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War Department,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Washington, February 26 1869

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General Howard,

Commissioner etc

Washington DC

General,

Mrs Corleton Belt from
Georgia, now stopping in this city, contains
plates prosecuting a claim against
the Government for certain supplies (Stock
and rations) taken by Army of Tennessee
in that State, and desires to see you
on the subject and will call for
that purpose tomorrow unless you
will be absent from the office

Of course such a claim
would not be entertained by the Claim
Commissioner, but as she is a very
fine lady, and in great need of assistance,
besides a friend of mine, I cannot
refuse to introduce her, and interest

Department,

Bureau of Fisheries, Commerce, and Agricultural Funds,

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Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.

relative to the proposed bill for the establishment of a national museum of natural history, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
John D. Long,
Secretary of the Interior.

myself in her behalf, although confident
that nothing can be done to secure
any remuneration for her losses

Very Truly Yours
B. D. Raines

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Request the printer of
Baltimore to send
Bells from, Maryland, who
has a claim against the State





Concord N.H. Feb 26th 1869.

General.

The time is so short before the term of President Johnson's Office expires I dare not longer delay, and therefore I present him my own petition for a pardon, will you not Sir, see that it reaches His Hands at an early day, and if you could do so Oh if you would speak a word in my favor. I am told that my wife they fear will become deranged unless I am released and set free.

Oh Sir for the love of Him who alone can read the heart help me at this time. I will soon prove to you if set at liberty that I am worthy of this help. I wrote you the facts of the case the 24th trusting you will do all you can to influence the President to grant my petition I remain Sir

Most Humbly Yours
 Jared M. Davis

Gen O O Howard

Washington D.C.

Hudson Feb. 26th/69

General C. C. Howard

Dear Bro. Had I known of your being at Cleveland, I should have met you there. Was happy to learn of your kind reception. It also gives me great pleasure to hear from W. that your church matters are in so much better state & trust all yet will turn out for the best. I shall watch with some interest to see.

Hear nothing yet of my appointment to that "good place," of which you spoke, which probably "might come in January or Feb." perhaps in the new administration of affairs it will be farther coming. I trust so.

Might not your new buildings be very much protected from the wet by the use of a sort of white-wash cement, such as is used upon Hamilton College?

A gentleman in Cleveland says in England he saw several experiments in order to make good brick after your fashion by the use of the same material ~~the use of~~ cold water in the oven

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process

of making but uniformly failed. but by the use of Hot water the brick in a short time were like stones, even suitable to make abutments for bridges.

Please let me hear from you as soon as practicable.

