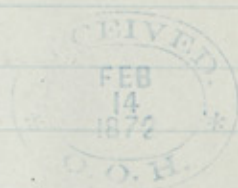


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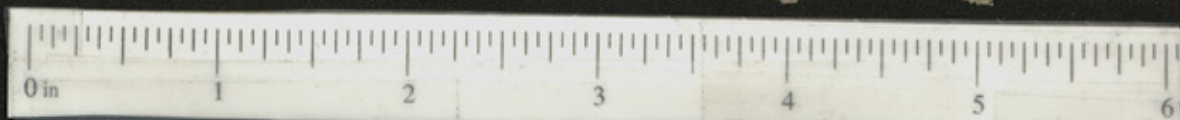


Bowdell Mass. Feb. 16 / 72

Gen. Howard

I wrote to the Vice President Mr. Colfax in reference to my mother and he advised me to apply to one of our United States Senators. A friend of the family who is a lawyer and a graduate of Bowdoin mentioned Mr. Wilson as a friend to soldiers and soldiers' friends.

I understand that there is remaining in the Treasury a surplus of the revolutionary fund. My idea is that it might be in the power of the



Committee on Revolutionary Pensions  
to make an allowance from it for  
my mother. There is now remaining  
but few of the children of the revo-  
lutionary soldiers. As most of those  
who have needed it and some who  
have not needed it have received  
sums greater or less. I thought it  
could not be improper for my  
mother, whose father underwent the  
same privations and endured the same  
hardships to receive benefit from  
this surplus in a time of great necessity.  
This is what I suggested to Senator  
Wilson.

My mother receives from the  
government eight dollars per month.  
This cannot meet her necessities with  
the most rigid economy.

I think your for your remembrance  
of my brother, shall send him word of you.

If it would be of any advantage  
I can get a line from Dr. Adams

late of Brunswick, or from Dr. Sweeney  
Chamberlain.

I am sorry to trouble you, and hope  
you will excuse me as it is in a  
great cause, at least - I think so.

Yours respectfully,

M. W. Thewles,

No 5 Ford St;

Lowell,

Mass.

Maj Gen. O. S. Howard

Washington

D. C.



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Tongaloo Miss

Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> 1872

Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Brother

I propose to issue another Supplement early in March and would like again something from your pen. Will you not write out those interesting incidents about the Chasman shooting Scripture at time of the Woods investigation + about the little Indian "Phil Sheridan" and add something illustrating the power of practical Christianity as applied to as exemplified by freedpeople. Say under a heading like this: Practical Christianity. Its principles <sup>(or simplified with)</sup> applied to individuals of three races - Personal recollections. By Gen. O. O. Howard. Then give sub-headings for each case. It would seem more natural to begin with the Negro. - If you choose a different Caption of course it does not matter to me - "Education of different races at Howard University" if you prefer. Please write me if you will do this. I will be here till after Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> - i. e. my Post Office - I go to Louisiana next week but return - I do wish I could get \$10,000 or \$15,000



for a building here. It is greatly needed  
we now feel there being a student  
day - There are only rooms for 90 students  
here. We had an excellent program  
last night and the school seems to be  
very prosperous. Was the copy of the  
letter what you wanted? Huggins is  
Legislature - Peace (Supt of Education) Com  
of Huggins voting too often with the  
Exits but Huggins says he votes conscientiously  
by constant reference to rings.

Very affectionately

C. H. Howard



Washington Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> 1872. 78.  
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General O. O. Howard

Sir.

The Danish Consul, Mr. Nordrup, to whom you gave a letter of introduction, wishes to find a person of practical experience, if possible one who has been a teacher of the Bureau, or at least who can produce testimony from some prominent School or Institution in this country as a teacher of unquestionable abilities. Being comparatively a stranger and unknown, I am sorry to state that I could not, within the allotted time produce the required evidence. Moreover, Mr. Nordrup told me that the Danish Consul General in New York had received several applications, but that a person who had obtained his experience as a teacher of the Bureau, if any such person could be found would be preferred. That nevertheless I might make an application which, together with others would be sent to the Governor of the Danish Islands in<sup>m</sup> West Indies,



Subject to his decree, but considering that  
I am not in the condition to abide my time, and  
to wait for a doubtful reply, I think that  
it is best to renounce at once my prospects in  
that direction, and I would be very satisfied  
with a position of much less altitude than  
that promised in the Danish Islands.

But even if I might have a chance to receive the  
appointment, where could I find the means to  
make an expensive voyage to the West Indies?

It is not customary for the Government in such  
cases and it is less likely that its Agents on  
their own risks would advance the necessary  
sums to travel, to a mere stranger.

Thus, General, these several considerations  
combine to compel me to renounce my hopes  
in that direction. I am

Yours General  
Respectfully  
Jean J. de Clercy



54 William St. N. York

Feb 10. 1872

O. O. Howard Maj' Genl U. S. A.

Washington D. C.

My dear General.

When I told Mrs Hill-  
house before her departure for Wash-  
ington last week that probably both  
Mrs Howard & yourself were there,  
she expressed so warmly the satisfaction  
she should feel in meeting you again  
& renewing old Water-vet recollections  
that I determined to let you know of her  
visit, so that if your memory went  
back as far as hers you might meet  
and be mutually edified with an  
old fashioned talk. Perhaps you might  
even give her again the description you  
once gave her & Miss Symington of  
the lady who was to be Mrs Howard.  
She is staying with her brother in law

How Rich<sup>d</sup> Frauchot at 1401 "H"  
St. (Corner of 14<sup>th</sup> I believe) -  
Not very far from old "376 H." a  
number always associated in my mind  
with your many acts of kindness to  
me there.

