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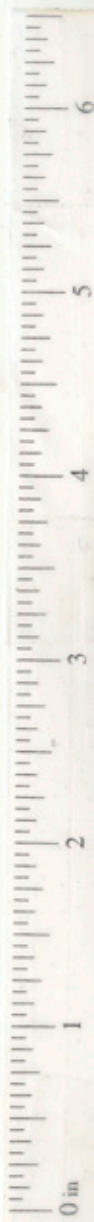
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Washington City, *25 June*, 1869.

Gen O. O. Howard,

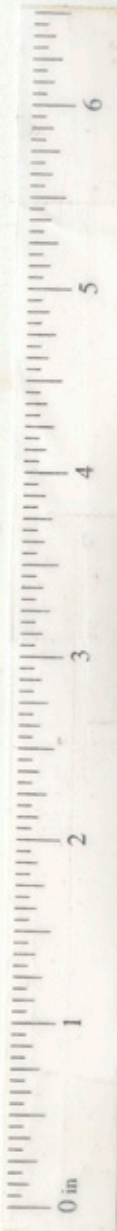
My dear Sir,

Again I have  
stormed the Fortress  
to no purpose. I retreat  
retreat however in good  
order and without the  
loss of a single gun.  
If the article on the "Freedmen's  
Bureau" is a failure, it  
is not the fault of  
Yours Truly  
"Olivia!"



OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

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Washington June 25, 1869.

Gen. O. O. Howard;

Dear Sir:

We should be pleased to have you attend a meeting of the teachers of our city Public Schools on Saturday morning at 9½ o'clock precisely, at the Miller School Building, on K Street, between 6th and 7th Streets. The occasion will be improved by way of inaugurating my work as Superintendent. The Mayor will preside.

Yours Respectfully

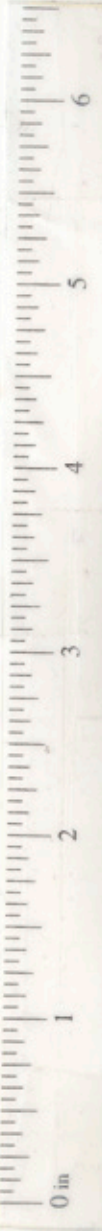
J. Richards.

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*Dear Sir*



*[Handwritten initials or signature]*



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Rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association,

CORNER OF NINTH AND D STREETS.

Washington, D. C.,

CCA-June 25, 1869

1869.

Dear Bro Hall

A dispatch calls me to my wife Pray  
for her. Please inform Bro Howard in my case  
very well till you know the matter stands that  
the Bro may have my case held over  
until I am free to work again or if I  
am dis charged to have my leave begin  
from the expiration of the one I now have

May God have mercy on us and  
help us that whatever it may be it  
will be to the good of our souls. We  
who are left - to remain

Yours Truly  
Howard

Write me if you can  
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Genl,

Bro Howard is in deep affliction &  
enclose his request.

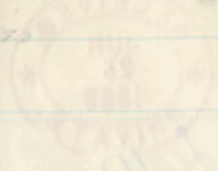
Yours  
Geo. A. Hall

Journal of the Board of Directors of the Association

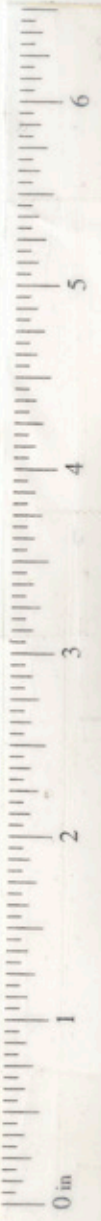
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of the Association



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"Personal"

New Bern N.C.



June 25<sup>th</sup> 1869

Major

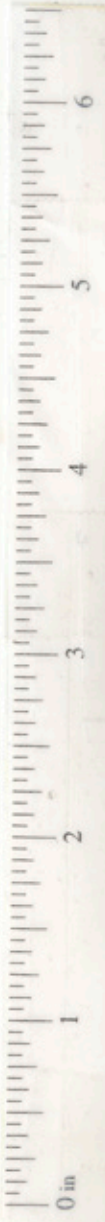
Genl O. O. Howard

Comd. R. F. & A. S.

Sir:

As the immediate representative of the people of this Congressional District I have been urgently requested to ask your attention to a matter of very great importance to the Colored Soldiers in this portion of the state, and that is, whether any official bond has been given by the present Disbursing Agent of your Bureau in this place.

I am informed that large sums of money come into his hands. Sometimes it is said



as high as \$20,000, thus accumulating  
lates, and that it is understood  
the said Agent has given no bond

If this is the case, I regard it  
it as a duty to ask that ~~some~~  
efficient steps may be taken  
by which the public money  
to the discharged colored soldiers  
may be better secured, and  
this I am entirely convinced that  
no one will feel a deeper interest  
than yourself.

All that it seems true, is  
=essary, is, to solicit your atten-  
=tion to the circumstances.

