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City Post Office,

Washington. D. C.

Sept 22 1869

Sir.

This will be presented by Mr Geo Hill Post Master and a prominent Citizen of Georgetown who desires a personal interview with you

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
Wm Edmunds

Genl O. O. Howard

Headquarters Army of the United States,

Washington, D. C., Sept 22nd 1869.

Dear General;

Will you do me the favor to examine this woman's case yourself? It strikes me as being a hard one. If I can co-operate in your efforts for her children I shall be very happy to do so.

Very respectfully yours, in haste

Ellen B. E. Sherman

Genl O. O. Howard,

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS

of United States and British Provinces.

Providence, Office, September 22 1869.

To
Major Gen. A. A. Hovey
Dear Bro,

I wrote you more than a week ago asking you to come down and help us in our Convention to be held in Westerly. I have not heard from you and thinking you have not received it I write this. We want you more pointed in our call. The Convention will be called to meet Tuesday and Wednesday Oct 19th + 20th. Please answer me that you will come. I know you can do us good.

Yours Sincerely
C. R. Holden
Cor. Sem. for Rhode Island.

Office of J. A. Woodward,
(Successor to Woodward & Farrington,)
MANUFACTURER OF
Wooden Water Pipe, Pump Tubing, Gas Pipe and Eave Trough,

Williamsport, Pa., Sept. 22, 1869.

Emil O. O. Howard,

Dr. Sir:- The second annual State convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of Penna is to commence in this place on the 2nd of Nov. In order to the stirring up of the work among young men in this State, it is absolutely necessary that this convention should be a success, and when I submit that you can contribute very largely to this success by your presence here, I but echo the sentiments of not only our entire committee but of every one with whom I have conversed upon the subject, and in

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inviting and urging you to be present, I am most willingly & gladly carrying out the instructions of the Ex. Com. In order that you may not be prevented by the expense of the journey, I am authorized by the Chairman of the State Ex. Com. to say that your expenses will be paid. Earnestly hoping to receive an early and affirmative answer I am

Yours in the cause of the Master,

J. S. McGraw,

Chairman Ex. Com.

Pmpt G. M. C. A.

(copy)

Government Hospital for the Insane
near Washington, D.C., September 22d 1869.

Sir,

I respectfully acknowledge the receipt of your note of the 20th inst. enclosing a copy of the affidavit of Patrick Maher, dated September 18th 1869, and beg to submit to the Hon Secretary of the Interior, the following narrative of facts in answer to said affidavit and in explanation of it.

Patrick and Eliza Maher, man and wife, were employed at the Hospital as attendants in immediate charge of the patients in the East Lodge, that for colored women, uninterruptedly from April 18th 1865 to November 24th 1867, inclusive. Their duties were as follows:- Patrick took care of the single fire for heating the Lodge in cold weather and had charge of a party of patients engaged with him in making, repairing and refilling mattresses for the whole house. When in the mattress shop he was within call of his wife in the Lodge, and in the absence of a physician or superior, was expected to assist his wife in managing any patient that might become violent. His wife took care of the wards and patients and when unoccupied with those duties repaired clothing, mattress ticks &c, &c. They were respectively paid at the rate of twenty and ten dollars per month, in money, during all the time they were in the service of the Hospital, as he states in his affidavit - no more and no less. Besides receiving in addition to their pay in money their board, washing, medical attendance when sick &c they were permitted to have their little son with them who was an inmate when they came here

in 1865, which is the reason that her wages were rated at $10 instead of $12 per mo., the rate usually paid a good, female attendant of some experience.

From April 18th 1865 to November 26th 1867, inclusive, is 31 9/30 months which at the rate of $30 per month ($20 for Patrick and $10 for his wife) amounts to $939 the exact sum that was due and paid them while here. Vouchers for those payments were taken as follows: -

Voucher No. 1442,	Pay Roll for June, July & Augt 1865:	60/30:	= 90.00
do " 1544,	" " " Dec. '65 & Jany & Feb. '66,	60/30:	= 90.00
do " 1545,	" of Pat. & Eliza Maher		133.00
do " 1585,	" Roll for March, April & May 1866,	60/30:	= 90.00
do " 1668,	" " " June, July & Augt "	60/30:	= 90.00
do " 1718,	" " " Sep: Oct: & Nov "	60/30:	= 90.00
do " 1779,	" " " Dec. '66 & Jany & Feb. '67	60/30	= 90.00
do " 1879,	" " " March, April & May "	60/30:	= 90.00
do " 68,	" " " June, July & Augt "	60/30:	= 90.00
do " 148,	" " " Sep, Oct. & 26/30 Nov "	57.33 / 28.67	= 86.00
			$939.00

The names of Patrick & Eliza Maher do not appear on the Pay Roll for March, April and May 1865, in which period they made 1 18/30 months nor on the Pay Roll for September, October and November 1865, 3 months, and both of these periods are covered by Voucher No. 1545 for the payment of $133 for 4 13/30 months' service at the rate of $30 per month for the services of both.

