

Howard University

October 23. 1873.

To the Executive Committee

Howard University.

Gentlemen:

I have to report the following statement of an unpleasant occurrence this day, in the discharge of my duties under your direction, to wit, the ^{overseeing} oversight of putting in the heating apparatus in Clarke Hall.

I was told yesterday by Mr. Jno. St. Cook Secy, that word had come to him, that some of the students had not permitted Benches or rather some had been neglected to be put in the rooms and wished me to see to it.

I had on the Saturday previous visited most of the rooms in the east end - but found some locked and put off examining them for a few days.

At evening I found the foreman and learned that Mr. Hugh M. Brown had represented to him that none was to be put in his rooms ^{the foreman said Mr Brown} "by authority". I explained that the Executive Committee had contracted for all and expected none would be neglected and he promised to have it done this morning.

On leaving breakfast this morning, I was

accosted by Mr. Brown who stated that he "would like to know what business I had interfering with his room &c." ^(No.) I replied that the contract included the entire Hall, and I could not deviate in the least.

He claimed authority from Capt. Wilkinson, but modified it by including Capt Gregory ^(No.) and said "You have no business to take so much upon yourself" ^(No) "if you will wait a few days I will write the Ex. Com." ^(No) My answer was that the Com. had already acted upon it and I should be delinquent in my duty to do otherwise than have it done to day ^(No) and I walked on seeing he was angry and not wishing to have any words with him.

At noon I was told that he had prevented the foreman from doing it ^(No) and on finding him (the foreman) I was told that Mr. Brown had locked up the "Pipes" and he (the foreman) did not think he (Brown) would ^{permit} them to enter his room.

I walked with him to Mr. Brown's room and found him with a very hot fire in his stove and was greeted with the remark "I don't know what business you have in my room" I want you to go out of here ^(No) &c. I stated that I wanted no words at all and should have none, and asked him if he would move his stove, so that the workmen could proceed and he said "no. I want you to leave my room." ^(No)

I then took his store to the Hall and he shut the door on me. I opened it by force and was greeted with "You have no right to interfere with me I have as much right to tell what shall be done here as you have" (No)

You do business "Pull Headedly" (No) "You are nothing but poor white trash" (No) "anyhow".

"if the University could get rid of you and three or four more poor white nigger haters" (No) "it would do well and I guess this affair will fix you anyway." (No) "We just want to get rid of a few of the poor white trash" (No)

My only reply that was repeated after that I would have no words with him and did not, except to try to say that I would be delinquent in my duty if I failed to have the work done as contracted.

I then demanded the pipes which he had locked up and he refused to give them up. whereupon I directed the workmen to put in others.

Now Gentleman I hope for the closest examination into this affair and if I am wrong I desired to be so informed.

I shall furnish a copy of this to the Dean of the College faculty.

I want to quote one more sentence of the many used by Mr. Brown which was as

follows.

"The only reason the University nee
pend is because it has been managed
"lot" of poor white trash Nigger haters like you

I am Gentlemen
with great respect
Yours obedient Servant
J. B. Johnson

(Copy for the Dean of
the College Dept)

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Bro Howard

Can you lecture for us in Green Point
(Brooklyn) about 1st week in December -
we shall have our church filled & dedicated
and I want you sure the week we dedicate
- we can then fill the house - but we
have not yet decided precisely in the date
- I write this early - but we may be certain
to have you - know

J. N. Stearns

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Stearns J. A.

N.Y. 10-23-73

Wants the General to
be taken in Brooklyn
M^ork in Dec -

Nov 8 1873

By hand



War Department,
Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C. Oct 23^d 1873

Brig. General O. O. Howard. U. S. Army.
Washington. D. C.

Sir:

Referring to letter of Jan'y 28th 1873. from
This Office, I have the honor to again invite
attention to the deficiency in the records of
the subordinate offices of the late Freedmens
Bureau, and to inform you that, notwithstand-
ing numerous records have been received as
the result of your efforts, - of which receipt
you have been duly advised - the bulk of those
reported missing, are still absent from the
files.

In illustration of the general subject and
with special reference to the still missing records

of the Hilton Head, F. C. agency. I again have recourse to the letter of Captain Gladen of your Staff, of date Decr 13th 1869, to which reference was made in the Department letter of Jan'y 28th 1875.

