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Treasury Department.

May 12 1868

Dear General:

Jones asks to see you this morning, say about 9 or nine, about the Attorney General's office.

Very truly

N. B. Knowles

Gen Rawlins

Farmington May 12, 1868

Dear Brother

We are waiting anxiously today in the hope of hearing a favorable result from the Impeachment Trial. Some console themselves under supposed defeat with the idea that Johnson was by Independent vote he less dangerous to the Rep. & the Country than Wade was by Butler. Thinking the enclosed telegram of Perley's might have escaped you I enclose it. also some acct of "Diogenes" death at Brunswick. I preached against Medical crimes (Abortion &c) Obscene and licentious pictures & Gambling especially in Lotteries & on Race-courses. Sunday and some of the arrows seem to have struck tender spots & some Lottery & Horse Racing men propose to change their place of Worship

I was at Leeds a while since. Uncle Enoch seemed very happy in the contemplating idea of an interminable & eminently legal Law-Suit for the Meeting House between Baptists & Universalists. Of course he hates

controversy as such. But you know he has a constitutional delight in obscure and unexplainable "points" in a "case" = I found them all well. Helen with a pretty girl baby of a week's life - We talk a great deal about you all since our visit & feel deeply interested in all your plans, fears & cares - I told my little Otis all about his beautiful little Cousin John and he responded with an earnest question - "Papa, is he white"? Remember us all to your "all", don't you - most affectionately =

One young man who is dying of consumption & who has lately given his heart to Christ - said to me yesterday of his own accord - "Dancer, dancer, Mr Howard, they are my methods of burying the sinner faster in to death" = He had been to dances in place of prayer meetings the first of the winter —

May God guide their Senators in their momentous decision today —

Your aff. Brother

P.S.

We feel deeply interested to hear some good thing from the Church.

Private

Savannah Ga May 12th 1868

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Dear Gust

I am gradually making headway here as an Architect & Builder - and wish to get a little information - The Agent for the American Building Block Company is here and wishes me to take hold of that material - He tells me that you have and are using it for some public building, and you will oblige me by giving me the practical results of what you have done - Its comparative cost with return to Brick and Cut stone, also with reference to the Roxsoman Stone if you have used the last named for ornamental or other purposes - Before undertaking to stand a company for its manufacture or recommending it to me I should like to know all I can about it - and if you can furnish me with the necessary information I shall be more than obliged -

My wife is at present in Baltimore she would undoubtedly join me in compliments and remembrances to Madame Hoffman

Yours truly

Gustavus McBoggs

8. [illegible] 1868.

Boggs W. R.

Makes inquiry concerning the Building Block - its comparative cost with reference to brick, cut-stone, etc.

Sends compliments to the Generals family etc.

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353 Nineteenth Washington. D.C. May 15th 1868

Maj Genl. O. O. Howard.

Dear friend The undersigned have been requested to Invite you to attend the Twenty fifth Anniversary Meeting of the American Baptist Free Mission Society. Now in Sessions at the 19th street Baptist Church.

Come at your Earliest Convenience

A. L. Post President

By D. W. Anderson

Washington Ills.
May 13th 1868

Post A. L.

Pres't Am'n Baptist Free Mission Society

Invites the General to attend the 23rd Anniversary of the Society, at the Baptist Church cor 19th and D.

S. M. MOORE. J. H. MOORE.

OFFICE OF

S. M. MOORE & CO.

GENERAL INSURANCE AGENTS,

No 49 LA SALLE STREET,

Ed. Mendel, Chicago.

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Chicago, May 14th 1868

Gen O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

Today I have rec'd a Dft from Hon S B Gookins for $25 - which he says is his Sub. for yr Cony Ch. I enclose the same to you herewith.

Very truly Yours

S. M. Moore

No. 3. Ch. 1868

No. 49 LaSalle St.

Chicago Ill May 14th 1868

Moore S. M.

Encloses a draft for $25, a subscription of Mar. B. B. Gorham to 1st Cong Church of Washgtn D.C.

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Cairo Ill. May 14. 1868

General O. O. Howard -

Your kind & warning letter was received this morning - I thank you from my heart for the letter but oh I would like to know who could have reported me in such an unfavorable light to you - I know I have enemies here, but without cause - My ~~endeavor~~ effort has been to do my duty & I will do it -

That I drink General I do not deny but if any one suffers from it, it is myself - I do not drink to excess - & no kind word has ever come to me except this short letter of yours - God bless you for it -

I am sorry to see that you have retained a copy of your letter - Do not let my brother Robert know that you have written to me - Write to me again & believe that you are "casting seed on good ground" - Sincerely your friend

E. T. S. Schenck

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Elliott House,
May 14. 1868.

My Dear Sir,

Please let me introduce to you my relation Mr. Henrick, who has been appointed to a place at Brownsville, Texas, and who desires to reach his destination by going upon some public office. He is a gentleman of excellent character, and is poor.

Can you give him some messenger's ship which will accomplish his object? You will greatly oblige me.