No other Voucher in any form or appearance was ever asked, given or taken for the service

payment of any amount in any manner, by me, as superintendent and disbursing agent of the Hospital, or by me in my private capacity, to Pat^k and Eliza Moher, or to either of them, for their services as attendants or for any other services rendered by them, or either of them, or for any supplies, property or other thing furnished the Hospital, nor has any voucher other than the ten (10) enumerated above, amounting to $939 been asked or taken of Pat^k & Eliza Moher or been given or signed by them, or either of them, or allowed by the accounting officers of the Treasury in settling my accounts, in order that I might obtain, or by which I have in any manner obtained, credit for any payment alleged to have been made but not really made, to Pat^k and Eliza Moher, or to either of them, or to any other person or persons, either for personal services rendered or articles furnished the Hospital.

I did state that Pat^k Moher was in the service of the Hospital for a considerable length of time, some years before 1865, and married a previous wife while in such service, and that my declarations here made in respect to payments of money made to him and his wife Eliza, are not intended to include or in any way refer to, any former term of service at the Hospital, before and during his first marriage.

The reason why I took Voucher No. 1545 in the form I did, I recollect perfectly well. It was be-cause it then appeared to me that the portion of

their time, considering them as laboring jointly, occupied in making repairing mattresses would be most fairly expressed in that way. I afterwards thought that such a separate Voucher denoting that they spent a part of their time at mattress making, was an unnecessary distinction without a difference and I thereafter, without interruption till they left the service of the Hospital, put their names on the Pay Rolls of attendants, and I have paid their successors in the same capacity, in the same way.

In regard to Patrick Maher's allegation that "neither at the time" (of signing Voucher No 1545) "nor afterwards did the said Atkins, or any one, explain to the deponent or his said wife the purport or intent of said Voucher, but afterwards he did say to said deponent that pay would be allowed him for work upon mattresses" I can only say that his recollection must be materially at fault, for I find that on the 30th day of June 1864, by my check No 123, on the First National Bank of Washington, D.C. (in which I at that time, with the approbation of the Department, deposited the public money in my hands) drawn by me in my capacity of superintendent of the Hospital in favor of Patrick ~~Maher~~ and Elijah Maher, I paid them $312 $\frac{99}{100}$ for six months' ~~work~~ services as attendants and for 4 $\frac{13}{30}$ months' work at mattress making = 10 $\frac{13}{30}$ months' service at $30 per mo. = $313 71. The amount of the check is, it will be seen, one cent less than was then due for the time they were then paid, which was occasioned by

throwing up the positions in receiving their pay separately. I have long been in the habit of writing on the back of every check I draw the nature of the services or the name of the article or class of articles for which the check is in payment, and I find that I wrote on the back of this check, "Gov't Receipts for the Insane - for filling mattresses and services as attendants". Patrick Maher does not write and I do not know that he reads, but his wife both reads and writes, and I do not deem it at all probable that they will receive a check for over $300 and keep it long enough to get it cashed, without reading what was on the back as well as on the front of it. Patrick Maher's subsequent statement that "afterwards he (Atkins) did say to said deponent that pay will be allowed him for work upon mattresses", is in all probability, as it seems to me, his vague - indefinite recollection of what Atkins did tell him and his wife by my direction, viz: the full purpose and amount of the Voucher in question. Moreover, from my habit in such cases I am confident that the check was handed to Maher either by myself or by Dr Godding, Senior Ass't Physn, and tho' neither of us can recollect the act or circumstance of handing it to him I entertain no doubt that one of us fully stated to him the time and service for which payment was made by the check in question.

