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ROOMS OF THE

Young Men's Christian Association,

CORNER OF NINTH AND D STREETS,

Washington D. C., 21 April 1871

Maj Genl O O Howard.

Dear Sir. –

I have the pleasure of informing you that at a meeting of the Board of Managers of this Association held on 19 inst. you were elected a member of the Finance Committee for the ensuing year.

A letter of acceptance is desirable

Very truly

F. W. Pratt

Cor Secy

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Rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association,

CORNER OF NINTH AND D STREETS,

Washington, D.C., 21st April 1871

Major Genl O. O. Howard

Dear Sir.—

At the annual meeting of the Association held Monday evening 17th instant it was unanimously—

"Resolved, That it is the unanimous wish of the Young Men's Christian Association, that General O. O. Howard should be its President for the coming year, but as he has peremptorily declined to accept the office, we hereby tender to him our sincere and hearty thanks for his able and efficient services, and for the disinterested and Christian spirit which has always controlled his administration".

Very respectfully

J. W. Beall

Cor Secy

East Tenn. University,
Knoxville, Apr. 21, 1871.

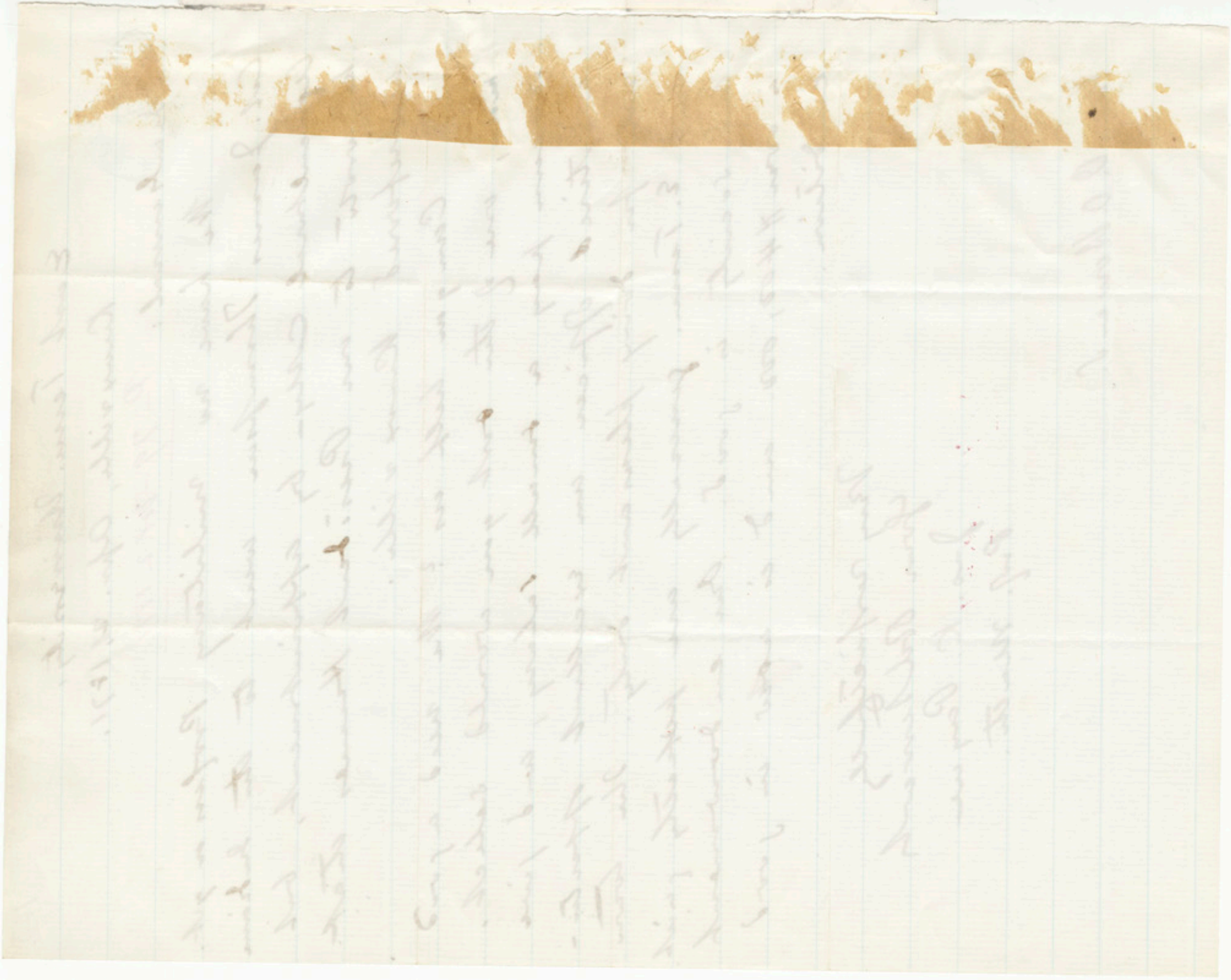
Dear General:

