

May 1st



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Mt. Pleasant May 1. 1870

Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Brother:

On this pleasant First day of May, when the air is so sweet and and the world so full of loveliness and beauty, I turn for a few minutes from the laughing woods and fields and the joyous singing of the birds to one who is "passing through the fire."

The thought occurred to me that the sweetness of this delicious day might be lost to you by reason of the deep, dark clouds which have gathered about you, and that, perhaps you could not even see the "silver lining" which it is said such clouds always have. I hope it is not so, and that when you look up your eye penetrates the clouds, and that, in leaning on the invisible arm of strength

Ans by Genl. May 3 1870

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You realize that "they which be with us
are more than they which be with them."

You have had a great trust to administer and it is easy to see how much this scrutiny must disclose that is mortifying and painful, even if your stewardship has been ever so scrupulous and conscientious. Hence there is no way but to bear; and it is a fruitless wish that one so weak as I could help you. But even the Most Excellent is said to be long suffering, and we, who are so far from being excellent, can hardly expect to be exempt.

But this is not what I meant to say - Indeed, I want to say what I cannot - that which will give courage and strength. But I must content myself with only a feeble expression of my sympathy and an assurance that your friends will not "cast away their confidence."

I am glad to know that you have strong friends around you, and still stronger friends above you; and I trust that these "light afflictions" which seem now so grievous will have their compensations, their "recompense of reward."

Most truly

Your friend & Mother
J. G. Arnold

P.S. I have not written this to draw out a reply and shall not expect any answer -
J. G. A.



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Providence R.I. May 3 1870.

My Gents, & friends,

Dear Sir,

Please excuse my liberty

It seems to me, it is my duty under the circumstances, to address a word to you. I notice that Dr. Sumnerland, has been giving testimony for one, I am thoroughly acquainted with man, & am satisfied he is severely & believed under oath. His own exemplification have shown him to be totally unreliable. He is merely a notorious seeking hypocritical sort of quiver, a mere religious sentimentalist, & should be hurled from the sacred office which he has too long disgraced, & which a forbearing people have permitted him to occupy.

My business has called me from Washington for nearly two yrs past, otherwise, it would not have been my fault if he not been hurled from the high & sacred office, which from patient & long forbearing people he has so long been permitted to disgrace. A Chaplain who has occasionally occupied pulpits in Washn, said to me one day, he, I, had recently been converted, but sometime afterwards changed his mind, afterwards saying it was a mistake of his. You will hear with me, I trust, if I give you a specimen of the man. He remarked to me one day, that they

Gideon (a member of New Dr. Gurley's Church) was
torious gambler, & as to Rev. Mr. Smith's converts, of our
young men, mostly was pure gamblers, & fell into the
Sniderland had known no ledwits whole career, in
high was with him, all tricks from the beginning. As to
Gurley's Church, they, its members joined for convenience.

This Sniderland one turned clean against & plunged
into into the most disgraceful position & habits.

How long will a forbearing people countenance such
arrant hypocrites? It is high time such a character should
be reprobated.

Very Respectfully
Yrs. O. P. Smith
J. L. Jones

Some of your Subordinates
or Employees have not been
as self sacrificing and Tolerant
as you. and that you may
suffer on their account -

Still I shall await the
result of the present investi-
gation, with absolute faith
in your truth & honor.

As ever your friend,

W. A. Sherman
General.

Headquarters Army of the United States,

Washington, D.C., May 2 1870

Dear Howard -

Your note of April 29
was duly received. What I
said to Mrs Howard was in
sincerity & truth - I am
really sorry that you have
to stand your present ordeal
but it was inevitable.

I am sure as your
personal friend. I advised
you a year ago. to get
away from these compli-
cations and take a

Simple Military Command.
in Oregon a Lieutenant.

But you proposed to remain
and I could do no more.

My opinion was, and is
that the very men in
whose interest you labored.
would turn against you
the moment the tide
of public opinion made
it their interest. I

don't know as they have
done so yet, but they
will. You cannot
serve two Masters: You

cannot be purely a Military
Man, and conduct such
a Machine as the Freedmen
Bureau - with Colleges, Schools
and Churches. - I hope

you have kept the Money
Accounts all straight on
I know you have. But not
one in a million will take
the pains to examine these
minutely, and then will
accept any open assertion
from of an Enemy, as
all good men must have.
What I fear is that

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New York May 2. 1870.

