

Building Committee of the First }  
Congregational Church.

Gentlemen.

The following is a  
Statement of Thomas Harveys account against  
the Building Committee to the conclusion of his  
Contract for building the foundation for the  
Church Building -

Contract price		\$4584.00
233 Perch of stone extra at 8.50	\$1980.50	
48 Barrels Cement 3.00	144.00	
7 or extra labor in laying		
Wall below Cellar bottom	280.00	
20 ft of sewer at 1.20	24.00	
73 ft N. R. Stone sills which were to be furnished by the Committee	40.88	<u>\$2469.38</u>
Whole Cost of Mason Work -		\$7053.38

Mr Harvey has paid for labor  
to dig deep trenches for walls -  
for sewers - and for grading the  
Cellar bottom  $355\frac{1}{4}$  days @ 1.50. \$532.87  
24 days grading lot outside  
the walls at 1.50 per day 36.00 \$568.87  
Whole amount of Bill - \$7622.25

Whole amount of bill brot forward	7622.25
Paid Mr Harvey	6700.00
Amount due	<u>\$ 922.25</u>
Cash Dec \$4.00	8

Mr Harveys first Contract is not yet complete, he is to set the steps & water table and level the walls to the top of the 1<sup>st</sup> floor joist,

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The 26<sup>th</sup> of September last I made a report on the Contract with Mr. Downie for doing the excavation, and handed a copy to Mr Downie — one to Col Eaton and have a copy myself —

Very Respectfully Yours Obediently  
Henry R. Searle  
Architect.

Washington, Dec, 20, 1866

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Hastings, England. 178  
December 20 1866.

Genl J. H. Howard

Commissioner of the Freedmen Bureau,  
Washington.

Dear Sir

I address you at this time on a subject connected with the spiritual improvement of the Freedmen in the South. During a short residence in this Country I have at various times had brought to my notice some publications of a Mr Haughton entitled "A Saviour for You", "How and How to get there", "Faith what it is and what it does", and "Thy Day", which have been circulated very widely and have been the means of doing good, and in many instances have been made instrumental to the Conversion of souls. On a recent visit to the United States I took a small quantity of these little books for gratuitous distribution and have since learned of their having been made

the means under Gods blessing of  
Conversion of two persons.

Having decided to send an as-  
sistance for distribution in Bos-  
ton and vicinity I have added Five  
Thousand (5000) of these little  
for gratuitous distribution among  
freedmen in the South providing  
should deem them worthy of accep-  
tance for this purpose. They will go  
in a box addressed to Dr Charles

No 21 Bowdoin Street, Boston,  
and I shall write to Dr Cullis  
the present mail asking him to  
forward the same to any address you  
designate.

I shall send a bound volume  
of these little books for your own  
which I beg you to accept.

Should you consider these small  
books for a wider circulation in  
the South and will write me to that  
effect in the care of Dr Cullis. I will endeavor  
to send a further lot from

To him,

My dear friend  
I am very truly  
yours  
Abert J. Freeman

and keep up  
the same with  
me at all times  
and in all places  
I shall be  
as usual  
yours  
Abert J. Freeman

Warrington, England  
Dec 20 '65

Greenman, A. L.

Notified Genl Howard  
that he has shipped  
for distribution to the  
5000 copies of certain  
religious works through  
Dr. C. Cullen - 21 Bowdoin  
St - Boston.

Recd. Jan 26<sup>th</sup> 1867.

New York Dec<sup>20th</sup> 1865

Maj Gen O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

You may think it strange in me in writing this note to you but I do so because I know that you love the work of which I am about to tell you of and that is the S. S. work after telling you the name of our School Land Society it may be familiar to you as you was invited by my brother the President of the Society to speak for us <sup>and</sup> but ~~our conspiracy~~ could not on act of Gub of which I was very sorry but no doubt your Will was good enough

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but the reason I write is to inform  
you that myself and the class of  
which I am Teacher at our  
Anniversary last Sabbath eve  
made you a Life Member of  
our Missionary Society which  
is the Youths Miss Soc of the  
Allen St Presbyterian Church S.S.  
and I feel it to be an honor  
Mr Howard to have your name  
enrolled in our list the Boys  
in my class are about 12 to 14  
years of age my age is about  
22. I have put on the  
Harper of the S.S. Work &  
trust for the purpose of  
advancing Gods Great  
Cause and with this help  
I will keep it on as long  
as I live for what a Work  
it is. is there any Work on  
Earth more sacred more  
glorious O no. for on the