The averment of Patrick Maher that there are "no such buildings as 'cottages for the use of employés having families" "nor a" 'coal house' "either" "completed or well advanced", as is stated in the report of Dr. C. H. Nichols, superintendent of construction of said Hospital, dated October 31st 1868" is true as far as new cottages are concerned. An appropriation of $6.000 had been made for the repair of old houses or cottages and for building new ones and another of $2.000. for a coal house on or near the Hospital wharf, and when I prepared the report referred to, the repairs of the old cottages were under way and the extension and re-planking of the wharf for which a part of a previous appropriation was designed, were completed. The building of a coal house was considered as a sort of continuation of the latter improvements and I thought that at the usual time of presenting my report in November those improvements would be "completed or well advanced", and so wrote. There were several reasons why those improvements were not carried forward as contemplated at the time of writing as I did. I still found that I could not execute the work as economically as I expected when the estimates were made, and felt confident that it could be done more satisfactorily in that respect at a future period. Besides, the prospect appeared encouraging (now almost realized) that the Government would soon acquire an additional tract of nearly 150 acres of land then in the possession and use of the Hospital, upon which, should the acquisition be made, it would better subserve the economical service of the Institution to place one or both of the new cottages contemplated. The wall enclosing the original grounds of the Hospital was being pressed forward, and as

the season advanced it appeared much the wisest course to let other improvements give way to that great and important one. It was entirely an over-sight that the report as at first written was not corrected in the particulars in which it was incorrect; and the error, innocent as it seems to me to be, under the circumstances, has been a source of some mortification to me, but it has never been referred to, to my knowledge, till it was brought up by the parties to the affidavit I am answering.

This part of the affidavit simply avers that my report as superintendent of construction for 1867-68, states what is in fact untrue, but upon the supposition on my part that that averment was intended to give rise to the inference that I had drawn the money appropriated for the cottages and coal wharf* and was using it in some private business, or in some way to my personal advantage, or to the advantage of my personal friends or relatives, I will add that neither of those appropriations nor any part of either of them has been asked for by me, or drawn from the Treasury of the United States, nor in any manner, in whole or in part, placed to my credit, and that I have not in any manner or effect used the whole or any part of either of those appropriations.

The truth of all my declarations touching the actual or implied fraud charged in Patrick Maher's affidavit can be verified by my accounts in the Treasury Department which I have not seen since they were rendered; and I make and sign this communication under a due sense, as I believe, of the obligations of my official oath, but if it will in any manner or degree facilitate

*should have been written horse. D.M.C.

the official disposition of the charges that have been made against my integrity, I shall be glad to make oath to the exact truth, in letter and spirit, to the best of my knowledge and belief, of all I have stated above; and my senior assistant, Dr. W. W. Godding, a gentleman of mature years and of the strictest and most conscientious integrity, who assists me in conducting the financial affairs of the Institution, will also willingly testify, under oath, to the truth of all I aver and deny in this communication, except as to anything herein referred to that may have occurred prior to July 1865 when he became first assistant in consequence of the death of his predecessor.

I am, very respectfully
your obedient servant
(Signed) A. H. Nichols
Supt.

George F. Metcalfe Esq.
Chief Clerk
Department of the Interior

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City of Washington }
District of Columbia }

Patrick Maher of said city of Washington, being first duly sworn deposes:-

That he is upwards of thirty years of age; that from the 18th day of April A.D. 1865 until the 31st day of March 1866, he, together with his wife Eliza Maher, was employed as an attendant at the Government Hospital for the Insane in the said District of Columbia; that during the said time, from the 18th day of April 1865 to the 31st day of March 1866, and for sometime thereafter, both deponent and his said wife were employed as attendants at said Hospital, and on the pay-rolls thereof; the deponent at the rate of twenty dollars per month, and his said wife at the rate of Ten dollars per month; and that during the said time, from the said 18th day of April 1865 to the said 31st day of March 1866, and for sometime thereafter, both deponent and his said wife received their full pay as aforesaid, at the rate aforesaid, and no other pay or compensation of any kind. That on or about the said 31st day of March 1866, Mr Atkins, who was then the Clerk at said

Hospital, presented to deponent and his said wife, a printed voucher in blank, which contained no sum of money, and was merely a printed form intended to be filled up, and requested deponent and his said wife to sign the same, which they then did sign accordingly; that no explanation of the character or purpose of said voucher was then made by said Atkins, nor any one, and that deponent and his said wife signed the same supposing it to be right and proper, and in the usual course of business at said Hospital; that neither at the time, nor afterwards, did said Atkins, or any one explain to deponent or his said wife the purport or intent of said voucher, or why their said signatures thereto, were required, but afterwards he did say to deponent that pay would be allowed him for work upon mattresses; that neither the deponent, nor his said wife has ever received from said Atkins, or from any one, the said sum of One hundred & thirty three dollars for which said voucher is now filled up, nor any part thereof, nor have they or either of them ever received any payment or compensation for their services at said Hospital, except their regular pay as aforesaid, at the rate of Twenty and Ten

(signed)

dollars per month, respectively.

