

Brooklyn June 1 1865

Gen Howard

Freedmen Bureau Department

How Sir from your known status throughout the Country in the question of humanity, and of Eminent loyal service to the Country, we cannot but rejoice at your recent appointment at the head of Freedmen affairs. as beloved men.

Some of us for a long time have looked forward with hope, when things in behalf of the Freedmen would take some definite permanent shape, and the many abuses under which they have suffered be satisfactorily adjusted.

Early in the war your Correspondents with several of his brethren, made the subject of the Freed people a matter of deep inquiry, as far as we had then the power - and then we were fully persuaded of the fact, that the Government had a vast accumulation power on its hands, and if but rightly directed would result to the Government, in much eminent service, Subsequent events have shown, that our impressions were correct, and what

has failed on the score of a disadvantage to the Government must be attributed to the lack of experience, and in some cases to the want of humanity — and moral honesty, in those who have therefore had the Care, and Control of these men.

The reports of the Commissioners of Enquiry into the Condition of the Freed people as appointed by the War Department — Robert Dale Owen, Col James MacRae and Dr Howe — and subsequently the reports of W. E. Johnston &c of their Condition along the valley of the Mississippi justify all and more than I have said.

Immediately after the Published reports of the Commissioners, I submitted in connection with Professor W. V. Wilson now Principal of one of the most successful Freedmen schools in Washington — the result of our joint investigations into the Condition of the freed people and earnestly solicited those gentlemen in their presented plan of a Freedmen Bureau to give the appointment of Resident Superintendent to intelligent, experienced, Educated, upright Colored men, they answered that though they had not the appointing power, yet would nevertheless unanimously ~~refer~~ recommend it.

and we rejoiced to say - It was also recommended
by Senator Sumner Hon S. P. Chase Judge
Underwood of Virginia - then President of the
Free Press and Society of Washington.

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but in the recent measure of a Bureau, the
claims of such Colored men, we fear has
been entirely overlooked - at the same time
we are free to say, that to live the now
proposed Bureau, a permanent ^{success} glorious
Colored men to it, in important responsible
positions - are an indispensable element

and in this view we are joined by some of the
most eminent thoughtful men of the
Country, we do hope Sir that such and
your matured views, and in proper season
that they will be called to fill such
positions.

allow me to say in connection with
the paper sent you, that I have not only been
identified with the cause of the Freed people
as the paper indicate, but was one among the
first to move in the matter of Colored troops
and visited our Excellent Lamented Chief
Magistrate the President, with a Committee of
gentlemen from New York, introduced to him
by Senator Sumner, the President invited Hon S. P. Chase
to ^{an} interview, our object was to make a tender

of (10.000) black men as a nucleus - to (100.000)
who would respond to the Call of Government
whenever it was the settled policy of the
Government so to remain - then, our meeting in the
parts of the President was liberal, frank and
cordial - and I need not say to you Sir - that
the result to the Country has been Glorious

thus you will perceive Sir that I had not been
a Stranger - to our necessities - as a Country
or to the Freedman, as my returned Worthy

Most respectfully
Your Obedient Servant

James A. Lincoln

Truly Yours

Lincoln, Jan 25.

June 1st 1865.

Dear Sir,



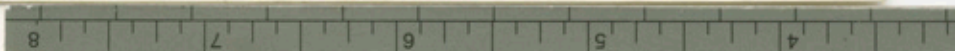
Adrian
Michigan

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from 1,85
Chas. F. Howard
Dear Sir -

Will
your engagements allow
you to deliver a lecture
in this city - next fall
or winter? I am en-
gaging a course in the
interest of Cold Water Army
and feet and Lab School
work. Have a young Army
of 500 pladers. I have
engaged Joseph Miss Dick-
inson and Finothery Pitcomb
W'd like much to secure
your aid at any price
you choose to set. You
can have as many en-
gagements in convenient
cities as you desire.

Adrian Mich
Chas F Howard
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You can defer fixing
date for some months
if you choose.

Allow me in send-
ing this invitation to
thank you for your
good example and in-
fluence in the Army.

Yours sincerely
E. P. Popell

Pastor of Plymouth Ch.

Amesbury Mass: Essex
1st June 1865 -

Dear C C Howard -
Sic -

The kindness of
heart- attributed to you by those who know
you best - the sympathy ever felt by the noble
& brave for a vanquished foe - and above
all - the high regard entertained for you
by my deceased brother - Cadet-Lieut L
Wade of this State - while at the Academy -
embolden me to appeal to your generous
& sympathetic heart - in this hour of trial
in behalf of my husband - Col' Jos' R
B Buntrock - a graduate of West Point &
Lieut of the Rebel Army - having just seen
the President's Proclamations - I hasten
to write - not having access of my husband's
whereabouts - tho' he has been recommended
by S'lt Deak Taylor - my heart - is actuated
by a feeling of grief that only a wife can feel for

a husband in the home of sorrow - your name
has been familiar to me for many years
I've had in my possession since the death of
my brother - a bible presented to him by
yourself whilst at the Academy - he read it
daily prior to his death - & the leaves are still
folded where he last read - I regret very
much - I'd - what I couldn't - see you while
the Army was here - but I was not aware
of your being attached to the Army of then
until you had passed through our state - &
I should certainly have sought an opportu-
nity of seeing you - I saw I'd like you
very much - he was exceedingly kind to me - I deeply
deplore his death - I'd - miss you he is
kind as to send me an immediate reply
& if possible pardon for my husband
I assure you must be a life-time debt
of gratitude - if this is favorably received
I will write in full - our family desire to
be presented most kindly to you -

