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Kingsville Ohio Dec 3d 1866

Genl. O. O. Howard
Dear Sir

We see by the "Announcement" of the Cleveland O Library Association that you are to lecture before them the coming winter

The Lecture Association in this place are desirous of securing your services to lecture before them and we wish to know your terms the time you could lecture and the subject We can not pay as high prices as larger towns can but we can raise something so as to remunerate you and not make it a losing enterprise upon your part. We are trying to raise money to establish a reading room in this place. If you can come let us know your lowest terms and will inform you immediately whether we can raise the money to pay it

Very Respectfully Yours
J J Sturtevant J B Leary
S L Rockwell, Com

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Hartford Oct 24 1867

Mr Geo. O. Stimson

Dear Sir

We are in receipt of your favor of the 17th inst. enclosing Policy No 6 Western Union Telegraph Co. covering the Western Office on the corner of Genesee & Water streets & Water & Front streets. Upon receipt of this we could believe and the Policy would be sent to you. We can not but regret the delay & hope it will not be a serious matter for you. We are trying to treat our patrons as we would wish to be treated ourselves & we feel that we have not been relatively or positively guilty in this case. If your house and with the Western Union Co. we can not be responsible for the loss of your property. We are sorry that we can not be of more use to you in this matter.

Very Respectfully
Yours
[illegible]

DOUGLAS F. FORREST. JOSEPH PACKARD, JR.

FORREST & PACKARD,

Attorneys and Counsellors at Law,

No. 6 Spurrier's Court, Lexington street.

Baltimore, Decr. 3 1868

Dear Sir - After God - the Great Giver of all good, our gratitude walls up towards you, who have proved so kind a friend to us. Mother has told me with eyes suffused, of your benevolent & respectful manner, and of your noble charity towards the widow and orphan - not only for cash but for the manner of conferring it I thank you from my heart -

Whatever others may say of you I shall never lose an opportunity of bearing witness to the fact that you are a high toned, Christian gentleman, and should occasion present itself of serving you or yours in any way I pledge my honour as a gentleman it shall not escape me - God willing -

Gratefully & faithfully Yrs

Douglas F. Forrest.

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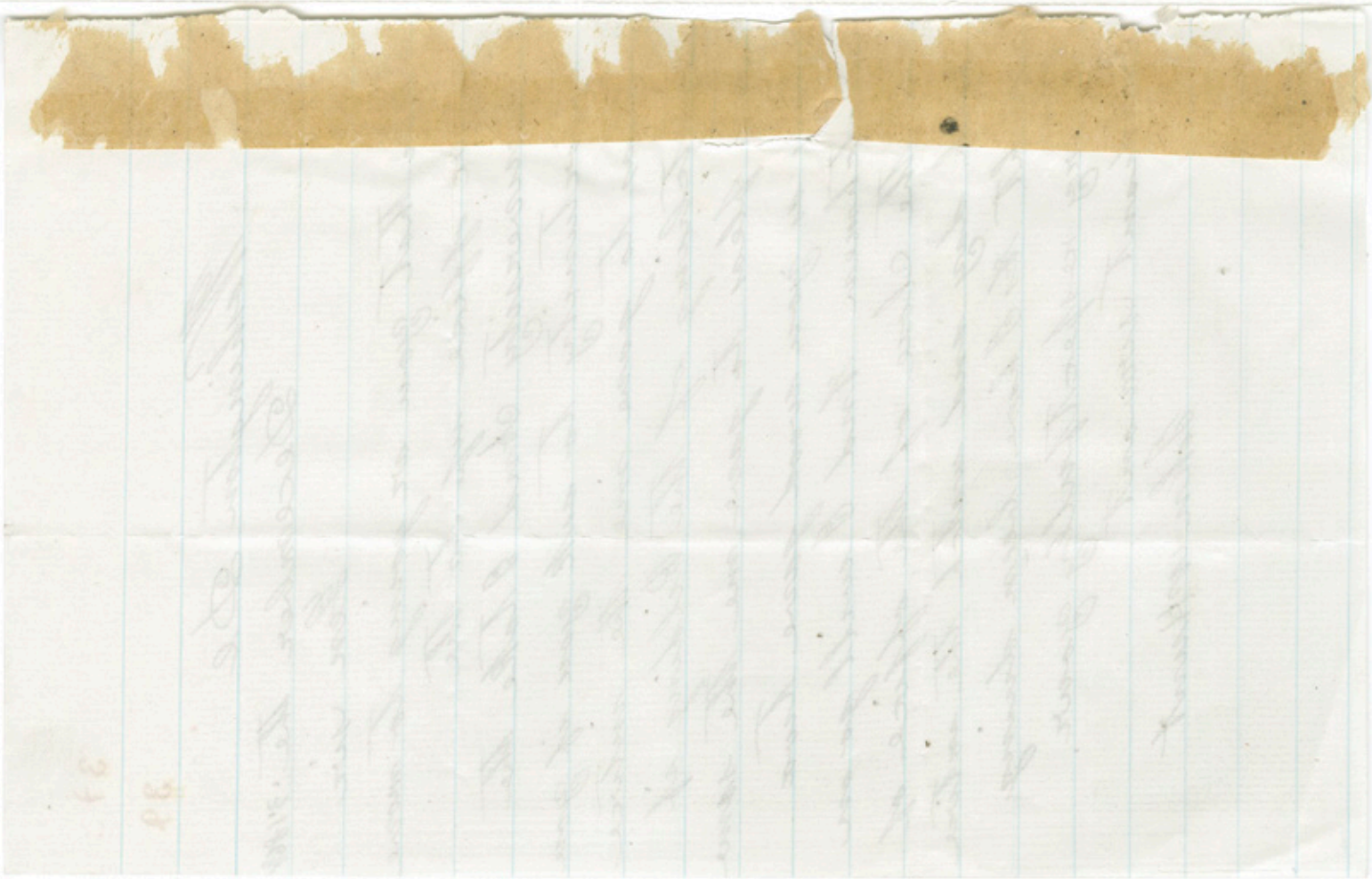
Washington D C
December the 31 1868
Gen sir
I hir that you ar going to move your office up to the University And I take the opportunity to ask you if you pleas to gave me the intire watching of the Bilding if you pleas to gave me the same pay as you wood gave two watchmen And I will go on at the close of the office of each day and watch the intire night As I have been doing Verry respectfully your obdiant servant
John W Hunt



