

Boston June, 24/63.

My dear Brother

I was glad to get your note & the enclosed "orders" giving me some idea of your ~~work~~ - I will remain here till next Monday & then return to Maine hoping to meet Ella in Portland where our State Conference is to be next week. I hope you will have a very good time at Gettysburg and not get sick under your great pressure of work. I hope you will be home about Commencement time as Nellie will be here then.

John Sewall says your Class holds its 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year - Dr. Chickering wants you to preside at



a Convention to promote Temperance at Lacatoga some time & pressed me to write you about it - I am enjoying this great meeting of earnest Christians much very much & wish you could sit quietly and take in their thoughts with me:

Mr. J. L. Schick will be most happy to see you at Gettysburg -

May God help you day by day to do wisely & righteously  
all be laze upon you

Yours aff. Brother  
Kendall

Bro. Frank sends a great deal of love and is most happy to supply you with the articles you mention - He had forgotten them & feels glad that they are useful



Port Richmond, Staten Island N.Y.

June 20<sup>th</sup> 1865. 107

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard. 107

Dear Sir.

Ex. Gov. Colburn of  
Maine is a friend of mine.  
I have repeatedly seen and  
heard you at Skowhegan. This  
is now my permanent resi-  
dence. I formerly carried on a  
plantation with slaves in  
the South. A volume mailed  
herewith to your address will  
attest my position.

I write simply to call  
your attention to an article in  
the "Macon Telegraph" of May 30<sup>th</sup>  
reprinted in the New York Times  
semi-weekly, June 13<sup>th</sup> - 65. If I have  
not lost my former acquaint-  
-ance with Southern ideas,  
it discloses a plan susceptible  
of immediate and universal  
application, characterized by  
all that infernal sagacity



Fort Robinson, State Prison W. V.  
June 20th 1862

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Wm. J. C. Johnson.

Dear Sir,

St. Joe. Prison of  
Maine is a friend of mine.  
I have repeatedly seen and  
heard you at St. Joe. Prison. This  
is now my permanent home  
here. I am now engaged in  
a translation with others in  
the State. A volume of  
reports to your address will  
attend my father.  
I write simply to tell  
you about the one article in  
the "Maine Telegraph" of May 1862  
reprinted in the New York Times  
and dated June 1862. It has  
not lost my former acquaintance  
and with further views  
it shows a far more  
of our merit and our  
affection. I am  
all that is true and



for which the "master class" <sup>(2)</sup>  
are proverbial, for the 108,  
practical reinstatement  
of the blacks, and the  
practical restoration of the  
old order of things.

The premises occupied are  
two. First - the making and  
administration of local law  
will soon be back in Southern  
hands. Second - "The theory of Rep-  
-ublican democracy, is now inter-  
-vention with trade, labor and  
domestic economy +++ It keeps  
out of the kitchen and the  
meal-tub +++."

The principle to be put in action  
on these premises is that by  
which "apprentices" and coolies  
are fatally and irremediably  
enslaved in the West Indies - viz:  
- piling up charges for food  
and cloathing and medical  
attendance, which charges, under  
the master's administration of  
law, their victims can liquidate  
to the tenth generation.

To meet this plot I would



for which the "master class"  
are provided, for the  
practical demonstration  
of the theory, and the  
practical demonstration of the  
old order of things.  
The business occupations are  
two. First - the marketing and  
administration of food and  
will cover the book in ~~business~~  
book. Second - "The theory of the  
business theory, is necessary  
- action with that, labor and  
business theory, is necessary  
out of the history and the  
great but + + +."  
The principle to be put in action  
on these premises is that of  
which "affirmative" and "negative"  
are partly and immediately  
involved in the history of  
- fixing up changes for food  
and clothing and medicine  
otherwise, which changes, now  
the market administration of  
how, this system can be applied  
to the best generation.  
To meet this fact of business



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suggest that every five hundred<sup>3</sup>  
or thousand negro families,  
being registered, have a govern-  
ment supervisor whose  
expenses and salary should  
be paid by a pittance from  
the earnings of each family,  
who should have from the  
War Department, power to annul  
all oppressive contracts and  
exorbitant charges. The  
negroes would fall into this  
arrangement spontaneously.  
Their would-be masters will  
fight against it with all the  
sagacity and force to be worked  
up this side of Perdition.

But one word more. Unless  
by confiscation or some other  
process, the large landed estates  
in the south are broken up  
and made attainable by the  
actual cultivators of the soil,  
the Despotism that has ruled  
that section with a rod of iron  
in the past, will be measurably  
restored. Yours respectfully  
J. D. Goodwin.