With respect - I enclose your
& friend Mrs. Brewster

My address -

Mrs Matilda Bentzen -

care on ^v Sea Road -

Amphur ^{has} -

Amphur

Murphy's Rem.
June 1. / 65.

Bentley Mrs. M.

Dear Sir to advise
her about getting a
pardon for her
husband Col
Lno R B Bentley
Capt of Rebel army.
Asks an answer.

Madam.

Please advise
you may know the
process of getting
a pardon.

The General says it

I called upon
Knox but he
was not in his
office

Bentley

Recd B & R Fx ad June 22nd

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned ⁷ Lands.

HEAD QUARTERS ASST. COMMISSIONER, STATE OF VIRGINIA.

Richmond, Va., June 2^d 1865.

Maj' Genl C C Howard

Dear General

I enclose

herewith the order of
Genl Terry published to
day with the editorial
of the "Richmond Times"
for the purpose of
showing you how readily
our Southern friends
"don't see the point"
of an Order when
brother Sambo is involved

I am General

Very Yours

O. B. Brown

Richmond June 2. 1865

Brown O.
Colt & Ash. Conn

Friendly letter

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145 BROADWAY, N. Y.

Dated *New York June 2nd* 1865.

Rec'd, Washington, *2nd* 1865, *o'clock,* *min.* M.

To *Gen O O Howard*

*I give a reception to
Genl Sherman Friday will
be happy to see you*

Wm Scott

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The American Telegraph Company.

New York June 2nd 1866.

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E. E. SANFORD, Pres't.

125 NASSAU ST. N. Y.

JAMES L. LIVINGSTON, Sec'y.

Invites Genl. Howard
to be present at his recep-
tion of Gen. Sherman.

Rockelle June 2nd 65
Gen. Howard,

Dear Sir

I see by
The papers that you have
taken charge of the Freedmen
I have thought you would
find it laborious and that
perhaps I might be of some
service to you if you want
a bold earnest handworking
man to assist you in any
capacity let me know and
I am at your service and
believe I can give satisfaction
better than ^{one} wholly unacquainted
with their character and wants,
~~Write~~ me anyway it will
afford me a good deal of pride
and pleasure to receive a few
line from so brave a man

and one so earnest for
welfare of the black man
You have a big field for
labor and if I was able
would offer my services to
you for nothing but as
I am not I shall need
some position that will
pay my expenses would
prefer some position in
Ala, but I will make no
choise I remain as ever your
friend & well wisher

John R. Hotelling
Late of Logan's Staff

By dictation of
Gladys

Rockelle

Ogle Co
Ill

Camp near Washington
June 2nd 1865

May I send Howard.

My dear Sir.

Pardon
me for trespassing upon your
time by sending you this note.
My object is to say, that, I
am ordered to make ready
my regt to start for Louisiana
Ky. And shall probably go ~~in~~
in a few days. As I suggested
to you once before, I should
be pleased to ~~have~~ ^{be} ~~seen~~ ^{de-}

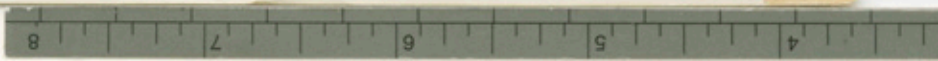
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tailed into your system
provided you considered **it**
practicable; and the prospect
of an early departure from
this system which would
probably render such detail
wholly impracticable, or
at least improbable, has
prompted me to send this note.
- With my best wishes for
a continuance of your
success. I have the hon-
or to be

very respectfully
Yours Affly Servt
E. A. Powers,
Lt Col 55th Regt.

Camp near
Washington D.C.
June 2^d 1865

E. H. Porcher

Lieut Col 55th O. V. I.

Applies to be detailed
into Freedmen's Bureau.

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Print & record

Rec Bureau O. V. I. June 2^d 1865

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H. Gr. Cavalry Capt, M.D.M.

Macm, Ga. June 2nd 1865.

General, I desire to introduce
to your acquaintance, and to
commend to your kind attention
Col. O.H. LaGrange, 1st Vice. Com-
-manding Officer of
the 2nd Brig. of all Col. Cook's divi-
-ion. The Colonel can give you
much valuable information in
regard to the Condition and
feeling of the people, in Georgia.
and

and will express my views in
regard to the Freedmen.

With Great respect
I am Very Truly y^rm

Friend and
Obedient Servant,
J. H. Wilson
Br. Maj. Genl.

