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Dear General,

The writer of the enclosed is one of the clerks of the Independent — a proper & responsible gentleman. I trust that you will be

Dear General

The bearer I
believe is one
of the clerks of the
Pole Department — a
Polish & Catholic like
myself. I have
had the
pleasure

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able to gratify
the Congregationalists
of Brooklyn by
giving the lecture
which you are
solicited for.

Ever yours,

Theodore Tilton

[July, 1866]

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

June _____ 1866.

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Dear Sir :—You are aware of the efforts being made to establish a "Congregational Church" at the Capital of the Nation, and understand how anxious the friends of freedom and progress are to proceed immediately with the work.

We have a good Pastor, fearless in the preaching of the Gospel, and faithful in its application to passing events.

The enterprise is regarded as being entirely beyond mere denominational and local importance; for we are anxious to meet the wants, not only of those who sojourn here, being citizens of all the States, but also of strangers, who visit the Capital at stated periods and during the sessions of Congress.

Our plans are matured. The site for a church edifice is purchased at a cost of $23,000.—The American Congregational Union have paid for the same $13,500, and the title is in Trustees, appointed by them. The house will cost about $65,000. We have a large congretation, but they are of limited means, living on fixed salaries in an expensive city.

Will you look upon our enterprise in a National and philanthropic point of view, as well as with an earnest christian heart, for the good of our cause and progress of Christ's Kingdom?

Remembering how much darkness has already been uplifted, and what great encouragement we have, in rapid progress of events, to go forward, *will you aid us*, and commend our enterprise to the christian brethren of your neighborhood?

We appeal for aid to hold this stragetic point, for a free exposition and application of Gospel truth, and to supplement every other christian effort that is being made to extend a free Gospel to regions beyond us.

We feel that there is *here* opened an "*effec'ual door*" to Christian evangelization farther south, where heretofore our denomination has not been able to enter.

We make this earnest *appeal*, and trust that the Great Head of the Church will crown it with success, by adding His blessing.

In the bonds of a Christian fellowship we are

Very truly,

O. O. Howard

S. C. Pomeroy

A. A. Newton

Committee Ways and Means.

General Howard Respected Sir.
I return this request with a trifle.
We have just sent $3,000 to Portland
and I find none who think they can do
any thing for good object.
But Sir, can nothing be done to
bring to just punishment those
southern murderers and tormentors
of the colored people.

A word to Congress. The north think
ought not adjourn at this critical
juncture by no means.
Further Dear Sir cannot Congress
or some authority put a stop the sin
and the suffering, produced by distil
ling such enormous quantities of
grain in to poison 419, and 18, 20,
here for liquor.

Yours truly

A Manning

East Concord N. H. July 6 1846.

We the subscribers give as a donation the sum affixed to our names to aid in building a Congregational Meeting house in city of Washington.

Abel Manning Jr. $5.00.

East Concord N.H.
July 1844

Manning Abel

Returns Circular with a contribution of 5.00 D.

Ans'd

Received July 30th 1844

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My dear friend

The bearer of this note Lucy Forbes, is a most excellent industrious woman, who owing to the ruin of her Master's property in the War, has been obliged to leave ~~them~~ him & is very anxious to rent a little place in the country for herself.

The yearly rent is only twenty five dollars, but she cannot rent it unless

She is a capital cook & pickler & preserver & could support herself if one
stated fairly -

Sincerely Yours

Virginia A. Taylor

Tuesday Mg.

she has something to depos
ite first. I saw a large
sum had been appropria
ted to the Freedman's
Bureau & thought she
might possibly have a
claim to some assistance
from it. Her son was in
the Army, during a
great part of the War.
& I think from mis man
agement & ignorance on
his part has not ~~to~~
received his proper pay.

I shall feel personally
obliged, if you can give
my poor old friend any
advice, that will benefit
her.

