

American Freedman's Union Commission,

No. 76 John Street. — P. O. Box 5,733.

LYMAN ABBOTT, Gen. Sec.

J. M. McKIM, Cor. Sec.

New York, *July 25* 1866.

May. Gen. O. O. Howard

Dr Sir

I said incidentally
in my letter to you yesterday
that Mr. Shaw was coming
to see you; but on reflection,
and in view of your letters
& all the circumstances,
we deem it best to write
to you rather than add to
the burden of your numerous
personal interviews.

Yours ever truly

J. M. McKim
Cor. Sec.

American Freedman's Union Commission, 156
No 78 John Street - P. O. Box 8733

NEW YORK, N. Y.

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My dear Mr. Garrison
Dear Sir

I have in view
in my letter to you last night
that the plan was coming
to you; but as referring
and in view of your letter
I will the circumstances
we believe it best to write
to you rather than add to
the burden of your numerous
business interests.

Yours truly
Wm. W. Phelps

Austin July 25th 1866

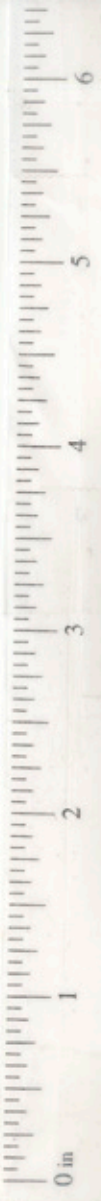
Honour Sir I Seen. My Letter from
your Hand. to back to freedmen's. ^{Luke XVI. 13} 127
you have done Wise. you give Me No.
answer. Neither to C^o. Wisconsin. or
to My self. furthermore. I did not
mean to witness for any one's case.
but Myself. My Eyes. Seen. My
Ears. Heard. and My Heart understood.
further I dont. Mean. that Capt. Evans
had Taken This Money. but let others
Whizel. Me in his Hands. the others
May Speak for Themselves. They had.
These Lines Written. They Should. Speak
to their writings. I take the part
in the Letters and Doctaring
I stick to that yet.

it was. Suppose among us.
That it was the Case. Writing 16 Letter.
and No ans. it gives any one.
to Suspicion. Yours respectfully
John M Donaldson Aus City Tex

July 2nd
Arthur, Texas

John M. Swallow

Received
for an answer
to his letter to
Arthur Howard.



Washington D.C.
403 13th Street.
July 25th 1866.

Maj. Genl O. O. Howard.

Dear General;

I desire to thank
you most sincerely for your kind atten-
tion to my applications respecting my son
Lieut. Col. Ira Ayer, - your order assign-
ing him to duty in Virginia, - and I
can not refrain from saying that it is
most generous and considerate. I inform-
ed you of his arrival in Richmond some
3 weeks since. I also beg to remind you
of my consulting you in May last, respecting
his promotion, and that you said the first

Washington D.C.
 103 13th St. N.W.
 July 25th 1880

Prof. Geo. C. V. Venable

Dear General:

I have to thank you most warmly for your kind letter of the 10th inst. regarding my new bird. I am also very glad to hear that it is in the hands of the Smithsonian Institution. I am sure it will be of great value to the collection. I am also glad to hear that it is in the hands of the Smithsonian Institution. I am sure it will be of great value to the collection. I am also glad to hear that it is in the hands of the Smithsonian Institution. I am sure it will be of great value to the collection.

step in that direction should be taken by his Commanding Officer, or the officer under whom he had directly served, adding that you would feel much pleasure in furthering and recommending his promotion.

I immediately wrote my Son on the subject, also Gen. Tillson, begging him to give it his early attention. I presume the General has forgotten, and seeing by the papers that he is in this city, I have written him begging that the matter may receive his attention, while here. I will remark, altho' I feel some delicacy in doing so, that if you knew my Son's character as a Christian and a Soldier, you would, dear General, feel it is due to him that he should be in the enjoyment of any thing that he can receive. It may be proper for me to say that he is retiring and unassuming in all that regards himself.

I have mentioned to Gen. Tillson, the pleasure you expressed in recommending his promotion which would be doubtless sufficient to obtain for him the brevet rank of Brig. General.

