Austin, (Tex.) Oct. 28, 1868.

Gen. O. O. Howard

Sir:

Before this shall have reached you, you doubtless, will have became acquainted with the "Slow Boy," a copy of which has been mailed to your address at Washington, D.C. In this connection, it affords me pleasure to extend to you the free use of its columns for the dissemination of sentiment among the Freedmen of Texas, of like character to those given therein by you when in Austin last. Occupying the trying and responsible position as head of the Bureau, (they have unbounded confidence in what you say to them,) and being a God-fearing and God-serving man, you have it within your power to wield a mighty influence for good to them and to the country at large. In point of ability

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you should second the motion in the minds of all intelligent men. If you think it advisable a department devoted expressly to the free people could be set apart in the paper. They must be talked to (not always in a partizan sense) and encouraged in the right way; they must be made to look to the earth as their source of wealth and their usefulness to the country, at this particular juncture; and so it is in reality to all men. What the future has in store for the black man or for the government which has given him is liberty, it is not, at this time, our purpose to dwell. It is enough for us to know that stubborn facts confront us at the present hour, and upon the manner in which we discharge them will depend our future. The paper meets with much favor with the colored people. Respectfully

James A. Foster

Providence, Oct. 28/68

Gen. O. O. Howard;

Dear Sir:

I have recently been over the Gettysburg Battle field, and got anew an inspiration from the spots where the gallant Corps under your command won immortal honors. I am preparing a paper on that battle, (My son was with Sedgwick's 6th Corps,) and I wish to give a deserved place to the 11th Corps. I write to solicit a brief statement from you of the movements of your Corps on the first & subsequent days of the battle, and any incidental facts that may be fresh in your memory. I believe several R. I. Batteries were with you on Cemetery

Hill & on that account. I found in Mr. McClellan, the hotel keeper, whom you may remember, an intelligent informant, & from him gathered many particulars. He spoke of your being in position on Cemetery Hill, marching through town to the support of Gen. Reynolds on the first day's fight, & returning at night to your first position. What I say, I wish to be as accurate as possible, & shall esteem it a special favor if you will furnish me with such a statement as you would like to have made public. Did your command include the forces on Culp's hill, S.E. of Cemetery hill? The entrenchments there are still visible, & the woods bear evidence of hard

fighting there. If any reports of the battle are to be had, I should be glad of a copy. I remember your command at Camp Casey at the beginning of the war with great interest, and now wishing you every success in the work you have in hand, I remain,

Very Sincerely
Your Obt. Serv.t

Edwin M. Stone
Pastor North Cong.l
Chh.

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New York Oct 29 1866

Major-General Howard.

Dear General.

The Tabernacle Church have appointed a delegate to your Council, and we shall be suitably represented, although, to my great regret, I cannot attend in person.

I kept myself free from engagements abroad, until the announcement of Dr Boynton's resignation seemed to settle your whole case at Washington. But some

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three weeks ago, I accepted an invitation to lecture at Worcester Mass, on Thursday Nov. 19 – Immediately upon receiving your renewed call of the Council, I wrote to Worcester to be released from my engagements for that day; but after much effort they have been unable either to procure the hall for another evening, or to provide a substitute. I must therefore reluctantly deny myself the pleasure of being with you on the 18th inst.

Very truly Yours

Jos. P. Thompson

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New Orleans La
October 29 1868
Oct. 29, 1868

My dear General

There is at last a lull in the seeing troubles of the last three days, Rosseau after great urging finally brought forward his troops in the meantime the carnival of blood for two days went on, armed bands of the Innocents hunted through the 2nd District killing ~~colored~~ men wherever found. I am unable to ascertain the extent of these horrors. There are not less than one hundred Freedmen killed, in forty eight hours. All the talk of Southern papers of the danger to be apprehended

from the negroes is simply absurd they are not armed, if they were I have not a doubt of their ability to take care of themselves.

The Democratics are now actually in possession of the city. They mean to drive out the present State Government, and so intimidate the Freed people that they become virtually slaves again.

Thomas Rossan is now in the hands of leaders of the Democratic clubs, through his influence Steadman has been appointed Chief of Police, and will remain in this position until after election. I have my doubts of a negro voting without he

votes the Democratic ticket.
Armed parties of white men patrolled
the city at night taking from
all colored voters their Registration
papers

My great exertion during
the last few days has been to save
the Freed people from ~~distruction~~.
my warnings were not credited
until it was nearly to late. I
think however General Rosseau was
induced to use the troops by our
exertions, and had they not been
brought into town on the 26th
a General massacre must have
been the result.