Deponent further states, that he is perfectly familiar with the grounds & the surroundings of said Hospital and at the present time, there are, upon, or within the grounds of said Hospital no such buildings as "Cottages for the use of Employees having families" nor a "Coal house", either "completed or well advanced" as is stated in the report of Dr. C. H. Nichols, Superintendent of construction of said Hospital, dated October 31st 1868.

(Signed) Patrick his X mark Maher

Witness
Geo. T. Metcalfe
C. P. Webster

(Signed)

Sworn to subscribed before me this 18th day of September 1869.
(Signed) Charles P. Webster
Justice of the Peace
for Dist. Columbia

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Washington, Sept 23rd 1869

Dear General

Mr Kelly told me last evening of the kind feeling and interest evinced by you in the unfortunate difference between S. P. Brown & our firm. This is the only suit I have had ~~since~~ in a business experience of twenty years and I should have been and am now ready to act fairly aye liberally in effecting a settlement. Had Mr Brown shown the same spirit of compromise it would have been settled long since. Grateful for your kindness General I am always Sincerely Yours

Alex. R. Shepherd

(W. 118. Dec. 1869)

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Gen O. O. Howard

Maj Gen Comdg

Dear Sir. I have been to see Mr Mehum in reference to the Christian Association Stock he says that he could not possibly take it for more than what he could sell it for and he did not think that it would bring more than eighty cents on the dollar - I also went to the banking house of Jay Cook & Co and asked what they were paying for it. the told me that they were buying nothing but Gov Bonds they told me that they were worth from eighty to eighty five cents. Gen I propose to sell the whole property and to give immediate possession on the following terms

$1500 Cash
2000 " 12 Months
2500 Christian Association Bonds or Stock at par

hopeing that this proposition will meet with your appobation I remain respectfully

Francis J. Wood

To Gen. O. O. Howard
Maj. Gen Comdg

New York Sept 23, 1869

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

Dear Sir,

Since you were on, our Mr Buck has been lying dangerously ill with a stoppage of the bowels, but is now relieved & we think is in a fair way of recovery — We write at the request of his family that you may know why they are unable to meet the engagements they made with you when here —

Resply Yours
Richd P. Buck & Co

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Cor. 10th & G. Sts.
Wash. D.C. Sept. 23/69

General.

This will introduce to you, Mr. W. H. C. Boyce. He has worked as a mason on our church building this summer and is capable in his business. From a few months acquaintance, I think him prompt and honest.

Very truly yours
L. Watson

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Present

Wash^n D.C.

Sept 23. 1869

Dear Gen:

I think you will readily call to mind the gist of my conversation with you on last Sunday evening about letting our Lecture Room - I understood you to say positively that the scheme did not meet your approval.

This morning Mr. Watson told me that he had been notified by one of the Trustees to make arrangements to put a cheap stair way in the East tower.

I was at a loss to understand this: but have since learned that some vote looking that way was passed at a meeting of the Trustees last Monday evening -

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Now the whole affair appears both comical and vexatious.

It is comical because the Trustees have as much and no more right than I to order a change in our building - The oversight and management of the building was entrusted to a Building Committee by vote of our Society - and said Committee - could transgress the plan of our Architect without authority.

But it is vexatious to have so serious a move made without general consultation and formal assent of those alone authorized to vote assent.

I trust you will at once speak with Ballock, Eaton, Cooper & Bascom and forward these views to them.

I have conferred with a few of our prudent and careful members and think my suggestion will meet general approval.

If such a step is necessary I can procure the name of Mr Rodger, Giddings, Ferrenter and others to a call for a public meeting as above. Had not the matter best rest until Mr. Rowland's return? I am carefully look over the fields and make up his mind as to what he would have us do.

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

L. Coonley

Warrington Sept 23. 1869

Lieut C. C Hawes
Pres. G. M. C. Afr.

Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of yesterday, inviting me to be present at the opening Exercises after giving Miss Chesterman aged in 30 min – for which I hereby return my thanks – It will appear me much pleasure if I am able to attend

With much respect
My dear Sir
Yours
J Bancroft Davies

Elm Hill
Sturbridge Sept 24th

My Dear Genl Howard

I hey to trouble you with one word, to ask if you will be in Boston for any time beyond that necessary for your lectures before the Y.M.C.A., and if so, how long, you please, just give me one hour of your time, and I will be very grateful. Please write me at Champneys Studio 21 Bromfield St Boston —

Please remember me to your wife & children, and Genl Whittlesey with best wishes

Truly Yours Obt Serv't N. Willard

Columbia Temple of Honor.
September, 24th 1869.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Sir.

The undersigned, comprising a small portion of the membership of this Temple, but expressing the wishes of all, most earnestly solicit your influence, in extending our principles, and the cause of Temperance, by connecting yourself with our Order.

We enclose you a copy of our "Manual", feeling assured, that its perusal will satisfy you of the great fundamental principles, upon which our Order is founded.

We would respectfully state, that we have secured for Our meetings, on each Monday and Friday evenings, the large hall of the Congregational Church,

and propose, in addition to our weekly meetings, to give a course of lectures, during the coming winter.

Trusting that you will favorably consider this invitation, and join our Order at an early date,

We remain,

Very respectfully,

Your Obdt. Svts.

Wm. C. Finney

Benj.n F. Hawkes.

Luther B. Dickinson

A. L. Wallar.

D. P. Holloway

Wm. H. Chas

Will B. Gonsalves

Samuel Earley

Charles W. Denism.

Head-Quarters Armies of the United States,

Washington, D. C., Sept 24 1869

Genl O O Howard —

Present —

Dear Howard —

You note & Card is received — If you are <u>free</u>, Rev — Mr Beecher, will be there next Thursday. ask the Committee if they can properly, to return for the Freedmen's Bureau, for State I will pay. —

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Make a copy
Enter & file,

will take care of
my family while
I myself.

Yrs

Thomas

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Milwaukee, 22d Sept.
[1869]

Gen. Howard,
Dear Sir,
Thanks for
Lessing received
this morning.
Very Truly
M. C. Jewett.

Dear Brother! You will remember that

$5.53

is due me for the written. The retail price of the book everywhere is $5.00 - Postage .53 -

Yrs

C. H. H.

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The Am. Christian Commission,

26 BIBLE HOUSE,

WAS ORGANIZED SEPT. 28, 1865, TO PROMOTE PRACTICAL HOME EVANGELIZATION, BY SEEKING TO STIMULATE AND GUIDE CHRISTIANS TO PERSONAL EFFORTS FOR THE SALVATION OF MEN.

NEW YORK, Sept 24 1869

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

Dear Sir,

In your last letter, consenting to write for "The Christian at Work", you stated that you would be able to do so at almost any time, upon a fortnights notice. We would like one for the November issue. We shd receive it by 15th Oct in order to place it to good advantage. Providence is greatly blessing our enterprize; & making the paper a financial success. We have had the advantage of 18 mos experience & are now laying our plans definitely for the future. The subscription price will be advanced a few cents 75 cts per year for single copies & 20 cts in clubs of 100. This covers all expenses of the paper of all sorts. Advertisements are therefore a clear profit & as no one is allowed to make anything by

the enterprise they constitute a fund for the improvement of the paper & for the publication of Documents on this work.

A portion of this fund is to be appropriated to compensation to such writers & articles, as in the judgment of the Editorial Committee, will best forward our enterprise. I am instructed to say, General, that we will send you $10 per article for such articles, of from half a column to a column in length, as you can send us. This is the full price for Editorial matter. We would like to have one every two or three months if convenient.

In November we propose having a public meeting some Sabbath Evening probably in the Brick Ch. (Rev Spring) We hope to have yourself, Rev Aprus D. Fosf, & if possible Dr Fowler of Utica. As Mr Fosf is near at hand, & Dr Fowler is one of the Executive Com. you are requested to fix the time. We wish to fix two or three important meetings in N York & Brooklyn this winter & this is the first.

Providence has exceeded our utmost hopes in enabling the Commission to secure the co-operation of earnest & able men throughout the country; we trust He will add the higher blessing of His approbation. It would be a favor if I could hear soon.

Yours with very much Respt
Alfred E Roe

Post Office.

