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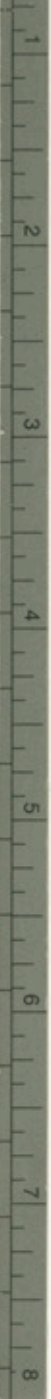
My Dear General Howard

My well known friendship for you
will be a sufficient reason for writing at this
time, and upon this subject

I have watched, it is needless to say, with
considerable, anxiety and painful interest, the discus-
sions in and out of congress, growing out of
the late management of the Freedman Bureau, in
which, by virtue of your officious relations, you became
the subject of criticism or commendation, as the
parties were advanced or in sympathy with
the measures undertaken for the social and moral
elevation of the colored people.

That this opposition, insidious and malign-
ant in its influence should become malicious in
personal persecutions, no one doubted, who was
in the least observant of the tendency of the issue,
that it should gather around you, and hurl its venom
upon you was clearly indicated by the proceedings
of those parties who were the most active in at-
tempting to create a public sentiment adverse
to the educational policy of your self. Your
worthy coadjutors, the Government, and the great
National Republican party, such and all of whom
accepted the most advanced ground and

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promulgated the most progressive principles in regard to the elevation, of the Lute & slaved Race, and equally clear was it, that your personal ruin was sought after, and not the exposure and correction of certain alleged abuses, claimed to have been committed in the Freedmen Bureau under your management, only so far as such speculations might possibly lead to your downfall.

I am sincerely gratified in learning that the whole subject will be officially investigated and I am equally sanguine that the verdict of so capable a Court will completely exonerate you of all intention or active wrong. No matter what may have been the responsibility of your subordinates, and rest assured that you will have nothing more to suffer by this investigation, your calumniators will be silenced and your honor maintained.

And my dear General and Friend, whatever may be your feelings during this cruel and painful suspense, you will surely fail to recollect that four millions hearts have been made glad by your untiring efforts, that the Lips of these same millions bless your name with grateful benedictions as their best friend and benefactor, surely then in the midst of such reflections the ordeal will be less painful, the future vindication will be complete when that fragment is seen, the prayers of these Loyal hearts elevated people reach Him who rules the destinies of nations as well as those of men, Believe me, my dear General to be with the highest regards and friendship. Truly yours
Will. H. Thomas

Newbury S. C. Mass. 5/7/4

Will H. Thomas,

In regard to Bureau
matters -

Cambridge, Wis.
Mch. 5, 1874.

My dear Sir

May I ask you
to give me, in a few
words, your opinion
of the Military profession,
from the Christian point of
view.

I have a son who is
about half through College,
and whom I had de-
sired to see following
his two elder brothers
into the Ministry. He
would however prefer
to go to West Point, where
I presume he would do
well, as he is a good
scholar, and has

force of character.

I have discouraged
my son's going to West
Point, as he would there
acquire only a special
education, and then
have a profession in some
respects undesirable. I
think there are perhaps
better fields for activity
and the development of
character.

It would be a great
favor if you would
indicate to me your
opinion even briefly.

I am yours

Most truly,

Gen. O. O. Howard } S. M. Eaton
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From "The Methodist," of New York, Dec. 21, 1872.

*** He (Mr. Greeley) worked with the zest of a youthful student on a yet unpublished Encyclopedia, which was a favorite conception—a literary "hobby" with him. As a journalist, he felt the need (which all literary laborers feel) of a work of this class, which should be more convenient for immediate and frequent reference than most such publications—one which should not deal in opinions or dissertations, but in dates and other exact facts, giving the pith of subjects in the greatest possible compression, and yet be more universal in the range and number of its articles than any other work of the kind in our language, and all of which might be contained in three, or not more than four, volumes. These he wanted on his editorial table at his right hand. His practical sagacity showed him that such a work is not only a desideratum, but would prove to be a capital success. With a youthful enthusiasm, he cooperated with his friend and hospitable host, the publisher, A. J. Johnson, in the prosecution of this enterprise. He wrote many articles for it, which are already in type. From even minor topics, with which he had any special familiarity, he did not withhold his pen, but furnished them abundantly; while on more elaborate ones he put forth his best strength in his best style. We have had the opportunity of seeing the proofs of some of these productions, and do not hesitate to place them among the ablest from his pen. The plan of the Cyclopædia admits of very thorough articles on subjects of prime importance, while limiting all others to the briefest possible statement of facts.

Mr. Greeley, while furnishing both classes of articles, worked with special care on the elaborate ones. During the suffocating heats of last July, when most of our literary workers were flying to the seashore or mountains for breath, he shut himself up for many days, and wrote a splendid article on the "Southern Confederacy," condensing into it the substance of his whole AMERICAN CONFLICT. These writings, let it be remembered, were done during the Presidential canvass. The strain of that stormy struggle, combined with such excessive literary toil, broke down at last the powerful brain of the great journalist.

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New York

March 6 1874

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Pardon the
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you, but having an autograph
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entreat you to send me
yours. Hoping that you
will have the kindness to
comply with my request.

I remain

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New York City

Hon.

Brig. Gen O O Howard

Washington, D.C.

N.Y. Nov. 6. 74

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Washington D.C.

March 6th / 1874

My dear General:-

I leave for Atlanta
to-night or tomorrow. Please
accept my very best thanks
for your many kind offices.

Whenever I can I see you
in any way you must command
me. I shall always pray
for your happiness and success.