In connection with the  
=ject, I will add, that I have  
informed Charles A. Nelson  
Esq, the present Cashier of  
Freedman's Bank in this pl

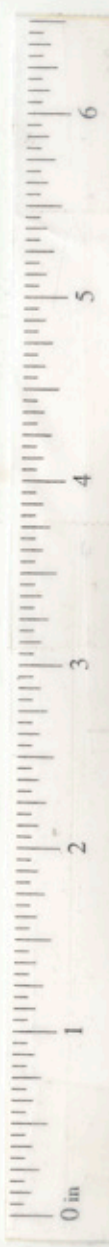


will, in the event he is appointed  
as Disbursing Agent, give a  
bond & sufficient <sup>Bond</sup> to the amount  
of \$20,000 or \$30,000 or \$40,000, if requi-  
red.

This is a matter of decided im-  
portance, in my judgment, and  
it will receive early con-  
sideration.

Very Respectfully  
D. Heatow  
M. Co.

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American Missionary Association,

38 LOMBARD BLOCK,

Chicago, June 25 1869.

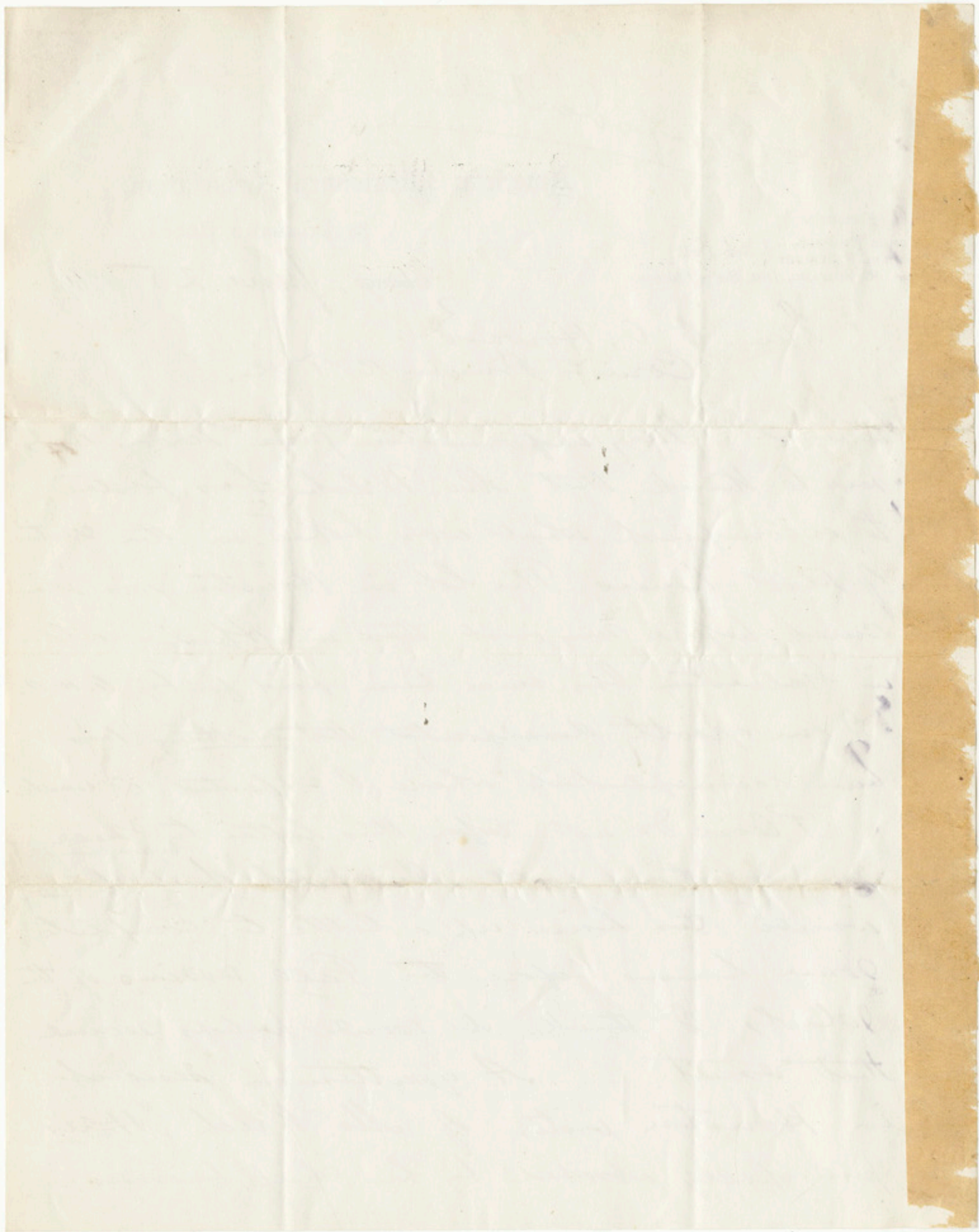
Secretaries:  
GEORGE WHIPPLE, } New York.  
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CHAS. H. HOWARD, Dist. Sec'y, Chicago.

