

Yorktown, Va. Dec. 25, 1863.

Major Genl. O. O. Howard,
Supt. Freedmen's Bureau.

Sir:

As it seems probable
the Freedmen's Bureau will be continued another year,
I take the liberty of suggesting a change in the local
superintendent for this (York) county;

I came here from the North six years ago; and
having carefully studied the characters of the inhabitants,
both white and black, I speak with some confidence when
I say that R. Churchill, (the Supt.) is a most unfortu-
nate selection to represent the Bureau in this locality,
where the large number of Freedmen congregated would
require a man of more than average tact and ad-
ministrative capacity,

Mr. Churchill has deemed it his duty, from the be-
ginning to put himself in a hostile attitude to the
white inhabitants, and has rendered himself peculiarly
obnoxious. The whole tendency of his administration has
been to widen and deepen the ill-feeling naturally existing
to a certain extent between the white and colored people,
necessarily, in the end, to the disadvantage of the latter class.

When orders came, some weeks ago, for the appointment of a
"Freedmen's Court," the citizens elected a worthy man to represent them. The
Freedmen thereupon elected a colored man from Massachusetts.

The White man, as a matter of course, declined to serve in conjunction with the colored one, when Churchill and the negro proceeded to hold court. This, naturally tends to render the Bureau obnoxious, and in the end will do vastly more harm to the blacks than to the whites.

I have been employing sometimes as high as 130 colored men:- and during the past three years have had not less than 1,000 different individuals in my employ. I have, also, about 200 residing on my farm. From these extensive means of forming an opinion, I have arrived at the conclusion that the operations of the Bureau here have been decidedly detrimental to the best interests of the colored population. They have become more and more reluctant to hire out; until now it is almost impossible to hire one, while their thieving depredations have become almost intolerable. We are wholly without redress, as our county court is afraid to meddle with the negro in any form, and Churchill is not disposed to curtail his thieving privileges.

A man of enlarged views and good administrative capacity might do much good if clothed with the authority of the Bureau, where one of narrow mind and strong prejudices against the White inhabitants, would do great evil.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant
Edw. C. Darlington

Bucksport Maine
Dec 25th 1865
Maj Gen Coward \$2000
230 Drpt

My brother
Samuel S. Gardner was
stationed at Selma Ala
as Ass't Capt of Freedmen
— we heard from him
quite often and regularly
until July last — since
then have not heard from
him — we supposed he had
written but from some cause
the letters did not reach
us and leave waiting from
time to time with the expectation
of hearing from him — we judged
that at your office they
would know if he had
left Selma and when.
Will you please cause any
intelligence the office may

have of him to be
forwarded me
and oblige
you very truly

E. B. Gardner

Office of the Adj'tl Commissioner

S.R. S. & Co. L.

Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 5th 1866

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Respectfully returned with
the information that Captain
J. S. Gardner is on duty at Selma
Ala. as Capt. R. G. C. A. S. for
that District, and when last
heard from, Dec 21st was in good
health,

Wager Swayne

Adj'tl Major General

Answered your letter with
the following information:
I am sorry to have to
inform you that we have
not yet received any news
from the South.

Very truly yours,

Wager Swayne

Adj'tl Major General

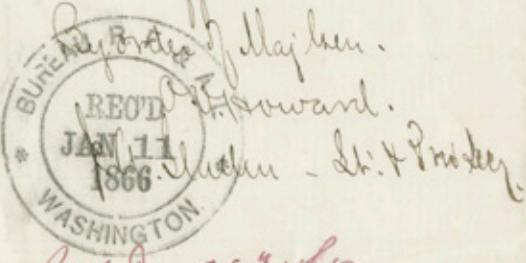
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Report, No. Dec 26. 1865.

Gardiner, L. B.

Desires to get information of Sam'l. W. Gardner who was Asst. of Freedmen at Selma, Ala. in July last.

Frankfort, B. R. G. & A.
Washington Dec 29th 1865.
Rushy referred to
Maj. Genl. W. Swayne to know
what has become of this
unnamed individual.
This letter to be returned
to his office.



Recd Dec. 24th 1865.

unpublished Harper Brothers
New York Dec 27 - 55

May Gove Howard 202
Washington D.C.

