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Emeralda, near Shocco Springs  
Warren county N.C. May 2<sup>nd</sup> 65  
Maj. Gen. O.O. Norrard. U.S.A.  
Comdg. army of the Union -  
General.

Whilst a prisoner of war at  
Johnson's Island last winter  
you were so kind as to write  
and promise me your influence  
to secure my liberation by spe-  
cial exchange. Acting upon  
that promise I take the lib-  
erty of an old classmate  
to write and request that if  
not incompatible with your  
orders that you will be so kind  
as to furnish myself and  
neighborhood with a small  
guard to protect us against  
the marauders and bodcha-  
-acters who always follow in



the make of a large army. If you  
will deign to honor my house by  
a personal visit, it will afford  
me pleasure to extend it's  
hospitalities to Gen. Slocum  
and himself as well as staffs.

In addition to the above re-  
quest if you will kindly for-  
ward me a passport for my  
wife and cousin (Miss A. B. Currier  
to Boston, their native city, your  
politeness will never be forgotten.  
I suppose you are aware Gen'l.  
that the two Lees (Custis and  
Steph.) and Ab. Smead are the  
sole surviving representatives  
<sup>survivors</sup> of the class of '80. Consequently  
you will not be bothered by  
many such applications.  
Dear Gen'l. Very resply Yours  
ob't. Serv't. Wharton B. Green.



Private.

The Herald

New York May 2 1865.

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Major Gen O. D. Howard  
Cmly to.

General:

I am engaged in writing a series of  
Sketches or Recollections of our Generals for ~~Harper's Magazine~~  
Sketches of Sherman and Thomas have appeared in  
the April and May numbers of the ~~magazine~~ <sup>magazine</sup> Those of  
Gen Grant and Sheridan will be in the July and  
June numbers. I would like if you can furnish me  
with any additional data - my own material is  
very scarce - to write up a similar sketch of you for  
the August or September numbers. As a portrait will  
be published with it it will be necessary to  
go to press a month and a half before the date of  
the issue, hence if you can send any material please  
do so immediately. Anything sent will be carefully pre-  
served and returned to your address.

Very truly, &c

Wm. J. G. Thacker.



The Herald  
New York, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1865,

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Thanks, W. F. L.

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Wm. L. Howard.  
History for an article  
for Carpenters Magazine

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The Editor  
Carpenters Magazine



Hamington May 2/63

My dear Brother

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Your letter  
of April 9<sup>th</sup> was gladly  
received by us all - Since  
then, I have thought very  
much about you and  
conjectured a great deal  
as to your situation under  
the unpleasant circum-  
stances that have since  
transpired =

Nothing has given us such  
a shock - save the Presidents  
death - as Shermans arrange-  
ment with Johnston - But  
I have hoped that neither  
his generals or army would  
be involved in the matter -  
and that the quickness  
of the Government in  
remedying the evil would  
prevent much mischief -



How glad your Army must  
have been to see Frank!

My family went to Bath  
a week ago Sat, and will  
return day after tomorrow.  
All milder that they are,  
all well = Your little  
Guy came up and spent  
Sat & Sun, with Frankie  
Singer. He left yesterday  
for Augusta expecting to  
meet his Mother and Chancy  
at Leeds & Mr Jackson at  
Brunswick = Mother will  
miss them very much.  
Guy says Mary is playing  
a string &c.

When you wrote to Lizzie  
to come, I went to Leeds to  
encourage it, but Isabella  
couldn't be had. & Mother  
saw great obstacles & Lizzie  
decided against going =



Guy says his School <sup>88</sup>  
to commence today - Our  
Spring is Early - but white  
patches of snow are still  
seen on many of the  
hills & an overcoat is  
needed out of doors and  
a fire within most of  
the time - We will look  
for you home now all  
the time - Charles wrote  
me on the 18<sup>th</sup> ult from  
Beaufort S.C. that his Regt.  
was full - I dread the  
hot Summer there for  
him - Our next Sab.  
is Communion and  
a no: are to unite with  
the Church - God bless  
you & lead you right  
Your aff. Brother  
Rauland



Howard R. ...



Proskau May 3. 1865

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My dear Mr Stanton

I presume that you have  
thought of General Howard, for  
the Freedman's Bureau.

During Sherman's March  
he could not be spared. But,  
I presume, now, that he can  
be had, if he is just the  
man.

I conversed with Saxton, &  
Allen, in the South, & found them  
very clear in favor of Howard.

He is, of all men, the one  
who would command the  
entire confidence of



Christian Public, in the power,  
and, I do not know of any  
one who would so far  
a degree, unite the secular  
public. - Then, he is  
Pleasant to work with; a  
gentleman, courteous, faithful  
& Cooperative - He is very  
truly a Christian; he would  
give his whole strength  
to his duties disinterestedly,  
without second thought,  
either for himself or  
any sect, party or  
sect. - Unless you have



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found some new-Thought of,  
man, it seems to me that  
he is of all men yet  
mentioned the very one.