Children depends the hope  
of the church yea the hope  
of this Great and Glorious  
Nation now shining brighter  
than it ever has done before  
and why because like gold  
it has been tried and purified  
and thank <sup>God</sup> through <sup>him</sup> has come  
of Victories and the Shackles  
of Slavery are loosed and  
If I will enclose to you  
Mr Howard a programme of  
our Anniversary in order to  
give you a little Idea of  
our Work and when we  
have our annual Report  
printed which will be in  
about 4 Weeks I will send  
you one this year we done  
nobly raising over \$150. more  
than any previous year of our  
existence this was our 18<sup>th</sup> ans.  
I hope you will be so kind as

to acknowledge the receipt  
of this note as my clasp and  
I myself want to hear from you  
please give me your address  
as I would like to send  
your Life Member Certificate  
to you

address H. P. Tibbals  
Care 501 Broadway  
E. & H. T. Anthony & Co. New York  
City

P.S. Please excuse any mistake  
as I am in great haste

Yours With Much  
Respect

H. P. Tibbals

Recd. Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>. 1865.

Memphis, Tenn.

30<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1866.

Maj. Gen. D. P. Howard  
Washington, D. C.  
General,

Bishop Quintana has returned to Memphis, and we have decided to locate our Asylum in the North-east part of the City known as Skelton. Several lots have been selected, and negotiations have already commenced for the purchase of them. We are looking anxiously for the plan of your "Washington Asylum" which you proposed to send me. I wrote you on the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. and Col. Palmer, wrote you two or three weeks previous, requesting the plan sent, but as we do not hear from you, I fear the letters have failed to reach you.

As you requested I addressed the letter to you personally.



I am, my dear General  
Very truly & respectfully yours  
W. D. Washburn Sanfield.

Lock Box. 76-

Memphis, Tenn.,

Dec. 20, 1866

Cantfield - Mrs S. A. M.

Matron Orphan Asylum

States that she has decided to locate the Asylum in that part of Memphis called "Chelsea", and that several lots have been priced, but that the plan of the Washington Asylum requested by her has not been received.

Received - December 26. 66.

Colo. B. December 20<sup>th</sup> 1866

Maj Gen O O Howard  
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

Learning that you were to be in our vicinity during the present winter to lecture we would like if you could make it convenient to extend your trip to this City and deliver a lecture before the "Young Men's Christian Union" of this place; if so, would you be kind enough to give us an early answer, with date most suitable to yourself.

Yours truly,

C. H. Nauhaesen  
Chm<sup>r</sup> Lecture Committee

Miss D's  
Dear Mother

New Haven Ct

Request your friend  
to lecture in that city

and

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## Grand Army of the Republic, Post No. 1.

Philadelphia, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> 1866.

To Major Gen. O. O. Howard

SIR:

The undersigned Committee was appointed to request you, in conjunction with certain other distinguished gentlemen, to deliver a course of Public Lectures in the Academy of Music, in this city, upon such topics as may interest the people, either in connection with the late war, or the present condition of the Republic.

It is proposed to raise a fund by this means to relieve the urgent necessities of many of our late comrades in arms, the widows and orphan children of such of them as perished in the cause of Country and Government; to be distributed under the auspices of the Officers of this Post.

Your early reply, stating the time and subject of your lecture, will greatly oblige

Your obedient servants,

JOSHUA T. OWEN, Late Brig. Gen. Volunteers,  
J. H. TAGGART, Late Colonel U. S. Volunteers,  
JOHN TOMLINSON, Late Corporal U. S. Volunteers,

COMMITTEE.

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Grand Army of the Republic, Post No. 1

Philadelphia, Dec 20<sup>th</sup> 1888

Go Messrs. J. B. ...

SIR:

The undersigned Committee are appointed to request you in connection with certain other distinguished persons, to deliver a course of Public Lectures on the history of the Republic, in this city, and upon any other subject of interest to the people. It is proposed to select a hall by this means to select the

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JOHN TOMLINSON, late Colonel U.S. Volunteer.

