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Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Office Asst Supt Sub-Dist Chesh. C.
Manchester Va., Sept. 21st 1866.

Maj. Genl Howard,
Comr Bureau &c.
Washington, D.C.

General:

I beg leave most respectfully to invite your attention to an application, recently made by me & forwarded to your Hd. Qrs., for an appointment in the Veteran Reserve Corps, attached to the Regular Army.

I trust you will recollect me as a friend of Col. Stinson (dec'd) of your staff. I was formerly an officer of the 17th Me. Vols. lost a limb at Chancellorsville & have since served in the V.R.C. in staff & other capacities. I was a member of Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me. previous to entering the Corps. My educational advantages have been good & I am proud to say that I have never been under arrest during my service in the Army. I feel that my claims for a permanent

appointment are stronger than those of certain officers whose names I learn have been placed on the list at the War Dept. I say this without any intention of casting reflections upon the character or qualifications of any other officer. It seems to me, however, that my disability should entitle me, of itself, to the favorable consideration of the Government.

I would, therefore, solicit the favor of your influence in my behalf & that my application be forwarded to the Hon. Sec'y of War (if it has not already been done) with as strong an endorsement as you can consistently grant.

I am, General,

Very respfly, your obt servt.

Thomas H. Lord.

(late Lieut. 17th Mass. Vols)

1st Lieut. 2 R.C. & Prot Capt.

Asst Supt Chest. C. [illegible]

214. Chouteau Ave.
St Louis Sept 21st 1866

Dear Paul

Your telegram of the 13th inst. making inquiries touching asylum accommodations for insane freedmen was duly received and briefly responded to. I supposed when I telegraphed that the new County Asylum was very near completion: but on further inquiry I learn that it will be many months before it will be ready for the reception of patients. I have visited St Vincents Asylum and find it crowded with patients. There is no Asylum in the City or County of St Louis where colored insane are now received. I learn from our County Officers that the State Asylum for the insane: located at Fulton is not receiving colored patients. I this day write the Superintendent in your behalf and will be able to give you his reply in a very few days.

The State of Tennessee has done nobly in providing for the colored

insane in that State. An appropriation has been made for the erection of a first class asylum for their benefit: and before I left the State provision had been made to recieve twenty five (25) patients. It may be that Dr. Poney the able Supt of the Penn asylum could arrange to recieve a few patients from other States for pay. I will also write him on the subject.

Your valued letter of the 13th inst has been recieved. I had no doubt that the President himself determined on my "muster out". The price of retention and promotion was placed before me: but I was not prepared to lay off the blue for the gray just yet. Mr Thomas was displeased with my importunity. that Genl Grant's order No 44 should be executed at Memphis. The Memphis Avalanche demanded my "muster out" and Mr Thomas obeyed. Forty red-handed murderers are this day walking the streets of Memphis. The Grand Jury dare not indict them. The President is responsible for the non-execution of Genl Grant's order in their case. I am grateful to you for your expression of Confidence: and would be pleased when convenient for you to write me an Official

approval of my administration that I may file it with my official papers - Mr Blount charges the Bureau & its officials with so much iniquity that we may have to furnish certificates of character some day - I have been more than half inclined to go into the fall canvass and speak for the cause - I never did make a political speech: but think I might just now and probably do <u>some</u> good - I had good sense enough to decline a nomination for Congress my election would have been <u>certain</u>: but I have no ambition in that direction - I do not aspire to be even "an Alderman of a village" -

Touching the Tennessee Rents. I cant see how they can trouble you - I deviated not from the requirements of Circular No 15. that I am aware of - I entered rents collected subsequent to date of spl. pardon. Just before I left Nashville I saw a letter from Maj Morrow private Secy to the President addressed to an Atty. A. A. Kyle Rogersville Tenn. in which it was stated that Rent moneys should be entered from the date of the oath of Amnesty taken by petitioners

for pardon. In many instances several months intervened between the date of Amnesty and the date of pardon. The enforcement of that rule (the one laid down by Maj Morrow) would make some trouble: but the large margin saved in Texas from the Rental fund & remitted to you before my muster out will much more than equal all sums that might be restored under that ruling.

The Cholera has pretty much subsided here. We have been deluged with rains. I have not yet decided upon my future business. think it quite probable I shall go to Norfolk. I have an offer of $1000 per annum & a contingent per centage in a fine business but am reluctant to leave the west.

Remember me with kindest regards to the Bureau & "Lizzie" household.

Yours Very Truly

Charles B. Stark

Maj Genl O. O. Howard
Comd &c
Washington D.C.

Private.

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Headquarters, District of Alabama,

Montgomery, Ala., Sept. 21. 1866.

