that I will see that Davenport shall leave Washington

Truly Yours
John M Harlan

Hon W W Belknap

(Private)

Louisville Ky
Sept 4. 1871

My dear Genl

While I was in the midst of the recent canvass for Governor, a Kinsman of mine - Capt James M. Davenport - got into a difficulty in Washington with a colored Justice of the Peace and, while frenzied with liquor, shot & wounded the latter. Davenport is now in jail at Washington and his trial comes off sometime during the present month. I am not advised as to the facts in the case, but learn that Davenport is in danger of being sent to the Penitentiary.

This will be a hard fate for

him, and it would distress me very much if any such fate should befal him. He was, in great measure, raised & educated by my mother, and is the son of a very dear uncle of mine. He is splendidly educated, and his present misfortune is, I doubt not, the result of strong drink. He is not a confirmed drunkard, but of late years has acquired that wretched habit. He was an officer in the Union army, was wounded at Chickamauga, and lost a leg at Smithboro. For a few years past he has been in the employ of the Govt. in some of the departments at Washington. His recent difficulty, I learn, arose out of some effort to garnishee his wages as a clerk.

The wounded man is a brother in law of John M. Langston who is taking some interest in the prosecution.

Now, what I would be glad to have you do for me is to see Langston, and see if he & his friends will not "let up" in the prosecution. It can do them no good to have that one-legged soldier sent to the Penitentiary and disgraced. He has a wife & two small children dependent upon him for support.

I ask your intervention in this matter because, from your position, Langston will listen to you. It is, I know, asking a good deal of you – but when I think of the possibility of Davenport's going to the Penitentiary I have not hesitated to call upon you for this service –

You can say to Langston

246

OFFICE OF

Alex. R. Shepherd & Bros.

No. 910 Pennsylvania Avenue,

ALEX. R. SHEPHERD,
THOS. M. SHEPHERD,
WILMER S. SHEPHERD.

Washington, D.C., Sept 4th 1871

Dear General

I by introduce Messrs J. H. McChesney & B. C. King two of my neighbors & good reliable men They & myself have succeeded in rebuilding Emory Chapel on the site of Fort Stevens 7th St Road and have a debt still due which they are anxious to pay They want you to deliver a lecture for them & I shall be very much obliged if you can help them

Very truly yours
A R Shepherd

Genl C. C. Howard

William Jay Murphy.

U. S. PILOT,

No 2217 Second Avenue, S.N.

~~1061 THIRD AVE.~~ N. Y. Corner of 114th Street


3
4
5
6

No. 2217 Second Avenue
S. W. Corner of 114th Street
New York Sept. 4th 1871

Maj Gen C. O. O. Howard, U.S.A.

Sir –

Myself, and associates, have in course of building a new vessel, intended for "Coast Pilot, and Wrecking purposes," and to supply distressed vessels, with Spars, Sails, provisions &c, Especially during the inclement winter Months, upon our Coast.

It has been the custom, to name our vessels, after Merchants, and others, of this city, but, I believe, from the nature of their calling, they should bear the names, of the "Eminent Men of America", those, who by their Sword, upon the field of battle, or at Sea, or by their voice

in our "National Legislative Halls", have demonstrated, and proven to the World, the value, of that Sacred word, Liberty. So dear, to Every American Citizen, be they of Native, or foreign birth,

You Sir, by your valor, and patriotism in the service of your Country, during her darkest hours of trial, have deservedly earned that title, and we desire that our "little Craft", Shall bear your name, and as she goes upon her errand of Mercy, to relieve and "Succor", the Shipwrecked Mariner, and starving Emigrant, She will bear upon her "banner", the name of one Patriot, whose reputation is world-wide as a "Defender of Universal freedom". As You are probably aware, our vessels Can Compete in point of Speed and Beauty, with the "Yachts of the World", and while we are ex-
-cluded from these races, we so earnestly

Sail with us read them.

