

looking at the spelling. But now, no one can do this. We even ourselves, can never do this, but unless we have sometime been told in the case. How hard then for a foreign or as ignorant Freedman to do this, who must now, for each separate word, be told over and over and over again many times before he can remember and pronounce it right. Have you examined this subject, Gen. Howard? My heart warms in the cause and I am strong in my convictions, that this new alphabet is as much superior to the old in all respects as steam is to wind and nerve power. I give two lines of the old and new.

Now, plough, though, deigned, bland and so forth,
No. plough do. bland and so forth.
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy
name. Art in heaven hallowed be thy
name. This does not look so well on paper as in books, but it is very simple, easy, perfect, uniform, and in behalf of the Freeman must save millions of money thousands of years of work, secured vastly better results, and be effected to hundreds of thousands who cannot be reached by the old method. There is only a literary fashion against it. Let the fashion go in view of those to be benefitted. Is it consistent in your many demands to return a short reply? Yours truly, S. V. Blakeslee

San Francisco, Jan 17. 1872
Gen. Howard
Very Esteemed Bro.

Not known to you personally, yet knowing you well by public report, I address you freely in respect to what I am aware enlists your warmest sympathies and most earnest efforts, the highest real interest, of the Freedmen. I wish to speak of a means of benefit to them which, in my deepest convictions I believe of imminent importance to them and others if it is practically adopted and carried out. I came to San Francisco nineteen years ago as the first Missionary, of the Amer. Miss. Soc. to the Chinese but the peculiar circumstances of the time made it best, in the estimation of all brethren here that I should withdraw from that work then or after two years trial, to act as an Editor of The Pacific, and thus have I been acting since, travelling all the time. But, my warmest sympathies have been constantly with the A. M. S. in all their great, all important, and most prospering work. I rejoice at the mighty work under God they are doing in their field of the Master's vineyard. But

This is almost too long an introduction.
Here is the thing. The great necessity to the
Freedmen is that they be enabled to read.
This seems like an almost self evident truth.
Any thing that will enable them to do this
the easiest and the best is of the highest
importance. Now I know, from twenty
eight years experience, that bibles, tes-
taments and religious books published
in the Eng. & Amer. reformed Alphabet,
can be read by any common Freed-
man, in seven or ten days teaching
with entire ease, ~~though~~ though he knew
not the name of one single letter at the
beginning. Being the same as our
common alphabet with a few related
additional forms, to represent the full num-
ber of elements of sound in our language,
the whole work of reading books printed
~~after this~~ according to this alphabet can
be perfected by an ordinary teacher in
less than half an hour. Then as every
word is spelled just as pronounced, the
whole work of learning to read by a ~~free~~
Freedman is reduced to learning sim-
ply the alphabet with a little, very little start
in putting them together, and the pu-
pil, needs no more help. Some Freedmen
can do all this in four days, few will need

more than ten, unless they are small chil-
dren. But more than this, I know that
after reading in the reformed character
a few weeks or months, they will as ~~can~~
soon take up ~~the~~ books in the common
character, as alphabet and learn to read
them also, and thus learn both the
new and the old twice or three times
quicker and much better than they can
learn the common or old alone.
Many bibles, testaments, Pilgrim Prog-
resses, and great numbers of other
good books, with quantities of elemen-
tary school books, are printed in this
character. Dear Bro. has this subject
come fully to your attention before? I
speak of what I am fully convinced of
by many years of experience, and be-
lieve it as intens importance, to both
the millions of Freedmen and a still lar-
ger number of ignorant Anglo Saxon
speakers of English who yet, in different
parts of the world, cannot read. Yes and
it is of immense importance to the hun-
dred of thousands of others and others
coming to our shores, all of whom need
to read our bibles and Christian books.
A little teaching of the new alphabet and they
can readily pronounce correctly just by

No statement adverse to Reservation, shall go into print if I can prevent it, until I know to a certainty they are guilty. If no one else will follow trails, I am ready at any moment to go myself, and until this is done I will pay no attention to any rumor. In this way we shall do injustice and can soon find and punish the guilty. The Indians have again attacked Hughes' ranch, killed one man and took 24 head of cattle.

Truly Yours

A. S. Safford

A. S. Safford

P.S. I had this letter copied over the Clark signing my name which is the cause of the erasure.

Executive Office

Tucson, A. T.,

June 18.

1872.

Genl O. O. Howard.

