

Nov. 20th 1872

To Gen. O O Howard

Dear Sir

I beg -

permission to address a few
lines to you at the request of
a colored widow lady in her
behalf. Her name is Eliza Jane Mackey
Her husband Samuel
Mackey was a Soldier in the
Seventh (7) Maryland colored
Troops Co. company D. and was
killed. Leaving her a widow
and with three children whose
names are, Asbury Brutton Mackey
Theodore Melville Mackey & Mary
Addie Mackey.

She has made application to
the pension bureau for the
pension that is due her
& children and she had
not received any infor-
mation in regard to it.
quite a number of her

friends & relatives who were
in the same regiment
& whose widows have
all received their money
and she desired me to
address you and see if
if you could give her
any information in
regard to it.

Hoping you will do her
the kindness of complying
with her request and
favoring the
Lansbury

earliest convenience

I remain Your Respect.

John P. Loflin
Baltimore Post-Office
Baltimore
Md.

Encl. - Comm. 10
J. M. W. Brown
John W. Brown
Baltimore Post-Office
Baltimore
Md.

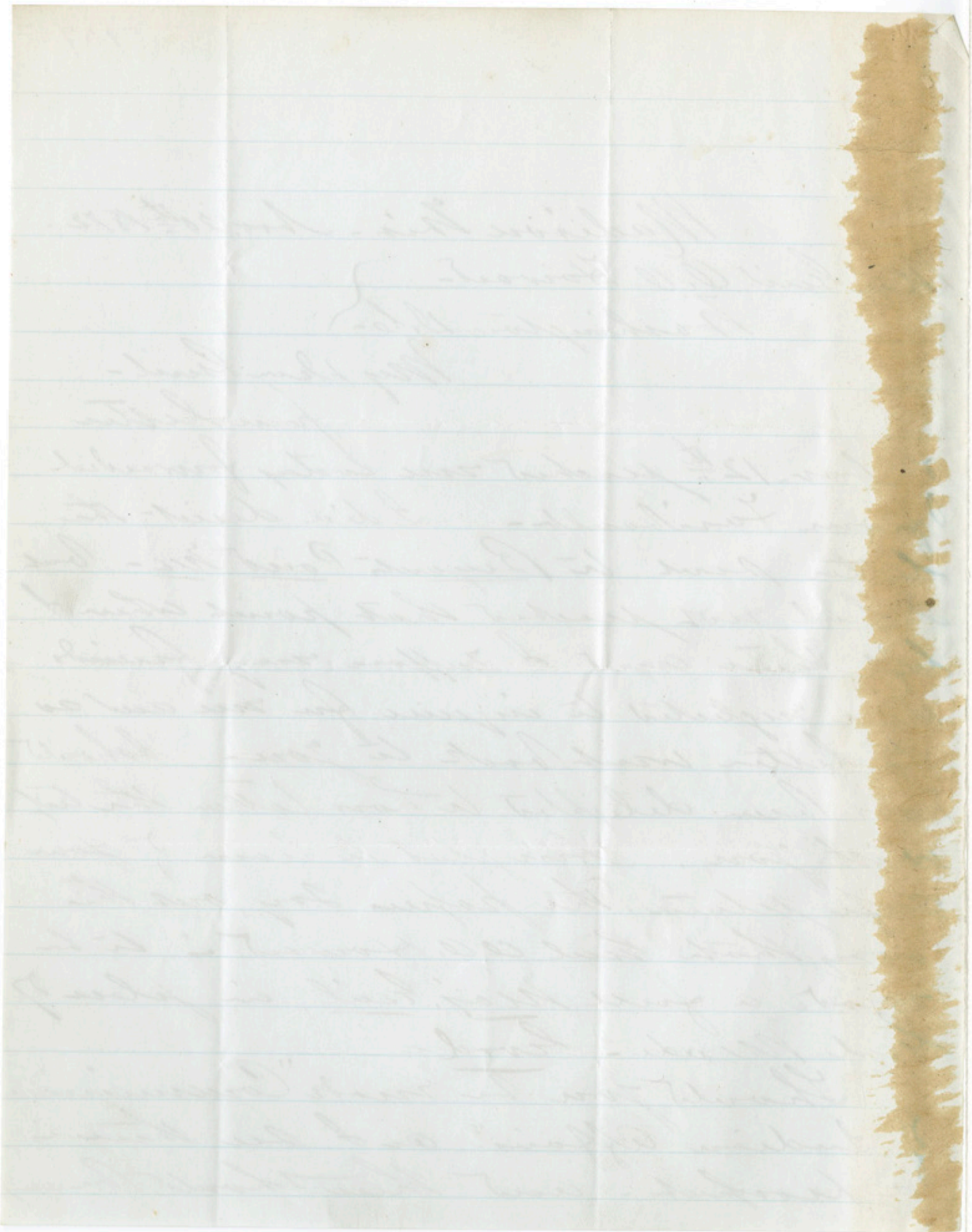
Madison Wis. - Nov. 20th 1872.