It has been customary from time memorial, for those, for whom vessels of any class, are named, to defray the bill of "flags"; in vessels of our class, about Seventy five dollars, I would not mention this fact, Sir, but While I am the Captain, I am but one, of Six Equal owners, We shall be ready for "Launching" in about two weeks, (When the "flags" will be necessary,) after which, it will occupy about Six weeks, to complete her for Service.

We are not State, but U.S. Pilots, duly licensed, by authority of the Secretary of the Treasury, under act of Congress.

This vessel, is the second, of a "Series"; to be constructed, Should the enterprise succeed, and while the effect is, to relieve distressed humanity,

and safely guide disabled vessels to a "Haven", it cannot be otherwise, than remunerative, to the parties pecuniarily interested.

I am, Sir, a brother, of the late Col John McLeod Murphy of this City, formerly State Senator, & Col of 15th N.Y. Engineers, he was a great admirer of your prowess, and patriotism, and it was his suggestion, that our "Craft", should be named, in honor of you, (he died June 1st last,) I have only (at hand), a newspaper "obituary", of him, but I will be pleased, (if you will accept) to send you one, printed for his immediate family.

Trusting Sir, that God will long preserve your health, to enjoy the blessings of a grateful people, especially, the Emancipated race, who owe so much to you, I have the honor to be, very Resp^t Your Ob^t Servant

Wm Jay Murphy
Captain & U.S. Pilot

aspar—Veil, I vud speek veil to him myself. 's vat's zee matter is.

heodore Miller, a respectable looking man, ged that he knew the prisoner to his cost, and ded several pieces of battered silver coin over bench for the magistrate's inspection which had n left with him by the prisoner as a security for ney. He said he not only kne[illegible] prisoner, but also aware that Caspar [illegible]

[illegible] ROGUES DA[illegible] AGGREGATED

ore the poli[illegible] to hunt them down, and it s no matter of [illegible] to him that the latter d determinedly misunderstood the questions put him.

The counsel (Price) averred it was not an offence a person promised to fulfil a contract at any ure time, and he believed it was not only sound y but sound logic also that such cases could not deemed breaches of any statute.

Judge Dowling—That is doubtless ture with re- rd to promisory notes and checks dated ahead; t you will remember this is an offence coming der the head of "trick and device," for the pun- hment of which I think you will agree with me ere is ample statutory power. I find the prisoner nty, and, though it may seem somewhat para- oxical, I shall give Winter summer quarters by ending him to the island for six calendar months. The remaining cases were disposed of and the urt adjourned at twelve o'clock.

HE SUICIDE AT THE GRAND CENTRAL HOTEL.

Coroner's Inquest To-Day.

Coroner Young held an inquest on the body of eorge G. Hathaway this morning, who shot him- lf in the left chest at the Grand Central Hotel sterday afternoon.

Mary Moon, a domestic, testified to first dis- overing the deceased in a state of complete udity, sitting in the bath tub, bleeding from a wound in the left chest. Several others in the hotel were examined, but nothing material bearing on the case was elicited, and the Coroner's jury ren- dered a verdict to the effect that the deceased came to his death from.

A PISTOL WOUND,

inflicted by himself, etc.

A letter was left by the unfortunate man in his apartment, directed "To my friends." The epistle was a beautiful piece of composition, and written in a very nice hand. In it he says that his habits have been extravagant, and from this a despon- dency had taken possession of him which he found it impossible to overcome. The letter men- tions his wife, who has been dead about six years, his dear children and mother and father, in ten- der terms, and buds an eternal adieu to all.

At the time the deceased applied for apartments at the hotel, he requested the clerk to supply him with a suit of rooms containmg a bath tub, so it is, considering the peculiar circumstances of

THE MANNER OF HIS DEATH,

probable that from the first he contemplated ter- minating his existence by suicide. The father of the deceased is one of the wealthiest men in Ver- mont, and the reason for his not applying to him for assistance in the case of pecuniary embarrass- ment remains a mystery. He was at the time of his death treasurer of the Rutland Marble Works. His remains will be interred by friends residing in this city, in the absence of his father.

