Davenport Iowa January 1. 1869

U. S. Eng. Office

Major General O. O. Howard

U. S. Army

Washington D. C.

Dear General!

Will you please accept also for this new year my heartfelt congratulation and the sincere wish for your welfare.

I am still stationed at Davenport Iowa on duty connected with the Rock Island Rapids Improvement and I am happy to say, that we did a good deal work to break the chains of the father of the waters. If Congress appropriates enough money those obstacles for navigation will be removed in a short time and free navigation will be from St. Paul to New Orleans

I wish General I could have the pleasure to see you once out here – I should like to let you know that also in peace I tried to do faithfully my duty.

I am ever your thankful subordinate

E. F. Hoffmann

Lieutenant 35th U. S. Infty

WASHINGTON, *January* 1, 1869.

DEAR SIR: Winter, with its ever-attending rigors and hardships, is now full upon us, and has brought suffering and distress to the needy in our midst. Among these unfortunates are many discharged Union Soldiers and Sailors, disabled by wounds received while defending the country, or by disease contracted in camp or bivouac, or impoverished through loss of employment or by other causes.

In behalf of these this special personal appeal is made.

The undersigned have been appointed a committee to organize a course of popular lectures to be given during the winter, the proceeds to constitute a relief fund for the benefit of their disabled and indigent comrades in this city and District.

The next lecture of the current course will be given at Metzerott Hall on January 9, inst., by an eminent scholar, writer, and speaker, Colonel T. W. HIGGINSON, of Boston—subject, "*Democracy and Literature*"—and will, we are sure, prove to be a rich literary treat.

We take the liberty of enclosing you two tickets. May we not certainly count on it that you will, remembering the cause for which we appeal, buy these tickets or dispose of them to your friends, and make return of the proceeds to the treasurer of the committee at the door or by mail?

We are, sir, respectfully, your obedient servants,

TIMOTHY LUBEY,
ALBERT N. SEIP,
L. L. MOORE,
T. F. GATCHELL,
H. G. OTIS, (Treasurer,)

Lecture Committee, Post No. 3, Dep't of the Potomac, Grand Army of the Republic.

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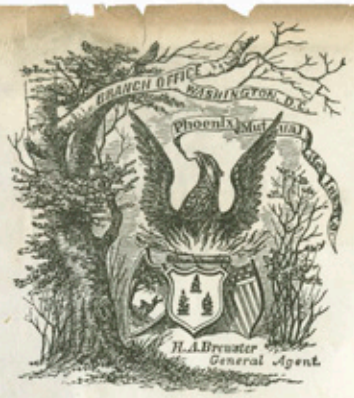

E. Fessenden, Pres't.
J. F. Burns, Sec'y.

Agency of

Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Co.,

OF HARTFORD, CONN.

H. A. BREWSTER, General Agent,

519 SEVENTH STREET.

Washington, D. C. January 1. 1869

My Genl O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

Enclosed I hand you Policies as per request. Please retain the notes that bear your signatures executing others with enclosed & return same to me.

I also enclose a proper form of assignment which may be used with or upon the one you assign.

If assigned it is better to inform this office that it may go upon our Books in a proper form

Yours Truly

H. A. Brewster

Genl Agent

L. F. Mellen.
Geo. E. Hall.
T. Dwight Fells.

L. F. Mellen & Co.,

Iron and Coal Agency.

Basement of new Nat'l Bank Building, Corner Superior & Water Sts.

Cleveland, Ohio, Jany 2nd 1869

Genl. O. O. Howard
Washington D.C.
My dear Sir

At a meeting of the Plymouth Congl. Church last evening I was appointed a delegate to accompany our Pastor. Dr Wolcott, to attend the "Council" to be held in your City week after next:

We desire very much that this should be a mutual Council - and that we can hear both sides of the questions at issue in connection with your Church.

