

Howard University,

Washington D.C.

January 16th, 1873.

May. Gen. Oliver O. Howard

Pres. Howard University

Dear Sir: Howard

University in its origin was destined to benefit especially the Colored Youth of the United States; but we have seen with regret for some time that it has become a source of revenue and benefit particularly to those who care little or nothing for us. Now we propose to bring to light certain facts which are undeniable and of which you yourself can not be ignorant. In bringing forth these facts we would not injure you or the University; but our highest interests demand that some changes should be made in the management of the Institution.

In the first place Prof. A. L. Barber is paid twenty-five hundred dollars yearly for doing compara-

tively nothing. For instance as Professor of Natural Philosophy he has to instruct but one class, towards this he fails to discharge his duty as we can prove; nor does he perform any active duties in the Normal Dept., being entirely absorbed in his Real Estate business.

In the second place the universal testimony of Prof. Whittlesey's students is that they derive neither Rhetorical nor Educational benefit from his instruction, and this can be proven.

In the third place, we find that an assistant is introduced into the Model School to do a work which many needy students in the Institution are fully able to perform. Through Mr. Johnson's influence as we understand a boss-carpenter has been brought among us who takes bread out of the mouths of students whom the University

professes to aid. - The lady in Miss
Crown's Dept. is a niece of our Treasurer,
the Carpenter to whom we have referred
is his uncle. These persons were brought
into the Institution when some of your
best Students in the College and other Depart-
ments were compelled to leave because they
could get no aid from the University - in
consequence as the Authorities said of
a lack of funds. Do these things show,
General, that there is no money here,
are they of such a nature as to impress
us with the feeling that the Institution
desires to aid Students to the extent of its
ability?

Now, General, our intention
is not to strike any unfriendly blow at
you, for we doubt neither your honesty
nor your interest in our race; but we ex-
pect to publicly prove - if an occasion
arises, such facts as are undeniable.
Our instructors with very few exceptions

lack interest as we firmly believe in
our welfare, and seem to think that
any instruction however imperfect is
sufficient for us. If this Institution
is not good enough for their own child-
ren then it is a question whether or
not it is good enough for the Colored
Youth of the Country.

The money that is paid
these professors can secure the best
teachers in the land and those who
are sincerely devoted to our race;
consequently we shall oppose to the
extent of our ability any endowment
to this University while the present state
of affairs exists.

The crisis has come when
something must be done, and leading
men with whom we have conversed
and who are truly your friends, agree
with us, to represent the present

condition of things and say that changes must be made.

We adjure you, Sir, to look carefully into the management of the Institution, think deeply upon the University matters, for we are determined to do something, and we have influence at our backs. - If we shall be called upon to publicly expose the University; we shall have but one regret, and that will be on account of yourself whom we believe to be honest and true; but we fear that you will finally injure your reputation in consequence of having self-interested men around you.

Awaiting some indications from you we have the honor to remain
Yours truly,
Many Students.

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CASH DIVISION,

Washington, January 16th 1873

Copied

General,

Your letter of the 15th instant
has been referred to the Secretary
of the Treasury for authority to counter-
-ent the deposit made by you on
the 8th day of January 1873.

Respectfully
D. D. Ginn

Treasurer United States

Brig. Genl. O. O. Howard, U.S.A.
Late Commissioner, etc.
Washington,
D.C.

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Dear Sir

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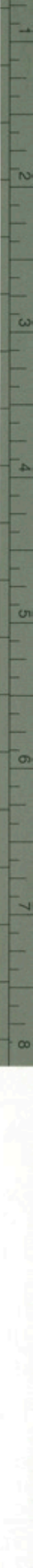
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S. A. Barrett
Step Renshaw has
turned over to their
claim against
Morgan. Oh, what
a splendid result,
what can you do?



Washington Jan 16. 73

Dear Brother

Dear Genl. I have yours of the 7th some indisposition and pressing business have prevented an earlier answer.

