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Boston July 12/67.

Major Genl
O O Howard
Washington D.C.

My Dear friend.

I leave town for a few weeks & as you may require my subscription of $20 towards your Church before my return I send enclose a check with my best wishes for your happiness & the prosperity of your Church

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Boston Mass.
July 12th 1867

Hardy Alpheus

Encloses his subscription of $200 towards Cong. Church Building Fund.

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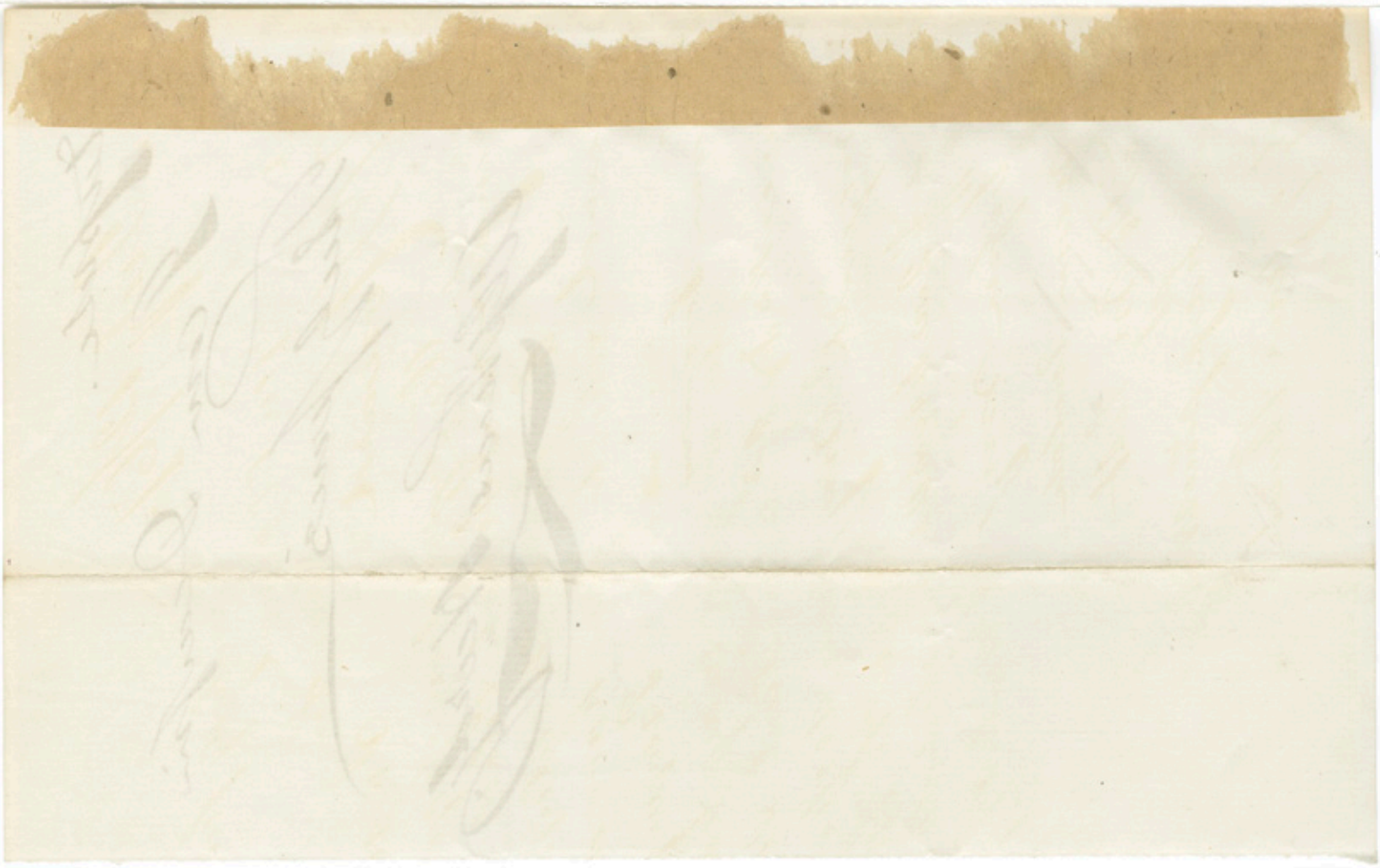
I am Dear Sir

Truly yours

Alpheus Hardy



Florence Barracks
July 12th 1867.