My Dear General,

Since writing you before, I have strong suspicions that there was a design to get Manuel away, and that it was a deep laid plot, conceived and carried out to create a difference and coolness between you and I. I do not want to be unjust to any human being and I may be wrong in this, and I will tell you the reasons why I suspect Manuel was tampered with. His story I have wrote you and he tells no other. I think it is correct. Now he says he went to Mr. Austin's store, and Mr. Austin treated him to some liquor, and then he afterwards bought and paid for a drink, for himself and a Mexican. (Mr. Austin admits selling him a drink, and I do not know as he denies giving him one); that he went up to the packers and then started for our camp; that on his way down he took a sudden fright, and run for the thick brush, and into the mountains. He was out from Wednesday until Monday and has been sick ever since. Why did Mr. Austin give or sell him a drink? He is not celebrated for liberality, and he must have known it was a crime to give or sell liquor to Indians. Then as soon as he was missing the story was raised that he would come in, and it was persisted in till the day he did come. Why should these men have known to such certainty his movements? No one else had the least idea he would ever come in, and we had arranged to offer a reward

of \$5000", the next day after he came in, for his body, or for information that would lead to the conviction of his murderer, (if murdered), and yet these men were perfectly complacent and insisted to the last he would come on, and then from your letter to me, must have either sent a messenger to you, before he came in, or they sent a messenger the night I did, giving you false information. — Now, I believe that the liquor Mr. Austin gave Manuel, was drugged. Of course they did not know the effect it would have; it was certain it would take away his reason; it might make him blood thirsty, and he might commence a fight with the apaches. If so, then he was put up to it in order to break the peace. Whatever overt acts he might commit, would be charged to our people. They knew that I thought a great deal of Manuel; that I am jealous of the rights and reputation of the people, that every fiber of my heart beats in sympathy for them, and when they were charged with wrong without proof, I would sustain them with all the ardor of my nature. They knew if anything happened to Manuel, that it would excite me almost as much, as though he was my child, for he confided in me and had always been as faithful as a newfoundland dog. I believe after he was given this potion, he was watched to see the effect it could have on him, and it had had just about time to affect him, when he says he left, and they saw him leave, wild, for the bushes. They were then prepared when he did not come on, to charge it to a plot of others and to predict that he would come on. — It was apparent to them that you and I were friends, and confided in each

other. They knew that I was aware of their bad conduct; that I intended to go to Apache with you, and unless something was done to break up this harmony, that they would be known in their true light before you left the Territory. — I must say, if they planned the plot, as I firmly believe they did, that it worked to a charm in all save one thing. I never lost confidence in your good intentions and sincerity: but it cooled off their warmth of attachment, that was springing up between us and prevented my going further with you. They had an idea, also, that the people would be so excited, that they would break out in some overt act; and in this they were mistaken. While the people were excited in the deepest manner, it was unanimously resolved to ferret the matter to the bottom and find out the perpetrators in a legal way.

I told Dr. Lord, Mr. Austin's brother-in-law, to day what my suspicions are. — Mr. Austin will be prosecuted for giving and selling this liquor to this poor Indian, as soon as the U.S. Grand Jury meets, and I shall leave no stone unturned to get at the bottom of the whole matter. Manuel is still sick, and is emaciated and poor; has lost his place in the government service, and is really an object of charity.

Everything, so far as I can learn, is working well on the Reservation, and Mr. Jacobs is giving excellent satisfaction. Two small lots of stock have been missed recently from the Rillito; some think it the work of Indians, but you will see by the last paper, that I said of stock is lost, the first duty is to report it to the nearest Commanding Officer and let it be traced up, and the guilty parties punished.

Ans. by Capt. W. July 16th 1872

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Paterson June 19th 1872

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Mr General J. O. Howard
President of the Harvard University
O. O. H. Dear Sir. Washington D. C.

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Having learned that you
are desirous to raise funds to sustain
the institution of which you are the founder
and having invented and brought before
The notice of the Secretary of war the ^{new} arms
^{invented by me}
(and received a order to have the gun

faster tried at Frankfort Phila and
reported upon to the war office to the
Master of Ordnance from the department,
now if you will take this matter in
hand, and receive the gun and have it
squarely tested and properly brought
before the government under the auspices
of the Secretary of war.

and the government adopts it and purchases
it from me. I will for such service
place at your disposal one full one
third of the proceeds thereof to be devoted
to the object named or otherwise
Yours truly W. Bolton Rogers Paterson N. J.