War Department,  
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Washington D.C. June 21<sup>st</sup>, 1865.

My dear lady,

Your kind letter and present came in good time but I am grandly wearing the coat. Sam and I both understand the process exactly of putting it on. Tell Mamma I am not quite so hard pressed with business as I was when she was here. That I find the house very cool this hot weather: the repairs are white washing and painting and I am having the gas pipe in my room mended. We have a goat now and I am having the hay made so as to put it in the barn. The ground looks better since it was mowed. My creation is written for Hettysburg but I am afraid I shall not get it committed. Give much love to Mamma & all the children.

May God bless & keep you all is papa's prayer  
affectionately  
W. A. Brown







Natick, June, 21<sup>st</sup>, 1865.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir,

Major  
Thomas H. Danham of the  
11<sup>th</sup> Regt M I - desires a position  
in your Bureau. He is represented  
to me to be a good officer in  
all respects worthy of entire confi-  
dence.

Yours Truly  
H. Wilson



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June 21.

Dear Genl.

I arrived at home  
safely yesterday evening. Will be  
in Racine until the latter part  
of this week, when I leave on  
my inspection tour via St. Louis.

The weather is delightful  
and I am having a good time among  
my friends.

Please say to Mrs. M-  
that I left the Colonel in Chicago  
and that he was well in health.



becoming very unpopular on account of  
his associations with a class of  
politicians in Chicago who have ever been  
bitterly opposed to the Administration.

Genl. Sherman told me that it was  
very probable that the Ulster troops of  
14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Corps would be mustered  
out of the service soon. If my regiment  
should be mustered out of service before  
I get back to Washington, could you not  
in some way manage to have me retained  
in the service for a time, I would like  
very much to remain in the army until  
I can make arrangements about going  
into business - that is - if you think  
I can be of any service to you and am



Spirits - thought he should be  
in Washington in ten days,

I met Genl. Sherman  
W. lady at the Tremont House in  
Chicago, & had a pleasant meet-  
ing with them, I told Genl. I would  
enough to be remembered to you.  
When I wrote - said he should  
write to you soon,

I am fearful that Genl.  
S. is injuring his reputation by  
the course he has pursued since  
coming West. He has written &  
said too much already, & he is



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worthy of it,

sent.

I talked with Genl. Hamlin  
about it the day I left it - and  
he said Genl. Grant would attend  
to <sup>the matter</sup> without any doubt if you  
desired it.

I will write you fully  
from St. Louis & all points along  
the Miss.

Remember me kindly to  
Mrs. Markland & all members  
of the staff. I have the honor to be

Racine

Very Respectfully & Truly

Yours.

Wisconsin  
June 21, 1865

Wm. O. Shor  
Capt. Genl. etc.

Wm. O. O. Howard  
Comr. Insur of Regt. etc.



Major General Howard  
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands.

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Mrs. Bethune acknowledges receipt of Permit and begs leave to return her thanks to General Howard for his prompt and kind attention to her application; at the same time she desires to call his attention to the omission of permission, for her Daughter, Josephine Bethune, aged about Fifteen to accompany her -

On applying to Colonel McKim, Mrs. Bethune was referred to Captain Bowman, who did not feel authorized to make any addition to the Permit for transportation; and recommended Mrs. B. to renew her application, including her Daughter.

The advanced Season renders it dangerous for Absentees to return to Florida, and Mrs. Bethune prays that the indulgence of Transportation



John General Governor  
of Virginia, Richmond

My dear Sir,  
I have the honor to acknowledge  
the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.  
and in reply to inform you that the  
same has been forwarded to the  
proper authorities for their consideration.  
I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
J. M. Smith

I am happy to inform you that  
the same has been forwarded to the  
proper authorities for their consideration.  
I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
J. M. Smith

The enclosed letter is for the  
Governor of Virginia, and is  
to be forwarded to him by the  
next opportunity.



may be extended to her until the severe heat  
will have abated -

W. S. Bethune offers her expression of regret  
for repeated intrusion, and reiterates her thanks  
for acquiescence to her wishes.

June 21<sup>st</sup> 1865.

1629. Spruce Street,  
Philadelphia



Phila. Pa

Bethany Mrs.

