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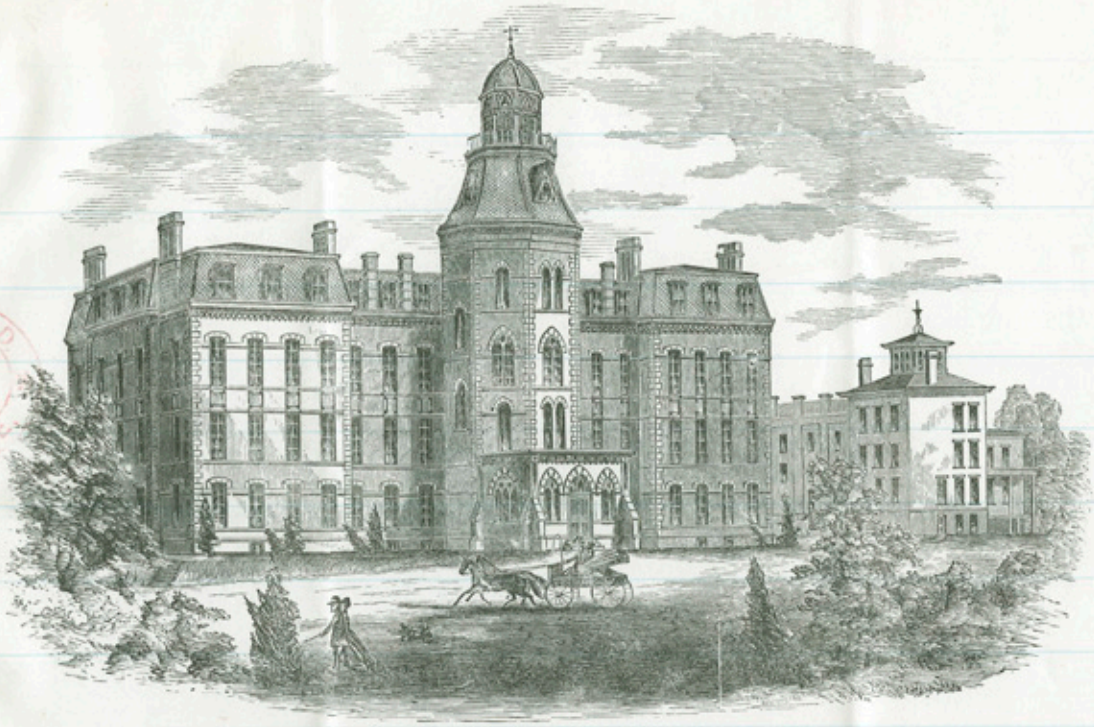

HOWARD UNIVERSITY,

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Normal Department.

A. L. BARBER, A.B., Principal.
Miss JULIA A. LORD, Assistant.

Geneva, O. July 11th 1868.

My Dear General:

We arrived here safely yesterday noon, having had a pleasant trip. My wife is feeling much better, and I hope will avoid a fit of sickness.

I expect to address an audience in this village on Sunday evening, and shall set forth upon my mission on Monday next.

I write you more particularly at this time

to request a change in the transportation given me.

I did not discover until after I left Washington that the Enclosed transportation is by rail to Newport R.I. and thence by steamer to N.Y. on Long Island Sound. Now it was my intention to go by rail entirely through Worcester and Springfield Mass. and Hartford and New Haven Conn. If convenient, will you have the necessary change made, and forward the papers to me at "West Roy. N.Y. Care of Dr. R.H. Sabin."

I should also like to have the copy of your answer to Boynton's letter sent to me at same time and place.

Will you also request Mr. Douglas' son to drop a line to his father immediately concerning me and my mission.

Yours truly,

A. L. Parker.

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Portland 11 July 1868

Genl. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

this to inform you that I have collected Bank dividends for your Wife. Shall I forward the amt. by Mail as usual.

Respectfully Your
Obt Servt
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Private & Personal

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Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

Head-Qrs. Assistant Commissioner, District of Virginia.

Richmond, Va. July 11 1868.

Maj Genl O O Howard

Dear General.

Capt Webber informs me that you expressed to him some doubt in regard to the passage of Senator Howard's bill — I wish to briefly state the substance of a remark made to me the other day by General Stoneman — He said he "saw the Bill for the continuance of the Bureau in the hands of the President and did not think he would veto it.. but would allow it to become a law" He then added the "republicans are smart enough to introduce another bill to keep Genl Howard in his place and unless they pass it the President will turn him out as soon as Congress adjourns"

As General Stoneman had evidently been in conversation with the President in regard to the Bureau I felt that his opinion on this subject was entitled to some weight

Yours Truly
O Brown

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Schenectady N.Y. July '66.

