St Louis May 12th 74
C.O. St Charles St.

Gen Sherman
Dear Sir

If the Subjoined Statement is properly, one that should be given a hearing, you will have the kindness to see that it goes to the person to whom it properly belongs. For I can't get any reply to my communications.

During two years I was duly authorized, as a Claim Agent for this City & while acting, one Col Seely, a Disbursing Agent, wrote and had me suspended, on an "Ex parte representation, having no foundation in truth, etc without hearing, or redress.

There is now in the thousands Successors hands, Commissions allowed me by Law - that I

want, and have tried to get
and, if it be possible to get at it
by - anything that I can do, to
reinstate myself, - I feel that I
can do it, You can do me a favor
if notice, Will you have this hand in
to the proper officer Please reply

Kindly Thanks

Geo Van Name

If you will remember, the fence, so called,
was the subject of notice in the action by
the Committee of Howard Investigation
recently —

G V N

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Respectfully referred to Genl O. O. Howard Commr Freedmen's Bureau.

W. T. Sherman
Genl

Send Brown the letter at all —

Washington D.C. - May 21. 1874
Respy. referred to Bvt. T. A. Seely for remarks.

O. O. Howard
Brig. Gen. U.S.A.

Homesdale Pa June 18/74

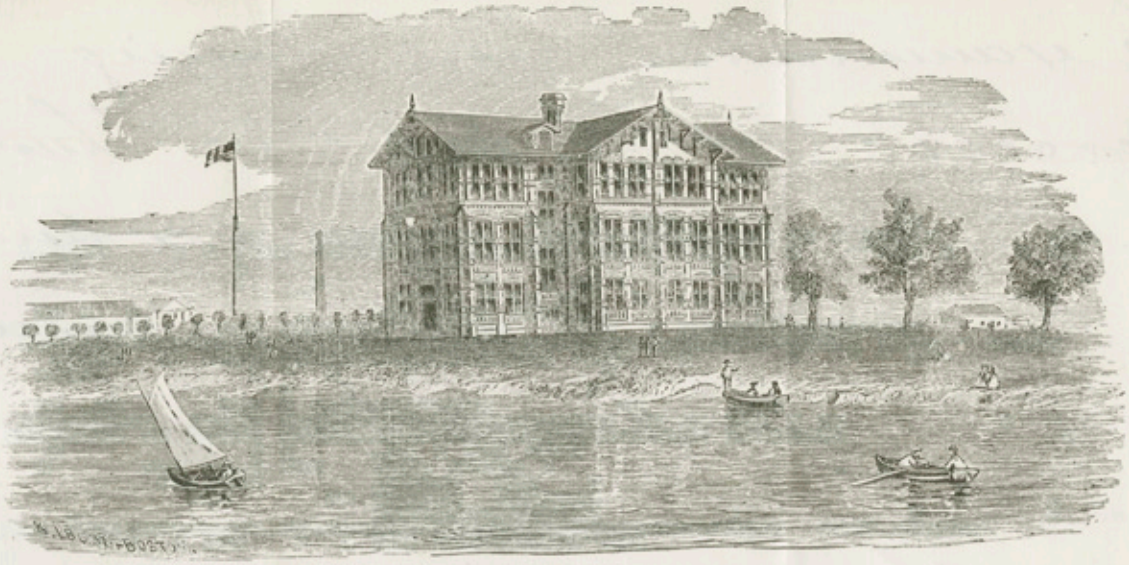
Respectfully returned to Brig Gen O O Howard U.S.A.

During the early part of my service as disbursing officer of the Freedmens Bureau in N. Carolina I had many complaints from colored men regarding the writer of the within letter — The principal one being that he was in the habit of borrowing the money of his clients

When collected and not promptly paying it over — He circulated a card calling himself the representative of the "Colored Mens Aid association" in which he undertook among other things to procure duplicate discharges wherever discharges had been lost — I believe it was on the strength of this card, a copy of which I furnished to the Second Auditor that that office suspended communication with Mr Va Name — And yet at this distance of time

I am not certain that the suspension did not occur before I had any correspondence on the subject — At any rate the 2d Auditors office appears to be the place where the V must look for relief —

G. A. Seely
Late D O for Va
& Brvt Lt Col



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JOHN H. LARRY, *Department of Mechanics.*
ALBERT HOWE, *Farm Manager.*

Hampton, Va., May 12th 1874

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir:

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of this Institution will be held at this place Wednesday June 10th 1874, at nine oclock A.M. It is most earnestly desired that you be present on that occasion.