My dear General,

Since you have been so kind as to offer to fence my ground & plant trees, and to give me a comfortable, tasteful building for Industrial School & Quarters, you will permit me to offer the suggestions you requested in relation to the building.

Your generous offer is my inducement to purchase the ground, on which I cannot afford to build, and I make the purchase in full confidence that you will realize my expectations.

Will you make a fence so neat that it can be painted?

Will you make the Sutler's shop to contain School-room, Cutting-room, Store-room, Office & Laundry-kitchen, with cellar under

the lass, and plaster the rooms.

In addition to the Sutler's shop I understand you to premise a tasteful rent for my home.

Please give me bed-room with bath-room & water closet adjoining. Breakfast-room, Library & a room for a Servant.

If you will put up a good building I believe Congress will give it for the uses for which it is designed. I feel so sure of this that I venture to ask a great deal of you. Pardon me if I ask too much.

If I give the ground & give time & service, cannot Government afford to give a good building?

We have the power always, and shall we not try "always" to help

them: What I can, I freely give, but I cannot afford to build such a house as the school needs.

The work is difficult & laborious & home conveniences & school conveniences are wanted to give needful strength. I neither ask nor expect elegancies, but I do earnestly desire conveniences, and those I feel sure you intend to provide.

It shall be my faithful effort to make the work a blessing to the poor freedmen & their families.

With true regards
Very respectfully
Susan Walker

Maj Gen O. O. Howard
Commissioner

Wisiwell Barracks
July 12th 1867

Walker Susan

Requests Genl. Howard to build suitable buildings for Industrial School.

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Columbia Division No 15 S of T.
July 12th 1868.

Major General
O. O. Howard.
Chief Marshal.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that this "Division" has concurred in your recommendation, as to holding the "Grand Temperance Convention" in this City on the 4th of July next.

Very respectfully
Your Obdt Servt.
Chas H. Murray.
Recording Scribe

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HEAD QUARTERS, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

DISTRICT OF MARYLAND AND DELAWARE.

Baltimore, Md July 12th 1867

Dear General,

I take great pleasure in introducing my friend Revd. Joseph Welch Presiding Elder, of the State of Texas.

Mr. Welch was at my request, sent by Bishop Simpson to Texas, and was with me the most of the time I was in that State, and his movements were in perfect harmony with ours.

He will in my judgment give you much valuable aid & information as to our cause in that State, all of which will be perfectly reliable.

Mr. Welch has at all times been true to the Bureau, and has the confidence of the Freedmen where ever he labors.

I am General Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Svt.
E M Gregory
Bvt. Maj. Genl. Vols.
Asst. Commr.

To Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard
Commissioner

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National Offering
370 Penn Ave

Washington D. C.
July 12th 1867.

Genl O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir.

Please accept the accompanying Picture. It is a Specimen of the work I am offering the Public.

I am Genl.
Very truly, Your friend
Geo. W. Thomas.

Internal Office,
Sept 20th 1864

Mr. C. C. Stewart,
Dear Sir, Please accept my
thanks for your kindness in forwarding
to me the Pantaloons & Blankets
Yours Very Truly
W. Whitehouse

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Campbell Hospital
Washington D.C. July 12 "/67

Bvt Brig Genl O. O. Howard

Sir — Please accept — "My mite" a five dollar contribution to the building fund of the 1st Congregational Church of this City

I expected to have done better but this is all I have (now) to spare, after furnishing what I promised

Major Genl O. O. Howard, on a loan, for the same object

It will give me much pleasure, to aid, in future, all I can from my, small salary which is in reality reduced by refusing me the privilege

of purchasing supplies at the Commissaries.

Permit me to inquire if that privilege cannot be extended to me the same as while in the Army. It was expected, when I took my contract

I have the honor to be your obedient servant

J. H. Brockwell
A. A. Surgeon

Refer to Maj. O. O. Howard
Chief Q. M. Cav.
1st Cavy. Ch.
July 15 1867

ESTABLISHED IN 1819.

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T. ELLWOOD ZELL & COMPANY,

PUBLISHERS,

17 & 19 SOUTH SIXTH STREET, ABOVE CHESTNUT.

Philadelphia, July 13th 1867.

Sir:

We send you to-day a copy of "Rachel Wilson Moores Travels" with regards of the Authoress; we are Sir

Yours very Respectfully
T Ellwood Zell & Co
By J Green

Maj Gen Howard
Chief Freedmans
Bureau
Washington D.C.

Philadelphia Pa.