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Headquarters, State of South Carolina,

Charleston, S. C., July 1st 1866.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,

Commissioner B R F A L

General

As Dr DeWitt has just gotten orders to go to Washington and transact some Bureau Business I will drop you a few lines In the first place there is a strong disposition on the part of some of the Military to get rid of Dr DeWitt, and no one knows better than you do the loss that he would be to the Bureau, which he has fought for through Thick and Through Thin

and he has managed the
affairs of this department with
marked ability, I sincerely
hope he may be retained,

We are at present looking
anxiously for some order which
will define clearly what we
are to obey in regard to Bureau
matters, the tone of the "Regulations"
is so hostile to the Bureau that
I am fearfull that ~~that~~ if the
Military are to have the control
our usefullness has "gone up".
The destitution in the upper portion
of the State is reported as
fearfull, and I think something
should be done to relieve the suffering
both of the White and Colored
population,

Dr Dr Nott is waiting so I must close

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I am General
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
A W Smith
Bvt Lt Col & A D C

General Scott has the unbounded confidence of all the people he is so honest and straightforward

A W S

Charleston S. C.
July 1st 1866.

Smith N. W.
Brt. Lt. Col. & A. A. Genl
Hd. Qrs. Asst. Comr.

Concerning the retention in the Bureau of Dr. DewitT & the affairs of the Bureau generally in S. C.

All money letters, and letters concerning packages of clothing, &c., should be addressed to
Wm. E. Whiting, 61 John Street, New-York.

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Rev. Geo. Whipple, Rev. M. E. Strieby, } Sec's.
W. E. Whiting, Asst. Treas.

American Missionary Association,

No. 61 John Street,

New-York, July 2, 1866

Gen. O. O. Howard
Com. Bureau Re. F. & A. Lands.

Dear Sir

Enclosed I send you a letter rec'd this day from Col. Whittlesey; and the letter from you, to which he refers.

I do not feel at liberty to forward it without your consent, altho I should be glad to favor Col. W.

If you are willing that he should use it, please enclose it in the envelope and have it mailed to him.

Yours truly
Geo. Whipple
Cor. Sec.

Rev. Geo. Warren,
Rev. R. E. Strong, } Sec'ys.
W. E. Whiting, Asst. Treas.

American Missionary Association,

No. 61 John Street,

New York, July 2, 1866

Rev. G. G. Atkinson

Rev. Dear Sir, I A. Lewis.

Dear Sir

Believing I have
spoken a little too often of Rev.
Mr. Lewis's labors, have the letter
personally to which he refers.
We must feel at least
to persons of natural aspirations
generally, a little laborious to
place to form such.
If you are willing that
in future we shall, please
inform us in the meantime
have it forwarded to him.

Yours truly
Geo. Whipple
Gen. Sec.

National
Wyoming County Bank.

J. H. Darling, President.
~~J. Harrison Darling, Cashier.~~

Warsaw, July 2 1866

Gen. O O Howard

Dr Sir

Your letter was received in regard to a collection for Congl Ch. at Washington by the Pastor of the Congl Ch. of this place, and inclosed you will find Draft for the amount of Col. taken yesterday It would have been larger but for the reason that we are to lay the Corner Stone this week of a new Ch. edifice costing without the site $20,000 which we are determined shall not be dedicated until it is paid for

We are glad that you are going to build and you have our best wishes & prayers for success

Yours Truly

J. H. Darling Jr.
Congl Church

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Biddeford, Maine,
July 2, 1866.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,

My dear Bro.

Prof. S. D. Bowker of Lincoln College is the bearer of an important letter from His Excellency Gov. Buckingham to yourself. I presume he will present it, ere the week closes.

Therein is suggested for your serious & Christian consideration the great question

I feel no hesitation in assuring you that it shall be equal to that of the Pres. of Amherst, Bowdoin, Dartmouth, Williams, or Yale. I do not think it would be right to ask you to become our Pres. on any other condition.