Personal

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Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

Head-Quarters Assistant Commissioner, District of Virginia.

Richmond, Va., Decem 4th 1868.

RECEIVED PRIVATE DEC 1868

To

Major Genl O. O. Howard

Dear General

In view of the discontinuance of the "Bureau" in this State on the first of January, in a manner to relieve all military officers, I take the, I hope not unpardonable, liberty to write and solicit your assistance or counsel in a matter of considerable personal importance.

I am interested in an estate in the Island of Trinidad West Indies, and as I desire to go there next May and give the settlement my personal attention, I have been

closely applying myself to my legal studies, in order to be admitted to the bar before my departure; the number of the american bar, will have an advantage in the prosecution of my claim, this not based upon my individual presumption, but on the advice of experienced persons. 820

Should I be ordered to join my company (in Alabama) on the first of January, it will render the further advancement of my legal studies impossible, and necessarily prevent my standing my examination for admission to the bar in April.

It is also highly probable

that a transfer to my company will either totally defeat my project of going to the "West Indies", or occasion a delay which will result in great pecuniary loss to me.

Believing that, in your knowledge of my services during the war, from the testimonials of my superiors; my present aspirations for mental and legal advancement, and desire to prosecute long neglected & mortgaged rights, will meet with a favorable consideration from the just and liberal mind of my commanding General, I earnestly, but respectfully, ask, if not incompatible with your views, your influence to secure me a temporary

detail until the first of next May, by which time I will be admitted to the bar, and prepared to commence the litigation of my "West Indian claim."

If it is in your power, I should prefer this temporary detail either in Washington or Virginia.

Hoping you will pardon me for being so prolix, and grant me a request which will place me under obligations which it will be my study and pleasure to fulfill.

I have the honor to remain
With sentiments of high regard
Yours &c

Wilt. P. Boulter
Bt Captain U.S. Army
A.A.A.Genl

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Dec 4th 1868

General O. O. Howard
Dear Sir,

Agreeable to your instructions I herewith send my bill against the Bureau of R. F. & A. L. together with a statement in relation thereto to Gen. Whittlesey who promised to place the papers in your hands.