My dear Genl.

My father has gone by 4
o'clock ^{boat} and wanted me to drop
you a line, in his stead, to say
that he had had a talk to-day
with Mr. Whipple and that
matters were all arranged.

He will go on to-morrow evening
to Washington.

Wishing you the best success
ago, that man Word I send

Very truly
Yours

A. P. Ketchum

Gen. O. O. Howard



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S.W. cor 3rd St. St.
Washington D.C.
2nd May 1870

Major Gen. O.O. Howard,
Dear Sir,

Yours of the 30th Ap^l is received, in answer I would say that you may not have recognized me as the Author of the Medallion, as by your abruptness & evident dislike of it, I was debarred from announcing myself its Author. At your request I send a copy of the memoranda I made at the time. "Have called upon Gen. O.O. Howard he has seen the medallion in the Green room, when I asked him how he liked it, he answered "It is all cheek by Jowl, I should not like my head placed Cheek by Jowl in that manner on a Medallion." He

is evidently offended with the idea of Grant being placed as the Defender of Liberty & Union, and thinks the time for such a Medallion, has not come."

I have no desire to be vindictive or to take advantage of circumstances, but I have just produced a new Photo-Chromograph of my Medallion, & must push the business all over the country. Knowing I am right & sustained by the names of such men as Hon. H. Borie, Geo. Robeson, W. McEvarts, Jay Cooke, Geo. D. Coleman, & Hinchley Clarke, as purchasers of the Bronze, and by a large number of influential men, as donors to Public Institutions, of Copies of the Bronze, I can afford to publish opinions verbal or written, which will interest the public in the work. If you desire to retract the opinion you expressed, you can do so by giving me an

opportunity in my Pamphlet to state that by, or through yourself, a Bronze is placed in the Howard University, than which there is not in the world a more appropriate place, provided it is as I claim, Unique, Classical, Artistic & Historically correct. I enclose a notice cut from the Philadelphia Engineer of March 18th 1870.

Yours Truly
William Miller



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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

OFFICE SUP'T EDUCATION AND D. O., STATE OF KENTUCKY.

Covington, Ky., May 2^d, 1870.

General O. O. Howard

My dear General:

"The censure of evil men is praise", to which conclusion you doubtless long since came, and this response I make to the remarks of Prof. Kennedy. Kennedy, I am informed by several gentlemen, has told you that I have aided and abetted General Boynton in his prosecution, and one of them suggests that I write to you. Kennedy tells an untruth. I have been and am your friend, and those who know me will probably tell you that I never forget a man whose friend I profess to be. It is unnecessary

for me to say anything further than
that if I can do anything for you
you can rely upon me.

If they attack you on the school
system for Kentucky, send for me,
and I will assure them that I am
not only willing to take, but proud
to bear the responsibility.

As for your administration of affairs
elsewhere ^{I know} everything is in your favor

Truly and sincerely

Ben R. Runkle

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Dear General Howard:

I have entered into the
very deepest sympathy with thee,
from the first of thy having
been arraigned by wicked men,
before a legal tribunal. But it
is my firm belief, as well as all
others of whom I have heard speak
of it here, that the envy and jealousy
- of that has been plotted against
thee, will come down with re-
doubled fury upon their own
heads. I have rec'd thy letter,
and list of law books required
from one of the Professors of the
University. I will do all in my
power to procure as many of
them as I can, which would
afford me the greatest pleasure

Ans'd by Genl. May 3/70

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You are doing a great work
such a work as mortal man
never before attempted - Keep
good courage, thou hast all the
sympathy of the good and the
true, and if Congress makes an
appropriation for the worn out
Slaves - I hope to be able to do
more for the blessed work in
which thou art engaged.

My warmest regard to thy
Wife, if only for thy sake I
value her - I do not mean to
go to Washington again, without
seeing her.

With the warmest affection
in which my husband joins
thy friend,
Rachel W. Townsend.

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Hartford May 3 1870

Genl O O Howard

My Dear Friend.

