New Bedford, Mass.
November 2. 1868.

Gen. Howard,

Dear Sir,

Your letter has been received, and my church will doubtless be represented.

At the same time, I beg leave to suggest that there is some force in the position of the pastor, — that a minority is not such a body known in Congregationalism, as entitles it to ask for a mutual Council, & failing to get one, to call an ex-parte one.

No members, it is generally held, are competent to complain of grievance, unless their standing in the church is affected by discipline. It is no grievance that they are outvoted. Here I think your name "ex-parte" is not appropriate.

At the same time, I do think that you are competent to ask the churches to meet in Council. It is a settled principle that when a church, by its internal dissensions or other scandalous acts, injures the cause of all the churches, — makes our work odious in the eyes of others, — hurts the general body, — the churches

at large have an undoubted right to interfere, & by a Council to remonstrate.

I understand that to be really your ground. Have you made it sufficiently explicit?

In minority, in such a case, have a right to call the attention of the chambers to the case, & to ask them to meet in Council. But have shown that ground plainly & sharply? I think it doubtful whether you have explicit enough.

I venture these suggestions, not that you may rely on what I say, but to ask you to refer that suggestion to some older ones than

I am. You could easily, if they think as I do, add a note to the churches invited, conveying this idea.

You will find the ground I spoke of, in the Platform of Polity of the National Council ("Debates, page 1[illegible]) "When a portion of any church have been seriously aggrieved by such action of the church as causes public scandal to the cause of Christ, and their request for a Council has been denied by the church, they may in like manner appeal to other churches for hearing of their cause, and for advice concerning their duty."

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I am, very respectfully
Yours,
A. H. Quint.

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Head Quarters Post No 20. Dept of Me. G.A.R.

Augusta Me. Nov 2. 1887.

Genl O.O. Howard.

Washington D.C.

My dear Genl.

I have the honor to communicate to you that Post No 20. Dept of Maine. Grand Army of the Republic by an unanimous vote at the last regular meeting resolved "That the Post be hereafter known as the O.O. Howard Encampment" This Post is composed of the surviving soldiers of the late war. resident in this city and vicinity.

I am directed to notify you of the above fact and to say that the Encampment would be happy to receive any communication you may be pleased to make.

I have the honor to request your acceptance of the slight honor conferred.

I am Genl

very Respy.

Your obt Servant

Fred W. Gilbette.

Post Commander.

New Orleans La
November 2. 1868

My dear General

I again write you privately knowing my official communications must necessarily be slow, and believing you may wish to be thoroughly informed at an early moment of anything connected with the Freedman.

Affairs in this state continue to be in the most deplorable condition the poor Freedman receives not the slightest protection, and is daily murdered. Prompt action on the part of General Rosseau ten days ago would

have checked there known. I am now heartily disgusted with the conduct of affairs. I look upon the flag as being disgraced. After General Rosecrans assumed command he issued an order prohibiting torch light processions. On Saturday night they paid not the slightest attention to the Order, parading without hesitation, openly defying him, and are certainly determined to overthrow the present State Government. Expressions are freely used that the present legislature, tho'ly elected, never meet in New Orleans again. Louisiana will undoubtedly go Democratic. If it does not it will be the most singular of all elections. Summers of Registration

papers have been taken from the Freedmen, and a thorough reign of terror inaugurated over the entire State. If the negro should vote any a here. I shall marvel at his courage, for he who attempts it will do so at the risk of his life. I am satisfied the leaders of the Democratic party can control their followers, and that it has been in their power to prevent the murders of the last ten days. I now believe they have encouraged, and that the most respectable of their party are shocked and heart sick of the horrors their teaching have created. Not an investigation I have asked for has yet been

complied with though repeatedly promised, Arms are being sent to different parts of the State and distributed to the whites in anticipation of election. The election of General Grant will I hope put an end to many of our present troubles. We are pushing the schools as fast as possible in spite of every opposition they are encountering, and will

Very Truly
Your Obt Servant
Edward Hatch
USA

Maj Gen Howard
Washington DC

NATIONAL FREEDMEN'S-AID UNION
OF
GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