I thought it was your own proposition to pay up the accrued interest and retire from the Messersas concern. I do not think I ever could have said the sales should meet the interest on your note. I could not foretell to foresee. My understanding of the division of duties was that I would attend to the local management of the place paying taxes & collecting what little rents would be coming in and that Mr. Fitch & yourself would attend to sales. Not very particularly in Mr. Fitch's line & he had nothing due to or. I have not sold a foot the land. The rents will not pay taxes keep up fences &c.

Yours truly

J. D. Phelps

Geo McPherson

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of \$1000

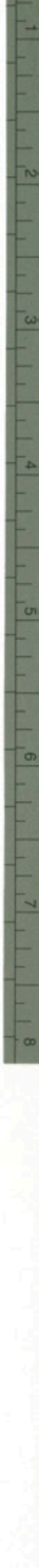
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perhaps later to return

Geo McPherson

Washington Jan 10/3

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LIBRARY AND CABINET
OF
Howard University,

Washington, D. C., Jan. 16, 1873.

The Trustees have received *One Vol. entitled "California" A
book for Travellers and Settlers.*

A Gift to the *Library*

From *Gen. C. C. Howard* for
which they return a grateful acknowledgement.

C. C. Howard
President of the Board.

Placed in the *Library*

F. B. Nichols M. D.

Librarian and Curator of the Cabinet.

Harvard University
June 11th 1873.

Nichols L. B.

Acknowledg^{re}-
ceipt of book.

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[ca-Jan 17, 1867
1873]

Gen. O. O. Howard

Sir

by forwarding your
autograph you will confer a favor on
your.

Obedt. Servant

Thos. C. Jewell

Newburgh

N. Y.

J. C. Terwilliger

Autograph

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Chicago. Jan. 17. 1853

My dear General.

Pardon

me for writing with reproach
to the offer of aid which
you made at the time
of the Council at Berlin.

I wish, not to burden you,
~~nor~~ in any way to increase

the vast amount of our debts.

But if you find yourself unable to meet the
same, or at any future time, the pledge which

you so generously made, let me hear of it

and there it shall end. You were another

incredible obligation to us, to such an extent

that, and it would be true to say that

Your care, but simply to ^{ask} you
confidentially respecting any
success which you may have
had in raising the money.

I remember that you once
wrote me that you were
willing to lecture in Wash-
ington for the benefit of my
Church.

We are now at a point where
it is especially desirable to know

Pittsboro N.Y.
January 17 1873

General Howard

My dear Sir

I must give
to many schools for the recreation of our
colored brethren, as I could probably
have given more to you than I have
given to it. Please add the uncolored
\$7500 to the funds of your Uni-
versity. I trust it is getting on well in
all respects.

With your regard
your friend
Gerrit Smith

P.S. Can you inform me of the character prospects
of the Nashville Col. College, & of the
"Straight" University of Louisiana? I know Berea
College in Kentucky, & like & help it.

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Chas. M. ...

June 22 1872

Dear Mother

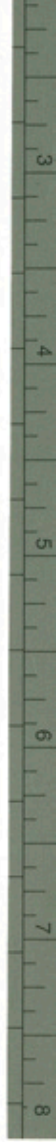
My dear Mother

I have just received your letter of the 19th and was glad to hear from you. I am well and hope these few lines will find you the same. I have not much news to write at present. I am still in the same place and doing the same work. I have not seen any of the old friends here. I have not time to write you more at present. I will write again when I have more news to tell you. I love you very much and hope you will write soon. I am your affectionate son, Charles M. ...

Yours affectionately

Charles M. ...

...



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Phila Jan 17/73

Genl O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

Letters this morning inform me Lieut W^m J. Volkman has been detailed by Genl Carr on the recruiting service, to report to Genl J. I. Gregg. St. Louis and will arrive there about the 20 inst.

