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New York, Aug. 6 1823

Dear Mr.

I have had a better day today than yesterday. Mr G. R. Whipple who seems to be succeeding subscribers 500.

I am pretty tired as this is all for our day & many efforts - though I have not really asked anybody else to give. Give my love to all.

I visited Anna of the Sun & the editor of the Graphic today.

I think the latter will turn in our favor & Anna knows me of old.

I hope they are well. Ask him to write me a line from time to time & me directing him till Saturday.

I think I shall go up to Peterboro N.Y. some just after now - Gerrit Smith

to see if he will be at
home & would like to see
me. I hope you or
Mary & Henry or even
Lee and that all are
well. Of course I would like
to him. The visit to Boulogne
will not now be made - Do
you hear good news from
Chamay? I staid last night
with Mrs Crittenden - don't
know when I will go to-night
perhaps to some hotel.

Sincerely yours heres

Otis

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Your friend & servant.

W. W. M. M.

Quartermaster General

A. J. A.

Washington D. C.

Aug. 6th 1873.

Very truly yours,

States that United
States took the work
in hand after the time
had fully past.

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Quartermaster General's Office,

Washington, D. C. Aug 6th 1873.

Br'tl. Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard.

Washington

General:

As you were present when
Mr Richards was complaining
against the Quartermaster's Depart-
ment for unjust treatment of
Arthur Pannell in connection
with his contract for erecting a
building at Fort Whipple Signal
School Station, and heard his
declaration that the delay was not
so long as I supposed, I send you
a copy of a report of the Dep't
Quartermaster, by which it appears
that the contract was dated 22^d

July, 1872,^{that} the building was to be constructed within 90 days, say by 20th October, and that not being finished, according to contract, it was taken possession of by the United States on 6th December, 1872.

All parties connected with the business appear to have been tired out by the contractor's delays and inefficient performance of his contract & instead of two or three weeks delay, as apparently supposed by Mr Richards, his unfortunate bondsman, the United States did not interfere finally till forty-seven days after the time it should have been finished and the troops sheltered in it.

Instead of getting under shelter in October, they did not obtain possession of the finished building till some time in mid-winter.

The Bondsman was so positive in his charges against the officer that I think you should know the facts which are that out of regard for the peculiar circumstances of the contractor's case and desire to avoid injury to the bondsmen, he was granted too much indulgence & that this was continued till the complaints of the commander of the garrison of the suffering of the men, made it imperative to put an end to his delay and procrastination.

I am, very truly,

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Depot Quartermaster's Office.
Washington, D.C. Aug. 4th 1873.

To the Quartermaster General, U.S.A.
Washington. D. C.

General:

In reply to your inquiry of the 1st instant you are respectfully informed that Arthur Pannell's contract was dated July 32. 1873, and by its terms he was required to have the building completed within ninety (90) working days from said date.

The work was taken possession of by the United States, December 6. 1873, and contractor notified same day.

Very respectfully,
Your obd. servant,
(S. q. d.) W^m Myers.

Depot Quartermaster.
Bvt. Brig. Genl. U. S. A.

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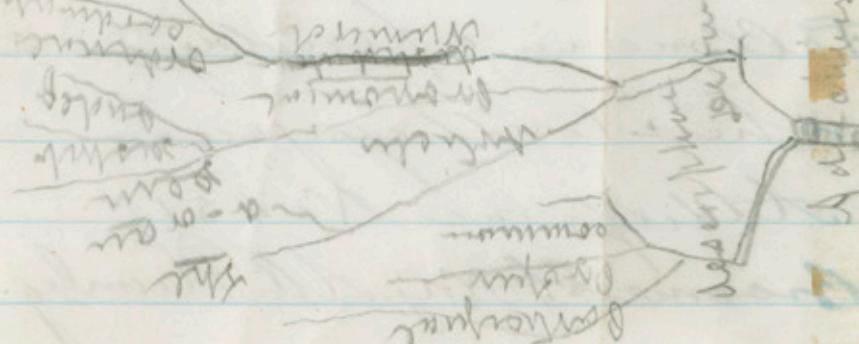
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Plainfield
Aug. 7: 1873.

Plimley A.R.

Desires you to
call on Hiram
Barney.