Maj. Genl. C. C. Howard -
Washington D. C. -

My dear Genl -

Your letter
of Nov. 12th reached me today forwarded
from Fairbault - I did direct the
letter sent to Bequiths Point Wis - but
it had not reached that point when I
left there and I suppose my friends
there neglected to inquire for me and so
the letter went back to you - I should
have been delighted to have taken the trip
with you. Am glad to hear of your
safe return. The papers say, over this
way, that Genl. C. C. Howard is to be
made a full Maj. Genl. in place of
Genl. Meade. Good -

Should you be made "Commissioner
of Indian Affairs" as I see there is
a prospect - and then should the any



position which I could fill acceptably
to the Government and yourself - I should
be glad to serve you -

Since I saw you last I have been
promoted from Facsimile - to the
Superintendence of the schools in this
City - Can you not come on and
give us a lecture this season - I
will see that you have a good house
and a pleasant time -

Mrs. Chon wishes to be remembered
kindly to yourself and family -

Hoping that I may hear from you
again soon I am -

Yours very truly & Respectfully
Walter H. Chon -



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Gettysburg Pa

Nov. 21st 1892,

Genl. A. C. Howard

Dear General

Your favor
accepting position of Honorary
Director of our E. P. M. Assn.
has been received, and is
heavily acknowledged.

The Association has in
view the erection of a Memorial
structure, in our park of
Indication, upon the Eastern
bluff of Cemetery Hill, in the
park, East of the Cemetery,
purchased & held since im-
mediately after the Battle.

Our Trustees & sons of Phila.
have been preparing our
designs, from which we will

Select one for that purpose -
and it will serve to indicate
the right of your Eleventh Corps
and such details as will
especially merit recognition.

We should be glad to have
your views as to what
should be specially indicated.
The inscriptions must nec-
essarily be very brief.

The general character of
the structures will be of
undressed stone, with
shields or escutcheons however
polished so as to receive the
inscriptions.

Our present fund is
limited - not exceeding \$10,000 -
We hope to increase it, through
an appeal to the Legislatures
of States having forces in the

different Corps engaged
in the Battle. The
primary Indications will
be those for Divisions; and
as there were about twenty
of these in the Battle, our
means for the erection of
each particular Indication
will be quite limited; and
hence the necessity for an
Appeal to the States.

In this Connection I
should be glad to have from
you any Particular Informa-
tion as to Regiments and
other Commands in that part
of the Field, and as Officers
engaged whom I might address
so as to enlist their active
interest in the work before us,
Can you give me the present

address of General...
roche, whose division; as a
reserve held this bluff on the
1st of July! Perhaps I
trespass too much on your
time & attention, but it is to
the Commanders of forces in
the Battle that we must look,
as most nearly interested.

May I remind you of
your promise to furnish me
a copy of your Report, which
has perhaps been crowded
from your attention, by your
pressing public duties,

Yours Truly, with esteem,

J. M. Conaughy,
Vice President, Actuary
Society of Baptists, &c.

personal

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Navy Department
21st Nov. 1872

Dear General,

I desire to submit
the following statement for your
consideration, In '71 I subscribed
to the 5-year bond of \$10 per year
of the Joint Stock Company
of the Y.M.C.A. I have already
paid \$5. Since January '72
my financial position has es-
sentially changed & I find myself
in absolute need of all my
money in the prosecution of my
study of the Ministry

Jan 21
2 1/2 - Dec 17



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- "I have been..."
- "The..."
- "M.C. ..."



