

War Department,
Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C. April 4th 1873

Brigadier General A. O. Howard U. S. A.,
Late Commissioner, Bureau R. & A. S.
Howard University
Washington D. C.

General:

Referring to your request of
of the 15th inst., addressed to Major Vincent, A. A.
Genl for a copy of the reply of this office to
your communications, dated February 7. 1873,
to the Chairman of the Committee on Military
Affairs, House of Representatives, relative to
the report from the Adjutant General's Office,
dated October 7. 1872, on the Condition of Affairs
in the Freedmen's Bureau, I have the honor,
by authority of the Secretary of War, to

forward, herewith, the desired copy.

After expressing your thanks for the fairness of the report of October 7th, your communication of February 7th was sent to the Military Committee which led to the reply of February 20th by this office. In view of this, it would appear proper that you should have sought a copy of the present report from the House of Representatives, the subject being before that body thro' its official action.

Very respectfully
your obedient servant
E. B. Townsend

Adjutant General

Recommendation of
General's report - in Army
Order Gen. H. Hunt
the report is now before
the Committee for copy

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Approved, J. H.
A. H.

Philadelphia, Pa.
April 4th 1873.

Gen. O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir.

Although a stranger to you personally, I take the liberty to address you on a subject of interest to myself, and which I hope will receive your kindly consideration.

I was a soldier in the war for the Union and lost my right arm in the attack on Petersburg, Va. June 15th 1864. I also had the honor to serve under you as an officer of the Freedmen's Bureau, stationed at Plymouth and Edenton, North Carolina. Feeling that this will be a sufficient introduction, I beg that you will be patient with me while I state the object of this letter - I am seeking a situation in one of the Departments at Washington - a Clerkship, second class - if possible. As I have a wife and three children, it behooves me to use all honorable means to make provision for their comfortable support. Knowing that you have the confidence

Philadelphia, Pa.
April 4th 1873.

Charles W. Dwyer

Desires that Howard's
influence in obtaining a clerk-
ship in one of the Dep'ts.



Ans by Gen. H.
S. J. D. M. 4.9.73

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of many Government Officers high in authority
I hope you will find it in your heart to
assist me by a kind word of recommendation,
or inquiry in my behalf, which may be of so
much value to me and mine.

If you wish any reference as to my character
or ability Gen. Louis Wagner, No. 105 South 4th St.
Philada. is my friend. My service in the
Army & Bureau together with my employment
since in a large importing, manufacturing and
wholesale establishment has given me a fair
knowledge of business and the keeping of accounts.

I know that many are seeking places of
profit and trust in the gift of the Government,
and that public men are harassed by continual
applications of this kind, but I feel that I have
a kind of special claim which is not second to
to that of any physically sound man.

I beg pardon for having trespassed so long
upon your patience, but I hope that through the
blessing of Divine Providence the object of this
letter may be attained.

Yours Very Respectfully

Chas. W. Dodge.

late 2^d Lt. U. S. Corps.

Address Lock Box 10.

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Biddeford Maine
April 4th 1873

Gen O. O. Howard -

Dear Sir;

Should there be changes so as to leave the position of Commandant of Cadets at the University vacant. I would like the situation. Will you please remember me in such an event? I am and ever have been in strict accord with you on all the questions so dear to your heart -

Very Truly & Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servant
Chas. W. Keyes
U. S. Army

P. O. Box 607 -

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Bristol and
April 14-1873

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to

acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the purchase of a lot of land in the town of Bristol, and in reply to inform you that the same has been referred to the proper authorities for their consideration. I would like to see the situation, with your plan, and if possible, see the book on which it is based. I am sure that you have been in strict accord with you in all the questions in relation to your plan.

Very respectfully,
H. W. H. H.

Bristol, Conn.,
April 4, 1893

Dear Gen.

I send you by this
days mail a short account
of your visit to B. from our
Press. It is but a faint
description of the very deep
interest that we have all
made & felt in you, hoping
that it will be increased
next winter when you
come again. ~~I am~~ I am in the
habit of speaking on
Separation Day & if you will
obtain for me, some good
invitation I will donate the
receipts to your Congl Church
at W. Please oblige

Yours very truly W. W. Belden

PS

You will probably
have more invitations
than you can fill. Just
turn me good one sort
me ~~obliged~~
MWB

File



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Hartford April 5th 1873

Gen O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

Will you please send me
your Autograph on enclosed cards
and greatly oblige

Yours Respectfully
S. Belknap

#6.