Yours, very truly
H. S. Segar.

Gen. O. O. Howard

Segar Joseph

Introducing Mr Fenwick.

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Washington D.C.,
May 14th 1865.

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir:

You are respectfully and earnestly invited to attend and address a meeting of Republicans to be held at the City Hall to-morrow evening at 7½ o'clock, to ratify the nomination of Sayles J. Bowen as a candidate for Mayor of this city.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Wm. S. Morse
Chairman Com.

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Harpers Ferry W. Va. May 14th 68

To Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir.

Having heard that Father had sent you a recent home letter of mine, without my knowledge or expectation; perhaps a few words from me will place the affair in a clearer light. I think Father did as any father would do, under the circumstances, yet I should be very sorry for the matter to injure Capt. Mc Donnell.

My opinion of the character of that particular act has not changed at all, neither has any word passed between us, at any time, to undeceive me as to the reality of the joke; the sight of which still haunts me when weary or weak.

That Capt. Mc. D. — has no sympathy with christian efforts or faith in the reality

of religion is very true; and that he d
not allow us to use our school room for
prayer-meetings; but after school was the
we were obliged to leave our warm room
go into a very damp, uncomfortable one.
still have our meetings in that back roo
but now that the warmer weather has co
we use it as a recitation room and feel
inconvenience. Yet, leaving out this consid
we regard him as a most faithful Bure
officer, a thorough radical, a temperate ma
honest in his care of the monies and clothi
entrusted to him, and very kind to the colo
people personally, — always ready to defend
rights.

His wife, Mrs. Mac Donnell, a young
delicate woman, is a true christian, and for he
sake, and in view of his merits as an officer
we hope his failings may be over-looked.

Respectfully Yours

Emily E. Deering.

Teacher among the Freedmen at Winchester. Va.

within, from Miss
Murray, one of our
teachers - I heartily
subscribe to what
she says in
commendation of
Capt. McDonnell -
I think the Capt.
did not realize how
badly he frightened
the ladies - and I
have no doubt that
he would do as much
to protect them as
any man of them
were in danger -
Allow me to express
my hope that the
captains good offices will
be rewarded by Mr. Mackett

Rooms State Central Committee,

UNION REPUBLICAN PARTY.

COL. J. E. BRYANT, SECRETARY.

HON. FOSTER BLODGETT, CHAIRMAN

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Augusta, Ga., May 15 1868.

Maj Genl. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir,

On the 26th of June of last year I received a letter from your office, written at your request by Genl. F. D. Sewall. I have not since that time until now seen the time when I felt like answering it. I have felt that it was due to me that the letter should be answered at some time in the future. I will now answer it.

I came to Georgia at the request of Genl. Saxton. I did not wish to come at the time I was requested to do so; but for many reasons which I will not say than I did come. I did my duty to the satisfaction of Genl Saxton.

During the summer of 1865 Mr. Johnson developed his policy, and in the winter Genl. Saxton was removed and Tilson was given the command

of this State. To please the Rebels I was removed. If the colored people could have had a voice in the matter I should have had their unanimous vote. But, with Tilson, the wishes of colored men were never regarded. The wishes of Rebels controlled him to a great extent. My only offense was that I had been just to colored men as well as to white men. An attempt has been made to show that I was unwise in my course. I can convince any just and wise man that I acted as wisely and prudently as it was possible and at the same time act justly. The policy of pleasing Rebels regardless of the rights of colored men was adopted and I could not and would not be used to carry out such a policy.

I felt I had a duty to do to assist the colored people of this State, and decided to do it. I have done it as well as I could. Those who, some months ago, laughed at my "chimerical schemes" now praise my "sagacity" and beg for my assistance. My "folly" was the folly of a seer. I saw further into the future than others around me and had the

nerve to do my duty.

A part of my plan was the establishment of the school plan of which you have heard me speak. The time came when it became necessary for me to visit the different cities of the State to make this plan more beneficial and prove its practicability.

I had worked so long with but little pay that I had used up the money I had when I came South and it was not prudent for me to hire money to travel. You had approved of my school plan; Mr. Alvord had alluded to it in his report in very flattering terms; Mr. Wore and Mr. Rockwell had been appointed agents of the Bureau and their travelling expenses were paid by the Bureau; although they were working under the auspices of a Northern Association: As President of the Georgia Educational Association I asked that the same favor be shown to me, and this was the reply.

(over)

"Respectfully returned with recom-
"mendation that this appointment be
"not made. Mr. Bryant is so intimately
"associated with political affairs in the
"State and withal, so ardent a politician
"that it is believed that his appointment
"would result in great injury to the influence
"of the Bureau. It is believed that the
"agents already appointed can do the work
"as well or better than he and at the same
"time avoid the difficulty he would lead
"us into."

