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October 15. 1870.

Dear Sir:

If not too much
trouble will you please send
me your autograph?

Hoping that among nume-
-rous applications of this kind
you will find time to grant
mine and that you will excuse
me for troubling you.

I am,

Very respectfully
E. P. Chamberlin

To

Gen Howard

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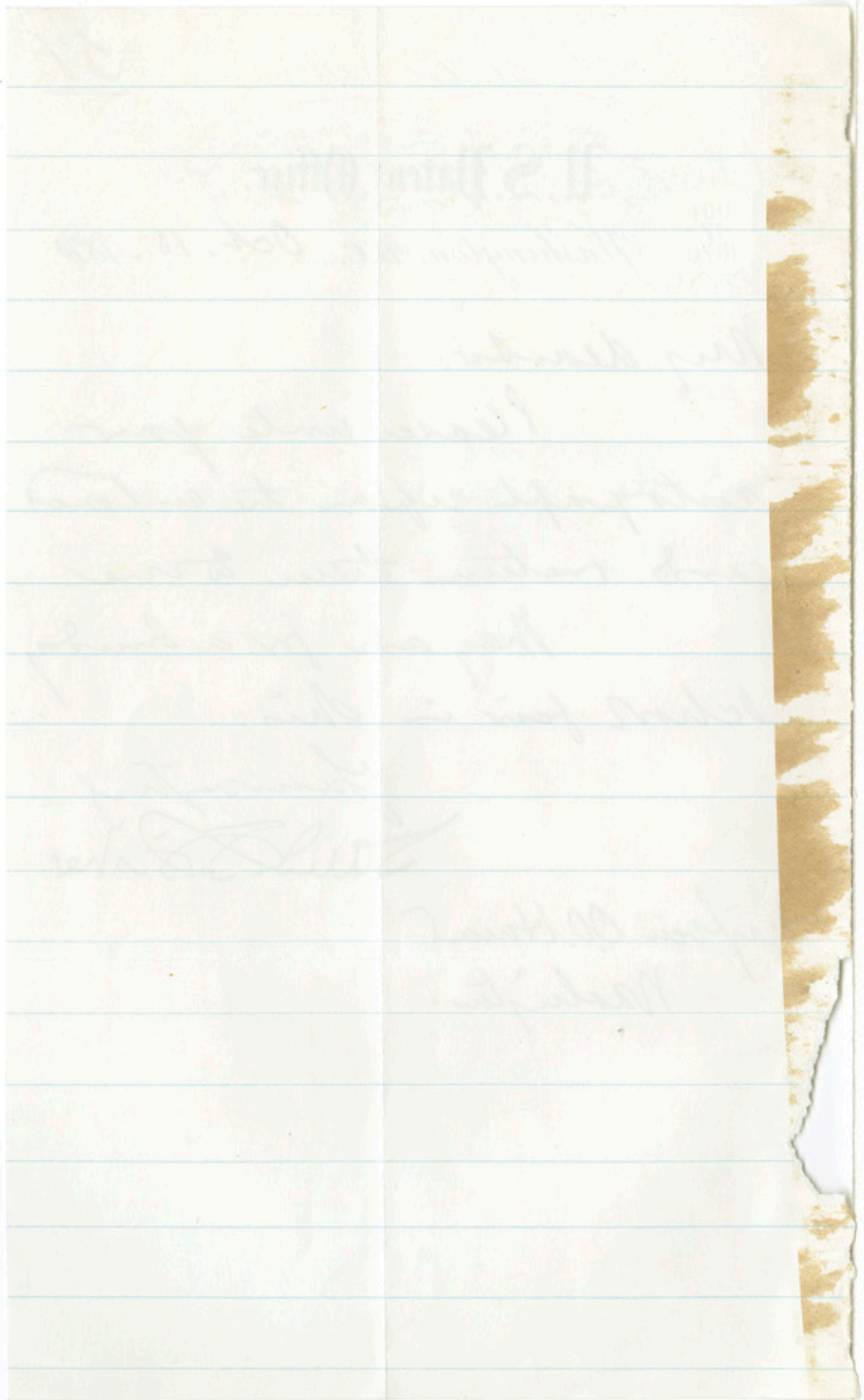
My dear Sir:

Please write your
autograph upon the enclosed
cards & return them to me

They are for a Sunday
School fair in Ohio.

