St Louis, Mo.
April 6. 1869.

Dear General,

It is my aim to secure the appointment of City Engineer in this City. This office is nominated by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council. The department as organized at present, based on corruption and abuses, has many enemies and especially are all Civil engineers, who care the least for their reputation, anxious to procure a change. At their instance I have concluded to make an

effort to obtain the nomination. Not personally acquainted with the Mayor elect, Mr Nathan Cole, I have to ask friends of mine, know Mr Cole to use their influence in my behalf. Among them are the best citizens and as an engineer I have the support of nearly all the civil engineers of the City. Mr Cole is a very straightforward character, who, I am confident, will place much value in anything that may be said by you, General. I would therefore ask you to address a few lines to Mr Cole knowing that nothing but the purest truth falls from your lips. Perhaps

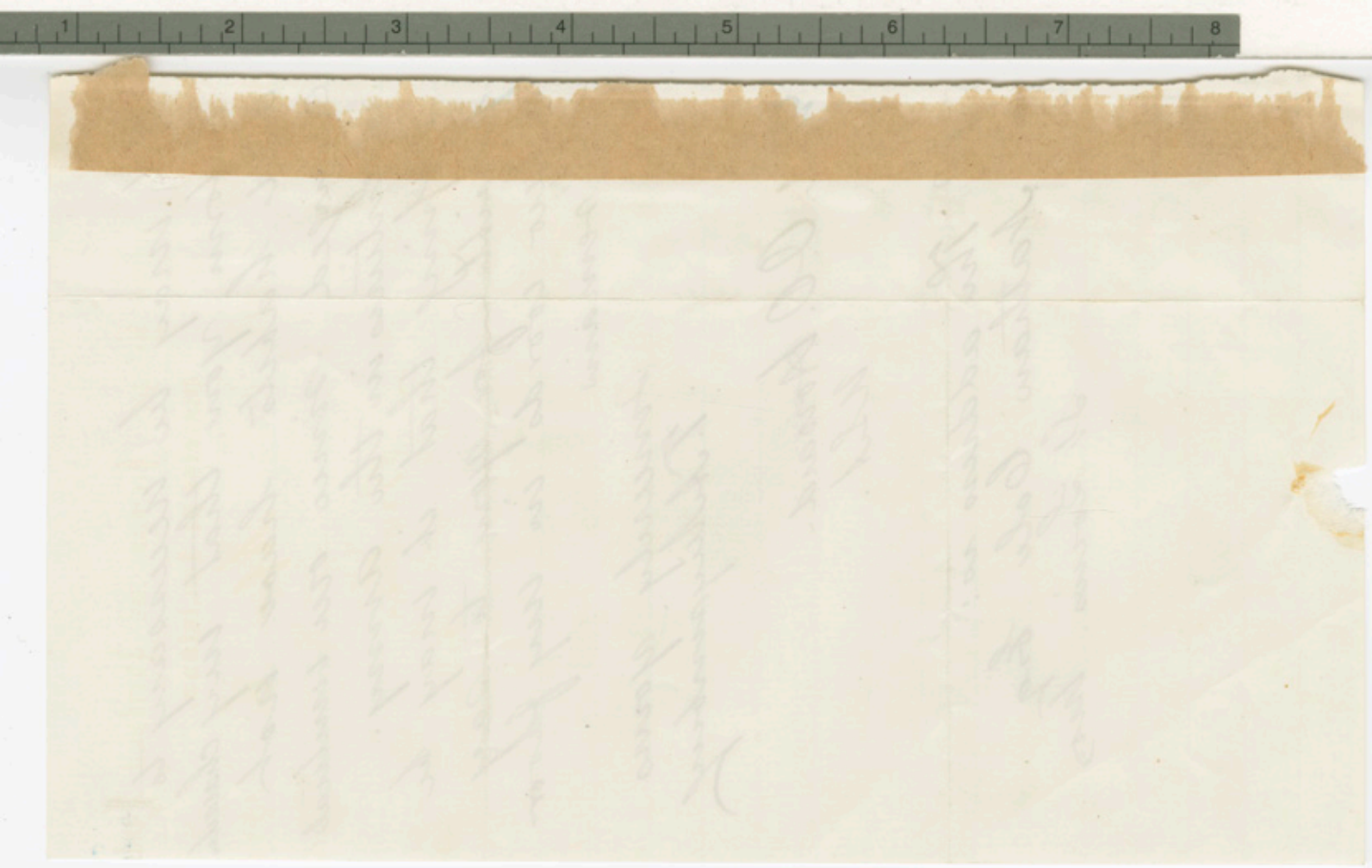
it may be necessary to inform you that my character and habits have not changed since our mutual adventures in the army.

