Detroit, Mich. Nov 16th 1868

Dear Sir

Do you know of an opening for a young married man, who writes "Short Hand", is familiar with the duties of a Railroad Managers office, has had over 6 years experience in the Head Office of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada, for which I hold Credential, and can refer in this city to W. K. Muir Esqr Ass^t Genl Supt of the, Michigan Central Railroad, is a member of the Young Mens Christian Association in this city, came from Montreal with Credential a little over a year ago, and would be valuable as Secretary to any Conscientious Gentleman, who wished such, and wished to avoid the drudgery, or had not time to write his own Correspondence, retaining at the same time the advantages of personal dictation.

I would prefer a Railway Manager, am not very particular, have a delicate wife who must go in a south easterly direction, the nearer the sea coast the better. Without trespassing farther on your time, could you quote the names of one or two Railway Managers in the southern states to whom I could write. I should have written several of them before this, but feared to get into the hands of perhaps bad men. Would have no fear about going south at all provided I knew I was going to serve the right kind of man. Can bring letters from, or refer you to the offices of the Y. M. C. A here & will be extremely thankful for any information you may be kind enough to afford. Please address the undersigned

Joseph Burton.

Genl O. O. Howard, Washington

67 Beech Street. Detroit. Mich.

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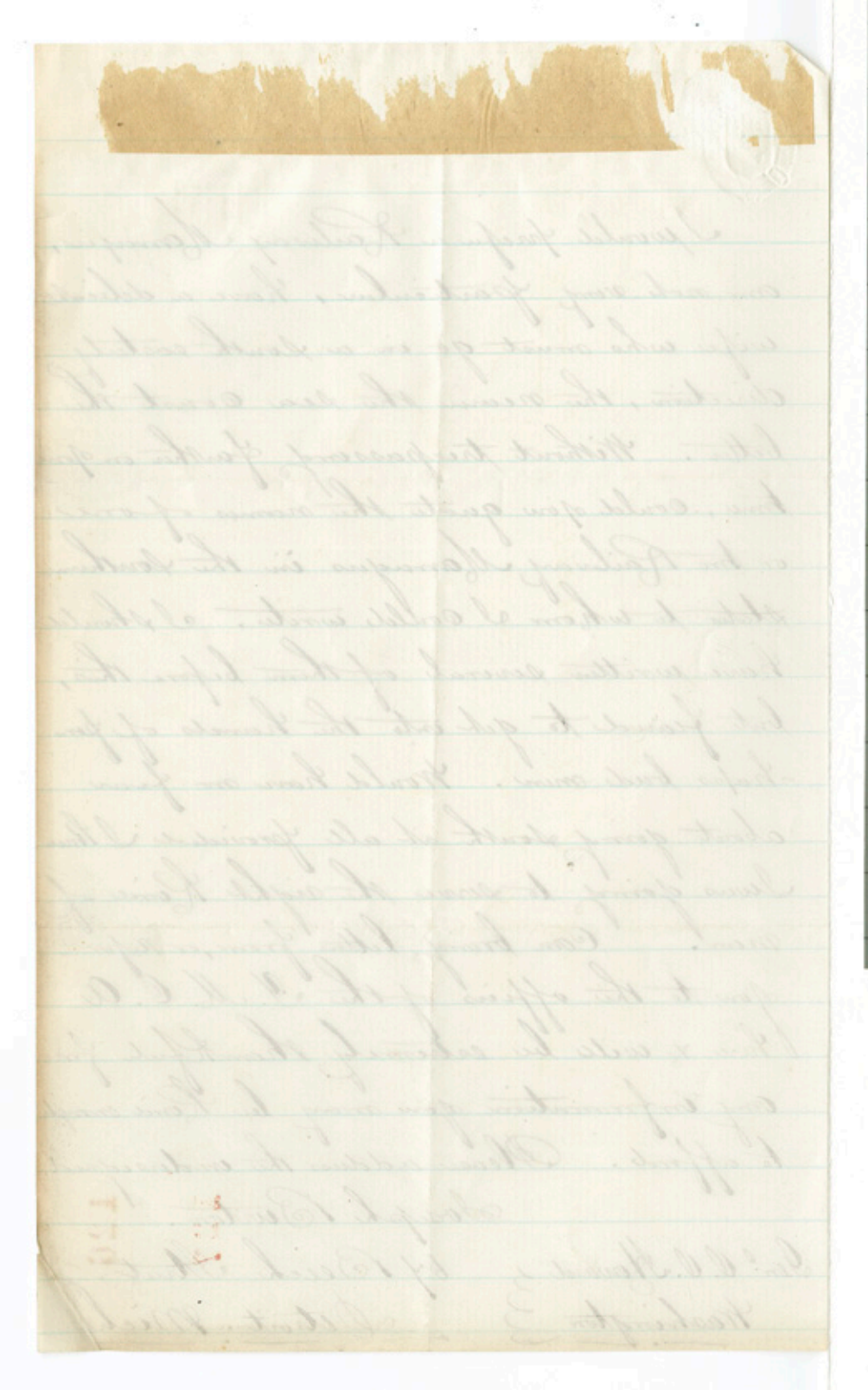