We have no military Professor yet. Col. James Thompson went to the Indiana Agricultural College by appointment, but he wrote to our President Humes that he preferred Knoxville.

Can you help us? We need a good man, one of the sort you would select. We can pay a small salary, and give a retired Officer an excellent opportunity for doing pleasant duty. The town and E. Tenn. generally are perfectly quiet and society is good. Our endowment is over $400,000. and is now in good condition.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servant
Jno. K. Payne
Prof. Math.

Gen. O. O. Howard.



American Missionary Association,

38 LOMBARD BLOCK,

Secretaries:

GEORGE WHIPPLE, MICHAEL E. STRIEBY, } New York.

CHARLES H. HOWARD, Dist. Sec'y, Chicago.

Chicago, April 21 1871

Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Bro

Your kind letter of 18 came yesterday & I arrived from Miss. at night. Kitty is at Princeton but will be back this afternoon. Thanks for your efforts with Fred Douglass. Thousands of Ministers & Freedmen would bless you for anything you did for the K. K. bill. I ~~took~~ a mule and rode over into those sections of Tennessee ~~&~~ Southern counties where the K. K's are the most reckless. A Report will go

you & I have under much more imminent danger. They never come where they know there is a six shooter unless they think they can muzzle it. I went over the river last. that neighborhood where Huggins was whipped. They had been there a few hours before I arrived & a teacher who was holding school in town (a mulatto) left. They also, kept word for our missionary not to come there any more on Sunday. Should he, I thought he ought to go & he said he would do so "tell them" "justice to, whether it should not be God rather than man".

They threatened two lashes if he taught more & he closed his school (in another place).

The K.K's are determined

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CHARLES H. HOWARD, *Dist. Sec'y, Chicago.*

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to break up the schools & to drive off all men who will preach to the freedmen & lift them up — Shall they be allowed to do this? Has not the President power now to stop this Huffman's work? Will he use the power?

Please tell me. The Indy at Aberdeen have enabled our teachers to go on — without them they could not. But unless they be sent to other parts of that to parts of Lowndes Co. the schools cannot go on —

shall I apply formally
to the President for
protection to our Ministry or shall I let him
be whipped or assassinated
and do nothing?
You can see how great
a loss perhaps advice
me without seeing him
If you were President
I know what you would find
a way to stop the outrage
I learned of course of his being
whipped & others shot &
they are all greatly terrified.
Prov. more of our teachers
come to see me who have been
driven off by Ku Klux since
I wrote you — Many counties
are quiet — If vigorous action
were taken it could all be crushed
out now — If allowed to go on it will
be another Rebellion — No more
time today — Love to all — Affectionately
Yours

P.S. Monday for the form of a Memorial to Congress —

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Ninth Census of the United States.