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Augusta, Ga. Sept 25. 1869

J. A. Sloden

Dear Sir

I am just in receipt of your favor of the 23d. You do not answer the question posted the General viz what is the name of the Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association I think the man I mean is Secretary He is the one who has the management of the rooms and conducts the prayer meetings I think he is a Methodist minister I wish to communicate with him

Truly Yours

J. R. Bryant

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Auditor's Department, Room 2
Custom House
New York, Sept. 20th 1869.

Major General, O. O. Howard, U.S.A
Washington D.C.

General,

On or about the 7th inst. I ventured to write you, reciting a little of my Military history, &c, and requesting your influence with the Honorable Secretary of the Treasury, or other persons, to secure for me Promotion in the New York Custom-House, to that of "Inspector of Imported Cigars" or some other position, suitable to my capacity; I may have calculated too broadly, General, for the small foundation I possess for any Special favors such as I sought; but as I have received no reply, I am in doubt whether you so consider it, or whether the letter alluded to may not have failed to reach you.

May I respectfully ask the favor of a line advising me, whether the request preferred can be consistently granted.

I have the honor to remain, General,

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Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
John D. Terry.
Capt. Bt. Major, U.S.

ARTIN, Chairman.
UMFORD, Sec'ry.
RED WICKS, Trers.

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International Lecture Bureau.

ROOMS OF

Brooklyn Young Men's Christian Association,

80 and 82 FULTON AVENUE, cor. Gallatin Place,

BROOKLYN, Sept. 25th, 1869.

Dear General:

Yours of the 23rd inst. was received.

We have arranged matters by giving Newark Oct. 25th, and New Brunswick Nov. 12th. This will require a run from Boston to New York and back, but will enable you to spend the Sabbath and Monday (24th & 25th) with your friends in the latter city, and will take you from your duties one day less in Nov.

I hardly need say that we would be more than pleased to see you in Brooklyn -

Very truly Yours,
Chas. Mumford.

Gen. O. O. Howard -

Washington City,

September 25, 1869.

Gen. O. O. Howard

You are respectfully invited to attend the Dedicatory Exercises of the Franklin School Building, on the corner of 13th and K streets, on Saturday, the 2d of October, at 2 o'clock P. M.

S. J. BOWEN, Mayor,
Z. RICHARDS, Supt.,
J. S. BROWN,
A. E. NEWTON,
GEO. B. VASHON,
W. R. WOODWARD,
J. C. DULIN,
E. CHAMPLIN,
} Committee of Arrangements.

Regards &c

Z. Richards
Supt. P. S.

Rooms of

The Young Men's Christian Association,

No. 23 Fifth Avenue.

Pittsburgh, Sept. 20th 1869.

Geo. Howard.

Dear Bro.

Yours to Mr. Cree is recd — We regret that you cannot be here — Could you come & hold our meeting be Tuesday evg November 9th?

Yours Very Resply.

O. B. Foster.

Secy.

who has been in California for fourteen years has been at home this Summer. She is now in Massachusetts: we have enjoyed her visit very much indeed. She will return the first of the winter. My sister Caddy is still with me: we often talk of you. Julia Brown, the one who used to live with you, still lives down in that part of the town, by Mrs. Blaine's. She expects to be confined in a few weeks. this is her first child by this marriage. I often think of the pains you took when she was married. She has proved perfectly true, feeling the sanctity of her marriage. But Frank has been a real Southern negro, having had two or three different "ladies". She has felt at times she could not live with him: he has never cared for her children: all she expected or asked of him was to let them alone. Martha has grown large enough to live out. she is at Judge Cony's. I do not know as you will care for all this, but I know how much interest you have in them.

Augusta Sept. 6th. 1869

My dear Mrs. Howard:

No. I do not owe you a letter at all nevertheless I am going to write to you, hoping that you may have the time and disposition to answer it. Truly think I can congratulate you too on the birth of another boy. Now you have two little ones whom I have never seen. You own two boys almost as much as I did. I do not think the name of Howard is likely to die out, for I see that your brother Roland has a little boy a few days old. Who does your baby look like and what do you call him? I know that Guy is at Andover at school and I presume likes as much as the Blaine boys do. I hope in some of his vacations you will