Dear

I have the honor to enclose an article upon Genl Schuyler's report, from the press of the Tribune of the Post. This article offers it seems to me one of the most favorable of all schemes for the disposition of that vexed question, which I assume you are creating serious division amongst good men here at the North. If you will propose that the freedmen be settled upon these public lands you will find the Post and the manufacturers press of the North in your support. I write you this note at the suggestion of several of our best men who work to you with confidence

Author's copy of Washington

N-pc 300 small

one is small & old

I'd estimate

when I first got it I
thought it was outside
number well past it enough though
to suppose either it had been
already thrown out or was it never
interfaced with any numbered lot.
I checked, through down and
around, without being able to find
any large specimen number
and at night I thought it
had been kept with some
other lumber until I found
about 10' of it with some
lumber that still had some
of the original paper
and this lot had paper
that appeared to be the same
color but not one I have
seen before other except that this

in your judgment and
the utmost faith in your
honesty of intention

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I remain

Your obedt servt

Geo Ward Nichols

Moulton Dec. 27, 1865 -

Nichols Geo. Ward.

I suggest the settlement
of public lands by
lotteries.

887 L.B.

Recd Dec. 28th 1865.

Kennebec Arsenal,

Augusta, Me., 27th Dec 1865

My dear General.

I left the city Thursday evening and reached Boston Friday evening.

I remained over at Spuyten Duyvil on train & car Ballock took charge of the colored people. I was also obliged to stop in Boston until Monday evening as my cousin, Miss Flora could not get ready to join me until that time.

I arrived home Monday evening just in time for the Christmas dinner.

I found all at home well & very glad to see me.

I gave you time to the Conductor of the train at Brunswick and he said he would give his personal attention to Mrs K- & children.

Mother & father send kind regards to Mr & yourself with great affection
Yours affeclytly
W. C. White

the

Kansas City

Chamber of Commerce

met with the at the
Chamber of Commerce
and talked to them about
what they could do to increase
the number of visitors.
They said go & meet the
people who work in
the city of Kansas City now.
These people know
about what is going on
in their city & can
help you get more
people to come to
their city. They
also said to help you &
introduce it to the people
in the Chamber of Commerce
to get them interested in
visitors. It is a good
place to visit because it has
many things to see & do.
The people there are
friendly & helpful & want
you to stay longer.

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New-York,

27 Februar 1865 205

Messieur le Général,

I'ori l'honneur de vous
transmettre du rapport que
vous avez bien voulu m'envoyer.
C'est un document d'un grand
intérêt, et j'en suis convaincu
que les journaux de Paris
reproduiront l'analyse
que je ferai parmi les documents
de notre N^o: de demain matin.
Avant j'vous prie,
Messieur le Général,

GERMAN-AMERICAN

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Pierson in respect over to you
for I know not where,

With this humble salutation.

M. de moring
communication up to you
to day - I have felt it my
to forward this to you under my
pecuniary what I received
from this I might "communicate
in confidence", believing it to be
important; I have to request
my be in the strictest
Other communication
General Candy the Depots
by telegraph in cipher
Supt. General, addressed to myself
here - And I am for
to reach General Candy
to myself - It will
be sent by post,
and

Moltova Riva 2^o - 1865

Editor de la Franco-Amer-
icaine.

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, &c.,

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HEAD QUARTERS ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER STATE OF VIRGINIA.

Richmond, Va., Dec 27th 1863.Maj' Gen O. O. Howard,^q
Commissioner &c

General

The accompanying

communication was received by me
to day - I have felt it my duty
to forward this to you under the
permission that I received from
you that I might "address you
in confidence". Believing it to be
important, I have to request that it
may be in the strictest confidence -

The communication came to the Maj
General Comdy the Department yesterday
by telegraph in cipher from the
Lieut. General, addressed to General
Terry - Genl S has sent a copy
to each District Commander and
to myself - It will be impossible
for me to obtain the information
called for in less than two weeks
over

and then my report will of necessity be so mixed with that of the District commanders that it will have but little value

It may be mistaken in my notion that this report is called for to furnish arguments against the continuance of the Bureau, if so no harm can be done by my communicating the information to you under the seal of confidence

I am sincerely

Very Respectfully

Yours Obediently

O P Brown
Col Assoc

Head Ins. Department of Virginia
Richmond Va. December 27th 1865

Col. O. Brown

Asst. Commissioner
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and
Abandoned Lands,

Col.

The Maj General Commanding requests that you report as early as possible all known cases of outrages which have occurred within this Military Department since the Surrender of the Rebel Armies, committed by white people upon blacks and blacks upon whites— The statement in each case should give, whenever practicable, the date and locality of the occurrence and the circumstances as fully as possible.