Loyd
fully
name
assoc
McBr

Kelly
J. E.
Brens
geant

A n
held
Fourt
sided
the s
which
amon
Hotel
to so
offere

A Co

Th
full
lishe
emb
an o
izing
poin
Thor
learn
he
in
rea
alle
aske
that
Thor
man
$1,8
purp
of E
Eng
aske
with
ove
Eng
Ste
and
con
Cot
Pri
and
wit
of
The
der

wi

P
s

them,
It has
time memorial
ls of any
defray the
of our clas
ellars, I
his fact, Sir,
tain, I am
owners,
launching
hen the "flags"
tu which,
Six weeks,
vice,
t U.S. Pilots,
thority of
easury, under

, is the second,
cted, should
rund while the
sed humanity,

Mr. Murphy was born in [illegible] ter county, N. Y., on the 14th of [illegible]ry, 1827, and consequently was in his [illegible]-fifth year at the time of his death. He comes of true stock. His father was a native of this city, and once represented Westchester in the Legislature. His uncle was Colonel Alexander R. Thompson, of the Sixth infantry, who fell at the head of his regiment while gallantly fighting the Indians in Florida.

Mr. Murphy's tastes early inclined toward a seafaring life. He loved the profession of a sailor and his parents, in conformity with his early desire for a life of adventure, placed him in the navy, which he entered as midshipman in 1841. While in the service he won the respect of his superiors and the esteem of those with whom he mingled of similar rank. He was brave to a fault, active and quick in the discharge of his duties, and seemed to take a just pride in his profession. He was stationed for five years in the Mediterranean and one year on the west coast of Africa. He was then relieved from duty abroad, and upon returning home was ordered to the brig Stromboli, upon which vessel he remained for about one year. After the Mexican war, through which he passed and in which he earned distinction as a brave and efficient officer, he was sent to the Naval Academy at Annapolis, where he graduated a passed midshipman, at the head of his class in seamanship. From the Naval Academy he was sent to one of the Collins steamships, in which he made a number of voyages. The assiduity which which he followed his studies is apparent from the fund of information to be found in his treatise called "Nautical Routine and Stowage, with short rules for Navigation."

Mr. Murphy's next service in the employ of the government was in connection with the expedition to explore the Isthmus of Tehuantepec. The party was in charge of Major Barnard, U. S. Engineer. Mr. Murphy was given in charge of the hydrographic operations, and entrusted with the climate, geological and botanical report. The latter contains abundant evidence of his knowledge of these branches of science. It is a full and complete account of his researches in these directions, and is written in a highly vigorous and exhaustive manner.

Mr. Murphy, in 1860-'61, tried to turn his abilities as a stateman to account. He entered the field of politics as a candidate for the State Senate. The district was hotly contested. Mr. Murphy rallied his friends to his support, organized clubs, and in other manners so thoroughly laid his plans that his opponent was defeated, and he earned the reward of his labors. His conduct in the State Senate was highly commended by his constituents. He was very popular with his party; even his political opponents conceded to him the virtue of honesty.

Abandoning politics for the service of his country in her hour of danger, he gallantly offered his services in the navy, and served with distinction under Commodore Porter, by whom he was highly spoken of for his courageous conduct at Vicksburg. Through all the trying positions of the war which he was placed, he never failed to do his duty fearlessly and earned the reputation of being one of the bravest officers in the United States Navy.

Ladies' Union Relief Association,

FOR THE CARE OF

SICK AND DISABLED SOLDIERS AND THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF THOSE WHO FELL IN THE LATE WAR.

Rooms, in the Armory of the 22d Regt., Fourteenth St. and Sixth Ave., New York.

New York Sept. 4th / 71

Genl Howard

Dear Sir

I send you today by mail the copy of a work written by me.