If I could have
telegraphed you in cipher during
the most critical time of the past week

would have kept you informed I distrust the telegraph. my impression is that Genl R has gone over to the Rebel element, and that the present state Government will be driven out, the state pretty much in a state of Rebellion against the state government

If the negroes had any means of leaving I have not a doubt but what they would go at once they are thoroughly frightened.

My Official reports will doubtless give you the information required and will present a gloomy picture of affairs in Louisiana

Very Truly
Your
E. Hatch

Maj Genl O. O. Howard

U.S.A.

State of Vermont

Executive Chamber

Montpelier Oct 29th 1868

General.

Permit me to introduce Senator Bullard of Caledonia County, who I have made bearer of an official communication, to which I hope to receive an early, and favorable reply.

Dr. Bullard will give you such information as you may desire.

I am
Truly Yours &
John B. Page
Governor.

Major Genl.
O. O. Howard
United State Army

State of Vermont

Executive Chamber

Montpelier Oct 29th 1868

General:

I have the honor, in behalf of the people of this State, as expressed by their representatives, by joint resolution of the General Assembly, to invite you to visit the Capitol and address the people in the hall of the House of Representatives at such time during the present session of the Legislature as may suit your convenience, trusting that we may have the privilege of seeing and hearing from you, I remain truly.

Your Obt Servant
John B. Page
Governor.

To
Major Genl
O. O. Howard
United States Army

American Freedman's Union Commission.

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Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

Dr Sir

Enclosed you will find a slip containing a statement of our reasons for terminating at the end of this year the career of the A. F. U. C. I think they will commend themselves to you as sound.

Please note also Mitchell's letter and what he says in its last paragraph. I am looking daily for your report

Yours very truly

J. W. McClure

P.O. Box 118

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No 26 Bible House Oct 30 1868

Maj Gen. O. O. Howard, U.S.A.,

General,

Some few days ago I received a letter from Rev Geo A. Hall of the Ref. Ch. Assn of Washington in which he spoke of your desire to be excused from the Chairmanship of the approaching Convention. Our Executive Commission have therefore directed me, though with much regret, to apply to Senator Frelinghuysen. Mr Halls letter gives us reason to hope that your engagements will be such that you can be present, & they have directed me to request you to open the Discussion of the 6th Question. "How can the influence of Christian Homes be increased?"

The Meeting of the Christian Commission in respect to which I wrote you earlier in the season is fixed for the evening of Sabbath Nov. 22d in the Presbyterian Church on Madison Sq (Rev Dr Thm Adams) & the speakers we propose are yourself, Geo. H. Stuart Esq. & Rev Dr McCosh of Princeton.

As you will see very many strong men are interesting themselves in the proposed gathering & it promises to be one of the most important conventions which have ever been held in this city.

Please, General, to let me know your decision at your earliest convenience

Yours with very much
Esteem & Respect
Alfred E Roe
Eastern Sec. Am. Ch. Com.

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(Personal)

STATE OF ALABAMA,

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Office Superintendent of Education.

Montgomery, Ala., October 30th 1868

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard.

Dear General.

Through Col. Edwin Beecher, Ass't Commissioner for Alabama I have this day forwarded to you my resignation of the Office of Superintendent of Education for the State of Ala.

My reasons for so doing are the following;—

1. I have twice tendered to my congregation & to the Presbytery my resignation of my pastoral charge & it has twice been rejected by both with the request that I should return & resume my pastoral labors. These decisions I feel bound to respect

2. The recent decease of my father-in-law has so changed the domestic affairs of his family & mine that duty seems to require my presence with them.

For these reasons I have felt constrained, very reluctantly indeed, to tender you my resignation of the office to which you have been pleased to appoint me, & which I have endeavored to fill to the best of my ability. My regret is increased by the consideration that through the plans for cooperation with the State & the benevolent

associations of the north, which I had matured, I had reason to hope for the best results during the coming year.

I have no suggestions to make with regard to my successor except this — My experience satisfies me that it is of the first importance that the individual having this work in charge should be fully in sympathy with the colored race.

I shall ever cherish a grateful remembrance of your personal & official kindness to me. May God bless and reward you abundantly & grant you at last the welcome plaudit "Well done good & faithful servant."

With great regard
I am, dear General,
Your friend & obt. servt.
R. H. Harper.

