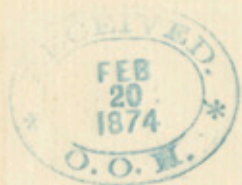


War Department  
Washington City,



February 20 1874.

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

Late Commissioner &c.,

Washington D.C.

General:

Referring to your communication of the 19th instant, relative to the subject of the South Carolina School Fund, and in which you request my permission to file copies of the vouchers, I have to refer to my letter of January 15, calling for one of each of the original vouchers, to be accompanied &c., — this in case the accounts were not "duly rendered to the accounting officers."

As it is inferred from your communications (January 22<sup>d</sup> & February 19<sup>th</sup>) that the accounts were not

duly rendered, and that the vouchers were not  
taken in duplicate it is the more necessary that  
the original copies should be transmitted.  
If the copies retained by you should not prove  
necessary to all your purposes, you will be  
permitted, at any time, to refer to the originals.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant.

J. M. Belton  
Secretary of War.

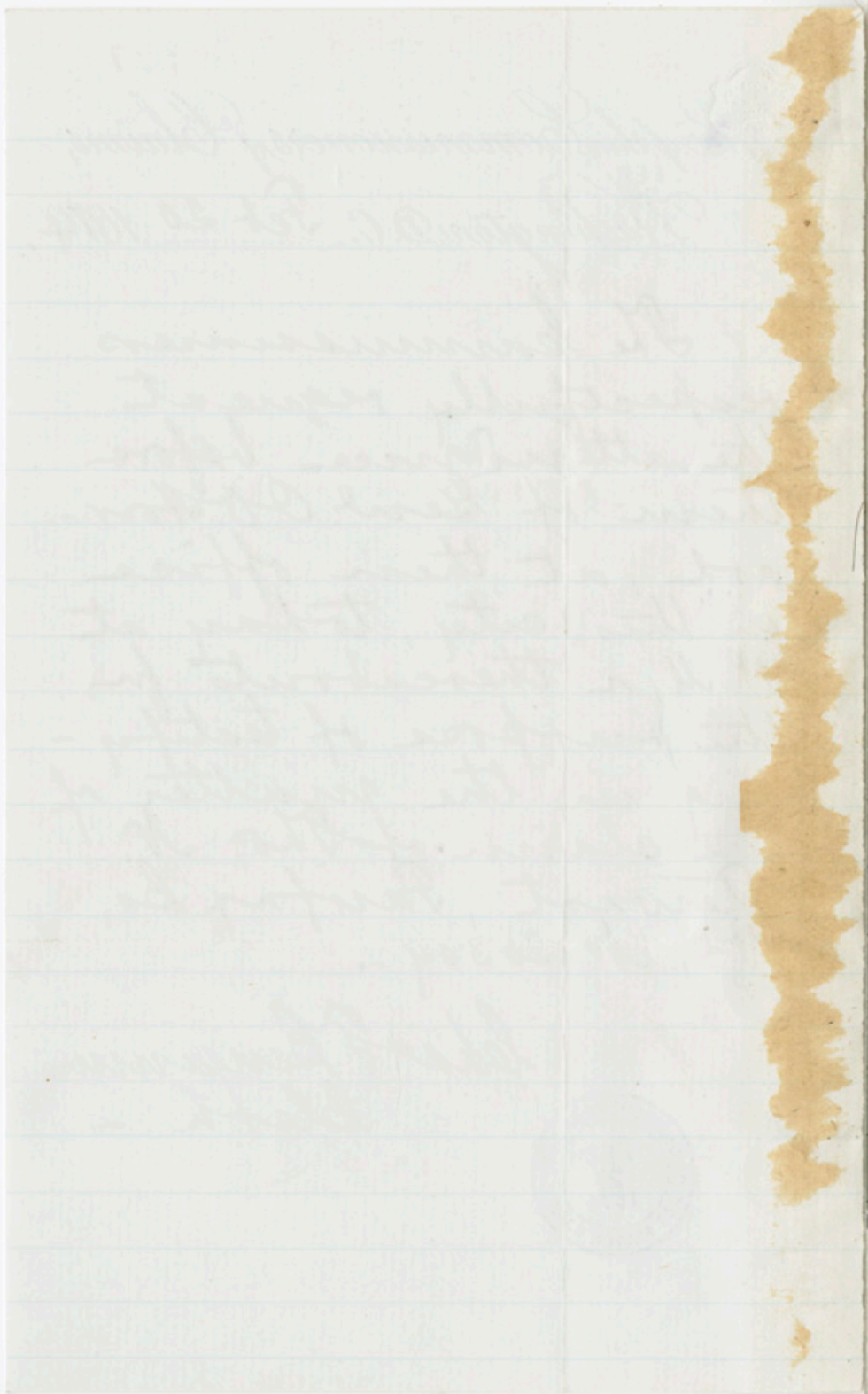
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Office of the Commissioners of Claims,  
Washington, D.C. Feb 20 1874.

