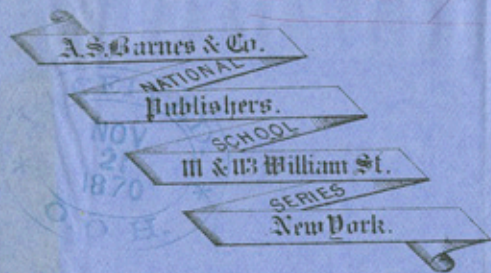


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Nov 19, 1870.

Gen O.O. Howard

Dear Sir

We have just
been favored with a short call
from Col. S. R. Davis of Geo. He
expresses his intention of seeing
you when he reaches Washington
This is to remind you of your kind
promise to put in a good strong
word for

Your friends

A. J. Barnes

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Wm. O. Wood

Dear Sir

I have not

received your letter of the 10th inst. in regard to the purchase of a lot of land in the town of New York. I am sorry to hear that you are not satisfied with the price offered. I am sure that the land is worth the price offered and I am sure that you will be satisfied with the price offered.

Very truly
Yours

Wm. O. Wood



Com. Room Education & Labor
House of Reps., Nov. 14, 1870

May. Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir: When Mr. Amell was in Washington a few weeks ago he requested me to see if some local influences could not be brought to bear on the lecture committees of the G. M. C. A., or that of the G. A. R., to invite Miss Elizabetta Peabody to lecture here, during the winter, on Froebel's system of infant education (the Kindergarten). You know, I presume, that Miss Peabody is a sister of the late Horace Mann and that she has devoted the best years of her life to literature related more immediately to public education — latterly to the study and dissemination of the principles and practice of Froebel and his followers. Mrs. Mann and she have written a very satisfactory work on the subject. Miss Peabody is now about 40 years of age, but vigorous and entertaining as well as instructive.

Can you not help us? May it not be possible to slip her in as an extra lecturer, or to supply the place of any lecturer who may be unable to fulfil his engagement?

(Over)

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~~Her~~ The address of Miss Peabody
is "Miss Elizabeth Peabody, Care of
Mrs. Horace Mann, Cambridge,
Mass."

Very Respectfully
Augustus F. Thayer

I should have attended to this
matter before, but for a sore affliction
— the death of a son aged 14.

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Dexter A. Hawkins.
Nathaniel Cothren.

10 Wall St. New York Nov. 19 1870

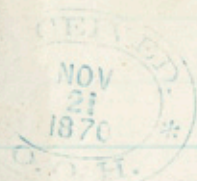
My Dear General

Permit me to introduce the bearer, Mr. Edward Wright of Minatitlan, Mexico, formerly of New York, and a client and friend of ours. He is a self-made man and has enjoyed success. He desires to leave his son, (who accompanies him) here at school, & I have recommended your university. Be so kind as to give him all necessary information on the subject of education.