This will be handed you by the bearer. James W Smith. who now enters the University. It seems to me that he ought to enter the advanced class, not as a freshman. But of this yourself and professors will best judge. Whatever money is necessary for Scholarship &c I will pay. He must teach in part payment of his expenses. He must be supplied with books Stationary &c. all of which will be paid by me or his services.

How do you get along with the investigation?

Very Truly,

Lowell Clark

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Heidi & Phil -



S. H. W. 1. 1873
601 N. St. May 3rd 1870.
Sunday -

Gen O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir,

We have had an application
for the House recently occupied
by the House at \$40. per
month - Shall we rent it
for that price? Rents are
now coming down and I
fear we shall have some
difficulty in getting \$50.
Will the loss be ours?

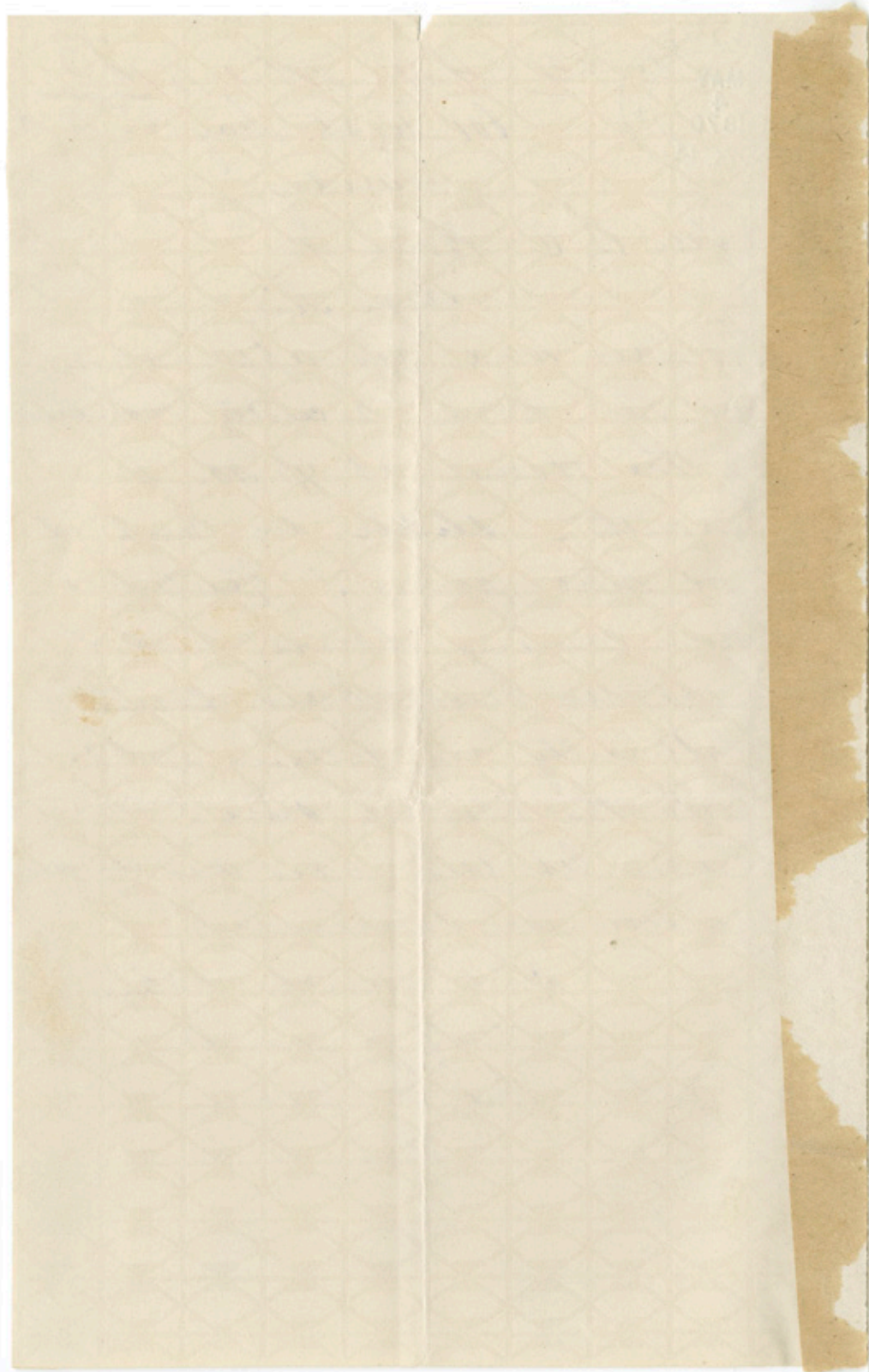
Please let me have an answer
as soon as convenient.