The examination and closing exercises will be held on Thursday the 11th, thus affording ample time for the transaction of business and a careful inspection of the workings of the school.

Yours with great respect

S. C. Armstrong,

Secretary

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Brooklyn May 10. 1874

My dear General Howard.

I congratulate you with all my heart upon the issue of the investigation you so bravely challenged.

It is just what your friends expected, only that the terms of acquittal are so strong and so

unqualified, that the
wickedness of your traducers
can no longer refuse to
honor you.

I cut from a paper
which has hitherto persisted
in heaping injustice
upon you an example
which I am sure
you will be glad to
read, and it is with
great pleasure that I
assure you that the tone
of this slip accords with
public sentiment.

Very truly yours,

S B Chittenden

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United States Internal Revenue,

Supervisor's Office, District of New England.

Boston May 12th 1874

My dear Gen.

Let me extend my hearty and sincere congratulations to you, on your full and just exculpation from all aspersions by a fair, intelligent and impartial tribunal. I have not time to say more.

How well Mrs. H. and yourself came up and bear the pain and of Maine. We should be delighted to see you at our home at any time, &

say. Mr. Jones knew about the
S. force in this,

Truly & sincerely
O. Howard

Perry has just come in
my office, and wishes me
say that he gives you his
congratulations and thinks you
may justly be expected
much gratification at the
result.

S.

Genl. Howard

U. S. Patent Office,

Washington, D. C., May 12, 1874.

