

War Department,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

Washington, Sept 1 1865.

Dearest Lizzie

Only a
minute - Work, work, and
work back - long for Albany
- hope to write you soon
very hard. I enclose \$3.00
from hundred dollars. I will
send more if you want it
before you start - will
soon write more fully

Respectfully
O. L. L. L.
M. J. L. L.

P.S. I wrote my official
signature by mistake
L. L. L.
O. L.

Department of

Bureau of Hydrology, Fisheries and Aquaculture

Sept 1, 1962

Dear Sir:

Enclosed

are the following documents:

1. Report of the

Department of

Hydrology, Fisheries and

Aquaculture, dated

August 1, 1962.

2. Report of the

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Aquaculture, dated

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3. Report of the

Department of

Hydrology, Fisheries and

Aquaculture, dated

Washington, D. C.

September 16th 1865

General,

A very distinguished Episcopal clergyman, Rev. B. A. Rogers, now preaching at Downingtown, Chester County, Pennsylvania, to a large congregation, of which he is the idol—a gentleman who was born in New Hampshire, and resident for several years in Texas—from which he was compelled to fly, after purchasing a fine property, desires to return to that state, and wishes to know whether he could not be connected with the Freedmen's Bureau there. He is known to Secretary Stanton by his learning and loyalty, and I can certify that the articles he has contributed to my paper in Philadelphia on Texas, have done the cause great good. May I ask your early and favorable attention to his case?

Yours Truly

W. B. F. Venable

 Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
 Chief of Freedmen's Bureau.

Washington D.C.
September 1st 1882

My dear Sir,

I very respectfully acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th inst. in relation to the proposed purchase of the land in the County of Montgomery, D.C. for the purpose of establishing a new cemetery. I am very sorry that I cannot give you a more definite answer at this time, but I am sure that the Board of Commissioners will be able to give you a satisfactory answer in due season. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
Wm. H. Rouse

Washington D.C.

Sept. 12th 1865

(Sunday evening)

Heard.

I went to Dr. Quinby's church
this morning and listened to a sermon
from a young man I did not know.
The weather was oppressive in the
afternoon but we have had a
shower and now it is cooler. This
afternoon called upon General Bain
at Willards. Mr. Bain was with
the husband. I offered him
Louisiana, relieving Conway.
He has not decided yet to take
the place. I shall send Wilson
to see if I can and have him
report to General Saxton. Our
mess is quite pleasant now, all are
here but Maj. Tibbatts, he is
inspecting in West Virginia.

Harry Stinson coughs a good
deal, but looks quite well &
does not complain. I sent
you three hundred dollars &
you must acknowledge receipt.
If you need any more before starting
you must call. I want your com-
panionship & that of the children
very much to relieve me from
work. I mean to enable me to
change the current of thought.
Last night I took a ride with
Mrs. Alvord & Mrs. Mearns. I
went to the book stores & bought
some books bearing on my work.
I feel anxious to hear that
"Money" coughs easy" again. The
children will be better to start
with, but not till this terrible
cough has passed. I have a
good deal of perplexing labor
still, but think I take matters
easier than I did at first. The

Friendless receive me with
great cordiality. My Augustus
Chicago Speechman here to have
pleased him. Every body in-
quires for me. Miss Davis at
church asked to know if he
ever back. We have discharged
Charles & his mother. His work &
saw. is running the mess, bounding
all hands at so much per head.
Have could not find his wife, got
out of money, lost his trunk &
had to make many shifts to
get back. You must take your
time to get ready. I can meet you
on the arrival of the boat in
New York and may send on soon
an order to bring the pony.
Give much love & many kisses to
the little ones. And thank you
- don't forget me to Mrs.
Spekman with kindest regards - Lovingly
Otis

Equality Illinois, 2^d Sept 1865,
General,

In the month of June, I sent to his
Excellency President Johnson through Head
D^r Depts of the Gulf, an application for
appointment of Superintendent of Freedmen
for the State of Louisiana. From observation I
believed the government gave preference to
men who were, or had been in the military
service, and further more, I intended to
locate in Louisiana and the appointment
would give me facilities to select a location.
I wrote to two of my former comrades, Governors
Storn of Iowa and Oglesby of Ill, to recom-
mend me ^{for} the position. Being an agriculturist
by profession, and having the benefit of two
years observation of the culture and products
of La., I considered myself competent to
fill the position and it would materially
aid me.

