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C. C. Pursell,

Bookseller and Stationer,
402 Ninth street above D, Opposite Y. M. C. A. Building.

Washington, D. C. Aug. 17. 1871.

General:

I take the liberty of
enclosing my card, and of soliciting
a share of your patronage in
purchasing Books &c. for the
Howard University—promising to do as
well as others in my line.

I have asked my
friend Mr. J. A. Terry to mention
the subject to you, and I should be
grateful for a portion of your favors.

Yours very respectfully,
C. C. Pursell.

Gen. C. C. Howard L. L. D.,
President Howard University.

Washington, D.C.
June 27/71



Purcell, C.C.

Solicits patronage
of Howard University
in the purchase of
Books, &c. Can also
on as good terms as
any other house.
Refers to S.A. Jones
officer C. D. S.

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Department of the Interior
PATENT OFFICE

Washington, D.C. Aug. 17 1871

Dear General:

I hasten to inform you of the entire success of our efforts in behalf of my niece, Miss Shillenn.

I presented your letter to Gen. Leggett this morning, who immediately upon reading it added her name to the list of appointees; and she is now at work at a salary of \$32 per month — seemingly small, but in fact a very fortune to a large family without support.

My heart is so full of gratitude to you for all your kindness that I feel this moment like promising never to trouble you again with my personal affairs; but as you are now the only true friend to whom I can apply in my distress with a

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Yrs W.B.

Certainty of assistance, I must not
give you up.

God bless you, Gen., God bless
you, and believe me if ever
prayer, true, heartfelt prayer went
up to heaven in ones behalf, it
has gone from me and mine in
yours.

But-pardon, and permit-me
to subscribe myself,

Your Grateful Friend,
W. B. Ludliff,
72, Patent Office.

Nashville Tenn. Aug. 17, 1871.

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

Sir:

I took the liberty, to forward to your address an appeal in my behalf, stating my present position & the manner of treatment I receive for attending to my duties as Supt. of this Nat. Cemetery. My friend Mr. Carry Cashier, Freedman's Bank here, being somewhat acquainted with the affairs, was kind enough to endorse my letter. I do not wish to have said letter forwarded, its contents are all true, but some improper expressions are made therein in haste. I hope & wish, that the authorities in Washington will review the records on both sides, & if my statements given to my next superiors should be considered somewhat aggravating & offensive, their treatment induced me, to make this like reply in haste.

The Asst. Master of the Post informed me, as

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J. W. E.

answer to my complaint of the contractor
of the wall keeping Whiskey by the hole inside
the cemetery ground; opening my official
mail & defying my authority:

"Disapproved! Did you see any
"one drunk? If you want to resign
"I recommend your resignation favorable.

I have furnished a statement in
my last offic. report to Sec. of War
& I am informed, that the matter is
referred to Genl. Terry for investigation.
In consideration of these facts, I therefore
most respectfully request, that you
will have the kindness to give me your
support, in order to subdue my
enemies

I am General
Very Respectfully
Your obed. servant
Morris Kim
Capt. Nat. Cemetery
suspended

General O. O. Howard
USA

Dear General



Francis S. Murphy
is a very deserving man. who
in his old age is poor and
entirely dependant upon his
own exertions for a livelihood
He is a good clerk. and capable
of performing almost any clerical
work. He has taught school. he
says about twenty years and has
been in much better circumstances
He very earnestly requests a letter
to General Howard. in the hope
of obtaining some employment

from him. Mr. Kemple has
been under medical treatment
from him under my care and
I would be glad if the
letter should prove to be
useful to him. Hoping
General that you will excuse
the liberty I take

Assure me very sincerely yours
Paul Norris
Meyersdale

Washington D.C.

August 17. 1871

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Washington D.C.
Aug. 18th 1871

Amble A. J.

Requests General Howard
to appoint some evening
when he will call upon
himself & Mrs Amble and
have a "good talk" on
religious matters, &c. &c.

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I Enclosed

518. 13th Street 204
Washington D.C.

Aug 18th 1871

Genl O. O. Howard
Dear Friend.