Very sincerely & truly yours

N. Cothren

Nov. 19, 1870



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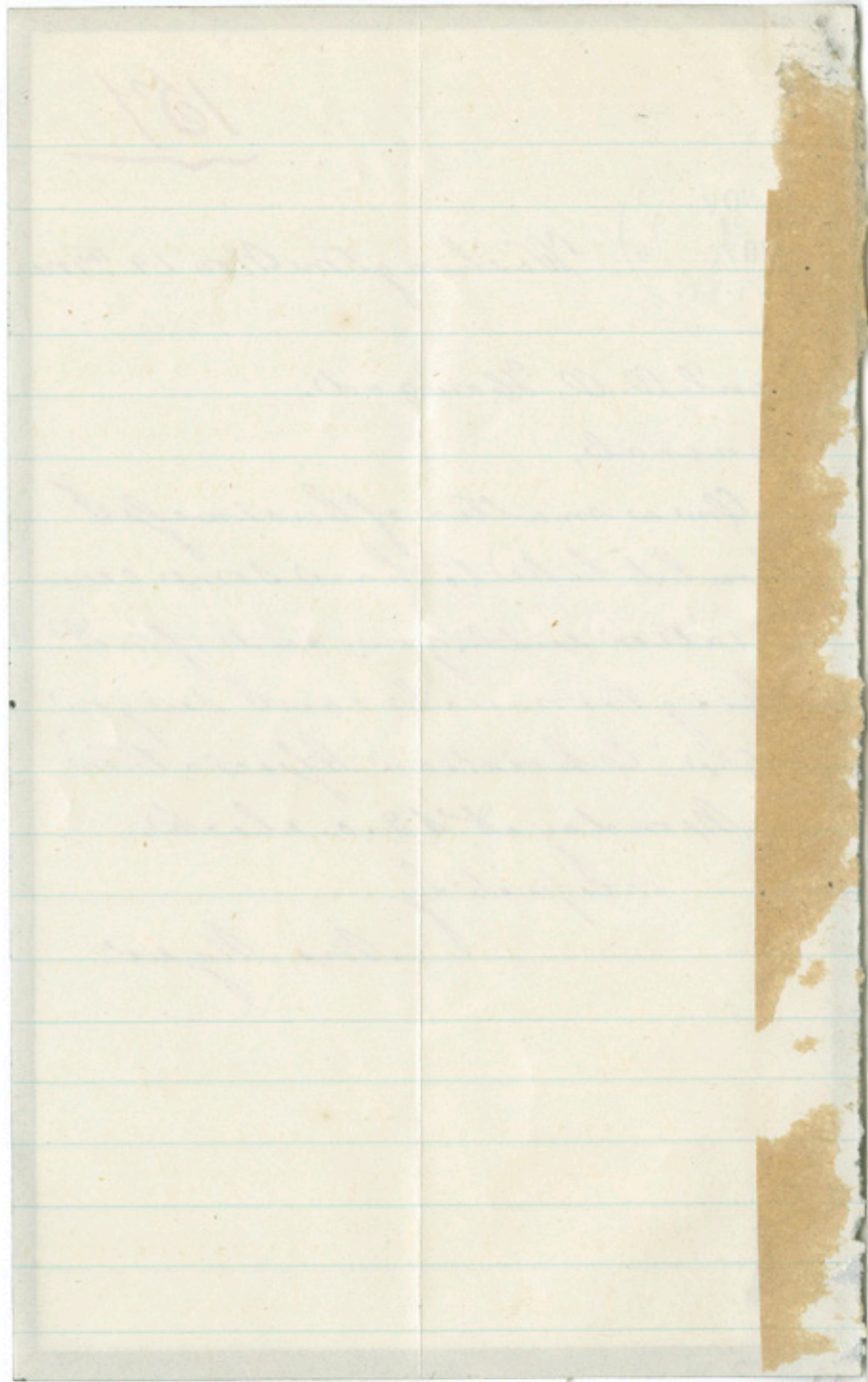
Genl O. O. Howard.

General,

On a matter of business I should like to have some conversation with you; and if not asking too much, can I see you at the "Christian Association" on Monday at 12 o'clock.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Myer.