Since making the application, I have
bought a plantation in the Parish of East-

General, *Charles M. Smith*, Sept. 1865.

In the month of June, I went to the
 residence of President Johnson, where I
 presented to the staff, an application for
 appointment of a permanent resident of the
 United States of America. From observation I
 believed the government was prepared to
 receive me, and further more, I intended to
 locate in Louisiana and the appointment
 would give me facilities to select a location.
 I wrote to two of my former associates, Messrs.
 John of New Orleans and John of New Orleans,
 and asked them to assist me in my application.
 I professed, and having the benefit of two
 years observation of the culture and products
 of Louisiana, and my own experience to
 fill the position, and I would naturally

and now,

I am making the application, I have
 bought a plantation in the Parish of East

Baton Rouge. to which I intend to take my family in October or as soon thereafter as possession can be had.

I deem it proper to say that when I get possession of my plantation, I shall not be dependant on an appointment, and hope by frugality and industry to obtain a competence.

Having never served in the same Department with you, I have not the pleasure of your acquaintance. Not being a politician, my name only appears in official reports. And I respectfully call your attention to the part of Genl Grant's report of the campaign around Vicksburg that relates to the assault and capture of the enemy at Big Black Bridge 17th May 1863.

I am General Very Respectfully
your obs servt

M. B. Lawler, Major.
Majr Genl Vol,

Majr Genl A. B. Howard

Superintendent Freedmen's Bureau
Washington D. C.,

Equality Ill.
Sept. 2nd 1865.

Lawler, M. K.
Bot. Maj. Genl. Vols.

Relative to an application
made to President Johnson
for a position in Freedmen's
Bureau.



Yazoo Maine

September 2nd 1865

General.

Having concluded my duties at Harrisburg Pa. where I have been in charge of a Depot of Clothing and Equipage for the past ten months, and that Depot being discontinued, I have been ordered to my residence, to report to the Adjutant General U.S.A. for orders, by orders from Hd. Qrs. Middle Military Department, and have already done so.

I cannot tell whether I am to be ordered on duty again, or discharged, but would prefer to remain in the service. I was recommended to be retained a short time ago from Hd. Qrs. Dept of Pennsylvania, then commanded by Maj. Genl. Cadwallader.

I would like very much to be ordered to duty in your Bureau, either in my present Department, (the Quartermaster) or in any other, where I can be of service to the Government, having always taken a deep interest in the successful working of the Bureau, and also having had an acquaintance with you at the commencement of the rebellion, when I entered the service in

Third Maine Infantry.

If you will make the application to have me ordered to your Bureau, no doubt it would be successful and you would confer a favor upon me.

I am General

Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant

C. T. Watson

Capt & A. G. No.

May. Genl. C. C. Howard

Commissioner of Freedmans Bureau

Washington

C. C.

Department of State,
Washington, 2nd Sept.
1865.

To Major General
Howard,
Freedman's Bureau.
General.

Allow me
to present to you the
Reverend J. King, of
Canada, who has
been introduced to me
by the Honorable
William M. Douglass;

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Secretary of State of
that province. Dr.
King wishes to confer
with you on matters
connected with the
business which you
have in charge.

I am, General,

Your very obedt servt,

Will: H. Lumsden

Personal

WAR DEPARTMENT.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

Office Ass't Com'r for Ky., Tenn. and Northern Ala.,

Nashville, Tenn., Sept 21 1865.

Dear General.

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I have an attack of "Brevet" on the brain - I want to be made Brevet Maj Genl of U.S. Vols. I have never cared much about it until now. I understood that the War Dept are about to publish a list of all Breveted Officers - and I should dislike to be left out of the meritorious class - I have served four years in the Army, and have done as well as I could - My Superior Officers and the Governor and all my State's Representation in the Senate & Congress recommended me for promotion to full Maj. Genl - two years ago - It was not consistent at that time

to promote Saul Osterhouse and
myself. both from one state. and
my claims were therefore not
pressed.

I spoke to Mr Stanton on
the subject when I was last
in Washington. and he assured
me of his willingness to promote
me: if I was about to leave the
service. but he feared the clamor
that might be raised by the
opponents of the Bureau. at
placing so much rank in
it - I notice many Officers are
being promoted. Many of them
I know have not done one half
the service that I have. and am
doing - Should you feel at liberty
to ask the President to give me
a brevet? My friends think it
strange that I have not secured
it before this time. but this is

the first letter I have ever written
on the subject to any one —

You may tell the Secy of War
that I will leave the service
any how that you can find
a good man to take my
place — as I will remain a
little time longer if desired.
I shall be very grateful to
you if you can secure for me
an early brevet —

I am hard at work
and doing some good I trust
The Bureau duty is not easy
as you have doubtless discovered.