My wife was dis-
appointed in your not coming
down home with me last evening,
as she expected you, and took
me to task for want of courtesy;
as you had indicated to me in
your kind invitation to attend the
Prayer meeting at your Church
that you would return with me;
and, which fact I had com-
municated to her. Please ac-
cept my regrets, and attribute
inattention to the very pleasant
conversations we had after meeting.
I am very anxious for you
to favor my wife and myself
with a visit at our home, to have
a good talk, on matters relating to

the subject of Salvation and
the hereafter as connected
with the past; and the work
and duties of the present.

If you can thus far as
with some evening or longer
will you please indicate your
own convenience, so that we
may not be out on the occasion
of your call.

In gratitude for many kind
words of encouragement and
advice.

I am yours truly,
in the bonds of Christian
Fellowship.

A. I. Ambler

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Farmington, Franklin Co. Penn.



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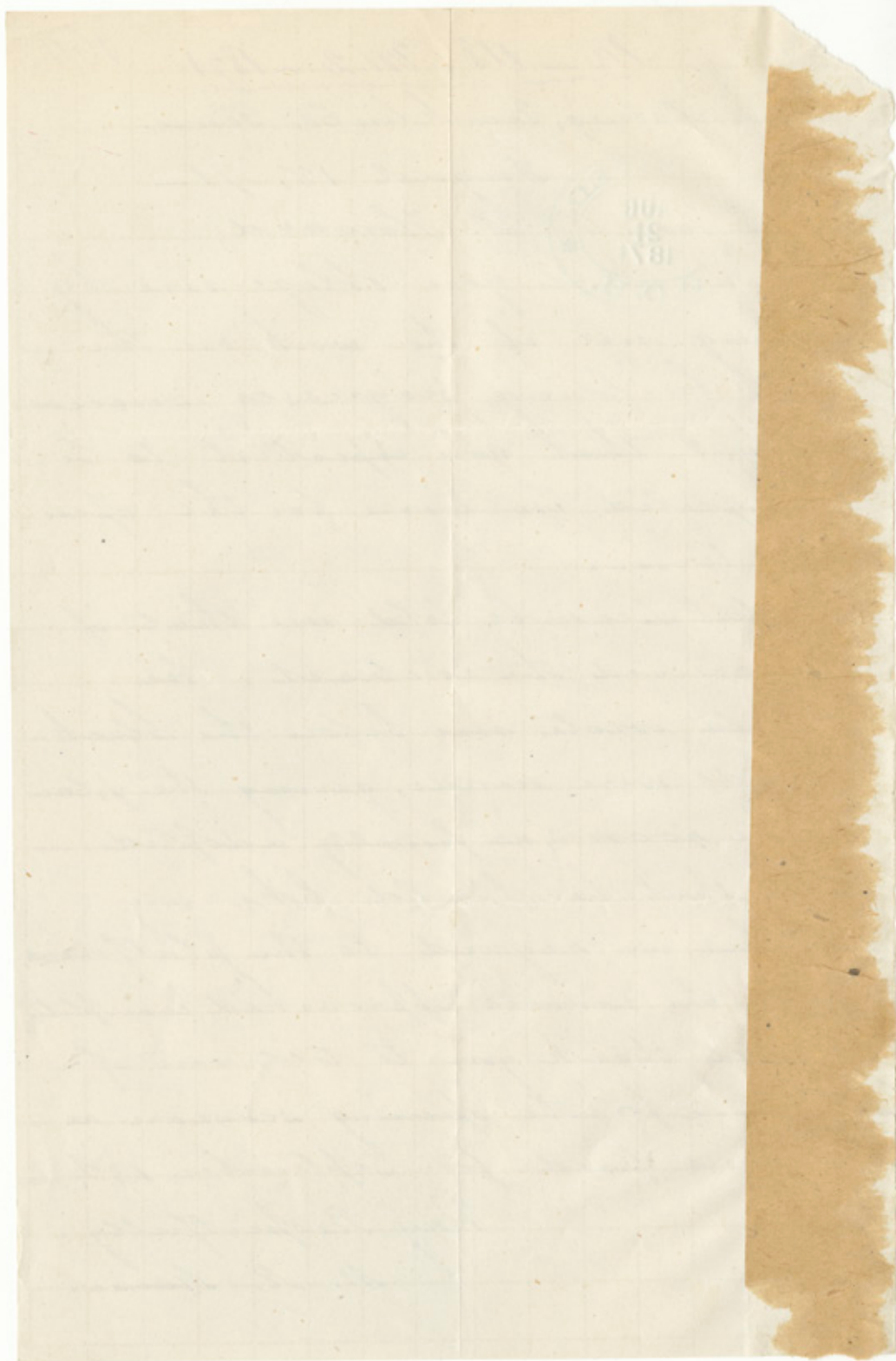
Genl. W. Howard:

