

HEADQUARTERS

District of }

BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN,
AND ABANDONED LANDS.

{ Mississippi.

OFFICE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER.

FOR THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

Wicksburg, Miss., Jan 8, 1867.

To Major-General D. D. Howard.
Comd Bn

Corn B. B. F. & A. L.

Washington
D.C.

General

I wish to introduce to you
through this letter my friend C. C.
Shackelford, ~~of~~ ^{of} Canton, Madison County,
in this State, an original Union
man, truly loyal from the beginning
of the war ~~of the~~ to the close of it,
and who remained in Mississippi
through the war, and was seven
times tried in fiery furnaces of
deception and rebellion.

But Shuckelford visits Wash-
ington on business, and will call
on you while there. Any kindness
you can show to him, or assistance
you can give him, will ^{be} worthy

Restored.

I am very truly your
friend,

Th: J. Wood,
Br: Maj - Genl
USA

Boston Jan 8. 1867

My Dear Sir.

You will probably recollect me when I reminded you of a speech I made at the dinner given you at the Revue House, ~~for~~ which you spoke in complimentary terms when I met you last fall at Mr. Hardy's - I trust you will not think the worse of me when I tell you that Gen. Sam. C. Armstrong at Fort Huachuca is my nephew -

I take the liberty to write you now because I suppose the Universal Suffrage bill will pass. While I rejoice at it, I feel the importance of intelligent suffrage. Ignorant suffrage will not work well for any length of time. The negroes under vote right for a little while, but the experiment will be likely to prove disastrous if they long remain ignorant. It is of incalculable importance to them and to the country that the experiment shall work well at Washington, & command respect. It will be watched & pointed at by friendly & foes. You can do more than any other man to make it work well, and it need not cost you much personal labor. It will need only a little organization & arousing the people.

A system of schools sh^d. be organized in
the district, not only for all the children
but also evening schools & Sabbath
schools where every adult can be
taught. Our northern people sh^d. be
called upon to spare no pains to
make that district an example
for the benefit of the colored race, &
of the principles of free suffrage -
Our best teachers sh^d. go there, & be well
paid. & plenty of school room sh^d.
be provided. The colored people sh^d.
be called upon to contribute what
little they can. & to avail themselves
of the advantages. The Congregational
Church sh^d. make this their prominent
charity, & lend what personal aid
they can. Indeed they sh^d. take the
lead in the matter, & keep it. Their
pastor sh^d. help it all he can -

There sh^d. also be a colored people's
library in the city, and contributions
solicited from the white, & free
members of the church. & the colored people sh^d. be
made a reading people - If this can
be done, and they can also be
induced to become depositors in the
savings banks, they would further

and the success of the experiment of colored suffrage will be brilliant. If the Capt. Church will take an interest in it, they will infuse into it the necessary moral & religious influence.

Washington will be a splendid field for the colored people to operate in; & if they will go steadily on, becoming educated, & religious, & thrifty, they will do a thousand times more for their race there than they can do in any other way. It is not high school, but common education for their common people that they want. In a few years they can make themselves superior to the common white people of that region, so that it will be noteworthy.

Perhaps none of these suggestions are new to you. But I am so much impressed with their importance, & the need of a concerted system of action in respect to them, that I take the liberty to state them.

Yours very truly
J. H. C.

May Gen. O. O. Howard.

R. A. Chapman.

Boston, Mass.
January 8. '67

Chapman - Rev.

Remarks on the in-
fluences of education as
a means of guiding the
colored voters of D.C., in
view of the passage of the
District Suffrage Bill.

It is a very common error to suppose that the colored people of the District of Columbia are in any way inferior to the white people of that region, so that it will be necessary to

perhaps more of their representation
are given to you. But I am to think
superior with their representation,
the need of a concentrated system of
action in regard to them, that
taken the liberty to state them
from any other
to say
Wm. D. Howland.