Yours truly
Saml. S. Fisher

Mayken O. Howard
Washington.



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N.Y. Oct. 15/70.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Washington, D. C.
Dear Sir,

I write
in behalf of the Consulting
Com. of the Western College Soc.
(of which I send by to day's mail
their last Annual Report) to ask
that you be one with two or three
other speakers to address the Society
at its Annual meeting to be
held at Bloomfield N.Y. Nov. 8th
in the evening.

This Society has
sustained a great loss in the
death of Rev. Dr. Baldwin
but we hope to fill his place
with a good man, but we are
in a crisis - Can not you come

us out.

We hope in the new
policy we will be under dis-
cussion doubtless to see
the time come when the
Soc. shall not be "Western"
only but work its way
South to the higher schools
under the fostering care of the
A.M. Assoc. &c.

You can give
a good lift in that
direction. The Soc. will
of course pay yr expenses
carriage.

Yours Truly
Samuel Holmes
Treasr

No. 4 Beekman St

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Oct. 15th 1870



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Washington, D. C. Oct 15th 1870

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard

*My Dear Sir - I am
anxious that Mr. Langston
should speak in Petersburg
& vicinity on Monday &
Tuesday. If any arrangement
can possibly be made to
permit him to be absent
on these days we should
consider it a personal &
political favor - and believe*

it would result in great
good to the cause of
republicanism in Va.

I have the honor to
request that you will
endeavor to arrange the
matter so that he can
be absent for the time
indicated -

Very Respectfully Yours
James H. Platt Jr.

carried on in the Industrial school, my father
had a bucket and other wood work manu-
factory in the building in connection with
the file work, and I obtained considerable ex-
perience in it there. He had also a Grocery Store in
connection with his Factory at Ellicotts Mills,
which I had the management of. I also had
a great deal of the selling of the manufactured
articles to do, to the merchants in Baltimore and
W.I.. Morally and religiously I shall strive to care for
the inmates of the Home to the best of my ability.
Please excuse any seeming underness or ^{dis}respect
if there is any in this letter, as it is unintentional.
I only have endeavored to put myself right
in the opinion of a gentleman whose good words
and esteem I value so much.

H.D. Cook is the President of the Industrial
School.

What is wanted is that you will write
a short letter indorsing the Institution and the
person that the managers have selected as the Gen-
eral Superintendant, being myself, the letter will
be printed with others from other influential persons.

Yours
Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
H. V. Rothberg
Cor. 5th and 7th Streets



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Washington D.C.

Oct. 15th 1870.

General O.O. Howard

Corn. B.R. Y^d A.L.

Dear Sir,

The managers of the "Industrial Home School"
of the District of Columbia, on the recommendation
of the Messrs. Savage, have offered me the position
as General Superintendant and manager of the In-
stitution, and its affairs. The offer came unexpected
and unsolicited by me. I send a printed article
that I wrote and had printed in the Chronicle,
which shows the object and nature of the school;
They wish to have it indorsed by prominent and
influential parties, and are of opinion that it
will tend to inspire confidence to have their
Superintendant, ^{also} and greatly assist in raising the

required aid. I am not to enter on the duties until I have canvassed thoroughly the District for the means required. But General if your opinion of me is correct in one particular I am unfitted for the position. This is a situation of all others that I should like, am a poor man but all though, have not succeeded in amassing wealth, that should not be taken as a sure sign that I lack energy. When I was a very young man, was associated in business with a relative, through his extravagance and dissipation the business was broken up, and I lost all that I had; one of the creditors, a Mr. Kenard Hardware Merchant of Centre Street N.Y., asked some of the neighbours how I had conducted myself, their answer was, that I had been one of the most attentive and industrious young men that they had ever known, this Mr. Kenard told me himself, the same was said of me by Mr. Landsdale

