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O. H. PALMER, Sec'y. WM. ORTON, Pres't.

Dated Detroit Mich 10 1869

Received at

To Maj Genl Howard

I regret the inconvenience to which you are subject & hope you will have under all the circumstances reasonably pleasant trip & arrive in good time. The Genl. Supt. asks you to accept of the courtesy of the ~~road~~ Company

W. J. Hunt

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Dated Oshkosh Wis 10 1865

Received at

To Hy Earl Oshkosh

Accept the warm gratitude to day which you are entitled to & the will receive on all the occasions reasonably present this service is good two for the Earl. Right cards for result of the Contest

Yours

Hy Earl

Manassas Va. March 10th 1869

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir:- I am authorized as Secretary of the "Army & Navy Union of the Wesleyan University" Middletown Conn. to extend to you an invitation to deliver the Oration at their 2nd Reunion to be held during Commencement Week next July. The organization consists of several hundred of the graduates and under-graduates of the University who were engaged in the late war for Union & Freedom. The institution boasts that it furnished a greater proportion of its under-graduates to the U. S. service than any collegiate institution of the land.

Senator Cole of the class of '47. Rev. Dr. Tefft of the Class of '35, and Orange Judd Esq. President of the Alumni are expected to participate in the exercises of the occasion. We are anxious however that the chief part should be borne by one of the prominent soldiers of our late conflict

The length and character of the Oration of course would be in your hands.

The Wesleyan University has for some time been the most prominent collegiate institution of the Methodist Episcopal Church,

and has of late taken a great step in advance by reason of generous benefactions of prominent citizens of Boston and New York.

Gen. Van Petten, President of the "Army & Navy Union", and President Cummings of the University join me in asking an early and favorable consideration of this proposition.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully &c
Your Obt. Servt.
Geo C Round
Atty. at Law
"Manassas Va."

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

A. E. Chamberlain.
O. N. Bush.
F. V. Chamberlain.

—OFFICE OF—

ANCHOR IRON WORKS,

No. 53 Vine Street,

Cincinnati, March 10 1869

Bt Major Gen O O Howard

My Dear Sir & Bro

Your very kind letter of March 1st came to hand in good time. I am very greatly obliged for your kindly sympathy. I see by despatches this morning the probabilities are that you will take Sherridans place in the West. I hasten to say that should this be the case or should any other duty bring you West, that myself & family will most certainly expect a visit from you. My residence you know is 371 West Seventh st. where you will always find an open door and warm hearts to receive you & your precious family. You have only to indicate by what train you will reach our city to have our carriage at the Depot. Bring the whole family we have plenty of room. (I will agree not to make you quite as hard as I did before). Remember me very kindly to Mrs Howard your Mother and the Gen'l. They are all very kind to me

Very truly

Your Bro

A E Chamberlain

Architect's Office Capitol Extension,
Washington D.C. March 10th 1869.

Major Genl. O. O. Howard
Commissioner of Bureau of
Freedmen & Abandoned Lands.

General:

I have examined the plan of the Howard University Building which shows the buttresses and additional walls which Mr. Searle, the Architect proposes to add to that structure, and am of the opinion that these improvements are judicious, and meet my approval.

I would advise that the filling in of the buttresses be of good hard bricks, and that they be tied through the walls by iron bars, as suggested by the Architect.

I am

Very respectfully,
Your obt. servant
Edwd Clark.
Architect.

Rooms of the Texas Commissioners
Washington House
Washington. D.C. March 10. 1869

Gen. O. O. Howard.

Dr Sir: General E. J. Davis, desires me to ask you if it would be your pleasure to procure for him a personal interview with the President of the U. S. and if you would be kind enough to let him know your determination as early as practicable.

I called this morning to see you upon this mission, but finding you out, left this communication to make known General Davis' request

Very respectfully
Your obdt Servant
A. J. Bennett
Secretary to Commissioners

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Washington D.C.
Mar. 10th 1869.

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Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard
Commissioner
Bureau F. R. & A. L.
Washington D.C.

