Dubuque Iowa
Monday Dec. 25th 1868
9½ a.m.

Dear —

I have had a letter — I find if I fill my appointments I shall have to listen at least two long sleigh rides — My lecture Saturday night (southern tour) was sharply criticised by the republican paper — but last night — I spoke in Mr Whiting's church (Cong.) on "Cole. experience in the army" and nothing I state to avoid have interested this people more. The house was filled. I am quite homesick. Gen. Whittlesey says all are well at home. Col. Taggart married Rev Mr Whiting's daughter — a nice little wife married 8 months — This is a pleasant village where

they are living with a great deal of comfort - I saw Mrs Robinson yesterday. She was very well. Mother with Mr Metcalf Phelps - I never knew Metcalf as Elizabeth Dwight or Wayne formerly.

I will enclose a check in this letter if I get it - I wrote them - W - yesterday. I shall be delighted if you can meet me anywhere. Give love to mother like you I shall stay one night with Mrs Wallis. She will meet me at Mount Vernon. Give love to the children. I enclose Mrs. Ramsdens Photograph - I speak of him in my lecture -

Not less than - lovingly yr.

Husband - Otis -

Tom says I will have to go to sleep on the cars, so as not to talk - Otis

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Personal

New York, Jan 25 1868

Maj Genl O. Howard
U. S. A
Washington. D. C.

Dear Genl

I have sent you by mail today a proof copy of the print, from Noble's picture of John Brown, & hope accept the engraving from me.

You will confer upon me a personal favor by acknowledging the receipt in such a letter as can be reproduced in a circular you can make this reply as short and complimentary as your convenience will allow but the picture will plead its own claim you brother Charles saw the original in Boston. Hoping soon to hear from you

I remain
your obdt svt
Geo Ward Nichols

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Personal

New York 25 January 1868

Major Genl O. O. Howard
Bureau Ref. Freedm & Abd Lands
Washington D. C

Dear Sir

Believing you would be interested in a letter received yesterday from Mr Bancroft the Principal of the school on Lookout mountain, I hand you a copy of the same for your perusal, and such pious, judicious friends as you think will be interested in it. but it is not best that it should get into print — There were at the Institution at my last dates 98, of whom 80, or thereabouts, had been sent by Agents of the Bureau —

Very Respectfully Yours

E. R. Robert

Copy

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Lookout Mountain Educt. Instn.
Sunday Evening Jany 19. 1868

C. R. Robert New York

My Dear Sir

In my last I had time only to mention that there was a good state of religious feeling on the Mountain. To night I must write a few words before I rest. The interest is great, and for the most part in the right direction. I believe not more than a dozen are unaffected by it. We have had several meetings for Conversation with the boys, and Miss Wilson has met the girls twice. There are in all about thirty who think themselves Christians, including six or eight who think they have become so during the past week. You will rejoice with us to know that both the Miss Browns give very pleasing evidence of a genuine Conversion, Crutchfield & Osborn are particularly hopeful Cases among the boys- Coleman just arrived from Nashville a tall handsome young man, says he has been everything that is bad, but now he is determined to be a Christian. Some of the little fellows are very promising The whole place seems pervaded with the Divine presence. The boys have started a noon prayer meeting, and seem to understand that Christianity demands activity. The solemnity, and attentiveness which so encouraged us, at the Commencement of the term are followed by a very precious outpouring of the Spirit. I hope you will inform the friends of the school, as you meet them of this religious interest and join us in renewed supplication for the Conversion of all assembled here

Yours in joy

Sgnd. C. F. P. Bancroft,

file among
private letters

Philada., Jan 27 1868.

Major Genl Howard – I have met you several times but don't thus you forget me, still you know all about the Sunday School work + upon that subject I address you to say that on the outskirts of our city we have a great mission field + we have just built an immense Mission School Hall – the largest on the Continent of America – holding full 2000 + perhaps 2500 children – Geo H. Stuart Esq one of our best friends, with whom I have just been consulting (+in whose office I write this) about the Dedication services thinks with us that the occasion is one worthy of special note + so we are making an effort to bring

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together some of the leading spirits of our country + the first to whom we write + the one we want most of all to come is yourself. The night fixed is Thursday Feb 13th. Your part to formally dedicate this great Hall (costing over $50.000) to our Lord + Master Jesus Christ.