I never learned
to swim very easily
but learned to swim
very easily

Plainfield N.J. Aug. 7. 1873.
My very dear Sir,

I advise you
to call, this morning or
slidam Barney about 10
111 Broadway, Trinity
Buildings - Barney, But
ler & Co., 2nd floor. He is the
Man to not only introduce
& put you into every man's
heart, now in the City, but
to entertain you at his grand
place with all his warm
heart. He is a most genial

man, & will feel it a pleasure
to aid you. Tell him I believe
Providence, by ordering it so
that I met him in the street,
just after, I, so Providential
ly met you, suggested it to
my mind. Next after a few
calls, in & around the City,
go with him to Saratoga,
put up at the Congress, &
he & others & your own face
will make you acquainted
with all you want to know
to present your glorious cause
personally & publicly, first
by speaking to the men of
means & influence, then in

all the regular Religious
meetings, & this will, with
the aid of prominent lay
men & Clergy prepare the
way for a great public
meeting for your object.
Make the interest of Buyle,
He proorthd all the men of
power for this, & do not be
turned aside by the plea
of so many meetings, but
drive it up before all of
them. It God so will prosper.
Tell me in a few days
where to address you.
Address me No 451
Broome St, N.Y. A.H. Plumley



War Department,
Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C. August 7th 1873

Brig. Genl. O. O. Howard U. S. A.,
Late Commr. Bureau R. F. & A. d.,
Washington, D. C.

General:

Referring to letter, transmitted by you to this Department, of F. A. Seely, late Agent Bureau R. F. & A. d. at St. Louis Mo. dated July 24. 1873, wherein he denies having issued the Circular addressed "to the Colored people of Missouri", referred to in A. G. O. letter of July 17. 1873, I have respectfully to inform you that, notwithstanding Mr. Seely's denial, this office has in its possession a printed copy of said Circular, which will remain open to personal inspection by you whenever you may feel so disposed.

I am General
Very respectfully

your obedient servant
Edmonstone
Adjutant General

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U. S. Cavalry Recruiting Rendezvous,

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No. 2047 Market Street,

Personal

Philadelphia, August 7th 1873.

Dear General Howard,

This morning's paper contains a list of names of civilians and enlisted men appointed, by the President, & subject to examination, to 2^d Lieutenancies in the Army. The name of Sgt. major A. Knoflach, of my regiment, who was highly recommended by the Regimental Commander, and in whose behalf I asked your kindly assistance, does not appear. Do you know why he was omitted? I cannot conceive of any soldier better fitted, by education, for advancement, than he, and I feel very sorry that so meritorious an applicant has been overlooked. I sent you a copy of the letter of the Regimental Commander, setting forth Sergeant major Knoflach's qualifications, in June, and it may have failed to reach you. The original letter of recommendation went to the Adjutant General in February. If not yet too late to have Knoflach's name added to the list, I can personally assure you that any assistance given to this man would be most worthily bestowed. It is possible that his

reputed age may have been an obstacle
but while he is over thirty years old,
he is, to every appearance, very much
younger, and his physique is all
that could be desired in an efficient
soldier.

I hope that you will excuse an
appearance of importunity, on my part, in
this man's behalf, but from his having
served, formerly, in my own troop, I have
had good opportunity to judge of his merits
and feel an interest in him. He is
wholly ignorant of my asking your
assistance for him, and what I have
done. I have done entirely upon
my own responsibility.

In haste, Dear General,

Very truly and respectfully yours

William J. Tolman

Capt. 3^d Cavalry

General O. O. Howard,

U. S. Army

Washington, D. C.

Notes concerning
the name of Capt.
Major Wm. J.
Tolman as it appears
in the papers
not mentioned

Aug. 5, 1863

W. H. Tolman
Capt. 3^d Cavalry.

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New York

Aug. 8-1873.

Roswell S.
Desires aid

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New York Aug. 8. 1873.

Sir:

Having become acquainted before this of your charitable & christian character I take the liberty of addressing you -

I am an Israelite & if possible, would be willing to be converted to your faith & knowing that you take great pains for the advancement & spread of your religion I address myself to you, claiming nothing but a situation somewhere whether mercantile or otherwise to gain an honest living. I am out of situation at present but can furnish the best of references -

If you think it worth while
to consider this matter I would
submit to any arrangement
you should choose but would
prefer to be under your
directions in your city -

I repeat again that it is only
because I heard of your influence
& zeal for your church that
I am bold enough to address myself
to you -

Should you approve of it
I beg you would be kind enough
to recommend me to some
gentleman who would furnish
me with a ticket to Washington
to present myself to you.