And much oblige -

truly Y^r friend -

Mrs M. Stickney

Pres. W. C. A.



at Detroit, at the International Convention, in 1868, and making a qualified promise to come and speak for us some time - we thought then it would be soon. Is it too late to redeem that promise?

Hoping to hear from you very soon, and favorably, I remain
Very truly your brother
in the Faith, Wm. L. Chist.

A. H. Garzbury,
for the Ex. Com. Y. M. C. A.



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Phil. Pa., May 3/70.

Gen. O. O. Howard.

My dear sir.

Would it be possible for you to visit our city on Tuesday evening, the 17th inst., and deliver an address at the anniversary of our Young Men's Christian Association? I believe you could do us a great deal

of good, and largely promote the cause of the Master. Our Association is nominally numerous, and we are doing a considerable amount of work. But we greatly need thorough stirring up. We are in debt, and we need more money for our Sunday Schools, our Library and other enterprises. We feel impressed that your presence and

presence would stimulate and arouse indifferent members, and induce Christians who are not members of the Association to devise and do liberal things.

Will you not try to come to us? If a few days later would suit you better, we would comply with your preference.

You may remember meeting two of us

The sale of Government horses
I alluded to in mine to Mr Hooper
has been postponed until next
Thursday, and if you could today
make up a statement to that effect
forth the facts, so that I can
receive the loan as soon as possible.

Enclosed is a certificate from
Dr Goodwood for \$75, which
is one handed to me as security
for money to be loaned by me
for the purchase of Horses, which
you will please return.

Please find enclosed \$10.00
being what you loaned to me a
short time since, and for which
you have no due bill for which
I feel very much obliged.

Yours &c

Isaac Clark.

Isaac Clark

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Washington D. C.
May 3^d 1870

Genl O. O. Howard

Sir

Last Saturday you
informed me that you should send a
person to Arlington Heights to get a
report of the condition of the colored
person residing at the Freedmen's Village.
I report to Mr Hooper according to his
request, and as to my statement to him
as to their wants, &c, I think that I
stated that I had been called upon to
assist in the burial of a person who
had died there within a few days;
the person who called on me was Charles
Brown living a mile from the center
of the Village whose father was dead,
and sometime previous I assisted him in

the burial of my ~~last~~ ^{last} ~~person~~ ^{person} who helped to bury
whole of the \$10 you lent me went to
this family, none of which have I see
back as yet, and I have during the
past year help to bury several others,

Mr Benj Pollard who resides in
the village called on me this morning
and stated that your Agent called on
a woman that had just buried her
husband, and wished to know if that
was the last burial and read a
portion of my letter to Mr Cooper
stating that I helped bury the last
person who died, and that the widow
stated that I did not help her a cent,
I had no knowledge of the death of
this woman's husband, and make this
statement, so that you may not sup-
pose my letter had any reference to
this family.

the last person who helped to bury
his father, was Charles Brown
who now says if it had not been for
me, his father who has lately died
himself and family must have
starved to death.

I have helped various parties the
past 2 years, and I see no way of
my getting my pay back again
but by aiding them in getting work
and planting, and then turning their
horses to hauling brick, which, I
am assured they can have until
next winter.

I have assisted in prosecuting Claims
and am satisfied that there are Claims
that will be paid within the next 3
months, which will come into my hands
and enable me to repay myself for
the money advanced them.

I have tried hard to seek employment, but in vain.



Washington D.C.