P.S.

Please answer as soon as convenient for I shall soon have the gun ready for delivery. Let the party to whom it must be entrusted my first communication was to the Secretary of war, I received a reply from the Master of Ordnance stating that if I would construct the gun and send it to the war office it would be thoroughly tested & reported upon.

I then received a notice from the Master of Ordnance to forward the gun to the arsenal at Frankfort, Phila., all this correspondence passing through the master of ordnance, can I safe? and will you put yourself in direct communication ^{with} the Secretary of war to know whether I have his order and under whose auspices I shall act, and upon what authority?

Our will then be passed in your hands

and if it, accomplishes all I claim for it Rapidity of fire, Simplicity and none Clogging of parts I have then made a arm capable of severe and destructive service. These are the points under discussion, and with I have obtained again hoping to hear from you at the earliest moment I once more remain yours to command.

W. Bolton Rogerason.

Care D. Wells Postmaster
Paterson N.J.

Washington D.C.

June 25 1872

Dear Sir

This letter will be presented by
Mr A. Sacks Proprietor of a large Clothing
House in this City on South Street who
proposes calling on you on a busi-
ness matter

I desire to commend him to your
friendly regards as a Gentleman of
Merit & Integrity & will feel Obliged
by any favorities in his behalf
which you may deem appropriate

With Great respect
Your afft Servt
William Little

Genl D. J. Howard
to to to

Abraconus

Sept 18 1863

A male
of slender & delicate
build had a large head, & the
skin with blood was full of marks
and so stiff it could not be
easily bent.

and the skin removed, it would

A naturalist in his deepest silence
spoke up with a question & I said
that it is nothing but a
muscular and tendinous part of
the body.

He then said

that

Intestines.
Intestines.

Ans by Capt. W. July 1872

as good as before, in some instances very wrong.

I cannot express to you my disappointments at the failures attending a year's waiting for a school, as contemplated in our first opening, nor my regrets at not effecting in any way the purposes of my trustees, or working out one feature of my own hopeful plans.

Very Respectfully,
Mr. R. Seaman.



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Washington June 20, '72.
Gen. O. O. Howard:

You recollect I made some efforts, prior to your leaving to procure a bell for your chapel. The result was a very quick response saying \$100, were collected with which they proposed purchasing & forwarding a bell.

Conferring, as you suggested, with Mr. Cole he said one was already given by Gen. Balloch & accepted. Asking if Gen. Balloch would not be willing to share with those donors & apply the rest of his gift to another purpose, Mr. Cole was quite sure he would not be & expressed no willingness to inquire if that could be done. That I very much regretted.

Mr. Cole said a clock was needed & had been talked of.

I wrote North to inquire if the money could be transferred to me in lieu of the bell & received reply that when the bell was purchased, paid for and hung, a check would be forwarded. Not until two weeks ago did a bell come, not yet is it hung.

I wrote last week saying a bell was purchased & here & a clock contemplated, - a check for \$105 is in my possession.

I do not feel ~~that~~ happy in retaining it, neither do I think it will be right to pay it over until the clock is secured.

Indeed the friends suppose the bell has long been doing duty, that ~~clock~~ is really to be bought & save the probable up-

position that their money is invested in the bell.

I wish it were there invested, for it was for that object, exclusively that I solicited & they gave it. If any arrangements can be made in which I shall think I can justly concur, it will give me pleasure to do so on knowing it.

In expectation of your returning before the close of our school term I assured Tammie & Chaney I should give you a full report of their attendance, progress in studies & their deportment.

I therefore ask you to inquire of them, as they know precisely what the facts are. Absences were very few, tardinesses too many, but less than in the same ~~time~~ of time previously. Tammie cannot not

American Missionary Association.

Room 18, No. 204 West Madison Street,

C. H. HOWARD,
Western Secretary.

Chicago, June 21 1872.

Dear Brother Ohs:

I was sorry not
to see you yesterday as you
passed through. My wife
(Burt) was sick - threatened
with inflammation of the bowels,
indeed I suppose that was
pretty surely fastened upon him
and he is better today. We
took it in season & worked over
him till 3 o'clock this
morning when his fever be-
gan to abate & I hope he will
continue to improve.

I wrote to you a day or two
ago - some things for your eye
also. Mother would have
been glad to have seen you at
our house but if the clouds

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hear your health is good
it would relieve her much
& this is the news we
all want to hear after your
very trying trip over the
hot plains. How you
got to break a why
we do not understand - I
suppose you would come
via Atlantic & Pacific from
Indian Country to St Louis.