24 Plain St

Albany, N.Y. Jan 8th 1867

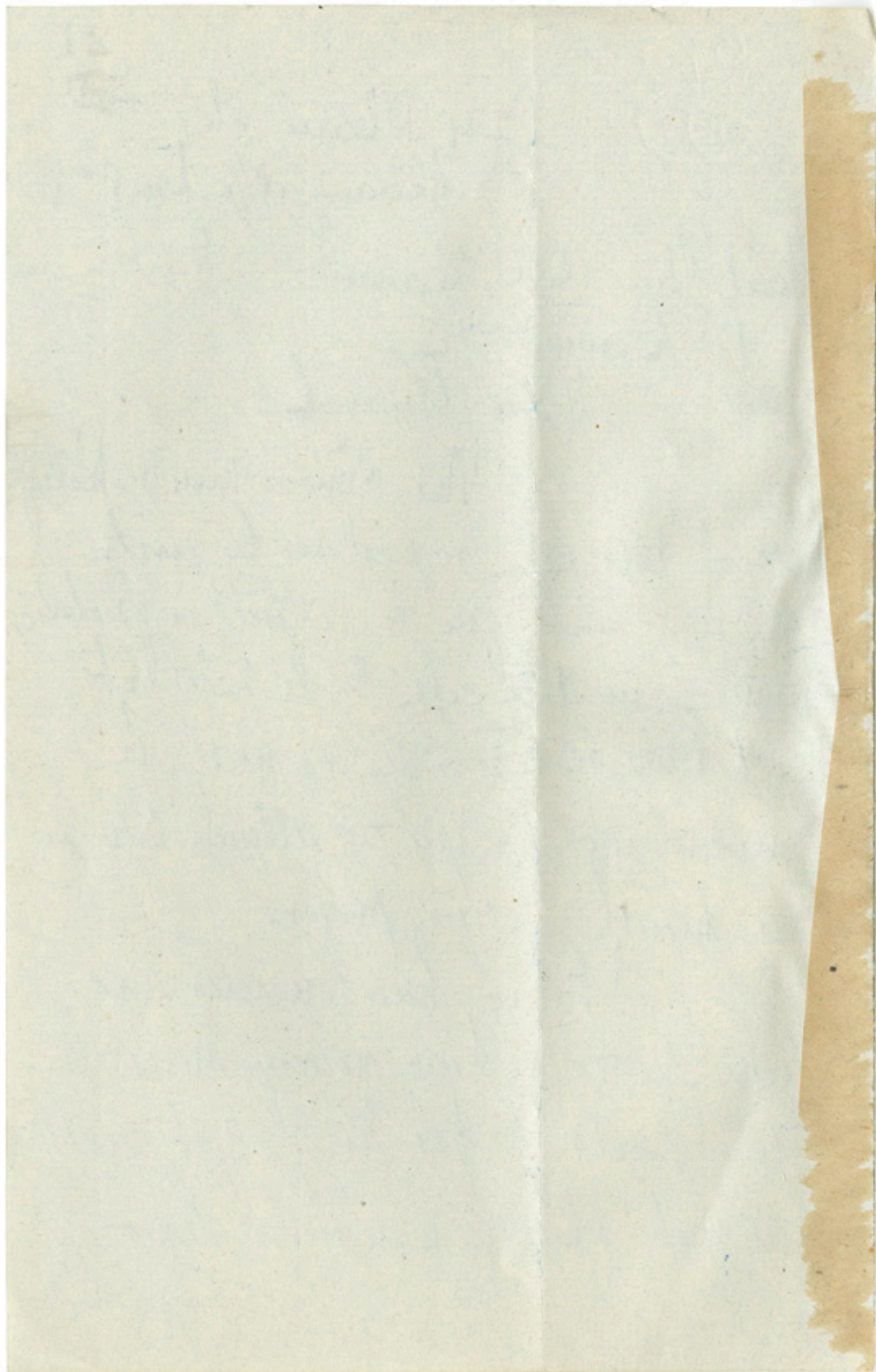
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Major Gen. O.O. Howard.

Comd^g &c
Recd General.

The Freedmen's Relief
Ass^{ns} of this city request me to write
you and invite you to attend a public
meeting in this city to be held at
such time in Feb^y as may be
convenient for you to attend. Or in
this month if you prefer.

I know how anxious are
your duties & how many must be
your calls of this kind. Yet will
you not please consider how



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very useful you might be at
this time here - The largest
Hall in the city would be
procured & the members of the
legislature would attend, while
Gov. Fenner would preside -
Will you not honor us with
your Company & a talk?
Cordially - M.
Fensterberg

But if you can't come will
you give us address of Rev.
Fisk or some better man for the
occasion - C. J. C.

Albany. N.Y. Jan 8. 1867

Chas. G. L.

Invited Gen. Howard
to address a Freedmen's
meeting in Albany.

Wed. Jan. 10th 1867.

American Freedman's Union Commission,

No. 30 Vesey Street.—P. O. Box 5,733.

LYMAN ABBOTT, Gen. Sec.

J. M. McKIM, Cor. Sec.

New-York, Aug 9th 1867
[Jens?]

My. Gen. O. T. Howard
Washington D.C.

My dear Sir

In reply to your
favor of the 8th, I have to
say, after consultation here,
that your plan of using
temporarily that \$1072, ^{\$3}/₁₀₀
seems excellent & meets
our hearty approval.

Yours truly

J. M. McKim

Cor Sec
A.F.U.C.

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American Trade Union Commission

1000 Broadway New York City

Dear Sir

Enclosed find \$100.00

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Yours truly

Wm. J. Smith

or to

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Postmark
Headquarters, Department of the South,
Charleston, S. C. Jan'y, 18th 1867.

