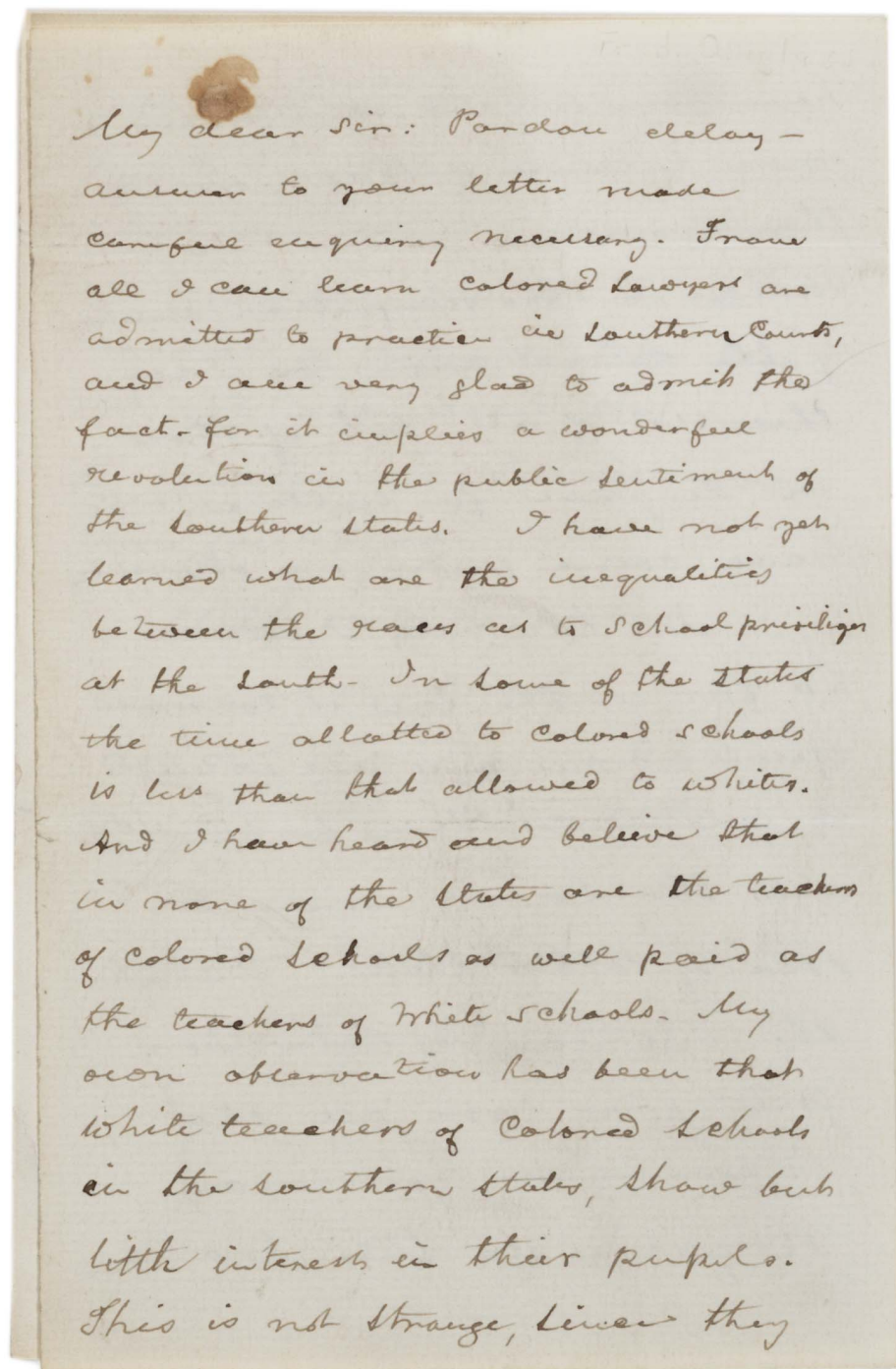


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Washington, DC, November 23, 1887

Autograph letter signed, 3 pages.

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