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

Office Superintendent of Education, District of Virginia,

Richmond, Va., November 16 1868.

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Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Com'r.

Gen. I have the honor to enclose with thanks memo. Rect for $300, in behalf of our Normal & Night School

Very Resp'y
R. M. Manly

New York Nov. 16th 1868-

Gen O. O. Howard

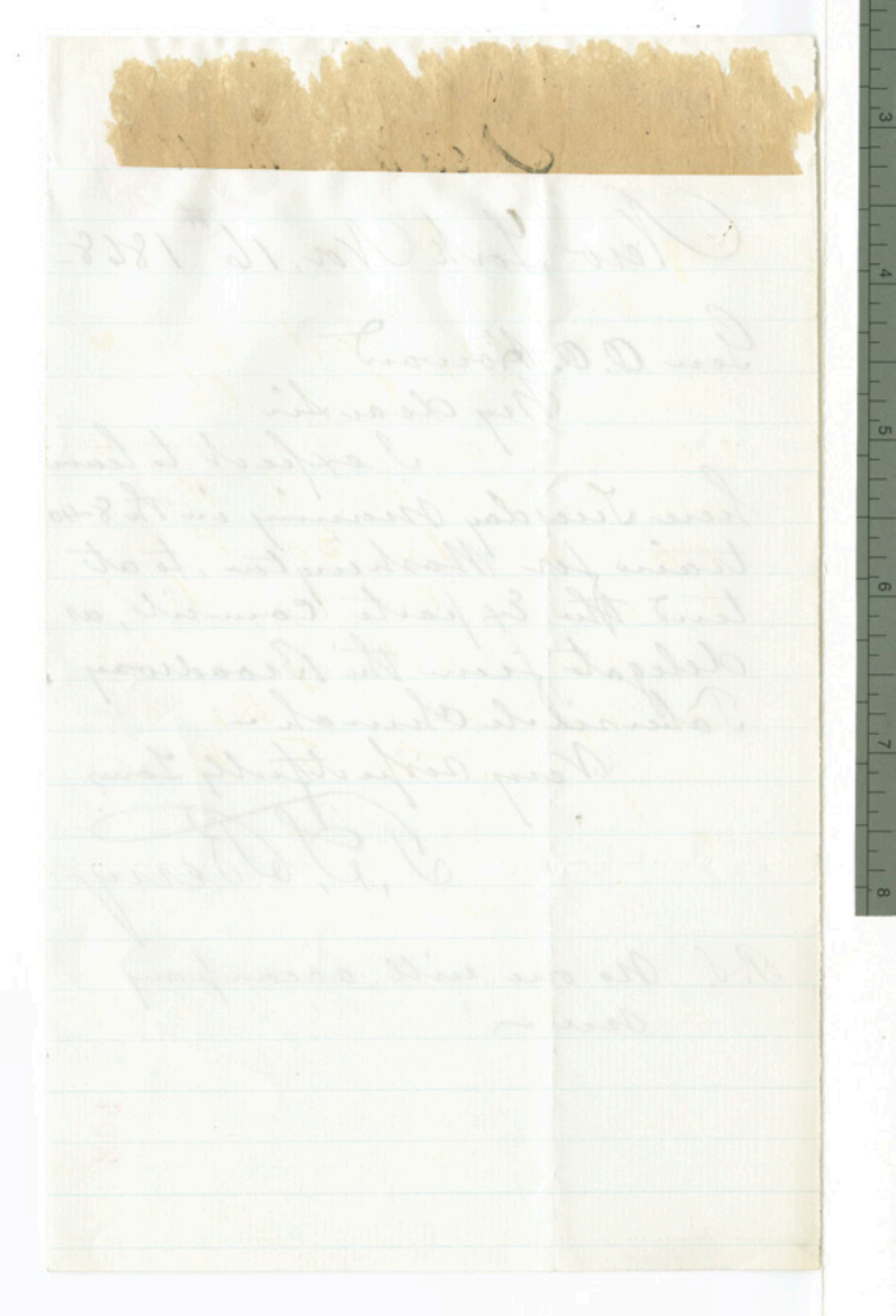
My dear Sir

I expect to leave here Tuesday morning in the 8-40 train for Washington, to attend the Ex parte Council, as delegate from the Broadway Tabernacle Church-

Very respectfully Yours

T. S. Berry

P. S. No one will accompany me-



New York Nov. 16. 1864

Maj. Genl O. O. Howard

My dear friend

My Pastor Rev S. Bourne (of Cong. Ch. of Harlem) and myself propose to leave here by the train at 12. 30 P. M. tomorrow Nov. 17. so that we may reach your city Tuesday evening — that we may attend the Ex Parte Council next day;

An extraordinary letter has been received, footed by sixty or more names all in the same handwriting and setting some strange doctrines about congregationalism, and so expressed as to confuse and if possible

hinder altogether the assembling ~~th~~ of the ex parte council.

To me it seemed when that communication was read and deserved that the pt commentary was at hand — from Shakspeare —

"A weak invention of the Enemy!"

Your friend
ever faithfully
Edgar Ketchum

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New Haven Con.
Nov. 16/68

Gen. O. O. Howard
&c Committee &c

Dear Sir:—

I expect to leave New York tomorrow (Tuesday) by 9 P.M. train for Washington and arrive early on Wednesday morning,— being sent by the Centre Church as a delegate to the Expert Council on the affairs of your Church.

