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Washington D.C.
May 26th/70

Genl. C.C. Howard
Com. F. B. v.

Genl:

Your presence is respectfully requested at the reunion services of the "Island Institute" and other Sabbath schools in the city, to be held at Lincoln Hall, at 3.30 P.M. Sunday May 29th/70. Be sure and come.

Very respectfully

C. S. Foster

asst. Supt. I. Inst. S. S.

over

Music, "Water of Life".

Scripture 15th. St. S. S.

Prayer, Rev Dr Parker. Concl'dg. with Lord's prayer.

Music, "Let me die in the harness".

Canal mission, exercises.

Music, 19th. St. S. School.

"Island Institute", exercises.

Music, by Canal mission S. S.

15th. St. S. S. exercises.

Music, by "Island Institute".

19th. St. S. S. exercises

Music, by 15th. St. S. S.

Speech, Rev Dr Howe of Boston

Music, "Jesus, lover of my soul," by the audience.

Speech, Senator Howe of Wis.

Music, "Come to Jesus".

Benediction.



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521 3^d St. N.W.

May 26. 1870

Gen Howard
Pres. Y.M.C.A.

Dear Mr. I do not know your intentions in regard to the Chairmanship of Committees, but in order to prevent any possible embarrassment or delay in perfecting the organization so far as my name is concerned, I desire that you will leave it out of the account. My interest in the Assocⁿ, its members and its work, has not abated but I am convinced that the time has come for me to withdraw from any official connexion with

it, and give place to those
who are really young men
and who feel, naturally
& perhaps not unreason-
ably, that they are excluded
too much by the older men.
In regard to the place I have
held during the past year,
I do not wish to seem offe-
cious in making suggestions.
I would say that I think
Hall is in a position to at-
tend to those duties better
than any other person.

Very truly
Yours in the bond
of Christian Fraternity
O. C. McGehee



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Corner Seventh and D Streets,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 27th 1870

Genl O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

I see by the paper a few days since that the mother of Fernando Wood died, ~~a few days ago~~ and that he has gone from Washington, and being told at the Capitol that your trial was suspended on that day until next Tuesday, you having told me in yours of May 11th 1870 that you would give me an interview, and my nephew's situation being very critical as regards his means, he being very destitute; and as I have thought for years that there was no one in Washington who deserved your sympathy and protection more than he had, ^{that he should have secured it,} he has been an ardent and earnest supporter, and co-worker with you, in carrying out the design of Congress, for the benefit of ^{the} Colored people of the District, and has assisted them in every way that laid in his power.

I can see no reason why he should not have been employed in your Bureau, in preference to any other

over to him
person, and I think that it is in your power to allow
him \$100 per month, for the whole time that he
is employed by and in the Bureau,

Some month ago I called your attention
to this matter, and wrote you a letter in reference
to it, enclosing a copy of a letter I wrote to
Hon. Henry Wilson urging this payment.
Mr Wilson has told me, that he has urged
a number of times, to make his age up to the
sum of \$100 per month during the whole time
he was employed in your Bureau.

In that letter I pointed out three different ways
which I thought you could consistently pay him
and adjust the age, and up to the present time you
have made me no reply to it. and your trial has
put off I take the opportunity to renew my request
and if you can consistently give me a private
interview on Monday, on this and other subjects
you would greatly oblige me.

In the mean time I remain
Yours &c Isaac Clark.

I am watching the papers with much interest to see how your investigation comes on. But knowing that what has been done was for a good cause I have no doubt as to the result. But it is unfortunate to have a stand the possession of a fight backed up by the whole Democratic press of the country which only publishes the worst points and gives them a coloring not warranted by the facts. Your friend know better but it will have its influence among strangers. Lizzie is quite happy in her such domestic life. we are a mile from the back or the nearest house so that we are by ourselves most of the time. I expect to finish my duties here by the 1st or middle of July. as by that time all of the surplus will be in and I shall turn them over to the agent. I do not know what duty I shall be put on then I would not object to any more here