There have been plenty of
falsehoods afloat. I wish
I had another letter for
the Advance - The good people
rejoice at the success of your
mission but want to know
more. I wish you might become
Indian Commissioner - having
your retired pay to supplement
the salary - Nothing needs
your reforming energy & heart
bound hand more than our Indian
affairs - I got a letter from

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Cousin Addison today.

He repeats for cover
not return via Cal.
Says Hooker's dictation
did you little or no
harm as other forces
there did not copy it.
It must have been
marked & sent to all
Western papers - I replied
to Boynton's telegram in
which he said you paid
no attention "to an order
received from Hooker" I
stated that you complied with
all the provisions of the order
though I do not remember that
you did receive such an order.

I should not the responsibility
of the disaster was on Hooker
because of his taking away
our reserve Brigade & for

Other lessons.

Clarke Phelps (my Office Clerk) says you thought I would visit Washington soon - I would like to see you & your family very much but do not see that duty calls that way -

I have thought of attending the meeting of Trustees H. ^{comit to} on 23^d in order to have Rev. Dr. Wm. F. Financial Secretary. I would like it exceedingly for your sake & the cause he deserves it & because it would be the best thing for the University just now - I hope you will have time or least to dictate a letter for me, mother &c - with love & care of your affectionately C. H. Adams

State of South Carolina,



OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE.

Columbia, June 22nd 1872

Genl D. O. Howard.

My Dear General,

I resigned my Professorship in the University last Tuesday. It's wish as you will doubtless learn or have learnt already.

I regret that I did not see you so as to explain my position more fully and satisfactorily than I can by writing. I hope however to be in Washington this summer, and see you; in the meantime I write you this letter to assure you that I took the step I did from no dissatisfaction with the treatment I received at Washington, or dislike of the latter I had to perform there; but rather from a profound sense of duty to my people here in this State in the trying emergency in which they find themselves.

The people here have requested me to become a candidate for the position of Treasurer of the



State; as this is really the most important
Office in the State, and the one which is pri-
marily responsible for all the mismanagement
and ¹⁸⁷⁵ ¹⁸⁷⁶ ¹⁸⁷⁷ ¹⁸⁷⁸ ¹⁸⁷⁹ ¹⁸⁸⁰ ¹⁸⁸¹
odium which have disgraced the cause
of Republicanism here and elsewhere, I
thought we still think it my duty to do
all I could to restore things to a sound &
healthy condition.

With these convictions, it was absolutely
essential to make the fight that I should be
so untrammeled by any position elsewhere,
that would enable my opponents to say,
that I would leave the State if I did not
succeed, and thus weaken me very much.
I trust, my dear friend, that you will agree
with me, that under the circumstances it was
my duty to act as I did. Permit me to assure
you, that I have a deep sense of the sacrifice
that I owe to you in account of the good ad-
vice you have always given me, and the many
ways you have shown me. I shall endeavor to re-
turn a way that will always obtain your appro-
val and respect.

Believe me
Yours truly
F. L. Case



EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT,

E. E. HENDERSON, Superintendent.

5th Judicial District, Arkansas.

Fayetteville, June 22 1872

Civil O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir;

As perhaps you are aware that I have been in this place for some six years, doing what I could to ameliorate the condition of the former Slave, as well as elevate the standard of morality & civilization in this State. And while I have cause for gratulation that success has to some degree attended my labors, I am compelled to seek another climate for the benefit of my wife's declining health, thus abandoning a good work in which I had entered, determined by the grace of God assisting, to lift the Colored people from their degraded condition into which they were brought by the curse of Slavery, and the masses of the whites from the worse condition of willing Slaves to

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT,

E. E. HENDERSON, Superintendent.

5th Judicial District, Arkansas.

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habits of licentiousness, and opinions of
prejudice unwarrantably formed against
their fellow men.

The object of this note was suggested
by your Broⁿ Genl C. H. who has asked
"whether if I had taken interest enough in
Indian affairs to desire a place in
them" I do not understand him, but
have written further. I thought I would
write to you asking if you knew, or
if you have control of some place of
responsibility, requiring promptitude &
energy to fill, as I would not fill a
position that does not require such
qualifications. If I am needed ⁱⁿ any place
that I ^{am} adapted for, if on the frontier.
I think it even would be better for my wife
than this climate — I would probably accept
an opportunity. I would refer you to Genl C. H.
Howard, or Mr. W. Colly Pitts Rock, Ark.
I am Sir, very Respectfully to E. E. Henderson.