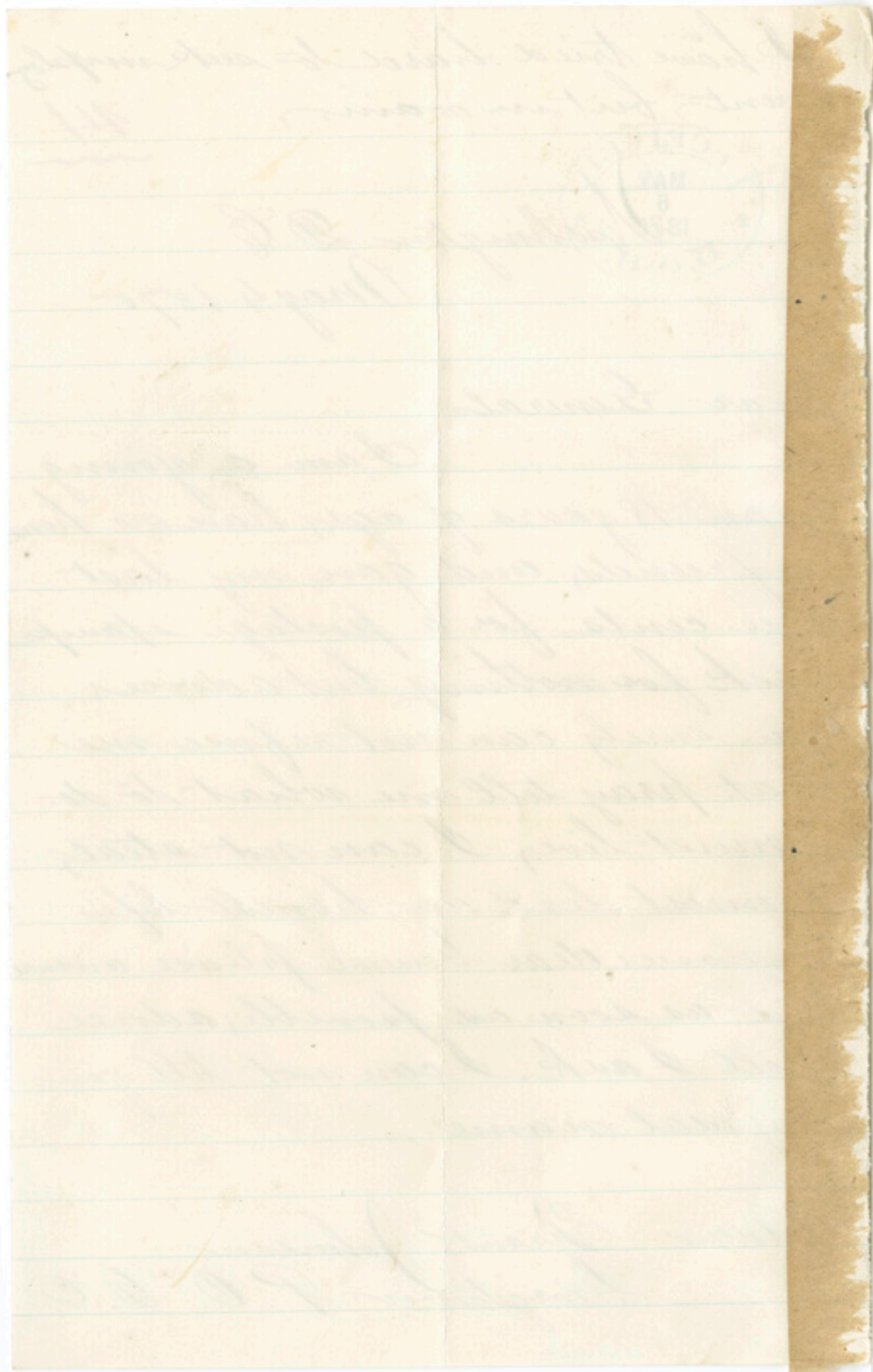
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Dear General

I am a young man 18 years of age, have no home no friends, and gave my last three cents for a postage stamp. I ask for nothing but advice; you surely can not refuse me that: pray tell me what to do. I must live, I can not steal, I must lead an honest life or none: dear General please answer this as soon as possible; advice is all I ask. I can not tell you my real name.

address Grant, Johnson
Georgetown P.O. D.C.



May 4th

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Recd 4 July

Recd from
Mr. R. C. R. R.

Recd to Mr. R. C. R. R.