My good wife often
writes of you, & sends her love
I had hoped to have gone home
a few days about this time
but can not well be spared
from duty here —

Will you please write

me at your early leisure. whether
I may hope for a brevet or not. I
would like it so much before the
20th of this month if possible. for
certain reasons - in which
vanity I fear figures a good
deal.

Excuse my familiar
letter. but believe me to be

Yours faithful friend

Chas B. Stark

Brig Genl

Maj Genl Howard

Corn on

Washington

D. C.

War Department,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865

Sept 3 Washington, 1865.

My dear Mother,

I had a very warm
journey West. I will send you an
account of my nuptial & doings at
Chicago as soon as I can get copies.
I have been hard at work since my
return putting things to rights.
I want a careful description of
Wash's wife. Chas. has better come
here on his return. I shall put
Tilson in Ga. but under Saxton.
I hope you are well & praying for
your son. That he may do
right - God bless you - aff.

Mr. Son Otis

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Petersburg Va

Sept 4th 1865

Gen O O Howard

Dear Sir,

The more I reflect upon the plan presented to you by myself in Friday last, so well approved by you, the more determined I am with your aid influentially to put this plan in execution. If I cannot prevail upon Mr Jenkins, to take a sufficiently small sum to secure a title to my former plantation, I know of plenty of places that can be bought in this way, which will afford ample land to give my poor former servants, land & to make them comfortable homes for life. This remainder is my object in the main, that was and am willing could sufficient land be procured to make the place a kind of a Depot, for other homeless ones, until they might do better. Now if you will be pleased to write

out this principle in your own succinct
and concise style approved by yourself and
Col Whittier of the Belling Department, I know
to a moral certainty I can raise means amply
sufficient to carry out my main object, by subscrip-
tion, and from those who would never
give any small amount. After that myself
or husband will be willing to remain in
the business until Christmas, placing in
your hands all funds that could be raised
over \$600. My heart and soul is in this cause
and I have the hearty cooperation of my
husband and ~~his~~ ^{his} ~~has~~ ^{has} ~~own~~ ^{own} in whatever we decide
to be right. During my travels in New England
I found Gen A Howard a universal favorite.
In conversation with a friend in New York
he remarked "we have perfect confidence in our
chief of the freedmen's bureau," not that I
mention this to show you how much your
influence will be valued.

Now my dear
I have only to say that I am acting
conscientiously I believe it to be my duty to

extend a helping hand to those servants 23
who have watched over me in sickness, and in
my darkest hours of the late cruel war, when
my husband was conscripted they wept with
me in sorrow, in my own room they
prayed with me for his safety, and when
he returned safe greater joy could not be
manifested than shown by them, Be pleased
to let me hear from you at the earliest
possible moment, and if possible provide
either one of us a ticket of transportation, would
be glad for it to extend as far north as Boston
I have many friends there, and believe a
large amount can be raised in that city.
In conclusion allow me to ask if you are
not a relative, of Mrs C. J. H. Nichols, (she
was a Therapist) formerly Editors of the
"Vermont Wheelham County Democrat" one
of the best of ladies, an old friend and
correspondent of my former husband.
These servants for which I am trying to
make provision, were left me by him
together with those of an only own brother
deceased

which render them doubly dear to me
not as property but as true friends

Humble tho I can do not forget
to write me as early as practicable our present
address is Henderson Greenville Co N.C.
Care of R. A. Jenkins, and it will be forwarded in time

With sentiments of respect and esteem

I am Very Respectfully

To

Gen. C. C. Howard
Commander
of
Greensboro Barracks

Mrs. R. A. Jenkins

Oct. 4. 1865

Left. Will

forward

to him

I did

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HEADQUARTERS, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER,
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

General.

Beaufort, S. C., Sept 4th 1865.