Ank. by Capt. W. July 15th 1872

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, U.S. ARMY, NEW YORK CITY

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that the Lord may be with to
Bliss with temporal and spiritual
Blessing you will each one of
your dear family is the prayer
of their aged uncle Ensign

Saturday June 3d 1873

My Dear Nephew.
I often write to my distant rela-
tives to remind them that I
am continued on the shore of time.
Roselan and Eliza write me
occasionally of their general welfare.
Henry Strickland and his daugh-
ter Eliza visited us this month.
Occasionally notice of the whereabouts
of you and Charles.

It is now often months that I have
been an invalid, gradually from
month to month my muscular strength
has lessened and the muscles have devinced.
Till now, and I am almost helpless
with a little assistance I can dress and
undress and get from the chair to
the sofa. my nervous system
and my senses and memory are
much less affected my sensibilities
are yet lively and my contemplations
of the present the past and the future
are the most clear, and of the latter
the spiritual life as revealed in the
word of God and the Holy Spirit.

I am in soul and body a mystery
to myself and guess somewhat
so to many of my friends
the unusual length of time that I am
continued on the line that separates our

natural from our spiritual life
without being called to pass over
many with whom I have been associated
with in the duties of life, not so near
the brink have been called
thus far I have huncarfully cared
for by loved ones in my old and
loved home but if I am continued
in my present state I can see no
way but we must separate we
have though the winter hoped that the
spring would bring a change either
I should be worse or better but no
apparent alteration has taken place.
There is no action of the bands only
as produced by injections.
Leanne and Etta Johns daughter work at
making coats but with diligence can
only earn some fifty to sixty cents per
day, we have had an expectation
that I should receive a pension but the
decision of the commissioners on
pensions has been received which is
against me none of our ~~are~~^{only three of}
^{one} us now living receive in consequence
of an error of one day in the date
of the pay roll. They did not ^{to} receive
payroll testimony altho the order book
shows the error
I do not hear of any that sustain the family
now mentioned except Democroats

Ensigin is very attentive to wait
on his father when he is out of
school & the songs for me is a good girl
with a cheerful and happy disposition
Saure with work and care is often
much discouraged.
all three of them are good to read to
me when they have leisure I can read
or write late 15 minutes at a time
Oliver Johns oldest boy is a printer
at Lewiston I wrote short articles for
his paper Helen says he is negotiating
with a view of going to Bangor
John and Helen visit us once a
week. I think he must have
help from Oliver to meet his
engagement to your mother
and maintain his family
corporations monopoly the
labor and capital in this State
and the gigantic ~~tho all go to rule~~
The state. I am alone most of
the day I hear that you are now
probably returned to your family
I judge you may find leisure
to look over probably the last letter
from your uncle Ensigin Otis

Kendall Green
June 24th 72

Dear General,

We expect to have
our Alumni dinner
in our College dining Hall
at six o'clock after the
Commencement exercises
on our - a number of
our lady friends are expected
to be present & we should
be very happy if you &
Mrs Howard would be of
our party -

Very truly yours
C. Gallaudet.

55° + 8° west
Snow & rock
met to terrace at
which is well up
Not quite level now
all along road's edge to
edge. There is no
where a - low red
slope is being planed
roads not through it
there is often snow at
the blow smooth with
very flat top
smoothed.

[ca-June 25, 1872]

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To

Major-General Oliver D. Howard U.S.A
Washington D.C.

General

The report is in Circulation around Prescott and Camp Date Creek that you have in Contemplation the location of a Reservation (for the Indians) at Camp Date Creek) in Thompson's Valley Eighteen Miles North of Date Creek

The above named Valley contains about five hundred acres of Arable Land - will grow nothing without Irrigation

Two Settlers and the Subscriber of this letter has taken out an irrigation ditch taking all the water the Creek contains, and it is not Capable of irrigating more than one hundred acres - and that by using the water day & night

My reasons for taking the liberty to write to you is as follows -

First - I have Served in the Eight United States Infantry two terms - was taken prisoner in Texas at the breaking out of the war - and stood faithful to the Stars & Stripes - through the most tempting offers from the rebels -

I respectfully refer you to Capt. Arthur J. Lee (now Major) in whose Company I served I believe Major Lee is now Stationed in or around Washington

Second - I have put my life times earning in this place and to be turned out without just Compensation would be a hard case

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It is General for these Reasons I write to
you knowing from you just & humane character
that Should you Select this place for the
Indians that you will see that I am paid
for my improvements before I have to leave
it

I am General

Respectfully your Obst Servt

Fredrick Maroney

Late of

Tompson Valley

Company C. 8th U.S. Infantry

Yavapais County
Arizona



Ans. by Capt. William
July 11th 1872

Treasury Department, 267

Office of Comptroller of the Currency,

Washington, June 16, 1872.

