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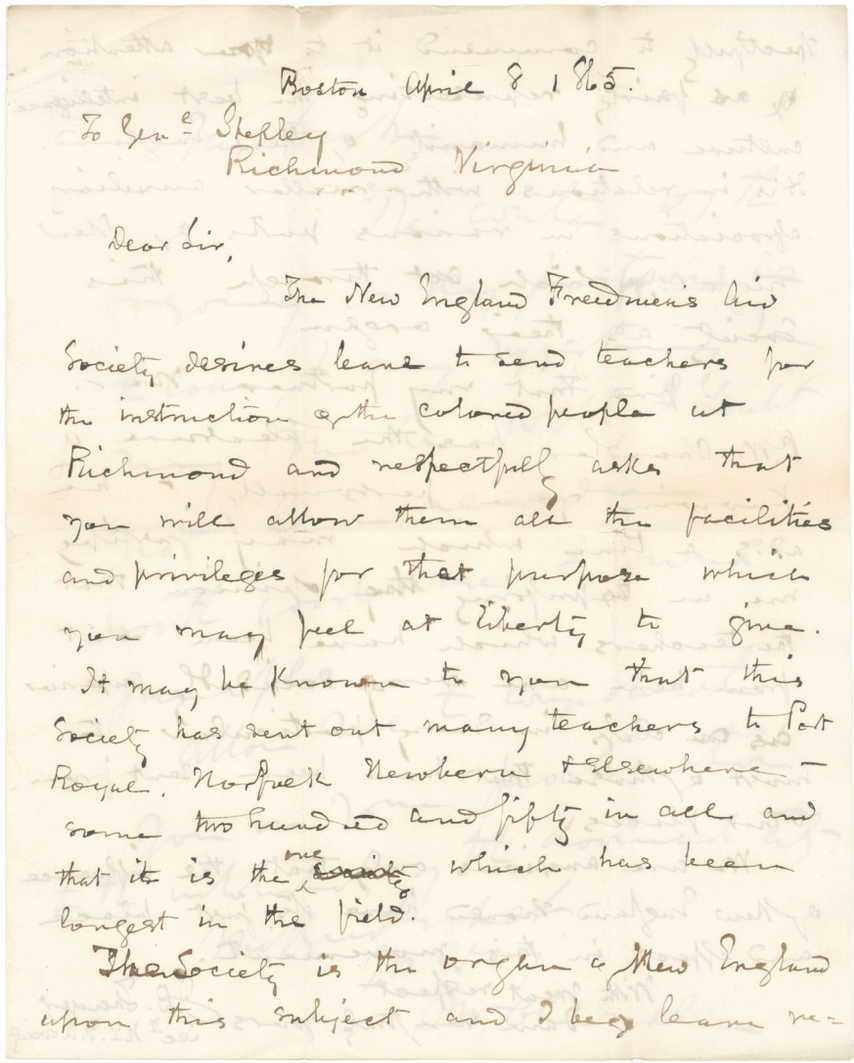

Boston April 8 1865.
To Gen[l] Shepley
Richmond Virginia
Dear Sir,
The New England Freedmen's Aid Society desires leave to sent teachers for the instruction of the colored people at Richmond and respectfully asks that you will allow them all the facilities and privileges for that purpose which you may feel at liberty to give.
It may be known to you that this Society has sent out many teachers to Port Royal, Norfolk Newbern & elsewhere — some two hundred and fifty in all and
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that it is the ^ ~~wich~~ which has been longest in the field.
The Society is the organ New England upon this subject and I beg leave re=

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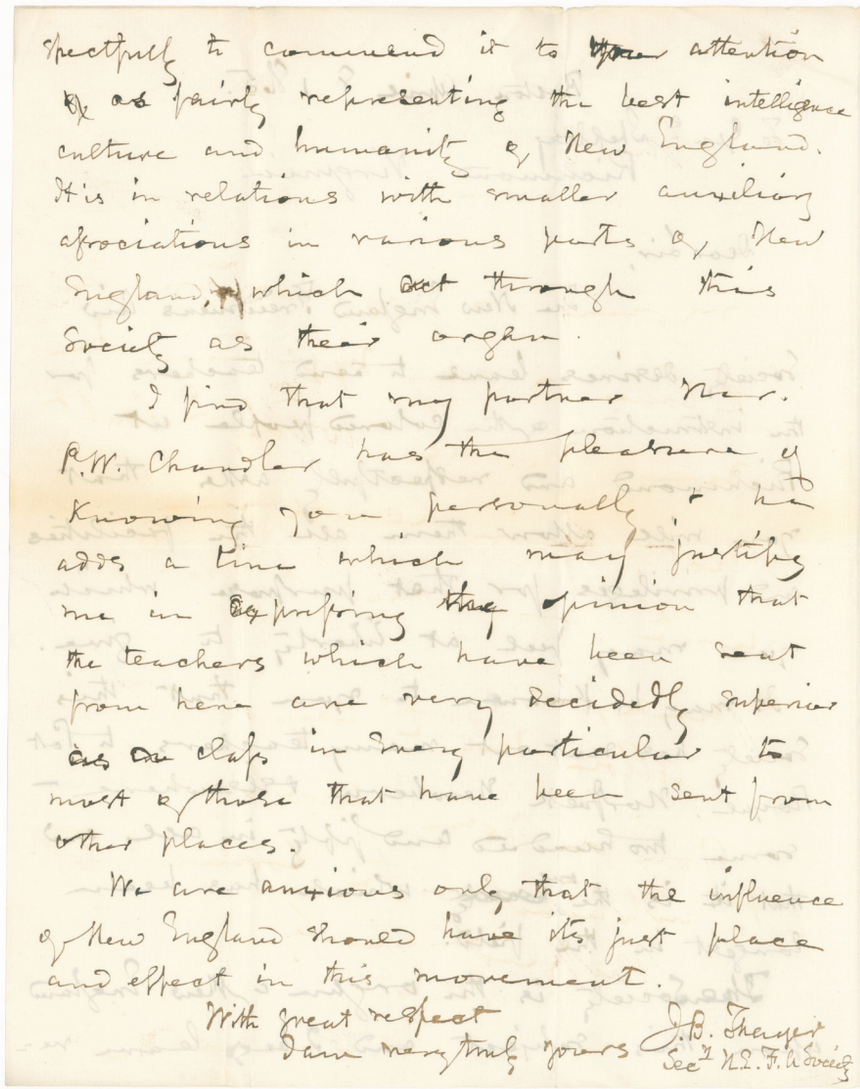
Description: J. B. Thayer of Boston, wrote to George F. Shepley seeking permission to "send teachers for the instruction of the colored people at Richmond," after the fall of Richmond.



spectfully to commend it to your attention
~~of~~ as fairly representing the best intelligence
culture and humanity of New England.
It is in relations with smaller auxiliary
associations in various parts of New
England, which act through this
Society as their organ.

I find that my partner Mr.
P.W. Chandlker has the pleasure of
knowing you personally & he
adds a line which may justify
me in explaining the opinion that
the teachers which hav been sent
from here are very decidedly experienced
as a class in every particular to
most of those that have been sent from
other places.

We are anxious only that the influence
of New England should have its just place
and effect in this movement.

With great respect J.B. Thayer
I am very truly yours Sec^{y} N.E. F. A. Society