I hope you will accept this as a token of the Authors appreciation of your actions during the late Rebellion as a Soldier, and of your untiring energy since the War, in behalf of those who fought & suffered by it.

In Page 84 you will find the opinion of an old Veteran who served unde you.

Hoping you may live many years to enjoy the reflections of a well spent life

I remain yours Geo. S. McWatters

19 Second st N.Y.

C. 163. Sep. 2. 1871

LOWELL INSTITUTION FOR SAVINGS,

Lowell, Sep 4 1871

Genl O. O. Howard
Comm. &c Washington D.C.
General

Your favor of ——— is received.

Enclosed is dft. to yr. order for ninety nine 55/100 dolls. for a/c of National Asylum D.V.S. in payment for services rendered. Please ack. receipt of same to

Very Respectfully.

Geo J. Carney
Financ. agt

M. 2 C - 163 - 1871

Sept. 4th 1871

E

Ans'd by Pmd Sept 6th

2.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER,

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Washington City, Sept 14th 1871.

J. R. Davies, Esq.

Sandusky, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the subject of your communication of May 1st, General Howard directs me to state that he finds that he shall be able to lecture before the Y. M. C. A. of Sandusky and for that purpose will visit your city on Thursday Nov. 23d 1871.

The General's terms are travelling expenses and one hundred dollars.

Very truly Yours.

J. A. Patten.

Bvt. Capt. U.S.A. A.D.C.

J. W. Gladen (I suppose)
Capt.

Please explain what travelling expenses include — from what point and to what point very material

Yours &c
J. R. Dams
Sec.