Major Genl Howard

Dear Sir

Judge Harris, (who is Chairman of our College Committee,) will write to you, & endeavor to secure the favor of an interview between you & the Committee. But this must not preclude me from the privilege of promptly acknowledging your kind & truly Christian reply to me, for

which please accept my Thanks
I hope you will be able
willing to arrange with Lad
Harris for an interview wit
somewhere, & before many da
It will be possible for us, (
to show you how important
proposal of ours is, & how fu
of promise to you of very
influence for good in our Na
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here must result in a grea
furtherance of your ability
promote the interests you & a
good men have at heart for th
freedmen, and it is our belief

that a plan is practicable to which you need not be even "retired" from the army, (pardon my inexpert mode of stating it,) & thus will be so advantaged pecuniarily that the objection in this respect will be more than obviated. Believe me, dear General, I would not presume to interpret the Lord's will for you, or for us. Much less would I urge you to take any step which will not seem to you to be of Heavenly leading. If you are to come here I shall joyfully hope that it is to be a great Christian advance for you and for us. Your letter enables

me the more confidently to indulge this hope. Is it possible for you to visit this place, & look at the matter thoroughly pro & con on the ground? We will be truly gratified to welcome you; & our home will be cordially at your service. You can then entertain me & others to your entire content. If this is impracticable, & if you cannot arrange to meet our committee soon, is there no place this side of Washington where I can be of service for a talk, a place, I mean to which duty as Head of the Bureau will call you? If you will favor it, and if

Providence permit, I must try to see you before long.

Meanwhile permit me to be very sincerely & respectfully your friend

J. Humbert Backus.

P.S. I cannot tell how such a report got into the papers. But the Trustees only appointed a Committee to inquire for a suitable person for the Presidency. We did not feel at liberty to make any public movement towards you, before you had encouraged us to make use of your name.

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Albany July 11. 1868

My dear General

Our friend Dr Backus has sent me your letter to him of the 8th inst - It is a noble letter - just like yourself - We cannot give you up entirely - At our meeting I stated to the Trustees as faithfully as I could the substance of what had been said between you and me - The result was, what Dr Backus has doubtless written you, a most emphatic and entirely unanimous expression of a desire to procure you - And while I did not feel at liberty to give them much encouragement, all agreed that we should not give up the hope or abandon further effort -

I now write more especially to ask whether you cannot find it convenient to meet a few of the friends of the

College in New York before a very great while - We have form Trustees, sending there and if we could see you there - Dr Backus - Judge Campbell with myself and perhaps some others would be glad to meet you and have a more complete interchange of views on the subject than can be had by correspondence. If therefore now or hereafter you can advise me when we could meet you in New York I would arrange for the interview -

Yours sincerely

Ira Harris

Major General Howard

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, 11

Headquarters Sub-District of Savannah,

Savannah, Ga., July 13th 1868.

My dear General

Have this day forwarded an application for a 30 days Leave which I trust you will favorably consider -

Considering my recent marriage, and the very natural desire to know my new relatives, I regard my request as exceedingly moderate - Should the same be granted I shall do myself the honor of calling upon you at your office

Very Truly Yours

J. Murray Stoag
Bt. Capt. U.S.A. & A.C.

To
Maj Gen O. O. Howard
Washington D.C.

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Headquarters, Third Military District,

(Department of Georgia, Florida & Alabama.)

Judge Advocate's Office,

Atlanta, Ga., July 14th 1868.

Major Genl O. Howard
Washington
D.C.

RECEIVED JUL 17 1868 PRIVATE.

Dear Sir -

I have understood from some parties that you may have need of an officer to act as A.A.G. at Washington, and I desire to call your attention to Lieut. M. Frank Gallagher 6th Infantry - now A.A.G. to Genl Ekley the Supt. of the Bureau here. Lt. Gallagher is a young man of much promise, faithful in the discharge of his duties & in every respect capable of performing whatever you might wish to assign him to. Gen Sewall

of your Staff. Knows him very well & will I think endorse what I say in regard to him. Lt. Gallagher served with distinction as a Major & Colonel of a Michigan Cavalry Regt. during the war.

We are dragging along slowly here with the end of the session numerous & though I am confident we have the guilty parties I fear we shall never bring them to justice on account of the State coming in and putting a stop to the trial. Congress made a great mistake in not allowing cases commenced before admission of the State, by the Ter., to be finished notwithstanding admission. Of course these men can never be tried by any civil authorities.

Very Respectfully
Yr. Obt. Svt.
W. H. Smyth
Bvt. Major USA

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Washington

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Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard

Dear Genl.

Leaving for New Haven to attend the examination at Yale on Monday next, I would thank you very much for a few introductory lines to Prof Northrup, one of the Faculty, as a testimonial.

Possessed of christian activity and ability, his acquaintance would no doubt prove of service to me during my college course, and I

know of no one through whom I would prefer to become known to him, rather than yourself. My address is Secretary's Office, Treas. Dept.

Very truly yours

C. M. Ramsdell

Office of Bradley & Co., (Successors to J. M. Bradley) **Publishers.**

No. 66 North Fourth Street.

Philadelphia July 14th 1868.

Genl O. O. Howard

My Dear Sir

Remembering the deep interest you took in my painting when at my Studio of Genl Grant & family - I now take pleasure in sending you a proof Sheet Engraving by Sartain from my painting -

Will you please acknowledge and give us as strong an Endorsement as you can, of the picture as a picture, and as likeness, and greatly oblige yours

Wm Cogswell

(sent to this office)