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Mechanicville, N. Y.  
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Maj: Gen. O. O. Howard  
Com. of Freedmen's Bureau,  
Dear Sir:

After making  
the statements to you that  
I did some days since,  
relative to my correspon-  
dence with Mr. J. V. W. Van-  
dumburg, it is due to all  
concerned, and espe-  
cially to him, that I should  
now state further that  
I subsequently received  
a letter from him bearing  
the same date as my letter  
to you, in which he gave  
a full and satisfactory  
explanation of the delay

in sending the servants  
and of course for re-  
taining the money till  
he should send them. It  
appears from that letter  
that he had unusual dif-  
ficulty in getting servants  
to come so far, and  
that he took unusual  
pains to secure them.

In a letter just recd  
Mr. Vandenburg speaks  
of being called to account  
by you on the basis of  
the statements made  
in my letter. Now while  
sets a story none of these  
statements of fact, allows  
me to express the hope  
that Mr. V. may be sub-  
ject to no further disa-  
ppearance on account of this  
affair. I should much

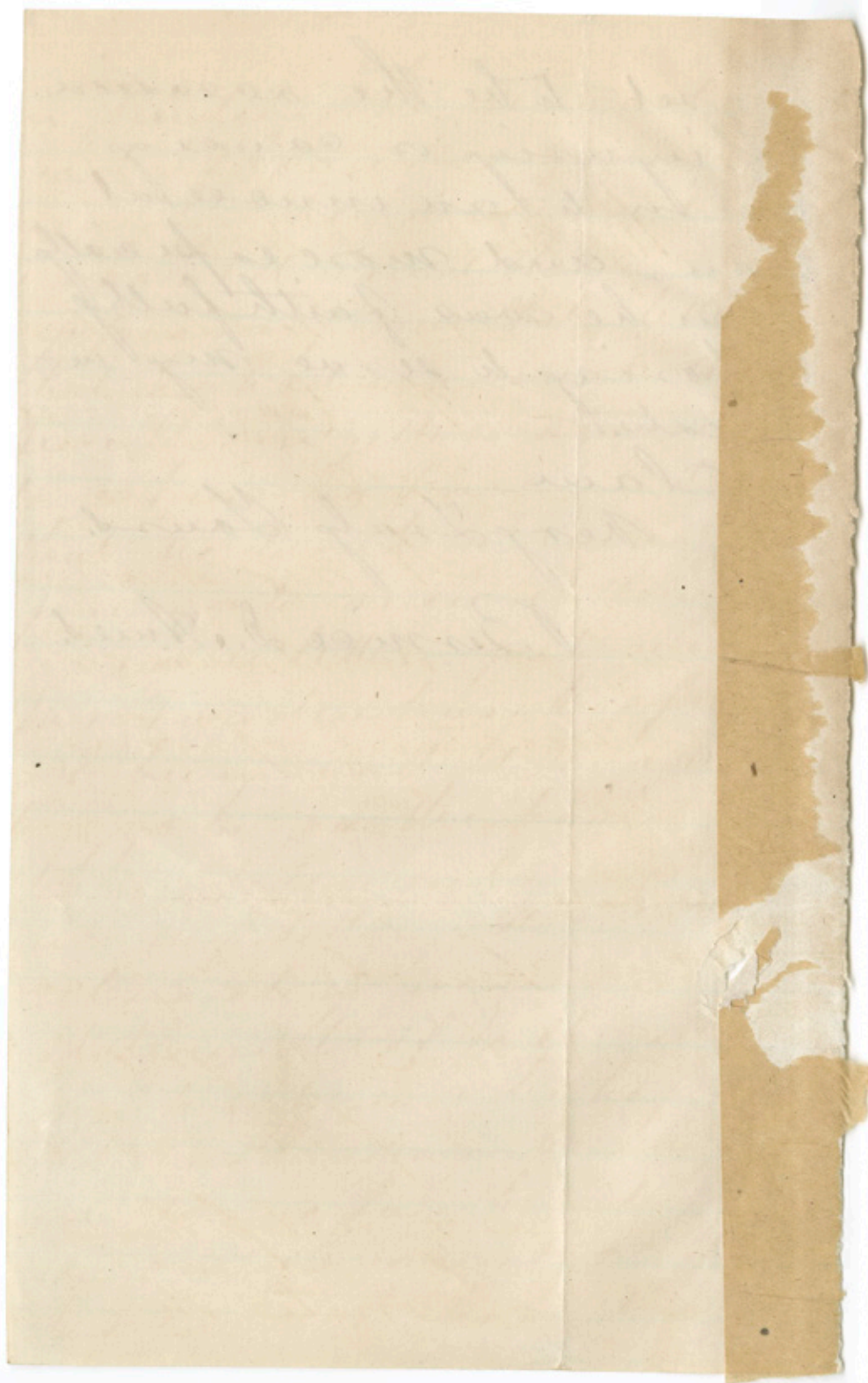


regret - to be the occasion  
of injury or causing  
pain to an innocent  
man, and more especially  
when he was faithfully  
laboring to serve my in-  
terests.

Dear

Very Truly Yours,

Bernice D. Auer.





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Washington Sept. 30 1868.

Maj Guil O. Howard:

Ch<sup>m</sup> of Building Com<sup>tee</sup>  
1<sup>st</sup> Cong<sup>l</sup> Society:

Dear Guil:

It was announced from the pulpit on Sunday last that at a meeting of the Trustees, Messrs & Building Committee, it was voted to proceed with work on the Church edifice and that this resolution be presented to a meeting of the Society for consideration & adoption or rejection.

I write this note to you to state as a member of the Building Committee, <sup>and Secretary thereof</sup> that



that I had no notice of the meeting of Trustees &c. referred to: that I was not present at the meeting: that had I been present I could not have voted for such resolution as was adopted with my present understanding of its scope.