Will you please use your influence immediately in securing for him the Philp Station

Respectfully

Mrs Henry A. Drew
20 25 Arch St.



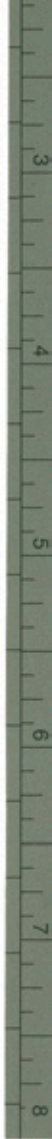
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Received at N. E. cor. 14th St. and Penna. Ave., Washington, D. C.

To General O. O. Howard
Care of ady Genl U.S. Army
Washn Dc

Have written you
this day you were
misinformed

W H Emory
Maj Genl

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Commodore H. R.

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Custom House.
New Orleans, January 18th 1873.

Dear General:

I thank you for your prompt reply of Jan. 3. 1873, and for the hearty commendation therein contained.

If I understand your intention it is to address a letter to the President at once, and wait until my friends have formally nominated me.

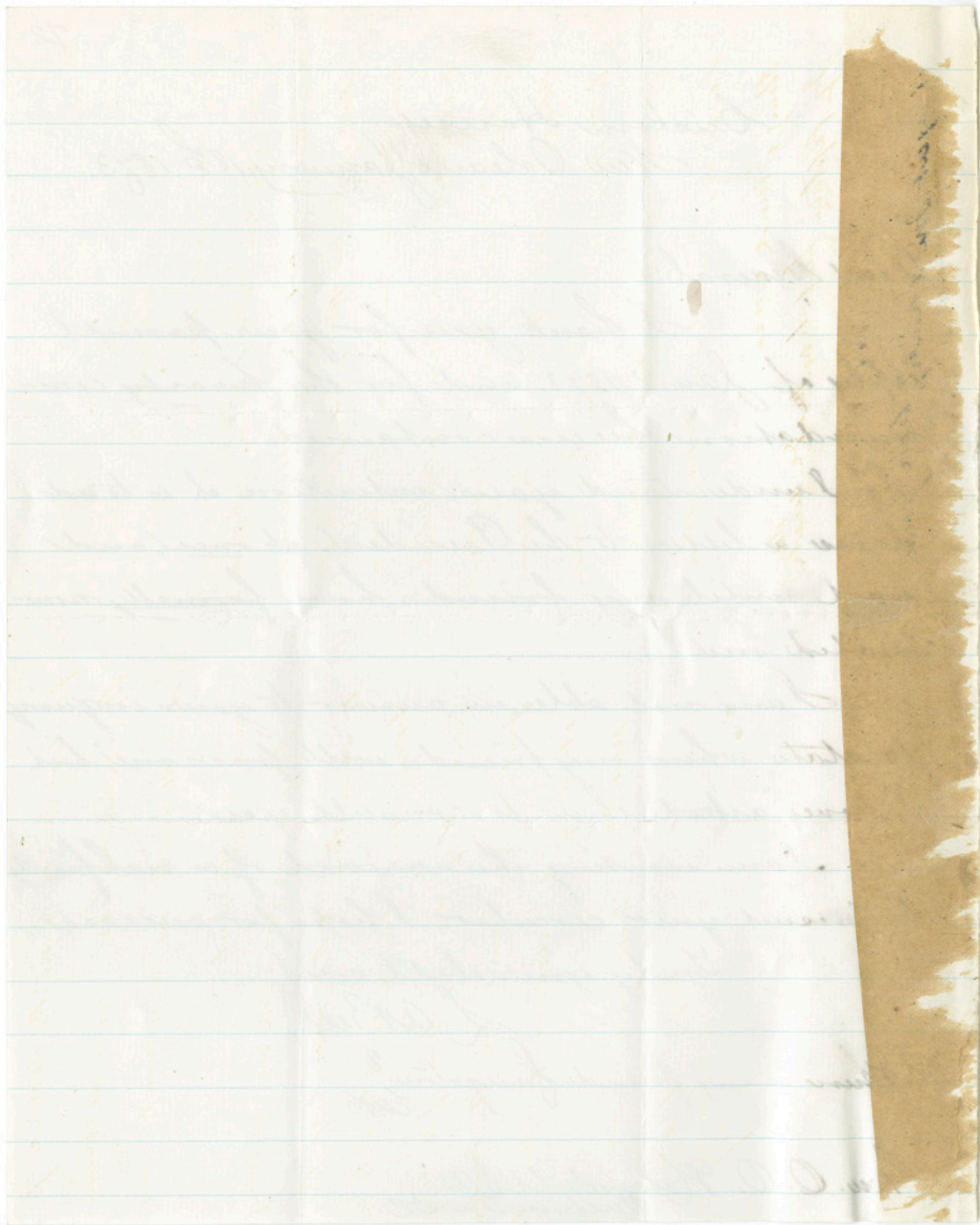
I am not able, in answer to your inquiry to state when my friends will press me, but I have asked them to consult you.