Very respectfully

Alex C. Twining

Allegheny City, Pa.
Nov 16, 1868

Maj Gen. O O Howard

Dear Sir

Can you furnish me with a copy of your Report, made to Congress in 1866? I have all your others, and this to complete the set. When the Bureau is closed I design to have its Reports, together with Mr Alvord's, bound in a Vol.

Let me receive, therefore, your Report for 1868, as well as '66, and any subsequent one.

Truly Your,
Rev. H. B. Knight
(Agt. Am. Mis. Ass.)

Walpole
Mass. Nov 16
[1868]

Dear General

You have been obliged to disappoint my hopes heretofore. I hope not now — when I hope to fill the Music Hall, Boston, Thursday afternoon (not Eve'g) Dec. 3d. by the announcement of Gen Howard, Gov. Chamberlain & John B. Gough on some religious aspect of Temperance

Please reply by teleg. at expense of

Yr. most cordially

S. M. Chickering Sec.

P. S.

I come from N. York with the Rev Dr. Alden, who thinks, with me, that it will be a good thing for the Cause of Ecclesiastical truth & righteousness as well as of Christian temperance that you should come to Boston on that occasion

It is, we think on many accounts, very important & would be very useful

Yrs, again & again

J. W. C.

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Washington. Nov 16. '68

Major G. H. Brown.

Sir;

I enclose herewith receipt for carriage, signed. Unless it is necessary that the check be made out in my name, you will please hand the $150.— to Gen Howard, and send me my note to him for that amount.

Very Respectfully

William R. Hooper

Washington D.C. Nov. 16th 1868

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Commissioner R. F. & A. L.

General

I desire respectfully to submit the following personal report of services in your Bureau during my connection therewith.