July 13th 67

Ellwood Zell and Co.

State that they send to day a copy of "Rachel Wilson Moons Travels" with regards of the authoress

National Offering.

Washington D.C. July 13th 1867.

Genl. O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir.

Your letter of the 25th June, sent by mistake to New York, has just been received, & I improve the first opportunity of offering you an explanation for the delay. Desiring to assist in the relief offered to our suffering countrymen in the South, I suggested to prominent Gentlemen in New York, my intention of aiding that fund, by organizing a movement on the mutual benefit plan, of dividing the profits, after paying commissions & expenses, between the Philanthropy, & those by whose generosity the fund was to be created. To my suggestion to them I expressly provided, that the business, should be conducted on a plan, which discarded the Lottery & Gift Enterprise objections, to which I am personally opposed. This met with their immediate acceptation.

and the recommendation of their names. And I have had great satisfaction in learning that this mode of conducting the Movement is not in conflict with your sentiments of duty.

I am Genl
Very Respectfully
Your Ob'dt Svt.
Geo. W. Thomas
370 Penn Ave.

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Washington, D. C. July 13 1867.

Samt. Holmes Esq
Jersey City

Dear Sir

The work on our church building has again commenced. In order to meet the contracts for continuing it, we are in need of money.

Your subscription of $ 100 - would be thankfully received at this time.

Very respectfully yours, 176

O. O. Howard

Treasurer Cong. Ch. Building Fund.

This was pd to the Am. Cong. Union in the spring as for arrangement for Ch. in Washington Samt Holmes [Rec'd July 16, 1867]

New York City
July 16th/87

Holmes Saml.

States that his subscription was paid in the spring to the Am. Cong. Union as per arrangement for Cong. Ch. at Washn

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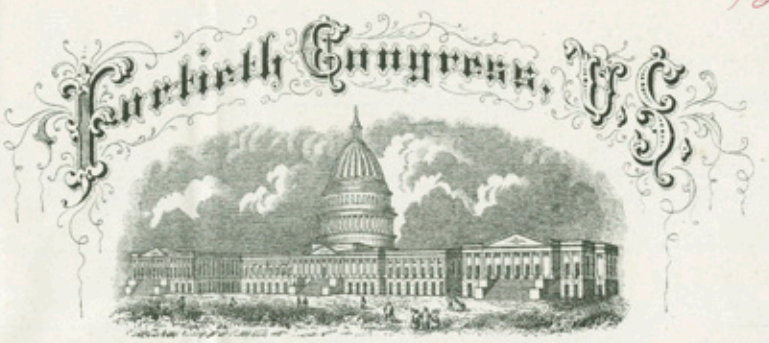

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Washington, D.C. 13 July 1867.

Gen. Howard

Dear Sir.

Your kindly note for Mr. Sibley was received. I would be glad to aid him if possible - but I greatly fear it will not be in my power. I had been down from the Interior Department, where I had made a regular assault.

Yours truly J. A. Pike

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AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

INCORPORATED, NEW YORK, JUNE 11, 1853.

OBJECTS.—To promote the general interests of the Congregational Churches, and to aid such as are feeble but promising in ERECTING HOUSES OF WORSHIP.

ECONOMY.—The little bestowed by the Congregational Union secures from the recipients, in labor and materials mostly, from *three* to *ten* times the amount given by this Society. It makes their sacrifices available. It makes the church a power. It doubles the sphere of usefulness to the minister, and often saves to Home Missions, every year, by making these churches self-sustaining, as much as this Society appropriates once for all. The amount given must free the church from debt. Besides, the churches thus aided become annual contributors to this and other benevolent objects.

ANNUAL MEMBER, $1.00. - - - - - - - - LIFE MEMBER, $25.00.

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N. A. CALKINS, *Treas.*,
146 GRAND ST., NEW YORK.

Rooms of "THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION," No. 49 Bible House, New York.

July 14th 1867

My Gen'l O O Howard

My Dear General,

I laid your request before the Trustees of the Union at their Meeting last week. As the meeting was very small, a bare quorum owing to the absence of many from the City, it was deemed

inexpedient to act on a matter of so much importance, & it was laid over to the next meeting which will occur the second week in September. No meeting occurs in August. I will see that it comes up again when the time arrives.

I am, dear Sir,
Very truly Yours

Ray Palmer

New York July 14th 1867

Palmer Rev. Ray D.D.