Dear General

As I am informed you are about leaving the District, and the Bureau will soon be closed up, I write to ask if you will recommend me to the Sec. of War for a clerkship. I think that the objection made to me by Genl Beck has been removed; in proof of which, will state that my injuries have been partly overcome, and by a close observence of the laws of health my physical condition so much improved, that since my transfer to

over

your Bureau, nearly fifteen months since, I have been absent from duty, but three days from ill health, and ten on pass, thirteen days in all

I have not as yet been able to bring my project in the Post Office Dep't to a successful termination, but have a good prospect of ultimately doing so. If you will assist me to keep in employment until I do so, will feel grateful

Your Obedient Servant

H. V. Rothery

Please find inclosed my application

H. N. R.

11th

Personal

Media, Penn. March 11. 1869

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard

My dear Friend. Allow me to express my great satisfaction, with your appointment to the charge of Indian Affairs, & to say beyond that if there is any thing such an humble Civilian as I can do, to promote their advantage of the tribes or of the country, I shall be happy to hear from you.

You will remember my name I have no doubt, in connection with the Commission during the war, and with the Freedmen Bureau. On this behalf I once had the pleasure of seeing you at your homestead in Maine. I have been trained from childhood to study and commiserate the Indian, & if I can serve you in any way, please let me know. The enclosed card will indicate the work in which I am at present chiefly interested.

Yours respectfully

Joseph Parrish

Parish Joseph

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Chelsea Mass March 11. 1869

Genl O. O. Howard
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

At the commencement of the war I was favored with some letters from you concerning the religious interest in the Army Since then I have often tried to see you when in Boston but it always happened that by the time I found out that you was there you had left You have never given the people of Chelsea an opportunity to hear you and I am sure they would like to do so Our Sabbath School has its 18th anniversary May 16th and we should esteem it a great favor if you could be present at that time and address us As being about the time of all the May meetings I hope you may be able to come

I would like as early a reply as convenient as I must engage a speaker if you cannot favor us

Yours with Respect
James L. Gilmore
Supt of the Broadway Congl S. School
Chelsea Mass

Confidential.

Department of the Interior.

PENSION OFFICE.

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Washington D.C., March 11th 1869.

Sir;

I have the honor to communicate to you a private wish that you would authorize me to coöperate with you, in any way you think proper, in promoting Indian reform.

Should you think proper to grant an interview, or to correspond on the subject, I refer you to Senator Wilson, from whose state I am appointed.—

Please regard this note as strictly confidential. I have no desire to make any change, except from a sense of religious duty. If I can be of use to you, in gathering and preparing documents, or in correspondence, please command my humble services.

Gen. O. O. Howard,
U.S.A.,
Washington,
D.C.

Truly Yrs.,
Chas. W. Denison.
U.S. Pen. Exr., Room 26.

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U. S. MILITARY TELEGRAPH.

11 45 am

2 War Dept Mch 11th 1869.

By Telegraph from Rochester Ny 11 1869.

To

Maj Gen O O Howard

Can you come April first or eighth?

John A Reynolds

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Expect letter.

Saturday night —

Subscription — 200.

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March 11. 1869

Dear General.

This is the first visit to your institution and it does my heart good to think of the noble work that engages your attention. It is a pity that you are called to relinquish it. I fear that your sympathies will find it harder to deal with the Savages than with the humanity of the Negro.

I am more anxious than ever, to get my claim off the Government settled, so that I may think of something else too. I do want to go home (of the Chiefs orders) and with a cheerful heart, and some support and recognition by Congress. Now that we have a President in the Chair who will charge upon the Southern people the necessity of obeying and respecting every department of the General Government. I think I can be of some use. I know that I can be if my position is satisfied. And I can be placed as Genl. Sherman and his officers desired to place me when they were in Savannah.

If rats with Congress to make me a loyal man or make me feel like a "renegade" and "scalawag" for the balance of my days — I begin to go home only with the kindest feelings towards the Government. And then I can face the Criticism, and Command the respect of my fellow citizens —

A Southern Union man in the late War is entitled to a hearing — Fortunately since the late administration has felt it a duty to administer the Government for the benefit of the larger number rather than the few — so that Rebels at the South are the heroes — and the Union men — the traitors.