Committee

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Phil<sup>a</sup> Dec. 21. 18  
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Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

I write this letter, as  
you requested me to, to  
ask you for the book that  
Chamma wanted you  
to get. It is "Agriculture  
of the United States,  
Compiled from the Eighth  
Census by McKenney."

We have just sent a  
box to my brother Mon-  
tie, who was thirteen years

old yesterday. He was  
the one that wishes to go  
to the "Naval School."

I believe that they  
do not admit any under  
fourteen. Mamma  
would be much obliged  
to you if you would ask  
about the Naval School  
if it would not be too  
much trouble to you.

It is very cold here  
today, the thermometer  
was 5° above zero this

morning and is about 80

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now. Our Christmas holidays have begun. The streets are full of people and all are busy.

Mamma received a letter from you the other day and she is much obliged to you for it, she would like to know what the "New Rules for transportation are".

I hope you found your little child, that had the croup, better when you got

home.

With many  
wishes for "A Merry Christ-  
mas" and "A Happy  
New Year."

I remain

your little friend

M. Isabelle Lane.

400 S. 9th St.

Washington, D. C. Dec. 21, 1866.

Major General, O. O. Howard;

Dear Sir:

Will you have the goodness, before you leave for your Southern tour, to inform me, if you can, in whose hands, are the reports, and the letter of Mr. S. Stone accompanying it, which I sent to the Executive Committee of the First Congregational Church of Washington, when I tendered my resignation as their accredited agent there. The letter has minute and given by Mr. Stone explanatory of my position and efforts in and near <sup>Cincinnati</sup> ~~City~~ and I desire the original letter if I can obtain it. I desire also to see the reports I made to the Committee. If you can direct me where I may find them, I would be obliged to you.

Praying that God may have your valuable life in His safe and holy keeping during your journey, and that His kind Providence may, in due time, exalt you to higher honors and usefulness in our Republic and in the Christian Church. I remain

Yours Sincerely and Truly  
B. J. Morris

P.S: The reason I write you is that, I think I sent my report to you, and  
did not know but you still have it. I dislike to trouble you about  
but am desirous of seeing the report and especially of getting the  
purple letter. I enclosed with it.

Manuscript no. 10.

Decr. 29<sup>th</sup> 1865

Jervis C. G.

Desires certain documents  
pertaining to the Georgia  
Church

Wm. C. G. G.

Dec 21<sup>st</sup> 1865 at 9 o'clock

Washington D.C.

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Dec. 21. 1866.

General

I have the honor to extend  
to you a cordial invitation to be  
present at the sitting of our con-  
vention January 8<sup>th</sup> 1867. at Phila  
Pa.

With renewed assurances  
General of my most sincere  
consideration

I have the honor to be  
Very Respectfully  
Your Obedt Servant  
J. M. Arnold  
Cor Secretary -

O. S. Howard

Maj. General u.s.a.  
Washington D.C.

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Philadelphia Pa

Dec 20 1862

Friend

I have the honor to acknowledge

the receipt of your kind letter of the 17th

inst and in reply to inform you that

the same has been forwarded to the

proper authorities for their consideration

and I will be glad to hear from you

again if you will be so good as to

write me at the above address

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DEWEY & CO.,  
COAL AND PIG IRON MERCHANTS,

27 Kingsbury Street,

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Chicago, Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> 1866

Dear General I received your Commission  
as Captain 18<sup>th</sup> Inf. Infy And Post Major of Regt  
in February last on account of my  
personal attention being required in the  
settling up of my business which I left  
in April 1866 to enter the Army - Having  
gotten matters in shape I am now  
desirous of being reinstated in the  
Army - and although I did not long  
serve on your staff I take the liberty of  
asking of you a letter of recommendation  
to accompany my application to the Secy of  
War - Should you deem it incumbent to  
grant the favor you will place me under  
a lasting obligation.

I am General

Your Obedt Servant

C. O. Howard,

Adelphi Cas Surg. & Co  
Chicago Ill.

To  
Genl C. O. Howard,  
Washington  
D.C.

