HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington Dec 14 1869

Genl O O Howard

Dear Sir.

I desire to obtain the Post office address of "E. W. Mason, now in the employ of the Freedmans Bureau, about New Orleans or Texas" Can you aid me in the matter? I am conscious that the data I have, the best honor I can obtain are very meagre.

With respect Yours truly

A H Laflin

Washington, Dec 14th 1869

The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Columbia Hospital and Dispensary for Women, will convene at the Hospital Building, on Thursday, the 16th day of Dec at 7 O Clock P.M.

A full attendance is desired.

Respectfully,

J. W. Coombs

Secretary.

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Washington D.C.
Dec. 15th 1869

Genl. O. O. Howard
Dr. General

There is a young man here from Florida whom I would like to provide for temporarily. Can you not give him a $1200. clerkship. If you can do so I should be greatly obliged

Very Respy
J. M. Osborn

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Washington D.C.
December 15th 1869

Osborne. G. W.
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Washington Dec 16, 69

General - We should like to have you respond to a sentiment complimentary to the Army. If you will make the toast so much the better. If so send me the sentiment by mail to morrow. I think one care better talk from a text manufactured by their own brain.

Yours Respectfully J H Crossman
for the Ex Committee
M E Society

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Excuse this pattern I have no facilities for writing as I could wish, and desire to save time

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The Arlington Washington Decr 1869

Genl O. O. Howard

My Dear General,

Our friend Swaine having secured his promotion & presume there will be a vacancy on your staff. If consistent with your inclination and duty I would be glad to have my Cousin Maj. Ben M. Piatt near you. He is honest, capable and a gentleman – and I have no hesitation in recommending him to your kind consideration –

I have not yet had time to pay my respects to you but hope soon to accomplish that pleasant duty Yours respectfully

John Piatt

General Howard

Dear Brother

In consequence of the sharp talk this morning I forgot to say to you that I have received no notice of the whereabouts of the two other notes, coming due to day & of which you as trustee are one of the payers. I ask you to give yourself no uneasiness in regard to them for I shall pay them as soon as possible. Brother, when those who should not judge, in spare our motives we can say "There God sees not as man sees" & "Knowest all the reasons."

I am paying out my own little money to help this cause of humanity and would like assistance that I may do more.

Yours truly

G. F. Needham

Dec 16

Office of Education,
Washington, D.C. Dec. 16. 1869.

Maj Genl. O.O. Howard.

Dear Sir.

Since I called on you to-day, having examined the communication made by you to the Hon. Sec. of War, in regard to the Consolidation of the Dept. of Education & the Educational division of the Freedmen's Bureau, it has occurred to me, that inasmuch as the Superintendents of Schools in the Several States are to meet here in February, it may be well to send a copy of your letter to as many of them as is convenient; & if you agree with me, & will send me a number of copies, I will see that they are properly directed & forwarded. We have in our office

a list of all the State Superintendents, & also the names of many S. Superintendents in the principal cities.

Yours very truly

H. E. Rockwell

INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.

Office of Committee on Home Correspondence,

WASHINGTON, *December* 13, 1869.

Sir:

It is proposed to hold at the City of Washington, during the year 1871, an **International Industrial Exhibition of the Works of Art and Industry of all Nations,** *and a bill to encourage and promote the undertaking is now before Congress. The enterprise has the personal sanction of the President, who has made a liberal subscription to it, and the citizens of the District of Columbia have pledged themselves to contribute at least a million of dollars towards its success. The proposition has also met with much favor in Europe, and from leading friends of American industry at home.*

The first object of the promoters of this undertaking is, to make it thoroughly a National Enterprise, by securing the most complete representation of American Raw Materials, Machinery, Manufactures, and Works of Art. To this end, the Governors of the several States have been appointed members of a National Executive Committee, with a view to insure in each State the most influential and efficient co-operation in obtaining a fair and full exhibition of its Art and Industrial Products.

The object of this communication is to notify you of the present condition of the undertaking, and to request your influence in aid of the proposed Exhibition, both in Congress and in your own State.

We beg the favor of an early reply, and solicit a communication of such views and suggestions as you may have to offer in reference to the best mode of accomplishing the objects in view.