Will you oblige me by telling me if the work on the new building progresses successfully, & that you expect it to be completed in time for the opening term.

Mr. Lecombe told me that, if he received the contract, he should write me before the blackboards were made, giving the plan of the rooms, as finally adopted; - also that he should like my wishes in regard to the platforms, when the rooms approached completion. I will thank you to tell me if the time for the opening session remains fixed for September 13th.

Very Respectfully,

M. R. Mann.



(725. 8th St.)

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Washington D.C.
August 18. 1871.

Will Gen. Howard, after reading
the within, be so kind (if consistent with
his ideas of duty) as to endorse the papers
with such recommendation or approval as
he may think proper. I knew of
no better friend than Gen. Howard; and
as my health is becoming poor by remaining
in the Department I would humbly ask
the General's aid in getting the position
named. And would the General please
forward to Dr. Runkin for a similar en-
dorsement. The Dr endorsed similar
papers some time ago but they were lost.

With much respect

Your Obedient Servant
O. P. Hoar King.

Gen. O. O. Howard.

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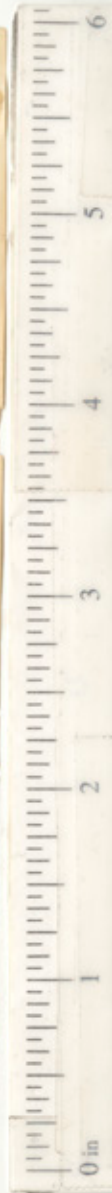
Washington D.C.

Aug. 18th 1871

Gen. O. O. Howard

Brookings E. J.

Requests General to
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favorably endorse the
Enclod papers -



Richmond Ind Aug 18

[1871]

Gen Whittelsey

Dear Sir

My daughter
 Lizzie wrote to you, ~~yesterday~~ a few
 days ago in regard to getting
 passports for herself and friends
 the time for her going is changed,
 she expects to sail from New
 York a week from tomorrow
 in the City of Brooklyn and
 if you could, would like you
 to get an additional passport
 for Miss Isabella Bell, a lady
 between 30 and 40, who is to
 accompany them she dresses
 in black, and I do not think

there is ~~any~~ pecaliarity to
point out, Miss Allen, will not
to with them, Miss Bell
Mrs Bennet Miss Ada Bush
Miss Lizzie Strickland are to
go together they leave here next
Wednesday evening and if you
have not sent their passports
would you be kind enough to get
the additional one for Miss
Bell and send them to New
York to ~~the~~ Miss Bell, care
of Bullock & Locke

34 Reed Street

where they will get them before
going on board the ship

I have written to Gen. Howard
about them but knowing Lizzie
had written to you and fearing
one of you might be away take
this liberty, I wish to express
my thanks to you, for your

kindness to Lizzie while
she was in Washington
I have hoped sometime to see
you in Richmond, Lizzie
is away for a couple of days
else she would write

I am haste

Mrs Strickland

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United States Internal Revenue,

Assessor's Office, 3d District, Ga.



Recd by hand
Daniel C. Howard

Augusta, Aug 18th 1871

Genl C. C. Howard

Dear Sir:

Having

served under your Command
 as an officer in the 73rd Penn^a Vols
 And more recently as an agent of
 the Bureau of R. F. W. A. And having
 the amplest evidence of your
 Christian philanthropy And kind
 Consideration for the Colored race
 And a thorough knowledge of your
 great labours in their behalf, I
 approach you confidently believing
 that my letter will receive the
 kindest Consideration And the
 request herein made your earnest

attention.