I am anxious to have  
the Bureau in operation.  
More in danger of too  
much Northern managing  
for the negro. - The black  
man is just like the white  
in this - that he should  
be left, & obliged, to take  
Care of himself. & suffer  
& enjoy, according as he  
creates the means of either  
He needs to be uplifted



from Slavery, to be freed -  
from imposition, to have  
the means of Education, & to  
have, in the case of plantation  
Slaves, a small stake, in tools,  
seed &c. Beyond this, I think  
nursing will only pauperize  
= 13c him. I see in the  
movements about here  
a tendency to dandle  
the black man, or at  
least, to recite his sufferings  
so as to gain sympathy  
& money from the public.  
All this will be checked  
by your barrow -

& so generally impressed  
 with what I saw, & N. H. H. H.  
 & owned William H. H. - He  
 40 acre plan is good  
 much better. We cannot  
 extend it back, though  
 all the interior, no one  
 plan, probably, will answer  
 all purposes. One thing  
 may be found in Carolina  
 East, & another in  
 Carolina West - Brisbane's  
 idea of making slaves  
labours, on wages, to  
 white land holders,



will be wise as the  
alternative, or rather  
Supplementary System.

But the Main System,  
it seems to me, should  
be ~~that~~ which makes  
small farmers, of the  
24-slaves. There will still  
be enough poor hands  
for hiring. I do not  
think it desirable to  
aid in any way, in  
keeping up the large  
Plantation System.

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of the South. But was an  
outgrowth of Slavery. It  
enriched a few, but  
at the expense of States -  
or Communities. The  
any rule as that want  
of labourers, is destroying  
Southern industry. The  
old kind of industry must  
be destroyed - We must  
aim at State-rights, individu-  
ally - instead of class a  
penetration rights - Every  
year that sees the division  
of lands, & encouragement  
of small farms, will  
see States enriched,



tho' certain crops were  
poor. In great fights  
has been between farmers  
& plantations. The farmers  
have whipped. If the  
Southern land had been  
held as the Northern system  
is, in form of 100 to 160  
acres, we should never  
have beaten the South;  
but, then, there never  
would have been any  
occasion to try. The  
Virtue of the nation will  
depend on its land system

I congratulate you on  
the great triumph of  
Civilization in the suppression  
of Slavery. I believe  
your part in this great  
work to have been

prominent - now I shall  
feel satisfied, until  
I have a chance, publicly  
to express my judgment  
of your great ability  
in administrative powers  
in sound moral &  
political principles



It is in my bones, &  
know it will come out  
by steps.

I trust that your  
family are all well.  
I am grateful, that my  
Elder Son, has been  
spared, without even a  
scratch, though he has  
~~been~~ no inconsiderable  
amount of fighting &  
some of it, as at  
Cold Harbor very  
severe.

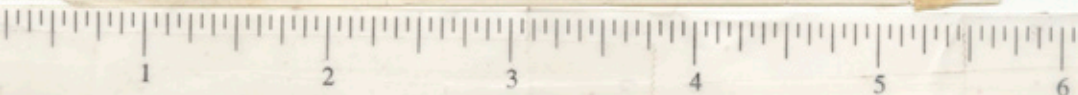
I am very truly yours  
A. W. Becker

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Klyn N.Y.  
7<sup>th</sup> May 1885



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Independence  
Sewa May 4<sup>th</sup> 1845

Maj. Gen. Howard

Dear Sir

Please pardon  
my boldness .. but your name is in our  
home a name held dear .. we here your  
army is about to be mustered out of service  
and am afraid my son Sicut J. S. Sampson  
from desire to see his noble wife & child &  
having seen the end of the war .. feels concentra-  
-tedly his duty to come home .. no objection  
but fear haste .. to resign .. would be to have  
his name blotted out .. Can you in the place  
of a father advise for the best .. perhaps  
a little longer service may help him  
& his family could visit him .. if he has  
been as worthy a soldier as he has been a  
son & husband May be you can help him

I desired to commit the care to you also  
he gets no letter from me .. I have perfect  
confidence in your judgment Your truly  
Tell my son ..  
I write you I cannot get access to him ..  
J. S. Sampson



Endeavour Press

May 14<sup>th</sup> - 1865.

Sanborn, J. W.

Recd: May 16<sup>th</sup> 1865.



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Albany N.Y. May 4. 1865

My dear Brother:

Your letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> enclosing \$100. was received day before yesterday. As was also your other letter, written a week before, received in due time.

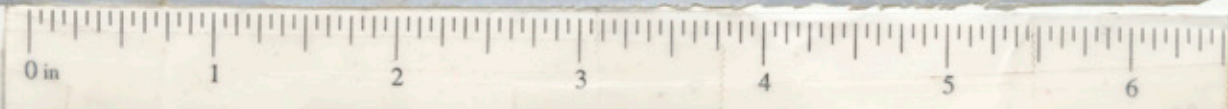
I was very glad to get the letters and especially the money. I will send a note to Lizzie, promising to do so; in case any thing should happen to either of us it would be better that there should be some evidence of my indebtedness.

