

A Startling Record.

The Hon. Fernando Wood, has arraigned Gen. Howard before Congress, and boldly makes the following charges against the generalissimo of the Freedman's Bureau. It must not be forgotten that \$12,695,369 was spent by him to run this tax-extorting machine, and he and his friends owe it to a plundered people to account for the money. Here are the charges:

1. That he has taken from the appropriations made for and the receipts of that Bureau more than five hundred thousand dollars improperly, and without authority of law, for the Howard University Hospital and lands.

2. That portions of the land alleged to have been sold for the benefit of the Howard University fund, were disposed of improperly to members of his own family and officers of his staff.

3. That bonds issued in aid of the First Congregational Church of the city of Washington were taken for a portion of this land, which have not yet been redeemed or paid, nor have they been returned in his official accounts as such.

4. That the University building and hospital were built of patent brick furnished by the American Building Brick Company, of which Gen. Howard, Charles Howard, Gen. E. L. Whittlesey, and C. W. Alvord, all attached to the Bureau, were interested as stockholders.

5. That the specifications for the construction of these buildings provided that the material used in their erection should be taken from the brick made by this company, thus preventing competition, and securing the use of that brick, and no other, for that purpose.

6. That the brick so used was unfit and nearly worthless, parts of the building having fallen down in consequence, and other parts have since been repaired and rebuilt at an expense of \$13,000.

7. That by his consent and with his knowledge, lumber belonging to the Government was used by this company and appropriated to its own benefit, being resold to its employees.

8. That he pays rent to the Howard University from the funds of the Bureau for the privilege of a headquarters.

9. That he draws three salaries, viz: One as Brigadier-General in the United States Army, another as Commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau, and a third as head of the Howard University.

10. That he has paid from the funds of the Bureau over \$4,000 for the construction of the First Presbyterian Church in this city, taking the church bonds in return, which he has either returned in his accounts as cash on hand, or sent South for the purposes of the Bureau.

11. He has advanced a large sum from the funds of the Bureau to the Young Men's Christian Association of this city, taking their bonds in payment, which have been sent to Tennessee to help the freedmen's schools in that State.

12. That he caused, or knowingly allowed, lands in this city owned by an officer of the Bureau to be transferred to a freedmen's school in North Carolina, the officer taking the money appropriated for that school, thus perpetrating a fraud both upon the Government and the freedmen.

13. That he was interested in the purchase of a farm of about three hundred acres, near the Lunatic Asylum, in the county, for which the public funds and other property of the Government were used. Buildings were erected thereon, built of lumber belonging to the Government, and then let or sold to the freedmen at exorbitant prices, and that he and his brother (Charles Howard) were personally interested in this transaction as a private pecuniary speculation.

14. He has discharged the duties of the office of Commissioner of the Bureau with extravagance, negligence, and in the interest of himself and family and immediate friends.

15. That he is in favor of a ring known as the Freedmen's Bureau-Ring, with connection and influences with the Freedmen's Saving Bank and the Freedmen's schools of the South, and the political machinery of a party in the Southern States, and whose practice has been to devote the official authority and power of the Bureau to personal and political profit.