The Cong. Church at Washington has so important a position, and its affairs are being discussed so publicly and extensively, that the cause of Christ may suffer, as well as Congregationalism, if the matter is not amicably and promptly settled - I hope the Council to be convened may be so directed that their advice and suggestions may be heard to an entire cessation of controversies, I am

dear Sir Very Truly Yours
L. F. Mellen

LAW OFFICE OF

John W. & A. L. Cary,

Mitchell's Bank Building,

Milwaukee, January 9th 1868

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Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

We have been informed of your inability to meet your engagement with the Young Men's Association here on the 21st inst. We regret very much that you cannot come at the appointed time, but have concluded to accept your services in March, that is, if you will come at an early date after the 15th. We should prefer to have you here March 16th or 18th. We do not give any lectures on Wednesday Evening if we can avoid it. Please inform me at your earliest convenience what date you can be here, and oblige

Yours very respectfully

John W. Cary

Sec. Y. M. A.

Richmond Jany 2nd 1868

General O. O. Howard

My dear Sir

I have the pleasure of introducing to your favorable acquaintance Mrs Fannie Baker of this City. Mrs B. is a most estimable lady, the wife of Mr G. Alex. Baker, who has, up to this time, been a most valuable officer of the Bureau of R. F. & A. L. in Richmond.

Mrs Baker may need your aid in furthering her business objects in Washington. Any attention or kindness extended by you to Mr or Mrs Baker will be worthily bestowed and will be esteemed by me as another added to the many favors already granted by you. To your obliged & faithful friend & obdt Servt

E. M. Smith

Washington, Jan. 3rd 1869

To Genl Howard,

Dear Sir,

I write in behalf of my self and family. We are living on Clark Mills's farm, near Bladensburg, he has been kind enough to give us a house free of rent, but, Genl you know that is not all requisite to sustain life, food, cotting, and fuel are very essential items to be taken in cosideration, and those items we are destitute of. I went to the Freed men's Bureau and Mrs Griffin told me that you were the only

person able to do any
thing for me, so I called
at your residence several
times and your servant
informed me that you
could not be seen, I am
seventy seven years old
& unable to work & get
around, my wife is unable
to work out, the only
help we have, is a boy about
13 years old, Will you
please inform me by
letter, what course I should
take, to obtain a support,
from the Government.

Yours Levi Thomas
Colord

address, Levi Thomas
Care of Clark Mills,

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Jan 3rd 1869.

Genl,

In the room, wherein my husband is employed, there is a vacancy as Bookkeeper caused by Mr. Troell having been transferred to the "Printing Bureau". Salary ($1800.)

Will you please assist Mr. Myer to obtain this place? a request from you I think will secure it. as I am unable to leave the house will you endeavor

to call here to-day: the fa
will be appreciated.
Positions, with good sala
do not, as you are aware, re
long vacant; and B 1800 w
be a source of much relief
to us.
Please exert your influence,
if you can conveniently do s
will you let me see you to
Respectfully.
Monday. Mrs My
No 428. F. St

Gen Howard

Sir you would
conf a fave if you would let me
know if my son Morlin J. Manning
is in your department I have no account
of him for the last three month
I would be thankful for his address
as he has always promised to write his
long silence alarms me I fear something
has happend him

Very Respectfully
Mrs Mary Manning
29. Bridget street Newark
N. J.

Newark January the 4. 1869

Treasury Department.

Office of the Supervising Architect.

Jan 4th 1869

Maj Gen'l O. O. Howard
Comm. Refugees &c.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 2d was this day presented to me by Mr Alvord. In reply I have to say that both Gen'l Hardie and yourself appear to be laboring under a misapprehension. I have no apparatus for testing the strength of material under my control. If I had I would cheerfully put it at your disposal, but as I have expressed my opinion very freely long since in regard

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and production the ca
trophe that has occ
I do not think I am
proper person to ta
part in the investigat

I have no doubt
that you and the rest of
the gentlemen connected
with Howard University
have acted in good f
but I do not believe
experienced architect
would have ever adv
you to use such mat
or that a good architect
or Engineer could be in
duced to line or stay
in a building constructed
of such material. Ha

you committed me I certainly should have protection against your using it in any manner.