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London
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General O. O. Howard
Dear Sir

I have the pleasure to inform you that the Committee of the Nat. Freedmen's Aid Union appropriated £200- Two Hundred Pds- to the "Howard University" which sum will be remitted

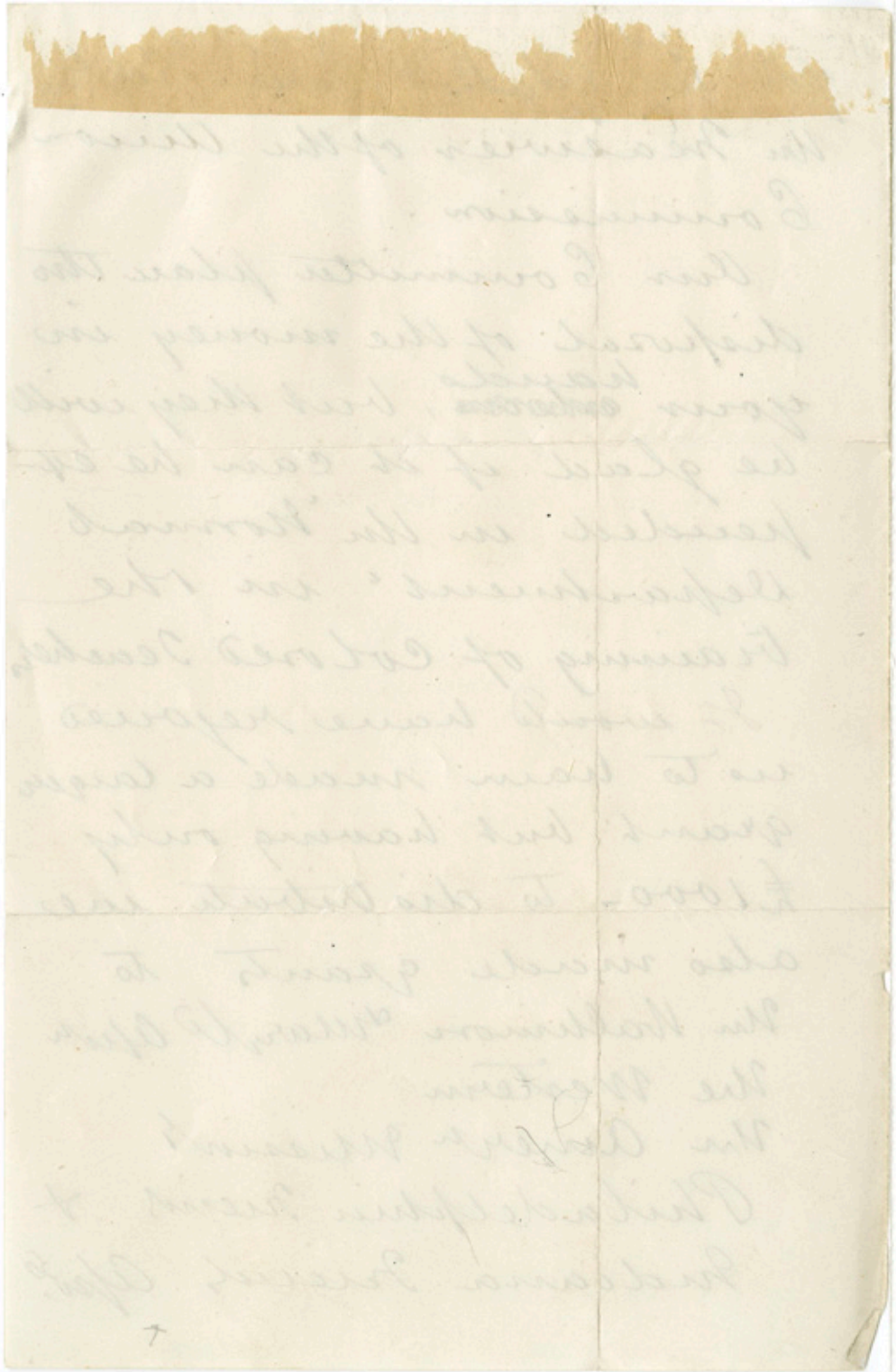
Our Union is about to close its labours but we propose to institute a Committee of correspondence &c. of which you will be duly advised.