Yours Fraternally
Nehemiah Cobb

Co. 70. O. O. H. 202. 1. 1864



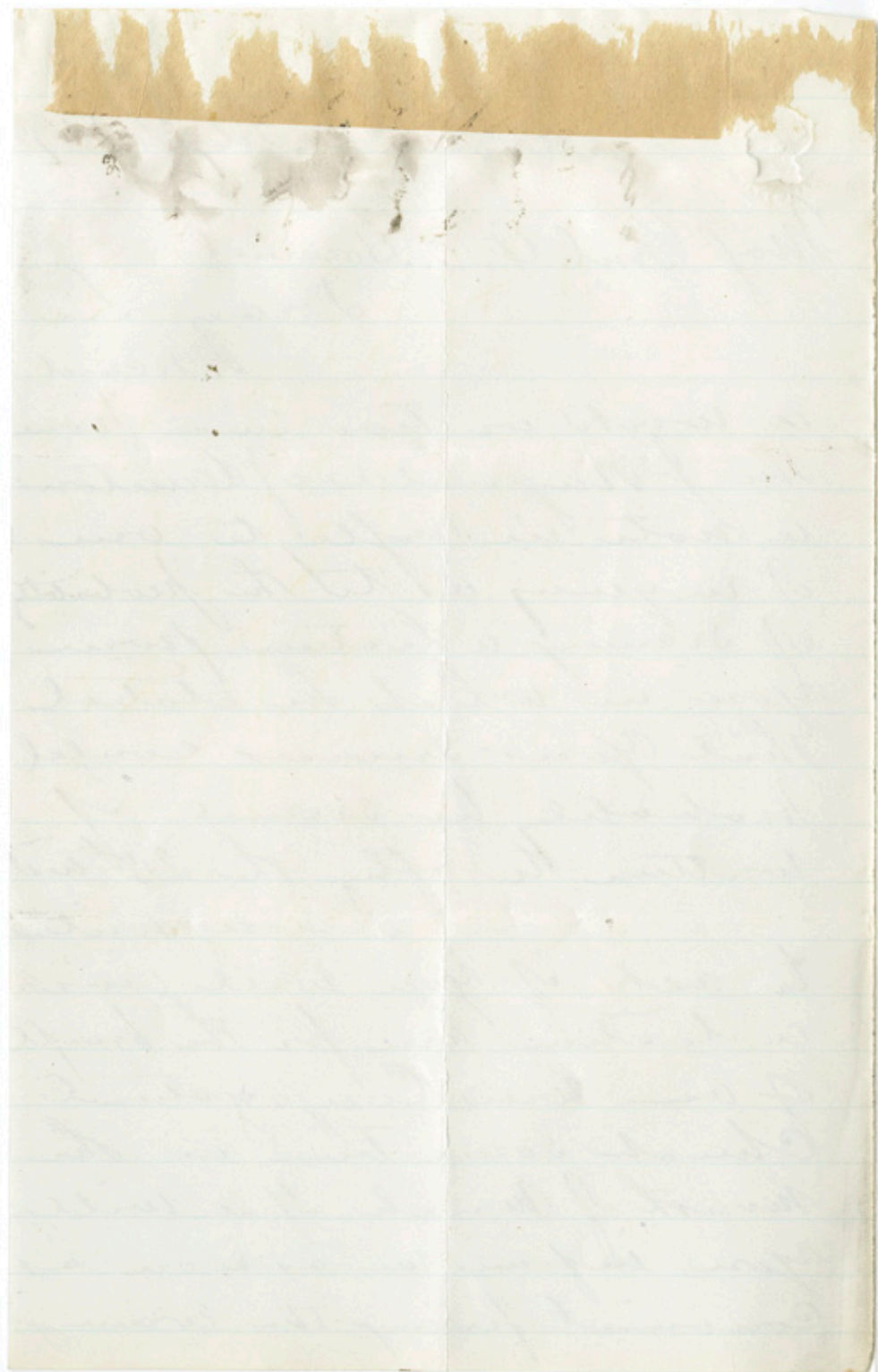
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Maj Genl. P. O. Howard