Reginald Whare  
Hampshire's son  
her daughter is  
a private nurse  
the same name  
is now

Anna

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Recd. 13 Jan 1866

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for a private nurse and for the friends of the  
for a private nurse and for the friends of the

Jan 13 1866

1029. Spring Street  
Phila. Pa



Private - Excuse haste  
and blots

Augusta

21 June 1865.

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Dear General

unfilled If you have  
any place connected with  
your Bureau requiring  
a man of brains and  
great practical resources

let me say that you will  
find him in Lt. Col. General  
Alexander Cummings now  
com of Camp Cadwallader  
near Philadelphia -

You can find out all  
about him by inquiring  
of the Secy of War  
or Gen. Townsend -  
I drop you this hint



I do not pretend to know  
~~whether~~, whether he would be  
willing to accept a post  
in your Bureau — I merely  
direct yr attention <sup>to him</sup> as a  
man of great ability — and  
large capacity for administrative  
duty.

In snail haste  
Always yr friend

J. G. Howe

Wm E. Howard



for your official benefit  
but I do not want  
you to act on it without  
consulting others - I  
much feel interested in  
your securing capable  
assistants in your  
great work -

You need not quote  
me to any one as  
making the recommendation  
- for I want you to get  
your decisive information  
from other quarters  
if you conclude to  
call for Gen. Cummings.



Augusta June 21<sup>st</sup> 1865.

Blaine, J. L.

New B.

Recommends Ben  
Hummings as  
an officer well  
fitted for some  
position in the  
Bureau.

Recd June 25. 1865. Wash. D. C.



Pittsfield, Berkshire Co. Mass.  
June 21. 1865.

General.

I am 37 yrs of age - have wife and three children - was born and reared among the Quakers of Philadelphia - admitted to the bar (Rochester N. Y.) Sept. 1850 - entered the ministry (M. E. Church) June 1852 - enlisted into the 49<sup>th</sup> Regt Mass. Inf., August 1862 - mustered out with the regt, Sep. 1. 1863 - (it was a nine months regiment, but the exigencies of the Siege of Fort Hudson made it a one-year's regt) - re-enlisted into the 61st Mass. Inf., as private and was duly promoted to 2<sup>nd</sup> & 1st Lieut respectively - mustered out with the same, June 4. 1865 in pursuance of Gen. Or. No. 26 N. & D. A. of P. dated May 17. 1865.

I have the honor to apply to you for a place in the work over which you have command. I do it reluctantly. My Anti-Slavery convictions led me into the army. In the 49<sup>th</sup> Mass. Inf., I was Q. M. clerk, a position which honorably exonerated me from the dangers of the field, but those convictions led me to take part in every forlorn hope, battle and skirmish, in which my comrades engaged. The war over, I hoped to remain with, and train up my little ones. If you can give me a position that will enable me to be with my family and that will comfortably support us, duty



will lead to a prompt acceptance thereof. If you give me, or  
the duties of which will require my separation from my  
family - I will know not what to do. I have been much  
troubled on the subject. The future of the freedmen and the future  
of our country awakens much of my anxiety. I feel that I  
could be useful in your department. I don't want to leave my  
family, am doubtful if I ought to. Thus troubled, I have  
determined to lay the matter before you, almost concluding  
to consider your decision as the voice of Providence to me.

I would prefer to serve as a civilian, for duty, never  
inclination, transformed me into the private, the officer. As the  
latter, I was mainly engaged as Judge-Advocate, but was per-  
mited to be with my regt (61st Mass. Vols.) before Petersburg, April  
2. 1865, in the one battle of their history. For the services of that  
day, I was recommended for Brevet promotion. That recom-  
mendation passed through Brigade Hq. I. I have heard nothing  
of it since.

If I could get a position in Kentucky, Tennessee or Missouri,  
I should seriously think of settling there. Climate would better  
suit my health. Civil and military recommendations, of the  
very best, I can furnish you. I know I am a good business man,  
and my friends give me credit for executive energy. Excuse the  
apparent egotism - it is but apparent. I enclose pamphlet, not  
a specimen of my mind, but that you may know me better, and



know that I am not now assuming views that I might  
reasonably presume to harmonize with those of the Chief of  
the Freedman's Bureau.

Hoping to receive an early reply, I remain  
Major General O. W. Howard      Very Respectfully  
Chief of Freedman's Bureau.      Your Obedt Servt  
Washington D. C.      Henry T. Johns

1st Lieut 61st Mass. Inf.



Chapin's Mass  
June 24/65

Johns H.S.

Services are appointments

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Recd By R F XAL 23<sup>rd</sup> June.



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Washington D. C.  
June 21 1865

My dear General:

Permit me to introduce to you my friend Col Stewart, who, as the agent of Jay Cooke, has recently been in the Southern States.

He has taken great interest in the condition of the Freedmen in the States he has visited, & can, I doubt not give you valuable information.

I have taken great interest in his statements, from the fact that Col. Stewart has been a slaveholder



& has lived all his life  
amidst the institution of  
Slavery, & cannot, therefore,  
be considered a witness  
prejudiced in favor of the  
Negro.