I was sadly in need of the money and having been paying my debts with it. I needed no more than your aunt and that will pay all my bills from here to Leeds. I shall go home in three or four weeks. If you go home before I do please write me and I will join you in N.Y. City and go with you.

I shall have home on the 26<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> inst.

I had a letter from Mother and one from Rowland yesterday. Lizzie

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had already sent two <sup>the</sup> children  
to Augusta and was <sup>himself</sup> going im-  
mediately. Probably gone in this.

Rowland was alone, his family  
being at Bath. Mother wrote in  
most excellent spirits and courage.

She must be improving in health.

Last night I applied  
for Admission to the Albany Bar and  
was examined with 19 others three  
hours and I was so fortunate as not  
to miss a question being the only one  
of the twenty so fortunate. This  
morning I was admitted and "sworn in".  
So I am now a Lawyer.

Hoping I may see you  
very soon.

Yours affectionate brother  
R. W. Linnore

U. S. MILITARY TELEGRAPH.

May 7 1865.

By Telegraph from

Richmond Va

1865.

To Maj Gen Howard

Your Command will be  
encamped at or near Manchester  
& not be permitted to enter  
Richmond till prepared to  
March through the City

H W Halleck

Maj Gen Comdg



Richmond Va.  
May 27<sup>th</sup> 1863

Hallack, N. W.  
Maj. Gen.

Genl. Howard's com-  
mand will be encamped  
near Manchester, Va

Head-Quarters Army of the Tennessee,

Petersburg Va. May 17<sup>th</sup> 1865.

Dearest, I arrived here last night  
some four days earlier than we  
anticipated on getting out. Maj  
Whittlesy proposed that Mrs  
Whittlesy accompany you on  
a southern trip. I shall most  
likely start soon for Alexandria  
and reach that place by a week  
from next Saturday. Now if  
you can come and take two of the  
children & Willie Mrs Whittlesy is in  
Philadelphia by two weeks from Wednesday



next (i.e. May 24<sup>th</sup>) I have no  
doubt you will meet them  
your respective lords. Major W-  
says no other resort is made but  
Mrs W. telegraph me Alexandria  
Va. on your arrival at Philadelphia  
and if we are so circumstanced as  
to make it possible & pleasant  
for you we will beg you to join  
us in Washington. If anything  
should render your coming improper  
or impracticable, I shall find my  
way home, "Div Volenti", as soon  
I can get away from Alexandria  
or Washington. With much love to

Mother if you are still with her  
and many kisses to the children  
May we be truly grateful  
to God for his preservation.

Truly  
Otis

Headquarters, Military Division of the Mississippi,

In the Field, May 11<sup>th</sup> 1865.

Maj Gen Howard  
Comdy &c  
General

The bearer Private Ward, Genl Sherman desires to send to Washington as his orders will explain & along with you.

Please obtain from Genl Rawlins a receipt for the communication addressed to him and give to Ward that he may comply with his orders.

This being the only paper the Genl is particular about your taking charge of Ward will see to the balance.

I am Genl

With respect

S. M. Daylin  
Maj & a c



H. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mid. Sw. Més.

In the Field May 11. 1865

Say to L. W.

Maj and a. a. Genl.

Trinby letter - asks  
Gen. Howard to forward  
a communication to  
Gen. Rawlins.

Rec<sup>d</sup> B. of F. R. 10 May 1865

Head-Quarters District of Annapolis,

Annapolis, Md., May 13<sup>th</sup>.

1865.

My dear Genl.

I will not now attempt to congratulate you, on your return at the head of a victorious army. I hope to do so personally. I trust I shall be able to see you at an early day.

My name has been presented to the War Dept. for a Medal, and I desire an expression from you in relation to my early service, on your staff, and as Col. of a Regiment in your Division. If you think I served with any merit, may I ask such a letter from you.

I fear my duties may not allow an absence sufficiently long to permit me to visit you if you go into Camp South of the Potomac, but if you are in Washington, I shall eagerly await my rep. of a few hours absence from my station to meet you.

Please remember me kindly to Maj. Whittelsey. Perhaps he will drop me a note



a telegram stating when you are in the  
city.

I am, Sir, very

Truly yours.

F. D. Small

Col. 3<sup>d</sup>. Regt. I. N. C.

Washington  
13 May 1865.

Dear General,

Permit me to  
introduce to you  
Rev. Mr. Ferris, long  
known to me as a  
zealous laborer in  
behalf of the "Contra-  
bands" and "Freed-  
men."

His great experience  
in this Department



of benevolent effort  
peculiarly fits him  
for further work  
in the same direc-  
tion.

Any further par-  
ticulars necessary to  
be known in his case  
will be given in  
Catalogue No. 7 in  
person.