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Dear General I have yours
of yesterday. The pursuit
and persecution have been
entirely the other way. It
is Runkle who has been
so acting towards me
- not me to him, as I infer
from your note, you
believe to be the case.
And he commenced
the persecution of me
long ago - years, now, I may
say - at the time I was
made a party to inviting
your attention to the
scandals and the rascali-
ties in the Bureau hospital
&c in Kentucky

I bore, and influenced
others to bear with the
obloquy and falsehood
heaped on us by him
and his confederates.

I understand it has
now broken out afresh
and therefore long forbear-
ance is disgusting even
my own friends ^{with me} and
I am again now for the
severalth time, tortured
by the reproaches of my
friends for my bearance
and forbearance and silence
under such a torrent of
mean invective and
horrid falsehood -

~~One~~ of his main if
not chief mouthpiece is
your loving and truth telling
friend Boynton the Circin

to Congress.

Sorly reprimand from asking a
public investigation of these facts, on
your statement to me that Sumner
and Secombe a chain-pool man and
at Westbury & Cords had no more
communication with him

of Sen Mallach, or any other Southern
liability, having information of some
kind. If we are thereon it should be com-
municated to me immediately as I shall be
so more true about this burning.
Washington May 4. 1870

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B. F. POTTS,

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Attorney and Counsellor at Law,