The Colonel is a lawyer  
by profession, has been  
in the Maryland Legislature,  
& was a member of the  
Convention which framed  
the Constitution of California.

I have been surprised  
& gratified by the accounts  
he gives of the conduct &  
capacity of the Negro.

I am, General



Very truly Yours

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John C. Caldwell  
M.D.

May, Gen. D. C. Howard  
Commissioner of Freedmen's Bureau



Washington  
June 21, 1865

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Baldwell, J. G.  
Brig. Genl.

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Introduces Col.  
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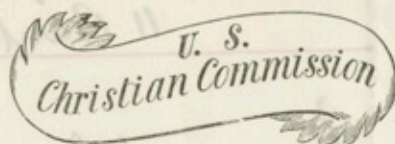
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Recd June 22, 1865



GEO. H. STUART, *Chairman*, 11 Bank St.  
JOS. PATTERSON, *Treas.*, Western Bank.  
REV. W. E. BOARDMAN, *Sec'y*, 11 Bank St.  
REV. L. MOSS, *Sec'y* Home Organization.  
REV. BERNICE D. AMES, *Sec'y* Field Organization.



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CENTRAL OFFICE,  
11 BANK STREET,

Philadelphia, June 21. 1865.

Major General  
O. O. Howard  
Commissioner  
General.

I have seen a few of the leading men interested for Freedmen and other south. Not enough to decide the question of a union of all. Enough however to confirm my faith in the practicability of effecting it. All think highly of it. None as yet see insurmountable obstacles in the way.

Yesterday I was seized by slight illness and enjoined by my physician to keep entirely quiet at home for a short time. This stops me, but I hope very soon to have the Dr's consent to a trip to New York and if need be to Boston, which must I think decide the feasibility of our plan.

May God bless you and give you health strength wisdom and grace for the great work before you

Very respectfully and truly Yours

W. E. Boardman

P.S. My address for the present is 425 South Broad Street.



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CENTRAL OFFICE,  
11 BANK STREET.

Phila June 21,  
11 Bank St.

Boardman W.E.  
Sey Church comm.

Thanks a Union of Commission  
can be effected.

Recd Bureau of R. Frab June 22<sup>nd</sup>



Writin<sup>g</sup>, June, 21<sup>st</sup>, 1865.

My. Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir,

I am told that Mr James has or will recommend the Rev Mr Fiske now at Morehead City as head of the Schools in North Carolina. I write to say that Mr Fiske had one of the best schools for boys in this state and is regarded as a most able teacher. I have known him for many years and know him to be a good and true man.

Yours truly  
H. Wilson







## War Department,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

D. Smith June 22 1865

General

I have the honor to report my Military affairs in Missouri closed and off my hands.

I shall give a brief look at Freedmen Affairs in Smithville and reach Nashville on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> inst.

I am pained to hear of the accident to Col. Osborne. If it meets your pleasure I will undertake Alabama in connection with Ky and Tenn until the Colonel recovers from his injuries.



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June 22nd 1892

I have the honor to  
acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst.  
in relation to the matter of the  
University of Chicago. I am  
pleased to hear that you are  
interested in the work of the  
University and in the progress of  
the various departments.

I am sure that you will find the  
University of Chicago to be a place  
where the highest quality of  
teaching and research is maintained.  
The University is proud to have  
such a distinguished visitor and  
trusts that you will find the  
work of the University to be of  
great interest and value.



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I congratulate you upon  
the L.L.D.

Very Respectfully  
Your Obedt. Servant

Clinton B. Fisk  
Agent

Maj Genl O. O. Howard  
Freedmen Bureau  
Washington  
D. C.



St Louis Mo.  
12 June

Franklin C.B.

Final letter to

Recd Apr 19th 25/10/18



# The Democrat.

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 22, 1865.

The latest expressions of the English press upon American affairs will be found on our third page this morning.

## GENERAL SHERMAN'S REPORT.

We publish this morning an advanced copy of General Sherman's official report of his expedition of Atlanta to

## Correction--The Degree of LL. D. Conferred upon Major General Howard.

By a typographical error, our correspondent from Shurtleff College was made to say in our issue of the 20th inst., "the degree of D. D. was conferred upon Rev. G. S. Bailey, of Ill., and Major General Sam. Graves, of Conn. The degree of LL. D. was conferred upon Oliver Howard."