I beg to state that I am opposed to any further work on the Church until the difficulties out of which all our financial troubles have arisen be first settled.

As I am called by business to Pennsylvania, and shall not therefore be present at the Society meeting on Thursday I take this way of informing



you of my position and by  
you will state to the Society  
that the action of the Building  
Committee referred to, was  
not known to me at all  
and that I do not concern  
in it.

Yrs very truly,

D. L. Eaton

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For my position and pay  
I am sure that the  
Committee of the Board  
will be able to find a  
man to fill the place.

Yours truly  
E. S. O. & Co.



Washington D. C.  
Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> 1868

Maj. Gen. W. H. Morris.

Dear Sir,

With this you will find enclosed copies of two notices served on me yesterday by Mr. Henry R. Park, Architect; one in relation to the progress of the work in the Church, and the other to the work to be done in the University. In reply to the former I have to say that the force now employed is as large as can be made work to advantage, and to the latter my answer is, that the only work to be carried out is the Tower, which, as you are aware, is so defective and dangerous that my workmen are afraid to work on it and some of them have refused. In view of the many indefensible assumptions of Mr. Park, and his failure thus far to report what he conceives to be due to me <sup>under</sup> my Contract,



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as also his refusal to give an order for  
the per centage due for extra work, it  
must be apparent to you, sir, that the  
only course left, is to have the whole  
matter referred to competent experts for  
adjustment; a course I so often  
urged, & which you promised should  
be done. I therefore most respectfully  
solicit your attention to the necessity  
for promptly having the matter in  
controversy settled in a way equitable  
and just to all parties in  
interest. Your compliance will  
oblige  
Your Obedt. Servt.  
Thomas Harney.