This letter will be handed to you by Col. Brig. Gen. C. H. Van Wyck Col 56th N. Y. V. General Van Wyck has been for a long time on duty in this Dept. and has always been one of the firmest, truest, most consistent & best friends the freedmen have had. There is no one who has a clearer or more correct idea of the service required of the freedman's bureau, and there is no one who can give you a truer account

of the status of affairs in South
Carolina. I am anxious that you
should have an interview with
him. His regiment will soon
be mustered out of service, but
I feel very unwilling to have
him leave the state at present.
In the present critical condition
of affairs he can render most
valuable service to the Bureau.
His large experience here, his
thorough knowledge of the freedmen
as well as of the whites, his
common sense & statesman like
views, peculiarly fit him for this work.

I beg, General, that you will
request the War Department to
promote him to the full rank ²⁵
of Brigadier General when
his regiment goes out of service,
and assign him to duty with
me for the present. I am so
impressed with the necessity of
securing, at this time, agents
for this work who are in sympathy
with it, and appreciate its
importance, that such a request
seems to me but reasonable and
proper; as I feel assured it is for
the best interest of the service

and the General.

I am General

My respectfully

Yours

Br Maj Gen

Asst Comm.

Maj Gen O. O. Howard U.S.A.
Commissioner

Head. Qu. Adj. Gen. S. C. & Co.

Beaumont St.

Sept. 21. 1865

General D.

Br. Maj. Gen. Adj. Gen.

Placed the basis of this
letter Br. Maj. Gen. D. H.
has agreed to have an in-
terview with Gen. Howard
also requests that Gen. Howard
to endeavor to have Gen. D. H.
retained in service of the military
is arranged that

Office of The Tribune, 95
New York, Sept. 4, 1865.

Dear General:

You were so
kind to me in other
days that I shall venture
to hope you have not
forgotten my name.

I wish to
introduce by you the
Rev. George O. Blais
of Newark, N. J., now

a chaplain in the army,
tells you his own father
has done constant and
Excellent service. He wishes
an appointment in your
bureau. I know him
personally, and I know
what he has done, and
what he is able to do. If
you have any better man
you are fortunate, but this

I can say of Mr. Glais
that - for intelligence
& devotion I should have
to look far to find his
superior. I can most
cordially recommend
him to you for any
post where you want
an officer whom you
could trust to do such
work as you would do

yourself. And I understand
from Mr. Glanville that he is
ready & desirous to accept
any assignment to duty
in any quarter where he
may be most useful. I
do not think I could
better repay your many
good offices to me than
by bringing you in connection
with my friend, if you

have, as I suppose you
must have, need of
first-class assistants in
your work.

I send you my best
wishes, & trust you will
believe me always

Sincerely yours

Geo. W. Smalley,
Major Gen. Oliver O. Howard
Freedmen's Bureau.

Mr. Greeley has written you on the same subject.

(2.)



Augusta Me. 4 Sept. 1865.

My Dear Genl.

A few days since I mailed, under cover to you, Senator Morrill's letter to the Secy. of War. favoring the retaining of Major Lee.

I now take the liberty to hand you a letter which I have recd. from Col. Simon Hayes, and I should be glad if you could find time to read a part of the first and the second pages.

You may remember that I took great interest in Hayes as I know you did. Hence I am very anxious that his services should be recognized by a Prot. of nothing more. As he served with you in 4th Corps, I thought it not unlikely you might feel at liberty to ask Genl. Meigs to Prot. him if you thought him entitled to it.

If I can aid you in any way in assisting you wife in getting ready to move, please command me and I will respond at sight.

So far as I know, you folks are all
well now -

Yours
Thankfully & Sincerely -
A. D. Harwell -

Major Genl. Howard

Augusta Me.
Sept. 4 - 1865.

Harwell, Mon. A.B.

Dear Sir,
States that a few days ago he
mailed under cover to Genl. Howard
Senator Norrie's letter to the Secy-
of War. forwarding the intention of
Major Lewis' Enclosures letter from
Col. William Hayes, and recom-
mends that his name be suc-
ceeded to Genl. Meigs for promotion.

(1. Enclosure)



Victoria, Texas,
Sept. 5, 1865

General: In consequence of the late General Orders from the War Department, my duties here are ended; and I shall, next week, return to my home in Indiana.

Having served with and under you, I take the liberty of writing you now to say that should there be, in the Bureau of which you have charge, a position to which you would be pleased to have me assigned, with my rank as Brigadier General, I would be most happy to serve under you again.

Should such be the case, I need not say to you, that I would do all in my power to carry out the intentions of the government; and I believe my experience in the south since the commencement of the rebellion, would enable me to do so to your satisfaction.