Gen. O. O. Howard }  
Com. - Bureau R. T. Y. C.

General: My information from Texas leads me to think that Mr. Welch has failed to accomplish what was hoped in the erection of school-houses. The lot in Houston was secured before my visit there in April - a lot in Galveston has since been paid for by A. M. A.

I am greatly disappointed that nothing has been accomplished where I expected so much.

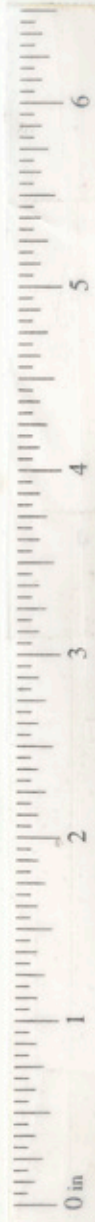
Please do not refer this letter to <sup>my</sup> ~~my~~ relations with Mr. Welch but if <sup>by some Committee</sup> you would stir him up a little to complete some houses before the Fall sessions of the schools, I think it would perhaps secure that result. A gentleman resident in Houston writes of Mr. Welch "He is principally absorbed by his chief business as



" a Pending Elder. He would doubtless  
 " like to see the Freedmen educated but that  
 " is not his Chief object. x x It is a  
 " difficult matter to work in the interest of  
 " both races. The whites are prejudiced against  
 " those who work for the blacks. You need  
 " much in Texas a class of men who will  
 " give themselves wholly to the welfare of  
 " the Freedmen and who have confidence  
 " in their susceptibility of improvement."

I give the above as a specimen  
 of what I have regarding Mr. Wild -  
 The writer is Mr. James Burke who  
 is an old resident of Texas but an  
 acknowledged friend of the Freedmen.

Very Respectfully  
 C. Howard  
 Inspector of Schools



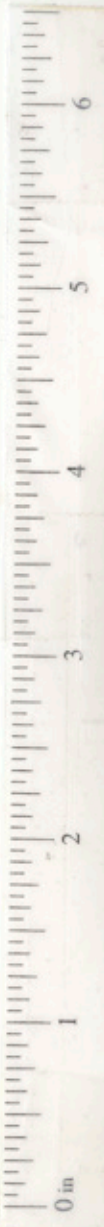
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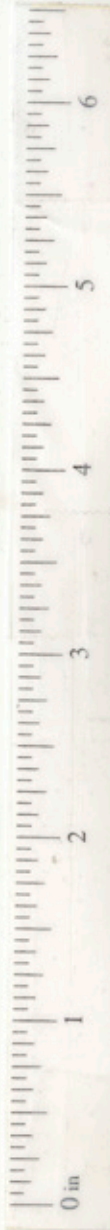


Vicksburg June 26<sup>th</sup> /69

S. N. Clark

My dear Brother

Your favor of the 22<sup>d</sup> covering a Draft for \$300. is received, & I herewith return vouchers for the same - I have instructed all the teachers to report traveling expenses to Me, as it has been custom - ary for them to do, & Make their final Settlement with Me - I have advanced funds to Most of them for traveling expenses in part - I shall be able to settle in full, with Miss teachers, without further drafts upon the Treasury, including traveling expenses, and I hope to do the same with Ark teachers. I will be able to send them home, at least - // A Telegram this Morning informs us that Rev James Lynch, the Presiding Elder of M. E. Church, has been appointed Supt of Education in Miss. If true I shall deeply regret it - Mr Lynch is a colow Man of some Education, but never had any thing to do with the Management of schools - He is a fluent Speaker, & has an immense amount of Self conceit. In all his Movements he is 1<sup>st</sup> & altogether for James Lynch, & 2<sup>d</sup> for M. E. Church, & so far as he can will run every thing in that channel. He



lives in Jackson, & on the night after the Murder of Col  
Crane, was arrested & put in the Lock up for disorderly  
conduct. (Said to have been drunk) and I learn from Bro  
Harris, gent Inspector of Traders Banks, that it is not a new  
thing with him - I fear, if this change has been made, it will  
throw us back again about the Fargallo business - for  
that is not yet completed - I think some Misrepresentations  
have been made to gent Howson, in regard to Capt Pease -  
which have induced him to relieve him. The rumor  
about Capt Pease being appointed Mayor, was unfounded.