Were I permanently in office
I would gladly continue to meet
my obligation but I have
to go away soon to meet
the world with that income
& my pocket word is my
usefulness & happiness hereafter.
I am sensible Sir that my
opportunities at Howard
University have been of more
value than \$50 & that
this letter may seem out of
taste, but the Joint Stock
Company can spare \$40
better than I can & here

I desire to rest my case
& I desire to ask you if I
could not honorably cancel
this promise? This
is simply the dictate
of my conscience & I
submit it to yours, caring
more for the Spirit than
the letter of business honor-
punctuality. Please give
me an early reply

Believe me Truly Yours

Wm Layton Roberts

for rent and other equally pressing
 which had rendered me almost
 crazy. See how little I could
 earn and how little of that
 little I could realize in Wash-
 ton. I determined to come here
 and seek a wider and a better
 field for my business. I have
 economized in every possible way, and
 my wife does her own cooking &
 housework which she had never
~~done~~ before, and although it were
~~not~~ policy to make the best appearance
 possible, here, where I am comparatively
 a stranger, I have a good part of
 the time been barely decently dressed.
 I have had to pledge a part of my
 wearing apparel to raise money
 to buy the necessaries of life.
 I am today two months behind

Philadelphia Pa Nov 21 1872

Gen O O Howard
 Washington DC

My Dear General
 I have but recently heard of your
 return home, and have been long
 looking for your return. I myself
 removed from Washington to this
 place early in March last, and
 during your absence out West.
 I hope that I shall be required
 by business to visit Washington soon
 and then will try to see you.
 In the mean time I want to
 forestall, as far as may be, any
 hard thoughts you may have
 of me because of my failure

to pay my note for \$200⁰⁰ which
you were kind enough to endorse
for me & have discounted in the
Friedman Bank in Washington
on the 27th Jan'y last

This failure has cost me agonies
of suffering, not only because
my burden had fallen upon
you, but because it was
almost maddening to think
you might suspect my good
faith - my honor

When that note was discounted
I felt as sure as I could feel
that I could meet it. But it
turned out that a man who
owed me \$200 in this City
became sick about that time
and lingered until Sep. week ago

When he died, ³ Another in
Knoxville Ill. owed me a like
sum, and he failed to pay
and his business and papers
remain in my hands to this
day. At the time I saw you
I had placed my Library of
Miscellaneous Books in the hands
of W & L Wallace Auctioneers for sale
and had rec^d \$40 an advance on
them, but had instructed ^{them} to notify
me of the day of sale. When
I left you I went to them and
found they had already sold my
books for some \$48 in all say 10
cents a volume. So they violated my
instructions and sacrificed my books
With the money ^{received on this note} I relieved my self
as far as it would go from claims

with my house rent. These things
 my neighbors do not know, nor
 would I tell you, my dear friend,
 if I were not impelled by a sense
 of my obligation to tell you
 the whole truth, however badly
 it may hurt me. I must
 have your confidence in my
 honor and good faith.

Your kindness to me in relieving
 my distresses made my heart
 to thump against my ribs
 and I could not betray you by
 allowing this debt to fall upon
 you if I could help it.

As much as I have suffered I
 am not hopeless, but on the
 contrary my prospects of business
 are brightening every day.

I am surrounding myself
by new friends and clients.

Yesterday I made my first
appearance in the United States
Court Circuit, here is a Patent suit.

I have heretofore been confined
to procuring ^{ing} Patents for Inventors
but the Litigation of Patents is
what I expected to get into
when I came here, but know
that I must do so gradually.
All I need here is introductions
acquaintance - the rest I can
attend to. These people are a
little slow to get acquainted with
what they can write and send South.
In a few weeks or months I think I can
pay this debt. Truly Yours Al. M. Smith

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Washington Nov 22nd 72
Gen^l Howard.

D^r Sir,

We have you as original Subscriber to
Boundary - Silver Spring N. R. Co for
40 Shares. if you can give us check
for amt of your payment you will

Obey
Yours Respectfully
Geo. B. Clagett

Shan
40 x \$25⁰⁰ = 1000. / 4 Jan pay \$250⁰⁰



Sanita, Valley, Arizona
Nov 23/81

Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

You may think
me important in writing to you, But & know
you are not acquainted with me personally
But I wish to return to you my heart
felt thanks for making peace with
Cochis and his band of cut-throats.
I for my part have suffered trouble
during the past 18 months from
these in dies, and during that
time I have lost nearly every thing
I could call my own except my life,
nearly 10,000 worth of stock and since
the first of April 1881 now less than
12 men have been killed by the Indians
on my Ranch which is only 2 miles from
the Military Post of Camp Cuttredon. But
during the past two months my trip
has been going along very well

