[C2 - Nov. 10, 1868]

Dear Howard,

I long to be with you, sympathize with the brethren, and aid you by any suggestions I can furnish. But I find I cannot aid you in person. I must therefore content myself with praying for you, and writing these lines.

My present fear is, that a Council can not aid you as matters stand. Remember that the great advantages of our polity do not secure against oppression and injustice, any more than the polity of any other church.

You want five things done, a Council is competent to only two of them.

1. It can not make the church do right. Majorities must govern, responsible only to God if they abuse their power.
2. It can not depose a pastor where the majority wish to retain him.
3. It can not volunteer any advice to a pastor who has not asked its advice.
4. It can advise you the minority what to do.

But it is not apparent to me that they can

[illegible] advise you to do anything at present but wait. If you wish to separate from the Church, and organize anew, the council can give you their opinion upon that. But it seems to me that can not be wise.

5. It can draw up an opinion of the case after as full an examination as the circumstances may admit, and offer it to the public, leaving it to vindicate yourselves. Meanwhile the sympathy of our churches will be with you, and gradually affect the majority if not the Pastor.

This is all that is in the power of an ex parte council. The ex parte council is an admirable, indispensable feature of our system. But it must be employed with great circumspection, or the reaction will be hurtful to our cause.

I think the council will, immediately after organizing, appoint a committee of three of their most eminent members to wait on the Pastor, if not the senior deacon also, and request them to make it a mutual council.

American Missionary Association:

No. 53 JOHN STREET.

PRESIDENT—REV. E. N. KIRK, D. D., Boston, Mass.

REV. GEORGE WHIPPLE, *N. Y.*
REV. M. E. STRIEBY, *N. Y.* } *Sec's.*
REV. J. R. SHIPHERD, *Chicago.*

E. KETCHUM, ESQ., *Treasurer, N. Y.*
W. E. WHITING, ESQ., *Asst. Treas., N. Y.*
REV. E. P. SMITH, *Gen. Field Agent, N. Y.*

New York Nov. 10th 1868.

Major Gen. O. O. Howard.
Washington D. C.

Dear General:

Your letter was received this morning.

Pardon my delay in writing you. I have been so overwhelmed with work since our Meeting as to render it impossible.

Enclosed please find Check for $130.

Very truly yours—
Geo. Whipple
Cor. Sec.

(Personal.)

Camp Mc Dowell, A. T.
Nov. 10th, 1868.

My Dear Brother,

After more than a year's machinations, the corrupt clique whose iniquities I have been obliged to allude to in my Monthly Reports to A.G.O. fancy that they have found a hold on me; and a grave "charge" resting on false & frivolous allegations, has been preferred by my L. C. here, and I am in arrest!

What I ask now is a fair trial; and full investigation: and thus the way the public money

For this last — I say instead of the rest of "Counter-signing"

next page

goes in Arizona;
and they may a Christian paper, will be
disclosed, fair fair.
Last winter I
troubled you once
or twice with a letter
Re reply to my
application to H.G.C.
from December 1867 to
March 31st, 1868, either
totally fail to reach
my situation from
not understanding
it; or they are morally
wrong & unjust. I
cannot consent to
remain in the
Chaplaincy and be
treated so unjustly.
Can you in any
proper way advise
the Revs. A. Barnes,
E. H. Hatfield, and

others, to whom I now write and thro' whom I forward to you this letter, or to the best mode of my obtaining needed re-
-lief? and ever, General,
Gratefully & Affectionately,
Your jr O. S.,
Charles M. Blake.

Gen. O. O. Howard,
Washington City,
D. C.

ROOMS OF THE

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION,

23 and 25 Newark Avenue,

Jersey City, Nov 10th 1868

Genl O O Howard
Washington D C

Dear Sir

About 3 months ago I wrote you for this Ass^n asking you to lecture for us during the present month. At that time we proposed getting up a course of lectures, but have since abandoned the idea. And I now desire to postpone our engagement with you.

Yours Truly
R H Briggs
Cor Sec

Genl O O Howard

Washington Nov. Nov. 10th 65

Dear General:

Suppose I invite Mrs. Drew to ride out with me Dyer here this evening, if she is not engaged at home.

Yours very truly,

William P. Drew.

Maj. Gen. Hurlbut,

Present.

Waltham Mass
10th Nov. 1868

Gen. O. O. Howard
Dear Brother.

I am now with the Y. M. C. A. of this place.

A young association. weak numerically, poor financially, but strong in hope and faith.

I have been repeatedly asked "is it possible to get Gen. Howard when he comes North again to come out to Waltham and give us a talk"

And so I write to see if when you come North again if you will accept my invitation to come out here, stop at my house and speak to us as an Association or as Christian people or as a community on a religious, educational or national subject. A free social talk with the people.

Perhaps this may be asking too much. But we should delight to see you here. I have spoken in our meetings in ch and association of your deep interest in the work.

If you will come we will give you a rousing meeting.

I know your heart would cheerfully respond, if time and strength will admit, and I pray may be given you.