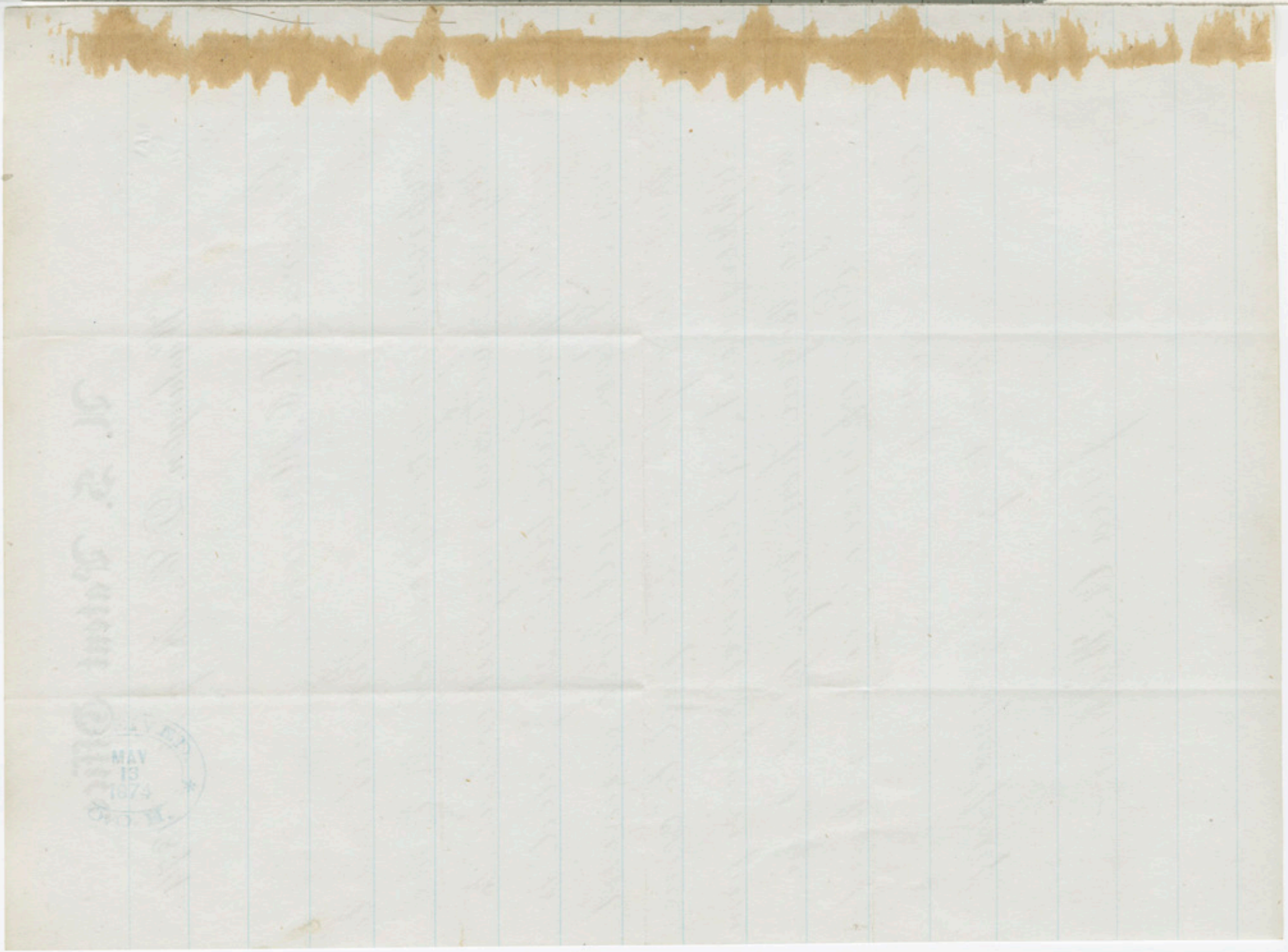
General O. O. Howard,

Permit me to express my gratification that the trying, vexatious, & unjust ordeal to which you have been subjected is over. I have not felt for a moment that the right would fail to "come uppermost", & I cannot refrain from saying to you how very glad I am.

Ever appreciating your kindness to myself.

I am very truly & respectfully

Julia A. Wilbur



Frederick Md
May 12=74
Genl O. O. Howard,
Dear Sir

Accept my hearty Con=gratulations that you have come out of the fire unscathed, The recollections of Po'keepsie are still fresh in my memory, and I have entrusted your case in the hands of our Master at all times, thinking your honor would be entirely vindicated And now, as I learn

of it I can
only say the name
of Your God be praised,

Resptly
H. K. Carnack
Pres. Y. M. C. A
Frankfort City Mo.

U. S. Navy Yard. New York
May 12th 1874

General O. O. Howard, U.S. Army.

Dear Sir;

I read with great satisfaction the telegraphic report of your honorable and full acquittal of the late charges against you, and discussed the matter fully with Vice Admiral Rowan, who is equally interested in the result. But I don't know that I should have added another to the great number of congratulatory letters that are falling in upon you,

but for the receipt this morning of a letter from my sister, Mrs Virginia Scott of Bush Hill, Mt Hunt and, woman like, writes "I am so glad to see that Genl. Howard has been acquitted" &c.

I feel sure, General, that you will feel gratified by the assurance that your kindness in the late times of distress is not forgotten, and so write to add to the congratulations of your many friends, those of my sister and myself.

Very respectfully Yours,

F. M. Gunnell

Med. Inspector, U.S. Navy.

The Arlington. Washington D.C.
May 12th 74

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Gen'l O. O. Howard
U S A

My dear General

Permit me to add my congratulations with the numerous others which you must receive from your many sympathizing friends — you have indeed been called upon to undergo severe trials at the —

respondent
Martha J Cobb

friends of your enemies
but you have had that
lovely Christian faith to
sustain you and that
greatest of all friends
has stood by you
as - He will ever stand
by and sustain those
who love Him -
- permit me to add that
none can feel more plea-
-sure at the result of
the long contest than
your humble confes-

Peoria, Illinois
May 12th. 1874

General

Having been a strong admirer, hence a close observer of you and your course ever since the dark days of '61, I ask this opportunity of offering my sincere congratulation, at the result of proceedings, in which you were so totally interested, which result I never for one moment doubted.

I have looked upon, and talked of, you, as my type of Christian — soldier, therefore I am of necessity gratified

[redacted] sin-
deration.

Myself, very humble in life
I esteem it a privilege to
thus address you

Very respectfully
J. B. Richardson

Peterboro

May 12 1874

Gerrit D. Ostrander,

My dear friend,

I rejoice in your triumphant vindication. Not so much as one of the many charges against you has been established. God be praised that your enemies & the enemies of religion have again been baffled.