With regards to Mrs Howard  
Yours very truly  
John Hillhouse



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 Portland Feb'y 10<sup>th</sup> 1872  
 Mr Howard

 I send to day by mail  
 \$3500 U.S Bonds & check for \$49~

 as follows 1000 July 1<sup>st</sup> /65 - No 73433

1000 do " No 171234

1000 do " No 73430

500 Nov 17/1864 ) 655

Bank Check 49

 Expn 200 half 1  
 \$ 3550

 The Expence for Stamps in transfer of  
 Stocks &c a trifle over \$2 you are Ch?  
 with \$1- I send this Extra Memo,  
 Separate from the Bonds in order  
 to prevent Mistakes

Your Affectionate

Uncle

L. J. Maitland





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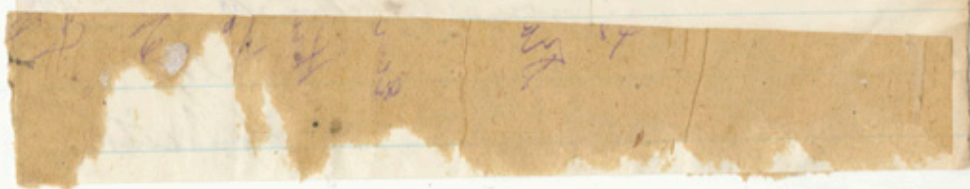
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Feb 15 - 1872

At home, Feb - <sup>15</sup>/<sub>11</sub>/72

Genl General Howard,

Dear General:

I have for  
some time desired to study Music & French  
at the University but can find no possible  
way of defraying expenses without applying  
to you for a position in your gift; namely  
that of seamstress at the Hospital. You will  
not I know doubt my ability to fill that  
position could I obtain it for one year it  
would be all that I would ask then let it  
go to help some one else. The present occupant  
a Jewess of wealthy connections & Southern <sup>Scotch</sup> ~~English~~  
already has had its benefit for more than a year  
the Captains salary is 80.00 per month and he  
is using every effort to get this home could not



expect of him anything, could I afford to study  
to Reagen  
this spring summer & fall I would be able to  
pass an examination and take charge of  
a class at <sup>next higher</sup> ~~the~~ hoping this will meet your  
favorable consideration