And I thank God that I am not
frightened out of my life my day
by having one of my Come to me say
The Indians have Run off your stock
and killed over one hundred men as it was
to be last summer, and spring, and we
all know that you are the man
that risked his life so that you might
save us from any more of the horrible
Butcheries of the last years, and now differ
what the papers say about the matter we
out here know what you have done for
us, and you can rest assured that you
have nothing but friends in these parts
who will always remember your untiring
energy in our behalf and may four
days for enjoy your good work in
these parts be many and happy ones. Not
our Indian sign has been seen in
these parts since Bear was made with
Cochis

Hughes Ranch
Sonora, Valley, Ariz

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
Thos. Hughes

Camp Bowie A.T.

Dec. 28th 1872

Dear Genl.

Mr Jeffers arrived at this Post today, and procured supplies for his people. Everything is working well so far. About 300 Indians are now on the Reservation. Those who were down on the Sonora line came in three days ago, and for the present are quartered at a place known as the Pinery about twenty miles from Bowie. They number some 300. Jeffers sent out supplies to them today. He estimates Cochise's band at 12 or 1300 when all get in. No depredations have been committed since the establishment of Peace. Jeffers has moved the camp from Verapoon Springs about four miles across the road toward the San Pedro where grass is more plentiful. The Indians have planted a pole on the roadside, bearing a white flag, pointing in the direction of their present

Camp, Mr Jeffords received a letter from
Gov. Safford last Wednesday stating ^{that} he with
Dr. Lord of Tucson would visit Cackise
on next Monday. Cackise is using
every possible means to acquaint the people
of his tribe that he is now at peace, other
tribes are also being acquainted of the fact
as well, Cackise has notified other tribes
that any depredation committed on his
reservation by them, such Indians shall
be punished according to the crimes
committed. He has so far given evidence
of faith in the peace measure that I
believe him honest in it.

Jeffords has
not been off the Reservation since you
left. The business which called him
to New Mexico, (you remember perhaps)
he has transacted to his satisfaction
without having to leave the reservation.

Very truly Yours
S. L. Ord

Camp Bowie A.T.

the bank holds my Life Insurance policy, as security, and whilst Mr. Stickney, in a note of a few days ago, informed me, must be settled, or he would have to realize on the policy, & at the same time, leave sufficient to purchase clothing, suitable for this cold weather, for my wife and little ones.

I will, each month, leave \$25. ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ in the hands of Mr. Cheweth, the Disbursing Clerk of this department, until the sum borrowed shall be paid - principal and interest, thus in one year I can work myself free of debt. General, can you render me the assistance I need? I know that I owe you money, now, and in the estimate of what I owe, I did not include that; only those who are pressing me, I included, and you have never pressed me. All I owe you shall be paid, every cent, if my life is spared, and my life insurance will render you safe, should I die. If you have not this amount of money that you can lend me

Personal

Washington, D.C.

November 23rd. 1872

General O. O. Howard, U.S.A.

Washington, D.C.

Dear General:

After much hesitation

I have determined to appeal to you with regard to a matter that is causing me & my family much distress. When I last my position in your Bureau I was somewhat behind hand in money matters, and during the four months that I was without employment I was compelled to go in debt for every thing necessary for myself and family to have; thus upon my appointment to the position which I now hold, I found myself

unavoidably, in debt to a considerable amount. My present salary is one hundred dollars per month. By the exercise of strict economy and self denial we manage to live on three fourths of this sum, which leaves me twenty five dollars to devote, each month, to the payment of my creditors.

This sum, however, divided among the several whom I owe makes the payment, to each, so small, as to be unsatisfactory, and they grumble and run after me on each pay day, and threaten to report me, until my heart is sick. I am doing the very best I can possibly do to pay these people, and won't touch one cent of the \$25, nor above what it costs me to provide the bare necessities of life for my wife

and children, even to buy them seasonal clothing, which they sadly need.