This is a strong Unitarian & Universalist section, and we are to bring all the strength possible to stimulate christians to activity.

Bro Dunn came last year and did much good.

If you are going to be in Boston this season I hope it will be possible for you to see your way clear to come out. Only 10 miles from Boston.

Yours very truly

B. F. Johnson

New Bedford, Mass.

November 11, 1868.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

My dear Sir,

It seems that another call is out for a council, — to meet in January. I do not know whether this fact changes your plans. If it does, I suppose we shall hear in season. If not, — for myself, I expect to be present, as invited, next week.

If your purpose is altered, please let me know by return mail.

Yours very truly,
A. H. Quint.

190

Harrington
Oct. 11th 1868 –

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Sir,

Having had, during the past three years many opportunities of knowing your kindness and ready sympathy with those who are in trouble, I feel encouraged to apply to you now, in mine –

My husband was in the employ of the Bureau until August last, when, in consequence of the reduction of force there made, he was discharged. – Since then he has been doing nothing, and all his efforts to obtain employment have been fruitless –

I have taught in the colored schools here for more than three years – but I have worked very hard, and my health is completely broken down – and if I cannot have the medical care and the

medicines I need, it is not probable that I shall live many months — I was in New York under the care of a physician when Mr. Dieber was discharged, and was not expecting to teach this winter, as I am really too ill to do so — but "necessity knows no law", so I returned only half cured, and went into school again — My salary is not sufficient to support us — and I have not a dollar to spare for the medicines and comforts that I need —

I had thought that I was resigned to the prospect before me — but we all cling to life, and I cannot give up without making one more effort —

Is there not something that you could give Mr. Dieber to do — he will work faithfully, as he always has done for the Bureau, — anything whatever — so as to relieve me, even temporarily, from this heavy burden that is wearing me down to the grave before my time — If you should

desire confirmation of what I have
said, Mr. Kimball can give it.

Very Respectfully
E. H. Dibrow

THE INDEPENDENT.
Publisher's Office,
Post-office Box 2787, N. Y.

Nov 11, 1868

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard
Washington D.C.
Dear Sir.

Yours of Nov 10. is at hand enclosing us $3.00.

We have shown your note to Mr J. Tilton and he requested us to return you your remittance with his compliments, and also extend your subscription to June 24/69. (as per bill rendered).

Please find enclosed $3.00.

We remain
Yours Respectfully
W. C. Bowen
P.B.2.

4

Office Richmond Educational Association
Richmond Va. November 11. 1868

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Comr. Bureau R. F. & A. L.

General:

In accordance with a vote of the Board of Directors of the "Richd Educational Ass'n.", I have the honor to request an appropriation from the Freedmen's Bureau of Three Hundred Dollars ($300.) for immediate use in painting the Normal School building, supplying additional furniture and books &c. The School has Ninety (90) pupils and requires additional accommodations.

Very Resp^y
Your Obt. Servt.
R. M. Manly
Sec. Richd Educational Ass'n.

90

Personal

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

Office Superintendent of Education, District of Virginia,

Richmond, Va., Nov. 11 1868.

Maj. Gen O. O Howard

Dear General

I have the honor to enclose two papers which will explain themselves —

Genl Brown is absent. He understands, and I believe, approves the application for a little present aid to the Normal School, but I have not asked his official endorsement, because I inferred from your remarks, when I was in Washington, that the ready money we might need would come from some other funds than those in his hands, or in other words that I would look to you for it.

Very Respy

Your Obt Servt.

R. M. Manly

Dubuque Nov 12 68

Genl O. O. Howard
Washington D.C
For Sir

I enclose list of Applications for you to lecture in addition to those you sent me except perhaps two or three Societies who have applied to us both

Will you please inform me at once the precise date you will be able to commence filling Appointments as I desire at once to make up your route and dates as the Societies are all clamorous for dates as they desire to advertise and sell their season tickets

Awaiting your early reply I Remain Yours Truly

Geo E. Herbert
Sec A. M. E. S

(Over)

