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Room 12 No. 39 Park Row
New York July 16th 1870

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard:
Washington D.C.

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1st The parties who have given the funds for Augusta are dissatisfied. They say, & I cannot deny it, that they gave under the encouragement & with the understanding that you would duplicate. One of the liberal donors to the Augusta School writes: "Legally considered, the terms upon which money has been given for the Augusta School have been those of Contract of Gen. Howard to duplicate." This bro. mortgaged his farm to raise us \$2000. for Augusta.* Now, what does he mean by this? Are we to lose his gift owing to this misunderstanding? Later in his letter he says: "The Home Mission Society must not allow itself to be stultified before the donors." "The Society kills itself if it permits the thing." Our teacher bro. Siegfried, says the same thing. If I can

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