Very truly yr friend  
and servant,

W. M. Weston -

Maj. Gen. Howard,

Head-Quarters Army of the Tennessee,

May 12<sup>th</sup> Washington D.C. 1865.

Dear Sir,

I wrote you from Petersburg that I hoped you would come on to be in Philadelphia by the 24<sup>th</sup> inst. I expected them to march over the country - but a telegram from Gen. Grant ordered me to come on by water I report to the Sec. of War. I arrived here day before yesterday and delayed writing you till I could say something definite. I enclose the order from the War Dept. I have visited the Sec. of War three



times and now think I have a  
fair understanding of what is  
afoot. I hope you have made  
your preparations so that you can  
come on to Philadelphia by the  
24th or earlier if possible as  
I can now meet you at any  
time. I want to see you and  
talk about the future. I presume  
I am now fixed here in Washing-  
ton for a year at least. The only  
reason I put in an account of  
the children I don't see a proper  
place for them - no good home -  
no good schools - this however may

be reunited. I am now at the  
Metropolitan - and find it a  
very pleasant place. Mrs Hemmick,  
Mrs Spigg, Powell and Mrs Rob-  
Munkland are here. Mrs Leaton  
sister of Ben Hunter with her family, just out of town, whom  
I described at Savannah, as having  
father brother Rachel in our Army  
Thermostat in the school Army is with  
her friends. On her Hunter's account, I was  
able to befriend her & her children. She  
wants to know you & hopes you will  
even visit her. Mrs Vincent, Uncle  
Benton's father of whom we again



times are here. I called on Mrs. P  
Spring's mother last night but  
found she was absent. She has  
two daughters, Miss Cary & another -  
were home but so affected that  
they could not see me. I want to go to you  
at once but the leave would be  
short. I told I got my new dress  
in order. That I would rather  
wait some. I hope you will  
bring two of the children. The other  
will go for as soon as we go  
located. I wish you could bring  
all and would not see if I thought  
it would not hinder you to do

in Mrs P  
My dear  
Mr Bennett  
I am writing -  
I expect that  
you will go to you  
would be a  
new step  
I will be  
if you will  
in the other  
as we go  
about being  
if I thought  
in you to d



Attergum will reach me at  
the war supply. Major Whittles  
will be here this week Wednesday  
or Thursday over land. I want him  
with me in some capacity - He  
is hoping Mrs Whittles may come  
on with you - Give much love to  
Mother if she you are with her  
and many kisses to the children.

My love bless & cherish us

lovingly M<sup>r</sup>

Frederick Otis

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Dated *Augusta Me May 15* 1865.

Rec'd, Washington, *15* 1865, o'clock *min.* M.

To *Maj Gen. O. O. Howard*

*Will leave home  
Monday next*

*Mrs Howard*

*500 195*

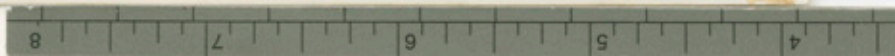




Washington D.C. May 15. 1863  
 Hon Q. Q. Howard

Dear Sir I am glad to  
 learn you are placed at the  
 head of the new Bureau of  
 Freed men's affairs—because  
 I have confidence in the human  
 & true sympathies towards the  
 oppressed race. <sup>possessed by you</sup> I beg you  
 Sir—I speak as a friend of  
 that race—having devoted my  
 time for four years to them—to  
 be extremely careful in the se-  
 lection of persons to have  
 charge of them. Most of  
 those placed in charge of them  
 have been cruel & even  
 inhuman in their treatment of  
 them. I do not ask for my-  
 self any office but as I know  
 all who are or have been labor-  
 ing with this class in this vic-  
 inity I desire an interview





with you — not for my  
own sake but to enable you  
to get such men as will be  
an honor to Gen. Howard &  
a blessing to his difficult  
& delicate & responsible work

May I have the  
honor of an interview  
at your earliest conveni-  
ence I have the honor  
to be your obt. servt

George E. Day  
I refer to Senators  
Wilson, Wade, Sum-  
ner, Harlan, Ramsey  
& any one who knows  
me

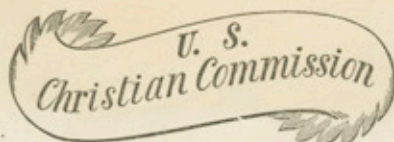


Washington, May 15, 65.

Day, Rev. E. H.

Request an interview  
that he may recom-  
mend good men  
for the Bureau as  
he has been interested  
in the work for a long  
time.

GEO. H. STUART, Chairman, 11 Bank Street.  
 JOS. PATTERSON, Treasurer, Western Bank.  
 Rev. W. E. BOARDMAN, Secretary, 11 Bank Street.  
 Rev. LEMUEL MOSS, Secretary Home Organization.  
 Rev. BERNICE D. AMES, Secretary Field Organization.



Central Office,

No. 11 BANK STREET.