Dear Sir

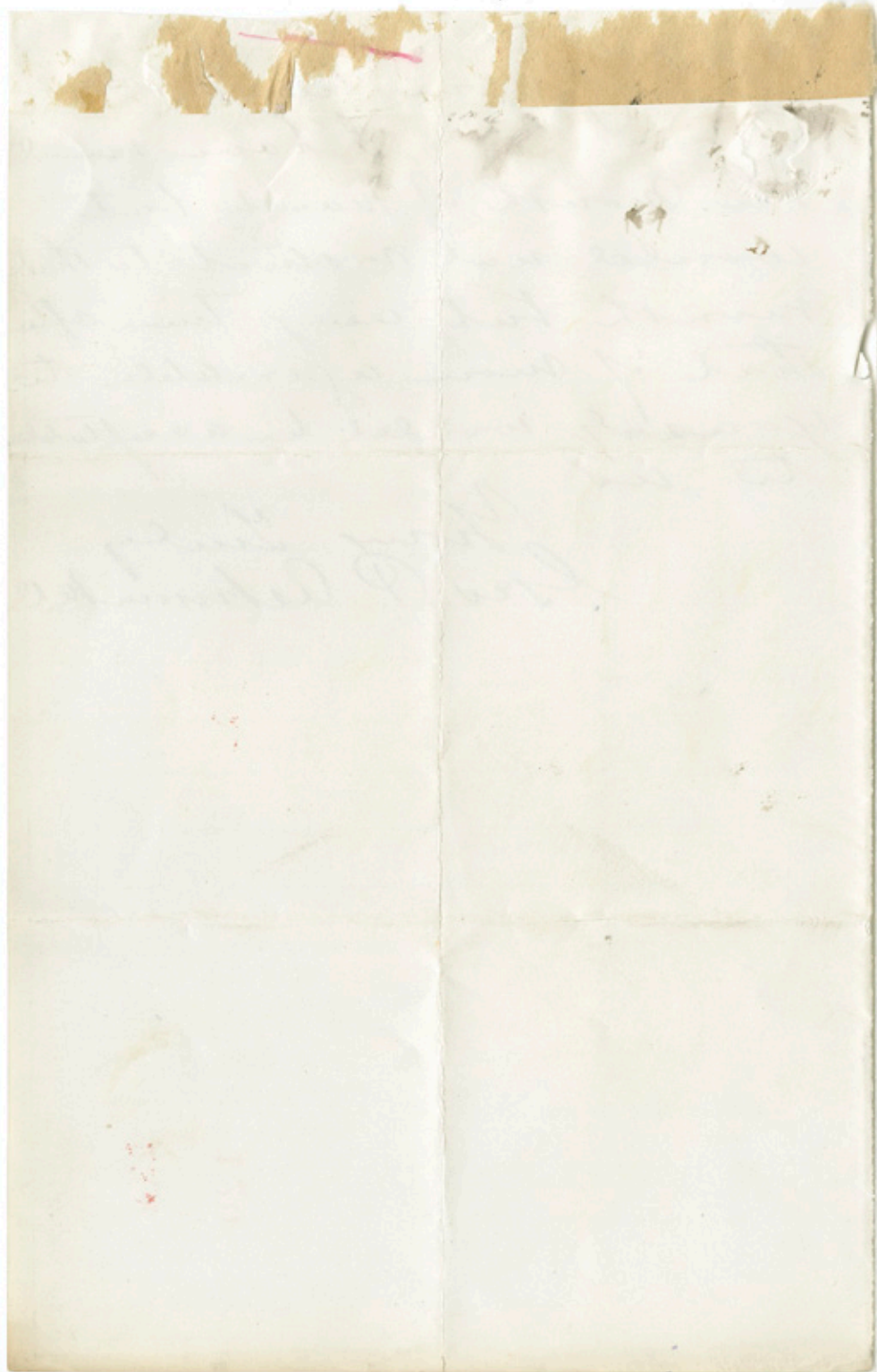
I rec'd
a letter or two since from
Mr J. B. Russell of Canton
a note in reply to one
of inquiring as to the probability
of securing a lecture from
you, in which he stated
that your services would
probably be secured if
written to after the 23rd inst.

I now write
to ask if you will give
a lecture here for the benefit
of our Unit Congregational
Church some time in the
month of March. If so will
you inform me as soon as
convenient fixing the evening



giving you time &c
I have named
the month of March but
would not restrict to that
month, but any time after
that if more agreeable to
yourself would be acceptable
to us

Yours Truly
Geo. P. Astor M.D.





New York Feb. 26th/68

My dear Cassette.

I write you at this time to introduce to you, my friend, the bearer of this, Charles N. Swift, who is a clerk in the 3rd Auditor, Treasury. He tells me, he has the promise of an appointment as Consul abroad. I have known him for ten years & it gives me pleasure to speak of him, as an intelligent, honest & capable young man. He did good service in our late war.

He went out as a private
& received an appoint-
ment as a Captain.
His mother is a New Eng-
land woman - anything
you can do towards fur-
-thering his appointment
will be considered as
personal favor conferred
on your old friends
& classmates.

I am still at Astoria
- Long Heights N.Y. - Am
getting on very comfortably.
It is a long while since
I have heard from or seen
any of my classmates.
Believe me as ever.

Your sincere friend

(P. O. address) Geo. F. Jackson
(Station M.)
(New York City)



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Charlotte W. H. H. H.

My dear lady

I went up to Columbia on
the 23rd found a check there
of the 3rd of Feb which the Apt
lady told me had just arrived
for which please accept the
grateful thanks of me who
shall always feel grateful to
you & a hearty sympathy in
all your trials - I was very
sorry that nothing could be done
under my apprehension of the 10th
see I forwarded you the paper
which has sent to me.

I heard from Col Lusk that you
had been subjected to much annoyance
in the quarantine which kept one
of the buildings - I know you are
too good a Christian not to be
done the wants of men

May a kind Providence smile
 on your future labors, of true
 should you come this way.
 Again I hope to see you
 Very truly yours
 A. Loomer Porter

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New York Feb. 26. 1869—

My dear General—

You may remember that I spoke to you once about the Assessorship of Internal Revenue for the 9th. Congressional District of New York. It is an office which I should like very much to have, and to which I have thought, perhaps, General Grant would be willing to appoint me.

