

Answer  
President

Wallingford, Con. Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> 1865.

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My dear General,

More than a year has passed, since we parted in Lookout Valley; - & much as I regretted the circumstances, which forced me to leave that army; I have always followed with profound interest its subsequent movements, so large & conspicuous a part of which fell to your share. -

I have lived, since I relinquished to the north in complete retirement on our old Glastonbury farm about 10 miles from New Haven. -

As soon as I began to doubt, that I should be reassigned to an active command in the field, I resumed my geographical studies & set myself vigorously to work to complete a book, which

I had begun before the war, ~~the~~ a  
text-book of comparative Geography  
on Carl Ritter's principles. -

The book is now nearly finished  
the maps are in the hands of the  
engravers. - In about 6 or 8 months  
it may be ready for publication. -  
It will give me much pleasure to send  
you a copy. -

I have written lately to Mr. Kennedy  
the late Superintendent of the Census  
Bureau for a copy of the Census report  
(Quarto Edition); but not receiving  
a reply, I doubt whether he is still  
in Wash. - Yet I need this report  
very much, and - (please pardon  
the hardness of my request) venture  
to ask you to procure a copy for me.



& forward it to me. — Of course I do not ask you to ~~take~~ give yourself any trouble about it. — In fact, unless one of your Aids can get it without the least inconvenience, I do not wish <sup>to make</sup> the request ~~made~~ at all. —

A few days since I met Earl Underwood at N. York. — He looks remarkably well. — It is wonderful, that he should have recovered at all; — & I am glad to see that his faithful services are appreciated. — How your old command is scattered over the country. — Schuy makes critical observations on southern sociology. — Who will doubt their propriety? — C. Smith is rail-road engineer. Buschbeck is said to be teaching in Philadelphia, & I am buried & forgotten on the hills.

my wife desiring to be remembered to you & sends her best regards. -  
sides of Connecticut. - Genl Hooker  
lives comfortably at the Astor House,  
I met him a few days since. - He looks  
 hale & hearty & if I mistake not, more  
 erect than ever, - ever such a General -  
 as Mr. Jenkins once affirmed, & as we  
 all believe willingly. -

Give my best regards to your Brother  
 who is doubtless still with you; - &  
 assist you in duties, that are unques-  
 tionably more delicate & difficult, than  
 agreeable. -

How wonderful & complete the collapse of the  
 confederacy has been; - & what an era  
 of prosperity dawns upon the country! -  
 But how difficult to fix by laws the social condi-  
 tions of the two races in the northern states! -

In the northern states there ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> at an average ~~one~~  
 colored person to 88 white inhabitants, - in the  
 late slave states <sup>about</sup> 1 to <sup>about</sup> 2. - Can society be regulated  
 by the same principles in both sections? - And  
 if so, what will be the consequences? - But I  
 loose myself in speculations, & have already  
 written more than you may be willing to read.  
 Please give me the pleasure to send me a reply,  
 however short. -

Ever Truly Yours  
A. A. Lincoln.



Office Sub Commissioner Freedman's  
Bureau August 26<sup>th</sup> 1865  
Maj Genl. O. O. Howard  
Commissioner Freedman's Bureau  
Sir -

I have the honor to forward to  
you at the suggestion of your friend Mrs  
Strickland now in this city a letter  
written to the Editors of the N. Y. Tribune  
The letter will explain itself.

I came South with no expectation of  
being connected with the Freedman's  
Bureau. I am not an office seeker  
I do not desire to be connected with the  
Bureau one day longer than I can be a  
benefit to the cause.

I am a Maine man. I served three years as a  
Captain in the 8<sup>th</sup> Maine Infantry. I was at  
one time a school mate of your brother Charles  
If you at any time desire to make inquiries  
concerning me I respectfully refer you  
to Rev. Dr. Torrey President of the



Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female  
College, with whom I believe you are  
acquainted

*placed*  
I should not have taken the liberty to address  
to you this communication but for the  
unpleasant position in which I have been  
in connection with the Freedmen's Bureau  
which is quite fully explained in my letter  
to the N.Y. Tribune.

Many of my friends in Maine are readers  
of the Tribune. I have been assailed by  
that paper and of course my friends  
feel a deep interest in all I do. I have not  
time to explain to each of them the reasons  
that caused me to do what may seem to  
them wrong being unacquainted as they  
are with the condition of this people.