We have the honor to be

Your obedient servants,

J. M. EDMUNDS,
C. H. CRAGIN,
RICHARD WALLACH,
CHAS. F. STANSBURY,
Committee.

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Washington D. C., Dec 5.

Major Genl. O. O. Howard
Washington
~~Dear Sir~~ General

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Yours truly
Chas F. S

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CHARLES F. STANSBURY,

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Washington, D. C., Dec. 16 1869

Major Genl. O. O. Howard
Washington.

~~Dear Sir:~~ General,

You noticed Mr Sumner's remark in the Senate about the London Exhibition of 1871. It is calculated to do us much harm, and if my information from abroad is correct, it was based upon an erroneous idea as to the character of the London Fair. My letters say that that is to be an annual exhibition, open to all the world, but not a Worlds Fair in the ordinary sense. If it is to be annual, it will be as much in our way in 1872 as in 1871, and I don't think it ought to arrest our efforts in the least. In any event, our bill says "1871 or as soon thereafter as may be practicable" and I hope no change of base will be hastily attempted.

Yours truly

Chas. F. Stansbury

HALLET KILBOURN

J. M. LATTA.

KILBOURN & LATTA,

Real Estate Brokers,

Corner of 7th and F Streets,

Publishers of The Real Estate Bulletin.

Washington, D.C. Dec 16 1869.

General.

Senator Hamlin informed me to-day, that there would be a meeting of the Senate Committee on District of Columbia, to-morrow at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of further considering the Bill for organizing the International Exhibition. As Congress has resolved to adjourn on Wednesday next, and the House adjourns, to-day or till Monday, it is important that we should see to it that some action is had before Wednesday.

If convenient I hope you will visit Senate Comm. to-morrow.

Respectfully Hallet Kilbourn

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Washington D.C. Dec 16 1869.

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard,
Dear Sir,

You very kindly consented to assist me to secure the appointment of Postmaster at Augusta Ga. and afterwards advised that I should resign the position before the nomination was sent to the Senate by the President. Having great respect for your opinion, and believing that you advised me as a friend, I have carefully considered the subject, but have decided that I had better not resign. I desire to state to you some of the reasons that have induced me to come to that decision.

I acknowledge that I am selfish in the matter. The place is a good one, worth four thousand dollars per year, and I desire to retain it, because it is a good place, but I also desire it for other reasons.

I should have commenced to practice law nearly eight years ago, if I had not entered the army. I gave three years to my country ~~then~~ during the war. In the spring of 1865 I found it necessary to seek a milder climate; and I went South and settled at Augusta Ga. You know something of my history since. I assure you that I have laboured in the work of reconstruction and for the freedmen from a sense of duty, as much so as when I entered the army in 1861. I feel that I have given eight years of my life to my country; I have taken that much from my profession. The time has come when I wish to return to my profession, but I have no business, and such is the prejudice against me that it would be impossible for me now to support my family at Augusta. I have contracted a debt of over five thousand dollars since the war. The most of it was contracted in my efforts to assist the colored people of Georgia, and to assist in building up a Republican party in that State. I have been able during the last eight years to devote but very little time to the study of my profession, and it is necessary that I should again read some of the text books before I can successfully engage in the practice of the law. If I can retain the Post Office at Augusta four years, I believe that I will at that time be out of debt, and have a business that will support my family. Should not the government now assist me, considering my services during the war and in the cause of reconstruction?

When I went South I did not profess to be a Christian man. I went there as a business man. I had but very little missionary spirit, and was in no sense a philanthropist. Since I went there I have, I trust, given my heart to God, and I see a new and grand work rising up before me — to assist in making the people of Georgia better and particularly to assist the colored people.

Almost entirely through my instrumentality the Georgia Repub-

to live there. I have therefore decided not to resign. If I am confirmed I shall return to Georgia and enter with new vigor into the work that I have marked out for myself; if I am not I must leave the State and go where I can make a new start among large men who respect a soldier and a Republican who has done a little for his country.

I am,
With Esteem,
J. E. Bryant.

