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National "Freedmans' Savings and Trust Company,"

AMERICAN EXCHANGE BANK BUILDING,

No. 87 CEDAR STREET,

NEW-YORK,

September 14th 1865.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Washington D.C.

"At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Freedmans Savings and Trust Company, held in the Directors Room of the Am. Exchange National Bank, Sept 14th 1865

The President, Wm A Booth in the Chair.

"E A Lambert Esq. Chm. Agency Com. nominated Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard, as a Corporate member of this Board, Where, after balloting, the President declared Maj. Gen O. O Howard unanimously elected"

Dear Sir. In handing you the above extract from the minutes of our Board, permit me to say that it is ^{with} ~~their~~ earnest ^{hope} that you may find it consistent with your other laborious duties to serve as a member of this Board

I have the honor to be

Your Oble. Servt

W. J. Hewitt
Per Atty

New York City,
Fr Cedar St.
Sept 16, 1947

ACurt M J
Vice Pres APS & PCA

Indication of election
as Pres of the
National Foreman
Savings & Trust Co.

Ans Sept 16, 1947

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I think it is very
much better for me not
to identify myself with
the Savings Co. I am
better equipped to handle these
and facilitate its operations
by not being so identified.
Thanking you again
for your most cordial
and your action.
I deeply desire honorable
distinction, conferred

Recd 18 Sept 1947

Chicago - Sept. 16th 1865 -
Major Genl. Howard, U.S.A.

Sir -

Though personally a stranger, I presume upon the friendship you have shown to my dear daughter, Mrs. Gordon of Savannah, to address you upon a subject of deepest interest to her.

Her dear Uncle, Gen. Mercer, who, except for his being a rebel, is one of the bestest Christian gentlemen that our country has seen arrested and sent to Fort Pulaski, at the instance it is said, of Maj. Gen. Canby.

The charges against him are, his having caused the execution of certain soldiers formerly of our Army, a short time before the surrender of Savannah.

The statement sent to me alleges that these men although they had been prisoners at Florence, S. Carolina had thus insisted at their own request, into the Confederate Army - they expressing themselves indignant at the refusal of our Government to exchange them. They were formed into what was known as 'Bowie's' or the Foreign

Battalion, and fought zealously against the Union troops in Carolina before being sent to Savannah. Gen. Mower knew nothing of the origin or composition of this Battalion - They were clothed and rationed, and paid exactly like the other Confederate soldiers, and sent to his command while conducting the defence of Savannah.

At the approach of Sherman's Army, the men began to show uneasiness, as they naturally might, knowing that if taken in the rebel uniform they were likely to meet with "a short shift and a strong cord" - at length about twenty deserted in a body to join their old Comrade and Commander, where they told I suppose their story, which may, possibly differ materially and yet truthfully from the representations which Gen. Mower received.

As Gen. M.'s position was a critical one, the whole defence of the City resting upon his prudence and conduct, he wanted to send the rest of the Battalion to the City where there would be less temptation to their fidelity; and accordingly the order was given for them to march at 10 o'clock at night. About dusk, one of the officers of the Battalion came in great agitation to Gen. Mower to inform him that a plot was ^{discovered} ~~in agitation~~ that these soldiers had determined

whom ordered to fall in, in order to march to Savannah,
 to march upon their officers, serge and band them, killing
 them if they made resistance - spike all the cannon upon
 the ramparts, kill or capture the pickets and escape
 to Sherman's Army. Gen. Mure's line was so attenuated
 that he could spare but few men - he sent his aid de camp
 to Gen Wright for a guard, and dispatched at the same
 time his Senior Colonel to take such measures as he
 should deem necessary. The arms were seized as well as
 those of the mutineers who were pointed out as ring leaders -
 a military Court was organized forthwith - the men were
 condemned to be shot, they confessing their guilt - and
 they were summarily executed, Gen. Hinkle and Gen.
 Wright approving the sentence.

Poor Abby is almost frantic. She seems convinced
 that Gen Mure has no chance if tried by a Military
 Court - she is sure that time will not be allowed him
 to send and find the witnesses who are able to prove the
 circumstances under which these men were executed, or
 to establish Gen. Mure's entire innocence of any part
 in their indictment. She sees that it is indignantly
 necessary for the survivors of this battalion to swear

vehemently against the libelous relative, and I
congratulate me to apply to my military power to
moderation and justice for him.

I was certain, my dear Sir, not less from your
well-known qualities as a Christian Commander, than
from my grateful remembrance of friendship, whom
you darling child in his hour of distress, that you
will be your influence to save the child from any
precipitation in the manner of conducting an investigation
so fraught with consequences to him - I have the
ful confidence that you will write to Gen. Steedman
with whom, I am told, the chief authority in the
premises resides, and give him such information, or make
such suggestions as your own good judgment may prompt.