Nashv. Sept 4 / 71

Gen O. O. Howard

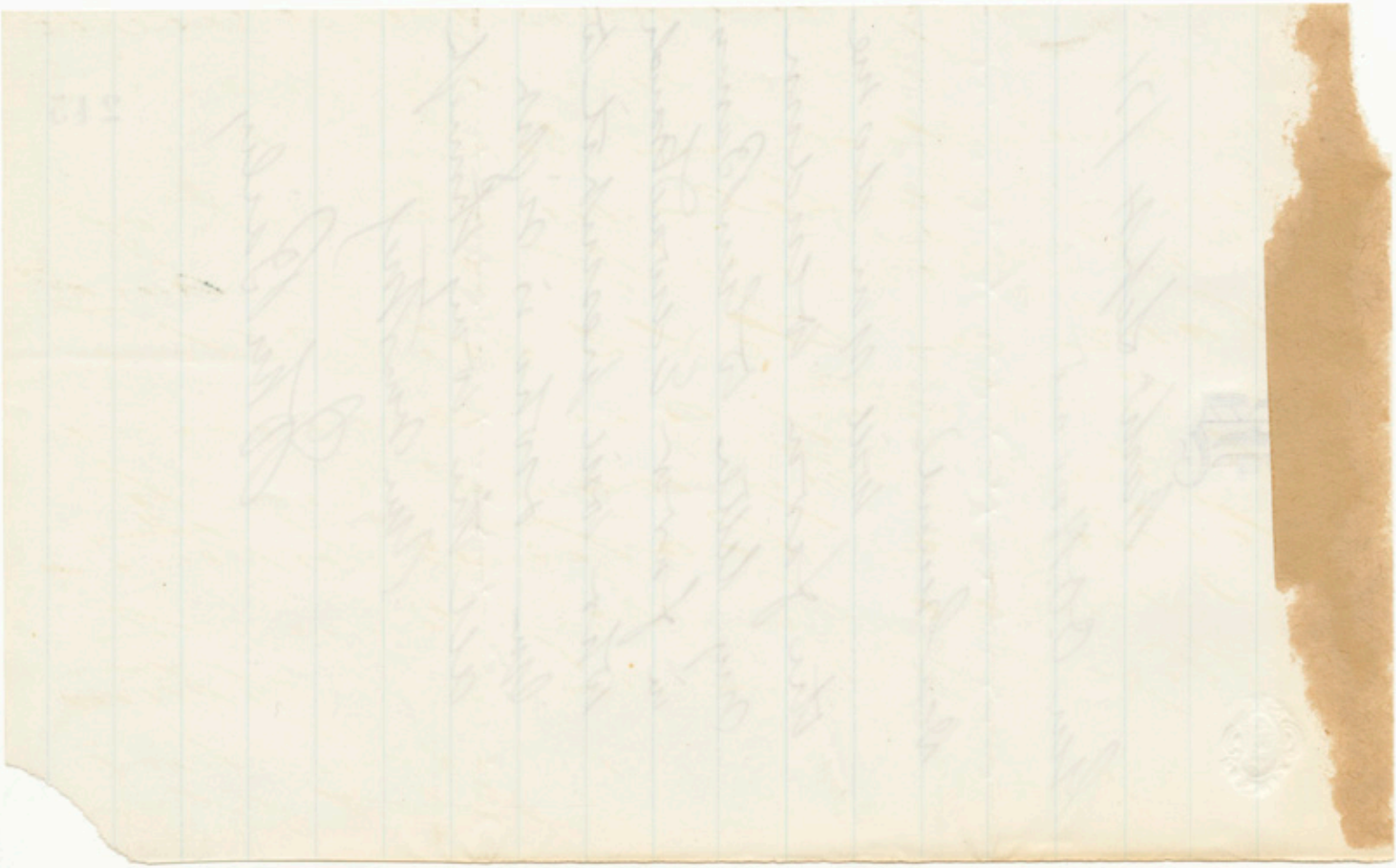
Dear General –

Will you do me the favor to endorse my letter to Genl Banks in favor Edward Branch who will present it to you & who is right all the way through

Yours truly

John Bailey

1715



Riverhead Long Island N. Y.
Sept. 4th 1871

General O. O. Howard;
Dear Brother,
I had the pleasure of meeting you at Harlem last Summer when I exchanged pulpits with the Cong. Minister, Rev. Bro. Bourn; and send this note to you with a hope that you may meet with us at our County Association or Convention, at Huntington Sept. 19th & 20th a notice of which accompanies this. The object of the convention (which meets twice a year) is to stir up the churches and all people in the work of the County are expected. Huntington is about two hours ride from Newyork by the Long Island, R.R. and is quite a town made up much of Newyork people.

Very Truly yours
Samuel Orcutt
Pastor Cong. Church Riverhead.

Saving Souls. You are therefore cordially invited to meet with us and take part in the discussions and exercises of the meeting; and if you shall desire to occupy a half hour in behalf of the Freedmen I will secure that opportunity for you.

It occurred to me that possibly you might be in New York near that time and could make it convenient to meet with us. All the churches of Suffolk Co. we expect to be represented in the convention, with their ministers. The Sermon will be given by one of the city ministers.

Could you be with us some part of the session? Please let me hear from you if you can be with us.

All the ministers ~~without~~ of

Chelsea Mass Sept 15 1877

Dear Sir,

Your of the first inst is at hand, and in reply beg to say that I will write to Mrs Johnson at once respecting her grandson Nelson Duckett. I have delayed writing to her from the fact that during the past year Nelson has given no little trouble, and I did not wish to write until I could see at least some improvement in his behaviour. I am happy to say that he is now doing a little better, he is more obedient and I think begins to get some idea of responsibility. He is now attending school, and I am using every means

to induce him to apply himself to his studies,— he reads and spells pretty well, but cannot yet write,— if he is well disposed he can have the advantage of the best public schools in Massachusetts— Sometimes, myself and wife have despaired of making any thing of him he was so disobedient, and unwilling to learn— We have tried much, and bore much with him, and several times have been on the point of sending him away But dear Sir, we dared not bear to give him up, and feel that if he left us, it would be only to [illegible] to me in [illegible] [illegible] have proved

and I cannot believe that God will allow it to be all in vain. He is naturally bright, very affectionate and winning in his ways, but seems to have an idea that he has a perfect right to do just as he has a mind to— possibly a word from you who have taken so great interest in his race would have a good influence upon him

Thanking you for your interest in him

I am Yours Truly

Mark Graves

Gen O. O. Howard
Washington D C

Wash. D. C., Sep. 6th '71.