Fort Lincoln J. 764

May 21st 1890

My dear Cousin

I have been on the pains of writing you ever since my arrival here but have put it off from time to time waiting to feel in a writing mood which I fear will never come. but as I wish to have a favor done I am forced to write and have assumed myself up to the task. I would feel happy if you would hand the enclosed application to be actioned to Gen. Toward or the Sec. of War and do what you can for me in the process. I see that Wilsons bill has passed the Senate and I suppose there will be many applications for

entirement and I fear my application
may be late. This is a splendid
country and I am very comfortably
situated after I arrived here I
went to work and fixed up a room
my mind I settled. I stationed here
my duties are to receive supplies
and I am to the Indian agent
who I see us them to the Indians
from my warehouse. I am
constantly visited by the red skins
whose hands a few short months
ago were busy taking scalps. There
is much talk just now about their
going on the war path but I do
not anticipate a general war
here. A few of the young warriors
may commit depredations on the
white settlers on the border of

Texas but most of the chiefs
desire peace with plenty to
eat. It is a difficult question
to decide what is the best course
to pursue with these Indians they
wild tribes want a firm hand
held over them. The half civilized
should all have trackers but
the former need a stronger policy,
we have a tracker agent here
a good ~~house~~ house for us
we have been doing well for many
years half civilized the balance
wild as Hawks but shrewd and
cunning they would take your
scalp with their right hand while
shaking hands in friendship with
the other, they all seem to like
me think as I have lost my arm
in battle that I am a good brave

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San Antonio Texas May 27th 1870.

Col, Maj. General O. O. Howard
Washington D. C.

Dear General:

I take this opportunity, though late, to express my gratitude for the very kind and prompt attention given by you to my request for your assistance in obtaining a transfer into Capt. Abner of the 9th U. S. Cavalry, which elicited a letter of information from the Adjutant General stating that a transfer had already been effected.

I beg leave to state that nearly three years service in that climate has so affected my health, that a change would be extremely desirable, if not necessary.

The death of my father, which occurred during my absence, rendering my personal attention to family and business matters at home, indispensable.

My highest wish would be gratified (should I remain in the service), by an assignment

to some good Cavalry Regiment, which
would be likely to see service against the
Indians on the plains - with such brief delay (of a
month or two), as would permit me to visit home
and arrange my family affairs; or if this be
not practicable, an order to some other post -
duty would be most preferred.

Should you find you
able to further my desires, and interest - as here
expressed, and can render me such assistance
with propriety, permit me to hope that it is
too far upon your courtesy and our former request
to request such a favor.

With great respect,
Yr. General

Your obedient servant,
W. A. Crafts

Capt. & Lt. Col. U. S. A. (and others)



