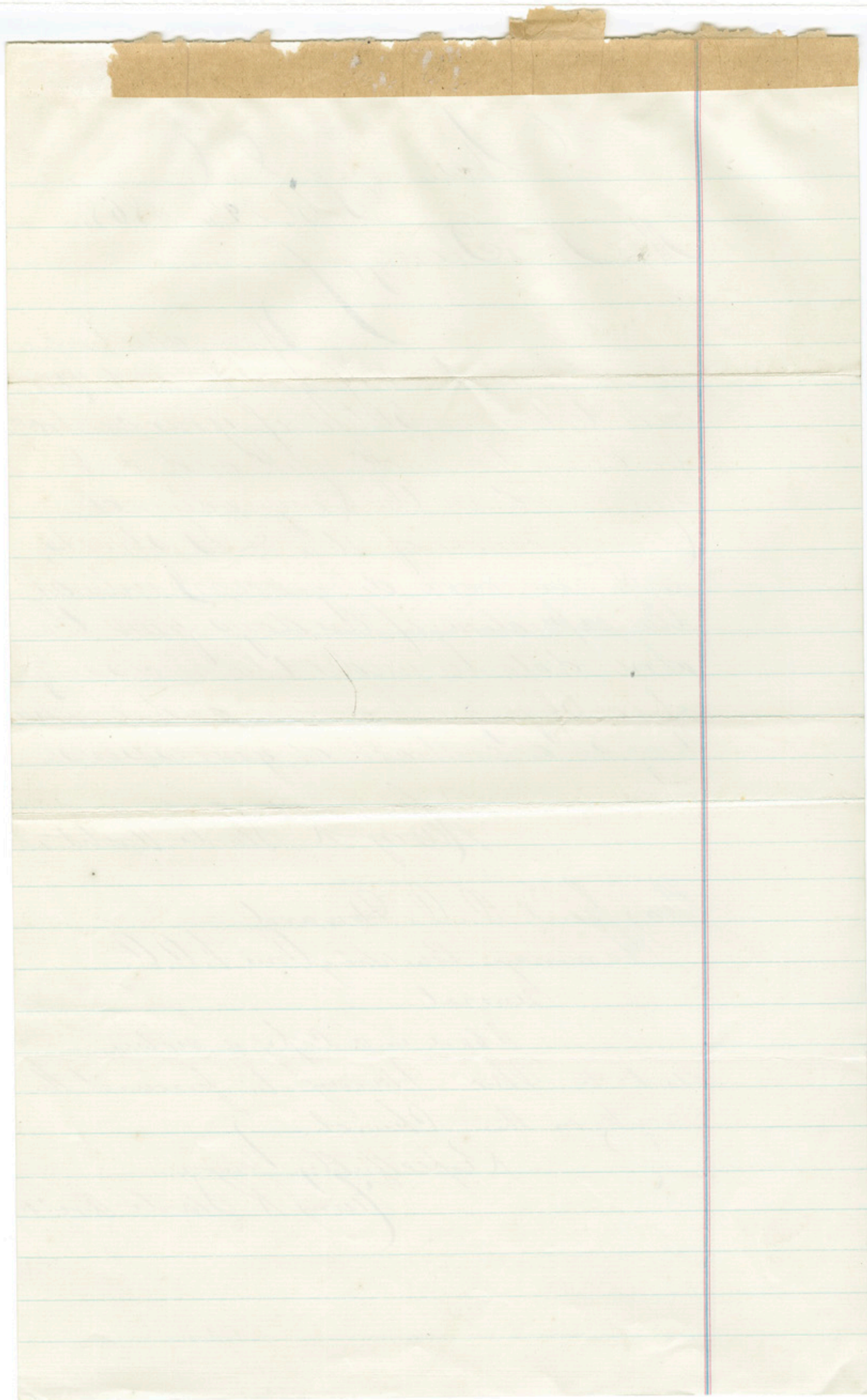
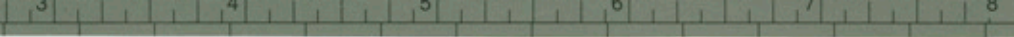
Henry R. Searle Archt.

May Bird O. O. Howard
Chairman Building Com. T. O. C.
General

Above is a copy of notice sent to Mr Harny to forward the work on the Church

Respectfully Yours

Henry R. Searle Archt.



Washington Sept 29. 1862

My Genl O.C. Honor

D^r Brother,

I rec^d the note from you, last evening
through Brother Morrell. I see no
present reason for making any
public use of it. If the Brethren
understand that the difficulty is
settled so far as we are concerned, it
is not probable that any one will
desire to bring it before the church.

I think there is no good reason why
we should not cooperate in the work
in which God has given us both a share,
& I intend that it shall not be my fault
if we are divided in future.

May we both have only the
Spirit of our common Master,

Very Truly
Yrs
Charles B. Bryant

