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Manchett. Va., Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> 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 H. Q. P., 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 (deceased) of your Staff.  
I was formerly an Officer of the 17<sup>th</sup> Me. Inf., 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

appointments 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 officers. 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. Secy of War (if  
it has not already been done) with as strong an En-  
dorsement as you can consistently grant.

I am, General,

Very respectfully, your obt. servt.

Thomas W. Lord.

(late Lieut.) - Mr. Vol.

1st Lieut. 2d Regt. & Post Capt.

Asst. Supt. Chest. Co. D.

214. Chautau Ave.  
St Louis Sept 21<sup>st</sup> 1866

Dear Paul

Your telegram of the 15<sup>th</sup> inst. making  
inquiries touching asylum accommodations for insane  
persons 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 Vincent's 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 Shulton 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

inmate 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 receive twenty five (25) patients. It may be that Dr. Dancy the able Supt of the Texas Asylum could arrange to receive a few patients from other States for pay. I will also write him on the subject.

Your valued letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> inst has been received. 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 Johnson was displeased with my impatience. that General Grant's Order No 44 should be executed at Memphis. The Memphis Avalanche demanded my "muster out" and Mr Johnson 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 General 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 Johnson 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 some good - I had good sense  
enough to decline a nomination for Congress  
my election would have been certain: but I have  
no ambition in that direction - I do not aspire  
to be even "an Alderman of a village" -

Regarding the Tennessee  
Rents. I can't see how they can trouble you -  
I deviated not from the requirements of Circular  
No 15. that I am aware of - I restored 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  
monies should be restored from the date of  
the date 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 Mornay) would make some  
trouble: but the large margin saved in Terms  
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 rain. I have  
not yet decided upon my future business. think  
it quite probable I shall go to New York. I have  
an offer of \$10 ~~per~~ 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.

Very Very Truly

Christian B. Stark

Maj Genl O. O. Mowbray

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 H.  
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 depot, he invited me  
most cordially to his house at the same time  
that he asked me to go and read this letter.  
Both Mr Quicksilver 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  
protégés 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 official  
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 predom-  
inant feeling is incorrect, <sup>by receiving gentlemen</sup> who call to assu-  
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 dis-  
gusted 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 other-  
wise, nor is there any other triumph half  
so satisfactory.

Home 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.

Memorandum Mr.  
Feb 21<sup>st</sup>. 1866.

Durango, N. Mex.

Concerning the Abasco  
Mtn of Dur. & environs.

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Washington City D.C.  
September 21<sup>st</sup> 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.C. Church on the evening of the 17<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Esleigh  
Gen. Secy. Y.M.C.A.

O.O. Howard }  
Maj. General.

High Water

Washington D.C.  
April 21st/1866

Informing the  
Governor of his  
election as Director  
of Building.

Recd. April 24th/1866

Castroville N. York  
Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1866

My Dear General:

If the grade of Major  
has not been filled in each  
of the N.Y.C. Regiments please  
consider me as a candidate &  
if consistent with your own  
views present my name to the  
Secy. of War.

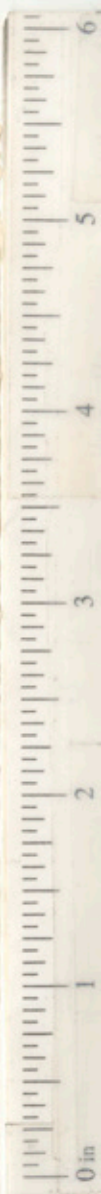
I am General  
Very Resp. Yours  
Wm. Drayton  
J. M. Osborn

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Sept 22/1862

My dear friend  
I have just received your letter of the 20th inst. and am  
glad to hear that you are well. I am  
also well and hope this letter will find you  
the same. I am  
very truly  
yours  
Wm. Lloyd Garrison

Sept 22/1862



~~United States Sanitary Commission.~~

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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.