My Dear Gen. Howard:

Excuse me for not attending to your request earlier. I am not in receipt of all my salary for the last two months, & am trying to pay all on the note so that I can transfer it to my brother.

This is the way my minutes are:

For John	Dr.
	177.50
Paid by tub butter for Vt.,	22.75
Expenses (in part) last fall,	17.75
1/2 Mr. Hiy's board —	5.00
1/2 two silver cups for presents	5.00
	50.37

This leaves $12.13 due you. I can give you an order on Dr. Elliot the Treasurer, if this would suit you; though as he is more than $100 behindhand on last two months, I should be sorry to have him pay you first!

If my minutes are not correct & agreeable, please let me know at once. Gen said I might charge you half of Mr. Eliy's board, & I will agree to name no more babies after you!

Aff. Yrs.

F. Rankin

7.

McConnelsville O. Sept 6/71

Genl O. O. Howard

Sir:-

A young man (Colored) writes me saying that I have the privilege of designating a student in your University & requesting the place, this being the first intimation I have had of the fact, I have thought proper to bother you this note of enquiry.

Will you please inform me whether my informant is correct? and if so give me such directions as will enable me to use the privilege properly. Have you reports containing rules and regulations established for the government of the University? if so please send me a copy.

I have the Honor to remain

Very Respfly Yours &c

W. P. Sprague

15th Ohio District

Mc

8.