The Commissioners respectfully request the attendance before them of Gen. O. O. Howard, at their office in this city, today at 1 P.M. or thereabouts for the purpose of testifying in the matter of the claim of Tho. N. Stewart, Fairfax Co, Va, No. 20309.

Chas F. Benjamin  
Clerk -





full of ~~your~~ Ormelton Ill. Feb. 20. 74  
obstinate - you know. Perhaps  
you and I are not enough  
like him in that - We are  
obstinate, or I am, because  
I am wilful. It is the  
first offense than the last  
feeling under opposition. If  
I am right. I should  
be gentle at first and  
unyielding at the last. The  
little pests & splinters that  
make the fret & worries of  
life. the family friction & care.  
the lame back &c. - these some-  
times unfit us for the great  
conflicts. They undermine  
& fitter away our strength.  
But they are all necessary.  
Personal, heart, life trial is  
the School of God's Christ.  
Peter spoke well the igno-

Dear Brother  
I enclose the  
100 \$ from Mother for Greece.  
Mother wants me to visit  
Washington next month.  
If I could be of any  
real service to you, my dear  
brother. I would cheerfully  
accept of her offer to pay  
my expenses and ask leave  
of absence for one Sab.  
at least. But I am  
contented and if I can be  
as useful, I had better  
not be away, except to  
recuperate, for more work  
at home. Charles seems  
to fear that you feel like  
David sometimes. I shall  
surely one day perish at the  
hand of Saul, <sup>"1 Sam. 27. 1."</sup> or like Elijah

Let us speak intelligently. No: all men for so  
these  
get into  
1874  
I will never leave thee  
I can't you know.

When, under the juniper tree, he  
said "Lord take away my life"  
see 1. King 19. 4. = If you do fall  
into despondency - as even you  
the Bap. seemed to in prison,  
it is simply human. Bunyan  
never would have lived thro:  
Bedford jail, if he hadn't  
pinned out his mind & so  
filled it & engaged the Gods  
Angel is not far off when we  
are nearest despair. Jacob  
knew the Angel would go  
away at day-break. but  
he held on & got the  
blessing. These trials that  
are interior, personal, soul  
piercing are disheartening.  
To whom shall we go? How  
often I said thro the two  
years that I had no  
darling wife. I must

have some human friend  
& complain to as I always  
had had. I thought: Perhaps  
you wrote Charles when it  
was a luxury to know that  
some one loved you as he  
does, enough to love you when  
the sad & despondent side  
of your heart is turned to-  
wards him: You did not  
write me uncheerfully. Perhaps  
you didn't feel so. Perhaps  
you were too kind & thoughtful  
of my cares to add to them =  
I am not sure that Jesus  
has ever been to me all  
that Ella was. I know  
that Hee has been and  
is far more, but just what  
He was, somehow, I never  
could quite make Him:  
Charles is, sometimes so

OFFICE OF THE ADVANCE,

23  
1874

Nos. 151 and 153, Fifth Avenue.

C. H. HOWARD & Co.,  
Publishers.

Chicago, Feb 20 1874

Dear Brother: I do not see that we  
can use the manuscript you sent as its  
statements except as the basis of an  
article which will appear in our  
Papers of the week - I was greatly  
interested in "The Cong. Record" you sent  
We saw none of that debate in our papers.

I should think the Court as good  
as you could have from the Army -  
I do not know about Pope - He may  
be a little prejudiced by his failure  
& your success - Holt I know is not  
prejudiced against you - and I should say  
Meigs is not - McDowell I never know  
much. Is he a Christian? - I wish you  
would send me often a brief article  
well-considered and pointed on current  
topics - You will have seen one or

"Fair play for colored people" - You  
 might have written a hot topic -  
 I must have one on the <sup>or deflation</sup> Currency  
 on Bankruptcy - or Civil Dis-  
 order - My Rail Road article  
 you may have seen in next to  
 the last N<sup>o</sup> - You might have  
 written that for me I suppose - I  
 will allow you \$5 each for such  
 articles but in incognito - The  
 practice will do you good & the effort  
 to find yourself has a source of prof-  
 it intellectually - I hope you will  
 write that encyclopedia article - and  
 have you given up the one for the  
 International Review? I pay Culp for  
 \$20 to \$25 - Mrs. Ames \$25 to \$35 -  
 Prof. (Dr.) Harris (Yale College) \$30 - Dr  
 Taylor (Wm. M.) \$20 & etc. These are  
 Note secrets - I note what (as say of  
 Robinson's want of success & then  
 "The What next" - a little monthly  
 published here get 500 subscribers



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OFFICE OF THE ADVANCE,

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C. H. HOWARD & Co.,

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Chicago,

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in an incredibly short time in  
Washington - Much depends  
on the tact of the Commoan -

I thought Sleigh would see  
the different Superintendents  
and get our "Studies" introduced  
in all the schools. Dell has  
got it into many in Iowa - as  
many as all the other States  
Combined.