I Remain yours Truly

Assanda Hall

80  
St. Vincent's O. Asylum,  
Washington Feb 11<sup>th</sup> 1872.

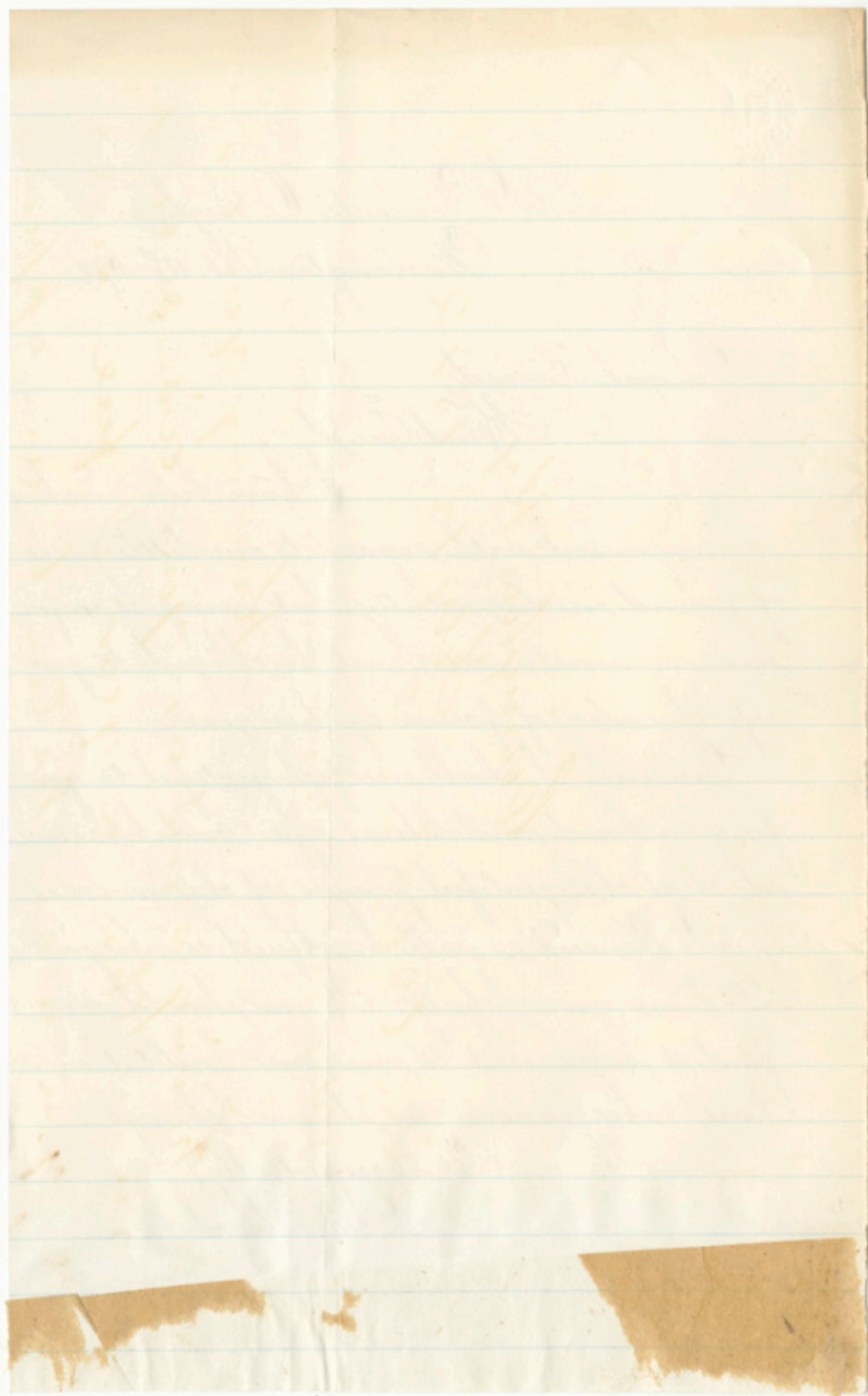
General Howard,  
Kind Friend,

I have been making  
arrangement with regard to our little piece  
of ground in the country, but, owing to unfore-  
seen circumstances, I will be obliged to give  
up the idea of farming this year.

General, I shall ever feel grateful to you  
for your kind and liberal offer, and be assur-  
ed that the grateful prayers of the inmates  
of St. Vincent's will be offered to our good  
God in your behalf. If you should ever  
find it convenient to visit our Institution  
I will take pleasure in showing you through.

Most respectfully,  
St. M. Blanche.





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Lexington Ky

July 12 1872

Brig Gen. O. O. Howard,

My dear Sir:

Knowing you as  
I do, having served as your aide-de-camp  
for more than a year, I feel sure  
that you will listen to an appeal  
in behalf of one who has served his country  
faithfully and well, who has had  
nothing from the Government save  
what you are kind enough to give  
him, and who is now in deep  
distress, having just buried his wife,  
and is deeply in debt even for  
the necessaries of life.

I allude to Gen Burbridge, and  
respectfully ask if you will order  
the payment of his account, sent  
on sometime ago, for traveling  
expenses incurred in this State, I



hope you will pardon me if  
I am seemingly too earnest in  
my feelings for me in cir-  
cumstances so painful, but knowing  
how determined you are, and ever  
have been in assisting the needy  
I feel that you will favorably  
consider the matter.

Hoping you are very well,  
and with many kind recollections  
of my service with you

I am General  
Yrs sincerely &  
respectfully  
Ben. M. C. A.  
2<sup>d</sup> Lt. M. A.  
Retired,



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Office of Edgar Ketchum,

12 & 14 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave

No. ~~88~~ ~~West~~ Street,

New York, Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 1872

Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear General I have your letter of Feb. 9. and if it were practicable would devote an early hour to conversation on the subject. Correspondence is inadequate to that consideration of it which is suggested. I hardly see how to get away to W. and you probably are not to be this way this month.

February 13<sup>th</sup>: Interrupted, I laid this in my drawer and another day has come. How painful this is: selfishness personified, and deformed, and detestable. In view of it one exclaims with the ancient "Oh for wings to fly away and be at rest."

This spirit is one capable, on defeat, of all malice toward the injury of that which ought to be cherished and not destroyed, and if that joins itself to another whose character and operations we know so well, who that would live peaceably would be willing to remain?

- I am required to leave at an early hour and send this brief note. I will only add that the picture now presented is shocking -

Farewell

Yours most truly

Edgar Ketchum



Office of Edgar Allan Poe

City of New York

No. 100 Broadway

Oct 10th 1842

My dear Mr. [illegible]

I have your letter of the 9th and

am glad to hear that you are

interested in the subject of

the [illegible] of the [illegible]

and I am sure that you will

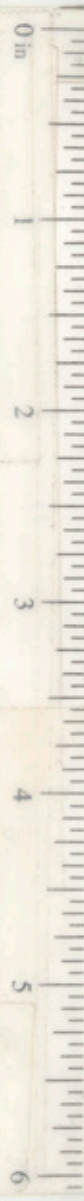
be able to do much good by

your efforts in this cause.

I am, dear sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Edgar Allan Poe





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PROF. COOK'S  
Wholesale & Retail  
BALM OF LIFE DEPOT,  
Corner 9th & H Streets,  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Washington, D.C. Feb'y 12. 1872

Dear General,

I have the box of Balm of Life all ready to be put in your charge - as you suggested - for the President.