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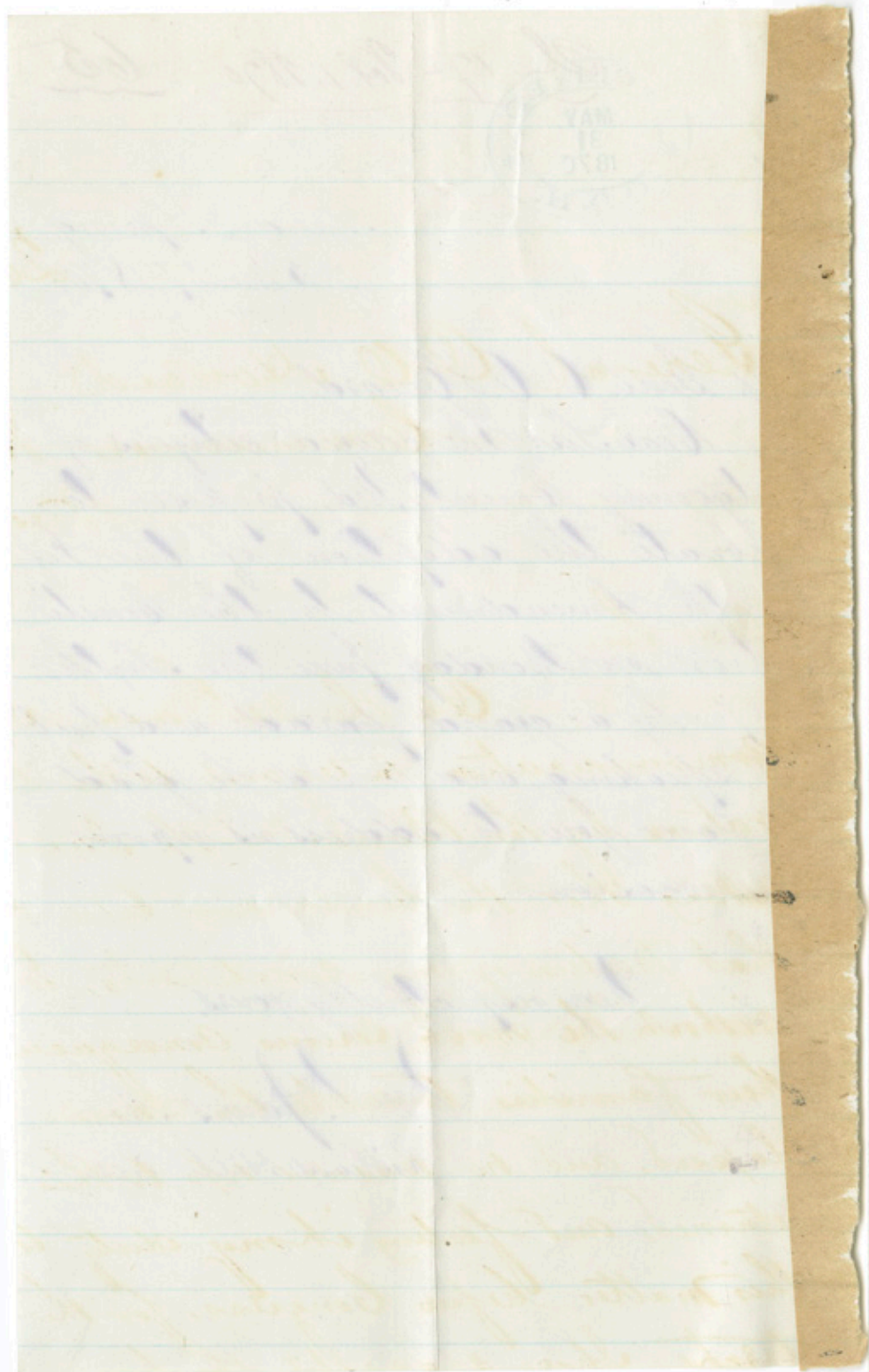
Landy Springs,
5 Mo. 27, 1870.
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Wap. Genl. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir: The colored citizens of
Montgomery County, Md, propose to
celebrate the adoption of the Fif-
teenth Amendment to the Consti-
tution on Monday June the Sixth
1870. by a grand parade and pub-
lic speaking, and would be glad
to have you, to address us upon
the occasion.

Very respectfully yours,

Wm. B. James, Sec.
Richard Hill, Pres.



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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Forty-first Congress 13.

Washington, D.C.

28th May 1870

General O. O. Howard
Commissioner Bureau P. & A.
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

On the 24th inst. I addressed you a communication in regard to the loan of Government rations by the Bureau, to the freedmen of my district, asking that the bonds, now held by the Bureau against that portion of my constituents, whom I deem unable without the most serious consequences to themselves, and their families, to secure the same: four days having elapsed, and no answer up to this time having been returned, and feeling it my duty to take some steps in this matter before Congress, for the relief of my constituents, I have requested the bearer of this to wait upon you, and ascertain if anything can be done, towards accomplishing that result.

I have a bill drawn, asking that relief may be granted to the whole State of South Carolina

This of course will have to be done in order to
prevent class legislation.

I am obliged to move at once in this
matter, that I may get some action of Congress at
the earliest possible moment; but if the arrangements
for the relief of those whom I have designated can
be made with you, it is not my purpose to appear
to Congress. If nothing can be done, when my State
is called on Monday, I shall feel authorized to
introduce the proposed bill.

Hoping to receive a favorable answer
from you by the bearer.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully,

Your obt. Servt.

C. C. Bowen

I wrote to Mr. Bowen this morning that
his letter had been referred to Gen. Scott
for recommendation; & that Gen. Scott had
authority to grant relief in cases of
extreme necessity.