This is a work of City Mission. The people of the entire city are interested in it + Christians + citizens of every name will join in urging this invitation upon you. We want badly to meet you again in Phila. We know you are pressed with work + this will be a pleasant relief for you + will take but a little time.

Should your Engagements

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be such that this night will not suit we will change the time to suit you so anxious are we to have you come —

Very Truly Your
Jno. Wanamaker
President Bd of Trustees
Supt S.S.
P.E. cor 6th & Market sts

I heartily concur in the above & if you come & make your home at my house it will be a personal favour, this is no ordinary occasion — it is one of great public interest

Geo. H. Stuart

Philadelphia Jan. 27th 1865

Wanamaker Jno.
Prest Bd Trustees, &c
Supt Sabbath School, &c,

States that they have just erected an immense mission Sunday school, & propose to secure the presence of some of the leading men in this country to dedicate it.

The first person written to, whom they want, by all means is Gen. Howard. A pressure of work must not detain him.

The day fixed is Feb. 13th 1865, but will be changed to suit the General's convenience.— The General will confer a favor by sojourning with Geo. H. Stuart Esq, etc,

Private

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Philad.a Jan.y 27. 1868

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Washington

My Dear Friend,

The copy of your valued favour of Dec. 30/67 reached me a few days since, and I fear that you did not fully understand my letter of Dec. 20th. I had supposed from the public papers that your public duties would cease about the 1st July next, and that after that you would be ready to enter upon some such work as that indicated in my letter. We need the whole time of some such man as yourself, who would bring to the office a warm Christian heart, combined with the Executive abilities which you have already so eminently displayed. Our Committee have again instructed me to write you, and offer you Five Thousand Dollars per annum, and earnestly hope you may see your way clear to come to us as soon as you can consistently with your duties to the public service. I shall hope for an early favorable response. You are invited to the dedication of our great Mission S. S. on the 13th Feb.y and I hope you can come & make your home at my house when

we can talk over this whole matter of that American Union & Sabbath School Work

Thursday

great respect and in most haste I remain Yours in X.n bonds Geo. Stuart

Philadelphia Pa.;
January 27th 1868.

Stewart Geo. H.

States that they had supposed from statements made in "papers" that the General's duties in the public service would, ere long, cease, and therefore they desired to secure a man of his "Christian heart," and "executive ability".

The Committee have again instructed him to write offering the General $5,000. per annum. They trust that the public service will permit him to come soon.

The General will be the guest of Mr Stuart on the occasion of the dedication of the R.R.; when this matter will be further considered. A favorable reply asked.

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Gen Howard

My dear Sir

As Mr Seamans is not in I have taken the liberty of opening your note. I think he will agree with you that a more unobtrusive method would be preferable for visiting the Public Buildings. With many thanks for your kindness I am yours most sincerely

Frank S. Seamans

Ebbitt House

Jan 27th.

[1868]

Cincinnati: Ohio.

Jan. 27. 1868.

Gen. O. O. Howard.

My Dear Brother.

I write again on behalf of our friend & brother, Rev. John G. Fee; and in the name, the precious name of our "Elder Brother".

He wants $2000 — for a present emergency. There he is, in the heart of Kentucky with a noble institution of learning.

Last year they had 257 pupils — One hundred of them White: & just as harmonious & happy as any family. More than fifty prepared for College: Seven preachers, & others preparing for the ministry: three, preparing for the Foreign mission work. All their rooms are

full, & the pupils are crawling up into the attics to sleep, where the storms drive in upon them.

Mr. Dee tells me that the grade of scholarship is higher than in the "Friko" school. First class teachers, & thorough instruction & discipline.

He says the school has given social & trade character to all the surrounding neighborhood, & that it is in all the important respects the foremost school in the South.

When I look at this man Fee, & remember, as I do, that for twenty five years, he has fought this battle upon the very frontier of the enemy; slowly, unfaltering, humbly,

& counting all things but loss for the sake of Christ, as he says this in his black brother, I cannot but rejoice in the wonderful work of divine grace in the human heart, making any one to be so like Christ.

What can you do for him in this emergency? When I told him I would write to you, the tears ran down his cheeks for joy.