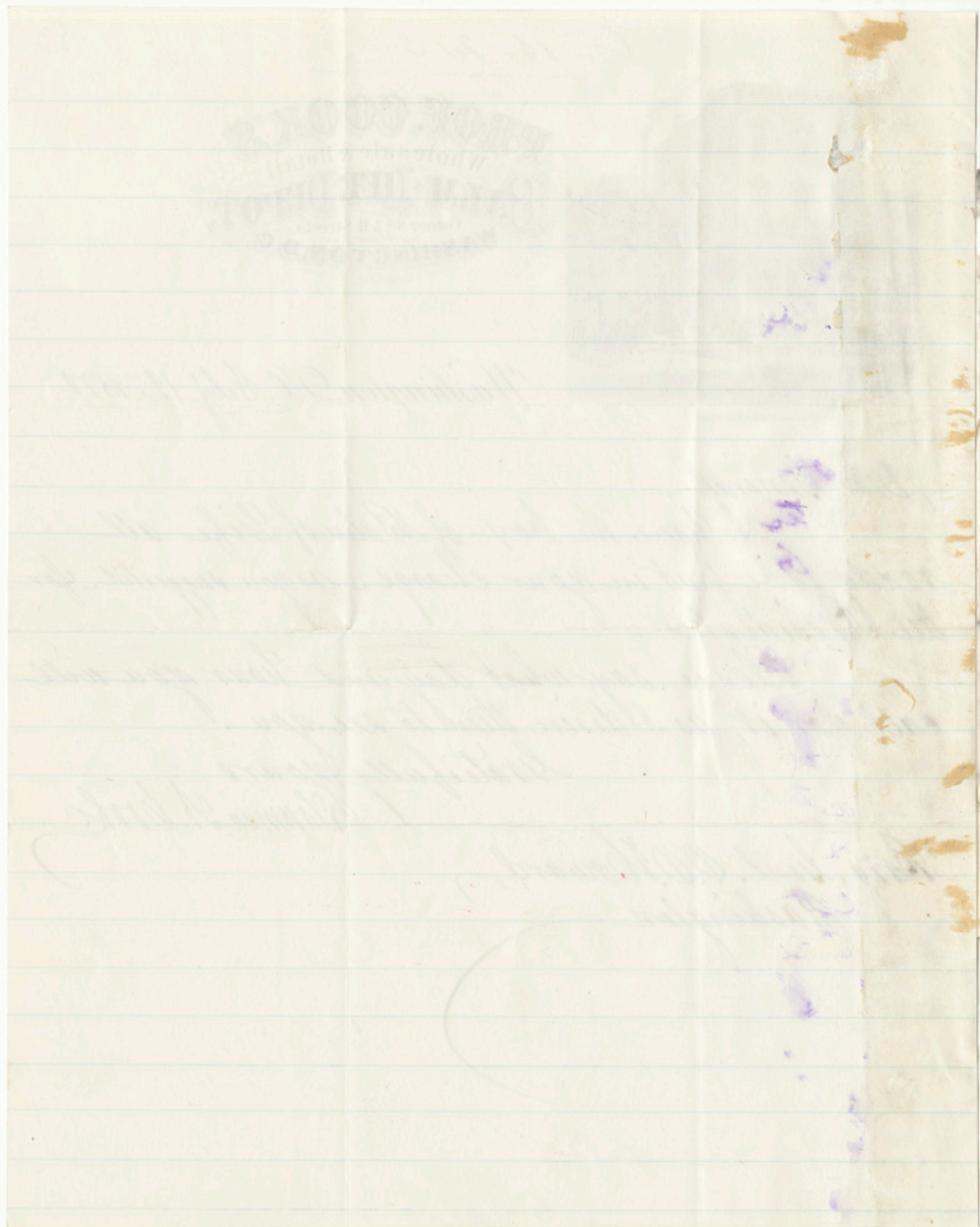
Please say what day and hour you will call for it, as I desire then to see you.

Gratefully Yours

Samuel A. Cook

Brig. Genl. C. O. Howard,  
Washington







in a pile of rails - He & Grand-  
ma Crochet very much  
of the time - He is at School  
every day of course - We have  
no snow, but plenty of ice -  
Dadie sends his love to Jamie  
Chancey & Johnny - He often  
Speaks of them and of Harry  
& the baby -

Mae & Grandma selected  
& sent off the Valentines -  
Yours aff. Brother  
Amelia -

P.S. I sent the book by mail -  
hope you received it safe -

Princeton Feb. 13, 1872

Dear Oli

This separation from my  
little boy is like what your  
campaigns &c. have compelled  
you to suffer. But they are gone  
from me & not I from them -  
and my future reunion with ~~them~~  
looks so distant and indefinite  
as to be almost dark. but I  
rejoice and thank God for these  
Christian homes and almost mother's  
care. Dadie is not quite as well  
off. but his society at night  
& day is a great comfort to  
us - Mother seems well now  
& very cheerful & contented -

Elizabeth is quiet & faithful  
and mother I hope, will give  
up the idea that she is like  
Betsey which like a ghost  
sometimes haunts her!



We are without a Revival  
to Jan this winter. I am in  
better health and hope to  
do more work now than ever  
before here, at least. I have  
just now more courage  
for it - We remembered Guy  
at home and in the prayer  
meeting at our Coll. last meeting  
the last Sunday in Jan. We  
must do it again for him.  
& Kenace the last Thurs. of Feb.  
which they continue to observe  
in N.E. Did Gracie join  
the Church? Give her my  
love & mother's. Also to  
Lizzie and all the little  
folks. I haven't heard from  
Charles or Kittie since he  
went South - We are having  
very rough weather and I  
fear the (Kittie) will freeze  
or glue.

Uncle Susan continues to  
fail, but was able to  
write us quite a letter  
with a P.S. from Laura.  
He failed to get his pension  
(\$12) by waiting 2. days of 60  
in time. His income from  
the RR. is suspended by the  
transfer to the Maine Central  
of everything - but the neighbors  
got up his word, and are  
very kind to supply his wants.  
and Laura is busy with  
her needle. Mother sent  
them 10¢.

Oliver has had mumps but is  
well - Ditto Frankie all but  
the mumps. Lizzie Rogers makes  
a joy of Frankies presence as  
well as a cure. & Oliver is his  
Grandma Patters idol.

Satie went with a Suede  
bag and caught a rabbit



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Washington, D. C., Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> 1872.