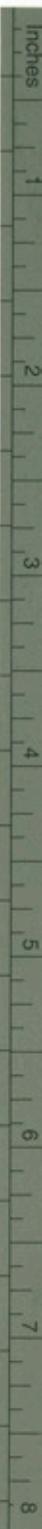
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Dec. 22. 1866

Howard - C. G.

Requests Miss Howard's  
recommendation for a posi-  
tion in the Regular Army.

Received - December 26. 1866



Washington, D. C.,  
Dec. 27, 1865.

My Dear Sir,  
The colored  
Schools in the "Soldiers'  
Place Library" (Judicious  
Square) in this city, will  
have a Festival on Christmas  
night.

A coll from you  
even for a few mo-  
ments - say from 7 to 8 o-  
clock - will be most  
gratefully received by  
the teachers, Misses Winter  
and Hervey, and friend.

Yours very faithfully,  
Charles W. Blake.  
Maj Gen. C. C. Howard,  
Commander in Chief of Freedmen.

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Washington, D.C. Dec 27, 1856.

My Dear Sir  
I have in the "National  
Register" in the "Foreign  
Affairs" in the 10th vol. and  
a section on "Whitman's  
Night."

I will call from you  
over for a few days  
next - my home is at 801  
St. Paul - will be glad to  
offer the necessary  
the teacher, and friend  
and family, and friend  
from my new friends  
I hope Mr. White  
will for a few days  
L. M. ...

Wausocket, R.I. Dec. 22.  
1866.  
Gen. Howard.

Dear Sir

I am directed by the "Philomathean Society" connected with the "Wausocket High School" to address you, to ascertain if it will be possible for you to lecture before this society sometime during the present winter.

Please to answer soon, and if you can come please to state the time when it would be the most convenient & terms

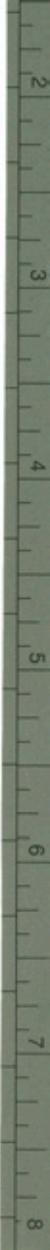
Yours very truly  
C. C. Sprague  
Secy

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Shillicotho Co.

Decr 22<sup>nd</sup> 1866.

Major Genl O. O. Howard.  
Washington D. C.

General.

There has been an Association formed in this city, which has for its object the erection of a Monument commemorative of the Soldiers of the County who fell during the late war, and at the last meeting of the same, Col Orland Smith and myself were appointed to confer with you, making earnest request on behalf of the Association that if possible, you make us a visit and deliver an Address in the Hall of the Asien for its benefit, the request being the more earnest from the fact that the greater number of the brave men whose memory we cherish & seek to perpetuate served under your command in the 11<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Corps and in the Army of the Tennessee. Not alone the Members of the Asien but the citizens of the city and County unite in the above request, and if it is possible for you to take from your labors the necessary time for such a visit, the Association as a body - and your special friends in the City will spare no efforts to make your stay with us pleasant to all, and we sincerely trust that your reply may deif=

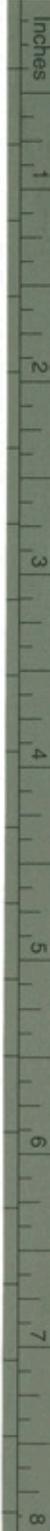
William D. ...

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Washington D.C.

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make some time at which we may have the pleasure  
of extending to you a hearty welcome.

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Trusting soon to hear from you,

I Remain, General

Very truly Yours  
Richard Long.

Miss [unclear]

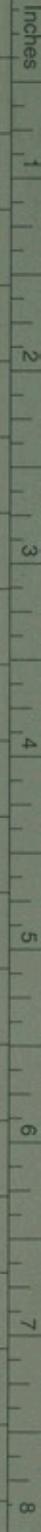
100 22<sup>nd</sup> Hill

Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>

Write you soon -  
and to speak in  
Delaware

From [unclear], Hill

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All money letters, and letters concerning packages of clothing, &c., should be addressed to W. E. Whiting, 57 John Street, New-York.

Rev. G. W. WHIFFLE, } Secs.  
Rev. M. K. STRIBBY, }  
LESLIE TAPPAN, Esq., Treas.  
W. E. WHITING, Asst. Treas.

