22 Elm St.
Roxbury. Mass. Jan 17/66.

Major Genl Howard

My dear Sir

We have noted with much pleasure your engagement to lecture in Boston the first of next month in regard to the Freedmen.

Hoping that it will be possible for you while in this neighborhood to escape a brief space from public attentions & official duties, my family unite with me to request a renewal of the favor enjoyed by us so greatly at tea just before your departure from Beaufort. We are a quiet people, as Mr. Alvord testified, & should plan to have only our family circle.

I will be happy to wait on you from your lodgings at any hour

of an evening which you may designate.

Very respectfully
& cordially
Yours
S. Peck.

Room 9.
St Denis Hotel, B.way.
New York 17th Jany 1866.

Maj. Genl O. O. Howard
Washington. D.C.

Sir,

Being unable at the present time to proceed to Washington, permit me to transmit you a letter of introduction which was given to me by Brig Genl Baird.

The vital question for the Southern States is to obtain hands in order to reestablish the culture of Cotton & Sugar, & place it in the same position that it was before the war, and the only way in which that can be arrived at, is to encourage large immigration. The number of Freedmen has enormously diminished, and their good will to work required to be stimulated.

Heretofore, I was myself planter in Louisiana, and having employed in Guadeloupe (west-Indies) on my plantation a large number of Hindoos emigrants of

East India, I was enabled to appreciate them, it is them, who after the freedom was granted to the Blacks in 1848 by the French Government, who were the means by their labor of bringing back prosperity into the Colonies; for instance, the Island of Bourbon which produced during slavery only 45 to 50 thousand hogsheads of sugar produced in 1862 198 thousand hogsheads and that increase was due entirely to the Hindoos immigration, they are docile workmen, attentive, submissive - they came under a contract of 5 years and were true in their engagement, at the same time exacting what was due them.

My object is to import for Louisiana & adjoining States a certain number of those men, and I may say that most of the planters approved much of the plan, Therefore I now take the liberty of addressing you to request that you will pleased use your influence in order to obtain for me the official sanction of the immigration Department in Washington whereof Mr Conger is commissioner, and I will

feel very grateful, if you will favor me with your moral assent to my project, begging at the same time that you will obliged me with an early answer.

Believe me Sir,

Yours very respectfully

Ch. de Gadon,

Newburyport Jan. 17th 1866

Yaulon, Tex. &c

Recommends immigration of Freedmen to this country. Wishes Sen. Seward to use his influence to that end.

One enclosure from Sen. Baird.

Farmington Me.
Jany. 14th 1866.
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To, Gen. Howard.

My dear Sir,

Last nights mail brought the enclosed letter and envelope from my Son. which I immediately re-mail begging to add this little note.

I pray you to aid his secure home. He is my son, husband, my only relative.

In a few months it will be five years since he left me at the call of war. and is now more than four

wound.

years since we met?

I trust, dear Lizzie, you will find it in your heart and providence open the way to have this son of mine home would come.

With the best of wishes for you and yours, I am dear Lizzie

Sincerely yours,

A. L. Munson.

Harris Hotel
212 K St
Washington Jany 18 1866

Maj Gen O O Howard
Ch Freedmens Bureau

Respected Sir, It has come to our knowledge that you are desirous to have an interview with the Female persons who have been delegated to come to Washington in the interest of the Colored People, we are pleased to learn the fact; the desire for such an interview is most heartily reciprocated on the part of such of the delegation as are at present in Washington, but we would prefer if it shall meet your pleasure, and if no interest is likely to suffer by the delay, that said conference be postponed for a few days until some others of the delegation, who are expected shall come: we would however be most happy, we assure you, to receive for consideration

any thought or suggestion you may be pleased to present us with, you will find me ever be most thankful,

Very respectfully
Your obedt Servt,

William E. Matthews, Maryland.
Lewis H. Douglass Maryland
A. J. Pansin So. Carolina
A. W. Ross Wisconsin
John Jones Illinois
Geo L. Downing New England State
Henry Highland Garnet Col.
Men's National Loyal League
N. Y.

Baltimore. Jan 18th 1866

Craighill, W.P.

Thanks Genl. Howard for kind letter - enclosed his brother's application - if not granted he would like the application returned.

Recd. Jan. 19. 1866

Private

Balto. Jan. 18. 1866
U.S. Engr. Office

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My dear General.