Bunker's Ave. Hotel

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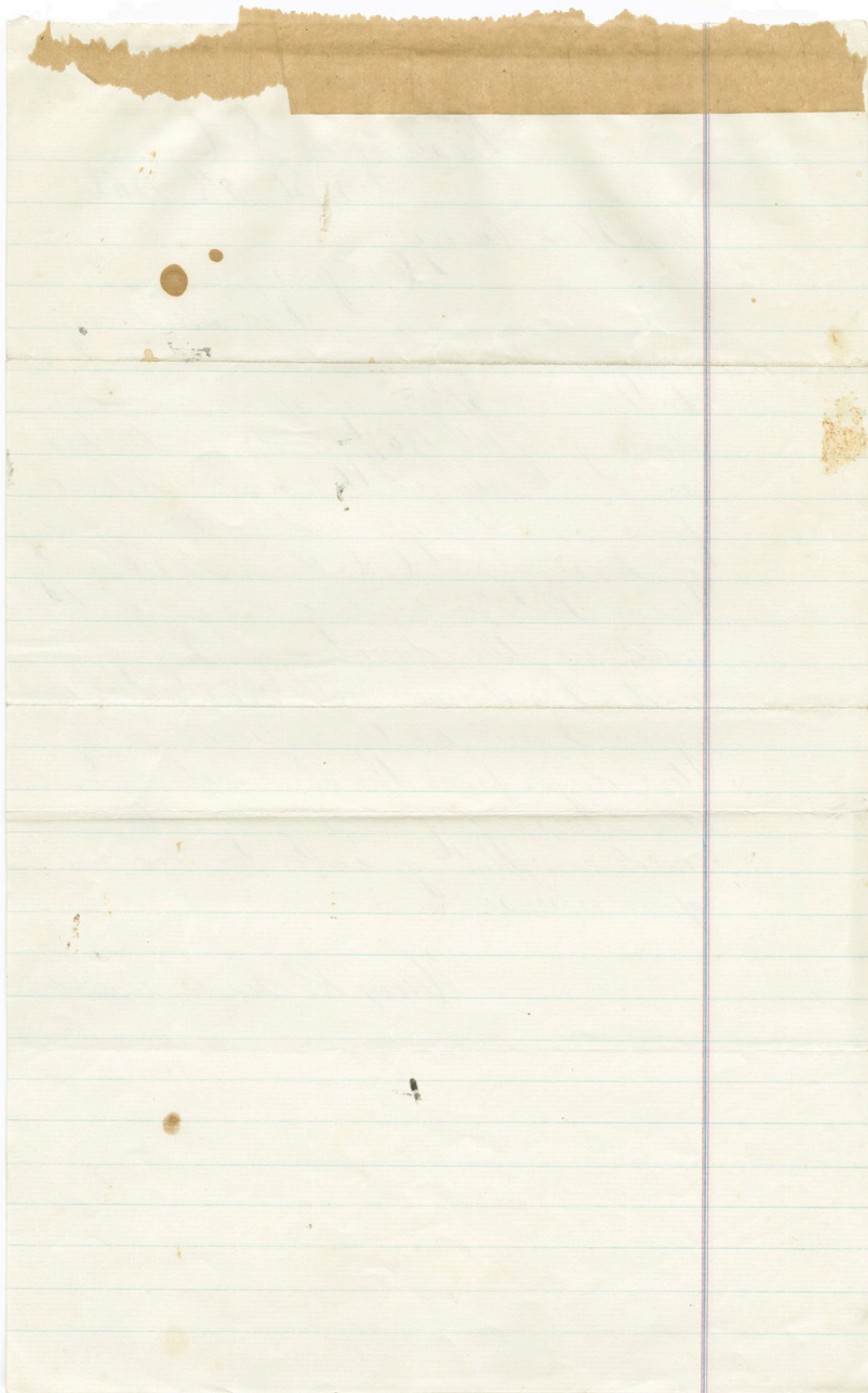
Mr. Thos. Harney

Dr. Sir:

You are hereby notified, that if you do not proceed to the completion of your contract, dated July 11<sup>th</sup> 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. Seale Archt.







Washington, D.C.

Sept 29<sup>th</sup> 1868.

Mr. Thos. Harney;

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 10<sup>th</sup> & P 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. Starr Archt-



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