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New York City, No. 202, 6th ave., July 9th 1865.

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Gen'l. Howard

Freed men's Bureau,

Washington City. D.C.

General:

Report leads me to believe that your highest ambition is to do good. I am, therefore, gratified to find it in my power to congratulate you on your appointment by the president, to the Important and highly responsible office of Chief of the Freed men's Bureau.

God in His wisdom has placed us so that we are dependent one upon another. - It is in my power to serve you, if you permit me. - To be definite. I beg leave to acquaint You that I have labored indefatigably in the West Indies, as a Minister of Christ, for many years. - I have there witnessed Negro Slavery. - an apprenticeship of 4 years served by the Negroes to their former Masters; which was really more cruel than Slavery; and, praised be the Lord of Most High, I was spared to behold the result of Emancipation. You are, doubtless, aware that in 1834 Her majesty's "Benevolent Government" emancipated 800 000 Negroes in the British W. I., at a cost of twenty millions Sterling, or about $100.000.000. - The Negro was free; and, as no man is willing to starve, he was forced to labor for his bread. while his former owner must either pay the freedman adequately for his services, or do the work himself. - My duties then increased seven fold. - inasmuch as I had to attend to preaching - Sabbath schools - Evening adult Schools, Day schools - and visiting three every week the different Sugar and Coffee plantations. - I attended at the latter places to effect a conciliation between the freed man and his late master. - Please understand that I then lived and

labored in the vicinity of a dense peasant, or negro population.
I discoved soon after Emancipation that there existed no christian
feeling between the Employer and Employed.- the negro ever looked
at his former owner with the eye of suspicion, whom he considered
unwilling to remunerate him for his labor.- the white man,
on his part, was ever ready to portray the negro "lazy and dis-
honest."- I have known many negroes to go away miles off
from their old homes to labor for strangers, always telling me -
"old massa been so long used to get work done free of Charge
that now we are free he wont pay, and when he does he
cheats us of half our due". In many cases I found this report
true - All the negro wanted was to occupy his cottage and
garden and receive about 1. 6 Stg. or 37¢ pr day - On some large
Sugar plantations they preferred "Job work." and received about
£2. Sterling or $10.00 pr month. - I was at one time instucted
by Sir Lionel Smith, then Captain Governor of Jamaica,
to make a tour throughout the Colony, and to report faithfully
on the lack of Negro labor - I reported thus - The negroes
were cunning and miserly - they hoarded their earnings, but,
with few exceptions, were willing to labor when regularly paid.
Then free there existed no want of labor where prompt pay-
-ments were made - The proprietory body, soon after Eman-
-cipation, erroneously believed that they could do without ne-
-gro labor, and raised a large sum for the Emigration
scheme - Emigrants were brought out from Ireland and
Germany to cultivate the chief staples of the Colony, namely -
Sugar, Rum and Coffee; but, alas! this proved a gross
failure; because Europeans could not bear the tropical

Sun and Climate; again they drank freely of new Rum which "Killed them off". — To make things better Coolies were brot. out from Madras, Calcutta and, Bombay; but I beg leave to tell you, most Solemnly, that fully $\frac{2}{3}$ were more Clots to the plantations. — they could not perform half the work of an able bodied negro. You will find it to the advantage of the planters to adhere to their old laborers. Let them remember that "Good masters make good servants." — They must lay aside all invidious feelings, and give cheerfully a fair days wages for a fair days labor. — Please understand, Gen., that U.S. of America is my adopted County. — I am in poor Circumstances, but can be of service in your department. — I can tell you much more than I am willing to write. — because no man of my age, 47 years, is better acquainted with the Negro character. — Will you allow me to labor in any part of your bureau? — I have only a wife, an American, but no Children. — I am willing to earn my daily bread and can give satisfaction for any remuneration bestowed upon me. — also proper references. —

I may add that I have been often asked whether the Negro Emancipation of Jamaica led to its impoverished state or not? I now reply — I think not. — You are to understand that soon after the negroes were made free the British Markets were thrown open to Slave and foreign grown produce — therefore the free grown produce of the British Colonies could not compete with those of Cuba. — again — the Navigation Laws compelled the planters of the British

West Indies to ship their produce in British Ships.—

I enclose for your perusal two Anecdotes or incidents of my Eventful life please peruse them, and deign to answer my letter at your earliest convenience.—