Yours Truly  
J. O. Bardwell  
Agt A. M. A

Miss Capt. Leach  
Please return the  
reading to Ben. Harris  
The first number &  
other  
to Mr. Howson  
By Lambert Mack  
Chicago





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Phelps, Dodge & Co.  
Cliff St. between John & Fulton,

New York June 26 1869

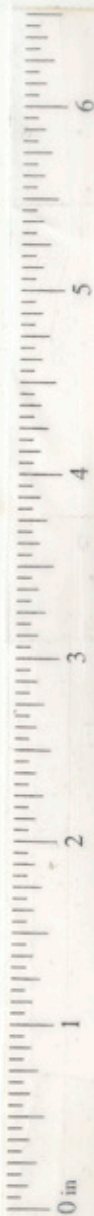
Major Gen Oliver O Howard

Dear Sir

In May 1865 there was  
in Washington, a grand review of the U S Army, occupying  
two days. I am exceedingly anxious to obtain a copy of  
the orders issued at that time, directing the route & order  
of the processions; but do not know where to obtain them.  
I thought through your facilities at the War Department, you  
might be able to obtain them for me, without much trouble  
if so, if it were necessary, I would use them with great care, &  
return in a week.

Hoping you will pardon the liberty, I take in making  
this request. I am

Yours very truly  
Wm D Porter  
of George Alley



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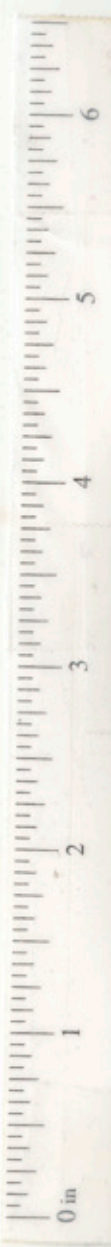
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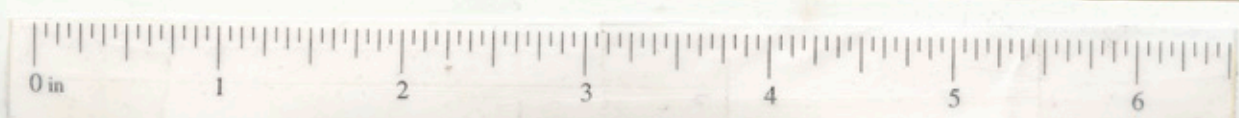




Wicksburg June 26<sup>th</sup> 1869

May G O Howard

Dear Sir I have been some  
 what surprised to learn by the  
 telegraph that you had appointed  
 Mr James Lynch, Sup of Education  
 for this State; as we are sorry  
 to see you appoint any but strictly  
temperate men to that office  
 as we have <sup>been</sup> repeatedly informed  
 that on the 9 of June he was found  
 under influence of liquor; and  
 was graced himself, and was  
locked up all night by the police  
 now these things will altroung  
 us, we hope you will not impose  
~~th~~ such men on us, and we  
 hope ~~so~~ you will consult our feelings  
 so far as to give us some one else  
 Capt. Pluse has now his duty  
 so far but if you should see  
 fit to remove him as not give  
 us a ground we appeal to  
 you in behalf of all good people  
 of the State yours truly  
 Thos W Stinger



June 25 1899

My dear Mr. [Name]

I have been thinking of you very much lately and wondering how you are getting on.

The weather here is very pleasant just now and I hope you are enjoying it.

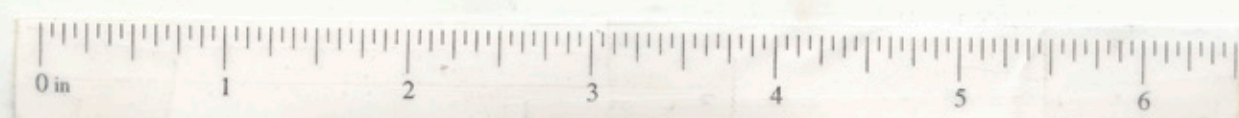
I have not much news to write at present but I hope to hear from you soon.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

I hope to see you soon.

With kindest regards to all,



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# Army of the Potomac Re-union.

New York, June 26th, 1869.

My Genl O. O. Howard  
Washington D. C.

Sir:

You are respectfully invited to attend the Re-union of the  
**ARMY OF THE POTOMAC**, in this city, on the 5th  
of July next.

On behalf of the Association:

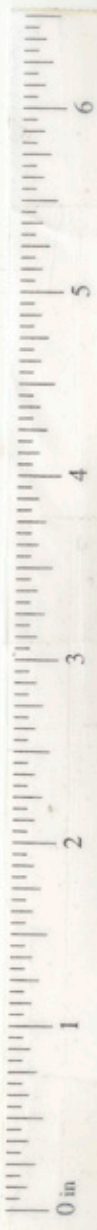
- RUFUS INGALLS, Brevet Maj-General, U. S. A., Chairman.*
- W. B. FRANKLIN, Brevet Maj-General, U. S. A.*
- DANIEL BUTTERFIELD, Brevet Maj-General, U. S. A.*
- WM. McCANDLESS, Brevet Brigadier-General.*
- A. SHALER, Brevet Maj-General.*
- GEORGE J. STANNARD, Brevet Brigadier-General.*
- W. B. TIBBETTS, Brevet Maj-General.*
- G. S. HAWES, Brevet Major.*

**F. T. LOCKE, Brevet Brigadier-General.**

Secretary.