Now what I wish to do is to borrow money sufficient to pay all I owe and thus transfer my indebtedness from the several whom I owe, to the hands of one person, and to this one, pay the sum of \$25.⁰⁰/₁₀₀ per month until the sum borrowed shall be paid. This will put a stop to this running after me, which is humiliating, and which can but injure me in the estimation all with whom I am officially connected. I have made a careful estimate of what I owe and find that three hundred dollars will enable me to settle with the parties who are so troubling me; to pay \$75, balance due on my note at the Freedmen's Bank, for which

can you not lend me sufficient of
your U. M. L. A. Stock, as you did in
the case of Mr. Ed. Johnson, to realize
the sum I need, and allow me one
year (i.e. \$25. per month) to pay it in.

In case you can do neither, a line
from you, either to Mr. Kelly, of the
National Metro. Bank, or to Ebr. Cooke,
in my behalf, will enable me to raise
the money.

General please give this
your consideration, and do, if pos-
sible, help us out of our trouble once
more, and we shall never cease to
be grateful.

Very truly Yours.

T. Taylor Page

(over)

P.S.

I have called twice to see you
but you were not at your office on
either occasion, and not being able to
leave my work for the purpose of calling
again, I write what I would say.

Congratulating you upon your
safe return, I am yours,

Very truly,

P. P. Page

Room 21. Post-Office Dept



1872
Savannah Nov 23rd

Genl O. C. Howard.

Dr Sir!

You will please give John. A. Porter the aid of your influence and procure for him, an appointment in one of the Federal Departments - as a clerk - so as to enable him to prosecute his studies.

He is my son - and now reads Medicine at the University of which you are head.

My pecuniary circumstances are such, at present as to make it impossible for me to aid him, in prosecuting his desires. He is upright - Moral & studious. And

will - I know be very grate-
ful for your favor.

My friend

Rev. J. W. Alvord promised to
introduce with you in
his behalf.

Our Congreg-
men have totally neg-
lected us in this matter
leaving our Youth in no
position to educate them-
selves. I know your feel-
ings in this matter - hence
I make bold to write you.
Please examine him
and ascertain his fitness.
As I think him fully
competent to fill any

ordinary Clerkship.

I am Gent. Yours very
humble & Obedient
servt.

James Porter

REGISTERED



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Princeton Nov. 23. 1872.

Dear Uncle

I have got nine subscribers for the
Nursery and want to get up a big club before
Christmas. Won't you please subscribe for Harry and
send me \$1.50 in a letter? -

Yours aff. nephew
David P. Howard

Princeton, N.J.



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\$1.25 sent

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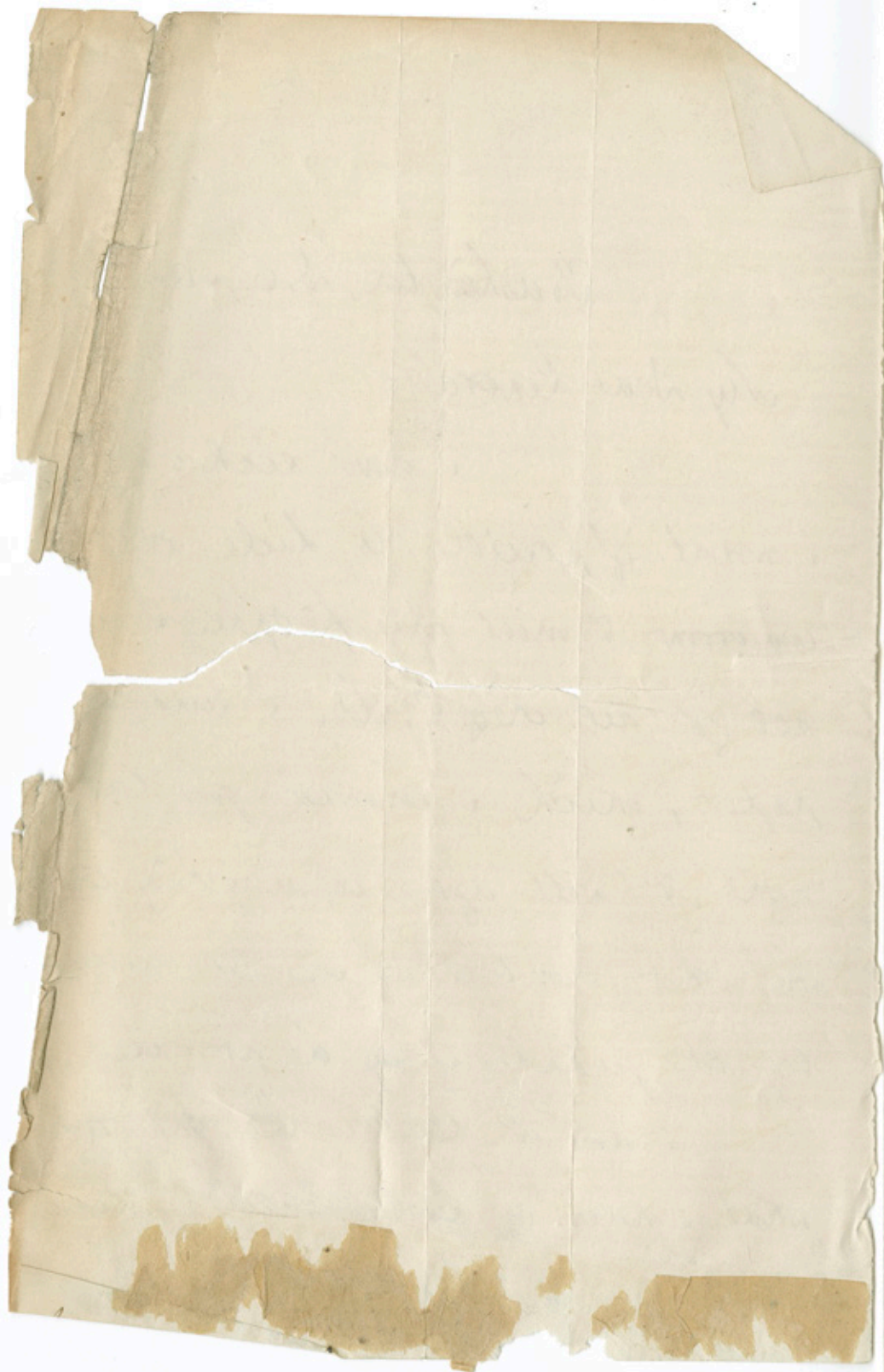
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Washington, D.C., Nov. 20th 1872