Senator Hamlin — who ought to know my position well, has taken charge of my cause — there is a new Committee in the Senate — and with your assistance I am sure that the matter can now go through — Senator Howe I know is too fair a man to let me fail — I have a beautiful letter from Quarter master Meigs — who admits a full account of my Cotton — on record in his Department — and gives as the only excuse for taking them of — "There "was then and there no time to investigate the claims "set up by persons claiming to be loyal"

"Time enough has elapsed since then to try the loyalty
"of claimants, and from what I have heard, and from the
"letter of General Sherman, I am convinced that justice
"from the Country to one who was true in time of peril
"and difficulty will not be satisfied until you are paid
"whatever your Cotton they captured produced when sold
"by the United States" — So writes the Quartermaster.

I cannot go into the Court of Claims because I cannot trace the Nett proceeds. No seperate account of any one parcel was kept by the Treasury Agent. — The Savannah Cotton was all mixed together and a great deal of it pronounced as damaged having been landed at Staten Island where temporary Wooden Sheds were built to protect it. it was sold at a great disadvantage and a slenderish account returned to the United States —

My Cotton was seized under a Statute passed to prevent fraud and for the protection of union men — There is no law of Confiscation — by which the proceeds can be kept in the Treasury.

I have made a full showing of my case — I claim no more than my Obtained for the good Cotton sold at public Auction — as may be learned from the files of the Treasury Department — I claim no interest or rents for the money so long kept for the use of the Treasury — all that I ask is a fair acknowledgement of the unintentional wrong that I have suffered. And a fair adjudication of my claim by the only tribunal who can act for the people when they are aggrieved.

During so great a war — some questions and cases arise that are very hard to settle just right — Statutes and laws cannot reach them — a Gordian knot may to be loosed — Congress has power alone to relieve me. I know that the sympathy of the Army is with me and so is that of all the members of Congress with whom I have conversed — I did not intend to write more than a page when I commenced — but I desire and ask your influence with the Senate Committee on Claims — Very respectfully Your obedt Svt.

To General O. O. Howard — &c. &c.

"Wylly Woodbridge of Savannah.

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Capt Gladen

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Washburn, (formerly Lincoln) College.

Tuition Free To Candidates for the Ministry,
Union Soldiers honorably discharged, and
Children of Home Missionaries of all Evangelical Denominations.

Topeka, Kansas, March 11 1869.

Gen. O. Howard:

Dear Sir:

I write to you for information. A woman calling herself Miss A. E. Drury is canvassing the State for an "Industrial Institution." She is using your name freely in her work, and has recently advertised a "Lottery" at Lawrence, called a "Bureau Distribution", which was made up of 10000 tickets at a dollar a piece. Ticket holders say the "Lottery" is a humbug. Rev. L. H. Platt, of Topeka, says he has detected her in falsehood, and he is confident that she is collecting money for her own use. She acknowledged that she changed her railroad pass from September to January and has been using it. She advertised a concert using the names of singers without their consent, and pocketed the money. She induced Hon. M. S. Adams, Speaker of the House, to be President of her Industrial

Institution on showing him your signature endorsing her. In the same way she has procured the names of a number of other state officers. Mr. Platt has known of her pranks for two years — how much longer she has been building her imaginary Institution he does not know.

Will you please inform ~~Dr~~ us whether she has your endorsement, and if so, on what grounds.

I remain,
Yours Very Truly.
Jno. D. Parker.

Washington March 11th/69

Gen. O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir,

I trust you will pardon my presuming to take up your precious time, by writing to you, in behalf of my nephew, Walter H. Whittier, who joined our church one month ago; & for whom I would ask your aid, in getting him some employment; as you are acquainted with several who have power & influence I will try briefly to state his circumstances. He is a son of my husband's sister. In 1850. his father & my husband, left each of their wives, with nine children, in March, & started for California. His father has never returned: Walter was then not 4. years old, his mother, a feeble woman, with one of her

children subject to fits, wh[illegible]
the next year, struggled on,
hair up her 5. boys; then li[illegible]
in Wisconsin. In 57. (the elde[illegible]
having gone to California) &
her eldest daughter having
settled in Ashtabula, Ohio, she
took her youngest daughter
& started for that place; arriving
at the Depot, she stood upon the
track, looking for her son in law,
when they backed up a car [illegible] him
her, that crushed her so horribly
that she was carried to [illegible]
daughters a corpse.