I am anxious to secure a profession and would like to attend the law school of the University which owes its existence to you, and should like to have some position that will afford me the opportunity. I have a brother in the law school at this time. I am willing to give up my position here for one that will enable me to attend the Law School and afford me a living for myself and family.

I have been engaged in the study of the profession for sometime but experience a good deal of difficulty in studying without assistance.

Now that my race has every
right secured to them, our success
through the blessings of the Lord
is in our own hands and we
must stand or fall through our
own merits. My experience has
been an eventful one, the death
of one of my parents left me the
oldest of five boys to provide for and
support a mother and four younger
brothers, at the age of 16 I entered
the Union Army and served four
years, throughout that long and bloody
period I had such books as I could
carry in my knapsack endeavoring
to improve upon an unfinished
and defective education.

I don't ask for pecuniary
assistance I simply ask you as

the acknowledged benefactor of my race to aid me in securing a position that will enable me to become a useful man.

I should like to get a position in the Interior Dept at \$150 per month, as I have a family and could not work for much less and Mr Delano being a good friend to me would probably aid me if I could secure your assistance.

I could not commence before next winter as my private business will keep me here until that time.

I respectfully refer you to Prof J. M. Sangston, Atty Genl Akerman and Hon C. Delano. Hoping that you may favor me with an early reply I have the honor to subscribe myself

Very respectfully

your obt servant
Edwin Belcher
Assessor 3^d Ga

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Washⁿ D. C.

Aug 18. 1871

Dear Gen. Howard,

I send you here
with the application of
the lady I spoke to you
about early in July, for
place in this Office.

I wish you would send
me a letter as to be filed
in the case. This lady is
a member from church,
and has done excellent

and conscientious service
in the Public Schools for
colored children - as well
as in our Mission School.

Your ever speaks in
high terms of character
& qualifications of this
lady - and your friend

Respectfully
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Please return to me
the accompanying ap-
plication - L

Petersburg, Va.
August 19th 1871.

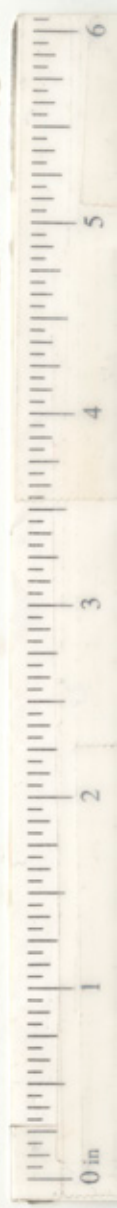
Genl O. O. Howard.

Dear General:

Considering
our words a bond, I am
preparing to demonstrate
Anatomy in the Medical
Department of Howard
University, unless a vacancy
occur, and I be appointed
Professor of the Theory and
Practice of Medicine -
in which event it would
be necessary to inform me
of such appointment
without delay.

Your grateful and obd. servant,
J. Harris,

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Washington, D.C.,
August 19th 1871.

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Dear General:

After considerable and
urgent importunity, I at last
collected the Needham or Lincoln
Building Association note, yesterday.

The face of the note was for \$140;
the interest \$17⁹⁴/₁₀₀; total \$157⁹⁴/₁₀₀

Deducting fee of \$15, there remain
\$142⁹⁴/₁₀₀, for which I enclose check.

The lawyers in Nebraska to whom
I sent the Frank J. Manning note,
report to me that they have unable
to find Mr Manning, and see no
prospect of collection. Shall I send
for the note?

Yours, with much respect,

Edwin Stanton

Gen. O. O. Howard,
Washington, D.C.

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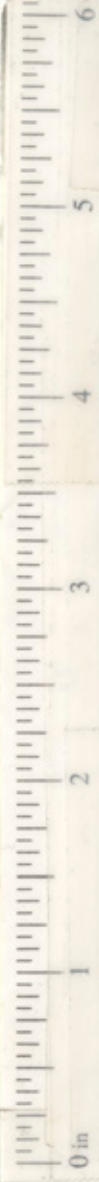
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August 19th 1871

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Mr. General:

After considerable and
prolonged investigation, but last
collected the specimen or kind
of the same as the one for \$140;
the amount of \$127 1/2
deducting for, of \$12, the same
\$112 1/2, for which I have
the balance in the bank
I have the amount of \$112 1/2
to be sent to me by the bank
to pay for the same, and as no
check of collection. These have
been sent to me by the bank
and will not cost
you a cent.