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard,

Chief of Freedman's Bureau,
Washington D. C.

[June 2, 1865]

Field Hospital First Division 9 Army Corps.
Major Gen. O. O. Howard &c
General.

I take this ^{method} of bringing to your notice a matter, which has engaged my attention through the suggestion of some of my friends in Massachusetts. It is some special aptness which they think I possess for work among the Freedmen.

I may say that I am by birth a Southern man - but educated at a Northern College - and for ten years was Pastor of the Church in Stockbridge, Mass. My father was President of a College in East Tennessee and is not unknown to President Johnson - His large family of children are still residing in Tennessee. My sisters (two of them) living near the battle field of Stones River and have maintained their loyalty. My father at the disruption of the Presbyterian Church came North because of his conscientious views on Slavery - having always been opposed to the System - and thus escaped the horrors & desolation which the Rebellion has brought upon the State. I have been in the Army as Chaplain of the 37th Mass. V. Inf. since April '64. having been obliged to resign my charge previously on account of dyspepsia. Such are my antecedents & it has been supposed that from my early education & knowledge of the Negroes from my family connexions. My Northern experience

as a Pastor, and my experience in the Army
as a Chaplain. I might be useful in the great
work which you have undertaken in reconstructing
Society in the South.

I am no office-seeker, and I am not
disposed to encroach on your time by a presen-
-tion of any views or claims I may have on your
attention. Should you desire an interview with
me in view of the possibility of needing my services,
I will be happy to wait upon you at such time
and place as you may appoint.

As I am a stranger to you - and ^{you} may
desire references as to Character and qualifications,
I would refer you to Hon John G Goodrich Col
of the Regt of Boston (formerly my parishoner) - Rev
John C. Smith Pastor South West Church Washington
D. C. Brig. Gen. Bartlett, formerly ~~the~~ colonel of my
Regiments. Dr Adams Med. Inspector of the 9th A. C.

I entered the Army to aid in suppressing the
Rebellion. I have been detailed since the battle of the
Wilderness to the Field Hospital of the Pers. Division
9. A. C. And have ministered to thousands of
our wounded Soldiers - and as my Regiment may
soon be mustered out, I am ready to enter any
field, which Providence may open. The sedentary
life of a Pastor may provoke the return of my old

malady - and some post in your department may
furnish me occupation, where I may do something
to repair the wastes and build up ^{the institutions of} our beloved country

Very Respectfully,

Your obedient Servant.

A. H. Dashiell Jr.

Chaplain 5th Mass. Reg.

Field Hosp^l 1st Div. 9. A. C.

Near Georgetown

D. C.

P. S. I would also refer you to the Hon James
Dudley Field of New York.

THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION,
OF PHILADELPHIA,

1009 and 1011 Chestnut Street,

Philadelphia,

1865.

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Leave
must return
from Va. & it
will be absolutely
impossible - for

Dear Sir.

We have the honor to invite you
to be present at a meeting of welcome to be held
at the Academy of Music in this City on Wednesday
Evening June 7th at 7² O'clock P.M.; to welcome the
Delegates to the 10th Annual Convention of Young-
Men's Christian Associations, which will commence
its Sessions that day.

About 300 Delegates from all parts of the United
States and British Provinces will be present.
The wide spread influence of these Associations,
in allaying the Calamities of the past war, will
render this Convention one of special interest,
and coming as it does at the dawn of the bright
era of peace makes it deserving of attention from
our distinguished men.
We hope nothing will prevent you from being
with us on that Evening.

With high esteem

We are
Very Truly Yours.

Wm. O. C. Howard
Washington
D.C.

Geo. H. Stuart
Peter J. Leonard
Thos. W. W. W. W.
Geo. W. W. W.

Philadelphia,

Huntsville Ala ~~July~~ June 3^d 65

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Hon C. C. Howard
of Freedmans Bureau

Sir

Please send me a copy of the
law establishing a "freedmans bureau"
also any instructions or orders relative
thereto which may have been issued
from your office

Respectfully Yours
"Henry Leavitt
Huntsville
Ala."

Manitowish June 3, 1865

Dear Mr. Henry

Asks for circulars
orderable from the
Bureau.

Endorsed by full
of request
Staden

Recd June 11th 1865,

Hq 2^d 1st Div Cavalry
Macon Ga. June 3. 1865

Dear General:

Allow me to Congratulate you upon your appointment to so important a position as that of Superintendent of the Bureau of Freedmen. It is a position where you can do more for Philanthropy, and the Country than any other in the Army. Since our first kind meeting at Cleveland, and that terrible Atlanta Campaign we served through together I have followed your Career, and with pleasure seen how your good sword has won many from Fortune her favors. How I envy you and all the soldiers of Sherman's Army that glorious March to Savannah!

I have just returned from Florida. I suppose you of all others will feel most interested in hearing of the condition of the Country and its people. I received the surrender of some 8000 troops in that State and

found the people acquiesced in the
new order of things with apparent
cheerfulness. When I announced
to the Negroes their freedom, they seemed
to in many instances to think it
meant freedom from all future labor.