I hope that you & yours are in good health. My poor wife has been confined more than two weeks & her health is now improving. I am slowly recovering from my Vertigo.

With great regard

yours

Gerrit Smith

[May 12, 1874]

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Brooklyn L. I.
No. 122 Montague Place.
Tuesday Morning.

My Dear Gen. Howard.

I have waited very impatiently for the Tele-gram that greets my eyes today. not that I needed any assurance thank God! of your hon-or. but I wanted the world to be certified of the truth; I knew that "He in Whom you trusted would bring forth your righteous-

-ness as the light".

I hope that for your own sake, and for the sake of your friends, that this matter will be now settled forever. our hearts have been kept on the rack a long time

Remember me with much pleasurable sym-pathy to Mrs. Howard, and Gus.

Most truly yours in sincere, and loving respect

May Kearny.

Treasury Department,
OFFICE OF INTERNAL REVENUE,
Washington, May 12, 1874.

My Dear Genl -

Allow me the pleasure of congratulating you on the handsome result of the trial. I had no doubt from the first of the result.

It may not be unpleasant to mention a little circumstance that I accidentally witnessed at the Rendezvous a few nights since in connection with your matters.

A gentleman calling

upon the President, while I was in his room, remarked something upon the matter, when the former at once & with great earnestness expressed his unqualified faith in you. His expression was frank, bold & zealously friendly: & so aptly expressed my own judgment & feeling that I have not & shall not forget it.

Trusting that the future has in store a large share of compensating happiness for all your past troubles

I am Truly Yours
F. W. Douglass

Genl. O. O. Howard,

only to you to represent only my poverty of
pulse [redacted] my heart in words can not
find expression of my gratitude to
God for sparing your life and
vindicating your work for him.
With love and remembrance
to Mrs H: Your friend ever
J. W. M. Boyuto

P.S. If possible visit us this
summer with Mrs. H— and I trust
Senator Pomeroy would call also.

New York May 12th 74

My Dear Friend

I have been singing Old Hundred in my heart ever since your vindication. My dear wife & Mrs. C. have been praying for your deliverance (and she, it was (Anna) selected that motto on the piano cover) Anna will now feel like using her instrument again. And Whittier I wish he would give us a new song!

I have seen and refreshed with your dear friends Ketchum & Whipple. I am very glad to learn that the division of Court=reported by those bad newspapers - did not occur and if it had I felt safe in Shuman.

The Brooklyn Eagle a violent able Democratic sheet edited by Hon P. S. Kinsella. having been foremost in attac (with its immense circulation)

takes a noble way to retract by joining in congratulations and calling on all bitter partisan sheets to make amends for the wrong they have done you - The N.Y. Times also nobly & enthusiastically rejoices in your vindication. The Herald seems ashamed the Sun is as yet unable to change its very dark spots and insists that "one vote saved you"! - yes from slightest spec. I have just caused the N.Y. Mercantile Journal to quote the Eagle amendment Hon. for it is sent in so very large and Democratic a sheet to get justice (I shall be a Dem. soon) I shall never forget my feelings and mental oppression preventing sleep at the time of that visit to Wash. Tell Mrs. H. I am happy now and a great deal calmer. I think Senator Ferry & Gen. B. had great influence then. When I told Mr. Ketchum privately of Senator Ferry's words to the President the tears started to that noble man's eyes.

Mr. Dyer has made a reputation national and forever historical tell him I envy him I will not thank him for it must be a luxury for a noble soul to do just what he has done! Congratulate him - Dulce et decorum.

Ah. if Gen. Sherman could crown his noble work by cleansing out that war department before hot weather! If President Grant knew!