Captain Gladen, after expressing the opinion that "many of the agents, on their discharge, took with them either the books or the papers, or both, or if not all, at least a part, of the records of their office", says, "this opinion was recently confirmed by the statement of Major Delany, (ex-agent at Hilton Head) who informed my clerk that he still held possession of all his official books and papers, and that he had never been called upon to turn them in."

The continued withholding of the records by Major Delany, would seem to justify the presumption that he views himself as their legitimate custodian and the general absence of records of the local offices

indicates that the same opinion obtains with other ex-agents of the Bureau.

Of the more important records now missing and immediately required, may be mentioned the bounty registers for the State of Louisiana and other records pertaining to the Disbursing office for that State, and the records of the Louisville office subsequent to Jan'y. 1869, save the bounty registers of the latter office which have recently been received from the Bureau of Military Justice, where they were filed with the proceedings of the Punkle Court Martial.

Colonel E. C. Berman, the late Disbursing officer at New Orleans, is believed to be now a resident of this city.

I am, General,

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant,

E D Townsend
Adjutant General.

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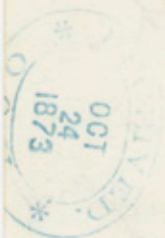
Samuel E. & Adm. E.

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In regard to meeting
needs to R. B. F. A. E.

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to Samuel





Millard H. S.
Oct 23 1873.

Dear Sir,

Can you inform
me of any agency by which
I can get colored servants
from Richmond Va. or other
portions of the South.

Very Respectfully.

Wm. P. K. Landis.

Genl. Howard.

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William
22 2 27 2

Dear Mr.

I have your letter of the 21st
and am very glad to hear
from you. I am well and hope
these few lines will find you
the same.

Very truly
Yours
Wm. L. G. Jones

Wm. L. G. Jones

Brooklyn Oct 24th 1873

Genl. O. O. Howard

My dear Friend-

Some time since the Pentan Church granted "a letter" to Mr & Mrs. Weed commending them to the Congl. Church in Washington, - a Church that I remember with peculiar pleasure - and much as I personally regret their departure from us, I feel they have chosen wisely -

My faith is very large in those who carry enthusiasm into their work, and doubtless you have discovered already that Mr W. is unusually endowed in this respect -

Feeling a warm interest in Howard University, its founder



Brooklyn Oct 24th 1873

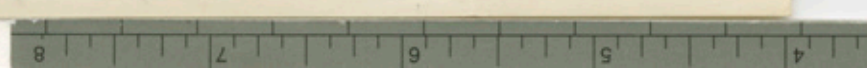
Rev. O. C. Johnson

My dear friend

Dear Sir

Since the Boston Church sent
"a letter" to Mr. Johnson (which)
concerning them to the Cong.
Church in Washington, a Church
that I remember with pleasure
pleasure and much as I
personally report their efforts
from me, I feel they have shown
truly

My faith is very large
in those who carry enthusiasm
in their work, and doubtless
you have discovered already
that you it is immensely
needed in this respect -
feeling a warm interest
in those who are



and the closer it is destined
to raise to a larger and
bitter manhood, I am
happy to think that in
Mr Weed - a thorough scholar,
and an ardent Christian -
we have made no small
contribution to its interests.

You will love him for
his own sake, you will prize
him for his valuable services,
and hundreds will join with
you in thanking him for
the warm devotion with which
he will labor in the cause
to which he has consecrated
his best powers -

With sincere regards for
yourself and family, I remain

Your brother -

Chas Hove Everett

Cornett Chas. Hall

Brooklyn 10-24-73.

Writes friendly letter
for Mr. & Mrs. Med.

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Sulphur Springs
Oct 24th 73

Gen O. C. Howard, Sir

Your letter
has been received. You wish to be informed
why I did not present your bill of sale
If you will be kind enough to recollect there
was no other papers passed between us except my
acknowledgement to you that I had bought a horse
The horse was returned to the owner after being
branded and kept in the Dell employ about
three weeks and no satisfaction given
of which fact I have already informed you
through a letter when the horse was given
up

Very Respt
Your obt Serv

Richard Rogers

30 R.

Oct 24th 1873

Rogers Nicholl

States that the desired
information has already
been given.