Hartford
April 5, 173

Bethnap C.



Handwritten notes on a piece of yellowed paper at the bottom left, including the words 'L. E. S. S.' and other illegible scribbles.

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J. G. Kimball,
Successor to Davidge & Kimball,
LAW OFFICE,
No. 1427 F Street,

Washington, D.C. April 3rd 1873

Gen. O. O. Howard and
Wm. R. Hooper Esq.
of Trustees Congregational Church
Gentlemen

I am instructed by
my client L. Q. Bartlett Esq. to say that the
only terms he will accept in the settlement of
the debt due by your church to him by assign-
ment from J. W. Rumsay are those agreed u-
pon by the late trustees (Rev. Patterson Sen.
Howard and others) with him viz fifteen hun-
dred and seventy two dollars (\$1572⁰⁰) with in-
terest from Jan'y. 1st 1870 at one half the legal
rate, this can be paid either in cash, or notes
at six and twelve months with interest at ten
per cent per annum.

He expects a settlement within a week from
this date

Very respectfully
J. G. Kimball

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Washington, D.C.

April 5, '73

Kimball J. H.

Should the only basis
his claim will accept in the
abatement of the debt due him
by the Church.



"and February 1866. — No books pertaining
"the following named stations are on file

x x x x x x x
"Laredo Capt. J. A. Wilcox 4th Regt.

Did you whilst acting as an agent
of the late Bureau keep any books or
records, and if so to whom were they
transferred by you?

If you have any such records, books
or papers, please forward them to me
of the Adjutant General of the Army.

Very respectfully Yours &c.

O. O. Newcomb

Brig. Gen. U. S. A.

Late Commr. Bureau of Land

Washington D. C.

March 17th 1873.

Genl. James H. Duncan H. S. A. C.

Howard, D. C.

Brig. Genl. H. S. A. C.

Charity attracted to an ex-
tract from a letter from the
Capt. General H. S. A. C. in regard
of the late Freedmen's Bureau.

#27- D. R. Oct. 1873.

Chief Enclosurement.

Fort Clark, Texas.
April 5th 1873.

Respectfully returned to
~~the~~ Brig. Genl. H. S. A. C. C. C.
Howard, Washington D. C.
with the information, that
I never performed any duty
in the Freedmen's Bureau,
and consequently had no record.
There were no Indians at that
place. I have made statement
to Capt. H. S. A. C. in regard
to this matter.

John J. Wilcox,
Captain 4th H. S. A. C.,
Commanding Co. E.

Recd. S. G. in April 5th 1873.

Recd. Capt. April 17, 1873

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Washington D. C. April 7th 1873

Maj Genl O. O. Howard

Dear Sir -

The following is a statement of account as remaining on my books -

To Prof Services on House and Stable

Five percent on \$15,000.00 \$7,50.00

Cr 1867 June 1st \$100.00

1868 Feb 10 200.00

1870 Aug 17 250.00 \$550.00

Balance due - \$200.00

I do not think I should have ever asked for this balance - but my necessities are such that I must have as soon as possible everything that is in any way due me - In fact the Fredmans Bank have given me

#53.

notice that I must pay up a
Deed of Trust they hold on my
house - I have not been able
to collect enough for current
expenses and to pay the interest
hoping you will appreciate my
necessity and act accordingly

I am

Very Truly Yours

W. R. Searle

recd. by Geo H
S.B. apr 9. 73



Private

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Virginia City Apr 7th
Genl. O O Howard

My Dear Sir.

To day am in receipt of a letter from Mr. Moses demanding payment for the remainder due him on my furniture.

If you remember Sir you gave me a letter to Mr. Moses in it saying if Senator Pomeroy did not settle the bill you would pay. Perhaps you are not aware that Mr. P. failed to comply with the agreement and Mr. Moses proposed to sue upon you in the non-fulfillment of payment on my part. General Howard I have been unfortunate for several years past in almost everything have undertaken yet I hope you know me well enough to understand that I am honest but poor, I sent on to Washington and had my furniture sold to pay my debts. I go to my child not debt free

sufficient to pay half. Would much
rather beg from door to door for the
amount necessary to pay Mr. Brown
than have you held responsible. Your
kindness to me shall never be forgot.
At that time can be no doubt but
you thought as I did but the
bill would have been settled long ago.
Do not wish to justify myself but
am compelled to say I cannot help
my misfortune, yet I wish to devise
some means by which I can save
my kind friends from this obligation
also my own name from being
connected with dishonest intention.
Mr. Pomeroy knew very well the money
due me & in Congress to be just and
right have been kept out of through
persons who pretended to be looking
out for my interest, at the same
time neglecting to do so. Have now
sufficient to pay my debts but it
is impossible for me to do so.