States that he laid Genl. Howard's request before the ~~Union~~ Trustees of the Union at their last meeting; but as the meeting was small it was laid over until the next meeting, which occurs the second week in Sept.

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Portland July 15 1867

Genl O O Howard

Dear Sir

This to inform you that the Bank dividends are due Shall I collect and forward the the Amt to you by Mail – have you collected the dividends due on R R. Bonds – due last April 1st – if you have not and will send me the cupons I will collect – and forward the Amt. by Mail if you wish me to do so –

Your Affectionate Uncle

E Waite

kind regards to your good Wife and all the Children – E W –

Portland Me.
July 15th 1867

Waite E.

writes to inform Genl Howard that the Bank dividend are due, and wishes to know whether he shall collect and forward by mail. Also desires to know whether the Genl has collected the dividends due on R.R. Bonds due last Apl. if he has not and will send coupons he will collect and forward by mail.

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Houston Tex.
Sept 15th 1867
July

General -

I learn that all Vacancies in the army are not yet filled and that Col Stark has lately been commissioned Capt in the Regular Army.
I wish therefore to solicit your influence on behalf of my husband Major Lyman Stickney late of the 16th U.S. Infy. He resigned from a sense of honor to fulfill a marriage engagement to I deem it my duty to try and get him reinstated.
I think the President would

would grant it if some influential person would ask him — My husband was in the army five years — and he calculates adapted to a military life. If you will assist me I shall feel for you the deepest gratitude —

I would go to the President myself had I any idea my petition would do any good —

Very respectfully Your
Mrs. Lyman Stickland

Major Genl. Howard

N.Y. Herald Agency, Plaza de Cuba

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Havana, July 15, 1867

Major General O.O. Howard.

General:— The friends of a lady in Bath, Me., who had the right to enquire, wrote you as to my character, and I have been informed of the nature of the answer. I see by it that it has been represented to you that I claimed to have been "on Genl Sherman's staff" and not wishing you to consider me an impostor I by to say that when asked what position I held in the army I answered "part of the time a correspondent and the balance as "staff duty in Sherman's army", which is quite different from being "on Sherman's staff."

I regret that the impression should have been given you (quite unintentional no doubt on the part of the gentleman who wrote you) that I had made false representations, hence your response was perhaps quite proper. Yet I am pleased to say that my character, where I am known, needs no defence, and I enjoy the entire confidence & esteem of Mr. B. or he would not place me in the responsible position of chief of his Mexican, Cuban and Antilles Corps of Correspondents.

Thanking you for your prompt reply to Mr. W.

I am, General,

Respectfully

G.W.P. Doyle

Apartado 187

Habana

Hon. Governor Geo. G. Fleming.

Governor: - The Friends of a Lottery
Bill, from motives that the capital it employs
are as strong as any others, and that have been influenced
the motives of the measure. I am sorry it that
have been misunderstood from the fact I choose to
use Company's Commonwealth stationery "merely as a
convenient form for Gentlemen and as implying I do
not think that which which Friends I think in
favor of measure I speak of the state as a corporate
and the Legislature "Court of the Commonwealth
Assembly" which represents the Commonwealth
Assembly."

I regret that the influence which have been
given upon (points immaterial to Gentlemen) that other
of the Legislature who should upon) that other
members disposition, have upon deciding now for
Lottery points Friday. Upon I am pleased to know
that any other members other I have known, would
be disposed, cannot I enjoy the entire Confidence
of Gen. G. or he would not favor me in
the responsible position of chief of this Bureau Civil
and Criminal Courts of Commonwealth.

Thanking you for your favorable reply I am

Yours Respectfully

Harrisburg
Feb. 19th 1887

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Washington, D. C.,
July 15, 1867.

Gen. O. O. Howard:

Dear Sir –

With many thanks for your last, please send by Thursday, if convenient, an article for the Monitor.

Respectfully,
Cunningham & Benerman,
Office 273 Penna. ave.

Cambridgeport. July 15. 1867

Gen O O Howard

Dear Sir

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In response to the invitation of your circular on School Sted 10th towards the laudable enterprise for which you have done so much - Praying that in it you may have study and abundant success

I am very resp.y

Chas H. Norwood

Supt. Prospect St. School

Cambridgeport.