I do not know Gen. Steedman personally, but his
sympathy with our cause, when he was called to witness
for our dear Son, killed in the fatal explosion of the
Mound City, has drawn my heart towards him - with
his paternal tenderness to my Nelly in the hour of
duelate separation from her home, demand my utmost
exertions in his behalf. May our merciful Father
and prosper the efforts you may kindly use - and
be sure you for having used them. Very respectfully
Yours truly
Juliette St. Louis

Chicago Ill.

Sept 16. 1855.

Paris Mo.

Requies for

To assist Gen

Mercer into his

Rev. duty in

getting an impartial

view of the case

and to advise

as to the

Brookline
 Massachusetts
 Sept. 17/65

My dear General

Major Henry L.

Higginson late of the

2^d Mass. Infantry &

11th Mass Cavalry &

1st Col. C. F. Moore

1st Mass. Infantry

(which Regt. was in

your Army I believe)

As there two officers may not be going
 together I will thank you if you will
 send the two Circulars instead of one -

are going into the
Southern States with a
view to buying & buying
land of yours. Bureau
raising cotton &c. They
are both good officers &
good fellows with sound
Maphamite principles
& are just the people
whom it is for our
good to settle in the
South. Can you send
me a suit of overalls

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letter introducing them
to the various officers of
your Bureau in the
South & asking them
to give my friends
such assistance as they
can. I shall esteem
it a great favor if you
will do so.

Sometime ago I wrote
you saying that I
wished to be assigned
to a command in the
South & to be made
superintendent of West-
ern

in the District where I had
Brookline Mass
Command. Sept 22. 65.

It would be possible?
Baden May 65

ordered anywhere but
August 65
of introduction for
his office to Washington
and comm. re.
for

If you can do anything
for me or my friends
write me to
Brookline, Mass

Truly & Respectfully

Aug 21.

Francis B. T. Carlow

Mr. Gen.

Gen. S. May, Genl.
re re

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Philadelphia Sept 18 1865

To Gen W. W. Howard
Dear Sir

About the 4th or 5th of last Month (Aug^r) I took the liberty of writing thee on behalf of my Son, Col Charles C. Cresson, late of the 13th Regt T.V. 2nd, Brig, 2nd Division 20th Corps; to ask thy influence to get him appointed to assimilated Rank in the Regular Army.

I have felt more free to ask this of thee, in consideration of a most flattering endorsement of a Recommendation thou gave him, while under thy command in the 11th Corps (Buckley's Brigade) also the willingness thou kindly expressed to Col Cresson late Brig Gen, (P. H. Jones) to do all thou could for him.

In January 1862 my relative, Hon Thos E Franklin of Lancaster, obtained from Hon Simon Cameron (then Secy War) the appointment of my Son (then 2nd Lieut, in the old 30th afterwards 66th P.V.) to be 2nd Lieut in the Regular

Army, the transfer was to of been made about the time of the change, when Hon E. M. Stanton, succeeded Gen Cameron this prevented its accomplishment, owing to an order from the War Department, that no transfers were to be made from the Vol^s to the Regulars. I called on Hon Edwin M. Stanton in March or April 1862, and he told me, that he did not think anything could be done in relation to transferring my Son then, but, if (then) Lieut Cassons, record should prove a good one during the War, there would be no difficulty whatever in getting him appointed to assimilated Rank, in the Regulars, at the close of the War.

Lt Col Chas C Cassons Application written by himself, together with a number of most excellent Recommendations (the one enclosed by thyself amongst them) were some time back sent to the War Department.

If thou would kindly be willing to bring the matter to the notice of Hon E. M. Stanton, I believe the matter will be accomplished.

Maj A. M. Hinson, wrote me on Aug 7th that he had recd my letter & paper, that thou was then on a visit to Maine, & on thy return he would lay them before thee. Respectfully
John B. Casson
Please direct to Care Powers & Wrightman 9th Parish St. 1618 Mt Vernon St.

Alvin P.

SEPT 15, 1885

Dear Mr. P.

with accompaniment
in his son's
name.



Quaker Bottom C.,
18th Sept, 43.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

Sir,

There are a number of
Freedmen in this County
whom have left the Slave
States. They are industrious
and saving, but came here
without anything to start
on, and consequently have
bought no land.

The Copperheads are opposed
to their staying here among us
and the Freedmen wish to go
where they can enjoy full
Liberty, and own Land and
have a home in safety.

What a chance is there for
them in the South.

Dear Mr. Watson,

11th 21st 1855

My dear Mr. Watson,

Dear Sir,

I have no objection to

your using the name of

the book in your paper.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Yours, &c.

Wm. Lloyd Garrison

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On what terms can they
get land, and transport
to it in some of the
Southern States.

Please answer,
and oblige
yours &c

Thos. A. Walton,
Quaker Bottom,
Lawrence County,
O.



