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OFFICE OF  
Secretary of State,

Tallahassee, Fla. June 7<sup>th</sup> 1869

Sir

Your letter of inquiry bearing date of the 30<sup>th</sup> ult. came to hand, & I take pleasure in giving you a synopsis of my doings since I left Dartmouth College in 1852.

I studied theology at Princeton, & was ordained, & married & installed pastor of the Liberty S<sup>t</sup>. Presb. Ch. Troy N.Y. in 1855.

In 1859 I lost my wife by whom I had three children, & saw some sorrow about that time.

In '59 also I was called to the First Colored Presb. Ch. in Phila. My old home. I grew up from infancy in this church & was much attached to the people. I remained with them, taking an active part to sustain the government of the U.S. in the war against the Slave Holders Rebellion, & in '64 came South and opened Missions for the Presb. Ch. among the Freedmen in North and



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of Thorpe? I have often wondered.

Where is Miss Chase & Miss Bates?

Who is at Meriden now, of the old teachers? I have fifty questions to ask but I must stop with one more, where is Bartholemew? I have thought of him many times. When we meet which I hope will be soon may our greetings be indeed joyous as we revive the memories of "Auld Lang Syne"

Yours very truly

Jonathan C. Gibbs  
1826-1874