Nov. 3d 1866. was appointed A. A. Surgeon and assigned to duty as visiting physician on Capitol Hill

April 15th 1867. was ordered to take charge of the hospital and asylum at Freedmens Village Va — May 25th 1867 was ordered to Boston Mass. on public business connected with the Bureau. with permission to visit my home in Maine

July 10th 1867. in addition to my duties as Medical Officer. was order to assume the duties of Superintendent of Freedmens Village relieving Capt E. B. Gates A.A.C —

In the latter part of the same month was attacked with severe intermittent fever, which disease continued, constantly until June 1868. and at periodical intervals up to the present time.

January 3d 1868. On account of this continued prostrated sickness of myself

and family. was permitted to remove my residence from Freedmen's Village to this city, but to continue to make office hours daily at the Village.
At the same time, my salary was increased from one hundred, to one hundred and fifty dollars per month.
Feb. 25. in addition to my duties as superintendent and Medical Officer was ordered to receive all public property pertaining to B. M. Department and to Bureau R. F. & A. L. relieving J. C. O'Neal property Agent.
April 30. 1868. In further addition to duties already enumerated, was given the supervision of that portion of Va described, described by a radius of three miles with Freedmen Village as the centre.
During this period, (one year) the dependent population of the Village had increased from a little less than five hundred persons, to seven hundred and fifty, and added thereto a population of upwards of one thousand outside the Village, requiring my attention, and no corresponding increase of Clerical assistance was given.
July. 1st 1868. by reason of constant ill health, - was granted a leave of absence

of thirty days. - which was subsequently extended fifteen days -
During this absence the hospital and asylum were discontinued, and the inmates removed to Freedmen's Hospital Washington, and all other dependents ordered to be discharged.
This breaking up of the village, involved me, in the loss of the following articles of public property - to wit -
760. woollen blankets, 46. sheets, 77 counterpanes, 145 towels, 3 hair mattresses, 160 pillows, 50 dressing gowns 196 shirts 97 drawers, 1 case dressing instruments, 11 bed-side bottles, 25 chairs 20 stoves, upwards of 100 tin cups - as many tin plates and knives and forks and many other articles not name on my list of property.
Together with one public horse and several pairs of harness and carriages. The horse &c. belonged to Q.M. Department and was made up by me by purchases to replace those lost.
Besides these public losses - there disappeared from the office buildings and from the stables, private property of my own to the amount of $250 nothing of which has been recovered.

August 31st 1868 all agents and employes - except five, were discharged - thus compelling me to clear my official business with no clerk or assistant whatever. And in addition to these duties. I was ordered to visit - sick freedpeople in all that part of the city east of the Capitol, at Lincoln Buildings, and at Barry Farm.

Oct 31. was discharged as A.A. Surgeon, and on the 15th of Nov. as Agent, &c —

During the year past I have been accustomed to give aid to self-supporting freedmen, by the loan of money, for purchasing my private means to purchase horses, farming implements, seeds &c, to assist them in their farming operations. During and since the public sale of buildings &c. at the Village. I have loaned money to twenty-seven persons - to assist them in the purchase of tenant houses in which they lived. These loans have been attended with considerable losses. but have been intended for the best interests of the people.

I am very respectfully yours &c &c

H. R. Howard

Sub Agent B. R. F. & A. Hdq

Independent Office
No 3 Park Place New York,
Nov 16. 1868.

Gen O. O. Howard
Dear Sir.

I write at the request of Theodore Tilton, who sends you his best compliments, and wishes to know if you can send him the account of the difficulties in the Congregational Church in Washington, of which you were speaking with him. I understand that you said that you would either yourself prepare a calm judicial statement of the facts or could get some one else to do so. It would appear as a communication, and I suppose you would prefer

anonymously. Of course we would prefer to receive the facts from you, and would pay for the article. I was hoping, being the editor having main charge of the Religious news, to visit Washington during the meeting of the Council, but that will be impossible, as we are just now in the throes of enlarging the Independent.

I write for Mr. Tilton as he is just gone out of town, one one of his lecturing tours.

My sister, Miss Hetta G. H. Ward, whom you may remember as a teacher in your Sabbath School, and who often speaks enthusiastically of

General Howard, wishes to be remembered to your daughter Grace, who was one of her scholars. I am.

Very respectfully Yours
William H. Ward.
Associate Editor.