I wish that they shall be informed that I  
have not forgotten the lessons taught by  
the good men of our State.

I fear the freedmen among whom I  
labor will not receive that assistance  
from the friends at the North that they  
would receive if those friends had



confidence in me, and I fear that  
the article in the Tribune copied as it ~~is~~  
no doubt has been into other Northern papers  
will cause them to place but little confi-  
dence in me unless it is satisfactorily  
answered and that I have attempted to do  
At the same time I do not wish to publish  
an article that does not meet with your  
approval therefore I send it to you

If you think it proper I desire that  
my letter shall be published If you do not  
think it best it is not my desire that it  
should be. I also send herewith an  
article which was published first in  
the Southern Cultivator and copied into  
most of the rebel papers in this State  
You will see that I am assailed at the North  
for favoring the planter and at the South  
for favoring the colored man I have  
intended to do justice to both freedmen  
and planter

I have the honor to be  
Very Respectfully  
Yours Obedt Servant

J. E. Bryant  
Sub Com. Freedman

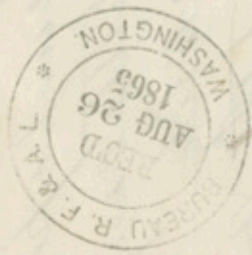


Office, Sub. Com. Freedmen Bureau,  
Augusta Ga.  
Aug 9. 1865.

Bryant, J. E.

Sub. Com. Freedmen B.,

Forwards at the suggestion  
of Mr Strickland, letter  
written to W. M. Pinney,  
also slips from Local papers.



(3 Enclosures)



(Near) Manassas Va.

Aug. 9. 1865

Sir

In the settlement of even ordinary transactions it is usual to commence by ascertaining the facts of the case, and of this is necessary how much more desirable it that this should be the course in the important position which you hold. I would therefore respectfully suggest that you visit Old Point and the neighboring country.

We cannot promise you as many of the creature comforts as at an earlier period but you will find that we know how to be courteous,

You will remember the writer of this, when you are reminded of a short interval while you were quartered near his residence in Warrenton D.C. and that he is the father of Thos. M. Jones.

To

Very respectfully

Gen O. O. Howard

Your Obedt Servt

Washington City

John Jones.

He was laboring under the morification of having been whipped when he saw you, this was worn off somewhat. J. J.





War Department,

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Washington, Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>, 1865.

My dear General,

You have statements from various sources of the great progress of the Bureau.

Col. T. telegraphed you in regard to Genl. Gresham's desirability to

Major S. sends you today a N.Y. Herald. An article in it will doubtless impress you anew with the importance of some action for that State - the animus of the article is against its own object.

I have asked Col. T. to give you if possible a journalistic synopsis of events.

Doubtless many things which would come in if you were here do not reach us, but all



So far goes quietly.

Col. Osburn waits for Col. Fallutou's return.

Genl Liske asks that Northern Miss. be assigned to him & Mr. Courday that the relations of La. now under Col. Thomas be assigned to him - I have said to Col. Zaggon the cutting off of north Miss. would be decidedly against England as the states get around & that the La. question can be easily settled when the present crops are gotten and the harvest contracts not reached at Vicksburg & Natchez have not been made -



Mr. Knowlton declines the 158  
supervision of Education for the  
Dist, indeed his physician has  
prohibited his going South. I am  
altogether in doubt as to how so  
as I see that Mr. McPerkins is  
one of Trustees of Colored  
Schools under the act of  
Congress. I wish you would  
name the man for the  
place. Today we are going  
into Campbell Hospital,  
charges for school rooms &c.  
are ordered. We are visiting  
the other rooms needed for  
the cities. I have been out  
to Camp distribution.  
I am puffed. The camp,  
buildings &c are good thing - would



give adequate accommodations for nearly three thousand people, but where will they find employment? The land around is called barren, the distance from coast to the cities is about three miles, but we will do our best.

Inder Mr. Shiphurd's urging I am not mistaken you have not been much in the West.