1299 Broadway.

An answer is requested.



Army of the Potomac Re-union

New York June 20th 1862

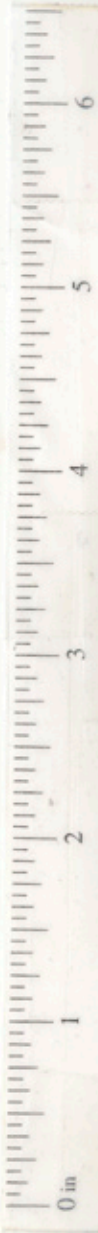
ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, in this city on the 20th

- W. A. RUSTENBERG, Major
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A. J. LOCKE, Brass Bandmaster-General

1700 Broadway

No more is required





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Philadelphia.

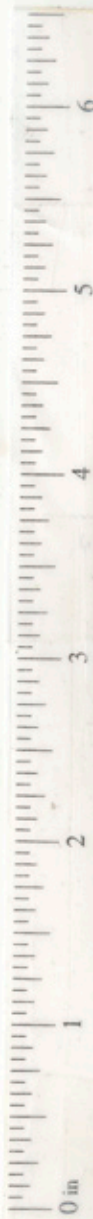
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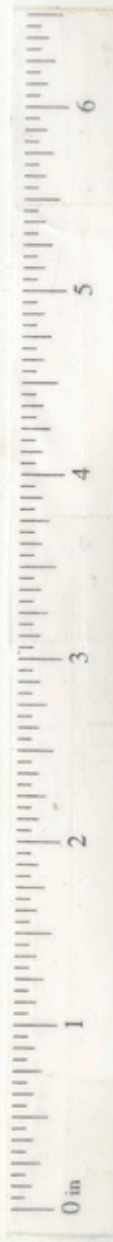
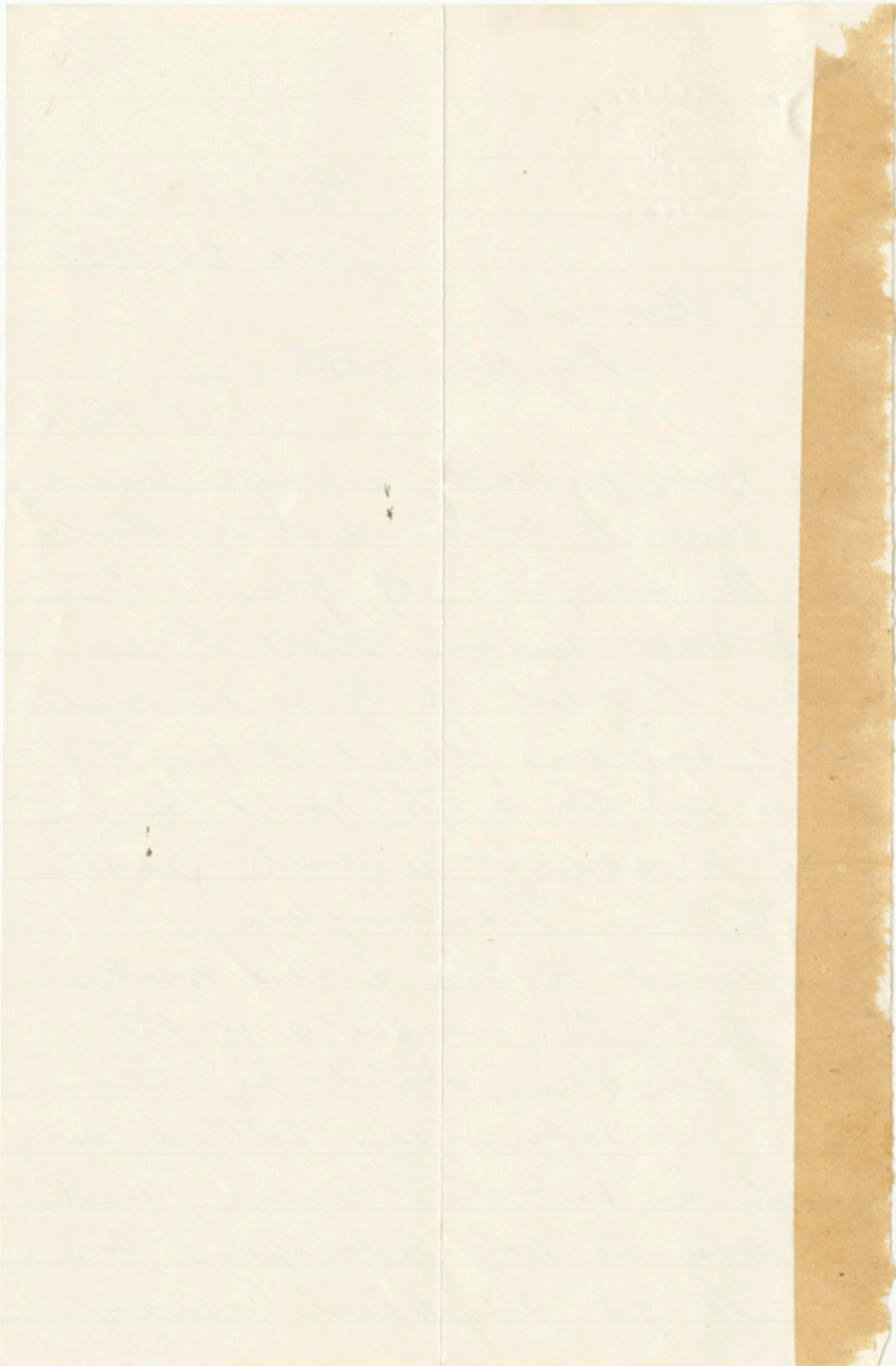
Gen'l Howard.