With my whole heart, I wish you, and yours, the choicest blessings of Almighty God.—

Respectfully,

Wm Scott Downey,
Minister of X to Gospel,
Author of Proverbs, &c—

P.S. I once owned a small coffee plantation but soon after Negro Emancipation I found myself too poor to pay the Negroes to labor and adequately the negroes were too cunning to work for nothing. My land was sold by small portions to them for ¼ its value. Please your answer

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Gettysburg July 10th 1865

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard

My dear Sir,

On behalf of the Board of Managers of the Soldier's National Cemetery I am instructed to return to you the thanks of the Association for your Eloquent Oration delivered at the Laying of the Corner Stone of the Monument in the Cemetery July 4th and to solicit of you a copy for publication. I am directed to have all the proceedings published in pamphlet form and desire a correct copy of your Oration.

With high regard,

I remain Your Obedient Servant,

David Wills

President of

the Soldiers' National Cemetery

Gettysburg Pa.
July 10th 1865

Hon. David
Pres. Jud. Nat. Cemetery

Thanks been tendered
for the Hall July
Oration and request
a copy for publication.

Recd July 12. 1865.

National Freedman's Relief Association, 216

New York, July 10th 1865.

Maj. Gen. O O Howard
Bureau of Refugees &c

My dear Sir. Accept my thanks for your reply to my letter of inquiry as to a position in your Bureau
If you need my services, will you permit me to suggest, that there are two ways in which the difficulty of no appropriation to pay employees can be overcome. I can wait for pay until the appropriations are made - and they must be made sooner or later. Or you could have me appointed Chaplain and detailed for your work. I hold a Commission from the Gov. of New-York as Chaplain of the Brooklyn 13th and served as such with the Regiment for 3 months at Suffolk Va at the end of which time the Regiment was mustered out. Of course my Commission is of no avail now except as it is

proof of some experience.
I hope I am not annoying you,
but I feel a deep interest in the
work for the Freedpeople and it is that
chiefly which prompts me to seek
the situation. I presume that the
voluntary associations will become
of less and less consequence as your
Bureau takes its true place.
We had an ovation all over England.
I say we - my son Fastin at Asmego
N. Y. formerly 1st Lieu Lt of the 4th Maine
Battery Lincoln Haynes was with me.
There is no limit to the enthusiasm
of some of the English people in behalf
of the Freedmen of America. Any amount
of money can be raised there. My son
formed twenty ladies societies in
Paris and the best women in Paris
as in England are now making up
clothing - I should have remained
longer but for the death in my absence
of my youngest son 2d Lt of the 4th Maine

Battery who hardly got home to die.

I have a high appreciation of your work. Alas how much is to be done for the freed people and how little any of their friends even appreciate what will yet be necessary.

If you have occasion to write me again will you please say if you design to accept the invitation to the Temperance Meeting at Saratoga which Dr Marsh informs me you have received as I have been invited to speak at it and may be there if it is to be a success.

I have the honor to be &c &c

S. C. Haynes

New York, July 10th, 1865.

Harper. Bro.

Relative employment
with the Bureau.

Reed July 12. 1865.

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Columbus, O. July, 10th 1865.

General,

I write you, though slightly acquainted, at the desire of several Clergymen of our Church who have been actively engaged in the religious and social well being of Freedmen, particularly, Rev. Messrs Nixon & Hyde of Indianapolis, to say, that if in any branch of the Bureau, under your charge, my services can avail for good, I shall feel it an honor to co-operate in the work. Although the war I have been unfortunate, as a mere question of personal ambition, to have been on detached duty, of great care and importance, as it resulted, but, separating me from my command, and the consequent sympathy of friends in the Army whose opinion I value. It was not my choice, but I am content, Knowing I conscientiously did my duty: and that, will last, when honors fade

Now, it may be, that my legal experience and other studies, would prove adaptive to the peculiar work of the Bureau. I know how gradually and under what embarrassments such labor must develop: but it seems to me, that, under God, there is opened up a field of duty, where just and humane treatment, with Christian fidelity and ample protection from imposition, will give to the Freedman an

established Rules, which may reconcile both white and black to their new relation, and end in great good to both.