Such a visit, under the circumstances, would be a labor indeed but it would greatly strengthen your bonds there, give the Mormon Writers & sympathizers & accomplish also the special objects of recurring fairs for educational purposes. Mr. Shiphurd can manage it delicately & efficiently. If you chose you could take the whole day & time not say yourself so much. It would give you a good opportunity to declare your views as <sup>well</sup> as to be met in a way & see not only with circulation <sup>and</sup> approval. Hope you are all well. - Sincerely yours friend John Colan



C. B. RICHARDSON,  
Publisher.  
HENRY HEATH,  
General Agent.

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OFFICE OF  
The United States Service Magazine,  
540 BROADWAY.

New York, Aug. 10. 1865

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

In our book "Sherman  
& his Campaigns" - we shall introduce  
condensed biographical sketches of the  
Army & Corps Commanders - and  
for this purpose find that we lack  
reliable data in regard to yourself.

Will you have the kindness, therefore,  
to give us such information as you  
are willing shall be used - An

answer at your earliest convenience  
will greatly oblige us. for the book is now in press

Very respectfully yours  
Henry Heath

New York

Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> 1868

Heath, Henry.

Service data for  
book

Acad.

now



New Orleans August 10<sup>th</sup> 1865  
My Genl O. O. Howard

Dear General

Having had the honor to serve with you and under your orders, I take the liberty of addressing you, giving you my information concerning the condition of affairs in this City, particularly the Freedman. I have seen published an order requiring Lieutenant etc to turn over all confiscated and abandoned property to the Freedman Bureau upon application to Mr. Conroy in charge of said Bureau in this City. I was informed, that the Quelling House both furnished and unfurnished were for Rent to responsible parties, and the proceeds applied to the benefit of Freedman. Having my family here and being in reduced circumstances dependant upon a situation for their support, I obtained a List of said House from Capt. Sumstrong and Mr. for Freedman, and proceeded to make an examination of the same. The following is the result. The best Houses in the City are occupied by "Officers" consequently paying no Rent and in



many instances an only place of Prostitution. Upon  
the authority of Capt Armstrong I presumed I had a  
right to visit my Home upon his List for which  
he had accepted for. and upon application to show  
home I was confronted by an officer a Major or  
a Lieutenant or Pay Master and rudely treated  
for making the enquiry. To illustrate I called at  
a Home well furnished that should cost at least  
for One hundred dollars per month. and of suffi-  
cient Capacity to comfortably accommodate fifty  
persons. which I found occupied by a Colonel and  
his Wife and servants. the only occupants. again  
at another good home found occupied by a Major  
and his wife sole occupants. and so it is all over  
the City. General permit me to suggest that under  
the present existing circumstances. I would not give  
Government One hundred dollars for all the Homes  
they will derive from Confiscated Homes for the  
 Freedmen's Bureaus. and in my opinion it is what  
Government is in earnest for the benefit of the Freedmen.  
Their efforts are noble, humane, and Philanthropic  
and the Amount of Blood and Treasure that has  
been spent in the great result of Emancipation  
should <sup>not</sup> be lost or in vain from the acts of those



who are wearing its uniform or holding Commissions  
 under the same, the Freedmen of this section of  
 the Country need all the assistance and protection  
 from the Government they can obtain in promoting  
 Education, Cultivation &c they have been wrong-  
 treated and persecuted long enough for no  
 other reason than God deemed proper to give them  
 a Black Skin, and when I saw published in  
 the Paper the Order assigning justices Commissioners  
 of the Freedmen's Bureau of the U.S. I said thank  
 God Government is in 'earnest' in this matter. Not  
 only emancipating this unfortunate race. But  
 providing for their Cultivation & Education thereby  
 preparing them for self Government, and no <sup>better</sup> ~~more~~  
 guarantee could be given than by your appointments  
 again when the Order was published that Rebels  
 property should pay the expense of training the  
 Freedmen. I shouted 'good' 'good' it made the Rebels  
 here look 'sorrowful.' so many pardons had been  
 granted, so many had their property returned to them  
 that they were buoyant with hope and defiantly  
 declaring publicly that in a short time Louisiana would  
 be hitherto governed by Louisianians, and Northerners  
 could have a leave of absence from this City and state