agent of the Granite Mills ^{Ellicott's Mills} Maryland, but a night watchman has not much chance of showing whether he has anything in him or not. In the army no one ever accused me of a lack of energy. Before leaving home some months since, during the nine months preceding, I ^{my own} by individual efforts got up twenty two temperance ^{meetings}, and proposed in my own name over one hundred persons, and had them initiated in Howard Division, obtained over five hundred signatures to the pledge, and attended to my duties as night watchman regularly, besides other things, this I think shows that there is not much lack of energy. If I were to give a history of my late trip South, and all that was contended with it would not show a lack of energy. This position will enable me to show what I am made of if it goes on.

As to my experience in the kind of work

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EDITOR'S OFFICE OF THE SUN,

New York, Oct 15 1870

My friend O. O. Howard

Dear Sir:

I learn by the newspapers
that you are about to proceed to West Point
upon the Court martial for the trial of
cadets. Believing that the appointment
of stenographer to that court may
possibly be within your gift I take the
liberty of applying to you for it. If you
can give me that appointment or
procure it for me you will add
me more to the many favors

you have already conferred

upon

Yours with gratitude
and respect

T. F. Williams

Confidential

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Washington Oct 15, 1870

Gen. O. O. Howard:

It is an egregious error
to interfere with other men's affairs
freely. But at the risk of being thought
unconscientious, I am about to
write that interference.

I understand there is to be a meeting
on Monday next, of yourself and other
Republicans, to take into consideration the
question of extending aid to the New Nation
at New Orleans.

I sincerely hope that will be done as
well for the sake of the Republican party
as for that of Mr Douglass and the colored
people.

And what I want to suggest is that
you make any aid you may be dis-

power to grant its contingent upon the withdrawal of J. H. Humes from the concern. I have reason to believe that he is not only an incompetent but a dishonest business man, and that no matter how much money may be subscribed, the paper will be a failure while managed by him.

In this matter from the time Mr. Martin left it, I was Sub Editor of the New Era, as I have been in fact since Mr. Douglass purchased an interest in it. I was engaged by Humes with the promise of \$100 dollars a month. At the end of three months he refused to pay me any thing unless I would take \$30 a month, but finally agreed to pay me \$50, and did pay a portion of it, and virtually refuses to pay the rest.

Of his insincerity, I judge by what his cousin, John Humes, & Judge J. M. Ed-

monds have told me, by my own observations, during our four months, and by the report of others.

If Mr. Douglass could get possession of all the paper and money, and enough to give him a fair start, with his great reputation and abilities, he would make it a success, both pecuniarily and politically, I have not a doubt. It seems to me its continuance is of the very highest importance to the Republican party, if not to the colored people.

Though I have since given for paper and against Humes, my object in publishing you this with this note, is a sincere regard for Mr. Douglass, and the success of the paper.

I refer you to John J. Lullback as to the degree of credit I am willing to give in this matter.

Joseph Weyman
6th And. Office.



Oct. 16. 1870.

May. Genl. Howard

Dr. Sir.

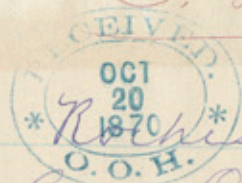
I am in receipt of your esteemed note of the 15th and will do all I can personally to further the wishes of our Sachman, whom I believe to be a very worthy person.

I avail of this opportunity to thank you for the unusual

interest, give as a com-
parative stranger (as
indeed she is to me)
have taken in her
case.