I should be very much pleased

Victoria, Jan 1,
Sept. 7, 1862

I am glad to hear of the late
success of your journey from the New England
States, and that you are well, and
I shall wait with interest to hear
of your return to my
home in England.
I am very glad to hear that you
have the liberty of writing your own
to say that should there be, in the
course of which you have changed,
a position to which you would be
willing to have me assign, with
my own as independent element,
I should be most happy to serve under
you again.
Should such be the case, I would
not say to you, that I would do all
in my power to carry out the wishes
of the Government, and I do
have my experience in the matter.
Since the commencement of the rebellion,
I should be very much pleased
to be able to do so to you.

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to hear from you, General; and with
a heart full of thankfulness to
Him who determines the fate of Na-
tions that He has been pleased to
preserve our country from ruin, I
am,

With great respect,

Your Abidant Servant,

Nathan Kimball

My address will be Indianapolis,
Indiana.

Major General O. O. Howard
Freedman's Bureau
War Department
Washington

Victoria Texas,
for letters;

Kimbale Bay, Tenn.

Finally letter also
asks for a position

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~~Unofficial~~
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands.

Head Quarters Asst. Commissioner, State of Virginia,

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Richmond, Va.,

Sept 5th

1865.

To Maj Genl O O Howard
Commissioner &c
General

I beg leave
to lay before you a little matter
that occurred yesterday

One Pvt Brig Genl Hall a Colonel
I think of the 11th Maine Regiment
(in company with an assistant Super-
intendent of the Bureau) called on
a gentleman and requested his influ-
ence in procuring for him the position
of Asst Commissioner in the Bureau
for Virginia

He stated that "he was an
old friend of General Howard who
desired to give him a place; that
he could bring a strong political
^{influence} to bear in his favor and he had
no doubt but he should succeed"

Journal of George Washington Parke Custis

Vol. 1, Part 1, No. 1

1795

Prof. Geo. W. Parke Custis
Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the purchase of the land for the purpose of erecting a monument to the memory of the late George Washington. I am very glad to hear that you are so interested in this cause, and I am sure that your efforts will be successful. I have already written to the Board of Commissioners on the subject, and I am sure that they will be very anxious to do all in their power to promote the object. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
George Washington Parke Custis

My object in writing this
General is to state that I have
neither the time or disposition
to ward off attacks of this nature

I will try to do my duty
faithfully and have confidence that
General Howard will if I make
mistakes point them out to me
and do me the justice to believe
that I try to do my duty

I am General very Respecting
Your Obedt Servt
O Brown

Wd. Geo. Aft. Comr. State of Va.

(Abbley to Gen.)
Richmond Va.

Sept 5. 1865.

Brown, O.

Col. & Aft. Comr.

Relative to one Bvt. Brig.
Hall. endeavoring to procure
influence to assist him in
obtaining the position of
Aft. Comr. for State of Va.



Maiden

Map
Sept 5/63

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May Gen Howard

Commissioner &c

General:

I write to remind you that you promised to see what you could do in securing me a salary as Supt. Schools of S.C. & Geo.

The N.E. F. A. S. have elected me their Secy but I prefer to go South, and Gen Saxton is anxious that I should go.

I learned yesterday from Mr. Whittier that you had arranged to pay a Supt in N.C. & conclude, therefore, that you have overlooked my papers.

Respy

James Redpath

Supt Schools S.C. &c

P. S. I open my letter to request that if you can make any arrangement for me, you will greatly oblige me by enclosing a pass so that I can go forthwith to S.C.

by

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

Office Ass't Com'r for Ky., Tenn. and Northern Ala.

Nashville, Tenn., Sept 5th 1865.

General

I have the honor to enclose herewith a letter from Maj Genl Thomas to the Secy. of War recommending my promotion -

I think about as much of this letter from the good old Soldier as I should of the President. and will thank you to return the same to me. if it is not regarded with favor by the War Dept. =

I write you in relation to a brevet for myself on the 2nd inst. & Genl Thomas this day was so well pleased with the results of my labors here that he voluntarily sent the enclosed letter to my Office

WAR DEPARTMENT
General
Office
1862

General
I have the honor to
acknowledge the receipt of your
letter of the 10th inst. in relation
to the proposed purchase of
land for the purpose of
establishing a military
post at the mouth of the
River. I am pleased to
learn that you are
interested in the project
and I am sure that the
Government will be
pleased to consider the
proposition. I am, Sir,
Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
John A. Smith

I shall be greatly pleased
if you can secure for me a
box.