Philadelphia, May 15 1865.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard  
 Chief of Bureau for Freedmen  
 Washington City, D. C.

My Dear General

The Anniversary of the U. S. Christian Commission is to be held in Boston on Tuesday evening, May 30th, - two weeks from tomorrow. It is the unanimous & earnest desire of the Boston Committee that you should address them on that occasion. Mr. Tobey has just telegraphed me on the subject.

It is only within a few days that any one supposed you could find opportunity for such a service. But the rapid changes & glorious successes, & national affairs rapidly settling into welcome peace, permit us to hope that you can make leisure for this advocacy of a cause that has already profited so much by your counsel & cooperation.

I need not say how great will be the personal gratification if you can accept this service. But I shall use neither appeal nor argument, for I know your heart is in the work, & that you will gladly do what you can in Christian love.

Yrs Most Truly

Please favor me with an early answer.

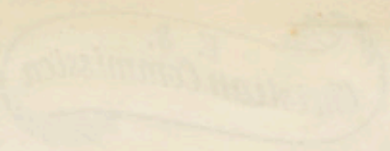
Geo. H. Stuart



Philadelphia, May 10, 1847

Dear Sir,

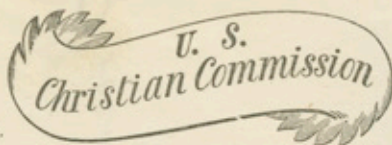
Thank you



I have just received your letter of the 7th inst. in relation to the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States. It is the business of the Committee to consider the merits of the proposed amendment, and to report thereon to the Convention. The Committee has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, and to express its appreciation of the interest which you have manifested in the cause of the Union. The Committee has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, and to express its appreciation of the interest which you have manifested in the cause of the Union. The Committee has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, and to express its appreciation of the interest which you have manifested in the cause of the Union.



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Central Office,

No. 11 BANK STREET.

Philadelphia, May 15<sup>th</sup> 1863.

Maj. Gen. Howard

My Dear Brother

I have just seen in the N.Y. papers of today your appointment to the Head of the Bureau for Freedmen. Allow me to congratulate you on a promotion in which the Government has honored itself & the country. I know that the parties most nearly interested, - the new-made freemen themselves, - will most heartily endorse this action, - the more heartily as they shall come to know you better. I assure you of my sincere pleasure in seeing one so widely & well known as a Christian man put into a position of such delicate duties, large responsibilities, & great Christian opportunities.

I shall be beforehand in saying to you that I had commended Maj. Gen. Clinton B. Fisk for this post, - his name having been mentioned to me. But I shall not disavow our excellent & heroic Christian friend when I say that I am fully satisfied. I shall take pleasure in saying to him, - & he will indorse it, - that if there is a better man for the trust than Gen. Fisk it is Gen. Howard.

Yours Most Truly

Geo. H. Stuart



Philadelphia, Pa.

May 15, 1845

Edward Davis

Friendly Letter.

Do I hope to see you May 1845

Washington D. C.  
May 15<sup>th</sup> 1865.

General:

It gives me great  
pleasure to introduce to you  
Rev. Lyman Abbott, to whose  
family I am indebted for  
many kind offices.

Mr Abbott is connected with  
the Freedman's Bureau and  
comes from New York, in  
company with Dr Thompson,  
on business connected with  
the Association.

I think it very probable that  
you may already be  
acquainted with members of  
Mr Abbott's family, so well  
known in Maine.

Very respectfully



To  
Hon. H. Hubbard

Maj. Gen. O. C. Howard,

Dear Sir,

We will call on  
you this afternoon at five o'clock.  
If it is not convenient for  
you to meet us then, can  
you make an appoint-  
ment to oblige

Yours truly

Lyman Wood.

# Southwark Foundry. 104

J. Vaughan Merrick.

Merrick & Sons.

W. H. Merrick.

John E. Cape.

Philad. May 15 1865

My dear Otis

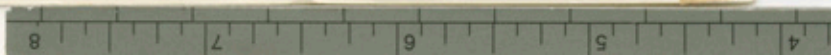
I am truly rejoiced &  
I presume you are still more  
so that there is at last a  
reasonable prospect of our  
settling down once more in  
the paths of peace  
what an inglorious termination  
to the career of the late  
President of the so called  
Southern Confederacy - a fitting  
one too begun in treason &  
ended in infamy -

We must ~~not~~ be blind  
who cannot see God's hand  
in every event of the past  
four years - let us trust that  
we shall learn the lesson.