The Negro population there you know
far outnumbered the whites, and
while they seemed to fully realize
the change in their status, they did
not appear to feel that any
new responsibilities & cares devolved
upon themselves.

It will require a wide
and firm course to ensure sufficient
labor to gather the coming crop
and I fear very much that

in the hands I left it in, neither
wisdom nor firmness can be looked
for. Only the most energetic and
decided administration of affairs
in that state can prevent untold
suffering on the part of both white
and black. I wish to see you and
have a long talk with you about this.
I am going North provided I get a leave
of absence to marry a young girl
who has waited patiently for me until
the war was over. I am going to take
her to Washington and know that her
pretty face and guileless heart will
make you her friend if you see her.
I wrote this because I thought you ought to
have your attention directed to the Country through
which I have passed.

Very truly Your friend

May be O.D. Howard.

Ed. M. McCook Brig Gen

Adm. McCarline
Macan Geo. 2d

McCook & M. Bury

Letter finally &
admiral

No answer required

Recd July 21st 1864, Macan Geo. 2d

Board of Examination of Quartermasters,

"For the District comprising the Departments of Tennessee,
Cumberland and Ohio."Louisville Ky. June 3^d 1865.

My Dear Sir.

Since the Armies split, last fall near Gaylesville Alabama. the old Corps, (Fourth) which you commanded a year ago. Has moved hither & thither Auxiliary, I suppose, to the main design, fighting well, towards the close of the year, and since then marching and changing stations often. Finally I believe it is to come here to Louisville to be paid & mustered out, along with two other Corps, which you have also commanded.

I shall go back to the practice of law.. and strongly meditate

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settling South. After finishing
my duty as a member of
the Examining Board (upon
which I have been since March)
I want to make an actual
observation of some parts of
Georgia and Alabama, in
view of a suitable place.

It occurred to me to ask
you whether any services
could be rendered by me
in the way of communicating
information relative to the
matters which you have
in Charge, - or of doing
anything else, in the advancement
of the public policy towards
the Freedmen.

The status of this class
becomes one of the great
questions to be settled.

Without presuming to have

opinions worth mentioning
I am for giving them Citizen-
ship and privileges as fast
as earned by industry, good
behavior and intelligence under
the most favorable conditions
that can be given them.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
H. Hayes.
Lt Col. C. W. Westlake

Maj Genl O. O. Howard
Freedmens Bureau,
Washington D.C.,

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Brighton, N.Y.

wrote her on date in her
care to see him. O.B.H.
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St. Louis, Mo.
H. A. C.

at the will of the people

New York, 3^d June 1865.

Major General

O. O. Howard.

Bureau of Freedmen, &c.

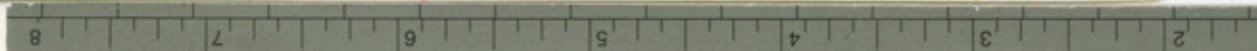
Washington. D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to present to you the bearer, Rev^d J. P. Chown, of Bradford, England, who comes to us highly recommended by friends there, not only for personal qualities & extended influence, but for deep interest in our work.

Mr Chown wishes to obtain information respecting the system inaugurated by you as Head of the Bureau, in order that he may make it known to the British Public on his return, & will be much obliged to you, as shall we, for any facilities which you may extend to him in furtherance of this object.

I remain, Sir,
with much respect & esteem,
Yours servant,
F. M. Geo. Shaw, President.



Augusta June 3 1865
 Gen. O. O. Howard:

Dear Sir:

Allow me to recom-
 mend to you Lieut P. A.
 Gatchell of the 1st Maine
 Heavy Art., as a most worthy
 young man, who has
 been promoted for his
 brave deeds. He is an elegant
 penman, and should
 you require a man of
 clubby habits, a man of
 honor and good marks,
 trust-worthy and correct
 in business and in life,
 you will find such an
 one in Lieut Gatchell.

He is a resident of Lincoln
 in Penobscot County.
 He was pursuing his college
 course when the war
 broke out and left

the College for the army.

I know him well and have the fullest confidence in his ability, probity, and moral worth. He would like employment in some place in your Bureau, and I trust that you will find it convenient to give him a place.

Lieut. Gatchell, while a Sergeant of Infantry was on duty in this city as a clerk in the office of Major Gardiner and won approbation for his intelligence and devotion to business.

I do not deem it necessary to make to you an argument in favor of employment being given to those patriotic & capable young men who have been actively

engaged in the service of
their country, in the battle
field. You understand
all that & the whole country
cannot fail before
long in all places to
act accordingly.

I feel that in this regard
I am equally serving
both yourself and Sir
Gatell.

Yours truly with prayers
I wish for your success.

John S. Gaywood.