It is important that the report be received here by the end of the present week

Very Respectfully
Your Ch. Servt
(Signed) Edward Smith

Official
James A. Gates
Capt. 44.4

Asst. Adj't General

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and in New York Dec. 28.¹⁸⁶⁵

General:

Just as I had procured my ticket for passage to England, letters were received from there setting forth that, at their writing, it was deemed too late to do any thing for the coming season at the south. Although I had every thing in readiness, I at once gave up the mission.

I am at work on my Report which will be more lengthy than any I have made to either Generals Banks, Harlbut or Canby.

The news papers promise us a report from Gen. Tullerton. If he has made one, I would be glad to have a copy.

I read your report with great pleasure. I am fully convinced

That if you were allowed to
act your pleasure in the south,
matters would not be in the
shocking condition which I find
represented, not only in my
letters from there (from all the
states) but also in the southern
papers. I fear the present public
policy is like a sponge that
swallows the "Sweet water and
the bitter."

I enter in full sympathy with
you in the great work. I yearn
and pray for your triumph.

Will you be kind enough to send
me your Report in such form
as you may have it?

I will not complete my Book
till the work is more advanced
than it ^{is} at present. Your Report
will aid me much.

I have seen a letter from Mr. Plumley, written last summer,
in which he states - "I will
give myself no rest till, in
some way or other, I get Conway
out first, then Laney, and
then Capt. Pease."

I suppose, from what I learn
from New Orleans, that this
wretched man is now devoting
his whole energy and time
in the persecution of one
of the best officers in the
Bureau - I mean Capt. Pease
the Supt. of Education in
Louisiana.

The letter of recognition of
services which you promised
me in your letter, I will be
glad to have.

Respectfully

Thomas W. Conway
care Gen. Clark, 742 B. & W.

New York Dec 28th 1865.

Conway, Thos. H.

Heat opens up the
proposed trip to Eng-
land. Desires copy
of Genl Fullerton's report.
Also copy of Genl Brown
and's report. Desires
his letter of recognition
of services.

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for services & to be re-
warded for their services
as well as their work in the
cause of God.

Recd Dec. 29th 1865.

Dep'tl Prisoners of war.

Johnson's Island. Ohio. Dec. 28th 1864.

Major Gen. C. C. Howard. U. S. A. General. 210

your com-
munication from Gaylesville Ala. of Oct. 28th was duly
recd. Wherein you express your willingness to aid me in
procuring a special exchange, if you only knew my af-
filiated rank. It is needless to say that I thank you
sincerely for the offer, and will never forget the fulfil-
ment of the promise. Since losing my original rank
as Lieut. Col. in the Confederate army and taking
the position of Vol. A. S. C. on Brig. Gen. Daniel's staff
I have supposed that my grade was, so far as the
question of exchange is involved, that of other
aides on a Brigadier's staff viz. 1st Lieutenant.
As such I doubt not that Col. Caud or other autho-
rized party on the part of my Gov'l. would consent to
exchange for me. In this connection I deem it not
inappropriate to add that Capt. Duffer A. S. C. on Gen'l.
Butler's staff wrote to the Hon Benj. Dean of Boston
of date of Nov. 1st stating that Gen'l. B. had directed Col.
Mulford to tender me in exchange for any officer of
like rank that we hold of yours. As I have since heard
nothing of the matter, I fear that in the press of busi-
ness incident to active operations it has been overlook-
ed. Trusting that you General for the sake of old claspsmate
ship and my declining health will take the matter in hand
I am very respyly Your obt. Servt. Wm. S. Green.

Green, Wharf &
Prisoner of War
Johnson Island

Dec. 28. 1864.

Private

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Major Gen. do Howard

Commissary to

My dear Sir

You will perceive by the circular on the other side that we are in the act of fusing the two Commissions.

- an application has been made to Mr Abbott & myself by Mr M. J. Conroy, late Ass't Com^r in Louisiana, for an appointment as Commissary to the Commission. Before acting on this application we desire to hear from Mr. Willson be good enough to indicate to us your opinion as to his fitness.

These appointments are matters of great delicacy, - forbidding haste & de-

manding circumlocution & inquiry.

In Canada we take to an afford
man & a true friend to the cause. our
injury refers rather to his inadequate
adaptation to this particular work
a Canadasper is, to an extent, an
Exponent of the character of the
movement - for which he works
an answer at you ~~can~~ ^{can} never
will suffice Mr Abbott &

Yours truly

J.W. Thompson

Cor. Secy

Dec 28
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