But I was on the point of despair on account of the slander of public men & the persecution of good men and I can only add to this my increased sense of dependence on God for victory over the powers of evil. He spared you amid the cannon at Gettysburg and saves your fame and work from the assassin spirit that murdered Lincoln. I have lost four thousand dollars recently $1700. yesterday by failure and business is very dull but if you will allow the enclosed subscription

St Snelling Minn
May 12. 1874

Dear General

Among your many friends I think few will be better pleased with the verdict than the subscriber Envy & the old copperhead element have again suffered a defeat —

A certain selfish element mingles in my pleasure for I have the satisfaction I believe every man feels when

he can blandly smile & say "I told you so"

As I told you when in Washington I doubt if a man of your exalted rank can feel the strength of the old anti-nigger prejudice in the army I as a Captain have felt it at its full strength from the day I, the first Regular Officer, took a Colored Regt up to wed my in hearing the term common army conversation always takes when an Officer supposed to be tainted with Radicalism seems to be under a cloud, I hope to live to see the day when the prejudice be forgotten & shall be dormant in fully as well as in law, and in your persecution & final triumph I believe you have been the instrument of good in leading forward x disheartening the enemy

Sincerely Yours

Thos. Hennessy

Stanley, May 12/74

My dear General –

None of your friends rejoice more at the result than do we here at "Hillside". A dear little woman said emphatically just now, as the "Col." finished reading the editorial in the "Washington Chronicle", "I knew he was innocent! Shame on his traducers!"

What a pity that contemptible Boynton cannot be reached and receive the severe punishment his cowardly malignity

deserves. I would like to dump him in one of my big Coal Tar Tanks and then "press" him under the 85 Ton Hydraulic, until he would promise to be as decent as such a miserable specimen of humanity possibly can. Connerwell teaches such vermin "ghouls of the Press."

I can and have sympathized with you in all this trial. I have been having mine - The past eight months have been the most trying in a business point of view, I have experienced for many years. Bank failed, Confidential Clerk a defaulter to a large amount, Washington Securities 50% disct - etc. etc. But things look brighter now. Mrs. Page sends kindest regards in which I fully join. Sincerely Your

Geo. Shepard Page.

Richmond Va
May 12 '74

My dear Col.

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I have this moment read the Telegram giving me the joyful news of your triumphant acquittal and hasten to throw you a note of congratulation. I can well imagine how your good wife and family feel as well as yourself at the result. You have had three good counsels

Children have been given me as a reward for your faithful services to your country

Received May 19 1874 O.O.H.

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Gen. Thos. L. Green
Gen. Hyde Baker

Christian friends in my
good wife and two
little children to offer
up most fervent prayers
for you during your
long investigation. They
are in New Orleans and
must have been there
desolate before Lincoln
I shall get letters from them
tomorrow. I do hope now
that you will be free
from all troubles, therefore
you did me a great
service and I feel
you should be free

only know of the
many petitions which
have been offered up
for you which only
a Christian man like
yourself would offer unto
God from Sat
Rosen Some three months
since and that I expect
to have my family with
me in a short time now
that my Youngest daughter
has been graduated the
stand at the head of
her Class in all her
Course and Writes me

that this man B. a
this is delighted and
you can well imagine
her mamma sister and
myself are. Why is it
that I dont get some thing
down for me God knows
appears to kindly disposed
when I last saw him
that I was sure he
would do something for
me It is hard for me
to be left down in the
way I expected to be
assigned to the charge
of the Saint Louis dept
which is now in the charge

Still I am very grateful as all

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for Captain A. you
but was sent here as
Post Quartermaster My Wife
Wrote to me that she
had had some talk
with Genl Pillsbury just
before he left Washington
for a Tour thro Texas
with Genl Sheridan
about giving me a
better Station and she
said in her letter that
I was to talk with Thos
See about it When he
came to Fort Brown
thus I did and at first

I almost regretted having
expressed him on the subject
but afterwards in talking
over the matter concluded
to make the application
for assignment to a depot
the Sec was particular in
saying to me that he
would make me no
promise that he had
set out from Washington
with a determination not
to make promises to any
one, he certainly kept
his determination so far
as I was concerned but

but (in confidence) I would
say to you, that if he
had shot down his foot
at the time I would
not have made the
application. I am so
anxious that to get my
rights and if Genl
Schenck is still in the
Country and in Washington
he could do me a great
service and with your
I feel almost sure you
could get the President
to do something for me
this is my hope, sparkling

of the Chaplaincy of a
Depot Near Washington
of the great advantage
this would be to me
and my family, being
my wife has remained
in Fort-Scott which
would also be a great
pleasure and advantage
to my daughters. I do
hope God you will
see what you can do for
me in these matters. I
so thank for what you have
done with your Army and
please present my kindest
regards to your family and
also to my friend, when I hope
we will find peace and the