Maj Gen O. O. Howard
Frederick's Bureau
Washington
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Augusta June 3. 1865

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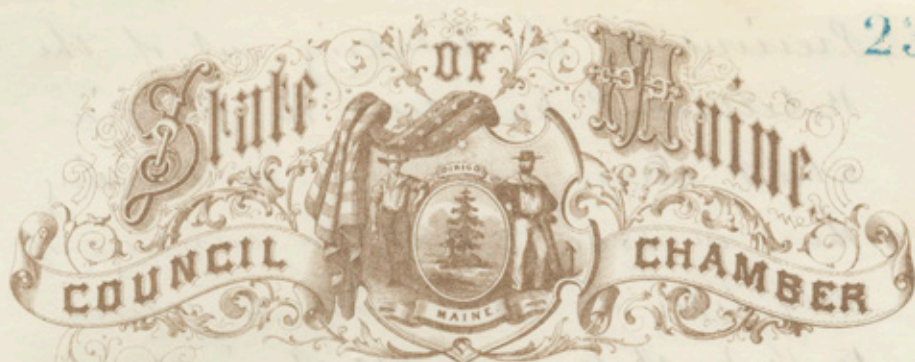
~~My dear Sir~~
Worthy ~~Mr~~ ^{position}
in Freedmen's Bureau.

Madam Anne

I have always been
near from Maine
in my early days
in the year 24th
was from no
more. &c

the nice type

Same 7th 1865 Reed.



Augusta June 5 1865

Maj. Gen. W. W. Howard

(Dear Sir,

I wish
for something to do in the cause
of the Freedmen and if you have
a situation that I can fill to your
acceptance should be very glad
of it.

You will probably remember me
as a Monmouth boy and a graduate
of Bowdoin College. The most of my
life since 1845 has been passed in
teaching High Schools and Academies
in Maine. I have been a member of
the State Board of Education and think
I have a tolerable acquaintance with
the wants and ways of children.

Student wants

have no place
Wm J Carr

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Previous to the breaking out of the
Rebellion I had been in Georgia
about three years and in leaving
there in 1860 I lost the earnings of
my life, I would like to return
to that state and assist in some
capacity in the education of the
black children, I think my heart
is in the work and I believe I can
bring to your notice satisfactory
certificates of fitness for the situa-
tion, I do not know what has been
done or is doing in this direction,
but I would like the privilege of
submitting my testimonials for
your consideration.

If there is anything for me to do,
a line addressed to me at Houlton
Maine will be promptly attended to,
and if there is not I shall be
content.

Very truly yours
Milton Welch,

24th Wis. Vol. Inf. 1st Brigade 2nd Div. 4th H. Nashville, Tennessee.
 Major General O. O. Howard, U. S. V.
 General June 5th 1865

The people of Wisconsin purpose to erect a permanent "Soldiers' Home" for the benefit of disabled soldiers. In furtherance of which the State has appropriated Five thousand dollars (\$5000.) and in obedience to a proclamation from Gov^r Lewis a State Fair is to be held at Milwaukee commencing June 28th Inst^t to raise funds for the same. The "Home" Committee having appealed to the several Wis. Regts. in the field to contribute "Trophies" &c. I have undertaken in behalf of the 24th Wis. V. I. to procure an autograph letter from each of the distinguished Generals under whom we have had the honor of serving, who, so far have responded in a most gratifying manner. Presuming that you have not forgotten the 24th Wis. as a portion of those gallant heroes whom you so nobly led on the "Atlanta" campaign, and also that you heartily sympathize with the benevolent object in view, I most respectfully request of you General, an autograph letter to my address Milwaukee Wis. in aid of our "Soldiers' Home" Fair.

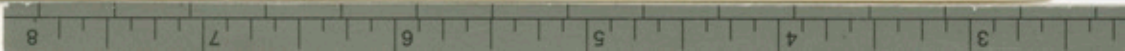
I have the honor to subscribe myself General,

Your Obedient Servant

John P. Roe Chaplain 24th Wis. V. I.

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Headquarters, Twentieth Army Corps,

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OFFICE CHIEF COMMISSARY,

Washington D.C. June 5th 1865.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Commissioner of Bureau
of Freedmen &c. &c.
General -

I am informed
that considerable numbers of Officers
of the various departments and
arms of the service are being
detailed for duty in your Bureau

I had thought to leave the
service whenever this corps organ-
ization should be discontinued,
but if I can be ordered to report
to you I will cheerfully work on
in whatever capacity you may
find me most useful

I am with great respect
Your obedient servant
W. B. Kilgore
Capt. U. S. A.

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON, D.C.

1882

My Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.

in relation to the matter of the

land in question.

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Washington.
June 6th

Major General Howard,
Sir,

Since I had the pleasure of seeing you some three weeks since, I have received an appointment to a clerkship in the Treasury at the salary of \$80.00 per month. I find however that that salary will not pay for the board and washing of my child, and myself, and unless I can obtain from other means of support, I shall be obliged to resign the clerkship, and try to live at home on my pension of \$30.00 per month. If I could receive my pension in monthly payments I might be able to make both ends meet; but it is only payable twice a year, in March and September. I write to you in hopes that it may be in your power to give me some writing from your Department, which I could take home with me, and ^{on} mornings and evenings, and which I assure you I should try to do faithfully and well. I am sorry to have trespasses so long on your valuable

But I trust you will take the mat-
ter into consideration, and give me
a favorable answer. May I hope to hear
from you at as early a moment as
possible as all my movements depend
upon your answer. - I am

Yours Respectfully Yours.
Mrs J. B. Richardson.

