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Boston, April 11th 67

Maj Gen. O. O. Howard

My Dear Sir,

I enclose draft for two Hundred Dollars for the church building fund in Washington — I must apologize for having overlooked the payment of my subscription until now

Very Truly Yours
Samuel Atkins

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39 Park Row,
New York April 11th 1867

Major General Howard,
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 3d inst. has been read to the Executive Committee of the Southern Famine Relief Commission, and while it would give them the greatest pleasure, personally, to comply with the request, they do not see how they can do it as a Committee. A large number of personal applications have been already declined, for the reason that it is the plan of the Committee to help Communities rather than individuals, and to use the money contributed in purchasing and forwarding provisions only, and those of the plainest kind. This rule has been so often published, that the Committee would very much prefer not to depart from it.

Yours, Very truly

Edw. Bright
Cor. Sec.

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New-York, le April 11th 1867.

To the Major General O. O. Howard,
Commissioner of the Freedmen's
Bureau.
Washington
D. C.

General,

My friends of the Canadian Institute who occupy themselves most actively of the future of the National Farm School, have just sent to me the enclosed letter for Mr. Fred. Douglass.

There is nobody here, able to inform me where he is now. He stopped in Chicago last week, but they do not know where he is actually. I thought you are able to let him have this letter,

without further delay. I, therefore, take the liberty to enclose it and to beg you to return it to me in the case you would have no chance to have it remitted.

I remain

Yours respectfully

H. de marit

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Senate Chamber
[1867]

Dear Genl

Can you
come to the capitol tomorrow
at 11½ a.m. with the memorial
to Congress? Senator Wade
strongly desires your presence
& I shall expect you — but fear
it will be difficult to get reading together

Truly yours
B F Wade

Maj Genl Hancock

Senate
Apl 11. 67.

Harrell, Hon S. M.
U.S.

Wishes General
Howard to call
and see him
at the Senate
Chamber to-day
(12th) at 1½ P.M.

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Cinc., Apr. 11 –
[1867]

My dear General

The appointment by the Peabody Trustees of a General Agent, causes the reference of such matters as you have written me about to be referred promptly to his investigation – Rev. Dr. Deans, whose address is now Providence R. I. will not enter on the actual duties of his agency until after his college year has ceased which will be the beginning of July – He will then begin his

explorations - in order to determine on the objects to be chosen for other years appropriation - & report to the Executive Com.

I know that the University of which you write, has been laid before him, for I introduced Mr. Parker to him - & placed in his hands sundry papers about it - But I will see that it is not lost sight of -

What events have transpired since 1870 - when you & I were at that Cadets prayer meeting at W. P.

Yours affectionately

Chas. P. McIlvaine

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~~United States Sanitary Commission.~~

American Freedmans Union Commission,

No. 76 John Street.— P. O. Box 5,733.

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

New York. April 11 1867

My dear General

I am quoting testimony — in a document which I am writing — to the value of popular education in the South as a means of reorganization reconstruction, civilization & Christianization. May I write me a brief letter from which I may quote a few sentences ~~from~~ for as your latest & freshest testimony.

You are one of the few men that I meet with that heartily responds to my own enthusiasm.

[illegible] me a letter which will reach me on Saturday from which I may quote a few sentences of fresh testimony. For you are at the head & are understood to speak by the card.

Yours for the cause

J McClure

Cor Sec.

This enthusiasm must be made more general; for it is simply impossible to exaggerate the importance of this movement. It is to the black man meat drink & lodging; respectability, wealth & power. To the poor whites (who will soon be brought in) it is the same. To the Northern States it is social reorganization, political re-construction and permanent restoration to their forfeited place in the Union. To the Republic it is strength, and honor & renown. To Christianity a new and enduring impulse, ~~and~~ to Christian civilization an added culture.

— This of course you

New York
April 11. 67.

McKim J. M.

States that he is preparing a document on the Value of popular Education in the South as a Means of reorganization, reconstruction, Civilization and Christianization" which Genl. Howard to write him a letter from which he can quote.

Recd. apl. 13 '67.

Post-Byron Illinois
11 April 1867

Major General O. O. Howard -
General:

If you were not a Soldier I perhaps should feel a little more delicate about addressing you; but for some inaccountable reason I can always approach a Soldier without feeling that embarrassment which I always do in approaching almost any one else. - I wish to ask your advice and perhaps

aid in a matter which to me is of great importance. When the war first broke out I thought quite young. (Seventeen years of age) I responded to the call for men by enlisting in the 4th Maine Regt. but without the consent of my father. and as he was not willing that I should go, of course I had to return home. In the Fall I gained my father's consent and enlisted in the 2nd Maine Battery, but was discharged on account of sickness before they left the State. I began to think that fate was against me and for a while abandoned the thought of ever being a Soldier altogether. But when the 20th Maine Regt. was being organized I enlisted again and

good success. I participated with that Regt in all the campaigns and engagements in which it was engaged, and through perceverening efforts I crept up from a Private to Captain and was brevetted Major after the battle of the Wilderness. I write this only to show you that I have a "Military spirit" for I had no friends to assist me, save those I made in the service.

Since my return from the army I have been trying to settle down to some steady business and forget that "military spirit" and that I ever was a Soldier, but I cannot it is utterly impossible. the Army <u>was</u> my home and the Army <u>is</u> my home my heart is in it and I cannot succeed in anything else.