I am waiting the arrival of a rich friend, to present your circular. I hope for success.

Truly yours at all times,
L. A. Bell.

P.S. There is my friend Langston²
L.A.B.

Gen. O. C. Howard, U.S.A.
Washington D.C.



HEAD QUARTERS

Department of the Gulf.

New Orleans, January 18th 1873

My dear General Howard

My son Colonel Sully, who arrived here to day, told me he met you in the street of Philadelphia, and you said to him, that you, Genl Howard, had been informed while in Arizona by Capt Liebt of the 5th Cavalry that I had endorsed charges made against you in reference to the Freedman's Bureau by a member of Congress, and that the same Liebt had told you many other things "much worse".

If Captain Liebt has made such ^{statements}, they are untrue, and it is a source of regret I should have given

any statement from him a moment, that
and having done so, that you did not
write me in the moment, what this
Capt Leib has seen fit to say of
me.

Captain Leib was recommended
by a field officer of my Regiment
for total retirement, and I forward
ed the recommendation approved
which I suppose is the cause of
animosity to me. What you say

is only another evidence of
the correctness of my approval

of the recommendation in his case

(which he did not permit, contrary)

that you think it worth while

I am forward

against Leib and try what others have
twice failed to do, to rid the service of
this notorious liar, who is as ignorant
and illiterate as he is malicious
and inefficient.

If you see fit, I'm all at liberty
to show this to the General of the
Army and I will be glad to re-
ceive any suggestion for my
future guidance in the matter
it may be deemed proper to
make

With high regards

Very truly
Yrs
A. A. Smokey

Jan 18 - 73

Genl. Emory.

Write concerning
Statement of Capt.
Sib - says "it
a lie" &c

Ans. by Genl. H.

St. Jan 19. 73

JAN 20 1873

601. N. St. Jan 18. 1873

Saturday

Genl. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir,

Your kind note was received, and I regret to say we have been obliged to postpone our meeting till Jan 28th as we could not perfect our arrangements.

Hoping to have the pleasure of hearing from you at that time.

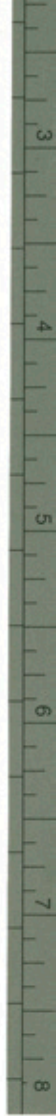
I remain sir

Very truly yr friend

Mrs W. Stickney

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Monticello Va.
Jan^y 18th 73.

President Howard.

Sir,

As I am desirous of entering Howard's University with a view of reading up, in order that I may be an auxiliary eventually in training up men for laboring among my poor benighted fellows, I beg respectfully to submit the following -

I studied at Codrington College Barbados four years during that time I held a Scholarship, prior to being a student there, I was a teacher of good standing there I studied Divinity, Classics,

Monticello Fla.

Jan, 18-73

A. L. Roberts

My printing the favor here on solicited
you will thankfully receive -
Yours very respectfully
A. L. Roberts

Monticello Fla

P.S. I should be glad to have one of Howard's
new copy Callen's.