Yours very truly,
C. O. Johnson



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

Miss R. T. Bacon,
Asst. Principal.

Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute,

Hampton, Va.,

Aug²⁰ 1877
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My dear Genl

Will you
send your boy "Jamie"
down to spend a few
days with me. Let him
take the Washington &
Norfolk boat - land at
Fort Monroe. There are
always carriages there -
& drive up to my house
- Come this week some
time. Shall be very

glad to see him.
With kindest regards
to Mr. Harriet & you
Yours very sincerely
S. C. Armstrong.

211.

Office of the Western Union Telegraph Co.

Memphis Tenn Aug 24 1871

Sir:

A message signed by you and directed to
Herbert Stamant of New Orleans
was forwarded from here at 1020 P.M.

This delay and repetition would have been avoided
if the message had been handed to the Western Union
Co., at Washington as the Co. you gave it to
has no line to New Orleans

This oversight on the part of the public so often results
in delay and mistakes, by unnecessary re-writing, that we
have adopted this course for the protection of our customers.

The agents of this Company are instructed to take no
messages for points not reached by our lines, and lines in
connection with us, if there is a line that can transmit them
direct.

J. M. Baker
Manager.

WB

Aug 20th 1871

File we.

Of message report by you and directed to
Director, Department of Agriculture
was forwarded from this at 10:20 AM
This delay and repetition would have been avoided
if the message had been directed to the Department
of Agriculture at the time you gave it to
us as this is the proper place
This message on the part of the Bureau is given under
no delay and mistake by responsibility resulting that we
have adopted this course for the protection of our interests.
The report of this Company are intended to take no
message for which not loaded by our agent, and that in
connection with us if there is a loss that can be made them

Wm. B. Carter
Manager



Headquarters Stanton Guards,

Washington, Aug. 21, 1871.

Dear Sir: At a recent meeting of the several Companies of the Military Organization known as the Ordway Guards, it was unanimously voted, on motion of Colonel Ordway, that a Regiment of colored men be formed from said organization, to be known as the Stanton Guards, in honor of the late Secretary of War, the Hon. Edwin M. Stanton, and that Hon. A. K. Browne be authorized to collect subscriptions to aid said regiment in obtaining suitable uniforms and equipments.

It is earnestly hoped that one hundred public-spirited citizens, friends of the great War Minister, may be found who will be willing to contribute fifty dollars each for this purpose.

Colonel Ordway has headed the list, and we have taken the liberty to ask you to become one of the required number to aid us in this direction.