My dear brother -

I think that you pursued a wise course with respect to the matter that was the subject of your note. And what answer shall I return - I want it to be the right one, and am forced to say, that I do not think it would be my duty to accept a call from the Ch in Washington.

It seemed to me a few weeks ago that the prospects of the Cent'l Ch here, would by this time be definitely settled, but such is not the case, and the way is not yet open for me to go anywhere, away







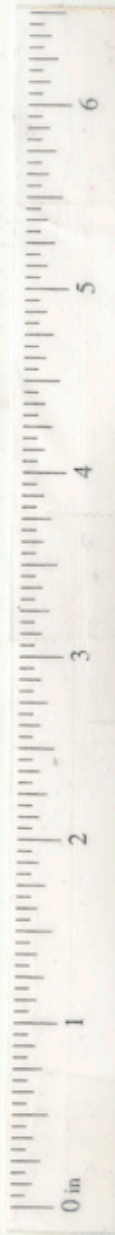
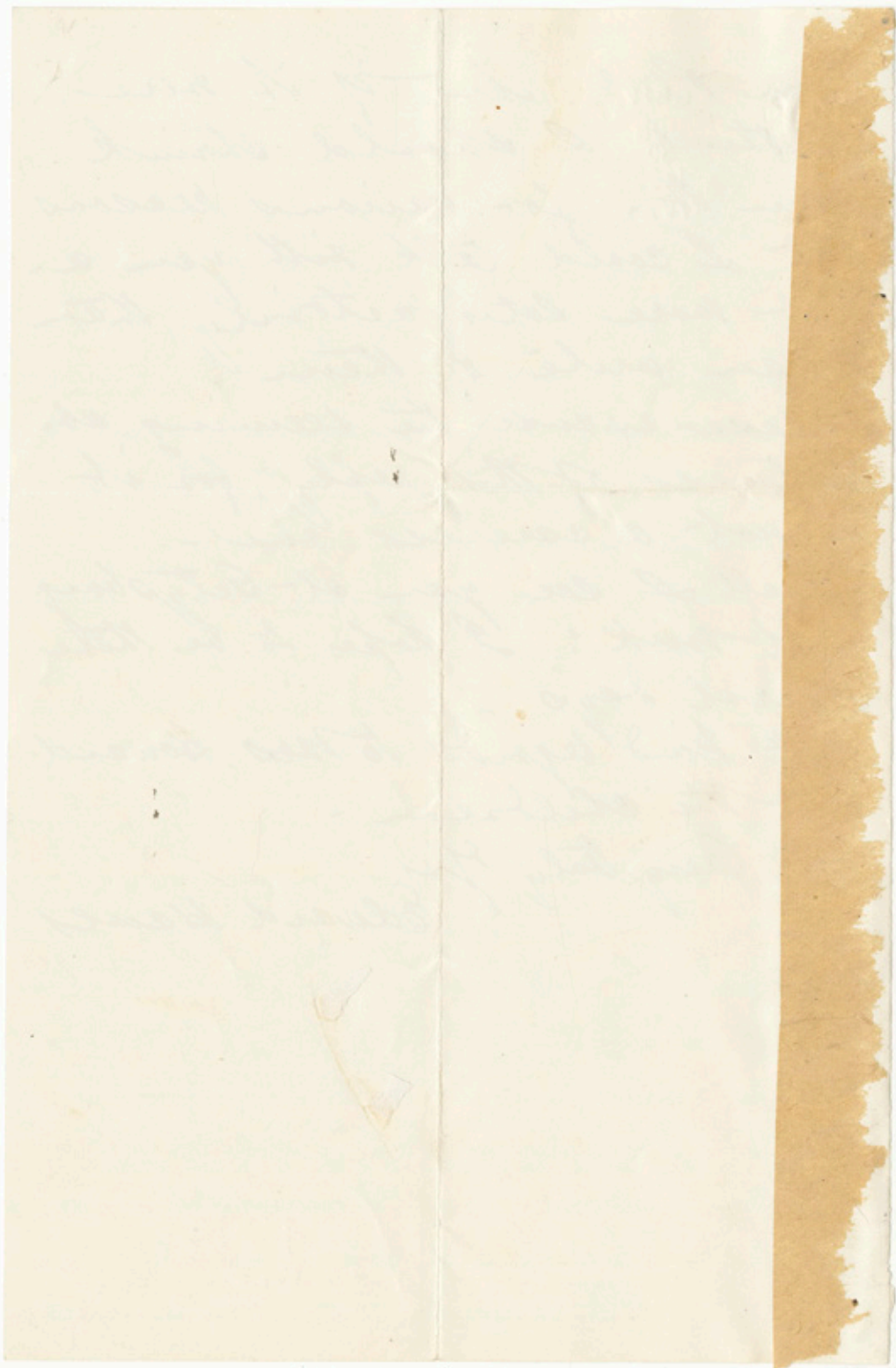
from Phil<sup>e</sup>. And if it were,  
I think I should shrink  
from it - for various reasons  
that I could talk with you a-  
bout more satisfactorily, than  
I can write of them.