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with them. You remember that in 1866 I developed my plans quite fully in speaking of the Georgia Educational Association. Since the spring of 1867 until quite recently I have been constantly engaged in political contests. I believed that the battle for political rights must be fought first, and I have devoted my entire time to that contest. Now we want Christian Reconstruction and intellectual improvement. It is a grand contest to engage in, and I want to assist in this work. I intend that the Georgia Republican shall do its part. I desire that all of your friends who engage in this work shall be united. I do not want to see them jealous of each other. I desire that the Freedmen's Bureau, the American Missionary Association, the Methodist Freedmen's Aid Society, and all other societies at work for the Freedmen shall work in harmony. I intend that the Georgia Republican shall work with each and all.

The colored men of Georgia have organized the Mechanics and Laborers Association. The object is to improve the condition of the colored people. That Association unanimously voted to make the Georgia Republican its organ. The Association unanimously decided that the important work to be done is to educate the people; that the quickest way for the colored people to secure their rights is to get education. The Secretary, Mr. J. White the working man of the Association, lives in Augusta. I believe that he fully agrees with me in my plans for organizing the colored people for the purpose of assisting in their own elevation. In short the Mechanics and Laborers Association proposes to do the same work that the Georgia Educational Association proposed to do. I will not attempt to enter further into details, but simply say that this great work looms up before me, and I long to assist in it.

Some of the most intelligent Christian colored men of Augusta have organized a Young Men's Christian Association, and have adopted a Constitution similar to that of the Association of which you are President. The Association was organized mainly through my instrumentality. I hope to see similar Associations organized in all the cities and large towns in Georgia. The Georgia Republican will advocate the organization of these Associations, and I shall exert my entire influence to assist in their organization. I shall also try to organize similar Associations among the white Christians, and believe that I shall succeed in doing so very soon.

I find that I can now do more good than ever before, & I have a most ardent desire to continue to labor for the cause so dear to me, but if I give up the Post Office the Georgia Republican must be suspended, and I must leave the State for it would be impossible for me

Washington D.C.
Dec 17. 1869

Major Gen. O. O. Howard
Sir

The enclosed letter should have been placed in your hands this morning.

I cordially endorse this recommendation, & well understand the want of such service in our educational department as Capt. G. B. Carse can render.

Yours truly
Jonathan C Gibbs
Sec. of State
Florida

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Washington D.C.

Marietta Ga. Dec 17th 1869

Maj. Genl O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

Not knowing positively that the Hon. J. H. Rice from Maine is a M.C. the present term, I have taken the liberty of enclosing a letter for him to you. I have on purpose left it open for you to read; after which please seal it, and if he is not a Member of the present congress nor in Washington, be pleased to address it to his Home in Maine. If Mr Rice is not now a Member of Congress, be kind enough so to advise me. I have refrained for a long time from writing to you on the political condition of our State, believing as I have for some time past, that human advice and aid, under existing circumstances, could avail nothing for good; and that it was best and proper for us to remain quiet, and allow God to overrule all things concerning our destiny, in the manner which His Wisdom and Mercy may dictate. Still I confess it would afford me much pleasure to have continued my correspondence with you.

I remain Good my dear Sir

Your Obt Servt

W. King

Senate Chamber
Dec 17 [1869]

Dear General

The enclosed speaks for itself, & is all the information I have upon the subject to which it refers. Yours truly

L M Morrill

Maj Genl O. O. Howard

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To Hon Lot M Morrill

Senate Chamber

Please see or write to Genl O. O. Howard for me there is a vacancy of an aid de camp on his staff I had the promise of it important to me — Chas. M. Keyes

30 L 175 Paid me

THIS TELEGRAM HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED AT THE OFFICE IN

No 432 Penna Avenue.

WHERE ANY REPLY SHOULD BE SENT.

Direct Wires.

Piedmont Station
Va. Dec 17
1869

General O. O. Howard

General

About 28th of November, I wrote thanking you for your kind and Christian Answer to my former letter, but have since learned the person I gave the letter to last several, and not having received a Answer I have been fearing mine was among the Number, please if not Asking too much let me know, and if Anything can be done in my case

Very Respectfully

Helen J. Warren

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Hon O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

You are earnestly requested to attend the anniversary of the Emancipation proclamation Jan 1st 1870 in Nashville.

Respectfully &c

W. A. Sumner

Committee on invt

Nashville Dec. 17th 1869