Shaker Bolton Ohio.
Sept 1865:

Walter H. H. H.

ask for information
concerning lands
at South Jew
Cal to problem

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am Sept 28. 65

Washington DC
Sept 18th 1845

Genl.

Subsequent to seeing
you on Saturday I saw the
Asst Secy of War - on the sub-
ject of the capture of Davis
papers. I found that the
complaint was about a
letter published the day the
papers reached Washington.
My impression is that the
letter alleged to not not
one of those captured among
Davis' things. of course it
is one. It must have been
abstracted from them
after the papers passed beyond
my control - from what the
Asst Secy says. I am

Certain I Anticipate
any one of the Det wishes
strictly prohibiting any person
from seeing them, not allowing
any Officer to a model of
them. Any Accounts to
be published as to their Nature.
I think the Art Det is satisfied
that I took unusual pains
to bring them before the Det
in nearly the same place as
they were when captured.
I requested for permission to let
the young officer who captured
them accompany them to
Washington. This he declined
to do. Am sure a staff officer
of his own rank there - my
orders were the young officer
as to guarding them were
very strict - And under
no circumstances was

Any person to have access
to them. I deemed it expedient
now this offer when unusual
pain, and anticipating all
of the wishes of the Gov. that
I should be excused, for not
doing - exactly what I did
do. And here account for
accidents after the matter
passed out of my hands -

I should like to return to
Florida - Foster desire
to have me as you were
sure of the enclosed letter -
If I cannot go back I desire
a commission somewhere as
my wish as far as I'll -

Yours &c
Thos J
May 5

To
My Sir Friend

Washington D.C.
Sept. 18. 1865

Vogdes. J.
Brig. Genl.

Relating to the capture
of the Darius papers.
&c, and would like
to return to Fla,

Champaign City
Illinois
18th Sept 1865.

General, O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir.

I wrote you
some time since, to procure your signature
to a claim, account against the Government
for Supplies furnished the Army, during
their stay in that part of Georgia, in
which I resided, which account, is now,
& has been for some time past, in the
War Department & Offices, for payment;
which claim, was properly authenticated
in due form, but owing to the move-
ment of the Troops, & my ill health, there
was no Voucher, asked for, or given.

Now as I am, reduced, almost to want
as a good Union Citizen of the United States
am. I to sustain all the loss that I have
without a Friend to render me that as-
sistance, to see me again righted?

It seems to me to be right, that I should
sustain no loss, more Especially under
these painful circumstances, that I
left the South, & compelled to come North
Homes, ^{while} ~~as~~ our Troops evacuated the
Place where I lived - & by Genl Sherman's
orders - destroyed by fire, my Home
& Property there. In a Christian
Spirit I ask your assistance to call
on the War Dpt. if the whole, or part
of my account, there represented, can
not ^{be paid} ~~be~~ at once, for its the duty of
the Government, according to the con

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
- petition, in Article 5th last clause of the
Amendments, to the Constitution, that
no private Property shall be taken for
Public use, without just compensation.
And further, I call upon you to furnish
me Transportation, as at the head of
the Refugee & Freedmen's Bureau, to
return South, from this Place (Champaign
to Cairo - to Columbus Ky - thence by
Railroad, to Corinth, & the Ohio & Mobile
R.R., to Macon Mississippi - the Place
selected for my future Home. I wish
Transportation for myself & Niece, and
all our Baggage, the entire distance
as I received a letter from General
Sherman himself in his own hand
writing, to go south soon as possible
after receiving my Transportation from
you - as he had no authority to give
transportation himself, having made
the General's acquaintance in Cincinnati
the past summer, while he was there.

I am a Mason, & a Christian, &
as such I wish to be treated & respected.
Hoping that you will give proper attention
to my desires of my affairs, at the War, &pt
& especially of our Transportation South
immediately, as it is getting late in the
season, & that I shall hear from
yourself personally regarding the con-
tents of this letter.

Most Respectfully &c

Wm. Thompson

P.S. Please send the Transportation in reply for -
I cannot go South except you give us this Transportation
as I cannot pay my way - there - but can do well after that

Auburn Sept. 18th 65.

Dear General

The enclosed letter of Mrs Mc Kay's speaks her wish, I have only to add, that Mrs Mc Kay, sister of the Rev Mr Adams' wife, has proved her large heartedness. Her deep regard for suffering humanity by ^{her} unceasing and unwearied efforts for the last four years, in the field & camp in behalf of our sick and wounded soldiers, no woman has done more. None is more highly appreciated by those who have known of her efforts, you may recollect her. She was with the 3^d Corps, until it was merged in the 2^d afterwards with the latter.

Mrs Mc Kay is an intelligent Christian woman, possessed of a warm heart, great energy of character, an indomitable perseverance, whatever she undertakes she will most likely accomplish.

Respectfully

Your Obedt Servant

Wm R Wiggins

To Maj. Genl. B. O. Howard

Washington D C