On Friday last we had a most interesting & satisfactory interview with your Minister here Mr. Reverdy Johnson. He spoke in high terms of your services in the Freedmen's Bureau & we are indulging hopes that this valuable department will be continued for a further period.

I have the honor to remain
yours very truly & respectfully
Tom Taylor: Hon. Sec.
Nat.l F. M. A. Union.

you by Gilbert Ward Esq.
the Treasurer of the Union
Commission.

Our Committee place the
disposal of the money in
your hands, but they will
be glad if it can be ex-
pended in the "Normal
Department" in the
training of Colored Teachers.
It would have rejoiced
us to have made a larger
grant but having only
£1000 - to distribute we
also made grants to
the Baltimore & Md Assn
the Western
the American Missionary
Philadelphia Friends &
Indiana Friends. Assns.



Personal

Army Building
Green & Winslow
N.Y. N.W. Ind.

[1868]

My Dr. Genl.:

You may not recollect, but some time before I left Washington (2 yrs ago) I mentioned in conversation with you, that I was interested in some lands near Swan Nah, 15 miles distant.

These lands have been in the hands of agents ever since the close of the war and up to this time nothing has been done with them.

I have been paying the taxes & the fields are growing up with brush; besides I am losing at of the interest of the money locked up in them. The

debts of the estate yearly
accumulating
Knowing your friendship
for me it has occurred
to me that you might
help me to dispose of
these lands on fair terms
I will sell or rent the
places to the freedmen
or if I can't do better I
will plant on shares
if responsible individ-
uals will undertake
the management of
the places - In the two
places there are 2100
acres including rice
& cotton land and swamp
There is an abundance
of ~~[illegible]~~ wood on the
lands - enough to pay
for the ~~[illegible]~~ land and fur-
nish fuel for any num

be of years for as many persons as can live on the places. The buildings except one or two small ones were burned by our troops & others will have to be put up. I will give to some of the people of the estate a portion of these lands if I can sell the balance.
I have been anxious to go South to gather the people of the estate and if possible settle up all my business in that quarter but I really cannot afford to go on leave as ½ of my pay is deducted after the first month — Now that the General is certain of his election I hope we shall have real peace.
I have often wished Kincaid

that I shall do no (my power
to be of service to my native
State, I mean. to her true
advantage.

Now Genl: I write this
private note to you as an
old friend and I trust you will at
least, not misunder-
stand my motives

& 38 O.V.I. Oct. 1, 1868

I hope that you
are quite well See
you soon

Very Truly
Yours
Wm. Cayler

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ROOMS OF THE

Young Men's Christian Association.

C. P. FROST, M. D., President.
O. B. DOUGLAS, Cor. Sec'y.

Brattleboro' Vt., Nov 2 1868

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

Dear Sir,

We would like to arrange with you to give a lecture in a course which we propose to have in our village this season under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. Some time after Jan 1st would best suit us. What are your terms?

Mr. Chas. B. Rice informs me that he had some conversation with you on Friday last on the cars as you were on your way to St. Johnsbury & that you thought you might come to us some time after Jan 1st.

Very respectfully yours.

C. P. Frost

Chairman Lect. Com.
Brattleboro Y. M. C. A.

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Washington D.C. 1868
Thursday November 3d

Mr Ward please be so kind as to answer this Note and let me know whether you received the ten Dollars and seventy five that George Oliver sent you from Hartford Conn as soon as you can.

Direct Rachel Oliver
D S 4 1/2 St bet M & B
and pennsylvania Ave

Young Men's Christian Association.

Reading Room, Haskell's Block, Cor. Main and Spring Sts.

Ashtabula, O. Nov 27 18 8.

Hon O. O. Howard
Washington D C

Dear Sir
My last from you in regard to lecturing before our Association, said that you would give me a definite answer in a day or two, since I have heard nothing. I wish to complete our course at the earliest moment to advertise. Our first lecture is per Henry Vincent on the 21st of this month. An early reply will oblige

Yours Very Resp
M. L. Dick