Hoping that it may be possible for you to say a few words in my favor I remain

Sincerely yours
T. A. Meysenburg

Genl. O. O. Howard.
USA.

P.S. The address is:
Nathan Cole Esq
St Louis. Mo.



Washington D.C. April 6th 1869.

Dear General:

At a meeting of the Trustees of Howard University, on the 5th inst., you were, on motion of J. M. Ellwood, unanimously elected to the office of President of the University.

The Trustees were advised that you did not desire a Salary; but, being by the By-laws obliged to designate one, they named a merely nominal amount.

Permit me to express my personal gratification at the choice and the hope that you will at once enter upon the discharge of the duties.

Very Truly Yours.

W. F. Pascoe

Secretary. Pro. tem.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard.

Washington D.C.

next Thursday - Please
send word to me here as
to Mason's appt on receipt
of this that I may know,
I have certain plans depending
upon this knowledge.

I got letters this morning from my
wife & on A. M. C. business
but none from you -

Yours truly
O. O. Howard

HEADQUARTERS
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
District of Louisiana.

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New Orleans, Apr. 6 1869.

Dear Brother:

Arriving this morning I find no one knows whether you are coming but all saw the telegram indicating that you were not. I found the street in front of this building filled with colored people who have been waiting all day for bounty - claims - At Freedmen's Bank they were surprised to have the disbursing taken away and have not yet had any letter of explanation. Inspector Harris is there. I write informally today but may make some official visits - According

to my orders I have to do with nothing except school matters - So in mentioning other things I do it unofficially - I suppose the change from the Bureau of the disbursing of Claims was on Gen. Hatch's & Gen. Cowall's recommendation. Inspector Harris would gladly give any information desired as to the former manner of conducting the business.

$300 per month is paid for this Head quarters building - I should think it well for the D.O. to operate at the Bureau if at all practicable and save this expense. If Gen. Hatch returns I suppose he will arrange this.

An Official paper from Rev. Mr. Healy will be forwarded soon regarding the N. O. University. You authorized a disbursement and the A. M. A. have secured a fine site remote from the part of the city where Dr. Newman's Normal School (Methodist) is located. But Gen. Hatch failed to complete the contract and order the materials before he left. I hope you will give the necessary orders so that Bro Healy can proceed with the building -

It seems there is no provision for Supt. of Education - Mr. Mason is ready to enter at once upon the duties - There are no schools, aides by the Bureau outside of New Orleans and two schools in operation - I go to Texas

father. I am aware that there is only a very remote possibility that it may be in your power to give me a favorable answer.

It is my earnest prayer that a kind Providence may still continue to shield yourself & family amidst the dangers of your new field of service & that your influence may be made for a long time to yet more & more a blessing to the world.

And may those great enterprises in the national metropolis, which you have so much at heart, not be allowed to suffer irreparable injury from your going elsewhere.

Please present my very kind remembrances to Mrs H. & believe me as ever,

yours with sincere affection & regard

Dan'l S. Talcott

Bangor Me. Jan
Apr. 6 1866

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

My dear General,

As I see by the newspapers that you are about to go to Louisiana, I write to inquire whether there is any vacant place on your staff that could be given to my son. He has at present an interest in a coal business in St Louis, which he thinks of relinquishing, as he finds it neither lucrative nor pleasant, & he has it in mind to go on a trading expedition to New Mexico, where he spent several months last year. He was mercifully brought back from there in safety through all the dangers & hardships of a winter journey across the plains (part of it performed alone) & what is more I have abundant reason to believe that he came back uncontaminated in his ~~religious~~ moral character. But I shrink from the thought of his going out again into that

godless region. He is not a Christian. Perfectly free from all bad habits, + using neither alcohol nor tobacco in any form he is resting, I fear, upon the outward decorum of his life. So that while I feel that I have unspeakable reason for gratitude to God that he has been so wonderfully enabled to resist temptation, it is a source of constant anguish to me to think of his going on in life + especially of his going forth again to such a distance from all religious influences without that holiness without which no man shall see the Lord. Now if there is any place at your disposal, either on your staff or elsewhere, in which he would be brought from day to day under your direct personal influence, I should esteem it a high privilege to be permitted to offer it to him. I think I could induce him to accept it gladly + give up his plan of going to N. Mexico, + in that case I shd cherish a strong hope that having the claims of religion enforced upon him + its power illustrated in the daily life of one for whom he could not fail to have the highest respect, he might by the blessing of God be brought into the Kingdom.

My son, I may add, is in his 22d year (twenty second), has a good person, is five feet, nine or ten inches, high, + is far more than ordinarily athletic. I think I can answer confidently for his perfect honesty + trustworthiness in all respects. I do not know that I ever detected him in a falsehood. He has a kind + generous nature, + rather an uncommon power of gaining the favor of those with whom he is associated. His personal courage is very remarkable. He was fitted for College some years since, but has never had a fondness for study of any kind. He writes a fair hand + has some knowledge of book-keeping, which I suppose might be readily perfected, if he should have occasion to make use of it.