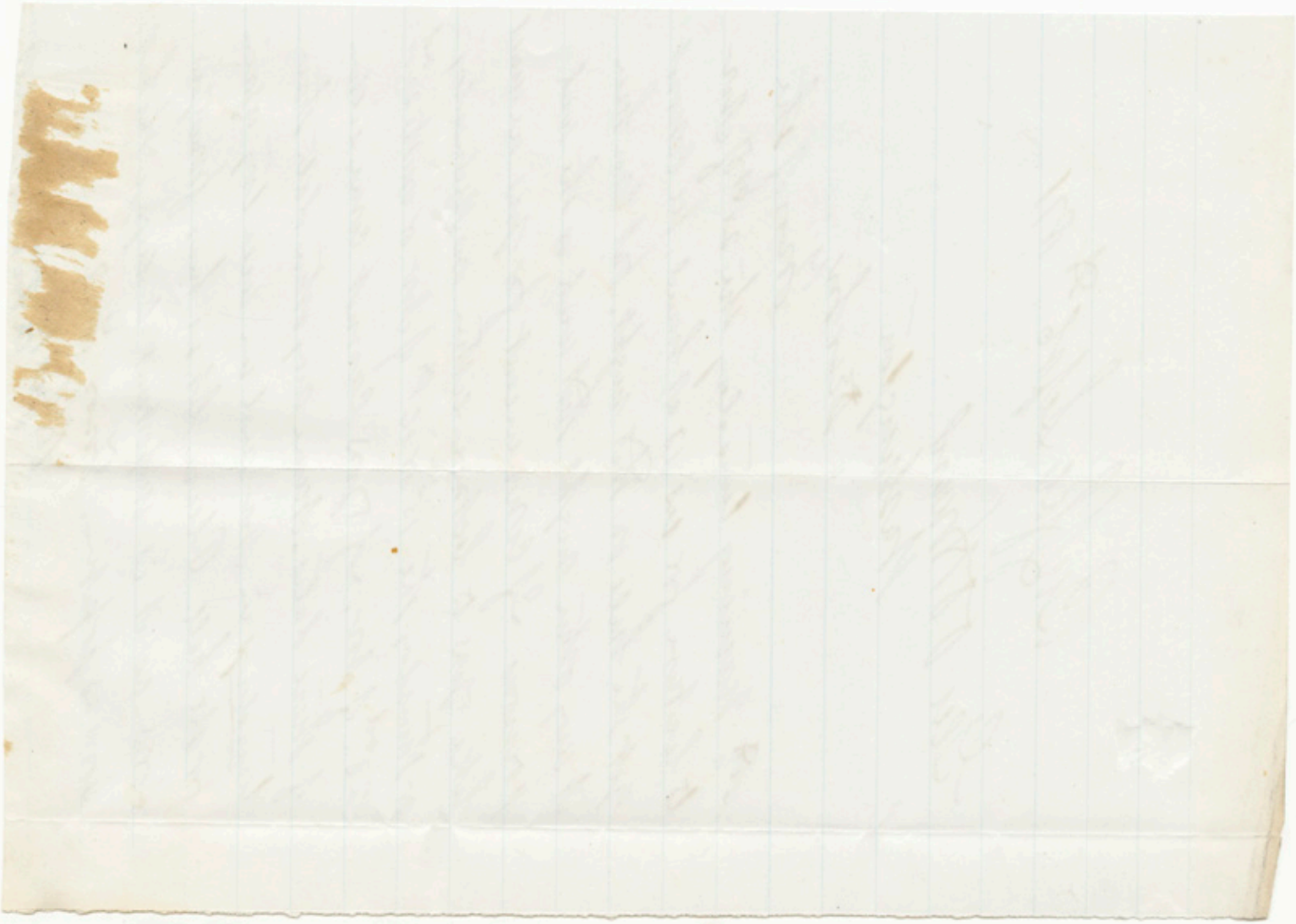
Buffalo Sept 6th 1871

Gen O O Howard
Washington

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 4th received. Tuesday the 21st of Nov to lecture for us is at hand. We cannot get the hall on that night. but can have it any other night that week or the week previous. If convenient for you we would like you to lecture either on Wednesday or Thursday the 15th or 16th of Nov or on the 22nd or 23rd of Nov. If you cannot come either of these dates. Name any other date than Tuesdays in Nov and we will try again for the hall. Please let us hear from you soon as it is important to engage the hall soon as possible. Yours Truly

Alfred Nagler
Ch for Com of Arr



10.

No. 734. H. Street

Washington Sept 6/71

My Friend
Mrs Fremont

I write to you to day to aske a grate favor of you that is will you please give me a letter of Introduction to Gen Howard to tell him that I am a respectable and an Industrious Woman the Object is this he is putting up a number of small houses out by the University and letting ~~respectpetable~~ respectable Families have them on very Easey termes letting what would be the rent go as Monthely payments

Application of Harriet Bell,
Thoroughly & warmly Recommended & endorsed to Gen. Howard.
Washington Territory.
Walker Lane Hampton Esq.
Sept 15 1871.

I should like so much to
get a house in that way
as I cannot sell my house
in Brooklyn untill Alice
is 21 years of age
I thinke a letter from you
Mrs Fremont will be a very
grate service to me of which
I will feal so very much
Obliged to you my little Children
prevent me from doing much
at my trade but I am so
I'd a glad to tell you that
Alice passed a very creditible
Examination and has a School
of which she gets $50 per Month
that is a grate help
my husband has some hopes
of a Situation in the Patent
Office this month if successfull
Al[illegible] in to write to
[illegible] letter you promise
to [illegible] Gen Howard

but she was told that all
the Situation were filled
by Graduates from the
University but he both
thank you Just the same
for your kinde offer
I was going out to see about
a place but I was informed
that Gen Howard was
very particular whome
he sold the houses to and
I being a strainger is
why I aske you this favor
hoping a letter from you
will be sufficient
hopeing Dear Madam this
will finde you with Miss
Lilie and the rest of the
families in good health
with much respect I
remaine yours
Obediently
Harriet