In conclusion I can only say that in case I can be of any assistance to you, my opinion and advice are at your disposal at any time.

Very Respectfully
A. B. Mullett
Sup. Arch't

Secretaries:
GEORGE WHIPPLE, } New York.
MICHAEL E. STRIEBY, }
JACOB R. SHIPHERD, Chicago.

AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION:

29, Tombard Block;

Chicago, Jan 4 1869

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

General

I had intended to make a separate report to yourself of my tour in Miss. to mail today for Washington but finding my time insufficient I send you copy of my letter to Mr. Whipple which is what I would have written and probably in a more legible hand. You will see there are several points requiring your decision. I will endeavor to reach Washington by Friday at farthest and will then communicate Gen. Gillem's personal messages and I do not request any action on your part until then. Very Truly Yrs.

C. H. Howard
A. S. of Schools & Dist. Sec. A. M. A.

Mr. Geo. T. Bigelow
Boston
Mass.

Secretaries:
George Whipple, } New York.
Michael E. Strieby, }
Jacob R. Shipherd, Chicago.

American Missionary Association:

29, Lombard Block;

Copy for Gen. Howard } Chicago, Jan. 4 1869
Monday

Dear Bro. Whipple

Arriving this morning from Miss. I propose to assume the duties of the new position without delay. Have already had some conversation with Bro. Shipherd and shall expect him to relinquish his desk as soon as he can remove his personal effects.

My visit to Mississippi was satisfatory. I met Huggins Thurs. morning soon after reaching Jackson - procured Cavalry horses of the garrison and rode with him to Sugaloo. Found the house larger and better adapted to the purposes of a school than I had anticipated - the site good - the general location, quality of soil and description of the plantation what we could desire - I therefore

arranged for Huggins to employ a practical bu
to estimate carefully the value of the building
items e.g. lumber, bricks, carpenter work, m
work &c, with a view to the Bureau paying f the
building under head of Construction, I then w
to Vicksburg and conferred with Gen. Gil
He agreed as to the desireableness of that pro y
and said he would approve the purchase as I re
mended. I now wait Huggins report of mat
and value which is to meet me at Washington
week. The sale takes place not sooner than J
1st. Before that I hope to hear from or see yo
and to get Gen. O.O. H.'s views - My plan
bid as high as the value of the building, counti
upon Bureau funds - then if the A.M.A. ch
to go higher it will need to furnish the m
Gen. G. thinks the property will reach $18.000
as is proposed at public auction. Mr He
says $16.000 at the most. There are 2.700 a
of land. But the Marshal has consented

divide in the sale, if desired, putting 500 or more acres with the house. We may be compelled to ask this. After learning how much the Bureau will furnish and how much the A.M.A., Huggins should be informed that he may arrange for a division at the sale if necessary. If you carry out the plan of an industrial community we ought to purchase more rather than less than 2700 acres.

As to the Columbus property I found it had all been sold except the lot whereon the building stands. But Gen. Gillem said he would disapprove of the sale and annul it. He favors a donation of the land by act of Congress. Said there was a protest against the sale and the purchasers would not pay for the lots they bid off until the title should be assured. I wait further action until Gen. G's report of the sale is recd. at Washington. I think the A.M.A. ought to have all of the eleven (11) acres

using hereafter as a source of revenue.

Gen. G. also mentioned 4 acres at Springs which might as well be saved for school uses - once sold and it will be impossible to replace. He will retain that till he hears from me.

I shall request that our agent Bro. Bardwell be appointed an Agt. of the Bureau without salary that his travelling expenses may be saved now that his salary devolves upon the A. M. A. I have other matters to attend to at Washington for Gen. G. and Capt. Pease. So please write me there - I write to you believing Bro. Smith still disabled -

Very respectly & truly

C. H. Howard
A. G. of Schools &c.
& Dist. Sec. A. M. A.