E. Ketchum by hear.

American Missionary Association,

No. 57 JOHN STREET,

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New-York, Dec 22<sup>d</sup> 1866

Major Gen. O. O. Howard,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear General,

The power of the President to appoint the Commissioner and Assistant-Commissioners of the Bureau, is given in the first bill, in the following terms;

"The said Bureau shall be under the management and control of a commissioner to be appointed by the President, by & with the advice & consent of the Senate."

"And any military officer may be detailed and assigned to duty under this act with out increase of pay allowances."

In the second bill;

"That the President shall, by & with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint two assistant-commissioners in addition" &c

"Military officers, or enlisted men, may be detailed for service & assigned to duty under this act; and the President may, if in his judgement safe and judicious so to do, detail from the army all the officers & agents of this bureau."

In providing that the Commissioner & Assistant-Commissioners should be appointed by & with the advice & consent of the Senate, Congress undoubtedly meant to

guard against the appointment of unsuitable men by submitting their qualifications, or fitness, to the scrutiny of the Senate. It was unwilling to commit the important trusts created by the bill, to the control of any man, or men, who should not have been previously carefully & thoroughly examined. Hence it limited the President's power of appointment by the same provisions it attached to the most important offices, and threw around these trusts the fullest safeguards it had in its power.

The inquiry is therefore pertinent; "Do the clauses allowing the detail of military officers to these important positions & trusts, deprive the Senate of this power and absolve it from this duty? Has Congress nullified its former provisions and given the President power to detail for the responsible offices created by the bill, and the discharge of national obligations to four millions of Freedmen, at so remarkable a crisis in our country's history, "Military officers and men" (a General, or a private) without his submitting the question of their fitness to the Senate, which it had in express terms, just made the advisory or confirming power!

If the President has, by the provision of the bill, the power to appoint Gen. Steedman, Gen. Fullerton, Gen. Rosecrans, or Gen. Anybody, to the offices of Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner, without seeking the approval of the Senate, he has by the same provisions the right to appoint private John Smith and Pat. Doolan or any other "enlisted

men" to the same offices, without, or against the  
the advice & consent of the Senate; and although he  
could not give the appointment to Rev. Henry Ward  
Bercher, Speaker Colfax, or Peter Cooper, as civilians,  
with out submitting their qualifications to the Senate's  
approval, he could defy the Senate and appoint  
the vilest man in the land by enlisting him in  
the army, if only his appointee would serve, or hold the  
office on a privatis pay.

I conclude that Congress did not mean so to stultify  
itself, that having made careful provision, in terms,  
for the President, it did not nullify them by putting  
into the hands of the President the power to commit  
their most sacred rights & dearest interests, to the safe-  
keeping of their vilest & bitterest enemies.

I am right; then

1<sup>st</sup> The President should have submitted the  
nominations of Commissioner & Assistant-Commissioners  
to the approval of the Senate.

2<sup>d</sup> He cannot, without the consent of the Senate, put  
Gen. Rosecrans, Gen. Steedman, or any other in the  
place of Commissioner or Assistant-Commissioner.

3<sup>d</sup> The proposed bill, limiting the power of re-  
moval, will protect the Bureau Officers.

I am aware that this argument has a fourth  
inference viz: that your appointment needs the  
confirmation of the Senate. But if the Senate  
should now insist upon its rights, the President,  
in his madness, may strike a blow at the Bureau,  
and cause, by refusing to send in your name,

or by sending in that of some other person.  
I had intended to submit this argument to  
some senator, but the last thought prevents. I  
wish, however, to submit it entirely to you, ask-  
ing that you would give it a careful consider-  
ation, and use it or not, just as you think  
best. It is "better to bear the ills we have than  
fly to others that we wd not of."

I will only add, as suggested by a friend,  
1<sup>st</sup> That if Congress did not mean to have ap-  
pointments confirmed by the Senate, it plainly  
may now require it.

2<sup>d</sup> That it may if it chooses, confer upon the  
heads of departments the appointing power in  
their department.

When you are at liberty to do so, I should like  
to know your opinion in regard to these sentiments

Remain,

Very respectfully,

Yours &c

Geo. Whipple  
Cor. Sec.