Department of the Interior,
CENSUS OFFICE,
Washington, D. C., Apr. 21st, 1871.

Maj Genl O. O. Howard,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

You may recollect me, as the Clerk of Col. Jno. A. Edie, in the Bureau R. F. & A. L., at Salisbury, N.C.

Owing to my connection with the Bureau, I was proscribed, and was compelled to seek employment here. I have been in this Office, since last May; first, as Copyist at $75. per mo. and in July was promoted to a clerkship of Class 1, at ($100) per mo.

I have a wife and four children, and leaving them temporarily at a sisters — I sent for them in July last. My salary was our only support, until Nov. last, Genl Grant secured a clerkship for my wife in the Treasury Deptmt — Currency Division — under Mr. Wilson.

Just as my wife entered upon

her duties, she was taken seriously ill, and was sick for six or seven weeks. This, together with the loss accidentally of ($42) in money, and my wife's and children's clothing at the fire on the Cor. of 10th and F. Sts. a short time ago, has somewhat embarassed me, and involved me in unavoidable debt.

Will you kindly lend me One Hundred Dollars, ($100), and give me four months time in which, to return it?

We are now boarding at the Cor. of 10th and E. Sts. Mr. Fisher's Boarding House.

Excuse me, if I have presumed upon my official acquaintance; but being a stranger in Washington, with few friends - must be my apology for thus addressing you.

If convenient, your prompt compliance would greatly relieve me, and place me under a deep sense of obligation.

Very respectfully,
Your Obdt. Servt.
Leonidas Brown.

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Georgetown Apr 22nd /71

Gen O O Howard

Dear Sir

Feeling very anxious to know the result of your promised visit to the Secretary of War with Mr Gee's letter in my behalf, and being too much indisposed to call in person I take the liberty of writing, feeling assured that your kind Christian heart will bear with my importunity, permit me to say that while I have my health and strength I am anxious to add my experience to those of my invalid brother who has spent his youth and strength on the sea and in the late war in defence of

his country - The laborious hardship of these 30 years of constant services to his country has so shattered his constitution, and enfeebled his health to such a degree, as to render him incapable of making a support -

In view of my pressing necessities, may I not hope that you will urge an appointment for me in some one of the Govt. Depts - As you have already been kind enough to speak to Mr Delano and Belknap in my behalf I send applications to each of these gentlemen, A course suggested by my kind friend Mr Gey, who thinks with your endorsement and presentation of the same, I may hope for success -

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That the widow's God may ever bless you & your labor of christian love for suffering humanity is the prayer of your grateful friend

Fannie W. Molzer

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All Official Letters to this Office must be addressed to the "Commissioner of Customs," and in replying to Letters from this Office the marginal initials should be referred to.

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Treasury Department,

Office of Commissioner of Customs,

RECEIVED APR 24 1871 P.O.H.

April 22, 1871.

Dear General.

I have received authority from Jas Redpath of Boston to receive subscriptions for the fund now being raised for the widow of Jno Brown martyred at Harpers' Ferry.

Does not this case appeal with peculiar force to us today? Will you aid in the matter?

Yrs Truly
Rob. W. C. Mitchell
formerly Chairman Lex Committee
Albany N. Y.

To Gen O. O. Howard
Washington D.C.

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NATIONAL METROPOLITAN BANK,

WASHINGTON 22 April 1871

My Dear Sir,

On Monday next, at 3 P.M. we are to have a meeting here of special interest concerning the Isherwood estate. If you can arrange to be with us please do so and oblige

Yours truly
Moses Kelly

Gen. O. O. Howard
President

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in all the purposes of life. I never drained a cup that did not bring its sorrow and remorse in time. If I knowing and fully realizing this now as I never have before — prove a slave to its alluring influence in the future, may all my friends forsake me. Neither sickness nor trouble shall form an excuse for me to again imbibe. If prescribed, another hand than mine must administer it, for mine shall never raise a glass to my lips again. If I fall, may death soon open her welcome portals to me. Please make this explanation to the General, so that he may not labor under a misapprehension of the facts of the case. If I did wrong unconsciously, I beg to forgiveness of my Maker, and of my friends with a determination that this shall be my last request for them to extend the mantle of charity towards me. With this explanation, I have the honor to request that I be permitted to resign my clerkship in this Bureau. My resignation (with an obligation) is herewith enclosed.