Gen: Howard,

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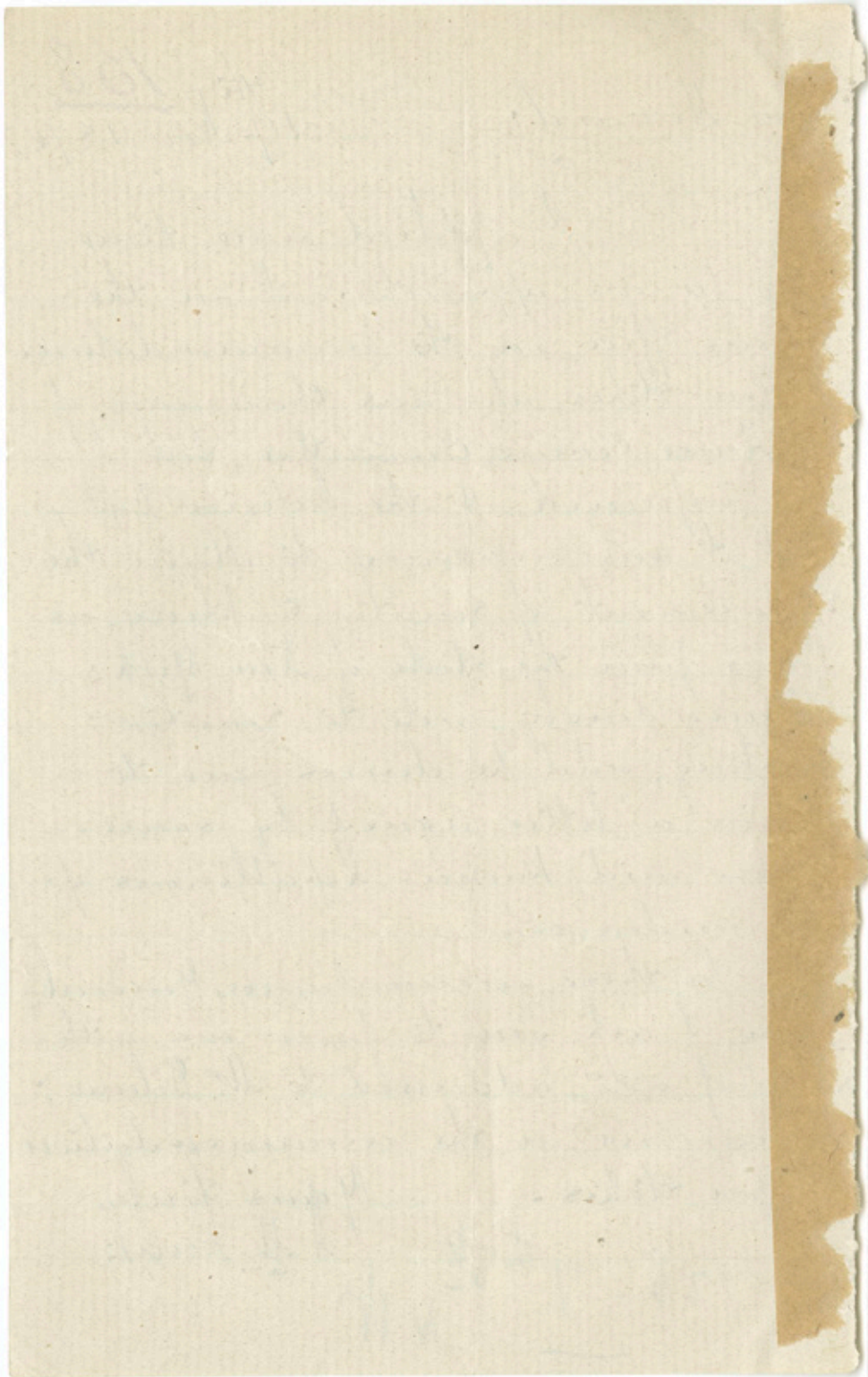
I applied some time ago for an appointment in the Census Office, on the recommendation of Gen: Stokes, who was Chairman of the House Census Committee, but I was informed at the Interior Dept. that it was necessary to obtain the endorsement of Senator Cankling, as I was from the State of New York.

I accordingly wrote to Senator Cankling, and he desires me to obtain a letter signed by some 'active and known Republicans of my residence'.

In these circumstances, General, may I ask you to favor me with a brief note, addressed to Mr. Delano, concurring in the recommendation of Gen Stokes.

Yours truly,
J. H. Reed:

726-7th St
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Washington D.C. Nov. 21st 1870

My dear General

The per diem for the West
Point Court martial, which at first
was thought to be not due, on account
of Genl. Order n^o 116. A. G. O. Oct 27th 1870.
has by a decision of the Comptroller of
the Treasury Nov. 19th 1870, been declared
due. I simply send you this intelligence
hoping you may have been unable to
get the per diem pay.

Yours friend &c. W. L. Smith

W. L. Smith

Genl. O. O. Howard & Co
Washington
D.C.

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Stratton Green Lake Co.

Worcester Mass. 21. '70

Nov. 21, 1870

Dear C. C. Heard, Sir

Oct 31 I enclosed to
you \$2.00 for the
School Institute. As
the money is minute
I hoped it would es-
cape the perils of the
R.R. I enclosed a
stamp so as to hear
from it if it should
arrive safely.

It seems that it is
lost along with the
money's bank from this

Yech Logt of (Bang^u)
Shurkay.

I write this to let
you know that I am
appreciated and treated re-
spectfully; and you
will please regard us
as having done what
we could for you truly
(Ore) Wm McRichard

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RECEPTION.