Please excuse the seeming ab-  
ruptness of this reply, for it  
is not a careless one -

Shall I see you at Gettysburg  
next week? I hope to be there  
several days -

With kind regards to Mrs. Howard  
and the children -

Very truly Yrs  
Edward Hawley



Amherst

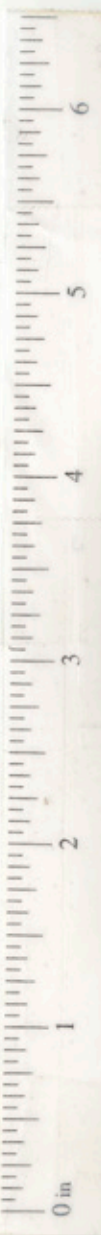


June 26, 1869.

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My dear General - I  
 am very sorry  
 for not replying to yours  
 of the 14th with, but  
 it reached me in  
 short order. As I see  
 your university closes  
 on Monday evening  
 next, I will try to  
 get to the evening  
 session to see and  
 hear for myself. You  
 know how heavily I  
 should ~~be~~ <sup>be</sup> ~~concerned~~  
 about - in the cause of  
 humanity, and how  
 glad I am always to  
 see in my little  
 way. Yours faithfully

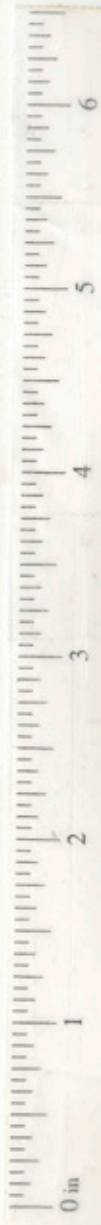
Gen. O. O. Howard J. W. Loomis



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Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge  
the receipt of your letter of  
the 14th inst. in relation  
to the matter of the  
University of the State of  
New York, and in answer  
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 C. Thompson





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Gen. Howard,

Dear Sir,

We celebrate the tenth anniversary of our seminary this summer, and consider this a fitting occasion to call together our scattered graduates and our friends, and we cordially invite yourself and wife to meet with us.

Public examinations will commence on the morning of Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>. Wednesday, especially the afternoon, will be devoted to the exercises of Commencement, at which we particularly desire your presence. The regular exercises of our Anniversary will take place on Thursday, July 8<sup>th</sup>.