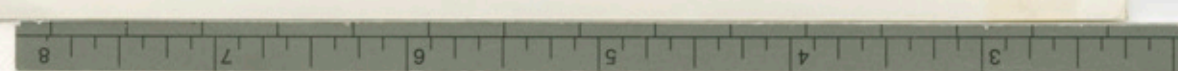
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through your fund
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Very respectfully,
Wm. Jones



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My dear Genl.

I hope to go to Washⁿ
by the train that leaves here
Monday morning. I will try
to help you for the first week.

Possibly my father will
go on to bring up the rear of
the close of the trial. Among
things the middle of it, per-
haps the gentlemen you have
with you will answer -

In haste

Very sincerely yrs.
A. P. K

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New York

March 7. 1874

Kitchum A.P.

Friendly Letter

A. S. PRATT & SON,

401 Ninth Street N. W.

Washington, D. C., *Mar. 7* 1874

Dear Friend

We Enclose part of
Hitch Post Co for Renewal Post
on your home your other policy
will not Expire until Oct
1876 We have charged
the amount of premium \$35-00
Yours a/c

With best wishes, I stay,
Yours as ever
A S Pratt & Son

To
Gen. O O Howard }
city }

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Washington D.C. Feb. 7/74

A.S. Pratt & Son

~~Recd of Fitch Fox & Co.~~

Encloses receipt of
Fitch Fox & Co recd
on house &c

April 14

My Dear General:

I called this morning to see you
on the matter of speaking before
us Thursday night —

I hold myself ready
to appear as your Associate Counsel
with Genl. Ketchem, if you so
desire it — On the understanding
that I am to serve without pay
in any manner whatever.
I demand this as an offset
for my personal and political
preference for you as a Representative
Soldier, Statesman and Scholar.

If Genl. Ketchem has other
engaged you may feel
perfectly free to dispense
with my services and
rest assured I shall

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first necessary to be
opened, tho. I should like
to term you personally -

If I enter into 1st
I should like
to make points, especially -
on the following:

1 - What constitutes Moral
Responsibility - and
Precedents in former trials in
England, Prussia - France
and Greece (ancient trials)

2 -
How far Technical Responsibility
can be carried in our
system of Military and Civil
Law of Sept 5 - under 16
U.S. - Little Fort

3^d The danger of establishing
a precedent for personal responsibility
in case an officer in charge
of a Department where no
human accumulation and no
superhuman exertions could
make a person so charged, capable
of being at all places and in
time to examine all subordinates
accounts so as to be able
to properly audit personally the
disbursements & examine the
accounts & even look
after the deposits -

4th -

The majority of similar
cases - have regarded themselves
as all notions - (There
are numerous precedents in
this matter -

March 8/74

As I regret - I
was a US Officer - place
in charge of a department
just in fact. Being
a General Officer
on - I do not
disponcibility ends where
all human possibility - I
cannot supervision ends -
What would be true in your
case - I shall be true in
that of the British to feel
I M. S. L. Yours
Let me know before
you meet me - A. H. W.

[March 9, 1874?]

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Genl. Howard

Dear Sir

Maj. Gardner

tells me that the administration
of affairs in Kentucky as a question
of contributive negligence will form
an important part of investigation
I leave by tomorrow morning

early train - If you desire to call
me as a witness my testimony would
show that everything was conducted
with perfect regularity in my $\frac{1}{5}$ of
the State as far as those above me
were concerned - If you want
to call me please notify me to
that effect as soon as possible
thru - I may send for all my

record! & be prepared to give
exact testimony on all points

Respectfully

H. Thomas

P.S. A note as-Willard will
reach me any time today -
I'm off at 8 A.M. tomorrow

I'd rather be summoned from
St. Paul as my leave is out
& both company & family need no
attention & it would be quite proper
that some of my records (one Book)
be there & be used as returned

March 9, 1894

H. Thomas -

Wants to be
summoned from
St. Paul as a
witness - Maj.
Gordon J. A.
Capt. W. H. Mott
will be investigated

Chimble Hill Mar 9th 174 -

Dear Gen. Howard:-

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^{Mar 10} I shall attend the Court to-morrow & with reference to writing impressions read there to the Advance and Christian Weekly together with other matters.

I am squarely determined to do all I can so far as my influences & connections with the press go to render proper assistance & without reference to pecuniary considerations, but

because I'll not stand idly by & see a man who has, in my judgment aimed to do his fellow-men nothing but good, abused by unscrupulous politicians.

I'm in distress & trouble to-day for a little money for absolute necessary family expenses. If you can spare me \$15- I'll replace it during the week. In this connection I hate terribly to ask you this favor, but if money due me I can't collect a cent to-day. Hope it will not inconvenience you.

Yrs truly F. A. Aiken

Ans. by Gen. H.

Washington March 9. 76

F. A. Aiken
Reporter

Will attend the Court
tomorrow. Hault

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Kansas City, Mo., Mch 9

1874

O. O. Howard

Dear General:

Your favor of the
2nd inst. at hand

I reply I would
say, while I was discussing ^{with} Col Sully and other ^{sub}jects. I saw
& knew of instances in which the
Government was defrauded, and you
as Commissioner the Saffron party, as
you was responsible for all the
money. I know I did not do my
duty, or I should of reported it
to you or Genl Balloch, I have
felt great interest in this Court of enquiry
as I believe you are innocent, and
so does all of our Christian people,

Yours Truly

C. W. Barker

Kansas City Mo.
Mch 9-74

O. W. Baker,

Is confident that
Gen H. has suffered
by reason of the
Government having
been defrauded &c.