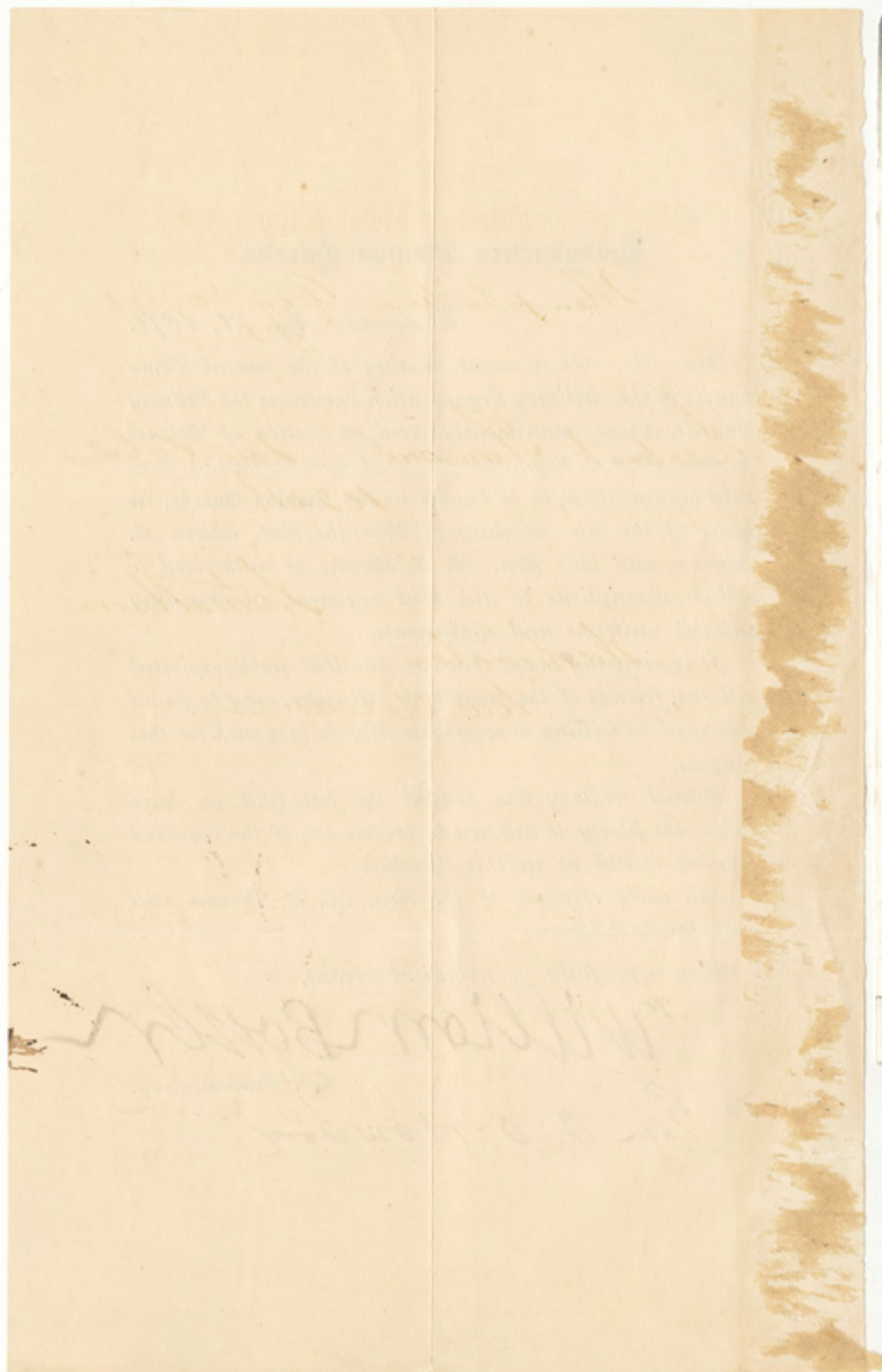
An early response to the Hon. A. K. Browne will very much oblige—

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

William Boyer

Col. Commanding.

To Gen O. O. Howard



I shall go into the city some day this week. I have
now got my shipper, since I came I
will have to get one & pair for best.
I find I have paid but \$3.20 of
my money \$3.00 for washing, & 20
for hair pins, comb to hold up my
pinks, etc. I needed you for
dollars, it will be twenty for
a week or so at least. I left
the envelope open so that I could
add anything if I wished to.
But I think I have told
you all the news etc.
Goodbye with love to all
and much for yourself
from your aff. daughter
Grace H.

Glencoe, Ill. Monday afternoon,
Aug 21. 1871.

I received your letter
this noon. Uncle Charlie comes home,
this week every noon, so I can get any
letters that may come to the office, earlier
than usual. A letter reaches me quicker
simply directed to Glencoe, Ill. I suppose
you learned from my last letter that I
received your box, & also that I finished
the trimming the sleeves. I find on trying
it on that the sleeves if anything are a
trifle too short, but as they are not much so, I
don't think I had best do them over. What
did Papa & Guy go to the Rappahannock

write for, you did not say. Did Mrs. Wil-
kinson's picnic to Mt. Vernon come off?
No one said. I wrote to Johnnie the
letter I promised him, this morning, as
I sent it in the morning mail, it will
reach him, a day sooner than this,
which I mail tomorrow morning. Tell
John I expect he keeps Kitty in fine
order, & that the horses out here do not
look as well as his. Has Mrs. Balloch
gone to Kappa Springs. I believe that
word is about Cathie. Did not Mary
Sawyer suit you as well as you ex-
pected? I heard Mrs. Balloch say "Lizzie"
sewed beautifully. I send you a circular
of a girls school in Phila. which Aunt
Katie wants you to look at before you de-
cide where I shall go to school. She recom-
mends Miss Dilley very highly. That is
the school Aunt Katie would have gone
to had she gone to boarding school. It