I am young and ambitious, and perhaps I might
add a little proud (though I trust not va-
with a great desire to enter the Army; but there
there's the rub. In active service I might
enlist and perhaps stand some chance but
in time of Peace I cannot see any.
I know of no other reason for my writing to
you as I have accept that I feel that you
will have interest enough in me, or who
I have written to give me at least your advice.
I have written to Governor Chamberlain, with whom
I am personally acquainted and on whose assistance
I think I can fully rely. I can get good Recom-
-mendations from some of the best Officers of the
"5th & 11th Army Corps." — Very Respectfully your Obt Servt
H. Frank Sidlinger

Greencastle Ind. April 11th 1867.

Maj Genl. O. O. Howard
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

I have the honor to inform you that the members of "The Society of Religious Inquiry" of Ind. Asby. University have elected you to deliver an address before them at their next anniversary — the 26th of June 1867. Allow me to add General that many who were with in the late campaigns of the east & south are here now and fondly cherish the hope that you will be with us at the time herein specified.

I am with great respect
Yours Truly
John A. Kummer
Greencastle
(Box 234) Ind.

Maj Genl. O. O. Howard
Washington D.C.

Gunnicastle Mo.
April 16. '67

Kummer Jno. A.

Invites Genl. Howard to deliver a lecture before the "Society of Religious inquiry" on the 26th of June.

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Boston Apl 12th 1867.

Maj Genl O O Howard.
" Treas Cong Ch B. Fund
" Washington.

Dear Sir.

Enclosed here-with please find $200. being the amt of my subscrip-tion to the same.

Truly Yours.
Wm Hilton

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Apl. 12.
[1867]

Dear General,

I must have been mistaken last night: and am right sorry. After I received your card (which I suppose had been sent for your office having no idea you were in the house) I went to a meeting of the Board of the Retreat Asylum for Soldiers & on my return found that a number of gentlemen had called, who I suppose were the other members of our Board.

Take this as an exhibition of charitably as you can, and come out & dine with me & Mr. Abbott today & have a talk. & then a ride & a talk.

Your friend
S. H. Ward

Gen H. Ward

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New York April 12. 67

To
Maj Genl O. O. Howard
Comd'g &c

Dear Genl

Mr Booth desires me to say, that he prefers to write you after a Sub-committee - of wh. he is Chairman - meets tomorrow - morning. Then, he can be more definite.

What he will write, in sub-stance, will be a proposition from the New York Gentlemen to have the Bank remain here - with such a responsible officer in Washington as will induce you to confer upon us the same patronage as you promise on our arriving wholly to Washington.

I do not wish to forestall your

opinions by my own judgment. You will see what Mr ~~Butler~~ Booth writes, & I would respectfully suggest that before replying you confer fully with Genl Ballock and Col Ketchum.

Mr Whipple, Ketchum, & myself and a number of other gentlemen present argued the question of removal as strongly as we could, but the majority succeeded in carrying the postponement until tuesday. It will then be decided definitely. Please have your reply positive, & say monday if possible. I am busy to day on School affairs with the Miss. Assoc. and confering with the Capl Union men. I think they will take the title on your terms.

Yours &c

Very Respectfully

C. B. Alvord

New York
Apl 12. 67

Abram J. W.

Letter on Bank matters — states that the Comr — wishes the bank to remain at New York with a responsible person at Washington.

Recd Apl 12. '67

Southern Famine Relief Commission
61 Broadway New York April 17th 1867

General,

I beg leave to inclose herewith for your perusal a slip from the "New York Evening Post" giving an extract from a letter received this morning from Col John B. Palmer, dated Saluda Factory S.C. April 8th inst, giving an account of the awful destitution which is now prevailing among the inhabitants in Ledington District.

The paper which I showed to you at your office yesterday, the phraseology of which was altered in accordance to your suggestions, was promptly signed by each of the U.S. Senators for Oregon, Nevada & California, excepting Mr Cole of the last named State, and has been telegraphed to San Francisco. I shall however be obliged to report to the Executive Committee at the meeting to-morrow, that the impression received by me from the conversation I had the honor of having with you at the time, is, that our organization is not any

longer our necessity, your means and facilities being in your judgment sufficient to meet the wants of the extreme poor of the people of the South.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
John Kenney
Genl. Agt

Major General O O Howard
Commissioner &c
Washington
DC

New York
April 12. 67.

Bowne John
Genl. Agent

States that he has presented the papers which were altered by Genl. Howard, to, and were signed by each of the Senators from Oregon, Nevada and California except Mr. Cole. States that he will have to report to the Executive Committee that their aid is no longer necessary as Genl. Howard has sufficient to supply the demand.

Recd. Apl. 15. 1867.

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Washington,
April 12, 1867.

Dear General:

Senator Wade, General Ashley and myself would like to confer with you about a matter which concerns a young friend of ours, and we would be very much gratified if you would drop in to the Vice President's room between eleven and twelve to-morrow morning or after three in the afternoon. If you are too much engaged we will call upon you any time that you may fix. Please let me know whether you will come to us or whether we shall come to you, and at what hour?

Yours Truly
W. D. Kasson

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Comr. Freedmen's Bureau.

Peekskill April 12th 1867.

My dear Howard.

Your note with the picture arrived safely. My mother desires me to express her thanks to you for the same. I called for it, and left a little note on your table for you. My interview with the Mexican Minister was short and perfectly satisfactory. He has written me a very handsome letter to the President, which is about equivalent to the commission, so I am told. I am now making preparations to leave, and I suppose I shall get off in about two weeks or so. Genl Sherm of New York is getting ready a steamer for

Mexico and has offered me a passage. It is useless for me to undertake to thank you for all your kindness in this matter, so you must consider every thing said. Hoping you are well

Very sincerely yours
C. H. Rundell