Genl. O. O. Howard

My Sir:

I have a man  
in my employ who is addicted  
to drink. Since Oct. last he has  
kept sober. I feel a deep in-  
terest in him, I never allow  
him to have money as a tem-  
ptation, if any is due him at  
the end of each month, I place  
it to his credit in Bank. He  
has recently joined my  
S. School. and Ch. I believe  
he will reform & do better,  
if the interest now taken is continued.



By profession he is a Land  
scape Gardener. for a number  
of years. was employed in the  
Botanical Gardens in England.  
He is I believe master of his  
profession. can attend to  
laying out and improving  
country Seats. & City-gardens.  
Graves & other vines &c.

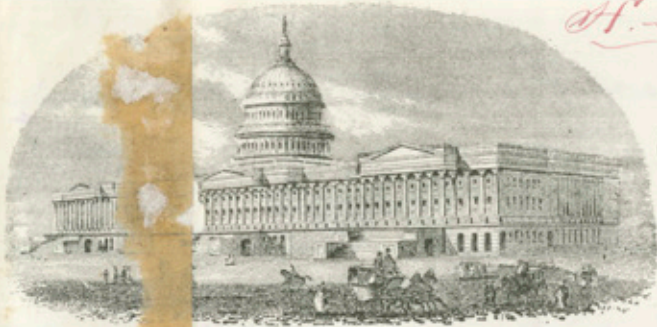
He knows all about flowers.  
If you have anything. in  
care of vines or when  
he can procure some and  
employment for him I will  
be responsible for his acts. &c.

Very Respectfully  
Yr. obt. Servt.  
Thos. D. Gurnett



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Forty-second Congress U.S.  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Washington, D.C. Feb 13th 1872

Dear C. C. Howard  
Washington D.C. }

Sir.

I have the honor to address you this upon a matter of importance to one of the brightest intellects in the State of Alabama among the colored citizens; Martin Gladden, formerly a slave now a young freedman about seventeen years of age - Martin is the most anxious man to receive an education I ever knew. He is poor and unable to educate himself. I am confident that if a chance is given him he will reflect great credit upon his race. I address you this in his behalf with the hope of ascertaining from you how he can be educated. Martin reads



writes and understands some  
of mathematics

Knowing how  
much interest you have taken  
in the Education of the  
Colored Citizens of our  
country and being assured  
that you are always ready  
to assist in this noble  
work; has prompted me to  
write you this, Martin would  
be glad to be educated at  
Washington Be pleased to  
write me fully and confer  
a favor on yours,

Very Respectfully  
Charles Hays

addrs Haff,

Ala.

[Feb. 14, 1872]

Valentine !

Ring in this 18<sup>th</sup>  
year --  
1872 Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> -- O.C.H.

Elizabeth Ann Howard  
Washington  
D.C.



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OFFICE OF  
Secretary of State,

Tallahassee, Fla. Feb 14 1872.

Sir

In consequence of a vile slander that was sent to the N. Y. Tribune from this place, I send you the final report of the Senate's Committee on the affairs of my Office.

My friends need have no anxiety, I can stand the press that is made; it is a malicious persecution to keep me from assisting Gov. Reed in his troubles.

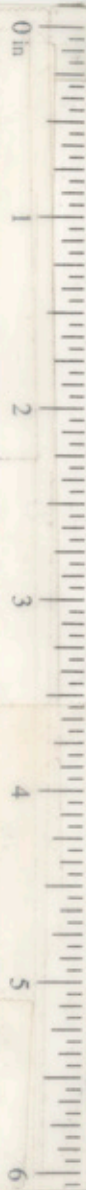
I believe him to be a persecuted man & I will not desert him in his trouble.

As in La, it is a struggle between the Federal appointees & the State Government.

Gen O. O. Howard  
Washington  
D. C.

Yours Respectfully  
Jonathan C. Gibbs  
Sec of State





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# SENATE JOURNAL.

MONDAY, February 12, 1872.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President pro tem. in the Chair.

Prayer by the chaplain.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Adams, Atkins, Billings, Crawford, Egan, Ginn, Henderson, Hill, Jenkins, Johnson, Kendrick, Locke, Meacham, Purman, Sutton, and Wentworth—16.

A quorum present.

The reading of the journal was dispensed with.

The resignation of Mr. S. B. McLin, as Secretary of the Senate, was received and accepted.

Mr. Wentworth moved that Mr. LeRoy D. Ball be elected Secretary by acclamation.

Which was agreed to, and LeRoy D. Ball duly declared elected Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Wentworth moved that Mr. W. R. Pettes be elected Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

Which was agreed to, and Mr. W. R. Pettes duly declared elected as Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Kendrick offered the following resolution:

Resolved, by the Senate, (the Assembly concurring,) That the Legislature of the State of Florida, adjourn *sine die* on Monday, the 19th day of February A. D. 1872, at 12 o'clock m., and at that hour the presiding officers of the two bodies shall declare their respective Houses adjourned *sine die*.

Mr. Jenkins offered the following as a substitute:

Resolved by the Senate, (the Assembly concurring,) That the present session of the Legislature shall be adjourned *sine die* on Monday the 19th inst., at 12 o'clock meridian; and the presiding officers of both Houses shall at that hour declare their respective Houses so adjourned.

Resolved further, That should the present session of the Legislature adjourn *sine die* before the trial of Harrison Reed, Governor, is completed, the Acting Governor is requested to call a special session, for the purpose of proceeding with the said trial, whenever the managers on the part of the Assembly and Harrison Reed, Governor, shall notify the Secretary of State in writing that they are ready for trial, or as soon thereafter as possible.