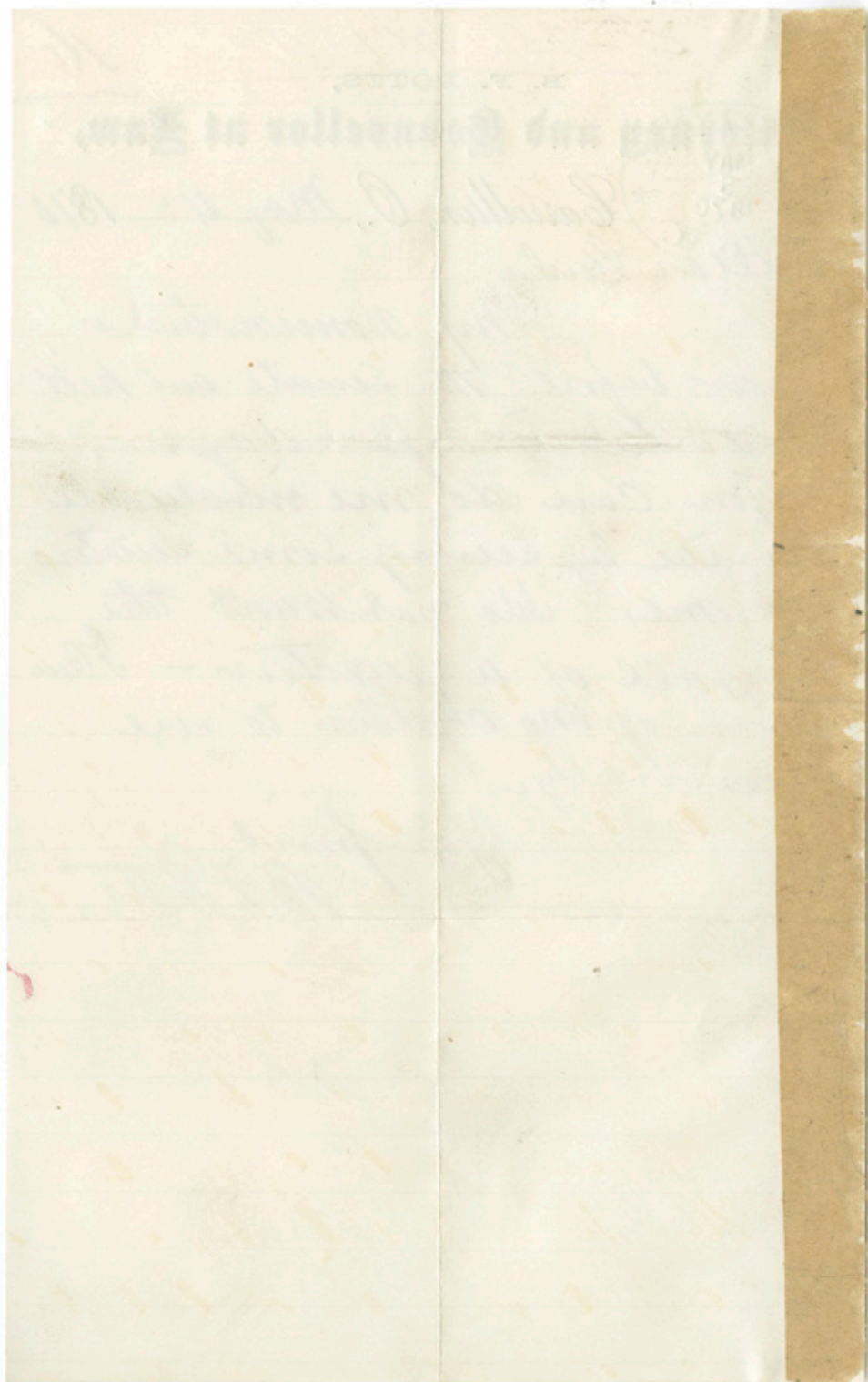


Carrollton, O., May 4th 1870
Dear Genl

My nomination is
now before the Senate and will
be reached in a few days.

You can do me invaluable
service by seeing some Senators
for me. I do not want the
disgrace of a rejection - I have
learned of no objection to me
personally.

Yours friend
B. F. Potts





Massachusetts Military State Agency, 17

Corner Seventh and D Streets,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 5 1870

Genl. O. O. Howard



Dear Sir

After receiving your note of May 3/70 informing me that the Rev. Mr. Shaw had at your request called on you that day and stated that the contents of my letter to Mr. Hooper were untrue, the bearer of your letter to me states that he told you what Mr. Shaw said was wholly untrue, he also told me that when he went home he would call on Mr. Shaw with others, who rec^d the clothes money, sent to me by me, and requested him to write you setting forth that he was entirely mistaken.

Then he said that he was not allowed to have anything to do in the distribution and on that point would not retract, and that I had made a request to obtain money from a member of Congress to buy houses, and believed I was endeavoring to obtain money under false pretenses, and that he would oppose me all he knew how to, and defeat me.

I have not asked Mr Hooper for any money or favor for my self, but asking the loan from him in behalf of some worthy colored person, with whom I am intimately acquainted, I felt it my duty to lay before Mr Hooper some documents signed by a number of respectable ^{persons} worth millions setting forth that I was reliable and entitled to his confidence, after which I called on him and he stated that he had sent my letter to you and expected an answer as to whether he should comply with my request. You inform me that you replied increasing my reliability, and I think that is all that should have been done, it being a transaction which was in no way to benefit me, but notwithstanding which I was willing to run the risk of by giving my note for the loan.

I am sorry that any trouble should have been made about the trifling amount of help sent by my daughter & niece, old clothes &c but this Mr Leavins (who I think, however good a preacher he may be, is but a poor pastor) is somewhat vexed more particularly as he owns two horses and is anxious that no other of the villagers should have the same, or one to do their own work but should hire of him. This Mr Sims who I wish to help buy a house done

work for the other, but this winter sold his horse being obliged to, to keep from starving (himself, father & family)

I understand your brother Charles is in the City, I shall be very happy to have an interview with him if he has no objection.

Yours &c &c
Isaac Clark.

St Louis Mo May 6th 1890.

My dear C. C. Howard,

Sir As I came from Cincinnati Ohio to St Louis Mo in a Car on the Ohio Miss R.R. I Overheard a Conversation between two persons of the Church (two Ministers) Another person sat in the seat with me. The persons who were speaking were friends of the Corp of the Cincinnati Gazette. I know they were posted what they were talking of as they had just returned from Washington. The conversation gives the stamp of plain truth to the testimony of One celebrated Service in regard to the meetings at a certain house.

If you will send me a Post Office Order to pay my expenses, say \$25.00 I will come to Washington, the Bureau did me a good thing once - this information would be of great value to you as it would show a concerted plan to ruin you.

and it would show the whole
they originated in the Church
I can give the name of the
Ministers and can give the name
of the Person who sit in the seat
with me. Give Honors I know
this testimony will be helpful to you
as it will show why you are
persecuted. I am poor or I
would not ask you to send
me the money. I will come on
receipt of your letter

Samuel Armstrong
Bishop
Address

Samuel Armstrong Bell
St Louis
Miss

I am like you self a One Armed
Soldier.