II. The higher motives.

1. Your name will be a tower of strength to Lincoln College. It will draw money. It will draw students.

of your accepting the Presidency of that young Institution. As I have accepted the Professorship of Ancient Languages, I feel the deepest interest in securing the right man to preside over the College.

I regard it as the most important College that has been founded at the West. But you know all about it, & have heartily indorsed it. I will only say that the lapse of every month multiplies & intensifies the arguments for immediate Endowment & Equipment. Just as soon as the Institution is tolerably Endowed & ably manned, the Students will crowd its halls.

And now comes the question: Ought you to become its Pres.?

I. The worldly motives.

1. It is a highly honorable position. No one in civil life is more honorable. I much rather be a Woolsey, or a Hopkins, than a Senator in Congress.

2. The Salary, though inferior to what your position in the army secures, will not be a pinching one.

Biddeford Maine
July 2nd 1866

Butterfield H. 2.

Relative to the Presidency of Lincoln College which is urged upon Genl. O. Howard.

Recd. July 5. 1866

2. You will have a vast influence in shaping the moral, & indirectly, the fundamental political principles of hosts of young men. You will have an influence permeating the whole valley of the Missouri.

3. Best of all, you will be shaping & training young men to preach the everlasting Gospel in those rapidly filling states. I do not think ten years will elapse before we shall feel

the need of having "the Topeka Theological Seminary" joined to "Lincoln College" as New Haven Seminary was added to Yale. The Seminary at Chicago will be too far off.

Now, my good brother, I hope you will give these suggestions your prayerful consideration. If the question lies between this position & a post in the army, I respectfully submit that you can do far more good in Lincoln College than in the Army.

If the question lies between this position & political preferment, let me hope that God will give you the grace to make a quick decision in favor of Lincoln College.

Let me say in conclusion, that it would give me the profoundest satisfaction to be associated with you in the great work of training young men for the duties of life. May God guide you to a right conclusion.

Most cordially yr.
H. L. Butterfield.

Personal

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OFFICE ~~ASST.~~ ASSIST. COMMISSIONER, STATE OF GEORGIA,

Augusta, Ga., July 2d 1866.

Dear General

You doubtless have seen the articles in the Tribune reflecting upon your humble servant and may have wondered at the interest taken by the Hon Horace in my affairs. I will explain. On the 11th ult I wrote him a letter of one page which so stirred him up that he wrote me in answer – to which I replied and received still another letter from him besides his favorable notices in the Tribune. I may have made a mistake in pulling a "Skunk's tail with my own hands" but I enjoy his anger and am perfectly indifferent as to any harm he can do me. To illustrate the temper in which he received the gentle kick I ~~bestowed~~ gave him, let me call your attention to his

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articles. The paper calling attention to my card says - "Gen Tillson evades the accusations which he supposes we brought against him" - and "omits any notice of the order turning over all cases where testimony of colored people is admitted to the civil courts" - On turning to my card, which is part in an ~~ob~~ and portion of the paper, it will be seen that I quote his own words and reply to them direct. Not much evasion or supposition about that. I omitted to mention the order because it has no existence the allusion on the part of the Tribune to such an order being simply dishonest. In his paper of the 27th ult he says Gen Tillson told the Mayor he was totally opposed to the movement, referring to the decoration of the graves of our soldiers.

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and gives the Chronicle & Sentinel and Loyal Georgian as authority. I can prove by the Mayor ~~and~~ under oath that I never made such a statement to him - and by a friend of Bryants who was present that I did not make such a statement in the interview with him B. & which he affirms - I started with the belief that Brady was an impracticable but honest man - The correspondence with him shows that he is a bitter and unscrupulous partizan caring nothing for truth or justice Disinterested officers not on duty in this state who have examined the correspondence state that it forces them to this conviction. I have taken the wind out of Bryants sails about the 4th of July celebration

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The Mayor very promptly consented to it and is giving the colored people aid and assistance to get it up. I am also affording them every assistance in my power. This is gall and wormwood to Bryant who hoped to place me in a false position.