I have a great mind, if the Republican Convention meets here in Cincinnati, to nominate you for President. There is a mighty current in favor of a Christian for Pres.t

God bless you — Yours truly

Henry Ward Beecher

Cincinnati, Ohio
Jan. 27th 1868

Moore Henry

Writes on behalf of Rev John G. Fee, of Berea Institute, requesting a further contribution of $2000 for a pressing emergency. etc etc,

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4 Market Space
Washington Jany 27/68

General

Understanding that you are interested in that part of the 6th Ward which lays just north of the west front of the "Lincoln Depot", I take the liberty of calling your attention to certain improvements needed thereabout: and hope that you will give us your assistance in our long endeavors to procure them?

First. An opening of the Avenues thereabout and filling of the ponds on Square 1009; and Lots 10 11 & 12.

Second. An extension of "Lincoln Square" to the line of North & South A streets, and the opening of such streets, or putting them in the plan of that part of the City (they being omitted there) As also the erection of the proposed Lincoln Monument in such Square.

Third An opening, or grading of north B street to 14th East; and of north C street to 19th East, — the "Cool Branch Road".

And herein, to the great necessity, and manifest advantages in the present status of affairs, of relocating that part of North C street which lays east of east 15th street, farther north than at present to wit as far north as that part of C street which lays west of said 15th street.

To do this would require the purchase or condemnation of a strip of land in the County about four or six thousand feet long (from East to West) by about ninety three feet seven inches wide (from north to South). This County land now belongs to but one party and on sale for Partition. By next June it may belong to many parties who will not sell. It is now unimproved: then buildings may be in way of such relocation. The same of the City Squares on South side of such part of said C street. Now it is easy to enlarge and reallot such Squares: then it may be less so.

This relocation should be made because the present offset (of 93 7/12 feet) to the order

is ungainly; unhandsome; unhandy and anomalous. Because the gradients or ascent from the valley of the Anacostia to the elevated plateau (of 14th street) would, owing to the northern slope of the hills, be much easier on the new than on the old location. And this considera-tion derives additional importance from the self-evident fact that were north C street opened for travel, so far east as to the "Cool Branch" County Road, it would immediately be a great thorough-fare from and to those rich countries which communicate with our City via Bennings Bridge

The additions thus made to the squares thus enlarged would, as City Lots, fully if not more than compensate government for the requisite expenditure.

Respectfully Yours

A. G. Haley

Atty at Law &c

Genl O O Howard
Freedmens Bureau &c
Present

No. 4 [illegible]

Washington Jan. 27th 1868

Haley A. G.
Atty at Law, etc,

States, at length, certain improvements, such as opening avenues, extension of "Lincoln Square," etc, etc, greatly to be desired in that part of the 6th Ward just north of the west front of "Lincoln Depot," etc,

Understands that the Commrs is interested in these improvements, therefore requests his co-operation in securing them, etc,

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Washington
27 Jany 1868.

Maj: Genl O. O. Howard
Comr of Freedmen &c.

Sir: I venture respectfully again to
your attention to my application for
a colored Servant Woman of middle
age say thirty or thirty five years — good
habits & who can wash & cook.
I will be greatly obliged if such a
one can be forwarded by you
to my home in Cadiz Ohio
either by way of Rail-Road thro
Harrisburgh Pittsburgh Steubenville
&c. or by the Baltimore & Ohio R.R.
thro' Wheeling & thence to Steubenville
& thence to Cadiz — Truly Yours —

W. A. Bingham

Washgtn Ills Jany 27th 1868

Bingham, Hon John A.

desires a good servant girl or woman, 30 or 40 years of age

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Topeka. Jan. 27. 1868.

Gen O. B. Howard

Dear Sir.

Since our pleasant meeting some weeks ago I have been more & more anxious, as have other of our friends, to secure yr favorable consideration of our request that you did give us yr name, presence & labors in our work of rearing a College in Kansas.

With the constant & now rapid increase of our population, there is a growing need of stronger moral forces to aid in shaping our future, and an institution which

shall have as its one great work and and the supply of Education for men & ministers is more & more evidently a necessity to the Communication & the Church. With their internal political or politico-religious, denominational workings & failures to work, I for my hope that for a score of years if ever, our State institutions will do anything toward saving the State.