Major General O. O. Howard
Commissioner &c.
Washington D.C.

Dear General

Your telegram of yesterday is received. I foresaw it, with pain, when I wrote, yet if I had written less I should not have observed that frankness which is due to you. Even now, if to "bear the responsibility" were all that must be borne, I should not say a word.

Governor Patton will not return for some weeks. I send you a copy of the offending letter. You will observe that he speaks unkindly of no one, and very kindly of me, which I thought at the time simply aggravated the case.

ing remarks. It is a little strange that meeting me on the way to the depôt, he invited me most cordially to his house at the same time that he asked me to go and read this letter. Both Mr Cruickshank and the Secretary of State regret exceedingly what is said in it as to the Bureau, and are confident that if either of them had seen it in time to draw attention to its significance it would have been immediately expunged. They think as I now do, that the letter was thrown off hastily, and these remarks added, perhaps as a sop to the President's feelings, perhaps to keep him straight with the public should it find its way into print. (For though a remarkably pure and kind hearted man, he has been in office for a quarter of a century, and is still on the

lookout for advancement). Still it was unkind, uncalled for, and unwise, and while I cordially reciprocate his goodwill towards myself, with the question of responsibility I do not interfere.

But, thinking about it since I wrote, several reasons occur to me why the prompt and decided notice already taken of the remarks is in itself sufficient.

I. They are, by themselves, an insufficient reason why a large class of persons having no direct communication with their author, should endure suffering which could otherwise be relieved.

II. Much is taken from their force if it is considered that they come from one who has uniformly dealt kindly with us heretofore, and who took much risk on himself

in releasing six or seven hundred of our protegees from jail by proclamation.

III. It has done little or no harm. It is doubtful if in the rush of business after his return the President has seen it, and if he did his ill concealed annoyance at the officious coming of a party from here to greet him at Chicago, would probably deprive it of about all its weight.

IV. Aside from all this, there is great weight in that injunction of St. Paul, "that with well doing ye should put to silence the ignorance of foolish men." I am daily impressed with this, (and also that the Governor's estimate of the predominant feeling is incorrect, by receiving gentlemen who call to assure me of a change in the public mind, and that the course of a certain print which

has for months past been abusive without stint has at length pretty thoroughly disgusted the community. I do not cease to believe that this silent power will prevail according to the measure in which it is applied and ~~the measure~~ according to the measure of our patience. It cannot be otherwise, nor is there any other triumph half so satisfactory.

Hence General, I beg leave to say, let us do what our hands find to do, caring not if the heathen do rage, and the people imagine a vain thing. Pardon so light words and so long a letter; the matter is indeed ~~not~~ a great one and of most grave and urgent need.

Very respectfully, Your obedient Servant

Wager Swayne
Maj. Genl.

Montgomery Ala.
Sept. 21st. 1866.

Swayne, Wayne

Concerning the abusive letter of Gov. Parsons.

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Washington City D.C.
September 21st 1866

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that at a meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association of this City held at the Foundry M.E. Church on the evening of the 17th inst; you were unanimously chosen one of a Board of Directors to represent the stock holders in a company about to be organized for the erection of a suitable building for their Association

A meeting of the Board will be held on the 2nd day Oct. /66. at the banking house of Jay Cooke & Co in this city at 3 P.M.

Your attention is respectfully directed to the enclosed circulars.

Very Respectfully
Your obdt servt
Luther E. Leigh.
Cor. Sec. Y.M.C.A.

O. O. Howard
Maj. General.

Sleigh, Luther &c

Washington D.C.
Sept 21st 1866

Informing Gen
Howard of his
Election as Director
of Building.

Recd. Sept 24th 1866

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Cattaraugus N. York
Sept. 22d 1862

My Dear General:

If the good of Major has not been filled in each of the N.R.C. Regiments please consider me as a candidate & if consistent with your own views presenting my name to the Sec. of War.

Dear General
Very Resp. Your
Obt. Servt.
J. W. Osborn

~~United States Sanitary Commission.~~ 59

American Freedmans Union Commission,

No. 76 John Street.— P. O. Box 5,733.

LYMAN ABBOTT, Gen. Sec. J. M. McKIM, Cor. Sec.

New York, Sep. 22, 1866

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 10th is received. I will not publish the matter mentioned therein without your special permission

Very truly yours

Lyman Abbott

Gen. Sec.