would be nice for me to be so near
my home, as I might spend Sunday at home
once in a while, if not every week. I
can guess the season Guy is at with
Capt. Wilkinsons, I think! I believe
Miss — the young lady there has not
yet gone. I can't think of her name.
Tell Guy I wrote to Miss Drusby, but
have not yet received an answer.
He might tell her I wrote, if he should
see her. There are more than a half a
dozen girls here, & young ladies, & they
have, horse picnics, bathing parties, or
something of the sort going on all the
time. Next week I think I had bet-
ter go to make my visit to Auntie Ella
had I not? Aunt Katie expects me
to come back here, after that, & so be
here while her mother & father are here.
Mr. & Mrs. Foster & Johnnie will come
the first part of September. Nina & I

got dinner today, as Mary had not
got back from Chicago where she spent
Sunday, & the cook was washing. They
have a new cook as well as you. I
don't believe I shall find Shep tired
when I get home. Folks will repent
before that time. I guess Capt. Wil-
kinson wrote that piece of blackguard
~~isn't~~ didn't he? I wonder if Mary thinks
I have gone in the "choo cars"? Gerty Bascom
is going to the Adirondacks, & Lake Cham-
plain before they come home. The neigh-
bors are very kind here they send in veg-
itables & flowers every day. Aunt Katie has
bought ~~vegetables~~ but once this summer.
The watermelons were stolen from the
next yard, last night. We are sorry as
we were promised some. By the way the
lady next door is the Secy. of the Antislavery
society for the W. B. M. Mrs Bartlett's
Evening. The price of wool, for which ^{she} I
bought canoes, merino, white silk, etc, is

I shall go into the city some day this week. I have
progressing. Anna & I shall go into the city some day this week. I have
the bi
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The Old Parsonage,
Portland, Me.,

Aug. 21, '71.

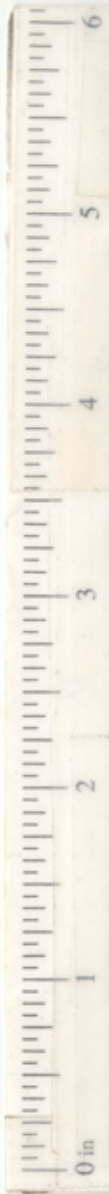
Dear General;

Accept my thanks
for your fraternal letter of the
18th inst. -

I could not have
made the request I did, in view
of my promise to aid the 1st ch.
in Washington, had not Mrs. Denison
been coming on to join me, in my
work here in Portland. -

The prospect of usefulness
is encouraging; but my heart
still clings to the establishment
of another church in my neighborhood,
in Washington. -

Truly Yrs. in Christ,
Ch. W. Denison.



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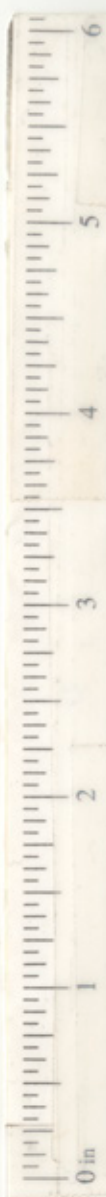
Postpaid, Conn.

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Dear Mr. Benson

Truly Yours

Wm. W. Benson



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37 THOS. T. ECKERT, Gen'l Sup't.,
New York.

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WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't.,
O. H. PALMER, Sec'y, } New York.

Dated *New Orleans Aug 2* 1871

Received at

12.30 PM.

To

*Prof. Gen. O. Howard,
Howard University*

*Telegram received. Please
explain if you know
positively that Raoul left
for New Orleans by any train
which can't be
stopped and brought back
to College Hubert St. Amant
27 Paid Pz*

THIS TELEGRAM HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED AT THE OFFICE IN

511. Penna Ave

WHERE ANY REPLY SHOULD BE SENT.