My Dear General:

I am sick; & as
I want, if possible, to ride over
tomorrow, & meet my people, I
not go out this P.M. I send a
paper, which I showed you last
night, & will agree to anything that
the other members of the Committee
regard judicious in the premises.

I am a Calvinist. And from
what I know of Lord's methods, I shall
almost feel, that you are so much of



an Arminian - only, of course, to
Methodist training - that you mean
to run the risk of breaching a De-
creed, if you insist upon anything
but assuming, now & forever, vows
of allegiance to the University; if you
say of the Trustees, "Let us break their
bands asunder, & cast away their cords
from us!" - Senator Pomeroy will please
verify the quotation! -

Present my kind compliments to your
good wife, & express my sincere regrets
that I can not sit down with you all,
at what I have always supposed - un-
til last Thursday night - to be a Christian
board! Wm. Fairbrother, J. C. Clarking-

Washington. D.C.

Nov. 23rd 1872

Rankin, J.E.

Mr

Dr. Rankin,
File

Recd

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Custom House, New York,

Collector's Office.

November 23^d, 1872.

Dear General:

In compliance with your request I called upon the Rev. Dr. J. M. Hornis, this morning, stated my business, and received from him the enclosed memorandum note to you which explains itself - I hope satisfactorily.

I also saw the Rev. Dr. J. S. Backus, of the Baptist Home Mission Society, and he informed me that Dr. Simmons was now on his way to Washington, to see you and converse fully upon the matter in question.

By this mail I forward papers given me by Dr. Hornis, with the request that you would notice its contents.

The address of the above named

Custom House, New York,

Collector's Office, New York, 1872

New York,

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Relating to

No. of Enclosures

Custom House, New York,

Collector's Office, 187 .

named

"gentlemen is.

"Rev. Dr. J. M. Morris,

Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed
Church in America. Office, No. 34 Vesey
St. New York."

"Rev. Dr. J. S. Backus,

Baptist Home Mission Society. Office,
No. 150 Nassau St. New York."

Sir, I have done your business
correctly, and procured the the information
you desired

I remain, with respect,

Faithfully &c.

Wm. Fowler

Brig. Gen. O. O. Seward, U.S.A.

Washington, D.C.

Custom House, New York.

Collector's Office.

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New York,

Collector.

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Relating to

No. of Enclosures

Dear General:

I have written to Rec. Beland, &
to the President in regard to
the Superintendency, & something
about Agencies.

