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Major General
O. O. Howard,
Commissioner &c,
Dear Sir,

The Executive Committee of the Delaware Association for the Moral Improvement and Education of Colored People have this day directed me to inform you that upon motion of Rt. Rev. Bishop Lee it was unanimously resolved to call the new school house now building in this city "The Howard School" in recognition of

your long and faithful labors in behalf of the colored people of this Country, and of the assistance rendered by you in the erection of the Building. It was further ordered that the name be inscribed on the Marble Block now in the front of the building.

I have great pleasure in communicating this action of the Board.

I have the honor to be,

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant,
Saml. M. Starrington,
Secretary

Wilmington Del. June 19. 1869

State of South Carolina,

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Executive Department,

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Columbia, June 19, 1869.

Dear General:

Your very gratifying letter has been received, and permit me to return my thanks for your kind expressions of confidence in myself and the course I have heretofore pursued. If it is not inconsistent with the views at head-quarters, I would say that Maj. E. L. Dean is the best man in this State, or out of it, to take charge of the Educational interest of the Bureau, and close up the business connected with it. To send an Army Officer, unacquainted with the local wants of the people, in my judgment, would be a failure to accomplish that which you have so earnestly labored for. Dean is thoroughly acquainted with the State, with the wants of the people, and the localities where schools are most needed; and in addition to this, he is an earnest and practical man. You may not find these qualities in an officer of the Army.

I will not, however, urge his appointment if you deem that there are reasons against it, but will suggest that you let him remain as Assistant, and put Maj. Thos. Wilhelm, Adjutant of the 8th U. S. In-

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[illegible]try, on duty, at this Post, in charge. Maj. Wilhelm has [illegible]n spoken to me the subject, and might not desire [illegible]intment, and I only suggest his name because [illegible] him to be a warm friend of the education of the [illegible]lored people.

I have the honor to be, dear General,

With high regard,

Your friend,

R K Scott

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Charleston June 19. 1869

My dear General

I do not know how they's stand but will you permit me to simple justice unto Doug on further acquaintance & more intimate communication I have had my impressions of Genl Aide being much changed in his favor. I do not know how matters stand but I have felt it a simple duty to him & myself to say this much - with my very best wishes for you. will you have thereafter believe me

very truly yours

A Sommers Porter

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Columbia S. C.
June 19th 1869

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Commissioner B. R. F. & A. L.
Washington D. C.

Dear Genl.

My strong friendship for yourself, and for Gov. Scott, is my only excuse for writing you this letter, and for interfering at all with the management of Freedmen affairs in this state. I intended to have seen you when I was in Washington but your absence from the City prevented. My good friend, Mr. David Clark of Hartford kindly offered to see you for me upon your return, but I did not like to intrude upon him the little troubles coming up in your Sub-Dept. so declined saying any thing to him about it. I should not however have written you this letter, were it not for the vile imputations which I constantly hear thrown out against Gov. Scott regarding his administration of Bureau affairs in South Carolina. And this by an Officer who never in

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my presence expressed any sympathy for the Colored race, or said one good word in favor of the B. R. F. & A. L. but on the contrary took every occasion to vilify it, pronounced it a humbug; and an unsuccessful affair, and useless expense to the Govt. Now when he sees he must join his Regt. and perhaps do his duty, if relieved from service here, he becomes suddenly attached to the Bureau & Freedpeople, and finds the Bureau an humane institution. I was in Charleston all the early part of last week and it was currently reported there that Maj Neide says he is on duty here ostensibly as Superintendent of schools, but in reality to watch Gov. Scott. Some three months since when it was rumored that you were to be relieved from duty as Commissioner of the B. R. F. & A. L. Neide was the first to find out that it was a wise thing to do so, for you were not fit for the position and you had proved yourself a failure &c. &c. Now My Dear Genl. was any thing ever so absurd as such remarks about yourself and Gov. Scott? Do not for an instant suppose that I think that you or Gov. Scott need any vindication at my hands or by any one else, Thousands upon Thousands will sing your praises long and long

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after Neide has been forgotten, for your deeds are written in imperishable history. I speak what I know and without flattery. Gov. Scott is a plain straightforward man as you well know, and would scorn to do anything under cover. His actions while Commissioner of Freedmens affairs in this State are open and above board and would pass examination by the most rigid board of examination that might be appointed. I was an officer under him and immediately connected with him too long not to know him well. And his whole aim was to discharge his duty faithfully and well. And now for Neide to undertake to reflect upon Gov. Scott a man who has given every year from his own private purse more than Neide's whole salary for the relief and assistance of poor, old, and indigent, Freedpeople of this State is a shame! I speak what I know when I say no person ever goes to Gov. Scott in distress but what he finds his "Latch string out" and his purse string untied for the relief sought. And now I say when a man like Neide who never in his life had a thought for anyone but himself, not even for his own family, takes advantage of his Official position to try and injure such a man as Gov. Scott, I cannot remain silent.