Sam. Graves is a clergyman, and pastor of a Baptist church at Norwich, Conn. The Major General who has thus received the highest honor in the gift of one of the best of American colleges, is Oliver O. Howard, Commissioner of the Bureau of Freedmen, Refugees, and Abandoned Lands. It is rare indeed that honors of this kind are more worthily bestowed. Gen. Howard was graduated first from Bowdoin College and afterward from the military academy at West Point. He was for some time instructor in mathematics at West Point, at which time he also prosecuted a liberal course of study in sacred theology. In literature, science, christian theology, and the art of war, Gen. Howard, though yet young, stands among the first of the public men of our nation. Shurtleff College has honored itself in placing the laurel upon the head of Oliver O. Howard.



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Philadelphia June 22nd 1865

Sir I have just received your letter  
of June 21st 1865. enclosing an order  
for ~~transport~~ passage for me my wife and  
brother from Philadelphia to Georgetown  
South Carolina - We are a thousand  
times obliged to you for your kindness  
and assure you that we will always  
remain faithful to the old flag  
and loyal to our country.

With respect

yours &c

Thomas Wingate



Phila Pa

June 22<sup>nd</sup> 61-

Friend

Letter of Thanks

Recd Bq & Mx 25th June.



trip to Washington with much  
pleasure. I want to see  
you all very much &  
I believe little Nancy as much  
as any. Give much love  
and accept of a letter  
from your loving  
husband  
Otis

Washington D.C. Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> 1865

Dear,

Your welcome letter of the  
18<sup>th</sup> I have just received. It is so  
cool and pleasant here now, that  
I wonder whether it will last. But  
thankland kindly interest & then  
it is quite lovely & I look for  
letters with much solicitude. I  
wonder if you are ever worried because  
you do not get letters? I will enclose  
you Susan's letter. My duties are  
not very hard, but require attending  
to. Harry Stinson has gone up to  
London Lee. Va. I am afraid he is not  
strong, coughs much at night, never  
complains, wants to do much work  
as much as any body. Gladie is  
a little unwell today, but a little  
better. Will write to Mother & Margaret



me all well. We have a very pleasant  
mess and I really wish you &  
the children were here to  
enjoy it. I want the children  
to play with out of hours.  
I think the ladies of Washington  
do just as they please with just  
as much respect or little as they  
like. I had a telegram from  
Genl. Whittier to day from  
Verdugo. A letter from Howard  
from Boston and one from  
Willie from Richmond Ind.  
Also letters from Uncle Henry &  
Maddie. I am giving you  
an after dinner letter. That is  
writing without much thought  
or labor. I sent Guy a short  
answer to his letter and my  
photograph. I had a long  
friendly from Mrs W. Wright  
and when you hear him. Mrs  
Abel Genl. Ward. He accepts the

present state of things on the Divine  
Appointment and writes me  
affectionately. wants to know  
what will be done with  
him. He is a well educated  
& steady child. Sends kind  
remembrances to you. Col.  
Osborne went with a sum-  
mer N.Y. accident. was tipped  
over breaking his arm off  
near the shoulder after he had  
started back from a short leave  
of absence. I am very sorry  
for him. You know he broke  
his leg just above the ankle  
on a Government N.Y. train  
between Atlanta & Nashville  
when he was on his way home  
on a leave of absence. Doubt  
he has had luck. I wish  
him he must give his health  
wholly to his Master. I suppose  
you & Grace are anticipating their



Western Sanitary Commission,

No. 10 NORTH FIFTH STREET.

St. Louis, June 22<sup>nd</sup> - 1865

Major Genl O O Howard  
Washington City.  
Dear Sir.

Enclosed you will find a draft of a Circular for the Freedmen's Memorial. You will perceive we require the approval of the President of the United States, Secretary of War. Phil Grant and Yourself. I enclose a copy of Certificate of approval, which you will oblige provided you think favorably of the movement, by procuring the required Certificate. Have just



Received two additional  
subscriptions. this has all  
been done without  
solicitation. I wrote  
you on yesterday.

Very respectfully  
Yours  
James E. Keenan

Rec<sup>d</sup> June 28<sup>th</sup> 1865



Norfolk 6-26-1865

To Genl. W. O. Howard -

Thy kindness  
in our brief interview in this  
City encourage me in asking  
thy attention to a subject that  
has claimed my most earnest  
thoughts for many months past  
- the Separated Families of Freedmen

Their strong natural affection  
is no mere figment of mother's  
sympathy. In my missionary  
labors among them I have seen  
such deep and lasting sorrow  
from these forced partings as  
cause them to be generally spoken  
of as the one great trial of life;  
and most intense happiness  
I have witnessed too in the  
many reunions effected since  
the fall of Richmond.

Each Sabbath little papers of



touching interest are read in  
their Churches inquiring  
for the best - but this resource  
is in most cases hopeless.