May we not see you on  
your way North after the  
Grand review is over - I



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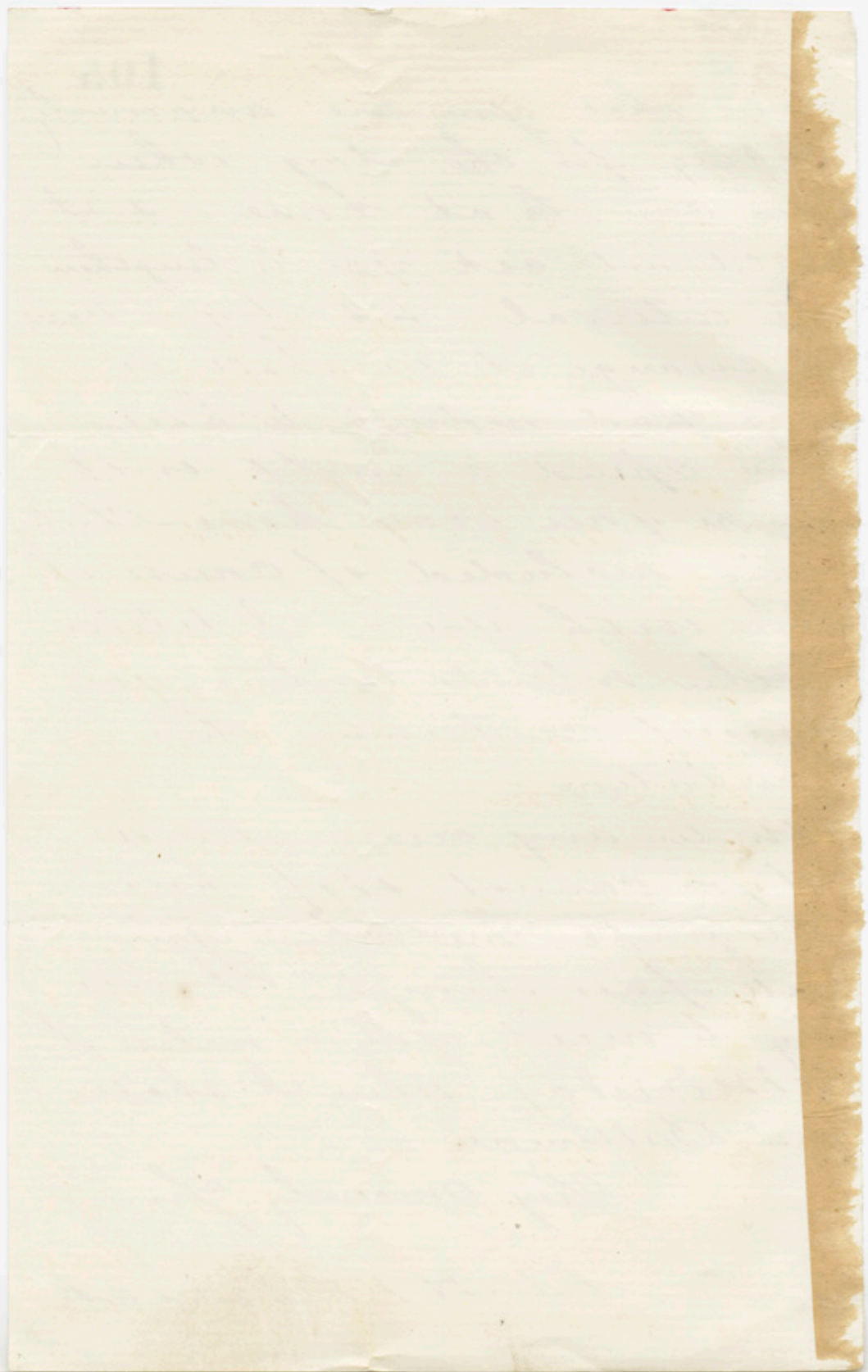
know that you are anxiously  
looking for the day when  
you can be at home - & I  
would not ask you to lengthen  
the interval - but if you can  
so arrange it we shall be  
very glad indeed to have  
you spend a night with  
us as you pray home - Charley  
being included of course if  
he is with you - I believe  
Father intends writing you  
himself confirming this  
invitation -

Under any circumstances  
if you cannot stop here  
telegraph me when you  
will pass through I will  
try to meet you - unless it  
be Wednesday when I shall  
be in Baltimore -

Very sincerely Yrs

W H Merrick





My Dear Sir,

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... left a long  
and glorious march, which  
is now happily brought near  
to a close. You will allow  
me to offer my sincere congratulations  
and to hope You will not  
pass through our City without  
giving us an opportunity  
to personally thank You for  
the part - You have taken in  
crushing this rebellion.

I can fully realize Your anxiety  
again to be with Your family  
but nevertheless entertain the  
hope that you can spare us  
at least one night.

We are now in the country  
about half an hour ride  
and would pleasure to see  
You & your brother.