This looks like a threat.

E. W.



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83 Nathan Street

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New York May 28th 1870

Maj. Genl O. Ottaway

(My dear friend)

I have your good letter and
heap of other letters - and I return hearty thanks
for all. I count up ten witnesses and not fifteen
to be examined: Hutchins, Alden, Corant, Alvord,
Balloch, Cole, Stidney, H. D. Cook, and D. Thompson.
Here are the ten, but where are the other five?

I called this morning at 11. O.C. at the Rattle House
to see Rev Dr. Palmer of the Cong. Union, but his son is
at Newark, where they all live now, and he was
not in - was detained by that probably. I wrote him
helter-skelter and begged him for an answer to come here
in draft. That.

I saw some wise and excellent men to day also
are D.D.'s and who know several people and among
them an excellent Dr. of theology, who would be an ex-
pert in spite of Hon W. Hoar's explanation of Ex-hatred: and
they were not surprised.

P.S.

Wauwupple is with me and time is flying
and I must close and mail this -

Adieu Dear Jewell

Yours all Spring

Edgar Ketchum

May 7 1885

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Enc. X Jewell

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May 29th 1870

Dear Sir

I send you a slip
from yesterday's Times.

We all hope that
Mr Michael Howard will
have fair play, and as good
a chance as he seems to deserve.

Yours ever faithfully

Austin Abbott.

Gen. O. O. Howard.

Washington
D.C.

Oct 21 - 1870



May 22 1870

Dear Sir

I enclose a copy

of my report to you.

The all paper that

the Michael Howard will

be fair play, and as good

chance as he can obtain.

Yours very faithfully

Michael Howard

Mr. O. C. Howard.

Washington

D.C.

to the day he leaves. He is hard pressed
for time & probably ed. not go to Washington.

I beg you will excuse the liberty I have
taken in writing thus to you - I do this
because I wish to do everything in my
power to relieve you in the terrible
pressure now upon you and have some hope
that it may be pleasant to you to read
what I have written.

In my late trip through Boston New
York and Philadelphia I have seen
people of every kind of ~~opinion~~ ^{theological}
opinion, and many in very high social and
business ~~positions~~, and their confidence in
you is unbounded. What you shall do
they will believe: your enemies are utterly
powerless to affect in the least the strong
character & reputation which in these past
years you have built up. In the coming year
you will be vindicated ten-fold by the rising
institutions in the South which you have helped
so greatly: the best of your work is now yet seen.
Yours most respectfully S. C. Armstrong.

S. C. Armstrong, Principal.
F. Richardson, Farm Manager.

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Miss R. T. Bacon,
Asst. Principal.



NORMAL AND AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE.

Hampton, Va.,

May 29 1870

Maj. Gen. Canby
Dear Sir:

Will you pardon me for
intruding my news upon you about a matter
which though it is greatly interests me is
entirely beyond my province. I refer to the
position of heavy your University about
which you have spoken to me very kindly.

I write because I know a man
who is better able to take hold of your
great Institution & make it a success
than any one I know. I refer to the
Rev. Edward G. Beckwith now pastor of a
Congregational Church in San Francisco
California. He is my brother-in-law and
for years was my teacher. I regard him
as second to no man in this country.

as a teacher & he is a very able administrative man, full of energy, self reliance, of fine business ability and an ~~am~~ eloquent speaker.

He is but very little known in this part of the country - I mean east of the Rocky Mountains - but Dr. Hopkins of Williams College knows him & has twice invited him to a professorship in that institution with a view (so Prof. Hopkins told me) to his taking the Presidential chair upon his - the Doctor's retirement.

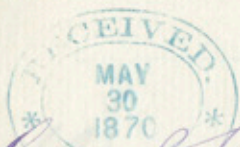
He is about ⁴⁰ years old, is a fine scholar - took the valedictory of his class at Williams' in 1849 - was for some years the President of the Calvin College in the Sandwich Islands, but retired on account of his infirm health and has since been preaching in San Francisco - excepting one year teaching.