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Neither can I help wishing that Neide may be relieved, and some good man put in his place.

I know the letters that have been written against Mayor Deane, and in favor of Neide, by persons in high positions, and know also the motives that prompted them, and they were to gratify a personal spite against Mayor Deane, and not for any particular good feeling for Neide. I have no feeling particularly against Neide, I do not know that he ever injured me, except in his efforts to injure those I esteem may be an injury to me. I have as you know served in the Office with both Neide, and Deane, I mean when I say Office, in the same room, and I know the dispositions of the two men. I have seen their treatment of the Freedpeople having business with them, and often have I contrasted their manner of doing the business. Deane was uniformly kind and gentle, and bore with them, listening kindly to their complaints, showing them the right way if he considered them wrong, and protecting them if he thought they were right. Neide always received them in an imperious manner, seldom if ever

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deigning to listen to them through, and turning them off in a haughty way, only affirmed by a regular. Pardon the expression as I do not mean that all regulars are so, for I could name a great many that are not, but we have had in this department so many miserable Copperheads that belonged to the regular Army, and his imperious style was aped from them, that I could not refrain from using the expression. Now I claim to know, better than some who have written you, which man is best suited for the position of Superintendent of Schools in this State, and I am quite sure were the parties who are immediately interested to have their choice, they would say let us have Major Drane. Now if we cannot have Major Drane, and must have an Officer of the Army, I beg of you to give us one who is a little more in sympathy with the Freedpeople, and with Free Institutions, than Neide is. But if a possible thing give us Drane. Having so much faith in him, that if you require a Bond of him of a Hundred Thousand Dollars for the faithful performance the duties it can without the least difficulty be made out for him. Neither Gov. Scott or Major Drane know I

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am writing this and I write it for your own eye. My motive in so doing is simply that I am desirous that the Educational department of the Bureau shall be in the hands, and under the direction of one who has at heart the interests of the Freedpeople of this State. As I said before Gov. Scott needs no vindication before you at my hands, and the shafts hurled at him by such a man as Neide will fall harmless, and wide of the mark, for Gov. Scott in every way is as far above him as the Heavens above the Earth. And his reputation is of too solid a character and on too firm a basis, to be shaken by the thunder of a so thoroughly selfish and insignificant a man as Neide. Begging pardon for intruding myself upon you and taking so much of your valuable time

I have the pleasure of remaining
Your Sincere Friend
John B. Dennis

3 Bowling Green
New York
June 19/69

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General Howard Bvt. Maj. U.S.A.

Dear Sir

I don't like to leave this country without again thanking you for your kindness & courtesy & saying how much I enjoyed seeing your noble city & also the good work in which you are engaged. I shall always think of it with interest. Mr. Fowler found a very efficient & kind cicerone.

Had the honor of an interview with the President although after hours. I should like to have had some conversation with you about Temperance subject I am greatly

interested in, but was afraid of occupying too much of your valuable time. It will, as I said before, give us all much pleasure to welcome you on our side of the water. We will give you a welcome in Staffordshire as well as in London if you give us the opportunity.

Believe me, dear General Howard

Very truly & Respectfully

F. Cash

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Georgetown, D. C.
June 19th 1869.

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

General:

Will you be so kind as to read this note though, as I wish to make a statement relative to my present destitution.

I was detailed as clerk in the Bu. R. F. & A. L. Aug. 11th 1865, and was discharged Aug. 1. 1868. on account of a general reduction of the clerical force being ordered by the Commissioner.

While I was clerking in the Bureau I purchased a house and lot by paying a small amount cash down, and the balance in monthly payments until paid for. I had also started a small grocery store with a capital of $200, which inventoried, at the time I left the Bureau about $300. The stock was not large enough to support my family and keep up the payments on my house. Consequently I have lost the house and lot after having paid $650. towards it, as I was obliged to sell my interest in the property for what I could get, which was $200, and debts contracted after my discharge from the Bureau took the greater part of that.

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I had my Father & Mother during the past winter and my Mother is with me still. To day I am without a dollar in the world. I am unable to perform manual labor, or I would gladly accept a situation at any kind of work. Writing is the only occupation that I can earn anything at.

I have been expecting a situation in the P. O. Dept. since last fall, but have no more prospects of getting it now than I had then. I must have some employment or my family will suffer. My Brother helps me all he can, (and more than he is able to) as he has a family of his own to support.

General, Is it possible for you to give me a temporary situation, whereby I may be enabled to earn enough to move my family onto a homestead in the West or South. If you give me employment it will be a deed of charity.

Mrs. Chipman will hand you this note. I would call on you in person, but I have called on you so often that I am ashamed to call again. I have informed Mr Whittlesey of my loss.

I hope this note will receive your favorable consideration.

I am, General
Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
Chas. B. Chipman.