Such a work to be thorough  
must be national - and would  
it not seem the plain duty  
of our Country in putting away  
the sin of Slavery to find a  
remedy for one of its greatest  
wrongs - I have waited anx-  
iously for the right time to  
move, and have watched with  
thankful heart the opening  
doors - in the recovery of the  
entire Slave territory - the  
establishment of the new  
Bureau - the appointment of  
a Christian as its head -  
and now the Census of the  
race which I am told is on  
the point of being taken



The latter fact removes an obstacle which has almost appalled me as I have pondered various plans by night and day - The enormous expense of the undertaking, to which I fear neither our Government nor the various Associations would respond - It may be that this subject has already claimed the attention of this Bureau - but shall I suggest the plan that has occurred to me? The Census Agents might be required to insert in their Books (or separate Books would be better) the following items -

- 1 Former owners in order of time
- 2 Residence of each of these owners <sup>or Children</sup>
- 3 Names of Parents (if separated)
- 4 Name of wife or husband (do)
- 5 Their owners and residence at time of sale

6. Approximate date of separation  
by would be a very great help  
but that I know from experience  
to be usually so inaccurate as  
only to mislead. Then indices  
of the Owners names - the chief  
clue - could be prepared - one  
for each State so that there would  
be a Virginia Book, a Georgia  
Book etc. This would save  
an enormous amount of labor  
in searching the whole.

I have just been consulting  
with my friend Major Cairney  
(for some time the Gen. Supt.  
of Negro Affairs in this State)  
and while I have been writing  
this he has sent me a more  
elaborate form which I will  
enclose. The Returns once  
in the Office - official notice  
of readiness for applications  
could be spread through the Country



and simple Blanks could be furnished to all Agents. Teachers &c for the use of those asking information - and calling for all the information on record of both parties. These Blanks with any additional clue that could be found should be sent to the Office and thence to the neighborhood where the other party is traced for identification and the answer transmitted through the Office to the first enquirer.

Allowing for many failures if a few thousand could thus be recruited or put in communication by letter would not the effort be amply rewarded. No doubt there are difficulties in the work; but surely a

Special blessing might be  
expected. to crown with success  
such an act of justice & mercy.  
Many prayers have already  
asked for such a blessing;  
and now with full  
confidence in Thy judgment  
& Christian sympathy I  
commend to Thy thought  
and care. this great sorrow  
of the Slave.

All that I can offer, whether  
time or strength. My little  
influence with those who  
have more influence. or  
whatever else I may possess  
is solemnly pledged to  
this work.

Very truly thy friend  
Sarah P. Smiley

Genl. O. O. Howard.



Palmouth, Va.

June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1865.

Major General C. C. Harvard.

Chief of Bureau Freedmen's Affairs.

General,

As the last act of  
my military official life - for I leave for  
the North tomorrow, to being mustered  
out. I desire to recommend to your favorable  
consideration for employment in the manage-  
ment of Negro Affairs in this State, Captain  
C. B. Wilder, A. S. M., lately Superintendent  
of the Peninsular District.

I was Presiding of-  
ficer of the Court before which Capt Wilder  
was tried, a few weeks ago, for malfeasance  
in office & other aggravated charges. After



a protective trust sitting inquiry into  
the charges, Capt Wilder was honorably  
acquitted, there not being a particle of  
evidence affecting his management as an  
officer, or his character as an honorable  
man - In fact so thoroughly was he in-  
dicated, that several members of the Court  
expressed their indignation that a man of  
his advanced years, high standing in society,  
heroic, exemplary character should have  
been subjected to a prosecution, which in  
their judgment, could have been avoided  
if the affairs under his control had been  
examined with, dispassionately, by an officer  
who had the necessary time to devote to the  
inquiry -

Capt Wilder is an entire stranger  
to me, but I entertain the belief that some



reputation is due to him for the effort made  
 to destroy his reputation & because that it  
 will be to the interest of the Government  
 to employ a man, who produced so pure a  
 record.

Respy Henry Jones  
 Charles K. Graham  
 Br. Maj. Genl -

Portsmouth Va.  
June 22. 1865.

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Graham Charles K.

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Recommendation  
of Capt. G. B. Wilder  
&c.

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Dated

June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1865.

Rec'd, Washington, June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1865, o'clock, min. M.

To Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard  
Freemans Bar

Can I see you at  
Your office tomorrow  
answer.

J. R. Shepherd  
Care Geo Whipple  
61 John St.

9/75.





Edgar Law  
Newbury Jan 28<sup>th</sup>

Jan 23 [1865]

Dear Sir

I am engaged in writing a book on the Campaigns of Grant & Sherman & shall include in it as it is to be large, biographies of their chief generals & their battles.