There are few men like him. He is full of enthusiasm - has a great

power over his pupils - has the faculty of inspiring them with ardor in study - and ~~being~~ having been brought up on a farm in St. Barrington Mass. he knows how to farm & ~~the~~ comprehends the relation of labor to study.

If you want a man for the position I have referred to you cannot get a better one. Not a college professor I have seen or heard of so. He is equal in all kinds of execution and other duty. He is not begging for a place & is a hard man to get; he knows nothing of my writing this & does not dream of coming east at present. He is the pastor of the Gro Cong. Church in San Francisco, just installed, and if you care to try for him you will have to work hard to get him.

He is now in Mass. & in less than a week will be on his way to California. If you wish to present the matter ^{quite informally} please direct ^{to} his wife Mrs. E. G. Beckwith Dryden Springs N.H. - he will be with her up



888. F. Street

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Wash. D. C. May 29.

Genl. W. C. Howard:

On what terms
can Lincoln Hall be had for a
Lecture, on Natural Rightsness,
(Indian Question) on Sunday or
Sunday night: and what on
Wednesday night?

We are unable to pay much.
and suppose your influence
could aid us.

John B. Woff
for the Indians.

N.B. Indians will assist on the
occasion. Should like you to
preside. A prompt answer is desirable.

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Wm. John D.

Ex-1 file

and May 30. by Genl.

S. C. Armstrong, Principal.
F. Richardson, Farm Manager.

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Miss R. T. Bacon,
Asst. Principal.

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HAMPTON NORMAL AND AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE,

Hampton, Va.,

May 30th 1870

Maj. Gen. C. C. Howard:

I beg leave to inform you
that the act incorporating this Institute
has passed the General Assembly of the
State of Virginia and your attendance
at the meeting of Trustees on the 8th
of June is most highly desirable.

The train which connects with the
Baltimore & Norfolk Coal leaves
Washington at 12:30 P. M. and
the boat touches at Fort Monroe at
5 o'clock the next morning. You can
leave here the evening of the day on
which you arrive here and reach
Washington at 10 o'clock the
next morning.

Hoping that you

will come and breathe our fresh sea air
and rest a few hours or days from your
severe labors as well as the of great
benefit to the cause here

Yours
Wm. D. D. D. D.
S. C. D. D. D.



May 30th 1870.

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Gen. O. C. Howard

Howard Ministry

Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

Just a few words please, not
of business, so personal at your leisure.

The kindest emotions, induce
this writing. Have had many photos of
you, & the ordeal, thro' which you are
called to pass.

As the Children of Israel tri-
umphed, so will you come up from the
sea of difficulties, in which embittered
partisanship would submerge you.

Have been familiar with your public
acts, since you stepped upon the stage.

It is manifest that the spirit directing
this investigation, is for political capital
& not from any enmity to you.

Have shot much of this great ember

"I count these things to be grandly true,
That a noble deed is a step towards
Lifting the soul from the common dust
To a purer air and a broader view."

to which you are subjected, you have
the earnest & cordial support, sympathy,
& appreciation of thousands of friends;
this must be some compensation.

And now to the prospect of this visit:
Let me tell you of the effect of your
visit upon my school. That there are some
unruly ones is true. It is equally true
that the (so to speak) magnetism of your
presence, & the happy manner in which you
addressed them, seemed to lift them above
themselves, to give them higher aims, & higher
aspirations. Have taken every advantage of
this impression & it yet lives.

Intuition speaks volumes. A pure
spiritual presence leaves a lasting im-
pression upon the soul. The children
talk of that visit, & ask when is the
Gen. coming again. While the event is
gone from your mind, it is felt here, as
the crepusculum lingers after the sun's dis-
appearance.

The people of "Barry Farm" look upon

you as second only to Mr. Lincoln.

And now Gen. May I ask if you can
consistently visit my charge again - in
the close of the school year.

The children are so anxious - I
make this appeal in their behalf.

I should like to have you present at the
Examination, (do not know yet the date) or
some time before the close.

Would like to know when, should
you favor us - that the school might be well
represented, & the parents invited.

It is true - you are burdened - with
numberless just such favors - but I feel
that duty requires me to ask it for the
children.