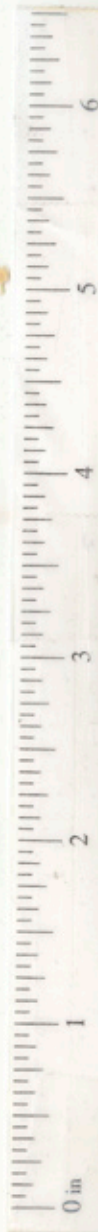
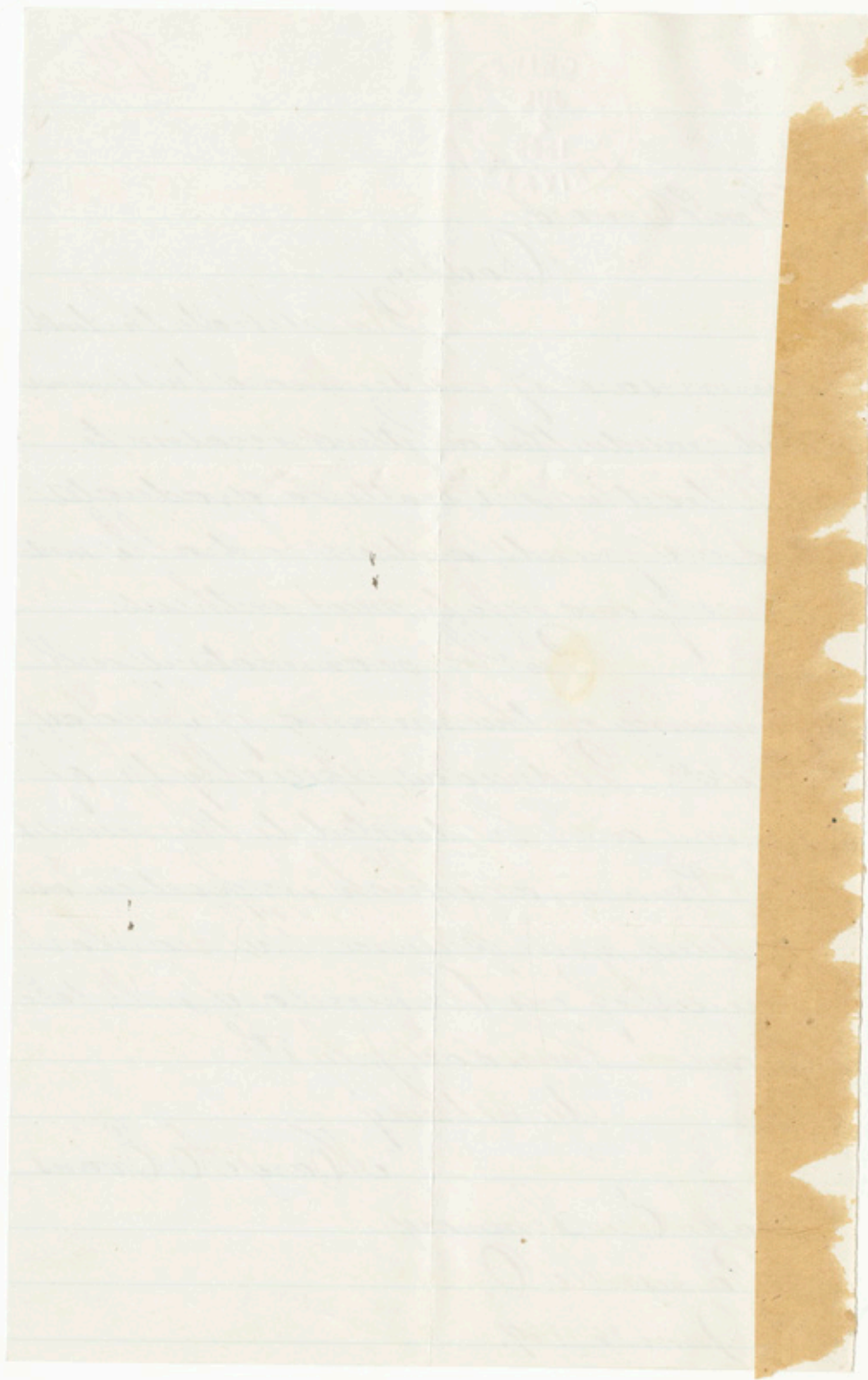
Yours truly,

Mary A. Evans.

Lake Erie Seminary,

Painesville, O.

June 26, 1869.





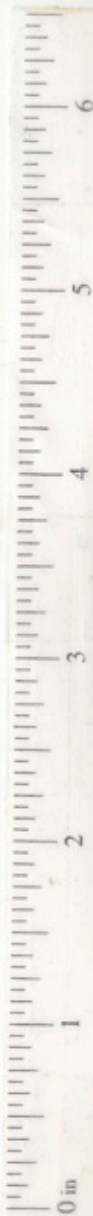
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Brunswick June 26. 69

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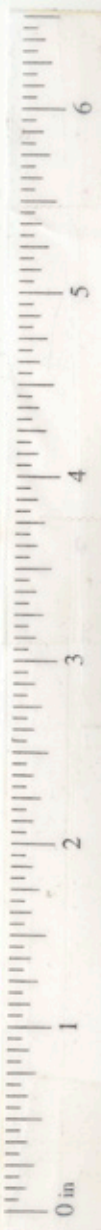
My dear Sir,

We wish  
at Commencement to  
make a vigorous effort  
at the Alumni meeting  
Tuesday P<sup>m</sup> July 13,  
to start an effort to raise  
an Alumni fund for the  
purpose of finishing the  
Memorial Hall, & getting  
if possible a surplus for the  
funds of the College. It  
gives me great pleasure  
to know that you are to  
be present. We shall wish  
to hear from you at the A-  
lumni meeting; & I think  
you may aid us if in the



Dear Mr. [Name],  
I have the great pleasure  
to inform that you are to  
be present at the [Name]  
meeting at the [Name]  
of the [Name] on [Date].  
I have the great pleasure  
to inform that you are to  
be present at the [Name]  
meeting at the [Name]  
of the [Name] on [Date].  
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of the [Name] on [Date].

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course if you remarks  
you say something to en-  
courage this effort. The walls  
are now going up, but we have  
not enough yet to finish.

I hope we may hear from  
you also at Commencement  
dinner.

Sincerely yours

Samuel Harris.

your very best  
encourage his effort. The work  
are now going up, but when  
the envelope get to finish.  
I hope we may see you  
you also at Government  
business.

Yours truly  
Samuel Johnson

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