There are several distinguished officers who will take pleasure in

recommending this matter with you.
I am, General, with
high regards,

Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant.
James H. James.

Received July 25th 1866

James H. James
1403 13th Street, N.W., D.C.

Frank E. Howard for his order
assigning him to duty in Virginia
with the 13th Cavalry, & also the million
of dollars in the purchase of the
new formation to the 13th Cavalry
of Reg. and, Howard general
distinguished officer who made the
pleasure in working with Howard
in a favorable endorsement of such
recommendation. He has that the
matter will be allocated to still
that officers is in Washington

Recd. 25th July 1866

Raleigh July 25th

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Dear General

When Gen Sewall left, I thought my prospect was good for getting through this week; but this morning the Court decided to put me again till next Monday. Nothing has been heard from the War Dept. respecting S. & L., & I feel that I am greatly wronged. The President of the Court remarked that the Judge Advocate must not expect any further indulgence. Certainly too much has been given already.

When I get through

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This wearisome trial &
am acquitted (as I expected
to be) I hope you will
assign me to some position
as important as I
held before, even if it be
only for one month; so
that I may have an
opportunity to resign.

In this State, I suppose
I cannot serve again
under your Circular No. 11
4; for my interest in
Capt. James' farm must
continue through the year,
& it may be necessary to
furnish more money to
pay wages of the freed
men employed.

I am sorry to learn
through the Tribune of
your break down, but

glad to know of your
escape without serious
injury.

Present my regards
to Mrs. Howard, & especially
to the new member of
your Staff.

Very truly Yours
E. Phillips

Raleigh N.C.
July 25th 1866

Whittlesey E
Port & Eng Genl

States that the investigation
of charges against him has
been again postponed. If he
is acquitted as he expects to be, asks
Genl Howard to assign him to
some new position not less im-
portant than the one he held so
that he may have an opportu-
nity to resign.

used by Genl Howard
L. P. D. B. O. K. Aug 1/66

Recd July 27th 1866

Maj Genl. O. O. Howard
 Commissioner of Freedmen
 General.

The Rev. Dr.
 A. P. Newman, Presiding Elder of the
 Methodist Church for this and
 adjoining States and Editor of the
 N. B. Advocate is about to visit
 Washington and will call upon
 you to confer in relation to the
 Colored Orphan Asylum under our
 care. I reported to you some
 time ago that owing to differences
 of feeling between the Creole negroes
 who are Catholics and the Americans
 who are mostly protestants that
 there was much want of harmony
 in the management of the original
 Asylum which you visited at the
 Soli House. And that when
 I found it necessary to remove

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Mrs de Mortie and the Children to
the Hospital building the Catholics
with drew entirely from their connection
with us. I then advised the formation
of a protestant association thinking
that with such diversity of opinion
two separate institutions would
be better than one.

This has now been done and Dr
Newman has taken the lead in
organizing in connection with
the Methodist Church the establishment
to which we regard Mrs de Mortie
and the Children as belonging.

For this Asylum we wish to
secure a donation of \$10,000 which
was some time ago deposited here
by a gentleman from France to
be given to a colored Orphan Asylum
on the condition that \$20,000 more
should be raised and added to
it. Dr Newman thinks that by
appealing to the Churches with
which he is connected in the

North he can raise \$10,000 of this
sum and it is hoped that \$5,000
can be obtained from the white
Citizens of this City and as much
more from the blacks. These last
two amounts may a^{be} little doubtful
and we would be much pleased
if you could assist either by a
contribution out of the funds of the
Bureau or otherwise in making
up what is required. The object
I regard as a very important one
as I hope the Asylum will remain
permanently after the Bureau has
ceased to exist. And the more
money we can get for it the
better.

Most Respectfully
Yours Truly, Sub.

A. David

Brig. Maj. Genl.

Asst. Commissioner

New Orleans La.
July 25th 1865

New Brunswick, N. J.
July 26th 1866

David A.
May. Kent.

Philadelphia

Dr. Newman

Recd Aug 11, 1866

American Freedmen's and Union Commission,

No. 76 John Street.