Ans. by Capt W.
L.P. Jan 20. 73

Mental & Moral Science, Mathematics &c. At present my wife & self are teaching here; as I should like to engage in higher work, I should feel thankful to you, sir, for any information that you may contribute for the realization of this end.

What I wish to ascertain, in the first place is - if there are scholarships in the University; what the value and standard of them. My wife wants to go to college to study Music, but for her I am ready. I know that the brother & sister need not part - that both can be received into Howard's University, but I know not about the husband & the wife.

My wife is 27, & I 24 & being childless are quite willing to deny ourselves for the accomplishment of the

desired end, I should also like
to know in the event of my wife not
coming to the University if I could take
lodgings outside: these minor matters
I trust can be arranged satisfac-
torily & will prove no barrier. There
are many things about which I
am anxious to know: the Univer-
sity Calendar would satisfy me
as to these points & I should like to
possess one.

I must now apologise by
stating that I am unacquain-
ed with any of the members of the
University & knowing that you are
much interested in the well fare
of my race I took the liberty of
asking you to favour me with such
information as may be necessary.

Quincy Illinois Jan 19th/73

Hon O. O. Howard

In Sir
 I write to you
 as a stranger but hope
 you will pardon me for
 so doing, my object in writing
 is this I wish to go on
 a lecturing tour through
 the Southern States speaking
 principally to the colored
 folks I think much good can
 be accomplished among my
 colored fellow citizens I made
 speeches during the last campaign
 in all the principle cities in
 this State in favor of the
 Republican party Enclosed you
 will find some of my recommendations
 what advice have you for a
 young man who wishes to
 become a public benefactor
 My aim is to leave here for
 the south in the latter part
 of February if you can assist

Jan 19. 73

J. G. Casey.

Wants to be a public

benefactor - wants

advice from you

At

sent by Capt. N.

Ms. Jan. 29. 73

Me by way of advice or financially
if it is. Ever so little I
will be very thankful. My
aim is to do good. Knowing
you by Reputation to be a
friend of our Race is why
I have written to you I
hope to hear from you soon
and favorably please return
my Recommendation

Very Respectfully
S. T. Casey

Portland Jan. 19th 1873

General O. V. Howard,

My dear Sir

I take this opportunity to write you and thank you, (which I most heartily do) for your kind interest and attention to my son Charles. I received a letter from him when at Chicago on the 11th inst. in which he speaks with great satisfaction of your kindness to him, and is full of hope for your influence in his behalf in the future. Through faithful performance of duty and your friendship he aspires to the same high position as you have achieved.

There be an opening, or
Chance for promotion, he
says that he feels that he has
a great friend in General
Howard, I am quite sure
that he is well fitted for
that position - and I would
like to know if there will
probably be any change by
which he could be promoted.

I saw by the paper (I enclose
the item) that there are to be
five Inspectors appointed, it
has occurred to me that
provided there was no chance
for promotion to be had in
Arizona soon, that one of
these be given to him, he has
always been faithful to
whichever state has been assigned
to him.

or whatever position he
may occupy in the future
in connection with the service
he will be efficient & faithful.

we feel that
he, and we as well, are
making a great sacrifice
to have him so far removed
from us. And it is only with
the hope that he may be useful
that we can bear the separa-
ration, it is therefore our
earnest desire that he may
in due time be placed where
he may be most useful, and
have God's blessing upon his
efforts to do good, in whatever
capacity he may be serving.

You will pardon me
for the freedom with
which I have written.

I hope to receive a letter
from you touching this

Jan. 19 - 73

Walter my soon.

Again thanking
you my dear Sir for your
kindness, and wishing
you and yours all the
blessings needful for
you in this life, and
in the life to come "life
everlasting -

Very truly

J. W. Sanborn

Thats snepudorship for his son,
(All done by) thanks God for his
kindness & kind
also by God H.