But General with all your humane and generous efforts  
the Freedman of this state are in a deplorable condition  
and need the strong arm of the Government in their help.  
For instance I have resided here about two months and during  
that time have carefully observed the political condition of  
this City. I have united and assisted in Organization and  
Republican associations in this City the first ever created  
here, have addressed them at a public meeting; is a large  
audience. Congress are prepared to give an opinion based  
upon clear observations, when I first united the Rebels and  
the Copperheads (which are one and the same in principle)  
determinedly opposed the Free State Constitution, declaring  
it was an usurpation and they would neither respect or  
obey it. But the Constitution of 1852 was the only legitimate  
Constitution. But recently and quite suddenly they are out  
in praise of the Constitution of 1864, and why? by its pro-  
visions there will be an election for Governor, State officers & c.  
next November, and as the Rebels have surrounded and  
retained home, they will all vote this fall, and thus the  
Copperhead & Rebels will have a large majority elect all  
the Rind. Enact such Laws as will make the condition  
of the Negro more burdensome than before Emancipation.  
I am reliably informed that in some of the Parishes of this  
state now, a Union man cannot live one day and that  
slavery is being carried on as successfully as before the War  
and if Congress admits the Delegates this winter and with draws  
the military from this section. Nothing has been accomplished  
by the War, in Conclusion permit me to say that you should  
place in charge now a man of judgment and firmness and  
one who is not afraid of the Rebels, and has no friends



to reveal or enemies to punish. One who understands  
the workings and principles of the Military and is  
acquainted with order and the intent who being him-  
self loyal and having seen his Country upon the Field  
can and will deal firmly with the Charge against in  
<sup>him</sup> feeling the importance of the great work assigned him  
and heartily and energetically pursue his duties. Aiding  
the Freedman in every legal manner for the accomplish-  
ment of the purpose of the Government. at the same time  
making the effort self supporting by a fund raised  
as contemplated by the Law. of Confiscated property  
and Compulsory Rents to feel that their own conduct  
and acts had produced the result. They going to port-  
ent the importance upon that treason is a Crime  
and must and will be punished. This is enough  
"available Confiscated" property here. of Indiscreet  
managed to create a large fund.

General I have written plainly and earnestly  
for I feel the importance of the work. and if any part  
of this Communication appears improper. or an attempt  
upon my part to give you advice please pardon me  
as the Animos of this Communication is to inform you how  
I view matters and here, and from one who feels  
honored at being sent under your Command  
Truly yours  
Charles H. Troop



For [illegible]

Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> / 1855

For [illegible]

And [illegible]  
[illegible]  
[illegible]  
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Paul Aug 20 1855



War Department,

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Washington, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 1865.

Dear General,

Your letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> reached me yesterday; many thanks for it. Col. Sargent tells me that he has telegraphed to you about Gen. Lee'sham. When Maj. Matthews left there was about half of the regulations to be copied in order to have it in duplicate. I was to see that it was done and Col. S. said one of his clerks could copy it, but it has not been completed, not because of negligence but because Col. Sargent is strongly opposed to having it published in its present shape. He thinks it should be thoroughly revised.



Before being printed so that - he decided  
to wait until Col. Fullerton returned.  
On the important subject of marriage  
it is silent. I think that the Colonel  
was right in delaying the publication  
but if you desire to have it sent to  
the printer without change this can  
be done very quickly. Col. Fullerton  
has just arrived, and will send you  
a note today. Mr & Mrs. Markland  
made their appearance yesterday, and  
as Col. Auburn is in the mill we are  
enabled to fill six chairs.

Gilbert left Monday morning and  
Col. Balloch Tuesday. We expect Col.  
Auburn will start for Florida to-morrow.  
Nothing heard from Strong lately.

Very Respectfully  
H. W. Stinson





American Bible Society  
Bible House, Astor Place

New York Aug<sup>r</sup> 10 1865

Major Gen. O. O. Howard,  
Chief of the Bureau  
of Refugees, Freedmen &  
Dear Sir:

Your letter of inquiry in relation to the labors of the American Bible Society in connection with Freedmen &c, has been received in this Office; and at the request of the Rev Dr Taylor our Domestic Corresponding Secretary, I write you to say that the officers of this Institution are much gratified that you have given them the opportunity to put your department in possession of the facts pertaining to this important portion of our work; and that we have accordingly forwarded to you some of our official documents, in which these facts are recorded, for the use of the Bureau over which you have been called to preside.