Perhaps in the statement referred to, I have said quite enough to establish the validity of my claim. But I am, as I am, and you are not ignorant of the fact, that Mr. Peale has for a considerable

length of time thus
obstacle in my way, a
particularly in the settle
of my accounts has
enhanced his opposition
ful that I can
great propriety address
you personally on the
subject; no one is bette
able to judge of the am
of work I have don
your department of the
Government, nor of th
character of that work
nor of the difficulti
I have labored under
its execution than you
and I have the firm
assurance that what
have done, has been d
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satisfaction. This be
the case I with perfe

confidence in your sound judgment; implicit reliance in your true sense of justice leave my case in your hands, assured that no malicious influence can be brought to bear which will effect my reputation or my pocket. The work on which I have been engaged is still unfinished. I have hands as you well know, employed daily in the University; an effort has been made to cut me off entirely, which, if effectual would seriously injure my standing as a master workman in this community. If I am not reliable and capable you are the judge, and to

you, I appeal for that measure of justice which the faithful workman is entitled to.

In submitting my account I claim nothing that I cannot substantiate, by proof which I know will be entirely satisfactory to you. In carrying on the work I have exhausted my means, and this principally in consequence of the frequent and continual delays on the part of the Building Block company in furnishing the material. I only ask General that you will act towards me, as you always have;

the part of a friend.
The interests of my family
and my creditors demand,
that I should make
every effort to obtain
what is lawfully my
own, and my reputation,
which I trust so far is
unsullied, requires that
I should be alike
assiduous in thwarting any
effort to remove me from
a position, which I have
held with credit, and
above all should I endea-
vor to continue in the
confidence of one who
has dealt so kindly &
so justly with me as you
have done. I am,
Very respectfully Yours
Thomas Massey

Office of the Auditor of the Treasury
For the Post Office Department,

Washington, Dec 4 . 1868.

Maj Genl O O Howard

My dear Sir,

If your engagements for the third week in January are not so fixed that you can not alter them, I wish you would allow me to speak of the importance of your attendance at the council in January. If you are not here, it is certain that you will be claimed, if not as one of the majority, yet at least as lukewarm. Every unfair advantage will be taken from your absence. Could it not be possible for you to give up Thursday & Friday evening engagement of that week & be here by Friday morning. The council will

not be able to be through by that time, and your museum then can do as much good.

Very truly Yours

William R. Hooper

Harlem Dec. 4/68

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Maj Genl O. O. Howard

My dear friend I am able to raise enough upon my bed to write this to day, (with hopes of getting on my feet again in a day or two more) so I must say a few words.

— That statement of the N. Correspondent of the Tribune on the 26th was so shocking I was impelled to write a few lines in correction. I hope you pardon it. I could not bear to see such a story go for a day longer uncontradicted, I felt myself fortunate in having had the narration of what occurred from yourself, and I was impressed

with the opinion I fa
by my own apprehensio
the meaning of that
remark. A full sized
and a junior threatened
in such a place, under su
circumstances to an officer of
in Ohio, who had lost his
right arm in battle; — "
that" &c. The reply wa
no translation for any
obtuse. It would instantly
convince the check of a true
man who might receive
but none such would call it
path.

I see the Congregation
alist of Boston has a verdict
it. and to day "Gen
B. F. Butler" himself appe
in to day's Tribune, and
I think puts in a many

good Cognovit as we lawyers
call a plea in Confession.
1. It wasn't Rev. Dr Bryant
2. It was himself —
3 He did begin the colloquy
4 He did say that if you
had the two arms he'd
commit an assault.
The rest is matter of opinion,
and here, while I was charitable
enough to think he might
feel remorse, he says he
dont — and went. I
am sorry for it, and perhaps
his prudent friends will be.
He thinks I am a failure as a
reporter. And by his standard
I have no doubt of it. (Had
I been at that table in that
capacity I'd a made the
Washington papers stare exp
actly what the proceedings

were of that council, what
scientific reputation of what
this gentleman is or professes
and in which he was then a
chief manager so as to take
them utterly, failing even to
refute the corrections publicly
made before the council.

I hope and pray that the
nefariousness of this whole
Boston conspiracy will be
made to appear and that
the Wachusett Church may arise
and shine, her light being come
and the Glory of the Lord be
seen upon her. I remain
ever new, when I get
I will and will try to see you
hereafter I thank you and your
excellent wife and mother for their
kindness to me.
Yours faithfully Edgar Cleveland