General will you please do me the
favor of seeing Mr. Moses and
ask him to please give me time
and I will pay him every cent
but not to distress my friends on
my account. I have four little ones
to support myself. Have had a
great deal of sickness since my ar-
rival in Virginia City have been un-
able to do or earn anything. Oh Sir
I cannot bear the idea of having
you called upon for what ought
to have been paid long ago. However
I have been taught a lesson that will
do me through life - never depend
too much upon my friends - Please
General see Mr. Moses and explain
the condition of my affairs to him
and perhaps he will give me time
to pay the bill myself. My children are
again quite well. Hoping to hear from
at your earliest leisure. Also if you
should hope to return and at the per-

manently with my little brood -
Have not forgotten to look up^{and}
onward. Your kindly teachings are
firmly impressed upon my memory
hope never to be forgotten.

Sincerely And Respectfully
Yours

E. A. Duffield
46 North E. St. Virginia City
Nevada

File.



APR 16 1873

May 1st

Apr 15th 1873

Apr 15th 1873

Santa Fe. New Mexico
April 7. 1873.

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Brig General O.O. Howard.
Washington D.C.
General:

I have the honor to enclose herewith papers relative to my discharge by Mr Jas. E. Robert Indian Agent as you will see by his letter of the 15th inst giving no cause why he so done, or giving me any redress whatever. I will now, General, give you a history of the proceedings of Mr Robert since his arrival at Camp Apache Ariz. He has associated himself with a class of people whose characters are well known through the west, I do not wish to bring any charges against Mr Robert unfounded but mere facts as will be shown by my affidavit and others which will be sent to you by mail as soon as possible.

I left Camp Apache by order of Mr Robert on the 12th day of February for New Mexico in search of blankets still remaining to be delivered to the Indian Dept while gone Mr Robert did sell a blanket.

which was for issue, to an Indian for
(5) five dollars, he did feloniously and
during the same time and is still disposing
of Commissary stores, belonging to the Indians
which can be found at the Ranch of C. E.
Cooley and to a considerable extent.

General, had I committed any offense
whatsoever, then I presume Mr Roberts might
of had reasons for stating the action he has
done, when I had arrived at Camp Apache
from my trip he had discharged all
the employees retaining Mr Cooley. Mr
Cooley is employed as a farmer he
having a Ranch on the reservation and
a very appropriate place for Mr Roberts
to execute his ill gotten thefts. General
I wish to fight this point with Mr Roberts
and would like to know and find out
whether he has the power to take the action
which he has done, the statement he made
in reference to my trying to excite the Indians
on the reservation are untrue in the
first place I cannot talk to the Indians
without an interpreter had such been
the case he then may have been justifiable
in doing as he has done, the real object
of Mr Roberts is this, he and Mr Cooley
have now got the Agency in their own

hands, Mr Cooley having a wagon which
is running backward and forward from
the Agency to his Ranch with stores
belonging to the Indian Dept. Mr Roberts
upon this deems it advisable to make
the charge he has, being the only one
he could get against me, and I am at
a moments notice ready to prove my innocence
in the matter. General, with your prompt
assistance in the premises and a speedy
reply to me at Las Lunas N.M. I would
respectfully request that there be an
investigation had of all charges, for I
know that I am innocent when I went
there by your order, I went to do as you
told me, and I believe that I have com-
plied with it in every respect. I did
not take the position to steal from the
Government, and I do firmly believe beca-
use I did not conspire with Mr Roberts
in his nefarious work he has taken
these steps as well be seen by his
letter to the Comd. Officer I will
send you affidavits of employees
by mail as soon as completed.

I am General
Very Respy Yours &c
J. P. May

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Territory of New Mexico
Santa Fe. N.M.