We would particularly refer you to the following places which we have marked: to wit, Annual Report for 1862 page 33; do for 1863, p 37; do for 1864 p 37; do for 1865, p 42; our circular pamphlet entitled "The American Bible Society and the South" p 3; and a circular just sent out by us called "The Jubilee Year," a part



of which, "To the People of the U. States", is from the pen of the Rev E. M. Adams D. D. of this City. From this last you will see that this Institution is making the Freed People a very special object of concern during this fiftieth year of its history.

These various references will serve to show you that this Institution has, not a little appreciation of the great responsibilities which Divine Providence has devolved upon it in connection with Freedom and other classes at the South; and that it is the desire and purpose of the Board of Managers to meet all these responsibilities with promptness and fidelity as they shall have the means to do so. In our appointment of Agents to superintend our work in the Southern States, and in the instructions given to our agents there, the Managers are especially mindful of the classes with which your Department is more particularly concerned; and we have much reason to believe that the various agencies and instrumentalities which we are establishing in connection with the better work at the South, will, in the end, with the blessing of God, eventuate in incalculable good to that entire portion of our land.



I need scarcely assure you, Dear Sir,  
that you have the earnest sympathy of  
all the Officers and Managers of this great  
National Society, in the important work com-  
mitted to your hands, and that we shall  
all greatly rejoice to hear, from time to  
time, of your eminent success in its pro-  
ceedings.

And while on this subject will you per-  
mit the inquiring whether it would be con-  
sistent with the Authority vested in you  
as the head of this Bureau, to grant free  
passes over the National roads at the South  
for the use of the Agents of the American  
Both Society in the prosecution of their  
official work, in number not to exceed  
one for each of the States recently in  
rebellion.

If such an arrangement could be  
made by you, I assure you it would  
be very gratifying to the Custodians of this  
Institution, and very greatly aid them in car-  
rying out their benignant, Christian and  
most liberal intentions towards freedmen, and  
all their classes in the desolated Southern portion  
of our Country.

With much Christian respect and esteem

For  
Rev Dr Taylor. *Yours*

Samuel L. Tuller.

Asst. Secy. of the A. S. S. S. S.



New York City  
Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> 1863

Little Saml. S.

Acknowledges receipt  
of Genl. Howards letter  
of inquiry in regard  
to the labors of the Am.  
Bible Society in connect-  
ion with the Freedmen,  
and states that he will  
send some of their documents  
showing what they are  
doing.

P.S. Dr Taylor desires me to write to Gen  
Howard that he sent him a commun-  
ication on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June last, and has  
received no answer.



Waterville

Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> 1865

General Howard

Sir -

I have the honor  
to inform you that the Trustees  
of Waterville College consent  
on you the honorary degree  
of Doctor of Laws at their  
meeting yesterday.

I need not say that it  
gives me great pleasure  
to be the organ of com-  
municating this fact to  
you.

I am, Sir,  
Very truly yours  
J. T. Campbell



6 7 8  
Waterville, Maine  
August 10. 1865.

Champlin, J. T.

Informs Genl Howard that  
the Trustees of Waterville  
College, have conferred upon  
him the honorary degree  
of Doctor of Laws.



Portland, 11<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1865.

Dear Sir:

Though personally a stranger, I venture to address you on subject of considerable importance to myself, trusting that the acquaintance which formerly existed between yourself & my family may be some excuse for thus intruding upon your notice.

I am in search of employment, & have been advised to apply to you.

My Father, the late Jas. A. Merrill, died in June last, and as he left nothing, my Mother and younger brother are mainly dependent on me for



their support.

I graduated at Bowdoin in 1864, & should - had not the condition of my Father's affairs prevented. - <sup>Have</sup> commenced at once upon the study of a profession, but was obliged at the time to give up my intention and provide for my own maintenance, hoping to resume my studies, - as I undoubtedly would had my father lived. - Still coming autumn. His death however, compelled me to again defer them, & to provide some means of support for those dependent upon me.

It is has occurred to me, that perhaps you



could assist me to employment in your department. Should such be the case, any favor in that direction which you may grant me, will be gratefully received & appreciated, by myself & mother as well.

Respectfully  
Yours,  
H. F. L. Meritt

Maj Genl  
O. O. Howard  
Augusta

Aug. 12.

S. S. I hope that you will not consider us unfortunate or intrusives. At the time of writing the above I was not aware



6 7 8  
That my sister Mrs Rockwell  
had written in behalf of  
her husband, or even that  
she had any intention  
of doing so. As I have  
written this letter I will  
send it though I fear  
I am trespassing on your  
time & patience.