I am much obliged for your kind letter of 15th -

I have today recd. my brother's application, which I enclose. I am going to ask of you the favor to retain it from the files of your office until you decide whether you can give him the place he desires. If it turns out that you cannot do so, please return it to me

Very truly yours

Wm. P. Craighill

Major Genl. O. O. Howard
U.S. Army
Chief of Freedman's Bureau
Washington D.C.

Philad.a Jan. 18. 1866

Major Genl. Howard U.S.A.
Chief of Freedmen Bureau
Washington. D.C.

General

My Father, Colonel Bache, of the Corps of Engineers will hand you this note & introduce himself to you - I do not presume to do, so as my acquaintance with you is so limited that you will probably hardly recollect me -

He will explain the object of his visit to you in my behalf, so I need not do so here. In any undertaking I desire all the strength I can get -

Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt

Francis A. Bach
late Capt 16th Inf. USA
Bt Lt Col. & A.D.C.
to Maj Gen Meade

Maj Genl Howard
Comdg Washington D.C.

Fort Monroe Va
January 18th 1866

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General:

I regret that your letter under date of Decr 18th 1865 did not come to hand until to day, owing to a mistake made in the initials of my name. No action has been taken, that would have been, had your views been known. I wish to ask a question, to guide in future efforts to establish the freedmen under the homestead law. Allow me to say, that I am not a candidate for any position within the gift of our Government. I would not even now, enter into the agreement proposed to you some time since, if the object could be attained as well by other means. I see no benefit to be derived, nor desire any, for myself, beyond what accrues to all in common, except, the satisfaction of having made an effort to do something to benefit the freedmen. I would now respectfully ask, if you would consent to appoint competent persons, or those now acting as Supts to Supts & Colony's (Subject to the Asst Comd of State) provided, they can take with them a number that would warrant such special appointments. I am assured, by Geo H. Pennington Supt. at Halifax N.C. that he can take ten thousand freedmen from his District, between this and July next, upon receiving the

assurance that free transportation and the protection of the Bureau would be extended. A few thousand, from each District or State, will have a good effect, by correcting the errors of the land holders, who are now flooding every avenue, to create capital ~~which~~ ~~will~~ to operate against the freedmen, and who are exacting stringent contracts, not in rentals, but as hirelings, and who complain, because they will not all do contract. They talk with so much indifference, about allowing their lands to grow up to bushes and briars, that, there should be a quick and earnest movement in the direction indicated, which ~~will~~ may insure an immediate change. The lands, will at once be placed at a fair rental, and the Negroes will be suddenly represented as willing to contract for one, or any number of years. Be assured, that no Negro who has crossed one season for himself will willingly consent to become a day laborer, ~~again~~ and contract as such. In speaking of Colonizing, I do not mean to set them out on one side, as a mark, to be like some Free Love or other obnoxious society, a disgrace and a failure. They must not be set apart in a body, by themselves. Fearing this, causes me to strain every effort to operate under the homestead law, and not have lands reserved when none but freedmen can locate, but where lands are free to all, and being daily taken up by Northern & western men and thus avoid crowding the Negroes together. There are vital reasons why this should be so. Our Man will return about 1st Feby & I will with pleasure report result of observations. I am Resp, Yours &c W. H. Hunt

Fort Monroe, Va. Jan'y 22

March 3d 14.

Concerning colonization and the Homestead law –

Respectfully

Ans. 7 Jan 65 Lee Pres Colo Bord

Head Quarters Military Division of the Mississippi, 85

St Louis Jany 18th 1866.

Maj Genl O. O. Howard
Washington D.C.

Dear General

I have been waiting until, calculating what would be my chances for a position in the Regular Army & as best I can judge, there is little likelihood of my accomplishing it — all legislation seems to tend against increasing my Dep't — where there is an increase, persons of my position are debarred and all future acts being repealed, closes the game. It may be I am in error though, and therefore look in this to you as one likely to know and knowing me, I feel

you will be kind enough to give me information. In case I act, of course I would not wish to call upon the junior commanders of our Army should Genl Sherman not do something for me — there certainly can be no doubt but that he will if I decide it.

Major Genls Schofield and Slocum have sent me very fine letters which I prize very much and I wish the favor of Genl Howard that he will give me (if he thinks worth trying for) a letter that will assist me into a position in the Army — if the prospects will not warrant the effort I will feel very proud of and grateful for a letter of general recommendation as regards your knowledge of my business ability &c.