I am yours very Truly
Davis Tillson
Brt Maj Genl
Asst Comr

Maj Genl O O Howard
Comr Bureau R.F.A.L.
Washington D.C.

Augusta Ga
July 27 1866.

Tillson Davis
Brt. Maj. Genl. U.S.A.

Relative to articles in the 'Tribune reflecting upon Genl. Tillson's administration in Ga — & the conduct of Mr Bryant. Enclosing communication relative to Mr Bryant's opposition to the schools.

(1 Enclosure)

HEADQUARTERS

Department of { BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN, AND ABANDONED LANDS. } Mississippi.

OFFICE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER,

FOR THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,

Vicksburg, Miss., July 2d, 1866.

To Maj Genl O. O. Howard,
Comr Bu R. F. & A. L.
Washington,
D. C.

Genl:

This note will be handed you by 1st Lt Thomas Eldridge. Lt Eldridge has been Adjt Genl of the Bureau in this state since its establishment. He is one of the most competent young men for the position in all my acquaintance. I regret much to lose his services. I trust you will do something for him, and especially avail yourself of his assistance in the Department for which he is so eminently qualified.

Any consideration or attention you may be able to show him will be considered as bestowed on

me.

With kind regards, I am,
Genl, very truly your
friend and
obt servant,
R. E. Wood
Maj Genl Vols,
Asst Comr of Bns
R. F. & A.L.

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Gen Howard this mail
informs me that the deed
has been found so that
that the Rienzi affairs
need not your attention
I inclose Dr Stevens
letter

Yours trly

S W Taylor

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Pierzi Ills July 3d 1866

Rev J H Aughey
Dr Sir

My father returned last evening from Jacinto where he saw your brother in law Mr Paden Mr P had just examined the Records and found I have your deed executed by Nahum to Lumsday property on record. If this thought he will no doubt write you. I did not examine the records personally but requested Col Brown to do so for me. He did so and his answer I herewith inclose

Bynum yet occupies the house and will until he completes his own

If applied to after Bynum moves out, as I have been heretofore, shall I rent the house for school or other purposes, or shall I permit it to be occupied at all or for any purpose? Wish you could be here in person to arrange some matters in connection therewith

We have had an unusual amount of rain this Summer injuring the prospects of farmers

very much. I have never seen
cotton so unpromising as it
this season. irregular in size
stand. small at best and foul w
vermin and grass. the latter espe
ly

Give my respects to Mrs Ang
and consider me as ever

Yours truly
J. W. Stevens

P.S. Our male Academy you are
aware was burned by the Federals
We are making an effort to rebui
and on a more extensive scale. We
cant raise sufficient funds here
and I have been thinking of makin
a tour into the northern states
represent our cause and condit
and solicit aid. Can I succe
think you? Your reply may in
fluence me one way or the other
We would ask not more than
$2000. Please give me your
opinion

J. W. S

ALL MONEY LETTERS, AND LETTERS CONCERNING PACKAGES OF CLOTHING, &C., SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO
WM. E. WHITING, 61 JOHN STREET, NEW-YORK.

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Confidential.

Rev. GEO. WHIPPLE, Rev. M. E. STRIEBY, } Sec's. W. E. WHITING, Asst. Treas.

American Missionary Association,

No. ~~61~~ 53 JOHN STREET,

New-York, July 3 1866

Major Genl Howard,
Commissioner &c
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir,

You have had opportunity to inquire into the administration of Mr Fitz. in North Carolina. Will you be so kind, as to inform me, whether in your estimation, he is morally relieved from the injurious imputations, that have been so freely cast upon him.

Having known, and esteemed Mr F. in past years, I should be glad, that those imputations have

been proved false.

Very respectfully
Yours &c
G. Whipple
Lieut. Ne