Personally appeared
before me a Notary Public one
J. F. May, who having been duly sworn
according to law Deposes and says
that on or about the 22nd day of January
1873, Mr James E. Roberts, U.S. Indian
Agent for the White Mountain Apache
Indian Agency did feloniously
take three thousand (3000) pounds of
fine dairy lard belonging to the United
States, and for issue to Indians upon
the reservation, exchange the same
with a private citizen for coarse
lard of not more than one fourth
the value of the fine lard, thereby injuring
the Indians rations and benefiting
himself, and further that James E.
Roberts instead of issuing all the blankets
etc purchased for the Indians, he issued
only a part thereof retaining the balance
some twenty or thirty more or less for
his own use, causing mistreatment
to the Indians, on account of the
~~severe~~ cold weather experienced
here at the time, and further Mr Roberts
did sell blankets for issue to said

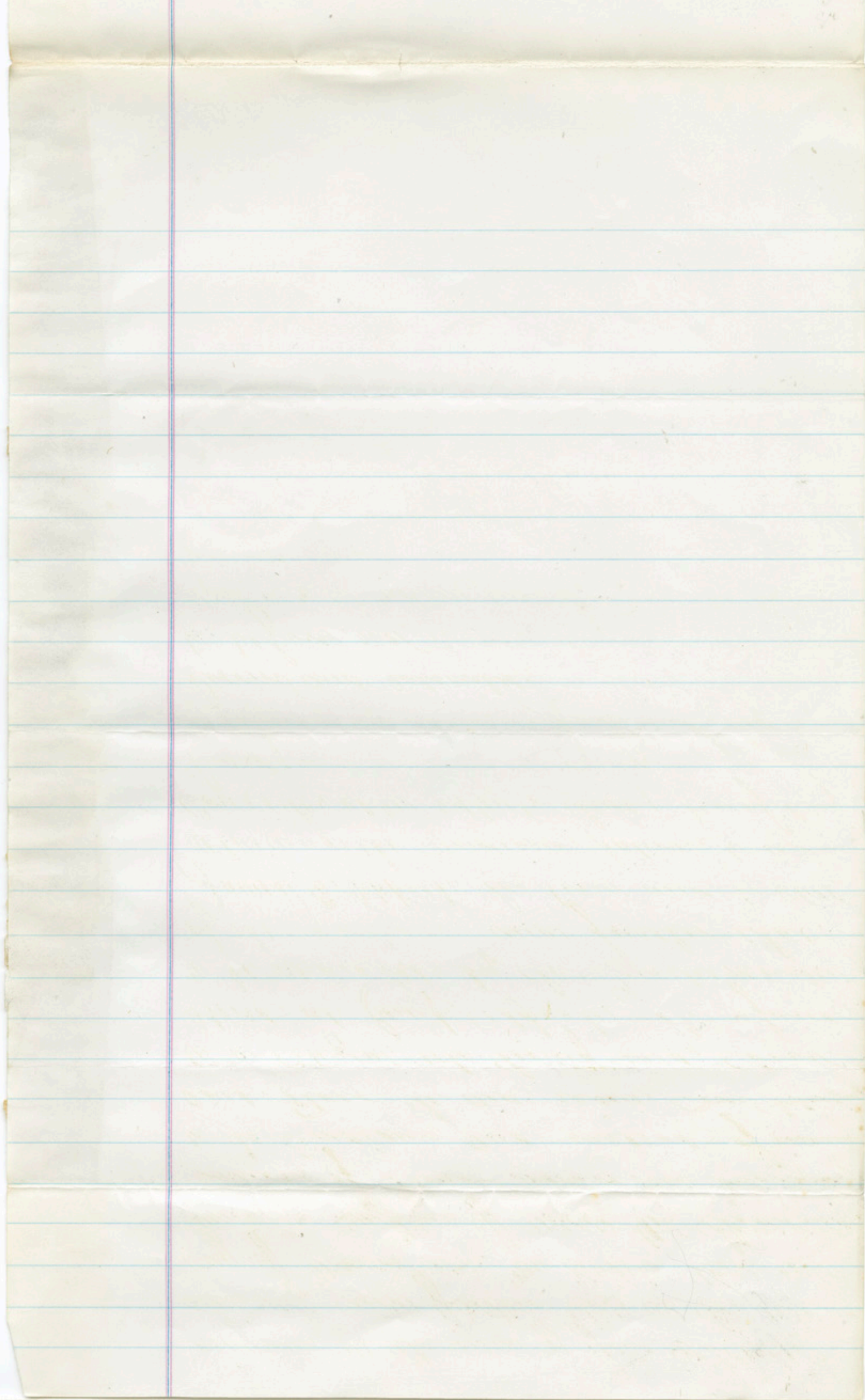
Indians, at the sum of five dollars
apiece, and further, that on the 1st
day of March 1873. Mr Roberts had on
hand a surplus of (10,000) ten thousand
pounds of Flour more or less belonging
to the Indians, and instead of issuing
said Flour he did issue corn belonging
to a Citizen, who having said Corn
stored at Camp, Abuelo, N.M. refused
to be received by the Quartermaster
of the garrison, and further that
James E. Roberts has been and is still
retaining the Indians rations to a
considerable extent thereby benefiting
himself.