The pleasure of the company of
yourself and ladies is requested at the
Reception of the Y. M. C. Association,
to be held in their Parlors on the 21st
day of November, instant, between 8 and 11
o'clock P. M.

C. M. PARKS,
J. C. BROWN,
T. T. STEWART. } Committee.

N. B. Present this at the Ninth-street door.

Cloaks and Hats will be cared for.

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RECEPTION.

The pleasure of the company of
yourself and those is requested at the
residence of Mr. J. C. [illegible]
in this [illegible] on the [illegible]
day of [illegible] between [illegible] and [illegible]

E. M. BAKER
J. A. BROWN } Co-Signers
T. V. DEWEY

At the request of the [illegible] above
signed and there will be served for

Confidential

Treasury Department,

Register's Office,

Nov 21st, 1870.

Dear General

During your troubles when your good name was assailed I tried to place the matter before the public in a manner that should do you justice, contributing to N.Y. Herald, Tribune, Chicago papers and other papers. I can claim the authorship of all or nearly of the newspaper articles in your defence from this point. I tried to help you to the best of my ability writing to late hours at night and in getting information. I feared to speak of it much to you for fear I might be thought officious, and as wanting to get some influence or favors of you. I little thought then that such overwhelming calamities would so soon overtake you. I was happy in a humble little home where all was peace and I used to read to my wife the pieces I had prepared for publication for you, and it was always with her approval

that they were sent out. - Great God it seems as a dream
as I contemplate the change now - my home desolate, my
wife estranged - hating me as a "fiend" - her Father
under arrest - my Day out in the world & no home.
The first word of difficulty at all was in regard to my
wife having been several times to see Thompson and having
personal examination for a little matter common to all women
and advised to do this by Mrs Gilfillan, ^{and not letting me know it} After my wife's return
from home two or three months before her confinement, Thompson
made several personal examinations again, once going
into my chamber when ^{he was} out and locking the door being
alone with her as I have proof for half an hour nearly. Today
was the matter of her more than is usual in such cases.
I have overheard him talking very freely to my wife about matters
which he or she should not have mentioned - He came to my
house often and as she seemed to have so much confidence
in him I did not dare say anything in the condition in
which she was. Her Mother's came and then trouble began.
I could not suspect the woman (although I trusted her well) because
she had mortified me & made trouble before by coming, being my jealous

Wrote of but one woman with her husband. And my little home to be a little more high, tempered, fretful and nervous, given to talking scandal continually and continually writing scandal to my wife and at times abusing her own husband greatly in her letters, and keeping my wife worried very much. I told my wife what you said about Thompson and I had the day before heard much against him, she told her mother - who told me to my face that I was a fool, had made myself ridiculous in your eyes & much more and finally said I should keep my mouth shut. Thompson they would have - I made no reply to all this, but the woman said I had insulted her because she said my face got red which I think likely - during the birth of the child she ordered me around and scolded and carried on at a great rate while I was watching my movements and helping the Doctor as he wished, he was disgusted at her - and told me afterwards that she was a bundle of conceits & notions - an old fool who got united crossways, he said I must have a nurse, that she could not be trusted - I tried to get one but the woman would not allow it, got mad about it, then got mad because she had too much to do, I was a brute because I did not get some one to help her - I tried to talk pleasantly to her but she would

run into my wife's room screaming that I had insulted her. I thought I would go deranged myself. The Dr all the time telling me I ought to get a firm & be master of my Honour &c. I tried to conciliate the woman by little delicacies from market but no use - I offered to leave the house for a few days leaving money for their use - if she would only be quiet & still & not disturb my wife - The Doctor said I must keep things quiet but how could I. He said he would find my wife excited and knew as I was absent at the office and very quiet at home that her mother excited her and he said that if the old woman was sent away as she should be that my wife would die for her mother's influence was so great over her - and if she staid my wife would die by keeping my wife excited & I would also kill the child the mother's milk being disturbed all the time. I was in an agony that can't be described - I would overhear the woman all night talking loudly to my wife - abusing me - when the Doctor had told her not to speak a loud word after she took medicine - I one morning told the woman that she must be quiet or she must go out - she charged and tore and told everyone that I threatened to kick her into the street - which is simply a lie. I don't use such language - I was very quiet and still for fear of getting my wife excited - Once only did I during the woman call me so many names - was so abusive that I said her tongue was the cause of my wife not being better - that I thought she would be better dead & in heaven than troubling people as she was continually. She had called me a liar - a wretch - a hypocrite at this time and had also told ladies so that called - & that I was a demon - a bad character &c &c and also would not allow me to read the Bible and