The present Assessor for the District, Mr. Homer Franklin has become notorious for his affiliation with Mr. Johnson, and with the men of questionable character who are Mr. Johnson's willing servants, and who have done much to demoralize the politics of our district.

I will not repeat the rumors which prevail among the best men of our party here, with regard to Mr. Franklin's character, and the discredit into which his official acts have brought him, for I do not suppose that Genl. Grant came for a moment think of retaining him. Mr. Lincoln, I am told, decided to remove him, and selected a successor, but it was just before Mr. Johnson became President, and the latter concluded to retain Mr. Franklin.

The Office of Assessor in our district is the most important, politically, on account of the large number of Assistant Assessors (15) to be appointed - and the amount of fraud that will be practiced unless the Assessor be an honest man who shall have no sympathy with whiskey drinkers or manufacturers.

Mr. Thomas O'Callagan has been an
Collector, and is now suspended from
Office on account of official misconduct.

Our district is the one in which I
have always lived, and which is rep-
resented in Congress, unfortunately, by
Fernando Wood.

I do not know that it will be neces-
sary for any applicant for office whom
you may be willing to recommend,
to speak of personal services in the
late political campaign - For your
own information I will only say, that
I was as active in labor for the success
of our ticket, by speaking and otherwise
as any of my neighbors whom I can
now call to mind. I do not speak of
this, however, as entitling me to any pre-
tension consideration than may be accorded
to any other honest man who may be

an applicant for the office -

I have made no formal application,
and have thought it better not to do so.
Nor have I sought the help of politicians,
or mentioned to anyone outside of a
small circle of friends that I desired
the office -

I ^{have} believed that Genl. Grant with his
knowledge of your own consistent character
and services could not disregard any
recommendation you might make -
but would prefer to accept it.

And whatever of credit, if any, I am en-
titled to for such services as I may have
rendered during the last few years, is
better known to yourself than to any
other public man -

And now, General, if you will form
my application, I shall feel greatly
obliged to you, and I shall value your

highly ~~to~~ your own judgment as to the
best way of making it effectual -

I have not thought it necessary to go
to Washington, as it has seemed to
me that if you were willing to expense
your call personally with Genl. Grant,
such an expensal would undoubtedly
effect the desired result.

Hoping that you will pardon me
for asking of you so great a favor - I am

Very truly your friend -
A. P. Ketchum

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

Com^d of Freedmen Bureau

Washington, D. C.

highly to give our judgment to the
great way of making it effectual -
I have not thought it necessary to go
into the particulars, as it has seemed to
me that if you are willing to follow
my same principle, and not mind
your own opinion, you will understand
effect the desired result.
I hope that you will know me
in writing often and give a favorable
reply to your friend -
A. P. Ketchum

Wm. D. C. Thomas
Genl. of Springfield, Mass.
Hampden Co.

Racine Feb 26 1869

Dear General

I hear from Genl Grant through Mr. Albert that he is going to undertake the reform of Maryland himself

I want you to go to him & state what your associates will allow respecting your knowledge of the undersigned

It is necessary to do this at once as there are more lies afloat than Boynton has told about you -

March 18th 1877

Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst. in relation to the purchase of the property of the late John A. Smith. I have been very much interested in the matter and have been endeavoring to ascertain the exact value of the property. I have been informed that the property is worth about \$10,000. I have been very much interested in the matter and have been endeavoring to ascertain the exact value of the property. I have been informed that the property is worth about \$10,000.

I should like to have the political
paper which the collector of
this Post has. I think we
could see old Maryland
giving on free principles
there, and I should like
to have the privilege of
mining up what Davis
& a few of us see in motion
Will you do me the favor to
see the General when opportunity
in your judgment and
oblige

Yrs. &c.

Hugh L. Bond

My friend C. C. Howard,



Wilmington, Del,
Feb. 26th 1869. }

To Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,
Commissioner,
Washington, D. C.:-

General:-

At the request of the Colored People of Newport, Del., in public meeting assembled, I have the honor to inform you that they unanimously Resolved, that we hereby return our best thanks to Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard, Commr. Bur. R., C., and A. L., for the assistance rendered by the Bureau in the erection of our School Building.

A few weeks since, by invitation of the People, I had the pleasure of dedicating said School Building.

Respectfully,

The Howard Day
Lately Supt. of Schools, Dist. of Md.
and Delaware
Sedy. Freedman's A. & B. Commission
and Delaware Member Col. Men's C. Ex. Com.