At the commencement of
the war, her 3. oldest sons that
were home, enlisted & served
all through the war, one of
them dying in Salisbury prison
just before its close. — Walter is a
young man of good habits, a
good writer, having no trade, but

can be trusted with untold gold. I feel that his family have done enough for their country, & suffered enough, (one brother was severely wounded at the battle of Petersburg Landing) to entitle him to consideration as belonging to a family of soldiers; as he was not old enough to enlist at the time of the war.

Will you consider his case; & see if you can do any thing in his behalf; so he may obtain some employment that will give him support?

By so doing you may obtain the blessing promised to him who "considers the poor" & greatly aid an orphan child.

I remain your true friend & sister in Christ

Mary C Moores

41. South A. St. Washington D. C.

Thos. C. Moreg

Moore

Atlanta ga March 11th 1868

Reuerent Mr. Howard

I take the pleasure of write to you to let you know we are getting long in school we all are getting very nicely this year and we all are going to have exbition in two week and I would be glad to have you come down here if you can we are going to have a very nice one indeed I surpose we are prasterine every day for it very hard to have a nice and I think we will sucksed in doing it. come if you can we would like to have you I know. I remain a scholar from Star school.

Gen. O. O Howard

Amanda. Howard

Box 568

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Cottage Industrial School
March 12th 1869.

Dear General Howard,

I am greatly troubled about the School-Building – What can you do for me? Will you not secure it to me before your connection with the Bureau ceases, so that I need not fear another interruption to my school?

Permit me to express my heartfelt thanks for all you have done to aid me in the work I have undertaken for the freedmen, and my deep regret that you are so soon to withdraw from the Bureau. God bless you, dear General – Wherever you may go, may Divine Love watch over you!