Brig Genl O Howard.

Washington D.C.

Dear Genl.

The Seancr Mr H. Darr
formerly Superintendent of Indian affairs
on the Pacific side desires to make
your acquaintance. His business is
connected with that matter at this time.

Any information you can afford him
will gratefully remembered by

Your Ob Servant.

A. O. Hinney.

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Department of the Interior.
PENSION OFFICE.

Washington, D.C. June 26th 1872

General

Your communication of the 25th instant
is received.

In compliance with the request contained,
I take pleasure in stating that Mr. J. A. Chaves of
this Office, has been granted leave of absence for the
purpose of acting as interpreter to the Apaches under
your charge, for such period as you may consider
his services necessary.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

G. S. Scott

Brig. Gen. O. O. Howard,

Washington D.C.

Acting Commissioner.

JUN 27 1872
G.O.H.

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General
Oskar M.
Acting Commr. Commiss.

Washington, D.C.
June 26, 1872

I inform you, General that
Mr. J. A. Chaves, of this
Office, has been granted
leave of absence for the
purpose of acting Interpreter
to the Apaches, for such
period as Genl. may deem
his services necessary.

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34 Vesey St.

New York, June 27. 1872

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O.O.H.

Gen. O. O. Howard.

My dear Sir:

Will you be so kind
as to let me know whether
you expect to bring the
Arizona Indians to this
city, and if so, when they
will probably be here.

We have held our last
meeting of our Board
for the summer, but
will have a meeting of
the Executive Com^{ee}. on
Wednesday next, July 3rd.
— the last probably for the
season.

At this time of the
year the persons ~~and~~

whom it is chiefly important
to interest are out
of town. But we will
endeavor to bring together
as such as are accessible,
if it ^{is} considered important,
and have a talk with
the Indians.

Please to let me have
your opinions.

Respectfully yours
J. M. Ferris.

Ans by Capt W July 16/72



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Washington.
June 27th/72.

Gen O.C. Howard.
Dear Brother.

Knowing your kindness of heart, and your great Christian sympathy, I take the liberty of asking of you a favor on the part of my son Virginius C. at present he continues plates visiting Europe on the first of August next. The period of his stay is undetermined. What I want you to do (if possible) is to assist me in getting him an appointment of bearer of dispatches, or in any other relation

that would give him
official position
while in Europe.
The amount of pay
would not be so much
an object, as the opportu-
nity it would afford him
of becoming introduced
He is a young man
pretty well posted and
will satisfactorily dis-
charge any duties assigned.
Now Gen if you can
aid me in this you
will confer a great
favor on me.
If an interview is needed
I will be glad to call
on you at your conven-
ence. My address is
City P.O. Box 298.

H. G. Clayton

Since I last saw
you I have been
seriously afflicted I
was confined to bed
and room for over
two months.
The loss of my wife
has broken up my
family. Two of my
sons are in Italy,
and if Virginia leaves
I shall be all alone
after having a family
around me for over
33 years.

Gen. Such is life
your Brother
in hope of a better
Resurrection

H. G. Clayton

Gen. O. O. Howard, LL.D., Gideon S. Palmer, M.D., Jos. Caber Johnson, M.D.,
President. Dean Secretary.

Howard University,

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT,

Washington, D.C. 27 June 1872.

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Gen. O. O. Howard

My dear Sir:

I have
restrained from coming
to see you on the hospital
question, because I knew you
must be very busy, and
engaged by many matters
and many people.

My point is this - viz -
aside from the importance
to the College of my retain-
ing my place in the hospital
there are personal reasons
which never existed before.

I have recently bought
a house and I owe the
Freedmen's Bank about four

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thousand dollars - Other reasons
of equal importance make my
salary very necessary to me
and I am emboldened by
"the situation", to ask of
you, a kind word when
the transfer is made of
our hospital, to the surgeon
general in reference to a
re-appointment.

