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New Berne N. C. March 5th '69

Gen. O. O. Howard U.S.A.

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir,

I am very desirous to obtain from the President an appointment "at large" for my son Walter Brown Fairfield, as a Cadet at the Military Academy at West Point.

He was nineteen years old in October last, & graduated at the High School in Waltham

Mass. last July. He has a fine certificate in his favor from the Principal of the School.

Thinking that a letter of recommendation from you to the President, in his favor, would be very valuable to me, I take the liberty of soliciting such a letter from you.

If you will send such a letter to me at Mt Vernon N.C. it will be esteemed a very great favor by Your former College-mate & Friend

George N. Fairfield

Sgt. U.S. Cavalry

Colored Refd. School
Camp Nee Barracks
March 5th 1869

Dear General Howard,
Will you have the kindness to send a ton of small coal & a cord of wood, for use of School. The need it as soon as you can conveniently let us have it.

Very respectfully
Susan Walker

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OFFICE OF HENRY HILL,
16 PEMBERTON SQUARE, (Room No. 4.)

BOSTON, Mar. 5. 1869.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir,

A year ago to-day I received your second gift of $15 for our friend Rev. Hiram Bingham, which I sent to him. You will see from the enclosed (which please return to me) that he is still needy. I presume your charity-purse has many & large demands made upon it. We have much to be thankful for in our new rulers, for whom many supplications have been presented.

Yours truly,
H. Hill

P.S. I wrote to you Dec. 17, but I presume my letter failed to reach you.

Washington, Mar. 5th 1869.

Maj Genl O. O. Howard
Chairman Building Committee
of the First Congregational Church
General —

I would respectfully reply to your note of March 3rd in regard to furnishing drawings of the stone work for the Church to Mr Harvey, by referring to the Contract between the Building Committee and Mr Harvey which says. "It is also agreed that the said Architect is to superintend the work while in progress and is to decide whether materials furnished and work done are or are not according to plans and specifications aforesaid and if the materials furnished and work done are not according to plans and specifications, the same shall be altered and made good before further progress of the work."

The work done on the Building last fall, especially on the main tower, is not done according to the specifications. The

walls to the Pastors study, and the Chimneys and Jedunments, have been left in such Condition that the building is going to ru[illegible] as fast as possible — Therefore, I am in duty bound to stop all further pro[illegible] of the work until this part is made good and for that reason did not furnish Mr Harvey with the drawings refered [illegible] though I will mention here that Mr Harvey has not called for them himself —

As Mr Harvey has in no way complied with his Contract and as I firmly believe does not intend to Comply it; I respectfully suggest that a Meeting of the Building Committee be called, steps be taken to have Mr Harvey, or some one, put the building in proper Condition and complete it as soon as practicable

Very Respectfully Yours
Henry R Searle Arc[illegible]

(L. S. No. 121.)

Office of the Chief Signal Officer.

Washington, D.C. March 5th 1869.

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Bvt. Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,
Commissioner of R. F. and A. L.
Washington, D.C.

General:

In reply to your indorsement of the 2d instant, on application of Lieutenant R. E. Whitman, to be detailed on Signal Duty, I have the honor to inform you that no application for the detail of particular officers is made from this Office, and that Officers are usually sent here for instruction by order of the War Department upon recommendation of the Commanding Officer of the Department in which they are serving. Thus far it has been the practice to detail only one Officer from a Department.

The name of Lieut. Whitman has been placed upon a list of Applicants whose claims will be considered as soon as the Officers specially detailed have been thoroughly instructed.

I am, General, Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant,
Albert J. Myer
Bvt. Brig. Gen. and Chief Signal Officer of the Army.

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Cleveland, Ohio,
March 6th, 1869.

General:

I have a collection of autographs — already quite large and interesting; and should esteem it a pleasure to add one of yours to the number.

Should you see fit to favor me, I should appreciate the kindness and be very grateful.

Your obedient servant,
with high personal respect,
Jasper E. Williams,
61 Seneca St.

Gen. O. O. Howard, U. S. Army.

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358 Broadway.
N York Mch 6. 1869.

My dear General Howard:

Allow me to introduce to you my friend and neighbor Mr Edward Cary of Brooklyn.

Mr Cary is not in pursuit of Office: but taking a short journey for his health. He is Editor of our most influential daily paper, and a gentleman highly respected by all who know him.

I was sorry that I did

not know of your last visit to New York, until your return to Washington. I consoled myself with the prospect of seeing you shortly after at your own home, but have not yet seen the time when I could conveniently and agreeably appear at the Capitol.

I mean now to visit W. as soon as I can without being suspected of place hunting, and you may be sure that I shall find you out.

Dr Storrs has told me all about the "Council" and I trust the results will in the end sustain and vindicate you completely.

Sincerely Yours,

S B Chittenden

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Major Gen. O. O. Howard,
My Dear Sir.

Pardon the liberty of a letter from one who has not the pleasure of personal acquaintance. But I know you and love you as a disciple of Jesus Christ. I heard a portion of your address in Dr. Noble's Church, this city, a few weeks ago. God bless you!