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Dated Atlanta Ga June 21 186 9

Received at P.O. Dept June 21

To Maj Gen O O Howard

Please send me immediately all the copies of record of U S court in case of Laboratory property sent you 12th November thirteenth 1868 eighteen sixty eight

J R Lewis
Brvt Col U S A

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OFFICE OF STARKWEATHER & PLOWMAN,

Architects, Engineers, Superintendents, and Surveyors,

N. G. STARKWEATHER, }
THOS. M. PLOWMAN. }

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Washington, D. C., June 21st 1869.

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The above commissions to be charged upon the entire cost of all improvements for which any plans have been furnished, or superintendence given, either written or verbal, which commissions must be paid as services are rendered.

Maj-Genl. O. O. Howard

Dear General,

We write you to ascertain whether you can accommodate us, by locating the $10,000. of Stock Y.M.C.A. of which the writer made mention when he last saw you. If we could obtain the Cash for the same, to morrow, at the rates obtained for former amounts sold you, we would be greatly accommodated. Please send us word as Early in the day as practicable & Oblige

Yours truly

Thos. M. Plowman & Co.
per Chas. M. Hyser

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Attended to by
The General.

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New York, June 21. 1869

My dear Howard –

Your kind letter to Sec'y Fish, a copy of which I duly received, will doubtless be of much service to me & is duly appreciated by me –

I thank you, and hope I may be able to return the favor –

I sail this week for France on important

business for a friend.
I expect to be back
early in the fall, by
which time I trust
the State Department
will have some suita-
ble Consulate to bestow
on me.

Hoping to return
in improved health
& fortune & to find
you in the enjoyment
of every good —

I am
Your friend & Classmate
H. A. Smalley

Gen. S. B. Howard

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Lincoln University,

Oxford, Pa., June 21st 1869

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 18th received on Saturday, and I now write to say that we thank you most sincerely for your kind proposal in reference to the bonds of your young men's Christian association. We can use them as an investment of our Professorship fund.

Yours Ab't Sl.

John M. Dickey

Pres't of Trustees

L. University

Our Treasurer says, it would be better to wait to get from you a proper voucher to be signed, as he is at fault in writing one, which on reflection it would be best to do.

Very resp'y,

J. M. D.

which is from time
to time being increased;
I send with this a
receipt from our
Treasurer, which may
not be in proper
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be changed — We
will not dispose of
them outside of
the officers or friends
of our Institution —
We hope to send
on some bills of
the Contractors for
the Enlargement of
the Presidents house
in a few days —
The friends of the Freedmen
as well as our students
were disappointed
in not seeing you at
the Commencement, but
Mr Alvord represented
you as well as any
one could, & made
a capital speech.
We will hope to see
you at another time,
With great regard

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Houston (Texas) June 21. 1869

Major Genl O. O. Howard
Dr Sir:

In reply to your note of a late date allow me to say I had no design in my remarks in regard to Rev Mr Welch's official agency for the Education of Freedmen to insinuate that he was acting in bad faith; but I am decidedly of opinion that he has been of but little if any real service in that department of his labors. Has he increased the number of teachers of F.M. either by importation from abroad or by inducing such as reside here to engage in the work? You are in a better position to be able to answer that question than myself? That a few colored teachers of inadequate qualification may have been, by him, induced to teach may be so but that any one, white or black, of any thing like respectable qualification have been, through his agency induced to become teachers I have not learned; though it may be so. I think his time talents and energies are mainly devoted to his duties as a Presiding Elder of the Methodist Ch north—

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I think the office he holds, in connection
with the Education of Freedmen, is of sufficient
importance to absorb the attention of any man.
I could wish it were in the hands of
an active Clergyman whose whole
time and heart were absorbed in the
work. I fear not much will be accomplished
while it is held subordinate to some
object or enterprize esteemed more important.
In some respects a Congregationalist would
have peculiar advantages in that applying
nomination has but few organizations in that
kind is not likely soon to be regarded
as a competitor among other denomi-
tions. and the agent would not be
looked upon with jealousy by other sects
I think it is preeminently requisite that
the Educational interests of the F.M. in
be in the hands of a party who regards
that as the great work for him to
Surely the Education and (incidentally) the
evangelization of two hundred and
fifty thousand (250.000) freedmen is

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enterprise of sufficient importance to
absorb the time talents and energies of any
one man Think you not so?

Miss Foster & myself have both written
Mr Welch recently to urge forward the building
the Freedmans School house at this place & tho
sufficient time has elapsed he has not seen proper
to reply to either. Miss Foster is Matron of the
Freedmans Teachers Home in this place, and a quite
an active intelligent and energetic lady. By not
replying he has made the impression on both of us
that he is not much interested in the matter.

So far as I am acquainted with the five(5)
teachers of the A. M. C. (both in this place & Yazoo)
they possess eminent qualifications for usefulness in
their department of labor ~~and~~ They seem to be
much devoted to their important work. The
interests of the F. M. require at least fifty (50)
such in the State: That number could be
comfortably and usefully located.

I shall be glad to impart any information
from Yazoo which might aid in Elder F. M.

Yours Truly:

James Parks