I am very sorry
for Mr. Surgeon
Jos. Tabor Johnson

June 27-72

Filo



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War Department,

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C., June 27th 1872

Major Thomas M. Vincent,

Assistant Adjutant General
Washington, D. C.

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Captain James McMillan, 3rd Arty.
in addition to his present duties, will, under your
supervision, perform the duties of disbursing
officer to what will, from the 1st proximo, be
known as the Freedmen's branch of the Adju-
tant General's Office, and, to that end, he is
hereby authorized, under the sanction of the
Secretary of War, to receipt for the funds, checks,
treasury certificates, bonds &c as referred to in
the General Order hereinbefore mentioned.

Very respectfully,

Your obdt. Servt.
(signed) E. D. Townsend
Adjutant General

Official

Copy, duplicate, for the Comstl Bureau R.F.

Thomas M. Vincent
Asst Adj General

P. S. Revd Mr Halliday has been up to see us & remembered us with several barrels of flour since your visit which I learn came through two classes of the Heater Sabbath School our motto is "In God we trust"

J.

Ans by Capt W. July 16th 72

General O. O. Howard
Dear Sir

The object of this is to inform you how this institution is succeeding the particulars of which you may learn by the report mailed to you in pamphlet form. As the General agent I regret my absence when you made your Sabbath visit last Spring at which you had an opportunity to know we were the living institution. We have struggled against great & terrible odds and a large current of prejudice for the last three years but through a kind Providence we have lived it down by a straight forward course such men as Dr C. L. Cuyler & Rev. Mr Peacock of Hanson St. Baptist Ch. Boston Town of the Rev. Mr. Pres., evan Ch.

26.
Inches

the old well tried friend of the
race Lewis Tappan and a
few others have dared to stand
up for us. I talked with Mr
Dwight Johnson of 35 Sydney
place last night he said you
was at home and wished me
to go on to Washington to have
an interview with you, but I
found it impossible to leave at
present I have been confined to
my bed with Rheumatism for
two weeks & as the necessities of
the asylum are very great I
am compelled to stand at my
post altho' nearly broken down
with constant labors. It was
my intention to send or come
to Washington as it was my in-
tention to go to London ~~in~~ England
this summer. I need a passport
& thought the General would aid
me in procuring such necessary

Instrument.

The assistance Mrs
Strange (who took care of the
Old Centenarian) died March
17th, leaving the old Mother in
trust of one hundred & seven to
survive her that was sixty two
Mrs Strange said you promised to
do what you could to procure her
husband's back pay & other money
from the government; but she
the dear friend of the asylum who
commenced with its beginning sleeps
now in death. She has two sisters
in this neighbourhood. How long
will the General be in Washington
if coming here can I see him
within fifteen days?

Please pardon intrusion of this
upon your time

Institution Building & accept from
Dear Stewroydon

Yours

Brooklyn June 2nd For God & the little ones.
Wm F. Johnson

"GOD IS LOVE."

REV. W. F. JOHNSON,
GENERAL AGENT

OF THE

Brooklyn Howard Colored Orphan Asylum,

SOCIETY BUILDINGS,

DEAN STREET, NEAR TROY AVENUE.

"THE MASTERS ARE MANY MANSIONS."

"IN THE NAME OF GOD."

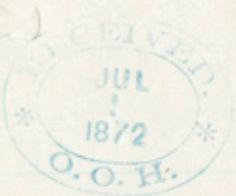
"Suffer Little Children to come unto me, and forbid them not."



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Portland, Me

June 28, 1872

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

Dear Sir.

The Y.M.C. Association of
this city propose giving
a course of lectures in
this city during the winter
of '72, & '73. providing
satisfactory arrangements
can be made. — Can you
favor us with a lecture
(and upon what terms)?

An early answer
will oblige,

Yours very truly,

H. W. Shaylor,
Cor. Secy. —

Box 1056. Y.M.C.A.