P. S. Since writing the above it has occurred to me that I would make a suggestion. I am not without apprehension that my old complaint, vertigo, will return when I undertake the active duties of the pastorate. If such should be the case, at the expiration of six weeks,

& the office of Superintendent of Education for this State was not permanently filled, I would express my final resignation & return willingly to the work in Alabama. I have made so many acquaintances & arranged so many plans for the future that I regret to give it up.

Yours Sincerely R. D. Harper.

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Pittsburgh, Pa Oct. 30, 1868

Major Gen. O. Howard,

Dear Sir;

At the request of Rev. J. A. Noble, pastor of the 3d Pres. Ch. N.S. I write to say it is his earnest wish & the wish of very many of the friends of the freedmen that you should be present at a meeting to be held in our new & elegant church the Sunday eve. before Thanksgiving Rev Mr. Leavitt, who has labored here so devotedly in behalf of this cause for a number of years has already written you. As this is to be the beginning of an organization in our church for the church for this cause, we desire to see the fullest enthusiasm aroused at its commencement.

And we know of no one who can do more to awaken an interest than yourself.

Hoping that your engagements will allow you to be present, I am

Very respectfully
Yours
George Woods.

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Oct 30th 1866

Woods, George

Invites the General to be present at a meeting to be held in 3rd Pres. Church (N.S.), Rev D. A. Noble, on the Sunday eve before Thanksgiving to consult concerning the interests of the freedmen etc. etc.

Culpeper C.H. Va
Oct 30th 1868

Maj Genl O.O. Howard
Commissioner Bu R.F. & A.L.
Washington D.C.

My Dear General.

I have the honor to enclose herewith an application to Genl Schofield Secy of War for a renewal of my application for position in the V.R.C. U.S.

I withdrew my application made for a vacancy thinking I should after the termination of my present return to Maine & engage in business duties, but upon reconsideration I am of the opinion that I cannot do better than accept of an appt in the army. Your kind solicitude therefore for my welfare prompts me to invoke your aid in this matter. I am of course known to Genl Schofield having served here as Mil Comt & President of Board of Registration & Bureau Affairs

under him. I have yet to learn that my administration of affairs has not met with his favorable consideration. I have every reason to believe it was entirely satisfactory to him.

I enclose various papers recommendations &c bearing upon my former application.

I rec'd a letter to from Lieut Geo P McDougall the 42 N.S. Infty (V.R.C) stating as Madison Barracks my informing me that there was a vacancy in that organization. He is anxious that I should secure the appointment & recommend that I act immediately in the matter. I have other papers of recommendation on file in the A.G.O. upon which I was originally appointed by Mr Lincoln.

As I expect my present duties will terminate early Jany 1st/64 I am anxious to be looking out for

some other position.

I would therefore venture to ask you to render me what aid you can in this matter & if it will not be asking too much I would be very glad if you would present my case to the Hon the Sec'y of War in person.

Will you please advise me of the result of your interview with the Hon Sec'y (Genl Schofield)

I feel confident Genl Schofield will do all he can for me consistent with his public duties.

Mrs MacMahy was greatly disappointed in not seeing you during her visit to Washington I have promised her that we will call on you on our way home after Genl Grant is inaugurated President of the U.S.

I am Genl with great respect
Your Obt Svt
Wm A MacMahy

Personal

Maj Genl O. O. Howard
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S. DUKE,
LAND AGENT,
—AND—
GENERAL TAX-PAYER.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

CASS COUNTY, NEBRASKA,

Plattsmouth, Oct 31st 1868.

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O O Howard
Maj Genl &c
Washington D C.

Dear Sir

I sent letter with 2 price upon examination that the land was sold for tax of 1867. The amount to redeem $15.00

Fees for 1.00

16.00

That is all the incumbrance I find in the way of title. I will notify you in future when the tax falls due.

Please remit the $16.00 and I will return you certificate of redemption

Yours &c

S. F. Cooper

AMERICAN CHRISTIAN COMMISSION.

OFFICES.
No. 26 Bible House, New York.
No. 9 South 5th St., St. Louis, Mo.

26. Bible House. Oct 31st 1868

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

Dear Sir,

At a meeting of the Executive Committee held at this place Oct. 12th the following action was taken.

"Resolved" That the Annual meeting of the American Christian Commission be held in the Lecture Room of the Reformed Dutch Church. Corner of Fifth Avenue & 29th St. at 9. A. M. November 17. 1868

As a member of the Commission, you are most respectfully requested to be present.

Our work is rapidly enlarging. & it is important that a full meeting be had.

By Order of the Executive Committee

Alfred E. Roe
Secretary

R. 23, O.O. 26, Feb. 1, 1866