Newbury port, July 15. 1867

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Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,

Many thanks to you, dear Sir, for your kind letter recently rec'd. — I thought to have replied to it earlier, and remitted what I have been able to collect for you — but have delayed a little, in the prospect of an addition of a few dollars more — so that now I enclose to you $250, 00 (Two Hundred & Fifty Dollars) and have another Fifty of my own, ready for you, whenever & wherever you may call for it — and I could wish the whole were multiplied, many times —

I [illegible] sorry to have been so long in [illegible]ting this small sum — but indeed, I believe I could do no better —

This came to us at a rather unfavorable time, as perhaps I explained to Mr. or Mrs. Alvord, - when many applications were already before our people - and when, in addition to calls for the destitute at the South, for the Freedmen, for the struggling Christians & their poisiing [illegible] & children, and the usual standing winter demands, - we had ~~the~~ solicitations for aid from two or three churches, whose houses of worship had been destroyed by fire, with entire loss of furniture &c. [illegible] of them, in our own town, where my sister worships, making her subscription to this less than it would otherwise have been - and in that society of liberal hearted people, I have not presented this paper, except in one instance, obtaining $.10 where, under other circumstances, it might have been ten times that sum. Another gentleman, who gave me $.10, said "I should much more gladly give you a thousand

and could have done so at some other times, more easily than I can this little sum — but my sympathies are with the object, and I cannot withhold this token, small as it appears" — And he was honest in it — for he is more used to giving by hundreds & thousands than by tens —

Those who have given smaller sums, even to $1,00, — and you will find many such names, — have given with love, — while many who declined, expressed regret in doing so, and prayerful interest in the enterprize — Many such, throughout the country, would, I doubt not, put small sums in the contribution box. — So that I really hope there will be a hearty response, dear Sir, to your "personal letter to the Pastors and Superintendents of our Congregational Churches & Sabbath schools."

Would they not be, permit me to ask, more alive to the subject, if such

a letter, explanatory of the facts & measures in relation to this church, & to the state of things in our capital, as has been suggested, were first circulated among them, in the "Congregationalist & Recorder," which is so widely read in New England. I have asked the same question of Rev. Mr Alvord, with some additions, - and will not tax you further with my suggestions.

Will you permit me, to introduce to your notice, (not for any personal attention or favor, but simply to shew you what one of our Newburyport "boys" can do) the name on the card enclosed, - written by himself, on both sides, & without hands, after having been shot off, while engaged in Naval service, during the war - I did not see him write this card, but I have seen him write much better in a book, than he can on the card - holding the pen in his mouth after some one has placed it there for him - He is very intelligent, loyal, upright young man - I wish I could add, a christian - but

in feeble health, from a constant wearing pain — in his fingers, he says — He was also, in one of the miserable prisons in Richmond, for seven months, — previous to his terrible loss — I am happy to say that he has a devoted, efficient, wife to care for him, and one child — He has recently been made very grateful & comfortable, by the addition to his pension (wh. till a few months since, was but $8.00 pr. month) and some back pay, in the way of bounty, I believe.

It was interesting to hear him, when describing the hardships & sufferings of his prison life, declare that, sorely, horribly, as our men had suffered in this way, it was his "joy & his pride that the United States gov^t. had never, in one instance, retaliated on rebel prisoners" — This, from one who had always "followed the sea," for a livelihood, until the war, — and who has suffered so much, — does it not shew true elevation, and sterling

Yankee character?—

But I forget myself — pardon me, dear Sir, and I will stop —

Suffer me to add an expression of my earnest sympathy & prayer for you, amid your varied & arduous labors & cares, and to subscribe myself, Sir,

In grateful & christian [illegible]

Very cordially your[illegible]

Francis B. Banister

The undersigned, feeling a deep interest in the establishment of a church at our Capital that shall fearlessly and truly set forth the doctrines and church polity of our fathers, and the prevailing sentiment of the nation, and also desiring by the same act to pay an affectionate tribute to Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard, who by his Christian heroism and devotion has so nobly served his country during the late rebellion, and believing a monument more meet than that usually built would be in harmony with his Christian character and wishes, hereby most cheerfully give the sums set against our names to aid in the erection of a Congregational church edifice in Washington city; and would respectfully suggest to the trustees that its title may be the "Howard Monumental Church."