Permit me to subscribe myself
very sincerely &
Respectfully yours

F. E. Hall

Care J. G. Brown Esq.
Smithsonian Institution Wash.
D. C.

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Treasury Department,

Register's Office,

May 31st, 1870.

Gen. C. C. Howard

President's Y. M. C. A.

Dear Sir

Will you permit me respectfully to say that it is usual to grant special "leaves of absence" to employees of the Department to go home to vote, and to attend meetings of societies, conventions and otherwise of which they are members. "Odd Fellows," Masons and all of any order are generally granted special absence of several days which is not taken out of their regular furlough.

The President U.S. is generally requested by the head of any order or society to notify Heads of Departments to grant them leaves of absence, yet it can be done just as well by writing a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury or other Secretary, making the request.

Several of us have thought it would be best - if you will kindly consent to do so - to have you procure these extra

leaves of absence for those who are delegates to the
Y. M. C. A. Convention at once, in any manner you
may choose by writing or personally requesting it.

We would be glad Sir if you would permit us to ask
that this matter be attended to soon (if meeting your approval)
for the reason that very many will be rushing for leave
about the time we wish to go. "Ten days" we ought
have to go and come in. Surely Secretary Bondwell
or the President or any one would not hesitate to grant
your request in behalf of the Association, and I presume
no action of the Board or Association is required in
this case. Simply a letter from yourself and Genl.
Secretary requesting ^{special} leave of absence for Ten days to
all delegates to the national "Y. M. C. A." Our Association
ought, I am sure to have the same general privileges
and be upon as good a footing as any other cause

I am Sir with great Respect

and in haste truly Yours &c

Frank A. Burr

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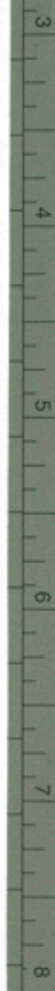
Freedmens Hospital
31 May 70

My dear Sir:

At a meeting of the "American Hemish Academy of Literature Science and Art" held last night, you and Dr Samson as the Presidents of the two Colleges, were added to the Committee on Charter. I was requested to inform you and to request you to meet the Committee in Congress Library on Wednesday at 1 P.M.

Yours very truly J. T. Johnson

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JOHN OGDEN, Pres. Bd. Trus.
H. S. BENNETT, Sec. " "
GEO. L. WHITE, Treas. " "

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FISK UNIVERSITY,

Nashville, Tenn., *May 31* 1870.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Our Dear Friend,

Is it possible for you to be with
us at our Annual Commence-
ment, closing on Friday, June
10th? We have been disappointed
in getting a speaker for the
last evening. Can you not
be here and give us even
an offhand talk. You can
do us so much good. The whole
town will flock to hear you.

Be assured that the general inter-
est we all feel, and the confidence
we have in you and the noble
cause you represent, are deep-
ened and heightened by your
recent struggle against the spirit
of wickedness in high places. May
the good God defend and bless you!

May 31st 1870

Enter & file
Amos G. Shelden
June 4. 1870

(D)

We are having a fine time here, just now from picking ~~two of my teachers~~. Two of my teachers have been picked for several weeks - dangerous sick, and the rest of us are nearly worn out, I am barely able myself to sit up.

We expect our fees from + C. in here in one week of Commencement. If you can't possibly be here, Jim, can you send us some aid from your crop to help us on the 15th prox?

Remember me kindly to your noble band of workers, and believe me

Most truly yours
John Ogden

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Atlanta Ga. May 31st -
[1870?]

Dear General:-

Allow me
to introduce to you
my friend, Mr. Shepherd,
who has been in the
employ of the A. M. &
at Macon, Ga.