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United States Army Commission

American Freedmen's Union Commission

No. 1, 1st Div. - 1st Regt. Col. 1st

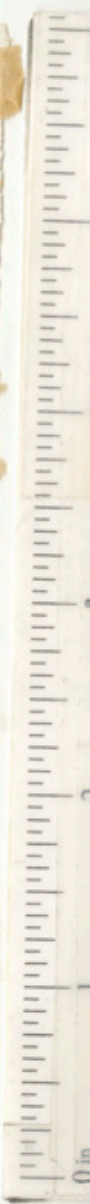
1st Regt. Col. 1st

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New York City, N.Y., 1863

Mr. Genl. B. F. Burman  
Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the matter of the Freedmen's Union Commission. I am sorry to hear that you are unable to give me the information I desire. I am, however, very anxious to hear from you again. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours truly,  
Wm. L. Chapin



New York Sept 22/11  
 May Gen O. Howard  
 Dear Sir

We wrote  
 you some days since ask-  
 ing you for the subject of  
 your lecture to be deliver-  
 ed in Bloomfield Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 but having received no ans-  
 wer feared you had not  
 received the letter and there-  
 fore 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 come  
off in little over a fortnight.

Awaiting an early  
 reply,  
 Yours Very Truly, D. Garabrant  
 New York P. O. Box 1784

The course consists of,  
lectures & the following,  
Rev T Dr W H Talnage Oct 15<sup>th</sup>  
Maj Gen Howard " 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Chas L Brace Esq " 31  
Rev R S Stors D.D. Nov 7  
" John Dowling D.D. " 14  
Bayard Taylor Esq " 21

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New York,

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Sep 22 1866

Maj. Genl. 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  
& Jan 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 of 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 your  
own Church, when some of  
us had the pleasure of hearing  
you in Plymouth Church, Brooklyn.

We want just such an appeal  
as that, and from you.

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 currently hope) will  
much oblige

Yours respectfully,  
George W. Harris  
on behalf of Committee

Marion George W.

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New York City  
September 22/66

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Desires to engage General  
Howard to deliver one of a  
course of lectures before Second  
Avenue Church Brooklyn  
sometime between November 1<sup>st</sup>  
and January 1<sup>st</sup>.

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24 Plain St. Albany, N.Y.

Q. Q. Howard -

Major Gen. & Commr -  
General -

I have the honor to inform you that I am just in receipt of a note from Gen. Ely. of Kentucky stating that the school work in that state is in its initial stages. but prospects fair for good a work to succeed - 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 -

Leicester Chase.

Sept. 22 1860. }

Albany N.Y. Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> 1866

Dear Mr. T.

What we will  
accept the position of  
Supt. of Schools of this  
of the Can. Union in N.Y.  
with the school in polit-  
ical connection.

Respectfully, Wm.

London Ohio Sep 22 1886

My dear Genl Howard

Dear

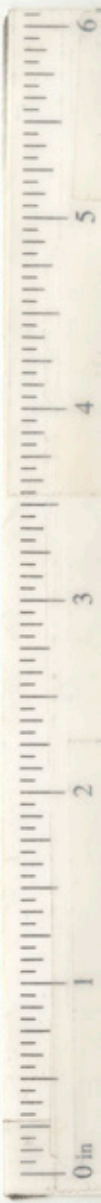
Your favor 11<sup>th</sup> Aug  
 Comd Aef to hand stating you would  
 no doubt favor us with a lecture this  
 fall & that you would at some early  
 day advise us further on the subject  
 Since which time we have not had the  
 pleasure of any of your favor. We are now  
 arranging for our course & it would be  
 gratifying to know when it will be convenient  
 for you to visit us, naming subject &c Our  
 course will open Nov 9 - by the Honl Schuyler  
 Colfax. Dec 22 & 28 have been selected  
 by other lecturers. We prefer Wednesday & Thursday  
 evening. I would like to see you here before just Jan'y  
 67 - if possible.

Awaiting an early reply Very

Truly Yours  
 Amos Townsend  
 C. S. C. & A



*[Faint, illegible handwriting in cursive script, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]*



Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,  
HEADQUARTERS EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA,

New Berne, N. C., Sept. 23<sup>d</sup>, 1866.

To  
Major General O. B. Howard,  
Commissioner, *De*  
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 14<sup>th</sup> 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. Whittsey well knew.

I have still many very in-  
fluential friends <sup>here</sup>, to whom I desire  
to convince of the utility & necessity  
of the Bureau, in these Southern  
States. —

I remain

With sincere respect,

Your Obedt. Servant

W. H. Scherity,

Asst. Supt. M. of R. F. & A. L.

Late Capt. & A. Q. M., U. S. A.

Formerly Secy. Prof. in Antioch College, Ohio,  
associated with the late Hon. Horace Mann, M. C.  
Pres. of said College.