New York Sept 22/71

Maj Gen O O Howard
Dear Sir
We wrote
you some days since ask-
ing you for the subject of
your lecture to be delivered
in Bloomfield Oct 28th
but having received no answer
feared you had not
received the letter and therefore
write again. It is
necessary that should know
very soon as we wish to
get out our posters & an-
nouncing the course, ~~and~~
the first one which comes
off in little over a fortnight.
Awaiting an early
reply, Yours Very Truly D Haralbrant
"over" New York P. O. Box 1784

The course consists of,
lectures & the following,

Rev T De W M Talmage	Oct 15th
Maj Gen Howard	" 23
Chas L Brace Esq	" 31
Rev R S Storrs DD	Nov 7
" John Dowling DD	" 14
Bayard Taylor Esq	" 21

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New York, Sep 22 1866

Maj Paul O. O. Howard
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

If it is possible, I desire to engage your services to deliver one of a course of Lectures before the Lee Ave Baptist Church, Brooklyn, sometime between Nov 1 & Jany 1, you can select any time that will suit you best.

We are a young Church, struggling into existence, located in the finest part of the Eastern District of Brooklyn, we have commenced what we intend shall be a good and attractive Building when completed. We have the first story erected

containing a splendid Lecture Room that will seat 800.

Our Church is composed principally of young men, and consequently is not wealthy, but we have the cause at heart and with God's blessing, no effort shall be wanting on our part to make our Enterprise a success.

Now what we want is to carry our building up. and we want you to come and speak for us, as you spoke for <u>your own church</u>, when some of us had the pleasure of hearing you in Plymouth church, Rockly.

We want just such an appeal as that, <u>and from you</u>,

We however leave it with you to select your subject and say what you please, only explaining to you our position.—

An early reply (stating price if you conclude to come which I earnestly hope) will much oblige

Yours respectfully

George W. Harris

On behalf of Committee

Harris George W.

New York City
September 22/66

Desires to engage Gen'l Howard to deliver one of a course of lectures before Second Avenue Church Brooklyn sometime between November 1st and January 1st.

24 Plain St. Albany, N.Y.

O. O. Howard –
Maj. Gen. & Comm.
General –

I have the honor to inform you that I am just in receipt of a note from Hon Ely of Kentucky stating that the school work in that state is in its initial stages but prospects fair for good a work to succede – The freedmen interested &c –

I am inclined to accept of the position you offered me, as Supt. of sch. for Ky. if, as you suggested, you can hold the appointment in abeyance until the canvass is over. Our friends feel sure of success, without that overconfidence which admits of abating any worthy effort.

Very truly yours –
C. Thurston Chase.

Sept. 22d 1866.

Albany N.Y. Sept 22nd 1866

Chase, C. T.

States that he will accept the position of Supt. of Schools of Ky. if he can remain in N.Y. till the close of the political campaign.

Recd. Sept 24. 1866

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Mendon Ohio Sep 22 1866

Major Gen Stanley

Dear Sir

Your favor of 11th Aug came duly to hand stating you would no doubt favor us with a lecture this fall & that you would at some early day advise us further on the subject. Since that time we have not had the pleasure of any of your favors. We are now arranging for our course & it would be gratifying to know when it will be convenient for you to visit us. Our course will open Nov 9 - by the Hon Schuyler Colfax. Dec 22 & 28 have been selected by other lectures. We prefer Wednesday & Thursday evenings & would like to have you here before first January 67 - if possible.

Awaiting an early reply I am

Very Truly Yours

Amos Townsend
C. S. C. L. A.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

HEADQUARTERS EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA,

New Berne, N. C., Sept. 23d, 1866.

To

Major General O. O. Howard,
Commissioner, &c.

General,

It is very often demanded of me, by the friends as well as the enemies of the F. Mens, Bureau, in this State, What has been done for the Freedmen by the Bureau, & of what use is it? Now, I have been able to answer this, very satisfactorily, by shewing them your Comprehensive & Conclusive Letter, to the Hon. Roswell Hart published in the papers of the 14th Aug. Ult. I therefore, beg you will be so good as to send me, for distribution here, a number of Copies (say 100) of that most excellent document —

I am an old resident Citizen of N. C. formerly President of Graham College

Graham College N. C., & latterly, principal of Newbern Academy. — ruined, as to worldly affairs, by the war — & for my devoted loyalty to the Union Cause. — as Brig. Genl. Whittlesey well knows.

I have still many very influential friends here, whom I desire to convince of the utility & necessity of the Bureau, in these Southern States. —

I remain
With Sincere respect,
Your Obt. Servant
W. H. Doherty,
Asst. Supt. Ma. of R. F. & A. L.

Late Capt. & A. Q. M., N. S. Vol.

Formerly Sen. Prof. in Antioch College, Ohio, associated with the late Hon. Horace Mann, M. C. pres't of said College.