Major General O. A. Howard,
Commissioner of the
Bureau.

Beaufort, S.C.

June 6th 1865 -

My dear General:

I received your
very kind letter - and I assure you,
your approval of the step I had
taken in accepting my appointment
gave me more pleasure than that
of any other friend would have done.

Not only because I regard your
friendship so highly - but I know
of your former prejudices - and
the working out in your own mind
the true policy of Government in
regard to these people - and overcoming
a prejudice against Color which years
of Education had instilled. Con-
vinces me that thinking men - every-
where, will eventually become of
the same mind, and Officers
of Colored Troops - may feel that their

position is respected. by reasonable
and good men.

Nothing of interest has
transpired in the Department
since the Capture of Gen. Davis.
The old residents are returning to
Beaufort every day. Crest-fallen and
perituit -

You will perhaps feel interested
to know how we are getting on with
our regiment. We have had our
Arms - Springfield Rifles - for two or
three weeks - and the progress of the
men in the Manual is surprising. Our
Battalion Drills are very good also. -
I had the pleasure and honor of
Commanding the regiment on the
occasion of its review by Chief Justice
Chase - a few weeks since, his
daughter was also present.

I am very happy to hear
from Capt. Cole of Col. Edwards Staff who
arrived here yesterday - that you are

Commanding the 15th Corps. - and there are strong probabilities of its being retained in the Army as an organization - for some time at least.

Col. Howard received this morning two brevets - as Col. and Col. of Volunteers. dated the day previous to his appointment as Col. of this regt. - Captains Trice and Gilbreath have also each been brevetted - Majors. Will you think me imbecile and unreasonable.

General. if I ask you for your influence to obtain for me a similar recognition of services? I do not think that I am particularly entitled to it, but I do feel that I have rendered as faithful and constant service as either of these officers. For the time I served with Genl. Howard. I have not received any recognition of services the Order relieving me being simply to relieve me to accept an appointment in

a new Regiment. - Done. doubtless by
Jaggarth without the General's knowledge.

I feel that I am taking a liberty
in bringing these matters before your notice.
but your Honor General, how much such
matters influence a man's life - and the
fact that I am the only Officer of
Genl. Howards personal staff who has
received no recognition of past service
will have its influence among all to whom
I am known. - If I could obtain a
breast as Major - upon my old rank
as Captain it would be of immense
importance to me just now.

Regards for the
examination of Officers desirous of re-
-maining in the Service - are being commenced
in this Dept. and I expect - daily -
to be ordered before the one of which
Brig. Genl. Potter is President.

My friends at home
continue to speak of you in all
their letters.

Trusting that I have not
taken too great liberty in asking your
influence to obtain the long wished for
breast. - I remain, with sincere regards

Your Obedt. Servant
Wm. B. Smith

Forty Barracks Wednesday June 6th 1865

My own Dizzie

I will just write you a few lines this morning to tell you the news about the examination and ask your advice about going before the board. it is ~~convened~~ ^{ordered} by order of Gen. Hooker to ^{Volunteer} examine officers for the regular ^{army} and Col. Wisner was detailed as president with instructions to appoint the other members of the board and he appointed Col. Palmer and a Capt. McLang (a volunteer officer here) and Lieut. Hays of the U.S. Col. W. - says all officers of the U.S. that want to remain in service must be examined now if I go before the board I feel satisfied that W. & P. would not recommend me for a higher position than Lt or Capt. as I think they have some pot to recommend in my place. and the question that arises in my mind is shall I humiliate myself to an examination when their minds are made up before hand I have been examined once and should not object to be again before a board of disinterested officers. What shall I do my Dizzie not go before the board and be run out in a month or so or ~~off~~ and accept a lower appointment. I leave it for you to judge and will do just as you say about it. I think the sea better than a life in this regt - write me as soon as you get this. Lt. P. is very nice, now and thinks he

can dispose of our paper as he thinks fit. our thing
 is certain the samples are all right they will take care
 of their own lot. I am not in a writing humor this
 morning as I will say good by. as you can imagine
 my feelings at the times things are taking with me
 what you think of in much love to mother and take
 care for your self from your own love, Perry

Super Bazarack
 June 14. 1865

Dear J. Perry

Truly
 Yours

A

R. Perry 14. 7. 1865

Southwark Foundry. 28

J. Vaughan, Merrick.

Merrick & Sons.

W. H. Merrick.

John E. Cape.