My dear General—

Several Officers who
were mustered out of the Volunteer
Service at the same time with my-
self are still retained in service,
the orders in their case having
been suspended or revoked—

I wish you would see if the
same favor cannot be extended
to me— My services & sacrific-
es have been greater than
any of these favored Officers—

It may be said that I have
been appointed a Colonel of
the Regular Army - He has said,
Sickles but he still retains his
rank as Maj. Genl. of Vol. I
do not complain of this - I
think it is right, but there is
no reason why I should
be treated with less consid-
eration - My services & sac-
rifices have been equal to
his & I am entitled to equal
favor - I think both of us
should be allowed to return
our Volunteer rank as long

as possible & I indulge the
hope that the order mustering
me out of my volunteer
rank of Brig. General, may be
suspended as it has been
in other cases —

I was disappointed in not
seeing you here as I wish to
consult with you about
affairs in North Carolina —

Very truly Yours

Thos. B. Howard

Maj. Gen. T. B. Howard

Washington D.C.

Charleston S.C. Jan. 11. 1867

Robinson, J. C.

Act. Maj. Gen.

Desires to be placed
on duty with former
Volunteer rank.

Ansrd.

Recd Jan 15. 1867.

Personal

Washington D.C.

January 10th 1867

Major Gen.

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Washington D.C.

General;

I had the honor about a month ago, to request you to ask the Secy of War to revoke my mustn out; but owing to his absence and then yours, the request was not made. I have since learned, that the letter written by Gen Steadman has prejudiced yourself and others against me, and I therefore beg to state the particulars concerning it. The letter was written to Mr. Cook of the N.Y. Herald, and written not only without my knowledge, but even with. I had never seen Gen. S. since my examination at this place last May. I never had the letter in my possession except long enough to copy it, and have made no disposition of it since. I think Mr. Cook gave it to Senator S. Little, who got my appointment as U. S. M. and this letter explained to him, that these charges were unfounded. I made the copy I read to you, as a curiosity, proving as it did that the "inspectors" condemned officers for political

purposes, who were "honest and upright" as this new state.

I am anxious to be reinstated not only on account of my arrest, trial and acquittal, but also for the support of my family. If you do not desire my services, I certainly do not wish to ask your influence in my behalf; but if, on the contrary, I am of service in this labor for the benefit of freedmen, I should be very happy indeed to be reinstated at your request and assigned to duty in the "Bureau".

I have the honor to be

General,

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedt Serv^t

D. L. Mann

(Late Bt Major & Agt)

of a into Miss Jan 11th 1887
Gen O O Howard

Washington

My dear Sir

I very much regret not knowing the intention of your party to pass down the Memphis & Charleston R R in time to join you as far as Memphis, as I desire very much to see you. Official duties will prevent me from visiting you in Washington. I am happy to learn that you and your Company made a very favorable impression every where you passed. I feel assured that if the people of the two sections would lay aside prejudice, and visit each other, and make a free ~~exchange~~ interchange of opinions, learn more of each others real views, and feelings, it would not be long before restoration would take place.

I am requested by some of the good citizens who were at Barnsville the first Depot east of Corinth

18 Where you made a short stop, to say
to you, that they very much regret
some remarks made to you, by
two or three drunken men, that their
conduct was ~~not~~ approbated by only
a very few men of the same sort,
that the citizens were much pleased
with your remarks and kind civil
department;

A number of the Commissioners
appointed by me for the purpose of
enforcing the Civil Rights law, are
deciding questions of contract, and perform-
ing other duties which perhaps fall
more particularly under the jurisdiction
of your department, all however
with the approbation of General Hood.
These decisions, so far as I know, have
given very general satisfaction and
have been acquiesced in by all parties.
I am desirous through the Commis-
sioners to aid you, and the Officers
and Agents under your command,
and direction, so far as it can be
done, without a violation of law
or in opposition to the wishes of yourself
and those belonging to your department.

The great object of all of us is, to
 Secure These Wards of the Government
 in the full and free enjoyment of
 the rights guaranteed to them by the
Constitution and laws

The failure of the crops in, the South
 during the past year, will I fear make
 a heavy demand upon the benevolence
 of the Government, as dispensed by you,
 and the Officers in your Department,
 I hope however that The merciful Giver
 will bless us with a good crop year;
 if so I hope this difficulty will be
 measurably removed, and that a
 happier state of the Country to both
 races soon awaits us, Perhaps no
 man in this State occupies so delicate
 a position as myself, so much depends
 upon the prudence and firmness with
 which the Judicial Department may be
 conducted, I need all the aid I can get, and
 especially that aid which comes from a
Higher Power than man poor short sighted
imperfect man

Excuse me for so frequently troubling you
 with my uninteresting communications and
 believe me your friend Robt A Hill

"Student's Lecture Association."

Office of the Corresponding Secretary,

Ann Arbor, Mich., Jan. 12th 1867.

Gen. D. C. Howard,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:—

We are expecting you here
on Tuesday evening, Feb.
19th as per agreement with
Mr. Brown of Chicago.
He has not given me
your Subject. I should
be glad to receive this
soon.

Will you kindly inform
me a day or two before your
arrival, on which train you
will reach us?

I am, very truly, Yours,

J. N. Demmon,
Cor. Secy.

Students Lecture Association

Ann Arbor Mich

Jan'y 12, 1867.

Demmon J. H.

Cor. Secy.

Requests Subject of
Genl. Howards Lecture.

to be delivered at above
place upon the 19th Jan'y.