I am very busy attending
from 2 to 3 Missionary
Conventions a week. At
each of which I present the
wars of the Indians of
Arizona. I will endeavor
to leave this city by on
Thanksgiving evening or Friday
morning, for Washington.

I read no more of the
accounts of Genl. Howard's
Mission as present, but
~~he~~ would like to send out
say 500 more by & by.
Very sincerely, J. M. Harris

W/ Letter #15, Nov. 23, 1872

Camp Apache, Arizona
November 24th 1872

Dear General

Thinking you might be anxious to know how the Indians are getting along I will take the liberty to write you briefly in regard to them. No event of importance has occurred since my letter of the 18th was written: the Indians still coming in but are very badly frightened, and it would require but very little to cause a general stampede, and this came very near taking place yesterday. Pelone, and Estellacelah were told to have their people in at 12 o'clock to be counted and because they were a little late (they arrived at 12.30) they had a troop saddle up to go out after them. I was watching and saw that the Indians were undecided whether to run or stay, as it looked pretty bad for them either way, and concluded

to go down where they were and stay
with them. When I reached their camp
I told them I was their friend and to stay
by me for if the troops fired on them they
would see me also. I stayed with them until
the troops had unsaddled and before leaving
them I told them to send for me whenever
they were afraid and I would come and sleep
in their camp at night if necessary. I have
sent Mr. May over to New Mexico to buy blankets,
since the Supt. only allows me to pay
\$3.00 apiece for them, but Mr. Cooley and
I are doing all we can to prevent their
leaving, but as they are very hungry and
suffer with them I am afraid they will.
The Military has assumed full control of
them and I am not consulted in the least.
Mr. Cooley is employed as farmer and
Miguel as interpreter, and although
the Military have taken them away
from me most of the time they
have not done me the courtesy to consult

me about it but give me to under-
stand that when they don't want them
I can use them. Mr. Cooley and I talked
the matter over the matter over and concluded
that it would be better for him to act as
Interpreter for them as he would still be
of use in keeping the Indians quiet and in
keeping me posted on what is going on.
I have told them (the Indians) that I have sent
a messenger to you and they all say that you
are the best friend they ever had and will
do all you can for them; they have certainly
shown themselves worthy of your friendship,
and we all hope and pray that there will be
something done for them soon, as we are
afraid that some of the young bucks might
do something wrong and give them an
excuse to begin war upon them. We hope
we will not be obliged to see a repetition of the
dreadful scenes enacted at Camp Verde,
and Fort Verde for I have just been
informed of all the particulars concerning

those transactions by two reliable gentlemen who were present, and their account of them are quite different from that which appeared in these local papers — in fact I do not hesitate to say that these papers perverted the facts to suit themselves, since one of these gentlemen told me that a Mexican lately died at Salt River and confessed that he was one of the party that jumped the stage near Dickinson the time Loring was killed, and that the party was composed of Mexicans and Indians, but were mostly of the former, and told him where the rest of them might be found: this gentleman says he informed the Sheriff of the facts but he only went through the form of trying to arrest them: that he also let him know the Editor of the Miner about it and told him he ought to change the report now that the truth was known: Marion said "as it is better to have it go abroad that the stage was jumped and passengers murdered by Indians." Out of considerations of personal safety I would ^{never} like to have your use my name in connection with this information.

but with the consent of these gentlemen
I could give you their names and further
particulars. I am reliably informed that
many of the citizens denounce this effort
to drive Indians of the Reservations and
say that their lives and property have never
been as safe as they have been since the
Indians have been on the Reservations, and that
your policy is the true one.

Capt. Brown starts
for Camp Grant to-day to give orders con-
cerning the enforcement of this same order,
and has told that he will go from there
to Chei's camp on the same business.

I hope you will kindly excuse all mist-
akes in this letter as I have been obliged
to write very hurriedly in order to send it
by a citizen who is going to New Mexico since
we now have no regular mail.

Very Respectfully
Yours Obt. Servant.

W. M. Smith

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 Santa Fe N M 24th Nov 1872
 Dear Genl O O Howard, USA [2973]
 Wash DC

Genl

Enclosed please find
 a dft on N York for \$22³⁵ being the amt
 called for by the R. Office order sent by you
 for collection -

With much Respect
 Your Obedt Servt
 Matthew P. Sco

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24 Nov. 1872

John A. Caldwell

Recd.

Ans. by Geo. H.