Hoping to receive an answer
soon I remain

Yours most respectfully

S. Roswald

care

Schneckenberger Bros
277 Bowery
New York.

I forgot to add that I am
a German by birth & 26 years of
age, of good family but tho'
misfortunes reduced my circum-
~~stances~~.

D. B. DAILEY.

JNO. H. KEATLEY.

LAW OFFICE OF

DAILEY & KEATLEY,

Council Bluffs, Iowa, Aug 8th 1873.

Gen Q. C. Howard.

Washington

D.C.

Dear Sir-

Would you be kind
enough to give me the address
of Gen O'Brien Commissioner of
the Freedmen's Bureau for Oregon
for the years 1865-66.

Yours &c.

M. H. Keatley

~~L. O. P. K.~~

Council Bluffs Iowa
Aug. 8th 1873.

Neatly Inv. H.

Desires the address of
Genl. Q. Brown, Commiss.
sioner of Freedmen's Bureau.

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and Aug 15 1873

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Headquarters Army of the United States.

Washington D.C. Aug 8 1873

Genl O. O. Howard
Washington D.C.
Dear General,

I have written to call
and see you for some
days, but have been prevented.

If you come down
town soon, I would be
pleased if you would call
in, as I have a message
for you -

Very truly yours,

W. T. Sherman
General.

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Ossego N.Y.

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Augt 28 1873

General Howard

My dear Sir

Whilst on a visit

to this City, received your letter of 6th inst.

I am to return home on Friday 12th inst.

and I do not foresee any thing to call me
from home again for two or three

weeks. I much hope that you will
call to visit me during that time.

I shall feel myself to be at my leisure

to be pleased by a visit from you.

If you could personally inform me

the day & hour when you will be

at Canastota, you will find my

wagon there to bring you to my
home, 9 miles.

With great regard
you find

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forwarded - last night I
proposed to Gen. G. C. Dodge
at Long Branch but Mr.
J. Branch had delayed
the H. W. & N. T. train
and did not get up there -
I went to the H. & N. T. Sta.
depot, purchased a ticket
to go by the 4 P.M. train -
but the conductor says "Train
does not stop". Well the
~~next~~ was too late - I
turned back to a beautiful
paper meeting at Mrs.
C. A. Graves 23rd Street.
Spent all night at the
"Asylum Hotel" nearby -
now I hear that Gen. Dodge
spends an evening this eve. & last
in bed. Doubtless I should
have been thrown out.
"No ways are not our ways"
Morning in West. Otis

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New York Aug. 8
2 P.M.

Dearest - I spent yesterday in
visiting Long Branch - went
down with Gen. G. Dodge
I did not speak to him
till we reached the station
when we took the cars to L.B.
we rode together. I never
knew him more talkative.
We took a carriage at
the depot & rode perhaps
a mile & a half in this
way along the Beach -
the hotels are on your
right & the water on your
left - ladies & gentlemen on
walking, out together in "Walking
dress" to break the waves
that keep dashing over
them. At last we came

EPH

To the celebrated cottage of the President - met Perry at the door. The Hall Cottage is on the left of the road towards the sea, quite below all hotels. There are several besides this about. Mrs Grant comes in to greet us - Her father is very ill but temporarily better. She implores for you kindly speak of Grace as having a good amount of character - decision on. I had a talk of about an hour with the President. He backs me up strongly - speaks very freely. said he wished I could have seen him in Washington during his last trip there. I gathered that they were watching my case.

Cottage not - Hebrewway
Aug 22d at 7 a.m.

Met the chickens are to be sent to the Presidency before they are let loose. I used to see the well known two first of Hovey Boarding this morning and he gave me an interview on board & I feel quite the great interest the work is in me and in the university that he will open up channels of help. He wishes me to dine with him & spent the night at Sprague's Hotel stations. I promised to do so Monday night next give much time to all - his Grace, Anna Maria have had a whole week with us a like so with our dear 56 Reader & I'd leave it with her

The Brooklyn Daily Union,

Brooklyn. Wednesday 1873
[AUG 9?]