Such disinterested,
ed, charitable acts
as these, tend, more
than any thing else,
in my judgment,
to "make all the
world akin," & cause
us to "love one another"
as our Father in Heaven
loves us all. Respy
H. G. Loring

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Rochester Oct 17 1870
Gen. O. Howard

My dear Bro
You will doubtless remember
receiving a letter from me
some months since in which
I stated to you that I
was a Minister of the gospel
had labored as a Missionary
in the West for 17 years
previous to 1860 since which
time I had been greatly
afflicted with Paralysis in
my lower limbs. It is now
nearly 10 years since I
have been able to walk
a single step or earn
a single dollar have
been & still am a great
sufferer. In my last I
asked for sympathy & aid

Yr answer I dont wish to answer
you by constant calls. It is the hardest
task for all my life long to ask and
of my friends much more so to
ask of strangers. If I could work
as in days former gone by how gladly
would I do it, But this is impossible.
I shall in all probability never.
again in this world but all is right
God is good every good to me by duty &
by right & my trust is in him for every
needed good today for me
or

Cook

Your reply was frank
that you could not help
me at that time. This
gave me some encouragement
that you might at some future
time. I am still needy
& a small donation would
greatly relieve my present
pressing necessities. If you
have any doubts as to my
Christian ^{or ministerial} character you
can be perfectly satisfied
by conferring with Br Whipple
or Br Strick, corresponding
Secretaries of the A. M. Assoc-
iation. They know me
well & my present con-
dition & circumstances.

Yours in Christian
love & esteem

Nelson Cook 88
12 Howel St Rochester
N.Y.

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Department of the Interior,

CENSUS OFFICE,

Washington, D. C., October 17th, 1870.



Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed an order for Twelve Dollars which I offer you as my subscription for the church this year and I shall repeat it for the ten years if nothing occurs to prevent.

I regret that circumstances prevent a more liberal donation and shall endeavor to increase it in the coming years.

Wishing you health, comfort and unbounded success financially in your journey north. I will remember you daily before Our Father and remain

Yours Very Respectfully
J. B. Chapin

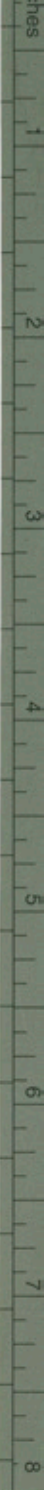
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Maj. Gen. A. C. Howard.

Department of the Interior

CENSUS OFFICE

United States
of America
Census Office



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Oct 17th 1870

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Washington D.C. Oct 17th 1870

Gen. C.C. Howard.

Dear Sir.

If any apology
be necessary for this intrusion upon
your valuable time I trust that it may
be found in the very peculiar and
painful position, which Mrs. Bickerdike's
inexplicable conduct has placed myself
and family. Through her machinations
we are homeless and without the means
of procuring even a meals trictuals. My
son Frederic is old enough to earn something
if he could get employment. Will you, kind
sir, use your influence to procure him
some position, however humble, where
he can, at least, earn enough to furnish
him the bare necessities of life, and
where he will not be exposed to vice and
immoral influences? I think that

to be employed in the Solding
room at The Capitol if some influen-
tial person would intercede for him
My husband too is looking for some
employment, any thing, that will keep
the wolf from the door, and if you
will kindly aid us, in our great dis-
tress, with your influence I shall be un-
der lasting obligations. I enclose a line
from my sons Sabbath School Teacher,
and if you desire any other reference you
can enquire of Granville Malcolm Super-
intendant of Kendall Mission. Hoping
that you will pardon this intursion I
am with great respect

Very truly yours
Mrs. Eliza Peck

Gen. O. O. Howard.

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Gen. O. O. Howard
U. S. A.

Dear Sir

I take the liberty to enclose to you some remarks that have been published in reference to the effect of cannonading in producing rain, and to ask if your experience & observation during our late war would incline you to take a favorable view of the theory therein advanced. If so I beg that you will mention what battles you recollect or having been accompanied

or followed by rain,
and also any incidental
Circumstances connected
therewith that you may
possibly remember in
relation to temperature,
wind &c, that might
add to the knowledge
that can be gathered
on the subject, and
that might be of use
in case an attempt
should be made to
reproduce the phenom-
enon referred to

Soliciting a reply,
and requesting that you
will at the same time
return to me the Enclosed
slip I am

Very respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt

Box 45 Edw Powers

Our little Garrison Sunday meetings are
very pleasant ones, and still using the
Proverbs.