For instance - at a late meeting of Regents of St. University, to vote for a President, your name was presented. There was no dispute upon your fitness; but there is no reason to doubt, that the invitation went to a member of another denomination

simply because M says — "I cannot get it, & it is better to give it to my weaker brother P, than to my stronger friend T." It is not yet a paramount question "Who is the best man for the place"? — but "If we cannot get the man who will help us most; let us get the one who will hurt us least". To say nothing about religion; — even Education cannot flourish under such control, & a "denominational & Pu institution, without sectarian bias is now the prime want of Kansas.

I would avoid even the appearance of anything like compliments, but I must present one appeal in

the statement of what I believe, the deliberate conviction of every minister of our body; & to which I do not question my ability to secure the names of two fifths in the State.

Our urgent appeal then is, that you will consent to come to our help so soon after the Master has released you from yr present work, as we shall be able to offer upon the needed support.

We ask this because

1st We believe yr connection with the College, wd reduce the time occupied in securing its permanent endowment, by not less than five to eight or even ten years; & by thus much hasten its entrance upon full work.

All the old & rich wealthy institutions of the East, are now calling for $50,000 to $300,000 each, & amid all this we see no hope for aught but a long pecuniary infancy, unless by the influence of a well known name, we could, as we believe, at once secure the needed help.

2nd We dare believe that the same influence would within a year triple or quadruple our students. All abroad through this and adjoining states are kinsmen of our youth who by personal service in the war, or by that of fathers or brothers, know & regard their fellow soldier Genl Howard. They now scatter here & there to obtain

institutions, & thence go into the world. We believe that you cd draw them hither, & that from among them, in answer to the prayers of Jus, you might draw many of them to the work of the ministry.

3rd We ask this of you, for what we believe would be in this work, & at this point, yr influence upon all the future of our State. The thing is now being built, & one man can now do a work which perhaps ten years hence a thousand could not do or undo. In other places you can help to build a beautiful structure, whose foundation others have laid. Here known, & felt in every household of our State,

may, God willing, lay the foundations
of many generations.

I need not argue at length
or present more fully these or other
points. Our appeal is the strong cry
for help, the cry of need, the practical
moral & religious wants of Kansas &
this whole trans-Mississippi valley.
We speak no words of flattery. We do
not count you more than man. But read-
ing the story of what by God's grace you
have done for the land; we call upon
to come, & with that grace & with our
prayers, do what you can in laying
here the foundations for Xt, & His Chch,
& the ministry of his word. in this
the central state of the Union.

After many conversations upon the subject, I feel constrained to write you thus: fully confident that with any encouragement from you, we can in official & private action & address, prove our earnestness & unanimity in the matter of this appeal.

Truly & fraternally, Yours

Lewis G. Bodwell.

Pres. Bd Trustees.

Hon. Hannibal Hamlin
Washington
D.C.

Staffordville Conn.
Jan. 27th 1868.

Gen. O. O. Howard.
Dear Sir.

As pastor of the Cong. Church of this place, I have received a circular from you inviting and soliciting aid for the Cong. Church in Washington.

In reply I would say that if the policy of the Church is as indicated by the Congregationalist and Recorder in strictures upon Dr Boynton's sermon with

reference to the colored race; you will please excuse me, and my Church - Sabbath School, and Congregation from rendering aid in that direction. You will find a host more of Congregationalists of the same feelings here at the North and West.

Truly Yours,

J. Kline

Stafford Ville Conn.
Jan. 27th 1868

Elias S.
Pastor Cong Church.

In reply to circular soliciting aid for Cong. Church at Washington, begs to be excused from contributing, if the policy of the Church is indicated in "Congregationalist, in strictures upon Dr Poynton's sermon.
etc, etc,

Plainville Conn. Jan. 27th 1868.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Supt. Freedmens Bureau etc.
Washington D. C.

General.

I have the honor to apply for information.