Mr. Henderson moved that the further consideration of the resolution be postponed to Thursday morning at 10 a. m.;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. W. R. Pettes was then sworn in as Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

The Chair appointed as a committee under the resolution adopted on the 11th inst. to report the Chair's action on the Senate Bill No. 14, at 12 m., Messrs. Henderson, Ginn, and Wentworth.

Mr. LeRoy D. Ball was then sworn in as Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Wentworth, Chairman, of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,

Tallahassee, Fla., February 12, 1872.

Hon. LIBERTY BILLINGS, President pro tem. of the Senate:

Sir: Your committee, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 61, to be entitled An act Relating to Insurance Companies, having examined the same, find it correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

Geo. E. WENTWORTH, Chairman,  
E. G. JOHNSON,  
R. W. ADAMS,  
L. G. DENNIS.

Senate Bill No. 28:

A bill to Secure Homesteads to Actual Settlers on the Swamp and Overflowed Lands of the State of Florida;

Which passed the Assembly with amendments.

Mr. Wentworth moved that the amendments be concurred in.

The yeas and nays were called for, with the following result:

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Atkins, Billings, Crawford, Dennis, Ginn, Hill, Hillyer, Johnson, Kendrick, Locke, Meacham, Pearce, Sutton and Wentworth—14.

Nays—None.

So the amendments were concurred in, and the Secretary was directed to certify the same to the Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 12:

A bill to be entitled An act to Protect Cattle Owners and More Fully Secure a Record of Marks and Brands;

Which passed the Assembly with amendments.

Mr. Hillyer moved that the Senate concur in the amendments.

The yeas and nays were called for, with the following result:

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Adams, Atkins, Crawford, Dennis, Ginn, Henderson, Hill, Hillyer, Johnson, Kendrick, Locke, McKinnon, Meacham, Pearce, Weeks and Wentworth—16.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Egan, Jenkins and McCaskill—3.

So the amendments were concurred in, and the Secretary was directed to certify the same to the Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 61:

To be entitled An act Relating to Insurance Companies,

Was taken up on its third reading.

Mr. Henderson moved its postponement for the purpose of amendment;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Henderson moved that the bill be put back upon its second reading.

The yeas and nays were called for, with the following result:

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Adams, Atkins, Crawford, Henderson, Hillyer, Jenkins, Kendrick, Locke, Pearce, Weeks and Wentworth—11.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Dennis, Hill, Johnson, Meacham and Purman—5.

So the bill was put back upon its second reading.

Mr. Kendrick moved that the bill be referred to a special committee.

It was moved that the motion be laid upon the table;

Which was agreed to.

The bill was then taken up on its second reading, and read by sections.

Mr. Henderson moved to strike out from section 2 the words: "Provided further, all foreign insurance companies doing business in this State shall annually," and all of said section following:

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Henderson moved to strike out in section 11 the words "and hereby repeal all acts conflicting with this bill."

The yeas and nays were called for, with the following result:

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Atkins, Crawford, Egan, Ginn, Henderson, Hillyer, Jenkins, Locke, McKinnon, Meacham, McCaskill, Pearce and Sutton—13.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Adams, Dennis, Hill, Johnson, Purman and Wentworth—6.

So the amendment was adopted.

The bill was then adopted by sections.

Mr. Wentworth moved that the rules be suspended, and that the bill be put upon its third reading.

The yeas and nays were called for, with the following result:

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Atkins, Crawford, Egan, Ginn, Henderson, Hillyer, Jenkins, Locke, McKinnon, Meacham, McCaskill, Pearce, Sutton and Wentworth—14.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Adams, Dennis, Hill, Johnson, Kendrick, Purman and Weeks—7.

So the rules were suspended.

The bill was then put upon its third reading, read at large and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The yeas and nays were called for, with the following result:

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Atkins, Crawford, Egan, Ginn, Hill, Hillyer, Jenkins, McKinnon, McCaskill and Sutton—10.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Adams, Johnson, Weeks and Wentworth—4.

So the bill passed, title as stated, and the Secretary was directed to certify the same to the Assembly.

A message from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,

Tallahassee, Fla., February 12, 1872.

Hon. LIBERTY BILLINGS, President pro tem. of the Senate:

Sir: I am directed to inform you that the Assembly has passed Senate Bill No. 58:

To be entitled An act to Define the Duties of the Commissioner of Lands and Immigration, with certain amendments, and respectfully ask the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

M. H. CLAY,

Clerk of the Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 95:

A bill to be entitled An act to define the Boundary Line between Orange and Sumter Counties.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The yeas and nays were called for, with the following result:

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Adams, Atkins, Crawford, Egan, Ginn, Henderson, Hill, Hillyer, Jenkins, Johnson, Kendrick, Locke, McKinnon, Meacham, McCaskill, Pearce, Sutton, Weeks and Wentworth—19.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated, and the Secretary was directed to certify the same to the Assembly.

Mr. Wentworth, chairman of Special Committee, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,

Tallahassee, Fla., February 12, 1872.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir: The special committee appointed at the request of Hon. J. C. Gibbs, Secretary of State, to examine his books and the accounts of his office, beg leave to submit the following report as the result of their labors:

The first duty was to ascertain from the books the exact amount of money received as the tax on commissions issued since the inauguration of the present State government, to accomplish this your committee were obliged to employ an expert in order that their report might be a plain and fair statement of facts.