Josiah L. Hale	pd.	10,00
Joshua Hale	"	1,00
Mrs. S. W. Hale	"	50,00
Miss Whelwright		4,00
Mrs. Richardson		1,00
Miss M. Bagley		1,00
F. B. B.		100,00
Mrs L. B. Hooker		2,00
Miss A. P. Bassett		1,00
Mr. J. Teel		1,00
Mr. J. Teel		1,00
		172,00

	Amt. Over	172,00
Geo. W. Clark	pd.	1,00
Mrs Louis Patiquin	"	1,00
Chas. R. Sargent	"	2,00
James Meader	"	2,00
Henry M. Cross	"	1,00
Hervey Kimball	"	1,00
Rev. Mr. Thurston	"	5,00
Mrs. Jos. Johnson	"	5,00
Miss Abby Lane	"	5,00
Newman Brown	"	5,00
Mrs. Angier	"	1,00
Wm. A. Banister	"	1,00
Cash	"	4,00
Danl. H. Cutter	"	1,00
A. Coffin	"	2,00
J. B	"	1,00
C H. Coffin	pd	10,00
J. H. Spring	"	5,00
Mrs. W B Banister	"	10,00
Newell Marden	"	1,00
Wm. Forbes		10,00
Frank Curtis		2,—
Mrs. Taft		1,00
Mrs. Sam'l Fletcher		1,00
		250,00

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Maj. Gen. Howard.

Dear Sir & Brother:—

I send you $12 from the 1st Congregational Church in this place, to aid in the completion of the Church Edifice of the Cong'l Church in Washington.

Yours, Fraternally,

Geo. E. Fisher,

177 Pastor.

Ashburnham, Mass.

July 15, 1867.

Sec. Cong. Church Wash.

July 15th 1867

Fisher Rev. Geo. E.

Encloses $12,00 from the 1st Cong. Church of that place to the Cong. Church Wash. D.C.

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New Haven July 15/67

Maj Gen O. O. Howard

Dear Sir -

Responding to your call I enclose Draft for twenty Dollars from the first Cong. Church & the S.S. connected therewith.

Yours truly

C B Whittlesey

Supt Center Church S. School

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Please make my regards to Col. & Whittlesey & Brother

CBW

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Stamford Ct. July 15/67

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir,

Enclosed, find Draft on the Fourth National Bank in New York, for Thirty Five $\frac{50}{100}$ Dollars, from the First Church in Stamford, in response to your appeal for help for the Congregational Church in Washington D.C. Trusting that our mite will help towards the Diffusion of God's Word & the Congregational Polity in the Capital of our Nation; & that through this Church, many may be led to Jesus as their only Saviour,

I remain

Yours very Truly in Christian love,

L. L. G. Whitney,

Treas.

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Stamford Ct.

July 15th 1867

Whitney L. L. G.
Treasurer

Encloses draft for
$35,50 from the First
Cong. Church of Stamford
to the Cong. Church
Washington D.C.

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Washington D.C.
July 15 1867.

General Howard's attention is respectfully invited to the enclosed letter, particularly those parts of it underlined by me.

J. B. Wilson

Livingston Sumter Co, Ala.
July 9th 1867

Hon. Henry Wilson
U. S. Senate Washn. D.C.
Sir.

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The Union party of Alabama has in its ranks, men of loyalty, integrity, and ability for every office in the State; yet whenever an appointment is to be made, some secessionist is found rather than a Union man on whom to confer it. This is the case with the Sheriff of this county. He was a Secessionist of the most intolerant character - he was an agent of the Confederate government, travelling about the country *forcing the people to sell their cotton to the for its worthless bonds, under a threat of having its burned if they did not sell it, yet he was*

appointed by Genl. Swayne to be Agent for the Freedmen's Bureau for this county, and has since been appointed Sheriff of the county by Genl. Pope, both of which offices he now holds. Such conduct on the part of our Military rulers is insulting to the Union men of the State. I indulge in no reflections upon Genl. Pope for such appointments, because I think he has been imposed upon by selfish and interested advisers. But I do charge it upon Genl. Swayne, that he has not the confidence of the Union party of Alabama; nor is he so conducting himself in his office as to promote the interests of that party. He finds his favorites amongst the secessionists.

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Very respectfully

signed Saml. A. Hale

Washington Aug 22 1867

Respy. referred to
Gen. Roger Jd Wayne.
This letter was sent here
by Hon. Henry Wilson
who underlined as with-
in.
By order of Gen O. O. Howard
J. A. Sladen.
A.D.C.
Pro. Secy.

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Washington D.C. July 10th 67

Gen.—

Fearing that my application to Mr Brown, which I transmitted to you early last week, may not have been presented to you; and uneasy at the rapid approach of the first of the next Month, when my dues must be met, I trust you will pardon my calling your attention again to the Matter—

With much Esteem
I am Truly yours
M. J. Jaffold
389 D. St.