If You can come - please  
to Mr. at what time he  
may meet You at the Depot  
York. Very respectfully  
Phil: 15 May



My dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the matter of the ...  
I am sorry to hear that you are not well, and hope that you will soon be able to resume your usual avocations.  
I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
J. M. Smith

Portland May 16 1865

Mrs. O. O. Howard }

Dear Neice }

I recd a few lines from you yesterday enclosed with a letter from Sister Susan - I learn by your letter that you intend soon to visit your Husband at Washington - if you wish me to attend to any business for you in your absence or before you go - you will please let me know -

Your new Certificates of Bank Stock are now all ready except the Merchants Bank - I will send them to you by Mail before you leave if you wish - or will keep them safe for you till you return if you choose I was fortunate in obtaining for you the highest premiums on your U. S. Coupons - amt was \$65 for the three



The Premium on the Coupons was  
all the same - Pay 47<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Cent  
making \$21-<sup>66</sup>/<sub>100</sub> on Each

Edw. Francis says he thinks he will  
go to Augusta next week -

I think it would be no inconvenience  
to meet you in the Cars on your way  
through the City - You can let me  
know if you please -

in haste much to all

From your Affectionate  
Uncle

E. W. Wails

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all well

Tuesday Morning, 60°c.  
Brunswick. May 16. 1868

My Dear Mrs Howard

I was greatly surprised  
to receive your letter, & equally so  
to get one from Mr. W. both urging  
the same thing - to accompany you  
on south. I can go provided the  
Baby's cold does not turn into a  
lung fever or some such calamity  
befalls us. My girls both urge it  
strongly, & I know of no other reason  
for staying at home. I presume I shall  
take Georgie - I wish you would take  
Guy too. I can leave either on Monday  
than Friday. Shall we take the  
first train to Boston & then the coach  
to N.Y. reaching Phil<sup>a</sup> at 12 Tuesday  
or stay in Boston Monday night.  
I wish I could persuade my Father to  
go on with us - but I shall hardly be



able to. If you hear anything  
to cause a change of plans -  
please write. How lovely it is  
this morning - & how beautiful  
we shall find the Country all  
the way along. Let me hear  
from you in regard to the  
trains we shall go in - it is  
wholly immaterial to me.

I have a good many things  
to do to leave my family in  
Comfort, which accounts for my  
early rising. But good bye  
Yours affectionately  
Gussie P. Whitney

Are you not rejoicing over  
the capture of Jeff. Davis?



On East bank of 1865.  
Rappa Lannock River  
Near Fredericksburg Va.  
May 16<sup>th</sup>. Evening

Dear Genl. We arrived at this point  
with our own 4<sup>th</sup> Div. at 9 o'clock  
this A. M. The 17<sup>th</sup> Corps is  
all over the Rappa Lannock, & Head  
of Annapolis Encamped on Potomac Creek  
some eight miles from the river.  
Genl. Sigaud's 4<sup>th</sup> Div. are  
in the city & his Command is encamped  
on the Massaponax River, 3 miles to  
the river. The Army will move at  
an early hour in the morning towards  
Alexandria. The 17<sup>th</sup> Corps moving via  
Stafford Springs & Wolf Run & the  
13<sup>th</sup> Corps via Stafford Court House  
Dumfries & Occoquan. If the present  
weather continues the Army will make



Alexandria easily on the 19<sup>th</sup>,

We have had a delightful march from Richmond to this point. Everything has gone on smoothly, & there has been no collision or trouble in the movement of the troops.

Our Army was annoyed by delays (a good deal the first two days of the march by the 20<sup>th</sup> Corps. The 17<sup>th</sup> Corps ran into the rear of their Column 3 miles from Richmond the first day out, & were kept back all day, only made the Chickahominy. The Command swung out of our track about 4 miles east of the Pamunkey & from that point the Army came along nicely.

The roads have been very fair thus far, & the troops seem to be in excellent spirits & have enjoyed the march exceedingly. There has been no straggling & no depredations.



of any sort committed, I haven't  
heard a single complaint,

Gen. Sherman accompanied  
the Lifting through I Court House  
we went with Gen. Slocum the battle  
ground at Shallowford. He left  
Gen. S. at this point & came in  
to Fredericksburg yesterday. Evening  
will move with us tomorrow  
morning via Stafford Court House.  
I dined with him today & I  
have rarely seen him in such good  
spirits.

The Officers at A. I. Ins. are  
well & send their kindest regards  
to you.

Remember me kindly to  
M<sup>rs</sup> Osburn, Stetson, Gilchrist and  
Coda.

Hoping to see you soon.  
I have the honor to remain,  
Respectfully, Yours



Col. Smith  
 Wm E. Strong  
 A. D. Smith, etc.

Major Genl.  
 O. O. Howard  
 Comd'g Army Train.

I. S. There are two pontoon bridges  
 over the Kappahannock. One, opposite  
 the city which the 17<sup>th</sup> Corps crossed  
 to day, & the other, just below the  
 point where Deep Creek empties into  
 the River, which the 15<sup>th</sup> Corps will  
 cross on tomorrow.

I have the honor to enclose  
 copies of the orders of march.

Respectfully

Wm E. Strong  
 A. D. Smith & A. H. Smith

New York, 13 Bible House,  
May 16<sup>th</sup>, 1865.