Very gratefully Susan Walker

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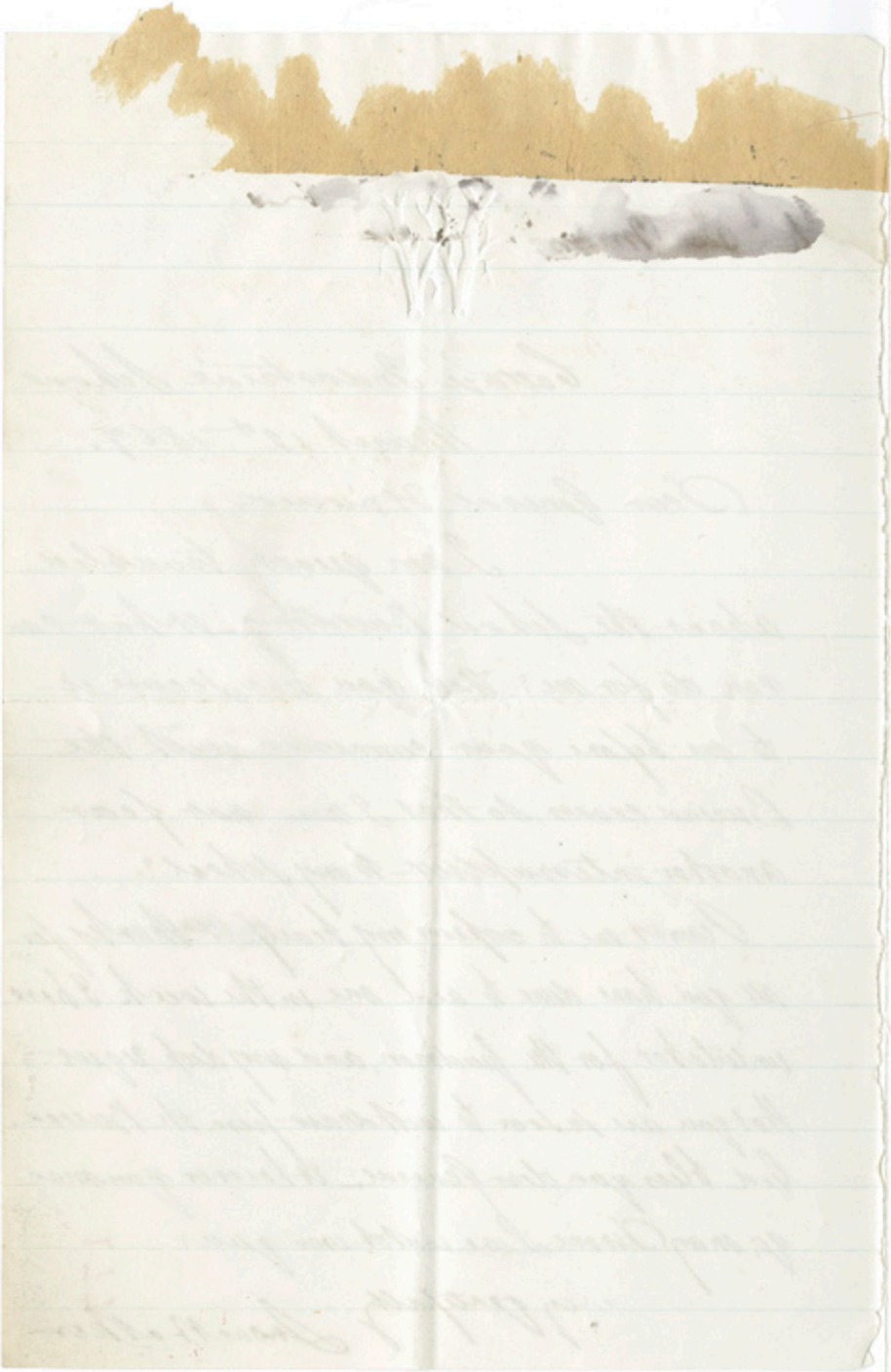
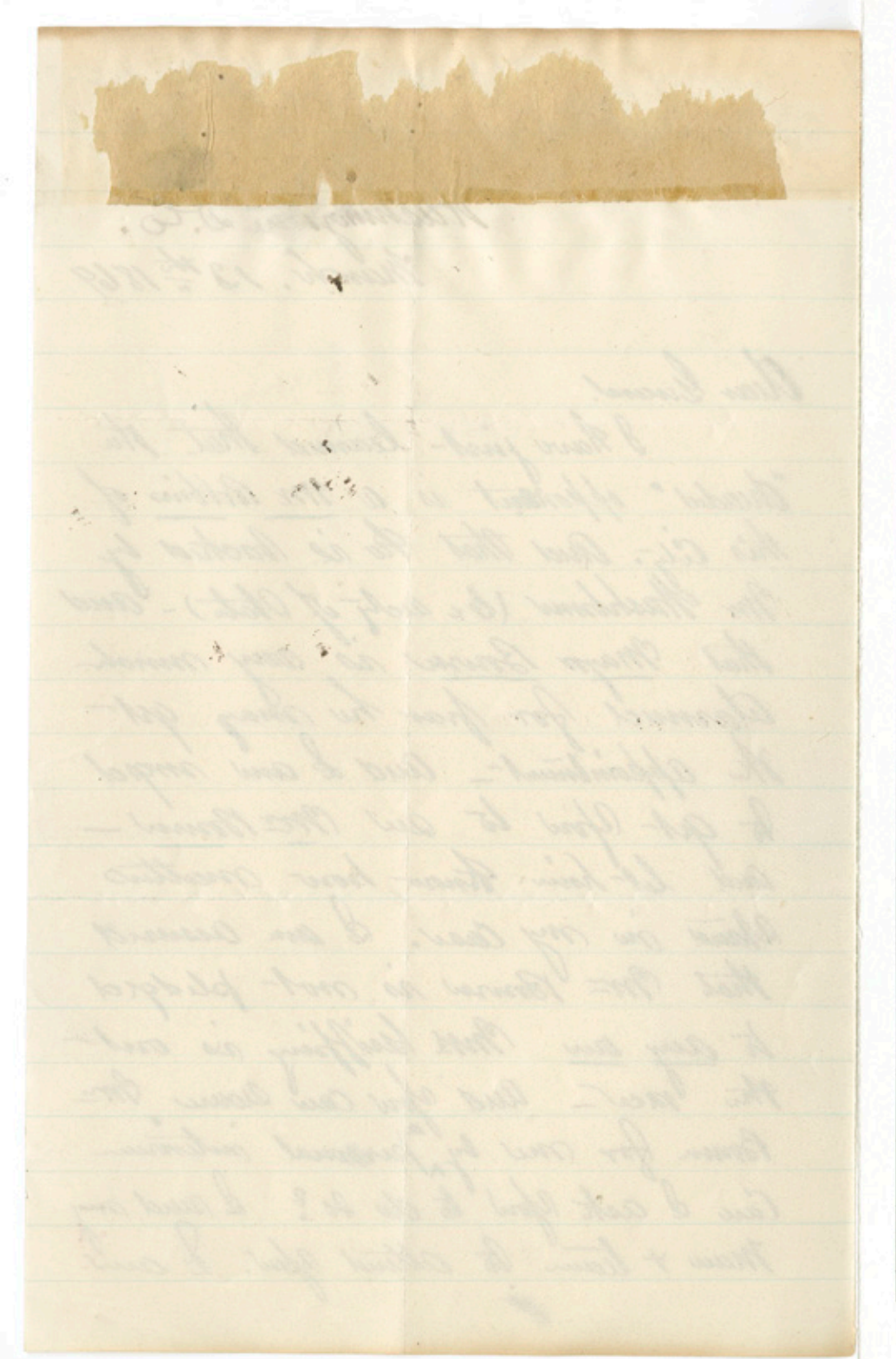