I trust, my dear Sir, you will excuse this long letter, for you know the heart of a

P.O. Box 460

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Richmond Va. April 7th 1869

My dear General

My cousin Mr Poore & myself are about engaging in a real estate business in this state. Our attention shall be directed to securing northern emigration to the South. We desire to refer to a few gentlemen in the north, & request authority to use your name. I send you a copy of a letter sent us by Genl Schenck, endorsed by Genl Garfield & Mr Blaine, Speaker, allowing the use of their names –

We intend, when opportunity offers, to divide large tracts of land & sell to the freedmen –

Hoping to hear from you at an early day. I am, Very Respectfully,

Yr. Wood Smith

Copy

Richmond Va. April 4th 1869,

Hon R.C. Schenck

Washington D.C.,

Dear General.

I propose to open a general real estate office in this city for the sale of lands in Virginia, and the neighboring Southern States. My attention shall be directed to securing Northern emigration to the South, and as I intend to advertise very generally throughout the south, desire permission to refer to you.

Very Truly Yours.

(Sgd) Frederick W. Poor.

I shall assist Mr Poor -

Max Woodhull

See page 119 Copy of letter from Mr Schenck to Mr Poor

copy

House of Representatives
Committee of Ways & Means.
Washington D.C. June 5. 1869.

Frederick W. Poor. Esqr.
Richmond, Va.

See page 114.

Dear Sir:

I have your note of yesterday informing me of your purpose to open an office in the city of Richmond for the sale of real estate in Virginia and other Southern States. Knowing your character for integrity and your business habits and capacity, I cheerfully give you leave to refer to me.

Very truly Yours.

(Signed) Robt. C. Schenck.
Rep. 3d Dist. Ohio.

Mr. Poor may also refer to us—

(signed) J. A. Garfield
Rep. 19th Dist. Ohio.

(signed) J. G. Blaine
Speaker U.S. House of Reps

Franklin Del. Co. New York.
7 April 1869.

Gen. Howard.

Respected Sir.

I have long been wishing to see you in regard to two things. One was respecting Dr Boynton, but I did not wish to speak to you as a stranger, but lately meeting Bro. Taylor's family in Binghamton, (of whom Bro T. was a classmate) from conversation had respecting Boynton I spoke of some things I knew of the man. I freely speak to you. I knew Boynton when he was preaching in Housatonic Mass, at which time was licensed to preach in Maine. Came back to Mass, where I married & occupied his pulpit 6 Sabbaths during a journey this. He did not act the gentlemanly part or Christian with me. He was haughty & overbearing, attend more to fishing in the brooks than fishing for me. His true & proper name is Kellogg. He is an illegitimate child of a lawyer Kellogg of West Stockbridge. His mother is a Boynton, one of the most ill tempered women I ever knew. I never met with her equal.

The boy who wrote an article against you
then a law attending a Family School held soon
our house. Kept by a Young man by the name
of Bartlett. The book became occasion to check
several times for his misconduct & foul
raved & threatened like a maniac. The
& Congregation & world people & churches are a
General had but little confidence in
piety. He soon left after I was at Hanover
ville or rather while I was there. Remain
there when the Council dismissed him, intending
to take the Care of Lansingburg. I moved the carriage
with him, he made this remark. "Man
Butler popularity is high in the mental
and if Hardshell people what me & colleg
they must pay for it." I thought a
Strange remark. My cousin Hosea the
While LL.D. Sec. of the Mass. Board Mission
Ed. & son at Boston at Troy, nephew in
Washington D.C. Supreme Court, of which him
the an him (Boynton) preaching that he
church in Troy, but they had no very high
his piety. Mr White while a Editor in Philly
College Mass said to me, after he was men
him (B) better go to stone cutting Joel T.
He used to get out marble & saw in slabs
grave stones & I believe engrave them

you'd soon after left for Cincinnati, & spent winter next to the South Cong. Church Pittsfield, Berk. Mass. & left there assigning as their reason that the people of Mass. were not congenial as the western people. However to appreciative flatterers, which remarks offended many. The truly fine, intellectual & far seeing men were then carried away with him. He is a self-made man & picked up knowledge. No mental or actual training has he received in men's college & theol. sem. & therefore shows that he is proud of this. He used to scorn the Berkshire Asso. look down upon Boston ministers, who were far in advance of him in intellectual culture & manners & of that kind delight as something great, & in that he would not deign to exchange ideas. Pulpits with them & spoke often disparagingly of their talents. His companions were men like John Ford, C. Edwards Lester, Samuel T. Headley, even one who's sermons were [illegible] Mass. [illegible] are them.