Of course you have numbers of these requests and are taxed largely but I hope you will grant me a little time. My views of the Army as we were talking once you may remember, are about the same - now as then I do not specially like the children of the Army but have always had a high degree of regard for those who conduct themselves manly and are men - your appreciation I am sure is the same. I remember when we talked and soon after your making the remark to Genl S - that I must be "Worked into the Regulars" I would be glad to get your advice General and need not assure you it will be fully appreciated. If there be an opportunity I desire to connect

myself with the Army and do really think my services during the war, with my education, should give it to me, not considering my ability to cope with what may come in future, of which there ought to be no doubt.

All are well here & seem to be moving quietly.

Let me hear from you General soon as convenient & oblige.

With great respect

Your obt servt

L. M. Dayton

Bvt Lt Col & A. A. G.

Capt L. M. Dayton
Bvt. U. S. Cav. Volls.

St. Louis, Mo. Jan 15th 1866

Would like letter of recommendation from Genl. Howard.

Charleston S.C. Jan. 19, 1866.

Howard. Genl.
Brevt. Brig. Gen.

Friendly letter

Recd Jan 23rd 1866.

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Headquarters, Assistant Commissioner,
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA.

Charleston, S. C., Jan. 19 1866

Dear brother

We arrived at about 2 P.M. today (Friday) after a very tiresome journey — Gen. Scott & Staff were more exhausted than I who am accustomed to travelling on Southern roads. They had a smash-up between here & Florence yesterday which caused us two or three hours delay & a ride all the way from Santee River in a box car. — I have been with Gen. Saxton this evening. He feels that he has been disgraced and

Capt. Ketchum thinks that either the Dept. Comdr. & Asst. Comdr. should be identical or else that the latter should be still more independent than now – that last requirement that the Dept. Comdr. shall approve the orders is troublesome. – Gen. Sickles has restored Gov. Aiken's property & postponed to interfere with the Sea Islands. Capt. K. has telegraphed (and my nyegation before ignoring the letters (Freedmen) who have gone upon a plantation since you were here – At first he thought he could not declare them at all except to require the owner to offer them suitable terms for Contract & would restore if there were but "few" old settlers. As you failed to get Capt. K. the appt he expected, could you not secure for him a brevet. He has been loyal & always disciplined, he deserves it & is fully trusted. He would like much to have the brevet now that the other appointment has failed – May get off by Monday or Tuesday. Yours truly L. M. Haskell

Infinitely beaten – in being overtaken with before being relieved – the only Asst. Comdr. & Brevetted out and he crushes to return to his old position as Quartermaster. Says that the explanation cannot be disagreeable to him as an inspector but great for him as a captain is key. With a brevet by a captain it is a fair matter for contention it was Kimmons but that he would be removed to be released from the duty – If you write to him the letter – He really feels it so deeply disagreeable to be there Ex. Relieved in this state to release that they have triumphed over him.

I have said for Gen. Scott in the morning when he is better and go to Gen. Horton's Office & introduce him – Gen. Saxton intends to leave Sunday night on a steamer for Beaufort, Port Royal & Hilton Head. Gen. Sickles is despised & interfere with Freedmen matters.

Friday Morning
Jany 19 /66

My Dear Gail.

I send you by my orders, a letter which the Com^tee appointed by our society to visit New York — consisting of Col Goodrich & myself — desire to have mailed to day. That letter please read & pass it on. You will gather what I desire you should insert — viz the date which it will suit your convenience to go. I think you might probably take advantage of your anticipated lecturing tour northward.

You will please

if it suits you to insert the date in the blank, return the letter by the bearer.

I would have called on you to consummate this matter, but official duties call me imperatively out of town this morning.

I remain as ever.

Yours paternally

D. A. Eaton

Wash'n Jany. 19th 1866.

Calvin, Dear.

Asks when it will be convenient for him to come to visit Dr. Y.

Jan. 19th 1866.

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8 Dated N.Y. 19th Janry. 1866.

Received at Washington, January 19th 1866

To Maj Gen O. O. Howard

Are you living at the same house as when I left?

C. H. Markland
Met. Hotel

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Lt Col A. H. Markland

Telegram

Troops

New York

New York, Jany 19th

Markland, A. H.

Inquires if Capt Ha[illegible]
and resides at same
place, as when l[illegible]
left.