Washington D.C.
March. 12th 1869

Dear General.

I have just learned that the "dreaded" opponent is a Mr Ribbins of this city. And that he is backed by Mr Washburn (Ex sec'ty of State) - and that Mayor Brown is very much alarmed for fear he may get the appointment - And I am urged to get you to see Mr Brown - and let him know how matters stand in my case. I am assured that Mr Brown is not pledged to any one Mr Griffing is out the race - And you can come Mr Brown for me by a personal interview Can I ask you to do so? I send my man & team to attend you. I am



going to the Capitol. to get some one to see Mr. Washburn, —

With many many thanks for your kindness.

I am dear General.

Truly Yours —

J. W. Vandervoort

P.S.

Mr. Brown with me I think success is certain.

J. W. V.

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Nashville Tennessee 5

March 12 = 1869.

Dear General

A Nashville paper states this morning that you will about the first of April be transferred to a command which will in some way give you charge of Indian Affairs generally.

Thereon I telegraphed you that I would like either to succeed you in the old work or be with you in the new. I should like much to push along again the schools which were the matter of

most interest to me while in the Bureau, or to have permanent and interesting work connected with our aborigines.

At present I command the Post of Nashville, without physical ability to do that duty well, to the exclusion of my own Lieutenant Colonel, whose appropriate command it is.

It was a constant, pleasant thought to me in years gone by that I should serve with you hereafter, and I shall be glad if such be now your pleasure and the public interest.

Yours, very truly,
Wager Swayne

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

Washington D.C.
March 1869
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Gen: O. O. Howard
Dear Sir

A short time ago I sent you a copy of 1st edition of "Washington's Will" Not having heard from you I feel satisfied it has escaped your attention — Were it not for my poverty I would not thus annoy you, but really dear Sir I am too poor to loose even so small an amount as its price (50c) & I must humbly ask your attention to it.

Respectfully &c
Your Obt Servt

A. Jackson
Box No 554
Washington
D.C

50 cts rec'd by J H Cook
Mch 13th 1869

Dr. Wm. Wright