Thus my request was met with
a direct insult by this indorsement
to my communication put on by the
officers in this State to whom it was
referred a copy of which was sent to me.
The gist of the whole is contained in the
last sentence or two; "At the same time
avoid the difficulty he would lead
us into". Rebel sympathizers could be
and were retained in the Bureau
in this State, and they would not

Rooms State Central Committee,

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COL. J. E. BRYANT, SECRETARY. HON. FOSTER BLODGETT, CHAIRMAN.

Augusta, Ga., 1868.

"lead us into difficulty" but men who sympathized with the oppressed could be insulted with impunity.

I can hardly express to you my feelings when I read this letter. Suppose it had been sent to you and "reflected" had to yourself. What had I done? I had fought three years for my country. I had always been true to the cause of freedom and humanity. This was the sum of my offending: except that Georgia Rebels did not like me and Bureau officials in Georgia were afraid I should lead them into trouble. It is thus that loyal men have been insulted for being true to principle. But, thank God! a brighter day has dawned. I will not attempt to mention what I have suffered for these poor oppressed people. Through the whole I have received no sympathy or assistance from Bureau

officials in Georgia. Now I wa[illegible]
none. Truth has triumphed, as [illegible]
always does, in the long run. I ha[illegible]
been permitted to live through
the struggle and the time has co[illegible]
when I have no more favors
to ask of the Freedmens Bureau.

I wish to acknowledge
the kindness which you have per[illegible]-
ally shown to me and the kind wis[illegible]
you have expressed.

I trust I shall [illegible]
the future see more of roses an[illegible]
less of thorns than I have seen in
the past five years.

I am
Very Truly
J E Bryson

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New York City,
May, 6th/68.
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Gen O. O. Howard.—

Sir:—

I am making a collection of autograph letters of Representative American & foreign Generals & will feel indebted and thankful if you will have the kindness to favor me with your autograph & if convenient, with a few more words in your handwriting

Respy. yours
Geo. W. Reed
New No. 243 West 18th St
New York City.

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Washington D.C.
May 16/68.

Genl. C C Augur
Dr Genl.

Mr.

John R Cronin, a good Staunch Republican, the bearer of this note has been appointed to a position in Texas. he is a poor man.. and wishes to be appointed a Special agent under you without pay. so that you may give him free transportation, he may be of some aide to you, and at the same time you will be doing him a Charitable act. Very Truly Yours

F. A. Bonnell

I join Judge Boswell in the within recommendation.

May 16, 1868. S. J. Bowen

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Boswell, F. A.

States that John R. Cronin has been appointed to a position in Texas.

Recommends that the General appoint him a special agent without pay so that transportation may be given him to Texas. Mr Cronin is a poor man, and deserves this favor.

S. J. Bowen concurs in the above.

Letters of J. Donnelly, and J. H. McClung M.C.'s, accompany this on the same subject.

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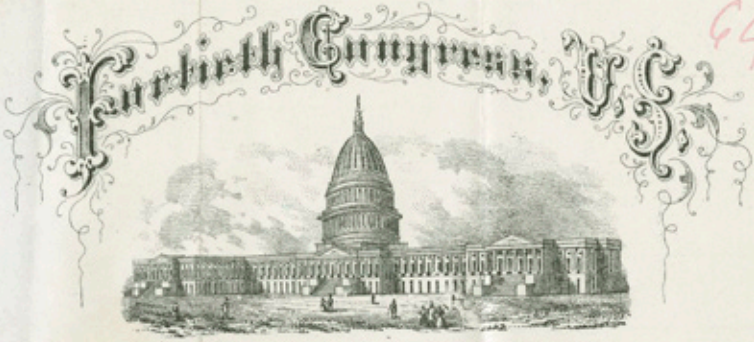

Washington, D.C. May 16th 1868.

Genl O. O. Howard
Wash D.C.

Dear Sir;

This letter will be delivered to you by Mr Jno: R. Cronin of this city. He has always been a thorough & active Union man and Republican, and was the first man to enlist in Washington in defence of the Capitol. He comes very strongly recom-

mended by leading citizens of Washington.

He has obtained the promise of work at Brownsville, Texas; but is too poor to pay the expense of getting there.

I would respectfully ask that you give him an appt. as special agent for the Bureau, if possible without pay, and send him down there to attend to any matters for the Bureau, so that he may get transportation. He could probably render you service enough to pay for his transportation.

Believe me,

Very Respectfully yrs:

J. Donnell

Washington D.C.
May 16th 1868

Donnelly J.
M.C.

Introduces John R. Lemin, and recommends that the Comr. appoint him a special agent that transportation may be given him to Texas, etc, etc, etc,

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Washington City D.C. 15th May 1868

Genl. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

The bearer, R. A. Cronin, is a personal friend of mine. I know him him to be a reliable gentleman. He has a brother, John R Cronin, who desires to go to Texas. I do not know John R personally. Through his brother I presume he is reliable. He wishes to submit to you his statement and his papers—

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully

Your obt. Servant

J. W. McClung

McClurg J. W.
Ill. C.

Introducing R. A.
Cermin, etc,