My object in addressing you is two fold

First I desire a chronological statement of the battles you were engaged in after that of Antietam together with the kind of service you performed - also the exact date of your appointment as Major General Wt & Antietam I think I have every thing

Messrs. If any of your  
personal friend a voluntee have  
present incidents anecdotes or  
I shall be extremely thankful  
if you would give me their address  
But the second & main object I  
have in view is a matter of more  
eternal interest It is well known  
that you were a higher master  
than an earthly one & I feel  
that I have no right to give an  
your service under one without  
giving that of the other

Besides the church, Christianity  
have a right to it - the glory  
of our common Master requires it  
The written accounts of ~~Handcock~~  
Hancock & Wesley have  
have done more for the world  
than their actions did  
What I want I am afraid no body  
can give but yourself & I am the  
more bold in asking it because I



Do not risk it for my benefit  
 nor for yours but for Christianity  
 — I & a history of your religious  
 relations to the Editor the army  
 from the time you joined with  
 your Maine Regiment to the  
 close of the war I know at the  
 first blush there seems some indecency  
 in this, but when we remember  
 that even the private secret diaries  
 of God's people have been published  
 to the world & from the most heinous  
~~to~~ the church we see there can  
 be done — 'Whatever good we do  
 is not of us but of Christ that  
 dwelleth in us' & he & his church  
 have a right to ask that the  
 world should hear our testimony  
 You may think that I overstate  
 the importance <sup>of this</sup> but I know  
 that I do not What might  
 be said of me — making in the  
 ordinary routine of life a habit of

Small account - but the outward  
practical testimony of our who  
rank among the first military  
chieftains - who has done more  
than face death without flinching  
- faced steadily the temptations of  
a camp life & the immorality  
of an army is invaluable. I have  
thought much & I feel that ~~where~~  
I worthless as I am could do some  
good by making a Christian hero  
stand out in bold relief in a group  
of mere military chieftains  
Acts of fidelity to an common  
Master - & that glorifying in the  
cross, without which a religious life in  
the army is impossible, have a  
power over the consciences & hearts  
of men that we little dream  
of. In the ignorant priests  
they may be called fanatics  
but not in the great & well poised



leader <sup>Army</sup> for) Besides the very  
 events <sup>with</sup> which they are put in  
 juxtaposition give them a  
 prominence & strong relief they  
 otherwise could not possess across  
 the gloom & carnage of war they  
 shoot like sunbursts through  
 the cloud-rifts that blacken the  
 stormy deep

I don't know as I have made myself  
 thoroughly understood - I don't  
 know as the motive that truly  
 actuates me stand out clearly  
 or it ought to in what I have <sup>said</sup>  
 but to sum up the whole I  
 want to do good with your biography  
 not merely write a thrilling military  
 sketch & I believe good will be  
 done if you can in any way  
 give me, or put me in the way of  
 getting ~~some~~ a full account of  
 your public testimony which is

the Army to the truths of Christianity  
As I said before I am the more  
bold in asking it because I feel  
that the Church & Christianity  
have a right to it as much  
as they had <sup>to</sup> that of Havelock &  
Gears

Please think of it, for I feel  
quite sure if you look at the  
matter in all its bearings you  
will view it somewhat as I do

I know how your time is  
occupied, but perhaps you could put  
me in the way of getting what I  
want without encroaching very  
heavily upon it.

At all events pardon me for  
trespassing so much on your  
patience & believe me

Most truly & sincerely yours

J. D. Headley



Norfolk. Va  
6.23. 1865

It gives me much pleasure  
to forward this little  
package to Gen. Howard  
and to add some little  
explanations which may  
increase its interest.

The Pen. Visions were made  
by Harriet Whittemore a  
young woman and a Cripple  
who suffers a living  
martyrdom from the  
inhuman treatment she  
receives from her Master  
when a child. One of my  
young friends has taught  
her to make these little  
articles. and she has  
employed the intervals  
of pain as well as to

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I am in this manner  
about \$10 in four  
months.

The Photographic group  
I have had taken  
expressly for Gen Howard  
and his little son  
for whom I am doing  
I can find at present  
no more appropriate  
gift. The five persons  
in the group are selected  
from the women under  
my charge this winter  
in my Industrial School  
and Mothers Meeting  
as types of different classes.  
The first one standing is  
the daughter of a man  
who after praying for  
freedom for 40 long years  
has nicely improved the gift.