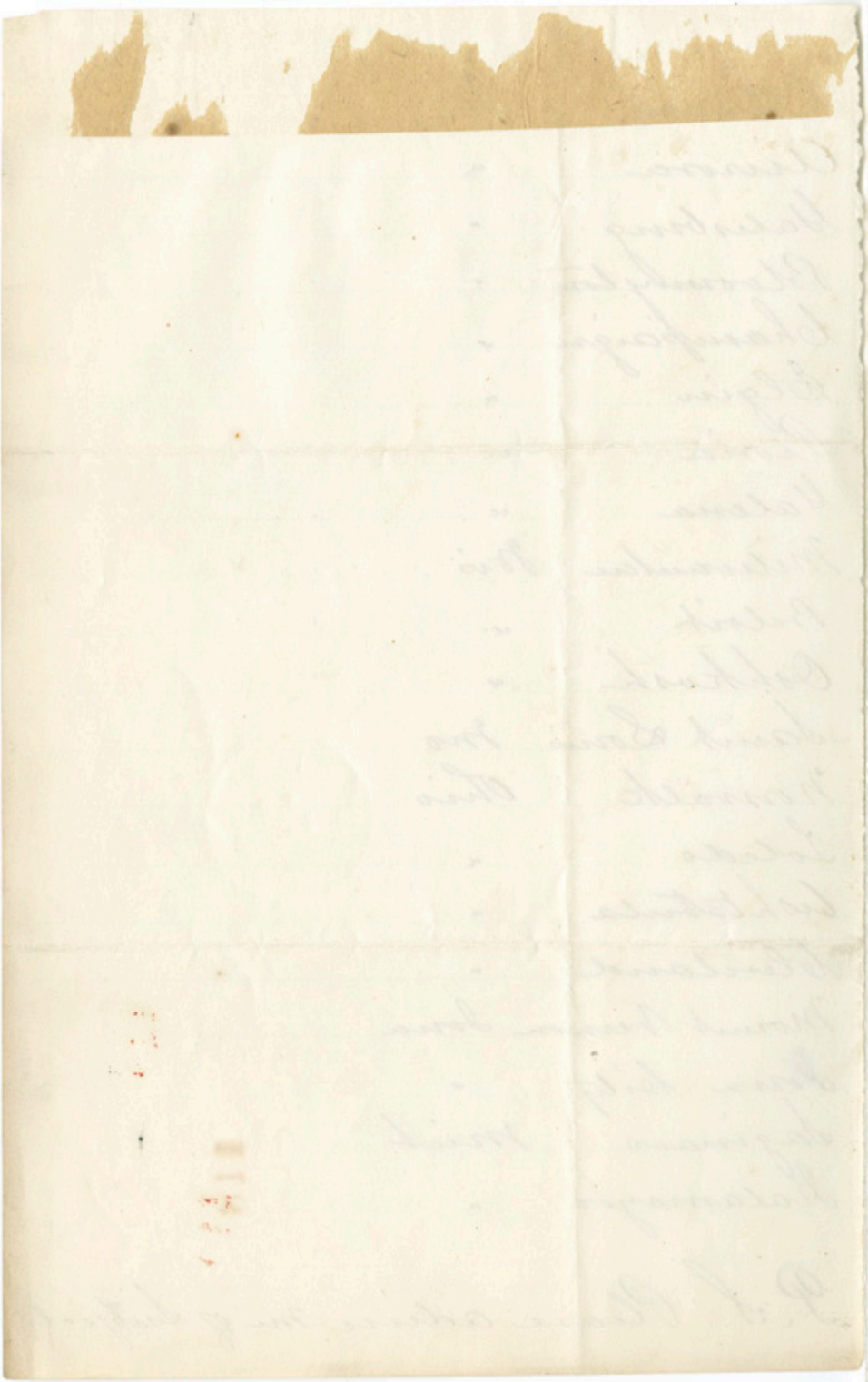
Advise me of your ability to lecture

7.

Ottawa	Ill
Aurora	"
Galesburg	"
Bloomington	"
Champaign	"
Elgin	"
Peoria	"
Galena	"
Milwaukee	Wis
Beloit	"
Oshkosh	"
Saint Louis	Mo
Norwalk	Ohio
Toledo	"
Ashtabula	"
Cleveland	"
Mount Vernon	Iowa
Iowa City	"
Saginaw	Mich
Kalamazoo	"

118

P. S. Please adress me of Subjects



Custom House, Boston
Nov. 12. 1868.

Genl O. O. Howard

Dear Genl.

I wrote you some two year ago about applying for a Brevet Brig. Genl. But I could not find (and cannot now) any Brigade Commander that I was under. I had let the matter drop, not careing much about it. But recently Judge Russel, Collector of the Customs, Dr Hitchcock, one of our best citizens & leading Republican & some of our leading Merchants, are anxious to have me Brevetted. And I write this as much to satisfy them as for myself.

I was Lieut Col. Comdg from Oct 29. 1864. until our troops left Atlanta for the Sea. not having men enough to be mustered in. Genl A. B. Underwood, who was wounded Oct 29. 64 in the battle, was made a Brigadier and after the War was Brevetted Maj Genl. I always thought he had enough while I got

nothing. but came out of the service
used up soldier
I hold the position of Weigher & Gauger
in the Custom House. and the father
of the Town of Medford two years
Genl Banks will give all the assistance
in his power. and I am sure Senator
Wilson & Sumner will do the same.
I can also give the names of many of the
leading Merchants in Boston.
There are a great many Brev't Brigadiers
about Lee. who saw little or no service
and I really feel about some of them.
I write you. because you know as much
of me as any one I know of. and know
that now as in the war you are a good
friend to me.
Regards to your staff. especially your Brother
Charles

Your Obt Servt
Godfrey Rider Jr
A Col Comdg 55. Mass. Vol.

Philada
Nov 12, 1868.

My Dear Bro.

What is to be the effect upon the invited churches, of the inclosed paper - Can you send us a word of information!

Hastily & very truly Yrs
Edward Bawes.