struck off the list of ministers of the Bost
Univ Association, Rev Dr Peters, remarking
afterwards in private, he did not know which
one would come of the list first, if all were
put in, as their characters were alike.
Now he turns up at Washington, throwing his influ-
ence against the poor Negro, whose condition
I feel well know, & for whom I have always
had a great sympathy. Being born among them
in the County where John Brown died a martyr
& left there for Ohio England because I detest
Slavery!! A free-well-bred gentleman Boy-
ton never was. His illegitimate descent does
seem to humble him (or more properly keep
him on the alert) as to arrogating too much.
He wrote to me from Hartsborough & said me but
little for preaching for him, taking advantage
of my necessities. I dont wonder that he
has made a disturbance in the Congl. Church
in Washington & created a party for him.
This is his trade, and the sooner he goes
away the better for the Church. He
left me his pamphlet. I read it but
little, & was sorry to see such spirit
manifested towards you & those who differed
from him.

I hope that he will quietly retire. For those Congl. churches at the North have a voice in the Church in Washington, as they gave their means to build the Church. When in Mass. he never united with the Berkshire Ass. although a settled minister in the Columbia Presbytery. This looks wrong as his present position is that of a Presbyterian & not a Congregationalist. If ever I meet you I could say more. But I refer you to Dr Todd of Pittsfield Mass.

My second topic is this. I am anxious to obtain a position in some College as a Professor of the Modern Languages & Greek, Latin, Sanskrit & Arabic & Hebrew. I have devoted many years to these languages, and can bring the best testimonials from a number of Professors in Yale, Union, Harvard & other Colleges

as to my attainments. I have
lately returned from Berlin where
where I was a year, spending
most of my energies on German,
Sanskrit & Greek. together with
slight acquaintance I have
in Egyptology under Professor
I know that you had influence
the Freedmen Colleges & might be
one a position, provided a vacancy
I furnishing you the necessary papers
have letters from Professors Roedi
Weber of Berlin in addition to those
have already mentioned. I am
preaching to the Plymouth Congl. church
town, & teaching German here & Lat
I hope that I may hear from you,
you can conveniently answer my
I had occasion to write to Mr Lawrence
Congress & as I did not know your address
I wished him to find out & forward.

With the greatest respect
I am your obedient servant
Rev. George R. Entler

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Washington D.C.
April 7th 1869.

Major General O. O. Howard
Commissioner Bureau R.F.&A.L.
Washington, D.C.

General:

Some days ago I had the honor of calling upon you, for the purpose of asking you to endorse me, as an applicant for a clerkship in some one of the Departments. You kindly granted my request, and said to me at the time that "If I found it necessary, you would give me a separate letter, recommending me." This I find will be necessary, General, "& I have called this morning to ask, that, if you can consistently do so, you will give me a strong letter to some one of the Secretaries, asking that I be appointed. This is asking a great deal, I know, but I am sure General Howard that if you were aware of my circumstan-

-ces, and of the inexpressible anxiety which I feel at being out of employment, and without the means to provide for my family, (which will soon be the case unless I can get work) your kindness of heart which has heretofore led you to befriend the needy would cause you to take an interest in my case.

My family numbers, now, three. My wife is in very delicate health and unable to undergo the hardships which seem staring us in the face, yet she does not murmur, and is willing to share with me the trials to which we are being subjected. "Troubles, they say, never come singly." In my case this adage has certainly proven true, for day before yesterday, death came to our home, and demanded our little girl, the youngest child, and this, aside from the grief occasioned by the loss of our dear one, has swept away nearly all of our means upon which we had expected to live until I could find employment.

Under these circumstances I come to you General Howard, and, as a Christian man, appeal to your sympathy, and ask your aid. I have written this to hand you because I could not hope to find you alone, and I feel a great hesitancy in speaking of subjects herein

referred to in the presence and hearing of a third party.

As to the reputation and character I bore whilst a clerk in the Bureau over which you preside, I would respectfully invite your attention to the enclosed recommendation of Gen'l. Henry W. Whitteley, under whom I served. I would also refer you, as to my character, to the Rev. B. Peyton Brown, late pastor of Foundry M. E. Church, (of which Church I am a member) but now stationed at Wesley Chapel. I leave the matter with you Sir, believing that you will do all you can to relieve me.

Very respectfully

Your Obt. Servant

T. Taylor Page

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Burnet House
Cincinnati Ohio
April 7 1869

My Dear General

I am detained here until the 15th my children sick with the measles. if important communication can reach me here until that time

Very Truly
Yours
Edward Hatch

Maj Genl O. O. Howard
Washington
DC