Major Gen. C. C. Howard,  
My Dear Sir,

I have

just opened your letter  
to Rev. Mr. Flood, making  
inquiries in relation to  
freedom etc., and as he  
has left the office expecting  
to see you in Washington to-  
morrow, I beg to say a word  
or two upon my own  
account.

You may remember  
me as the minister, who  
received a call to me,



Prest. Ch. at Buttermilk Falls,  
as you were about leaving that  
Point, for active operations  
in the field.

My family is still there,  
and I cannot be so min-  
glingly supplied until they  
can farther upon some one  
who will remain with them  
as a pastor. I was compelled  
to relinquish labor in that field,  
on account of some trouble with  
my eyes. Some changes have  
taken place in that field,  
which I know you will be  
gladified to learn at some  
suitable time.

I give whatever force I  
have myself, to the American

Tract Society (Boston) in connection with Mrs. Flood.

The field for Christian effort is at this moment, very hopeful and attractive.

I rejoice that has placed you to take the trust which has been placed in your hands. It is full of interest.

Gods people will remember you in their prayers, in your new position, as they have in the past, amid scenes of deadly conflict.

You enter upon a noble service, and you will find many warm hearts and sound heads, willing, yea anxious to cooperate with you



in your good work for the  
colored race.

Rev. Mr. Alvord, is delighted  
with your appointment, and  
whatever he can do on the Institution  
which he is just upon, will  
be done with great pleasure.

God bless you, dear  
General, and give you  
great success in your  
new field of effort.

I trust you will  
pardon me for this  
interruption -

Yours, always,  
A. C. Fessenden

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Head-Quarters Military Division of the Mississippi,

In the Field, Alexandria Va May 16<sup>th</sup> 1865.

My dear General

I will be obliged to you, if you will recommend Lt Col Bernick for some promotion by Breck. I have long contemplated taking some action in the matter and will cause a recommendation to be made in his case through the Chief of my Department. Please send any recommendation you may think proper to make to me in order that I may send it in with the one made by the Commissary Department.

I observe that many officers in the Eastern Armies have received Brecks. It is proposed to recommend Col. Bernick for three Brecks. Viz: Major - Lt Colonel and Colonel of Volunteers.

Your obt. Servant

A. B. Keith.

Col a. D. C & C. S.

Cover-



Maj Genl. O. O. Howard

Commanding Army of Tenn

Now at Washington

D. C.

Newbury. Ny  
May 16<sup>th</sup> 1865.

To.

Major Genl. Howard, U. S. A.  
My dear Friend,

This will introduce Miss Hedges, who is on her way to Richmond Va for the pious purpose, of reclaiming if possible the remains of her beloved nephew, <sup>Lt. Col.</sup> Major Townsend, who was slain in the battle of Cold Harbor. The object I have, in commending her to your notice is, that you may give her advice in relation to the proper course to be pursued; and, that she may obtain from you a letter, or letters, to some one of the officers in Richmond who may aid her, in her mission.





Miss Stedger is a particular  
friend of mine, and most un-  
-thly of any assistance you can  
render her. Kindness to her is  
this behalf. I will take as a  
favor conferred on me.

The best of blessings attend  
you. I have watched your pro-  
-ceeds with growing interest,  
and have thanked God, for  
all the success, that has atten-  
-ded you, both as a soldier of  
your country and the crop.  
Wife & children desire to be  
kindly remembered.

your friend  
W. T. Spoke



Newburg, New York

May 16, 1865

Spoke H. S.

Introducing Miss Hodges  
who is on her way to reclaim  
the remains of Lt. Col.  
Townsend - slain in battle  
of Cow Hartsa.

Rec<sup>d</sup> B. of R. & S. - May 1865

Oliver O. Howard Esq.

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Dear Sir,

Your name, & some what of your history has been brought before me by a printed paper. You cannot tell, for I cannot, how I felt, when I read it over, which I have done repeatedly. If there is any mistake on my part, you will correct my error. Your locality is named the Bureau of Freedmen's affairs. This account has brought to my mind many thoughts & feelings which I have not time now ~~time~~ to speak of.

If you make a reply to this, as I hope you will, let <sup>it</sup> be void of all pecuniary pay, let it be ~~only~~ only a ~~few~~ few post-office stamps.

As ever

Yours truly,

Turner, Me, }  
May 1865. }

Allen Greeley,  
aged 24.



Oliver O. Howard Esq.

Dear Sir,

Your name &

some of your history has been  
brought before me by a printer paper.  
You cannot tell for I cannot tell  
what when I read it was, which I  
have done repeatedly. If there is any  
mistake or any fault you will correct  
and even your trouble is saving the  
honour of freedom's officers. This  
must have brought to my mind in  
thoughts I speaking which I have not time  
now to speak.

If you make a reply to this, I  
hope you will let the rest of the  
world know, let it be only one or two  
office stamps.

Yours truly,

Wm. L. Garrison

March 1862