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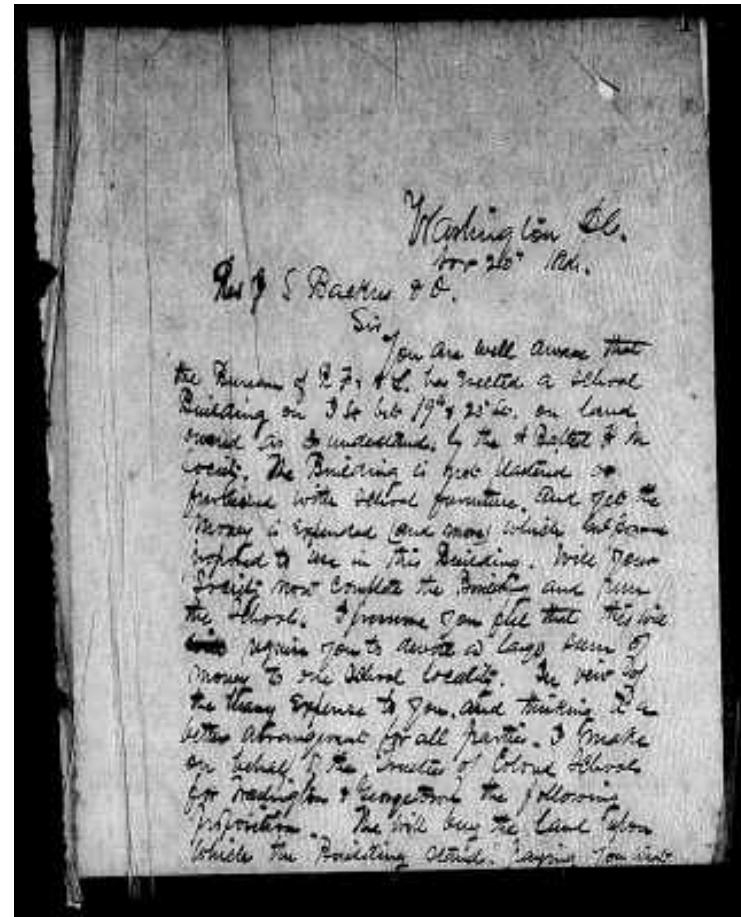
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Washington DC.
Nov 20, 1866

Rev J S Backus & O.

Sir

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