We find that the total amount of money received from that source since the inauguration of the present State government in 1868, up to the 1st day of February, 1872, is seven thousand four hundred and ninety dollars, (\$7,490.) of this sum George J. Alden, former Secretary of State, was paid as shown by the books, three thousand one hundred and fifty-one dollars, (\$3,151.) of this last-mentioned amount the Treasurer acknowledges the receipt of only eighteen hundred and forty-six dollars, (\$1,846.) and we are unable to find any vouchers in the office of the Secretary of State covering the balance, viz.: Thirteen hundred and five dollars, (\$1,305.) it may be barely possible that Mr. Alden took these vouchers with him as a protection to himself in any future contingency.

Mr. Gibbs, since the 6th day of November, 1868, the date on which he took charge of the office of Secretary of State, has received, as shown by the books, four thousand three hundred and thirty-nine dollars, (\$4,339.) of this amount the Treasurer acknowledges the receipt of two thousand four hundred forty-one dollars and seventy-six cents, (\$2,441.76;) the difference between the amount received by Mr. Gibbs and the amount paid to the Treasurer, viz.: One thousand eight hundred ninety-seven dollars and twenty-four cents, (\$1,897.24,) is covered by a series of vouchers running back in dates to January, 1870, and covering charges of various natures, which, in the opinion of your committee, should properly have been charged to and paid out of the contingent funds, which have been, perhaps, too lavishly voted to the Governor of this State in the past. The vouchers in the hands of Mr. Gibbs show various expenditures, such as postage, express, telegraph, stationery, office expenses, State guard, &c., &c., and present an aggregate more than sufficient to cover the difference between the amount received by the Secretary and the amount paid to the Treasurer; but we are unable to find any authority for the Secretary to make these disbursements, except the written orders of the Governor. This fund seems to have been the one upon which His Excellency relied in case of emergency when he needed a few dollars for immediate use, and, although well aware of the fact that large sums of money had been voted him as contingent funds wherewith to defray incidental expenses, yet he openly violated a statute law of the State to obtain this money.

The act of the Legislature passed in 1868 fixing the tax upon commissions is plain in its terms, and the Governor and Secretary of State could not fail to understand its meaning, and the latter acknowledges that he has been guilty of a violation of the letter of this law; but your committee are of the opinion that such violation was done without any design whatever on his part to commit fraud; but in the case of the Governor there can be but little excuse; he was placed in position to set an example to the subordinate officers of the government, and when he fails to comply with the laws of the State and openly violates them, it is hardly to be wondered at that others who are knowing to his every act should follow in his footsteps. The orders of the Governor to pay certain of the accounts now held as vouchers by Mr. Gibbs are in some instances peremptory in their character, while in others he promises to pay any sums advanced out of the various contingent funds voted.

It is stated in palliation of these acts that if the contingent funds had been used ruinous prices must have been paid to the accounts incurred, and for the payment of which the commission money was used; if such is the case, and the contingent fund now remain in the Treasury, it may be a slight excuse for these expenditures and the violation of the laws of the State.

Some of the vouchers ordered paid by the Governor look to your committee as if they had been prepared for the occasion; but your committee did not feel authorized to make any investigation as to their genuineness.

Many commissions have been issued, and some of them to the highest officials in the State, for which payment has never been made, and as this course has been pursued by the Secretary of his own volition we presume he might be held personally responsible to the State for all such amounts. Your committee has a record of all commissions issued without payment of the tax required by law, and it is for the Senate to take such action in the premises as they may see fit.

Very respectfully,

Geo. E. WENTWORTH, Chairman,  
Jas. W. LOCKE,  
A. D. MCKINNON.

Mr. Henderson moved that the report be received and spread upon the journals;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Henderson offered the following resolution, and moved its adoption:

Resolved by the Senate, That the Comptroller of Public Accounts be instructed to institute such proceedings, civil or criminal, as may be necessary to recover to the State from Geo. J. Alden, late Secretary of State, such sums of money as were by him improperly received for commissions, and that has not yet been accounted for, and to this purpose that he shall give the necessary instructions to the District Attorney having jurisdiction of the same;

Upon the adoption of the resolution:

The yeas and nays were called for, with the following result:

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Adams, Atkins, Crawford, Dennis, Egan, Ginn, Henderson, Hill, Hillyer, Johnson, Kendrick, Locke, McKinnon, Meacham, McCaskill, Pearce, Sutton, Weeks, and Wentworth—20.

Nays—None.

So the resolution was adopted, and the Secretary was directed to certify the same to the Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Mr. Hillyer, chairman of Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,

Tallahassee, Fla., February 12, 1872.

Hon. LIBERTY BILLINGS, President pro tem. of the Senate:

Sir: Your committee, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 78, An act Declaring Alaqua Creek in Walton County Navigable;

Also:

Senate Bill No. 53:

An act to provide for calling into the Supreme Court one or more Circuit Judges to Hear and Determine Causes in Certain Cases, having examined the same, find them correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

C. V. HILLYER, Chairman,  
L. G. DENNIS,  
ARTHUR GINN,  
A. D. MCKINNON.

Senate Bill No. 48:

A bill to be entitled An act to amend An act providing for setting apart a Homestead and Personal Property to be exempted from Forced Sale under Process of Law, approved June 23, 1869.

Mr. Wentworth moved that the bill be put back upon its second reading;

Which was agreed to.

The bill was then read by sections.