He is the head of quite  
a settlement of children  
and grand children - has  
built his own household  
improvements in the  
others and aided in the  
support of all through  
the expenses of sickness  
and death with an  
honest pride in never  
having cost a penny  
to that government to  
which he owes so much  
If his daughter has  
been with me in such  
moments as they could  
spare from their children  
and have thus saved  
\$20. with their well  
and numerous society  
in its use

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The second figure with  
crutches is a lame girl  
whose Christian Church  
Fellowship knows no other  
Walking as often as she  
could a long mile to  
the School. She is  
<sup>now</sup> <sup>ready</sup> able to support  
herself with her needle  
- her late apprenticeship  
yielding her a profit of \$10  
In her lap is a block  
of the B. S. Spruce designed  
for our beloved President  
- now being finished for  
the benefit of his  
Monument, and to be  
purchased by subscription  
as a present to John  
Bright.

The woman with a



Anbar is the mother  
of the little girl, and  
a Soldier's wife. In his  
absence she has managed  
her household of five young  
children with rare  
discretion. All her fuel  
is brought by herself and  
elder children from the  
woods round Norfolk.  
Her hands wield the axe  
and her shoulders bear  
the heavy load. While  
the little ones can  
carry chips - and this  
with a most thankful heart.  
The little girl has been  
very little indeed taking  
round comforts to the  
sick and so saving

her dresses - while at  
the school she has been  
busy with patchwork.  
The last in the group  
is old Aunty Neaton  
one of the Quaker spirit  
I ever met. She is 80  
years old - and has had  
a life of pinching toil.  
When I found her in her  
box but with the knee  
buckles showing through  
the chinks - and said  
"Why Aunty isn't it  
very cold here?" - her  
cheerful answer was  
"O thank the Lord. The  
Coat is pretty tight, <sup>is</sup> ~~being~~  
And such is her life -  
- The security of all  
that is above her and  
over her. More than



of them the kind around  
her. I had her home  
made Comfortable and  
did not see her again  
till two months after.  
She came walking in  
to the Hall. "I Couldn't  
see honey, till I found  
you again. but I was  
glad to come at first  
case my eyes Couldn't  
see to see. but they  
tells me there's stockings  
on and it feels like  
it could just come and  
sit near you and knit  
to be so mighty happy  
honey." True pain  
of Ruth Knit socks  
has been the fruit of her  
labor. - now down in  
a nice new dress

Such quiet facts speak  
louder than the  
Contentious tongues  
which so often tell  
me - They will not  
work - I assure you  
they will not work.

Gen. Grant may  
rest assured that the  
prayers of many of  
this Mem. Com. Nation  
whom it is his privilege  
to protect through the  
perilous infancy of  
freedom - will follow  
him and call down  
a blessing upon his  
work, and also I trust  
upon himself - and  
such is the earnest desire  
of his friend  
W. F. Smith



I am sorry to find that  
the Photographs are not  
quite ready as promised  
I will send them on by  
Mail - Very truly - G. L. S.





Headquarters Department of Washington,  
OFFICE OF JUDGE ADVOCATE,

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June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1864

Major Genl. W. W. Howard U. S. Vol.  
Washington, D. C.

General,

I most respectfully request you, General,  
for permission to pay you my regards <sup>and</sup> respect in person;  
as I had not yet the honor to make your acquaintance, but I  
have always esteemed you high as the benefactor of my deceased  
brother, Captain Francis A. Desauer, of your Staff.

I have the honor, to be, General,  
Most Respectfully  
Your Obedt Servant

John Desauer  
late Captain 39<sup>th</sup> N. Y. V. Vol.  
Asst. Judge Advocate W. A.

'Address'

Captain John Desauer  
care of Major Th. Gaines Judge Advocate Dep't of Washington  
Washington D. C.

Department of  
Washington  
June 23<sup>d</sup> 1865.

Dessauer John

Friendly Letter.  
Vc.

Recd June 28, 1865.



No. 136 Amity St. Brooklyn  
Friday Morning - June 23. 1865.

My Dear Friend -

Again in addressing you I  
take the liberty of introducing my eldest  
Brother - who explains in this accompa-  
nying letter his desire for your attention  
- When I wrote you before - I had no  
expectation of troubling you again - but  
trust to your expressible kind feeling to  
excuse the liberty I now take.

My Brother is a man about your  
own age - and thoroughly principled -  
- If in your power to grant me this  
favor - I shall ever feel very grateful -

I learn thro' Mrs. Sargent that Mrs.  
Howard is with you give much love

to her for me - and with warmest  
regards for yourself. Believe me  
Dear General

Yours sincerely

Thomasine W. Beamy.

P.S. I think I should add - that I have  
no intention of presuming again  
upon your friendship - and thank  
you most kindly for the reception  
of my former note.

T. W. B.