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War Department,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands.

Washington, Nov 20th 1865.

My dear Maj. Maynick

I found your letters of
Oct. 22nd * 19th and 30th on my desk on my
return to this city from my trip South.

Mr. Plufield of the Treasury Dept and
Maj. Geo. L. Stearns, who are greatly interest-
ed in the cultivation of cotton have issued
a call for a "cotton-convention" to be
held in New York city and to be com-
posed of planters from the South and
manufacturers from the North. I do
not know the precise time of meeting
but either Mr. Plufield or Maj. Stearns could
inform. I understand however that
in Alabama a convention of the planters
has been held at Montgomery, the State Cap-
ital.

I fully agree with you in the
importance of keeping for a long time
yet, a standing army.

I should like to write you more

Sully but am at present engaged
in making up my report for Congress
and consequently am very busy.

In regard to the pardon
you are very welcome to any time that
I may have done in forwarding the
matter.

Very truly yours

O. W. Howard
Maj. Gen.