We were all sorry to hear you  
seem so depressed. Rowland thinks  
of going on to be present, if practical,  
at the Court of Inquiry. Can he  
be of any service. Mother is very  
solicitous about you of course &  
when she has such a letter  
cannot sleep the first night.

Did you see Mr. Sumner? I have just lent him again

hereafter. (V) I got a letter from Ballou (which Pease not mention to him) in which he indulged a slip about the Secretary of War's being Quarter Master & Clerk & wished me to make some statement, it would seem to the prejudice of the Secretary. I do not like such a suggestion & would have nothing to do with anything retaliatory - I hope Ballou will be frank and not resentful toward anybody in his conduct before the Court.

But whatever may be developed in regard to any other disturbing officer I think you have a clear line of defence as to any moral responsibility. And if the law be such as to make you legally holden for your bonded subordinates it ought to be changed - Will any of War or Gen. Van-Cant act as Prosecutors - or who? - Kitty's eyes are improving - all pretty well - I have come back & should be (Pneumonia or hemorrhage) to H. Howard

113. East Town Street  
Columbus Ohio

Feb 21. 1874.

Dear General

Will you be kind enough  
to send me Slade's address if he is  
not in Washington?

In common with every true friend  
of yours I hope you will now have  
an opportunity to vindicate your in-  
nocence of every charge brought  
against you and finally squelch the  
slanders that have followed you  
so pertinaciously & maliciously as I  
thoroughly believe

Your friend

S. N. Clark

Gen O Howard

Columbus Ohio

Feb 21-74

Clark S.M.

Desires to know  
Capt Sladen's  
Address.

PAGE & FLETCHER  
AGENTS FOR  
PAGE, KIDDER & FLETCHER  
DISTILLERS OF  
**COAL TAR**  
AND REFINERS OF  
COAL TAR PRODUCTS  
10 WATER STREET, N.Y.  
ESTD 1862. INCORP 1872



Page & Fletcher.

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1302 Penna. Ave., Republican Bldg

Washington, Feb 21 1874

Gen. O. O. Howard

My dear General:

The enclosed appeals  
came down P. O. Box, evidently by mistake.  
You probably understand their object.  
They all seem to proceed from one  
source.

Very truly yours  
L. L. Munce

Washington 18

Feb. 21, 1874.

Crouse L. L.

Returns appeals in  
closed by mistake.

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O. O. W.

U.S.D. \*

*[Faint, mostly illegible handwriting in cursive script, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]*

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A. M. STOUT,  
Attorney and Counsellor-at-Law,

(LATE ACTING COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS.)

Solicitor of Patents, and Attorney in Patent Cases,

OFFICE, No. 705 SANSOM STREET.



Philadelphia, Feb 21 1874

Gen O O Howard  
Washington DC

Dear General I have read everything that I could see in print relative to your alleged illegalities, and don't believe a word of the charges. I am glad that you are about to have a chance of being relieved of them by the action of a Court Martial.

I most ardently wish that I could help you to make quick and thorough work of it.

It is as you said it was before, no more when the "Carolina Singers"

were  
here, (I was there) "the same old  
fight" that <sup>we</sup> were in during the  
Rebellion I pray for your  
success and am your true  
friend

Mustard

But believe that  
Grant's is  
a default  
X S,

Proctor -







E. A. ROLLINS, President.  
JAY COOKE, Chair'n Finance & Exec. Com.

HENRY D. COOKE, Vice President.

EMERSON W. PEET Vice Pres't & Actuary  
JNO. M. BUTLER Secretary

# NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
Washington City, D. C.

Cash Capital, \$1,000,000. paid in full.

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Branch Office First National Bank Building  
Philadelphia Feb. 22 1874

[Phonographers Letter]

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My dear General

I have your letter of the 20th. I am very much pleased that you are satisfied with your court of inquiry and at your confidence in its finding. I too have confidence in the Court but I have more confidence in you than in any court. There is a God in Israel, stee. and the vice. Keep and bless you.