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"This Commission is constituted to aid and co-operate with the people of the South, without distinction of race or color, in the improvement of their condition upon the basis of industry, education, freedom, and Christian morality. No schools or supply depots shall be maintained from the benefits of which any shall be excluded because of color."—ART. II. CONSTITUTION.

President—BISHOP MATTHEW SIMPSON.

Treasurer—GEORGE C. WARD, 56 John Street.

Gen. Sec.—LYMAN ABBOTT.

Cor. Sec.—J. MILLER McKIM.

Washington Sec.—J. R. SHIPHERD.

Western Sec.—J. M. WALDEN, Chicago.

New York, July, 25th 1866.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir:

If we are correctly informed the new Freedmen's Bureau Bill, authorizes the Commissioner to provide proper buildings for purposes of education whenever benevolent societies shall without cost to the Government provide suitable teachers and means of instruction. We write to proffer to you the co-operation of the various denominational Freedmens Societies, now united in this Commission and to ask what policy the Bureau will pursue in providing such school buildings. We hope in a few weeks to be able to state with accuracy how many

teachers the Commission can furnish the
ensuing season. It is now safe to say
that they can furnish not less than last
year, that is about 600. For their locations
last year you are referred to the table
published in the Am. Freedman for May
1866.

Primarily writing for this purpose
we beg leave respectfully to submit to your
consideration a suggestion which we deem
of some importance. Without some mutual
understanding between the various benevolent
societies of the North there may be some
danger of rival claimants for buildings
and locations, which will not only tend
to produce division at the North, but
to prevent success at the South and
greatly to increase your already too great
cares and perplexities. To secure some
unity of action we therefore respectfully
suggest a meeting of the officers or other
representatives of the various Freedmen's Societies
both philanthropic and ecclesiastical for

the purpose of a conference with you in order

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1st That You may inform us what aid the government can render through the Bureau in providing school buildings.

2. That we may inform you what aid you can reasonably expect from the several societies in providing teachers and other means of instruction.

3. That there may be some allotment of buildings or some principle announced determining the policy on which such allotment will take place that there may be unity of action among them.

If this plan meets your views we will undertake to secure representatives from all undenominational societies at such a conference and will extend an invitation to all others if authorized by you so to do.

If however in your judgment separate action seems best for the interests of the work, we shall be glad to know in what form and through what

what channels the necessary application
for school buildings on behalf of the
various undenominational societies should
be made.

Yours Truly
Wm. Abbott
Genl Sec

Wm. Kim
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Cor. Sec

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New Brighton Pa.
July 25. 1866.

Dear Gen.

I have just reached home, Gen Dillson having been kind enough to give me a leave until the 1st. of Sept. and I write to know whether you intend to be at the National Association of School Supts. in Indianapolis in Aug.

I am very, very anxious to see you in person to tell you some things which you should know and which I do not now wish to entrust to the mails, and I am almost too poor to bear the expense of going

to Washington to see you.

I can however go to Indianapolis and back for little or nothing, and you go, and I can leave what day you will. This place, (it is the Pittsburgh Fort Wayne and Chicago Railway) I shall endeavor to get on the same train of cars and thus avail myself of the advantage of an interview with you in the way.

In the event that you do not attend the Convention can you furnish transportation from Pittsburgh to Washington? Or am I asking that which exceeds your authority?

I should not thus ~~presume~~ ¹⁴⁴
to intrude upon your time
Gen. did I not think what
I have to tell you of the
most vital importance to
you and the good cause
in which you are engaged.

I am with great respect

Very truly yours

J. L. Oberhart

State Sup. & S. Gen.

New Brighton Pa
July 26th 1864

Eberhart G.S.
State Supt. Ia.

Wishes particularly to see
Supt Howard on matters of vital
importance - Will Genl H. be at
the National Association of
School Supts. in August at
Indianapolis or can he grant
Mr Eberhart transportation
to come to Washington?

his act the his on
read It will answer
every purpose to answer
his letter comfort.

as to come. Genl H. is not here
if it before or will be so busy
in morning that I can't get him
to get away
Recd July 27th 1864