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Phil^a Oct 25/73

Gen^l. C. C. Howard

Dear Gen^l

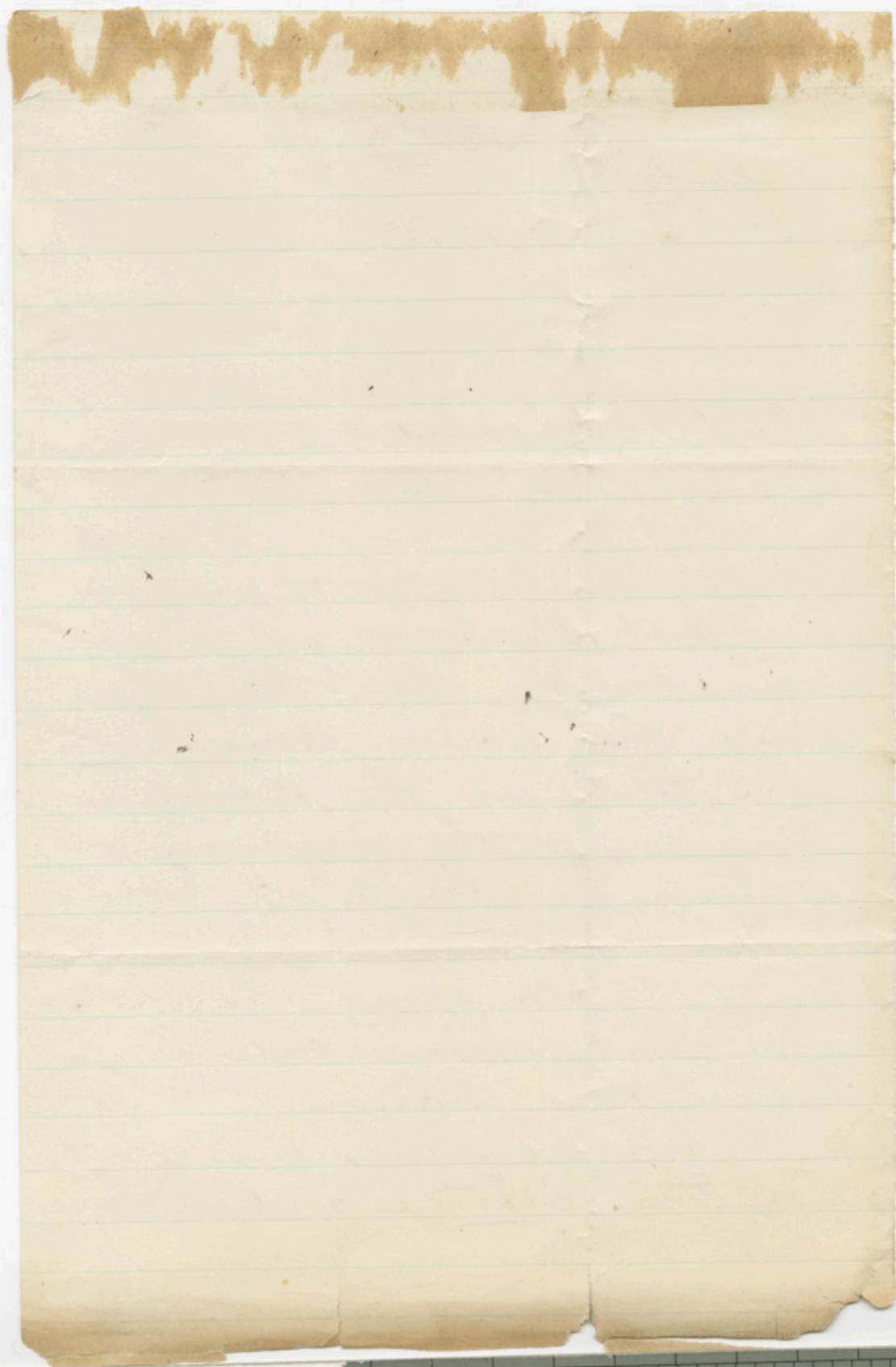
I was
over to Washington to see you
and Gen^l Sherman while you
were absent. Gen^l Sherman
said he would come with
you to meet the Carolina
Singers at the Academy of
Music on the 4.th of Nov.