Very respy. your obedient servant,
Jno. D. Frederick

P.S. I beg leave to state that should my request receive favorable consideration, I will cheerfully render service for the compensation which I may receive. I am impelled to make this request by reason of pecuniary embarrassment, as also a pardonable pride in leaving my books and files in proper shape.

Respy. &c
J.D.F.

War Department,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Claim Division,

Washington, D. C., April 22, 1871.

To
Wm. P. Drew, Esq.
Chief of Claim Division, &c.

Dear Sir:

Having received a revocation of my appointment as Clerk in this Bureau, I feel that an explanation on my part is necessary in order to remove an apparent misunderstanding on the part of Gen. Howard, in reference to my case, his belief being that I have wilfully violated my word of honor by drinking liquor as a beverage. I assure you I did not, and I can prove it. Last Sunday I concluded to take a ride into the country for my health, and to see it also — it being spring time — with no intention or thought of drinking, but just a while before starting — the conveyance having already been engaged — I felt symptoms of an approaching attack of the ague, which is always preceded by relaxation of the nervous system, lassitude, dejectedness, and

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general disgust with everything. I went to my landlady and asked her for something in which to take a quinine powder - my object being to prevent nausea which frequent doses of quinine causes. She gave me some blackberry wine, upon which I said I'd rather have something else. Her reply being "it wont hurt you", and in the absence of anything else I took it, and then started for the country. The sun and jolting combined to make me still more unwell, and I then took another powder in liquor. I was very sick at my stomach so much so that I vomited. After being thrown out of the buggy I vomited a great deal, the fall knocking me senseless, in which condition I remained for some time. I maintain, and am willing and able to prove that I have not drank any liquor as a beverage since the 23 day of February last, nor have I taken any medicinally since that date on any other occassion than the one herein referred to.

I could not tell the General a falsehood, as I should have done had I stated that I did not drink on that day, but it was for the purpose stated. My regard for both the General and yourself, and the kindly interest you have taken in my welfare have been a source of much strength to me in my determination

to shake off the shackles of the demon intemperance, who has caused me more unhappiness than all other sorrows combined, and always kept me in poverty and distress. That you or the General who have "lifted me from the mire", should think I violated my obligation would be unjust to me, and the thought would be disheartening to me in the future. That the buggy was dangerous and unsafe to ride in can be proved by the affidavits of Mr. Frank Brandney, of the Thyson House; Thos. M. Thyson, grocer; F. J. Willoughby, clerk; Mr. Dunn, doorkeeper at the Executive Mansion, and others - all competent judges in such matters. I did not examine the vehicle when hiring it, not thinking for a moment, that I should be furnished a strong one. Wicked or sinful as I may be, since my last conversation with General Howard, I have prayed nightly for strength from on high to resist the tempter, and trust that I have not prayed in vain - believing as I do, that it is the only source from which to gain sufficient strength to check the appetite for strong drink - the strongest chain with which the Evil One has power to bind man. In all other things I have firmness, and pride of character sufficient to sustain me in all the

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War Department,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Claim Division,

Washington, D. C., April 22, 1871.

Brig. General O. O. Howard, U. S. A.
Commissioner, &c,

General:

I have the honor to tender my resignation as clerk in this Bureau, to date May 20. 1871.

I have the honor to be General,
very respectfully,
your obedient servant,
Jno. D. Frederic

War Department,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Claim Division,

Washington, D. C., April 22, 1871.