J. A. May

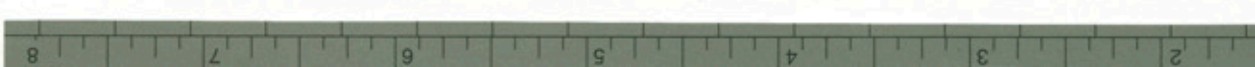
Sworn and subscribed
to before me, this 7th day of
April 1873, a notary public, at Santa Fe,
New Mexico.



John W. Halls,
Notary Public



[Faint, illegible handwriting on lined paper, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side. The text is mostly obscured by a vertical blue line and a large brown stain on the right side.]



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Camp Apache A.T.
Mch. 17. 1873.
To The Comdg. Officer:
Sir.

In a communication to you from Jas. E. Roberts, Indian Agent informing you that he has good reasons to believe that I am trying to excite the Indians of this reservation against certain white men who are living here, I have the honor to state that the foundation from which he bases his belief are untrue, and I am at any moment ready to prove my innocence in the matter by an investigation of all the Indians upon this reservation, and other parties supposed to be the victims, further I have delivered at this Agency a number of blankets and have in my possession the necessary documents in the premises, and again Mr Roberts is at this time owing me for traveling expenses to New Mexico, in search of those blankets, also my rations due me while gone, together with other rations

with other cations, he also holds
property of mine. Taking all these
into consideration I am of the
opinion that he deems it advis-
able to order me from the reservation
without first giving me my just
dues, with your prompt action
in the matter and a just examin-
ation of all charges against me.
I would also ask of you ~~that~~
to have Mr Connors examined
before his departure as some
very interesting evidence can
be elicited from him.

I am Sir
Very Respy Your obt servant
J. P. May

Head Quarters
Camp Colfax Ariz.
Feb 18. 1893.

Respectfully referred
to Mr Roberts and
Agent for this infor-
mation, Mr Roberts
alone can judge
of the necessity for
this statement of
Mr May and is
alone responsible

(Sgd) H. C. Manning
1st Lieut 23rd Inf.

Office Camp Apache Indian Agency,
March 15th 1873

Mr J. H. May,

Your service as clerk is
no longer needed.

(J. C. Stockert)

Very respectfully,
J. C. Stockert,
Post Adjutant.

J. C. Stockert

1st Lieut. 23rd Infantry.
Commanding Post.

A true copy:

P. S. Jones.

2nd Lieut. 23rd Infantry.

Post Adjutant.

Headqrs. Camp Apache A.T.

May 18 '73.

Endorsement on letter from Mr. J. F. May, dated
March 17 '73 making statement in reference to
letter received from Mr. Jas. C. Roberts, Sp. Indian
Agent, viz:

Respectfully referred to Mr. Roberts Indian
Agent, for his information. Mr. Roberts alone
can judge of the necessity for the ejection
of Mr. May - and is alone responsible -

"signed" W. C. Manning.

1st Lieut. 23rd Infantry.

Commanding Post.

A true copy:

J. S. Gould.

2nd Lieut. 23rd Infantry.

Post Adjutant.

Wm. H. H. H. H.
Wm. H. H. H. H.

Sweet M. L. Manning
Camp Officer
Camp of the

Sir,

You are requested
to carry out the order
of the 16th inst.

Very Resp.

Wm. H. H. H.

(Sgd) J. E. Roberts
Sua Off.

Camp Apache Ariz.
March 10. 1876.

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Mr Jas E. Roberts.
Ind Agent.

Sir: Being on a mere supposition as the case
stands discharged by you as Clerk on this
reservation of the White Mountain Apache
Indian Agency you are hereby requested
to return to me all property of mine not
pertaining to the Indian Department, viz:
one desk, one table, one blank book, two reams
writing paper, 20 sheets ruling paper, three holders
and pens, two bottles writing fluid, two U.S. Blankets
four white shirts, 15 postage stamps, one Jr Saddle
bag, kitchen furniture, one Setge Official Envelope
and other sundries and dress articles, which
at some future time you will be duly notified
of.