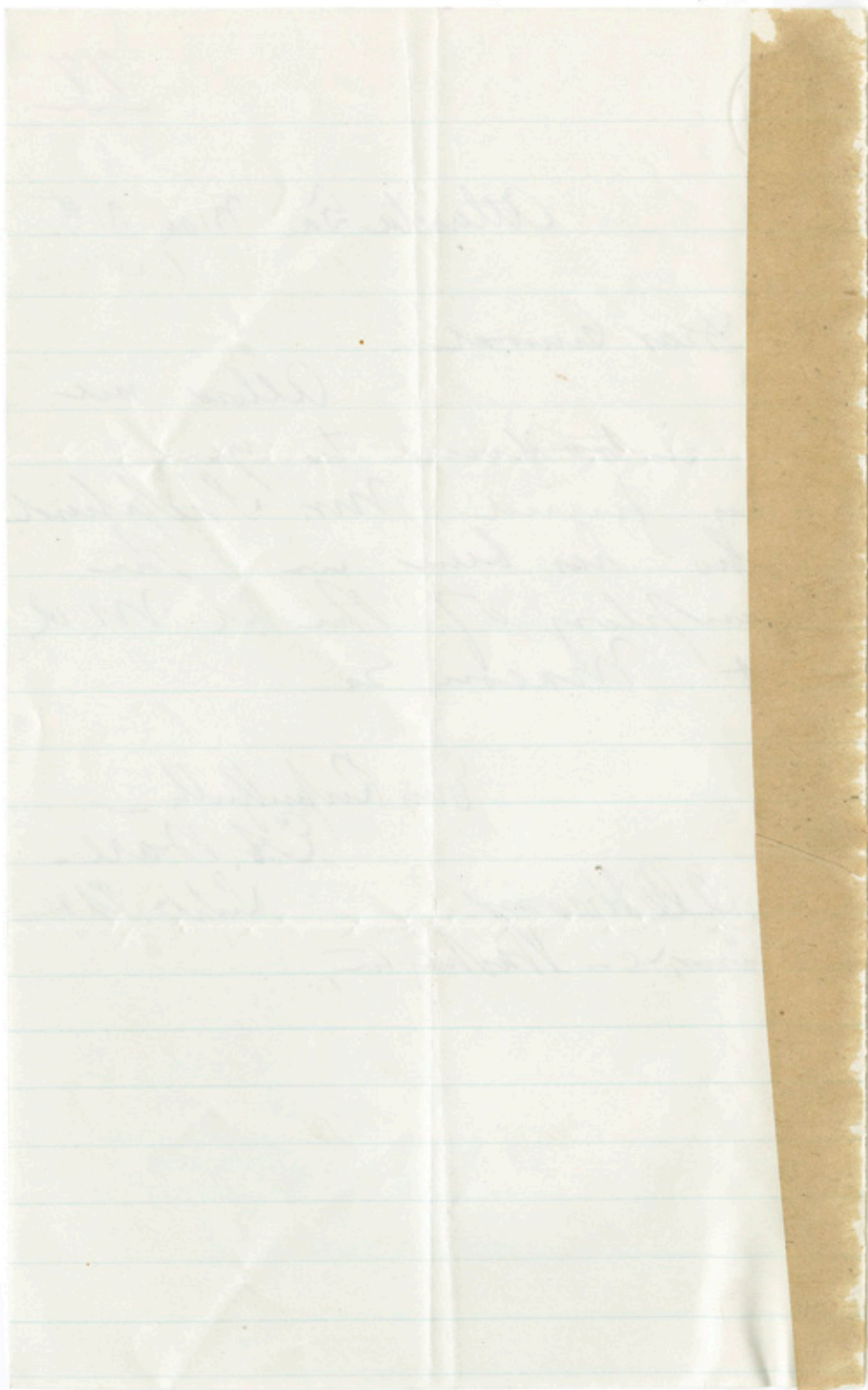
Very Respectfully -

E. S. Ware -

Gen. O. O. Howard.

Capt. Ed. S.

Comm'r - Washington,



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Parish of St. Mary La.
May. Gen. C. C. Howard

Dear Sir

I am authorized by the Smith Literary
Society, of Thomson University, to
inform you of your election as an
honorary member of our body.

Respectfully yours,
G. R. M. Newman

We the Orphans have a great deal
of sympathy ^{for} you Gen. because you
have talked to us in Dr. Newman's
Church: because you have lost
your arm in the defense of the
Freedmen and that old Flag.
because you told us "Thou God
sent me."

Respy. Yours.

G. R. M. Newman

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