Philad. June 6. 1865

My dear Otis

I see by the papers that you are to be in Phila on Friday to address a meeting. Please do not let Gen Stewarts detectives get hold of you to the exclusion of your friends - I have the sad task of informing you that Uncle John Vaughan died quite suddenly last night - he had been very sick during the morning but at noon when I was there, was thought to be very much better - he had a relapse however & died about 10 O'c - As you know he was fully prepared for the great change - but to admit that the blow is a most severe one -

We had a very pleasant
visit from Symon Abbott
on Sunday - I think he is
in a fair way of getting
a good organization for
his new enterprise here
as Parker & three or four
other gentlemen will probably
take hold of it -
Hoping to see you & your
wife soon

Yours sincerely
W H Mendenhall

W H Mendenhall & Co.

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145 BROADWAY, N. Y.

E. S. SANFORD, Pres't,

// Dated *Phila* 7 1865.

Rec'd, Washington, *Due* 7 1865, o'clock, min. M.

To *Maffra & Howard*
Cor 2 & 19

Rev Dr Vaughan's funeral
Thursday afternoon
at three at church
of the Covenant family
desirous to have you
present Mrs Howard is
at my house
Winthrop Tappan
25/see 110 1939 Chestnut St

Philadelphia

Handwritten: DIRECT TO ALL STATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

Walter A. ...

The Metropolitan and National Archives

1891

1. The amount of the debt is \$100,000.00.

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4/1/1941 N. H. H.

Cambridge, Mass.

110 BROADWAY, N.Y.

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Dr. Vaughan's funeral

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A horizontal ruler with markings from 5 to 8. The markings are in inches, with major ticks every inch and minor ticks every half inch. The numbers 5, 6, 7, and 8 are visible.

Desires to have Genl,
Howard present at
Rev. Dr. Vaughn's funeral

Adj. Gen. Mil. Div. of the South West
 New Orleans La
 June 7th 1865

Major General O. O. Howard;

General;

In your letter of the 9th of September last, you kindly gave me the privilege of calling upon you as a friend, whenever you could be of service to me.

Major General Sherman has just written a strong letter to the Secretary of War, asking that I may be made a Major in the Signal Corps. There are two vacancies in that grade in our Corps. Since the personal difficulty between Mr. Stanton

and Col Meyer, Mr Stanton
has neglected to fill any
vacancies in the Corps.

I have good reason-
ing believe that Genl
Sheridan's letter will be "pigeon-
holed" unless some one, whom
Mr Stanton might wish to
favor, should ask, basing
his request upon the General's
letter, that the appointment
must be made, in which
case he would do so, not-
withstanding his hostility
to the Signal Corps.

Perhaps you have
acquaintances whose influence
would secure my promo-
tion. Should Mr Stanton
feel so inclined he has
simply to nod his head
and the thing is done.

It is a matter of no con-
sequence to him, but of

considerable importance to me, expecting as you, to remain permanently in the service.

I feel that I have fairly earned my appointment, and had I the good fortune to belong to any other Corps in the Army, this begging letter would be unnecessary.

Unless some influence other than the General's letter will exert, is brought to bear, I shall not get my appointment simply because Mr. Smith is "silly" to the Signal Corps.

Very Respectfully &
Very truly yours

C. R. Howell

Capt. Signal Corps
U.S.A.

I am a poor dependant, having
already presented so many names -
and of this is a difficulty with
but the - the only - the only - that is
little chance of my success in that
quarter.
I will do what I can as ^{when an} opportunity
offers - Sincerely

Wm. H. Howard.

June 7, 1865.

W. H. Howard.

Capt. S. Signal Corps, U.S.A.

Requests assistance
for promotion.

Recd. (Wm. H. Howard) June 17
1865.

Head Quarter Post
 Charlotte N.C. June 7 1865.

General,

Pardon me for troubling
 you amid the manifold duties to
 which you have been called, much
 to my gratification, but I desire
 to say that I have been recom-
 -mended for promotion by General
 Cox & Schofield and to ask your
 aid with the Secretary of War
 if consistent with your sense
 of duty and propriety.

My position of Post Comdr
 brings me in practical contact with
 the great negro question.

My success in dealing with both
Masters and Slaves, has been 35
much greater than I anticipated.
Considering the wonderful transition
which the negro has undergone

A little good sense with a great
deal of patience and firmness
has enabled me to make the
change from Master and Slave to
Employer and Employed, with the good
feeling of both parties.

I shall be in Washington about
the 15th inst.

Respectfully.

Your Obedient Servant
Mina Hamer

Oct. 186th o.v. 3.

Maj. Geo. O. Howard
Washington D.C.

Comd Post

Charlotte N. C.

June 7. 1865.

William Warner,
Col. 180th Ohio Tols.
Candy Post.

Request assistance
for promotion.

Recd. (Ch. R. F. & W. S.) June 12
1865.

New York

June 7, 1867

Dear General

The prompt
reply of your secretary
reached me here,
just as our Committee
had voted to
authorize me to
add to my first
request of you
the additional
favor & benefit
of presiding at
the Temperance
Conventions.

I can imagine
my dear Sir
what your modesty

08
may incline you
to say to this.

But you are
a man of conscience
also; & I am sure
that if you knew
the importance
of our having
a Christian man,
— a man known
& a military man,
in that position,
you could not decline,
if other duties
permitted you to
attend.