It is very hard for me to endure
the cursing, and at our officers mess, often,
the very indecent conversation, but people
in this country seem to have outgrown
any reverence, modesty, and some
even decency - for instance, this morning
at the breakfast table, one officer who had
slept through roll call, said he was as
sleepy as a 'wooden Jesus'. This same officer
the other day, in a conversation concerning the
selling of liquor to Indians, said - 'oh, Jesus, he
started the first brewing'. To be compelled to listen
to such talk is perfect torment - I have
tried to tell this man something of how badly this
sounds to me - to his honor, or regard for anything
sacred, I can not appeal - so I sit and try to
take it patiently, till God shall show me the
way to ~~this~~ ^{his} ~~man's~~ heart, or out of his company.
And here I am making a long letter, out of
one I had intended as only a very short one.

With very kindest regards to Mrs. Howard and the children
I am General, Respectfully & most Sincerely, Genl. McKim.

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Fort Lyon, Colorado Territory.
Oct. 17th 1870.

General O. D. Howard, U.S.A.

Washington D.C.

Dear General:

The following is in a
letter just received from the daughter of a
missionary near Fort Gibson Indian Territory:-
'Do you know if there is any arrangement
for sending some Colored boys to the Howard
University. There has been talk of it, and they
are counting on going.' And this reminds
me of what this Chief man has been trying
to bring about, and I am thinking, that
when I am returned, it will be a good
plan for me to take the back track at

Kansas City - for Fort Gibson.

I am confident, that by giving the matter my personal, and earnest attention, I may, with God's blessing, be able to open a school, (for these students - will be self sustaining) to the University, - and not only Colored, but the Indian may be induced to come. It really does seem best for me to visit these people!

Just before parting with you General, I remember that I said - I don't expect you will answer every letter I write, "Oh, Yes" was the reply. "I will answer every letter you will write me" - and this is my third one - and as yet no reply, and I am wondering how University - matters go on, whether old Students - have returned, and matters, military, run along smoothly, But I'm taking some lessons in the waiting school, and this is one,

Perhaps one of the Cadets, Napier, will write me of the weekly prayer meetings.

In a note to Grace I spoke of one you will remember as Miss Selia Thornton, now the wife of Capt. Cassy 5th Regt. She sends both Mrs. Howard and yourself love.

And now may I say just one word more about the Martin box? It does seem to me that the best way, as seen from Colorado, to dispose of the trouble, is to sell it, furniture and all for enough to cover deed of trust and Mr. Cole's note, if no more. The furniture (with the stones I purchased, and paid for!!) is worth Eight hundred dollars. So I do hope, without any more trouble, some one will come along who will be glad to take the property.

I have considerable time for thinking, and this time giving you my thoughts, on paper. I trust I am not reminding you of burdens.

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American Missionary Association:

No. 59 READE STREET.

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New York, Oct. 17th 1870
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Maj. Gen. B. O. Hovard
My Dear Brother

"The Western College Society,"
which nearly ceased to exist by the death
of its late Secretary, Rev. Dr. Baldwin, is
to hold its Annual Meeting in Bloomfield
N. J. Nov. 8th, when an effort will be
made to resuscitate it under Congrega-
tional auspices. It is thought to be
very important that there should be a
full attendance of Congregational brethren
there; and one of the Directors wished me
to write you, urging your attendance.
I hope to see you at the N. Jersey Confer-
ence Oct. 26th, when we can talk over
the subject more fully. I now write simply
to lay it before your mind and forestall
any other engagement at that time.

With kindest regards,
M. E. Strieby.

American Missionary Association

NO. 10 KINGS STREET

NEW YORK, N.Y.

George W. Whitwell, N.Y.
W. E. Whitwell, N.Y.
Rev. E. P. Smith, N.Y.

New York Oct. 17th 1870

My dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the proposed meeting in New York of the American Missionary Association. I am very glad to hear that you are making an effort to bring about a meeting of this kind, and I am sure that it will be a most important one. I am sorry that I cannot attend it myself, but I am sure that you will be able to do so. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
W. E. Whitwell