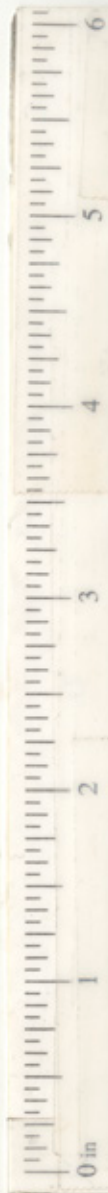
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NEW YORK.

WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't.,
O. H. PALMER, Sec'y, } NEW YORK.

Dated

Received at

To

Gordonsville Aug 21 1871

1.45 Pm

Gen O O Howard
Howard University

Raoul. is desperate fear
suicide ought to go
home shall leave him
here till decided. Please
telegraph me and his
father if you concur.
4 Paid by S. J. Barrow

THIS TELEGRAM HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED AT THE OFFICE IN

511 Pa Ave

WHERE ANY REPLY SHOULD BE SENT.

Direct Wires.

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Ans. by Genl. Aug. 21st 71

Ans. by Genl.
Aug 22-71

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Genl. Howard

Washington Aug 21st 71



Dear Sir

I sincerely and humbly
hope you will be kind enough
to pardon me for this intrusion
but be kind enough to hear me through
and then I hope no further apology may
be required. Dear Sir I will not tell your
kind feelings with a history of my past sorrows
during my married life but let it suffice
when I tell you that six months has
passed away in real solid happiness my
husband having sought Jesus has been a
true labourer in the cause of Christ and
I can truly say I know he is sincere
but Dear Sir excuse me for what I now
venture to say to you we are surrounded
with many and numerous trials. My husband
has endeavored to open a little shop to
take work he has been favored with a good
many jobs but he does not receive the pro-
fit and we have a family of 8 small

children and you may believe me that many
times they are in actual need although
no one knows but our own family but Sir
the greatest grief of all is my little ones are
in need of cloathes They all have been
going to Sabbath School until the present
time I have 2 little girls who have not
been able to go for a month on account
of shoes and other things which they
strictly need I have thought Dear
Sir that would see you and tell you
all this but when the Meetings are over

there are so many around my carriage
failed me my Dear Sir I hope
you will excuse me and if you would
write to know more of my history

Brother Hall knows quite well how
I have been placed and the family of
Rev. Dr. Sunderland from whom we have
received many kindness will you Dear

Sir think of my situation and pray for
my Husband and for us both that we may
be strengthened to bear up under all our

hardens with pure Christian fortitude
it is not for myself I would ask for
assistance but when Sunday comes and
I see my poor little lying because they
cannot go to Sabbath School it grieves me
to the heart but we cannot help it yet
we are doing the best we can Dear Sir
I ask you to pardon me and may God
Bless you doubtless permit me to
sign myself your humble

Friend

J. C. Helton

121 1/2 St. Union North A & B Sts

Capitol Bldg

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State of Illinois

TREASURERS OFFICE



Springfield Aug 21st 1871

Genl C. O. Howard =
Washington D.C.

Referring to yours
of some weeks since - You state that
you could not then tell whether you
could deliver one of our course of lectures
the coming season. We are anxious to
complete our list & hope it will be con-
venient for you now to give as a favor-
able reply even though you cannot now
fix time & subject, which of course would
be more satisfactory -

Hoping to hear from you soon
I remain
Very Respectfully
Geo A. Sanders -



Brunswick Aug. 21. '71

Dear Genl.

I Enclose to you
this letter from Miss. Strike-
land, as she needs the
Passports at once I
suppose Mr. Barrows can
get them without trouble.

I am happy to
say that by my careful
nursing, & by constant
medication Mrs. W. is
considerably stronger &
if the weather is not
too hot, I think she
will return with me
about the last of this
month.

Yours Truly
G. H. Huntington

Providence Aug. 21/71

Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst. in relation to the proposed purchase of the land at the corner of the street and the river. I am happy to hear that you are so interested in the improvement of the city. It is my duty to inform you that the land is not yet in the hands of the city, but I shall be glad to see you at any time and discuss the matter with you.