With salutations to your family I am  
Faithfully your friend,

A. L. Collins

Philad. Pa. Feb. 25. 74

E. A. Rollins.

Has confidence in  
the General and  
his trust.



Washington, D. C.,

July 23<sup>d</sup>, 1874

My dear General

I sent you two  
copies of the Gen. trial, as requested.  
As they are very scarce we  
cannot spare these, & I will  
thank you to return them as

Brit Lieut. Col., U. S. A.

OTI

soon as you have no further  
use for them.

Yrs, truly  
S. J. Devit

Ed Howard

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H. B.

# Treasury Department,

## THIRD AUDITOR'S OFFICE,

Washington, D. C., February 24, 1874.



Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of 18<sup>th</sup> inst., in which you state that you are apprehensive of having wrongly approved a voucher lately presented in the Supplementary Account of Bot. Brig. Genl Geo. W. Balloch for Oct. 1871, being a plumbing bill of A. R. Shepherd & Co., and requesting that the account of Genl Balloch be re-examined to ascertain whether the same voucher had been allowed before.

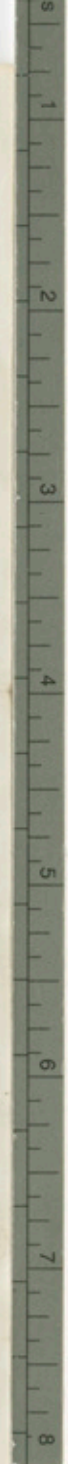
In reply thereto I have the honor to inform you, the accounts referred to have been re-examined, and the voucher approved by you ascertained to have been a duplicate of one claimed to have been paid, March 24, 1871, and allowed in a settlement of Genl Balloch's accounts for that period: also, that the amount of said voucher (\$16,652<sup>25</sup>) has been charged Genl Balloch, upon the books of this office, - of which charge he has been this day  
officially

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT  
THIRD AUDITOR'S OFFICE

Washington, D. C. December 1st, 1899

Dear Sir,  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th inst. in relation to the audit of the accounts of the Treasury Department for the year 1898. I am sorry to hear that you were unable to attend the meeting of the Board of Audit on the 29th inst. I am sure that you will find the report of the Board of Audit of interest to you. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours truly,  
C. D. Smith,  
Third Auditor.



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# Treasury Department,

## THIRD AUDITOR'S OFFICE,

Washington, D. C., \_\_\_\_\_, 187 .

officially notified, and requested to account for the same at an early day, either by proper vouchers or receipts, or a certificate of deposit for the amount, with the Treasurers of the United States.

Very respectfully,

Allan Ketcherford  
Auditor.

Brig. Genl O. O. Howard, U.S.A.  
late Commissioner Bureau R. & A. L.  
Washington  
D. C.

Prague Sept 3-4-18  
No. 24.74

Ellen Rutherford.

In regard to  
duplicate-voucher  
(C.R. Shepherd & Co)  
\$16.652.75

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JOSEPH E. BROWN, President,  
Atlanta.  
C. T. WATSON, Treasurer,  
Atlanta.  
JAS. I. COLT, Superintendent,  
Nicojack, Tenn.



# PADE COAL COMPANY.

OFFICE TREASURER.

Atlanta, Ga. *Feb 24 1874*

Dear General.

I observe that the charges which your enemies have for years been accusing you are at last to be brought before a Court of Inquiry where I have no doubt you will be fully vindicated.

Thinking there might be a possibility of your desiring my testimony I write to inform you of my whereabouts.

Hoping General for your complete success I remain,

Very Truly

Your friend

Genl C. O. Howard

Washington D.C.

C. T. Watson

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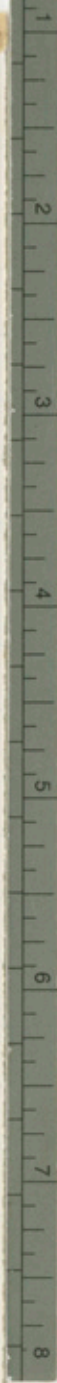
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LADY COAL COMPANY

OFFICE THEATRE

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## MEMORANDUM.

From

To

FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

F. M. Pratt Esq

Washington, Feb 24 1874.

Dear Fred.

O. O. Howard brought a note here a day or two ago for 90 days instead of 30, and I told him I would have to see Mr Stanton about it before I could accept it, and Mr Stanton says he can't renew it longer than 30 days at a time. Would send this word to him direct but don't know where to find him. How about the address order?

Yours

W. C. Pratt

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Washington D.C.

Feb 24-74

W E Hiffant  
1st Nat Bank

To Fred Pratt saying  
that note of 0.00.  
Can't be renewed  
but for 30 days  
at a time - not  
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