Such men as
Dr. Cuyler, Wm.
E. Dodge, Wm. A.

Brother, & my humble
self, feel that
your name &
almost entire
attendance, while
your presidency
w^d. give just the
character we
wish to the whole
thing.

I write in
haste & heat, in
a crumpling-room,
bearing short,
for Grant, - but
hope I have

made my wishes
plain, & the case
clear.

- You will need
a week at San-
ta Fe by that
time - Aug 1st

- your million
protégé, will
be all the better

for it. - At
least so think,

Y^{rs} very truly

J. W. Chickering

Major General,

Charleston June 7th 1865

O. O. Howard,

Washington D.C.

General,

You will please excuse me for taking the liberty in addressing you to day upon a subject of this kind but being assured that you are desirous of seeing justice done to every one I would crave your assistance in this. You will remember in passing through the country where I reside near Midway S.C. you gave me a guard to protect my property, untill your Army had passed & they remained two days & half. They had scarcely left when five men ^(Negs) (Soldiers) entered my house under pretence of searching for arms and took of with them numerous articles. many of which I have labored for years to obtain, articles which I could not do without, particularly in the country. I showed them the letter which you kindly gave me, but they did not pay any attention to it. I will give you a list of the articles taken. and Dear Sir, will you be so kind as to assist me in procuring pay for the same. for I know not what I shall do. I will not be able to obtain the necessaries of life. for you will be kind enough to remember, I told you, that I had been living in

over

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The List of Articles Taken,

One Buggy & horses. They burned the buggy.
A lot of Bacon (200 lbs)

1 doz Silver Spoons,

1 Gold & two Silver Watches,

1 Valuable Music Box

all the Valuable Clothing belonging to us.

I also had five bales of Cotton stored in
Charleston, which has been taken by the
U S State forces. and sent North, will you
be so kind as to see to that also for me
if possible. By attending to this request
Dear Sir you will confer a favour on
a family who really needs the above
assistance and will be received with
lasting gratitude by

Carl & Mary Schubert

Charleston, but knowing that I would have to go in the
 C. Army I endeavored through a friend to get a passport
 for the country for being a staunch Unionist. I was
 determined not to fight against the Union. I am
 truly thankful that I have escaped, but now having
 lost so many things without which I cannot live in the
 country, and to go to the City now I am afraid on
 account of sickness, untill first, therefore my reasons
 for appealing to you trusting that you will endeavor to
 do all that you can for me. My little daughter
 if you recollect who played when requested, on the piano
 ask you to be so kind as to all that you can for her
 father & Mother so that she may be enabled to get her
 education and the name of Genl. O. O. Howard will
 ever be remembered with gratitude by little Anna Schubert
 Yours Obediently
 Carl. Schubert

P.S. Please direct to me care
 of Mr. M. Boyer.
 464 King St
 Charleston S. C.

Charleston S.C.
June 7. 1865.

Scheibert Carl.

Requests assistance
about securing some
property.

Refers to Mr. Aulander
who helped the cotton.

Ans. 21 June.

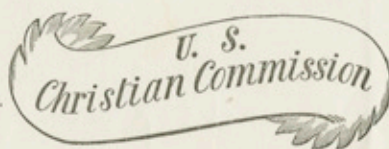
Reed B. F. R. & ab June 24th.

GEO. H. STUART, Chairman, 11 Bank Street.

JOS. PATTERSON, Treasurer, Western Bank.

Rev. LEMUEL MOSS, Home Secretary, 11 Bank Street.

Rev. E. P. SMITH, Field Secretary, 11 Bank Street.



Central Office, 38

No. 11 BANK STREET.

Philadelphia, June 7th 1865.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

Commissioner of Freedmen, &c

General:- Mr. Stuart wishes me

to remind you of your engagement for Friday evening next, - to speak at the Academy of Music, on occasion of the Anniversary of the Ladies Christian Commission. He takes this precaution, lest your numerous & pressing public duties cause you to overlook this more distant service.

The Young Men's Christian Associations ~~of~~ the United States & British Provinces are now represented here in their Annual Convention. It may be practicable for you, as it will be greatly for their gratification & advantage, to remain in our city long enough to visit & address them.

Further, I am requested to suggest, that in your address on Friday evening, - inasmuch as the special work of the U. S. Chm Commission is drawing to a close, - you may be able to say a word that will more deeply interest the ladies & others in the noble work among the Freedmen.

Mr. Stuart expects you for his guest during your stay in the city, - & is holding in reserve accommodations for yourself & Mrs. Howard.

Very Truly Yrs. Lemuel Moss, Home Secy.

Please telegraph us, on receipt of this, in what train we may expect you, - tomorrow if practicable.

Stuart, Geo. H.,

Friendly letter.

For Phil. Star.
at 11. All. Linn. Amm.
is not here. Buy Argo
provisional to stay
with Mr. Wm. M. Wick.

Recd Wash. D. C. 8. 1865.