my wife the part he was taking what he said against her but she clung
to Thompson - so did the fireman - I ac'd. dentally saw some letters
my wife Father arranging to come over when I did not know it and took
my wife & child - then I watched for him - My wife commenced giving away our
furnishings, many little things about the house - many little presents from me to her
but I said nothing - they told every body that called that I was a demon &c I said
nothing making no reply - except I said you are going to leave me - now
won't you permit me to go & see the little Boy once a year - she said her mother
said no - no - never should see him - the woman has said to me many times
that she had a better right in my house than I had - she turned me out of
chair on to the floor or drew me out the room - shut the door and
knocked me into the hall and bolted the door. I am not a she
or a Saint - yet I said nothing - love to my wife - a hope that she would
change, live for my Boy - and Grace alone restrained me from throwing
the woman into the street - at times - The Detective traced the man into the
he kept quiet until he thought I was gone to the office then came as a thief
my little home & sent off about everything the detective watching him do it
had his letter showing his plot to do this at Headquarters - & got a warrant
for him as he was returning to take my wife & child - then I got a Constable
and policeman & went & tried to persuade my wife to go with me,
spoke pleasantly & kindly, urged her to go and take care of her child
her Mother-in-law said she should not go - the woman struck me several
times until the policeman said he would not stand it if I did and
stopped her assault on me - not an unkind word did I say to her
my wife gave up her husband and her child for her mother's delirium
even when I told my wife I would get a separate room at any house
she would go to - so I can't be very cruel - You say I have made a good
thing for myself in this - only one side of the story - well the other side
will show then - & I was putting my religion to its full test or I should long
ago have strangled the woman - Now Sir would you allow a man & woman
to plot to steal your wife & child - when conscious of doing everything you could
be pleasant & good - I am either the greatest villain & hypocrite that ever did live
I have quietly borne more than men generally do. This woman true before her
me trouble - my wife returned ^{broken} humble & penitent - but she has done me a wrong
that I could scarcely forgive or forget. I have loved her with all the intensity of
very strong deep feelings - she was to me all - I have lavished too much & that
I failed - She is Mrs. Gilfillian - I would prefer she would go elsewhere -
I have great influence with her - if you see her don't let her know of my writing to you &
don't show this letter to anyone - I beg it - under no account - my counsel would be any
I can say a word to Judge Fisher one of my counsel & have him arrested in
my behalf - pray for my poor wife - may God bless her - how imprudent she has been
go to her & pray with her will you not - Cor 13th an I do

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Elmira, N.Y.

Nov. 22. 1870-

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir,

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that at a meeting of the Callicophora Society of Elmira College, held Nov. 19, 1870, your name was unanimously accepted as that of an honorary member.

We trust that this little token of our great regard, may give you pleasure. Be assured that from this College many prayers for the success of your earnest Christian life are sent to the Father of us all. That the dear Savior

that this beautiful place may
abide with you forever is the
wish of Calliope and of her
Cor. Secretary -

Fannie Wilcox.