Please give my warm love to Gracie. I am afraid she will be a young lady before I see her again. Do you remember that Mrs. Weant lost her only son in California a few weeks ago? She is very much afflicted: and soon last week she carried her oldest daughter to the Insane Hospital. Is she not to be pitied. With much love for yourself & kisses to the children believe me ever most affectionately C. S. Stinson

hear a little about the state of our church. You know we called a Mr. Bingham to be our pastor about two years since. The mistake was, that he received the call before the people had heard him sufficiently: and now we are in a most unhappy state: very much divided and I think we can never be united till we have another minister. For my own part I do not feel that I have anything in the pulpit or out of it. As far as Mr. Bingham is concerned. I have a large class of young ladies in the Sunday School since this I enjoy very much indeed. I see by the papers that the Gov. is to visit Maine next Month. Pile you please give my kind regards to him and tell him how delighted I should be to see him. I wish he could come to see me if only for a short time. I was very sorry that I was unable to go to Brunswick in August. I then would have seen him also Charley and his wife. My sister Mrs. Smith

and her family and Wallie. So we don't expect to come to Brunswick Perhaps next fall they always visit Brunswick I should like to be there. I am trying here very much and the people quite pleased with me I've been here twenty months. It seems to Ma very long. I shall be very glad to see Pa. Pa for Mary's children. I have found a comfortable home and I hope they will prove to be blessings. Wish we could see you Pa. Write to us when you can. Write very often. Remember us to your dear wife. Give my love to Charlie and his wife. My dear Pa I have not been quite well for months, and is now very much in need of a change. I think I should be very happy to accompany Charlie and his wife to Brunswick for a few days. Charlie is taking the Oregonian and so for the present. We the Oregonian and so for the present. We have taken the Boston Cultivator. Charlie thinks that the letter has arrived before Wallie. Pa I wrote you a letter in October, for it was only the other day that he told me he had written. Charlie thought it best for him to write. Perhaps you will think that I ought to write.

shall bow and Adore. Hence I am content that his will shall be done, whether it be that he will move distant hearts to donate a mite from their abundance, or withhold it from us, His name will be praised.

Hoping to hear from you often

I remain Your Friend Truly

Daniel D. Claiborne

(per. Wm Norton) Chief Justice Colorado County Texas

Maj Gen O. O. Howard:

I send on the above line copy from the original to show that my first letter to you in regard to overflow indicated was not founded on fiction but fact.

Can any relief be afforded? Have we need to publish the letter in the American Missionary?

Yours Truly

James Burke

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Columbus Texas Sept. 25. 1869.

Mr James Burke

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 13th inst is at hand and would have been answered sooner but for the fact that I deemed it necessary to consume time enough to obtain the information you seek.

The condition of the Poor Colored People since the overflow has been extremely distressing the loss of crops and comforts was bad enough but that of health too, as well as many lives from sickness mostly congestion has presented a picture that to be observed alone is to be appreciated, The same sickness has prevailed among the whites and as many deaths have occurred. So far as I know this has extended throughout the overflowed lands and is now extending through the contiguous territory.

It is evident to me that unless provision against the future is timely made much suffering for clothing in winter and food in the spring will be the consequence and

many lives will be endangered if not lost. The fact is every body in the overflowed districts feels the straitened circumstances and under the plea that Charity begins at home are becoming more and more callous every day to others wants and necessities. Whilst it is an undeniable fact that a certain class of our white population who even contend that the white man is but an animal and not human appear to throw everything in the way of a timely provision for the winter of discontent, which is evidently ahead if not already at the gates of the poor improvident and ignorant freedmen as well as white people and instead of reflecting upon what is to become of those who have lost all, have no money to buy with and no one has money to pay them for their labor, nor will any one credit them for a loaf of bread whilst the realization of another crop is a year ahead, and no support to make it with. They ignore this calamity deny the self evident truths which are the results of the overflow, seize some isolated individual or circumstances out of which to manufacture evidence to sustain their position though human beings may suffer and die, whilst the charitable helpers abroad are deceived they are satisfied and seem to act as though they were benefactors of the public, such is the inhumanity and recklessness of human life and human misery of some in our midst. Egypt had her Joseph and a mysterious Providence provided him a Joseph who provided against a seven years famine and saved the people. May that same kind Providence provide for us, though we be as wicked as they, the means of escaping the suffering consequent upon one year's scarcity and that all our hopes may be sanctified to our future welfare here and in the life to come and in the end prove to have been a blessing in disguise is the earn my prayer from the date of our calamity and my faith is strong in God that he will provide the means and that he will yet in this wicked land of ours, erect him a Name that shall be feared, and before whom all