Very Respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt

Clinton B. Stark
Brig. Genl
Asst. Com

Maj Genl Howard
Cmndr &c
Washington

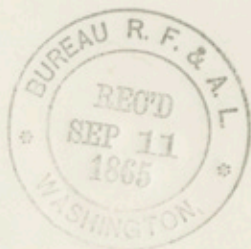
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Nashville Tenn.,
Sept. 5th 1868.

Fisk, Clinton B.
Brig Genl. Sp't Comr.

Encloses letter in reference
to his promotion, from
Major General Thomas,



New York City Sept 1865

Dear
 Genl

Referring to the occasion of my visit to you the day before yesterday when I had the honor to ask you to be detailed in the Freedman's Bureau, I saw Genl Fry as you suggested stating that "if I was retained in the Veteran Reserve Corps, after consolidation Genl Fry would endorse me" you would perhaps make application for me & assign me to duty in "Georgia". To this the Genl replied that the matter of consolidation was in a state of contingency & not decided - that probably it would not take place as a great ^{interest} had been taken by members of Congress Senators & Governors among the

most influential of the various
states & that probably it would be
held "sub curia" until after the
meeting of Congress. The Genl then
then said as I remember, that if he was
applied to for information &c as regards
my antecedents &c, he would gladly
give it. I have the honor therefore
Genl to make formal application
to be detailed in the Freedman's Bureau
in such capacity as I may be of service
to the public good & the Government, ac-
cording to the opinion of my superiors.
I have served in the War from its
commencement in the different grades
from private to my present rank first
in the 7th Regt U. S. N. G. subsequently in
the 3rd Regt "Irish Regts" & finally
in the Vet's Corps. I have participated

in all the campaigns from the
 1st Bull run to Antietam. Have
 been mentioned in Genl Order by
 the late Genl Phillip Kearney for dis-
 tinguished gallantry at the battle of
 Fair Oaks, (then in the line) Have
 been wounded in action receiving a ball
 thro' my body piercing the upper lobe
 of my right lung. Have been on duty
 in the War Genl's Bureau for more
 than a year & a half & finally acted as
 Asst Mar D. C from the first of May
 1865 to the closing of the office & the
 turning in of the records to the War Dept
 Since my hurt I am now on 3^d days leave
 of absence. Am well known in the War
 Department & generally throughout Washington
 as also personally by his Excellency the President
 In full faith & pleasure & in witness to my testi-

now on file in the War Department. Brig Genl Fry is conversant with my past history & antecedents.

Hoping to receive the honor of your consideration for the foregoing & consistent with your views an assignment to duty in the Freedman's Bureau.

I have the honor to be

Yours
Very Respy

Thos O P Seward

May Genl C. Howard

W. H. C. Brown

in charge

Freedman's Bureau

Washington D.C.

May 22nd Sept 1865

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P.O. address

Washington

D.C.



Adj. 3^d. Regt. T. R. C.

Wattleboro. Vt. Sept. 6th 1861

My dear Genl.

I write you some days since in regard to service in your Bureau. I would very much like to serve with you if I can be of any assistance.

It is rumored that the Regts. of this Corps are to be consolidated, and if so, I would much prefer to remain in the service, and perhaps would be more liable to be retained, if upon detached service with you.

I have reason to believe that my record at the War Dept. is good. I am quite sure that Col. Fairbank and Lt. Col. Buck, A. A. G. with whom I have a personal acquaintance, and both of whom have taken occasion to express their appreciation of my service, will aid in my assignment.

to you, if you wish it. Tho' of course I
would not ask formally any assignment
at the Department. I hold up you as
a valued personal friend and a former
beloved Commander.

I know Genl. you will pardon this
intrusion. I am aware how much time
you must be with your official duties.
Mr. Small joins in her kindest regards
to you.

I am Genl. Very respectfully
and sincerely Yrs.

F. S. Small

Col. 3^d Regt. I. R. C. &
Brig. Genl. Ill.

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Executive Mansion.

Washington D. C. Sept 7th 1865.

Major General Howard
Commissioner &c. &c.

Dear General

The President
would like to see you to-
morrow morning (Friday)
Can you come over
about 9 o'clock?

Very truly Yours
A. A. Phelps
MILFORD