I, John D. Frederic, invoking Divine assistance, do hereby of my own free will and accord, pledge myself to abstain from the use of all intoxicating liquors during the period of my natural life. I further declare that my own hands shall never raise a drop of liquor of any kind to my lips, under any circumstances. This pledge given in good faith to Brig. Gen. O. O. Howard, U. S. A. and Wm. P. Drew, Esq.

Jno. D. Frederic

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Philadelphia
April 24. 1871

Major Genl. O. O. Howard

Genl.

Having been unsuccessful in business with a Small Capital I am now Compelled to try and make a living by some other honest means and do therefore request your kind Counsel and assistance with regard to my Application for a Lieutenancy in the U. S. A. My record for the Mexican war is good and that of the late

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Rebellion of itself ought to entitle me to ~~the~~ present claim

I am Sey.
Your Most Obdt. Servt.

John Flynn

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United States Internal Revenue,
Assessor's Office, 3d District, Miss.

Okolona, April 24th 1871

Gen. O. O. Howard
Chicago
Ill.

Dear Gen:

The Ku Klux have broken out with increased fury in the eastern portion of Monroe Co.

On Saturday night last they took Tom Hombroker, a freedman living six miles east of here from his home and literally shot him to pieces, shooting him six or seven times. They also on the same night burned the school house in which a colored girl was teaching. I am informed that they killed another freedman, but I have not yet learned the particulars.

No. .....

A. P. SHATTUCK,

Assessor of Internal Revenue,

3d DISTRICT, MISS.

Dated, Okolona, ... *18*

IN RELATION TO

No. of Enclosures, ...

As soon as I can get them I will write you again.

No other news of importance.

Lieut. Huggins has not yet returned.

Yours Very Truly

Israel Richardson

Chicago April 28 71

J. Richardson

Okolona Miss

To Gen O O Howard

Richardson left to save the house where he boarded as they threatened to burn it & the men had been friendly

He says if he can have three two soldiers with him he will return & teach his school

Hadley & Gannon were both in army of the Tennessee

yrs E A Rosecrans

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Assessor of Internal Revenue,

3d DISTRICT, MISS.

Dated, Okolona, ... 18

IN RELATION TO

No. of Enclosures .....

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Genl O. O. Howard
38 Lombard Block Chicago

Dear Sir: I write a few lines to day to keep you informed of the situation. I stayed two days with Mr Bishop and one with my brother, and returned here friday evening and find that several more teachers have been driven off — there are now no schools east of the river, and the K. K. told the last one, who is a son of the principal of the white school here, that in two weeks there would be no

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Letter of J. B. Gerrer
late Gen. Mississippi &c.
Chicago Apr 25 '70
Reply referred
to Gen. O. O. Howard
for
Com. &c. for
his information —
Mr Gerrer was
forced to leave his
school for want
of arms — Mr Bishop
being sick & not
he found no money
to pay those with —
Will the President
write State to protect our
teachers & Officers
Reply —

free school in the County.

I have just seen a colored preacher, one of the most influential men from my district. He says the Ku Klux shot and killed a colored man there about two O'Clock yesterday (Sunday) morning, within hearing of his house. They appear to be getting worse and worse, they are watching us evenings, and even tried last night to call out Major McCoy, the first Lieut of the Company stationed herein a very suspicious manner: in fact things must come to a crisis soon, and unless prompt action is taken by the U S authorities you may expect to hear of ugly work there.

As to myself I wish to stay here, Major McCoy advised me this morning to try and get an appointment as Deputy Marshal, I think it would suit me, and believe that I have the business qualifications and nerve sufficient to fill the place, and should Col A— get an appointment here I shall hope to get something under him- otherwise I should return immediately to Chicago.

I have managed to get one months pay at a discount of 15 %, my not getting it before was an oversight on the part of the Secy of the School Board.

Very truly yours
L B Greene