H. E. D. M.

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Milton, Mass:-

Aug. 11. 1865-

Gen. O. O. Howard, Sec. de de

Dear Sir:-

At the request of the Editors of  
the North American Review I  
have undertaken to furnish for  
that journal for October a paper  
on the Education of the Freedmen-

As you will readily judge, it  
will be a very great assistance  
to me, if you will kindly order  
sent to me a set of your Bureau's  
instructions to agents, general  
orders, or printed reports, so  
far as they may with propriety  
be made public-



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William Lloyd

Sept. 11. 1862

Mr. O. O. Howard, Esq. 25. 25. 25

Dear Sir:

As the request of the Editors of

the North American Review I

have undertaken to furnish a

short notice of the work of the

American Association of the Deaf-

Blind, I have the honor to

acknowledge with much pleasure

that it is a very good reference

work for the deaf and blind.

I am, Sir, very respectfully

Yours, &amp;c.

Wm. Lloyd

P.S. - I have the honor to

acknowledge the receipt of your



I venture to ask this great  
 favour at your hands therefore,  
 hoping I may be able to render  
 some slight service to the Freed  
 men and to the cause, by my  
 use of them.

As I am an entire stranger  
 to you I take the liberty of saying  
 that I have been from the first a  
 Vice President of the Educational Com-  
 mission, a Freedmen's aid Society of  
 New England. I am the neighbor  
 and friend of Rev. Mr. Webb, of Bos-  
 ton, who is I think a friend of yours.  
 I believe ~~him~~ ~~himself~~ to all an  
 unforgettably generous of Congress, if  
 any of them happen to be in  
 Washington ~~and~~ I have



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the honor to be  
With great respect  
Your obedient servant  
Edward C. Hale

Regulation may be  
sent to him.

Wm. C. C.

August-11-1865

William Hall.

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

Washington, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 1865.

Maj. Genl O. O. Howard,

General.

General Fullerton  
desires me to forward the enclosed circular  
for your consideration.

The wording of Circular No. 13 seems to have  
caused some misunderstanding, and this  
communication was prepared for the purpose  
of removing it.

I am General

Very respectfully,

Your obt servt

Wm Fowler

Asst. Adj't. Genl.



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Department of

Internal Affairs, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Washington, D.C. April 11, 1882

Mr. J. C. McLaughlin

General

General

Dear Sir: I have the pleasure to acknowledge

your communication of the 10th inst.

relative to the proposed purchase of land

for the purpose of establishing a reservation

for the use of the Indians of the

tribe of the

General

Very respectfully

Yours truly

John C. McLaughlin

Act. Secy. Ind. Aff.



Major General O. O. Howard.  
Washington.

Madison Ind. August 11. 1865.

Dear General.

I have been unlucky in my services in your Command, I hardly know how to write You. I would not, if I did not know that it has all been either my fault or misfortune.

I have just been relieved by Genl. Sherman and ordered to report by letter to the Quartermaster General.

General Sherman has given me a very kind letter, acknowledging my services while on his Staff. I would like to have something of the kind from You.

I hardly expect to remain in the Service. My contract expired with the Rebellion; but if my services can be made useful without serving on the frontier, I have no objection to remain in the Dr. Mr. Department. Have You any use for me?

Indiana is overrun with Freedmen; particularly the border counties. These need looking after. The Rev. Mr. Blythe, a Chaplain at the General Hospital here, has been spoken of in this connection. He is a good man







better qualified for the place than any one I know of.  
He has been giving the matter some attention, probably  
has written to you. You can rely upon his statements.  
Mr. Bythe is a zealous, hardworking, Christian man,  
and always a consistent Anti Slavery man. He was so  
from the first, when I was only a Free Soiler.  
The Freedmen in Indiana are in a deplorable condition  
at Evansville, in consequence of an outrage committed  
by one or two Colored men. Some innocent men of this class  
have been murdered; and the public prejudice, strong enough  
before, much increased against them all along the  
border.

Very respectfully  
Your Obedient Servant.  
W E Garber

Washington D.C.

Aug. 11-1865

Barth, Jr. & Co.

Street supplementary  
letter and receipt,  
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