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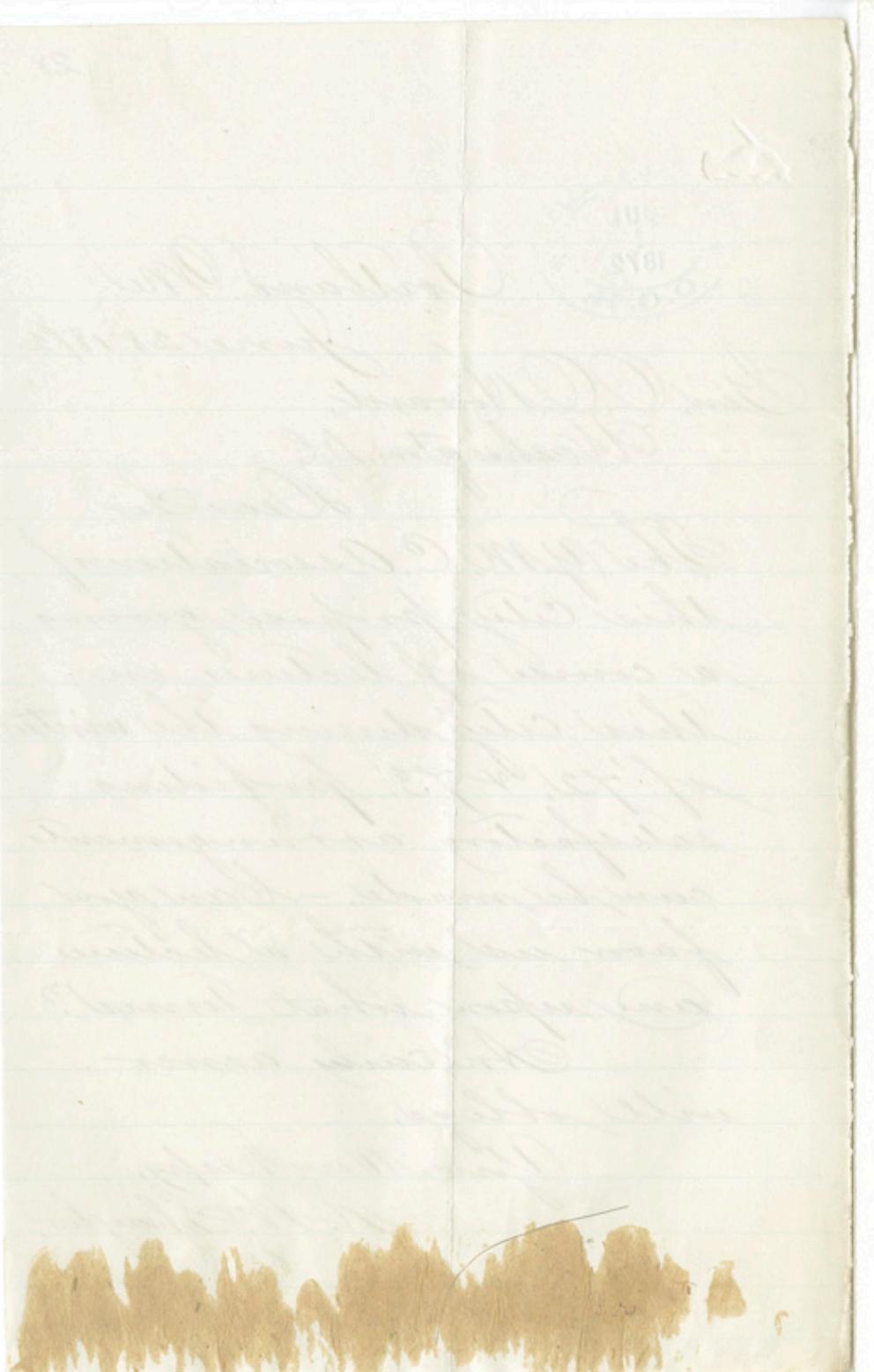
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affairs have been con-
ducted by you, with
honor & integrity that
cannot be questioned.
It gives me pleasure to
say this, without detrac-
tion from yourself or
your friends —

I am, General,
Very truly yours
J. P. Bellap

War Department



Washington City.

June 29th 1872

Genl. O. O. Howard

A. S. Army —
Dear General:

The act of Congress
places, the Freedmen's Bu-
reau in charge of the
War Department, and
General Order No. 55
has been issued, carrying

the law into effect.
In making this change,
required by the law, it gives
me pleasure to bear witness
to the zeal, energy, the
and integrity which has,
in my opinion, characterized
your management of the
Bureau. In the field, when
I was your subordinate,
in the Army of the Tennessee

I observed the gallantry and
ability which marked your
conduct from the day of the
battle of Ezra Church, until
the end. —

Since I have been here,
I have had occasion, at
times to express my opinion
as to your administration
of the Bureau, and I do
not hesitate to say that,
in my judgment, its