On account of illness I delayed writing before, and Mr Dixon, as Chairman of a Committee of Congress has just renewed his connection with them, He informed me that your plan was to include as far as possible only Christian officers in the work, and thought it my duty to engage in it. Just before leaving Indianapolis, I also received a note from Mr Chase, who was then just leaving Columbus for the east, that he had communicated to you respecting my engaging in the work. It will be some months before my regiment can be restored to its original strength, and, while I do not covet removal of Banner Labor, in which I have been so much engrossed, I should deem it due to my long established convictions of our duty to the Blacks, to so labor if desired. Mr Dennison, Gov. Wright, Mr Chase and many others at Washington know my personal relations to the Church and War, as well as the army volunteer, (as they know better your views,) I could be useful in that special labor.

With Consideration

I am Your Obt Servt

Henry B Carrington

Brig. Gen. U.S.

Columbus 8 July 1865

Carrington, Henry B.
Brig. Gen.

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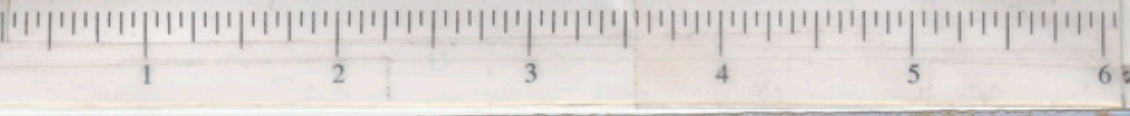
General:-

I take the liberty of asking your attention to the following:-

The New England Soldiers Relief Association of this city will expire, as an institution, on the 1st of November next. The Matron of the New England Rooms, Mrs. E. A. Rudall, is solicitous of engaging her services in some manner suited to her capacities. As a member of the Committee of the above Association, I can from personal observation testify to the great faithfulness, the pious tenderness, and the almost motherly care with which She has discharged her duties and great responsibilities of her position as Matron of our Rooms.

Mrs R. is eminently fitted to take charge of any depot for freed people, and would discharge the duties appertaining thereto with fidelity, honesty, and to the satisfaction of yourself and the Government.

I have no hesitation in referring you to His Excellency, Gov. Andrew, to Hon Larkin D. Mason, New Hampshire Military Agent in Washington, to Col.


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Gardner Tufts Massachusetts State Agent in Washington, - to Col. Howe, Superintendent of the New England Rooms or to any of the one hundred and twenty eight thousand Soldiers who have sojourned at our institution during the war.

If there is any position within your province which you think She can fill She would be happy to hear from you on the subject, either directly or through me.

On the breaking out of the war Mrs Russell was obliged to leave her position as teacher in the Academy at Florence, Alabama, because She was of New England origin, and because her patriotism made a residence among traitors both repugnant and unendurable.

She being an intimate friend of my family, and my position as a member of the New England Committee, is the reason for thus writing you, which is also done at the suggestion of Adjutant General Schouler, of Mass.

I am, General,

Your obt Servt

Amos T. Learned,

Asst Agt Mass Rels.

To

Major Gen. O. O. Howard.

General Supt Freedmen.

Boston [illegible] &
and ask the Reply
to inquire of Gillett Capt.
Commissioner - by letter.
I would forward this letter
& papers when the
work progresses
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Wy.

Leonard A. J.

Recommended to the
Notice of the Bureau
Mrs. Russell - Matron
of the New England
Soldiers Relief Assn.

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Read July 11, 1865

Hd. Qrs. Army of the Tenn Louisville Ky.
July 10th 1865

Maj Genl O O Howard
Chief of Freedmans Bureau
Washington D. C.

Sir

I have the honor herewith to recommend Myron J Amick of my company for preferment to a military education. And I would most respectfully ask your assistance in securing the same

Myron J Amick has served through the entire rebellion just closed he has been a good dutiful and fearless soldier he was captured at the Battle of Ka Ridge by the enemy but exchanged for by Genl Curtis in 1862 he was detailed as clerk in the Adjt Genls office at Genl Carlins Hd. Qrs and for his services while there received special mention his services at Hd Qrs Army Tenn You are familiar with and appreciated he being very anxious to secure a military education at the West Point Academy I feel it my duty to render him every assistance

I am Sir very Respty Your Obt Svt

Wm Duncan
Capt Co "E" 15th Ills Cavy.