In the Congregationalist and Recorder published in Boston under date of Jan. 23rd 1868 there is a statement respecting Dr. Boynton which calumniates the Congregational Church of Washington before the Country and the world. The statement in substance is that two colored men of worthy character applied for admission to the Church. It is not distinctly affirmed that they were denied admittance nor is there any ~~any~~ intimation that they were received; only we are told that the Rev. Dr. delivered a sermon whose teaching was that black men should seek no such intimacy as Church fellowship with Christians of Caucassian type. etc. The inference surely is that the wicked sentiment

(over)

"A White man's Government" is to prevail in that Church which represents Gospel freedom in our Nation's Capital. This, General, I am sure from your own words, heard with great interest, can not be the idea of that Church. Will do me the great favor of sending a few words which will enable me to know the exact facts.

With great respect I am General

Your Obt Servt

Moses Smith

Pastor Cong. Church

Jany. 27th 1868

Smith Masiss
Pastor, Cong Church

Wishes to be informed as to the position of the Cong. Church at Washington.

Hopes that the representation in the "Congregationalist" of late date is a calumniation, etc, etc,

Milford Mass.
Jan. 27th 1868

Gen O. O. Howard

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Sir

I send you an order for Thirty dollars, for the building of the Cong. L. Church, in Washington D.C. in behalf of the first Congl Church, in Milford Mass. May God bless the labours in bringing down Wickedness in high places.

Yours in behalf of the Church.

D. B. Rockwood
Treasurer.

Milford Mass
Jan. 27th 1868

Rockwood L. B.
Treasurer

In behalf of 1st Cong. Church of Milford, sends check for $30.00/100 to aid in building congregational Church at Washington
Invokes blessings of God upon the work.

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Grafton Jany 27th 1868

Gen. O. O. Howard
Dear Sir

Enclosed please find Ten dollars to assist in the building of the Congregational Church in Washington D. C., A Collection from the Evan. Cong Sabbath School in Grafton

Yours in Christian Love
James W. McKenzie
Superintendant

Grafton Jan. 27th 1868

McKenzie James H.
Supt Evan. Cong S. School

Enclose $10. a contribution to 1st Cong. Chuch at Washington, from Evan. Cong. S. School at Grafton.

Eastern

U. S. MILITARY TELEGRAPH.

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N Sellers

Jan 27 1868

By Telegraph from Castine Me 1868

To Maj Gen O O Howard

was at present engaged here Expect a letter wednesday

G F Fletcher

10 Di 40 2 30 College

NB

Genl Shall we charge this to your ofc

Oper

Castine Me file

Jany 27th 1868

Fletcher J. F.

Telegraphs that he is at present engaged, at that place. Will send a letter immediately.

Headquarters, Third Military District,

(Georgia, Alabama & Florida.)

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 27 1868

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard.

Comd. F. B.

Dear Genl.—

I am glad to learn my course meets your approval for the, it is based on considerations entirely, outside of the wishes or wishes of my friends, yet it is always pleasant to know that it is in accordance with them. I have no reason to be dissatisfied with the course of your Adjt. Genl. — as the I take this opportunity to say that from the frequent complaints made to me of arbitrary acts on the part of some of their Salaamalec, I have under consideration, the issuing of an order, which will perhaps not be agreable to them.

I have reason to apprehend that some of them, do not give the civil courts any opportunity to show whether they will or will not do justice to the Freedmen, but taking it for granted that they will not, they resort to very summary action seizing & selling property, and giving entirely the rights of the adverse parties. Now this I do not think right & I am sure you will agree with me. I am determined the Freedmen shall have justice, but I am also determined the planter shall have the same — and which I am prepared to resort to the most summary

reasonness to secure justice
to the freedmen, I am not
prepared to ignore the rights
of the planter, or deny the
civil courts the opportunity
to do justice, until I am
satisfied they will not
avail themselves of the chances
given them — You are perhaps
aware that I have given
force to the relief ordinances
of the states of Ga & Ala providing
homes for sales to secure
contracts with laborers & secure
to them the profits of their labor.
I find however in both states
the law gives priority of lien
to the landlord & factor. — The
remedy of my act & that of
the conventions, is to stop sales
for the freedmen where such

pain been exist — My wife will remove this evil by giving freedom to the heirs of the Colonel —

I shall be very glad at all times to receive your co-operation & will not hesitate to call on you for larger sums & give the same my consideration.

Very Truly Yours —

Geo. G. Meade

Major General