a miscarriage - he examined her alone many times for two months before her confinement - Mrs Gil always taking part in denouncing me as jealous and mean if I raised any objection to all this - The scoundrel after kissing my wife and I telling him that I would expose him & threaten him ^{with} against my wife and tried to injure her character to me, showed her letters - he had more of her affection than I, & dared me not to live with her as he had advised her not to live with me - poor Mrs Gil - her mother who the Dr said was an old bag of wind & conceit utterly unfit to have the care of my wife & child and the lustful, deceitful old Doctor all denouncing me had with myself a hard time - may the curse of a righteous God fall upon for their infernal plotting to separate us who loved as tenderly as ever did any husband and wife in the world, My wife would strike me push me from her - Oh! how I have suffered - Now can you send my wife a note that you will call in your carriage and take her to Mrs Hall who wants her to come & spend a few days - or go see her at Mrs Hall and be very decided & tell Mrs Gil at once that you don't wish her presence in the room - then tell my wife that all her friends wish her to go to Mrs Halls - or just as you wish - she must be got away at once and may God help you - I will be at any expense only you get to see her & talk with her and pray with her - your influence is great with her - Let her know that her father is in a very dangerous place - he can't be saved with the neighborhood evidence I have - with the detectives & stealing into my home while I was absent to take the goods & child - I shant let him off nor show him or her mother any mercy - and they are in my power or the law as you can ascertain - Kidnapping and burglary and plotting and stealing in when the Head of the home was absent are crimes and her Mother I shall sue for defamation of character and her Father I have commenced suit against in civil process for 5,000 damages in breaking up my home without cause and throwing me out upon the world - besides I will publish in N.Y. Herald his letters & him that honest men may shun a man that would steal wife child - peace - home almost heaven itself God is good and keeps me calmly relying upon him or I would go mad - Do help me Dear General, get my wife away - at once so that I can arrest Mrs Gil - I shall anyhow very soon I think for it maddens me to think of the wrongs done me - If you can take my wife to your home I will pay liberally any other way for that run

My wife is kinder & purer than I with words draw the chain a giant in Father but not ordinary

I could not do right as you or any man would after such an offer - the delirious gave us up - but judge me if I that my wife had her share between husband & child & her for to go with me - that her mother should me & that to show one Bell my wife that both I and the Doctor were wrong

Nov 22^d 1870
 Dear General, { I wish you would Sir see Judge Fisher and Col. Cook my attorneys and see my evidence & also Major Richards

I have but little doubt but that Mrs Gilfillian was deeply in the plot to aid in taking away my wife and child. My wife said that Mrs G advised her to leave me - and I know that Mrs G has told some abominable lies to my wife about me and because Mrs G and I could not agree about Gen. Howard - her husband used to try to stop her abuse of you when she became violent as she did even in my house but nothing could stop her that tongue of hers nothing can stop.

She has been a great deal at my house for a year I tried quietly to neutralize her bad influence over my wife, she often made trouble between us by her gratuitous advice - how she would do to her husband and so and so - she would learn him that she

I might write Mrs G a confidential note telling her that Mrs Gil was my friend to her & to clear it up

her old mother used to visit crack down here & he was
very testy - I shall never get him up & set over my dead body
& I mean with all I say
would rule &c &c and got my wife to crying
once because I was such a brute as not to let her
go home - when I knew nothing of her wanting
to go - poor girl - and only a month before she
had left her mother - Mrs G was very often
at my house just before my wife left and was
advising her constantly to leave me - just from
hatred to me - when Mrs G knew that a kinder
man in his house or one more lavish never lived
than I and here is where I failed - Mrs G said
any one could see that Gen H was morose - stern
and unforgiving - a tyrant &c &c very selfish
and she had difficulty in worshipping at church
when she looked across and saw your face and
remembered how you abused Dr Paynter &c &c
and said your conduct was brutal but the Doctors
was "perfectly lovely" to use her own expressions. All
this Sir I will make my Affidavit to and I
think my wife would substantiate it, and her husband

a perfect beauty & good looking day - more beautiful at all & her the
best of her
I mildly suggested that she better leave our
Church and go with the "lovely" but she said the
children were so attached to the ^{our} Sabbath school
that she felt it a duty to remain for the present.
She is a starn - bang - whiz sort of a woman
whose throat is an open sepulchre - a wild loose
rattling talking woman - and oh! what trouble
she has made for me - it was her who persuaded
my wife to go and consult Thompson for just nothing
and the lecherous villain got the poor girl with
Mrs G's persuasion and coaxing that it might as well
be done then as ever - not let her husband know of it &c
and that scoundrel examined, and examined her
alone when nothing was the matter just to gratify
his abominable lust - and did her no good for
nothing was the matter to speak of. Thompson also
forbid her to let me touch her all during the whole
time the scoundrel said about a month after she was
pregnant that if he did not treat her she would have



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Washington, D.C., Nov 22^d 1870

My dear General.

We are hard pressed for money to-day and if you can by any possible endeavor let us have the balance on our contract you will confer another obligation. I should not trouble you were the necessity not very great

Genl. O. O. Howard
Pres

Trufy Yours
Alex R Shepherd