He would be in N.Y. until
his daughter came who he
was quite sure would arrive
before that time -

I am very anxious both
for the prestige and the money

We want an interest in
your University, as well as our

and that is in hand



for both, and I hope we
may go with you to England
Please write me at your
earliest convenience

Respectfully
Willard Richardson

1226 Chest. St.
Phil^a

P.S. Pay all expenses you
may incur from proceeds of
concert and arrive as you
think best; but please do
not fail — W R

Richardson William
Philad. Pa. 10.25.73

Wants General to come
with Gen. Sherman to
hear Carolina Singers
at Academy of music,
Nov. 4, 73 at Philad.

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Yak Adams, Newport R. I.

October 25. 73.

My dear General:

I beg to present my acknowledgments for your letter in my favor to President Buckham of the University of Vermont. That institution thus applied, in due form, for my detail as instructor - and I see no reason as far as my present knowledge extends, why the Department should not accede to the request.

Availing myself of this opportunity to thank you for former acts of kindness

I remain,

very respectfully & sincerely

Yours Truly
H. Robinson

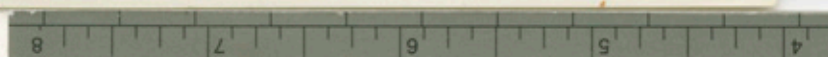
Genl. G. C. Stewart

Washington D. C.

Harrison Burg R H Co Va

October 27 1833 LLJ
Sir Sir Major General Howard
Sir I'll write to you at an early
time & give it to your boy
coming to your university and I
have been waiting to hear from
you but I have never heard
from you yet but I hope that
when you receive this letter you
answer it so I may know what
to do in the matter and I would love
to know what terms I can send
him on and then I can make a
arrangement so as to meet your
approbation Sir you will also
write and let me know soon
Ever line Jones
Rev Isaac Brown

12th Nov 1873
Dear Sir
I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the matter of the
and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.
I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours obedient servant,
Wm. H. Smith



I can excuse an occasional mistake - but I had better
to have bilious attacks every week & going
to the Dr. said it was no use to take medicine with-
out a change of diet. The biscuits have been almost
invariably too gummy & heavy to be digested, the potatoes
& other vegetables seasoned with this bad butter.

I don't like to complain, & should never have done so,
though I was advised last year to go to you about the
way our food was cooked - had not Mr. Thomas com-
plained of me. I did not mean to displease him -
I ment-h him before I left - & tried to explain the whole
matter - told him that we were making some corrections.

fault-finding with what he provided - only the way it
was cooked. Capt. McKim -
you could not stay there
to board. Mrs. Whittleson
wondering how any body can
etc. I intend to go back
when I get better -

Regretting
to send all this
unpleasant
news, I be-
lieve I am
Very truly
Yours
Wm. L. Chapin

Washington D. C.
Oct. 27. 1873.

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Dear Sir: I received
a note from you today in regard
to the tardiness of the young
ladies at the table. I know
it is not right & I have repro-
ved them for it - but one reason
for it is, that Mr. Thomas has
been ringing the bell so long be-
fore the young men were in the din-
ing-room, that it was disagreeable
to stand by the table & wait.
I have not in any way deserted the

One morning my throat was so sore that I thought I could not swallow the meat, & asked for a soft-boiled egg. The waiter brought word that there wasn't an egg in the house - In less than ten minutes after an egg was got for someone else! We have had no butter that I could eat - since I came back until last-milk - Mr. Reed made such a fuss that Mr. Thomas got some different. The coffee was so bad that I declined it - day after day - & when I had it - poured was obliged to leave it in my cup. The meat, some times out of ten was so hard & dry that there was no nutriment or relish to it.

young ladies. Last year, I did not take a meal at the same time they did, & nothing was said about it - I had a monitor & the hardness was reported to me.

I am taking my meals at Mr. Richards for a short time, because I was not well, & found a change necessary -

I spoke to Mr. Thomas about the noise in the dining-room - and told him I could not eat there unless it was more quiet - and the noise increased, instead of lessened - and I had it from very good authority, that the young men were making an effort to make a noise, because they had been complained of -

Mr. Thomas has not tried to favor me when I have not been well -