I have mailed you my sermon on "Radical Reconstruction" and "Memorial Tribute" to Dr. Stockton, late Chaplain to Congress, which please accept with my compliments.

It is my purpose to attend, as a fraternal messenger, the Maryland Conference of the M. P. Church, Georgetown, D.C. next week. Expect to be in Washington City neighborhood over Sabbath,

on 14th. Think of worshipping in the city — perhaps in the Congregational Church.

It would be a privilege to meet you some time during my visit. If agreeable to you, please drop me a note to Georgetown P.O. — care of the Rev. L. W. Bates, D.D. — pastor M.P. Ch.

Yours in Christian freedom

Alex. Clark.

A. C.

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Washington City, March 6, *1869.*

Genl O. O. Howard
Treasurer
General: Mr
Pratt Insurance Agent
will present Check
on Educational Fund
for your signature
for $47.75. being
balance due him on
two new policies amount
ing to $4750. Expiring
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taken in lieu of one
policy in the Phoenix
Mutual for same
amount, surrendered

Feby 6. 1869. on application of Company, which returned six months' premium in consideration thereof.

Mr Pratt has signed the necessary receipts which I have in my possession.

Respectfully Yours
E. M. Clark.
Agent.

May 6.

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C. R. ROBERT, Treasurer.

Rooms of the American Home Missionary Society,
BIBLE HOUSE, ASTOR PLACE,

New York, March 6, 1869.

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

My Dear Sir:

You will not remember my humble name among the multitudes introduced to you at the Corp'l. Reunion in Mr. Beecher's church; but we are no doubt familiar enough with similar applications for strangers not to be greatly amazed at my boldness.

We learn that Hon. W. W. Rankins, of Yankton, has been named for appointment as Governor of Dakota, & that he would like the appointment. Having yet deep interest in the work of our denomination in Northwest, I thought it might not be amiss to say to you that though Mr. R. is not a professor of religion, he has done

very most — perhaps more than any other man — for the securing of a Cong. Ch. & pastor in Yankton, & now doing nobly in sustaining Rev. W. Ward, an excellent friend of ours when this Soc. sent (with his young wife) & is helping to support them.

It is not easy or wise to meddle with political affairs; but it does seem as if Mr. B's appointment — rather than that of some officer or unbeliever — would be a great help to the cause of religion in that Territory.

His wife is a sister of Rev. W. Wheeler, Harpoot (A.B.C.F.M.) Mr. W. called our attention to Mr. B. in the first place; & Mrs. B. have no doubt had much to do with his interest in religious things.

I know personally none of our N.Y. Men of Congress, & have taken the liberty to say these things to you, that if you should have opportunity to say a word for Mr. B. & think it wise to do so, you might help our work in Dakota.

If you judge it not wise to speak of the matter, please let this be as if unwritten; I shall not doubt either your wisdom or kind feeling.

With sincere respect,
& all best wishes,
Faithfully
Yours,
A. H. Clark.

A. W. C.

W. W. B.

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General Land Office 153
Washington, March 6. 1869.

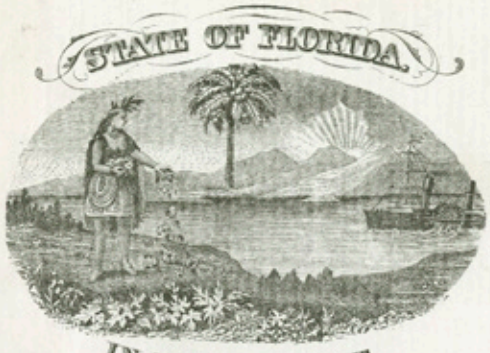
General

I have the honor to state that the next regular lecture in the "Grand Army Course" for the benefit of wounded and totally disabled soldiers, will take place at the Unitarian Church, next Monday evening, by Mrs Julia Ward Howe of Boston, the well-known authoress.

By direction of the Committee, you are particularly invited to be present on that occasion.

Very Respectfully
Your obt servt
John Edwin Mason M.D.
Secretary of Lecture Comte

Genl O. O. Howard
Washington D.C.



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OFFICE OF
Superintendent of Public Instruction,

Tallahassee, Fla. March 6th 1869

Sir

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My dear General,

In spite of the many troubles in this state of late the legislature adopted the school bill which I prepared for them without a word of amendment. It is the result of much hard study, patient thought and an honest desire to be guided by the All Wise Father who is still with us in our struggles.

The people are accepting it with evidences of marked satisfaction. Democrats are the first to ask for teachers for schools having colored & white under the same instruction. We are getting a good selection from all classes to act as school officers including the best men of the class recognized as the "wealthy & cultivated." The prospect is altogether cheering.

Your Apt. Emuy & Supt Schs. are doing admirably well. I wish you could

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continue them. They need more funds. There should be timely new school houses erected this season for the freedmen, where there are none now. & where they could have schools conducted under the State law if they had the buildings. Cannot you extend some further aid in that direction?

I send you a copy of the school law - which, permit me to commend to your perusal - It is calculated especially for the South - Please inform me how you like it.

Impeachment has made some ugly scars among republicans in this state. Time & a Christian forbearance alone can heal them -

Sincerely your friend & Serv't. C. Thurston