J. A. May
Clerk.

James C. Robert
March 1876

Mr. J. C. Robert
Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the purchase of land for the purpose of building a new bridge over the river at the place where the old bridge was burned. I have the honor to inform you that the same has been referred to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
J. A. [Signature]

J. A. [Signature]
[Signature]

Camp Apache, Ariz.
 Mch. 17. 1873.

Lieut. W. F. Hauging
 Comdg. Officer.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of an endorsement on my letter to you dated Mch 17. 1873, and would respectfully state, that as Mr Robert - Indian Agent has taken no further action in the matter with an appeal to you, I ask that an investigation be held immediately for reasons viz. I know and can prove that Jas E. Roberts an apprentice from the Dutch reformed Church, is an incapable man for the position he now occupies a man who has not his sound senses, for boasts he has made, which would not be made by a sane person. Jas. E. Roberts has property of mine, which I demand, and upon which I depend for my safety in leaving Camp Apache. I will now ask of the Commanding Officer that I receive my just dues, and

also property retained by Mr
Robert belonging to me, pay and
personal property.

I am Sir
Yours Respectfully
J. A. Hay

Office Camp Apache Ind. Agency.
Camp Apache A.T.
March 16. 73.

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Lieut. W. C. Manning,
Commanding Officer.
Camp Apache A.T.
Sir:

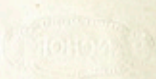
I have good reasons to believe that J. F. May is trying to incite the Indians of this reservation against certain white men, who are living here and I would request of you, that the said J. F. May be removed from this reservation within 15 hours from the receipt of this notice.

I am, Sir

Your obedient servant
'Signed' Jas. C. Roberts
U. S. Special Ind. Agent.

A true copy:
R. L. Donald,

2^d Div. 1st Cav
Post Adjutant.



Headquarters, Camp Hancock,
 March 16th 1878.

Respectfully referred
 to Lieut. General, Officer
 of the 1st Regt. when we will
 please notify Mr. May
 if possible this evening
 that he must leave the
 reservation at once,
 leaving before the next
 tomorrow.

Respectfully,
 J. H. D. D. D. D.
 1st Regt. 1st Div.
 Army Corps.

A true & copy:
 J. H. D. D. D.
 1st Regt. 1st Div.
 Army Corps.

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Camp Apache A.T.
Feb 15. 1893. 26

Mr Jas. E. Roberts.
Ind. Sgt.

In a communication from you dated Feb 15. 1893. I am notified that my services are no longer needed.

In reply to the same I have to state that I expect of no discharge whatever from you without your authority being first shown to me. I hold in my possession my appointment or rather a copy of the same, from I presume a higher authority than that from which you advise, yours if such a one be in existence, which I presume there is none.

J. A. May

Jan 21 1873

Mr. J. E. Roberts
Dear Sir

In accordance
with your letter of the 14th I am sorry
that my services are no longer needed
in reply to the same I have to state
that I accept of an discharge whatever
you without your authority being
that I have to say I am in my
position my appointment is certain
and of the same kind I presume
a high certainty that you will
give your own of such as you see
fit to do, and I presume that is
all.

J. A. Roberts

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Camp Apache N.T.
Mch. 17, 1873.

Jas E. Roberts.
Ind. Agt.
Sir,

I ask for a
trial immediately in the case
now pending against me.
J. F. May

Indian Agent.

J. F. May

I have nothing
more to do with
you.
J. A. May

J. A. May

For Expenses in traveling to New Mexico
in search of blankets for the Indian Agents
of the White Mountain Apache Indian
Agency, 29 days amounting to ninety one dollars.
\$91.25

I hereby certify that the above account
is correct and just that I have actually
incurred expenses by order of Jas. E. Roberts.
Indian Agent.

J. A. May

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BRANCH OFFICE
OF THE
Freedman's Savings and Trust Company

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Charleston, S.C. April 7th 1873

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

General:
I have the honor to inform you that
I have this day shipped per Express, One
Box containing Soldier's Discharges, Books
and Papers, pertaining to "Claim Division"
which have been in my possession.

Very Respectfully,
Yours Obt. Svt
Nathaniel Pittier
Cashier

Apr. 7-1873.

States that the ship's
The her and her children
exchange 13000 and
Banks to Plain Union

Recd. Apr. 9-1873.