Mr. Wentworth moved to amend by striking out of section one in the said bill the words "nor less than" wherever they occur;

Which was agreed to.

The bill was then placed upon the orders of the day for its third reading.

Mr. Henderson, Chairman Committee on Commerce and Navigation, made the following report:

To the Senate:

Your committee, having considered Assembly Bill No. 102:

A bill to be entitled An act to Prevent Obstructions to Drains and Waters, have considered the same, and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

JOHN A. HENDERSON, Chairman.

J. A. ATKINS,  
Geo. E. WENTWORTH,  
J. W. LOCKE.

Assembly Bill No. 102:

A bill to be entitled An act to Prevent Obstructions to Drains and Waters.

Was taken up on its second reading, read by sections, and placed among the orders of the day for its third reading.

Senate Bill No. 58:

A bill to be entitled An act Defining the Duties of the Commissioner of Lands and Immigration,

Was ordered engrossed with Assembly amendments.

Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 18:

A bill to Amend Chapter 1766 of the Laws of Florida, being an act to Establish the Florida Agricultural College,

Was taken up on its third reading, read at large, and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The yeas and nays were called for, with the following result:

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Adams, Atkins, Crawford, Dennis, Egan, Ginn, Hill, Hillyer, Jenkins, Johnson, Kendrick, Locke, McKinnon, Meacham, McCaskill, Pearce, Sutton, Weeks and Wentworth—19.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated, and the Secretary was directed to certify the same to the Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 36:

A bill to quiet tax titles to lands.

Was taken up on its third reading, read at large, and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The yeas and nays were called for, with the following result:

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Hill, Jenkins, Johnson, Locke, Meacham and Pearce—6.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Adams, Atkins, Crawford, Ginn, Henderson, Kendrick, McKinnon, McCaskill, Sutton, Weeks and Wentworth—11.

So the bill passed, title as stated, and the Secretary was directed to certify the same to the Assembly.

Mr. Henderson moved that the Senate adjourn to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Meacham moved to adjourn to 4 o'clock this afternoon;

Which was agreed to.

So the Senate adjourned to 4 p. m.

FOUR O'CLOCK P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President pro tem. in the chair.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Adams, Atkins, Billings, Crawford, Dennis, Egan, Ginn, Henderson, Hill, Hillyer, Jenkins, Johnson, Kendrick, Locke, McKinnon, Meacham, McCaskill, Pearce, Purman, Sutton and Wentworth—21.

A quorum present.

Mr. Hillyer, chairman Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,

Tallahassee, Fla., February 12, 1872.

Hon. LIBERTY BILLINGS, President pro tem. of the Senate:

Sir: Your committee, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 12, An act to Secure Cattle Owners and More Fully to Provide for the Record of Marks and Brands, having examined the same, find it correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

CHAS. V. HILLYER, Chairman,  
L. G. DENNIS,  
ARTHUR GINN,  
A. D. MCKINNON.

Mr. Henderson offered the following joint resolution:

Be it resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of Florida, That whereas the Comptroller of Public Accounts is confined to his bed by sickness, that W. K. Beard, Esq., be authorized and empowered to sign Comptroller's warrants on the Treasury for and in the name of the Comptroller for the period of ten days from the approval hereof;

Which was read first time.

Mr. Henderson moved a suspension of the rules.

The rules were suspended, and the resolution was read the second time.

Mr. Wentworth then moved suspension of the rules.

The rules were suspended, and the resolution was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the adoption of the resolution, the yeas and nays were called for, with the following result:

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Adams, Atkins, Crawford, Dennis, Egan, Ginn, Henderson, Hill, Hillyer, Johnson, Kendrick, Locke, McKinnon, Meacham, McCaskill, Pearce, Sutton and Wentworth—18.

Nays—None.

So the resolution was adopted, and the clerk directed to certify the resolution to the Assembly.

Mr. Purman, chairman of Committee on Corporations, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,

Tallahassee, Fla., February 12, 1872.

Hon. LIBERTY BILLINGS, President pro tem. of the Senate:

Sir: Your committee, to whom was referred Assembly Bill No. 99, entitled An act to Incorporate the Black Creek Navigation Company, having examined the same, beg leave to recommend that the same do pass.

Very respectfully,

W. J. PURMAN,  
Chairman Committee on Corporations.

FREDERICK HILL,  
JOHN A. HENDERSON,  
ARTHUR GINN.

Mr. Henderson moved that the Senate do adjourn;

Which was not agreed to.

Assembly Bill No. 99, a bill to be entitled An act to Incorporate the Black Creek Navigation Company,

Was taken up on its second reading, and read by sections and adopted.

Mr. Wentworth moved that the rules be suspended, and the bill be read a third time.

The rules were suspended, the bill was read the third time at large, and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The yeas and nays were called for, with the following result:

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Adams, Atkins, Crawford, Dennis, Egan, Ginn, Hill, Hillyer, Jenkins, Johnson, Kendrick, Meacham, Pearce, Purman, Sutton, Weeks and Wentworth—17.

Nays—None.

Mr. Wentworth gave notice that he would to-morrow move a reconsideration of the vote taken to-day on the passage of the bill to Quiet Tax Titles.







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Washington D.C. Feb. 14 1872

Myr Major Gen. O O Howard  
Dear Sir

I will be up to get  
the horse the last of this month as  
the lack of the work aping over  
here very soon

I was not successful in get  
geting in the Navy yard yet nor I  
dont now whether I can or not

Edward Gibson