Dear Ann

I cannot make arrangements at Farmington until I go home. I wish you would come to Farmington & spend Sat^h eve with us - I think I will go over to Bristol Sat^h PM & bring you over to F (if you will come) provided I can make arrangements for a meeting Sat^h eve & the roads are good - ^{the} ~~we~~ I think ^{they} will be very bad - I have left a brief (substantially) of your remarks last evg^h for the Union - very truly yours
W^m S^r K Freedman

Em Howard



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Mass

Spencer Aug 9^o 1873,

My Dear O. O. Howard, U.S.A.
Washington D.C.,
General,

Our y. M.C.A desire to secure you
for a lecture in our country, we have a population
of over 5000 in the village, are eleven
miles west of Worcester on the Boston
and Albany R.R. We have already secured
Bro W.H.H. Murray, Wendell Phillips Esq,
Bro W.B. Wright of Buckley St Chace
Boston, Gral Hall of Me - our people
are very anxious to have you and if possible
please visit us, late in the fall or early
winter will suit us, but if you can come
we shall gladly accept whatever time suits
your convenience, please oblige me with a
reply as early as convenient and state price
etc, I am, Gral, Sincerely Your obbedient
Secty 4^m C. A. & Chairman Secy Comr,

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Fayetteville, N.C.

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August 9th, 1873.

Genl Q. Q. Howard:-

Dear Sir,

According to promise, I should enclose to you (\$20.) twenty dollars. But believe me, my dear sir, my school, is an entire failure. And it resulted from the spirit of the regular teachers, who, in order that they might secure their ends, have falsely represented me to the people; and have persuaded them not to patronize my school.

In vain, I present my recommendations, they only excited greater prejudice.

Though my misfortunes are so enormous, yet I will pay the amount due with ^{the} help of ^{the} Master.

Do you think, Genl, that any inducements will be thrown out to poor students? I am certain of getting an appointment through my Congressmen, if I can only return to the Univ. It will grieve me much to sacrifice my standing and class in the Institution.

Please to write a few lines advising ^{me} as to whether it would be prudent for me to return to Univ, and reenter upon my studies. For I would be happy to enter college with my class in '74.

Faithfully Yours, in haste,
A. Smith.

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Payetteville, N.C.
Aug 9, 1873.

Smith A.S.

Desires information
concerning school mat-
ter.

ma. I enclose Mrs Abbott's
check for ten dollars which
they will cash at the D. W.
National. I do hope
you are all well - I long
very much to be home
as often very however.

It is one of the many
trials of this beggery
work for the University.

I wonder what is
the message from Gen^l
Sherman. Well down
all around & the best
to my precious wife
Fayings

: H.H.

Dearest -

I shall start home
tomorrow at 12.30 P.M.
reaching Washington 10 P.M.
nothing preventing. I
think Mr Whipple will
accompany me. To
~~that~~ you very much
as at the Depot (Wednesday)
tomorrow night at 10 ..

I went with Mr Page to
Hackettson on Saturday as
I promised. We had a Judge
Cummins to accompany us &
take us to his home. He
& his wife have 10 children
all grown nine at home
every night - eight boys &
different trades & businesses

Newark

Aug. 17 1873

(Tuesday)

in the city & two girls over
graves of a invalid, & the
other a little older a sprightly
pleasant young lady. She &
her mother do all the work
of the house except what
a little maidening girls of 10
years can do the way of waiting.

This was a big family =
we found Lt Palmer who
was one in my staff in the
11th Army corps - married & living
here doing business in N.Y.
Here is where we have Mr
Walter Phelps dinner - he &
his wife were both taken very
sick after you & I saw them
at the Arlington in Washington
& were not at home - recuper-
ating in Connecticut. We had
our programme arranged &
filled it - addressing their Sunday
schools in the day & a union
meeting of all the people

or evening. Mr Johnson, Mr
brother of Dr & Mrs Johnson
is here as editor. He wrote
a beautiful editorial in my
favor some time ago & I was
delighted to see me. I did not know
he had left Washington.
I felt real bad yesterday about
Bessie's eye. I wished to start
tired home - but when I
received Gladys' telegram
concluded to stay here till
tomorrow. Last night I
went up to stay with Mr
Hon. Hiram Barney at
Spencer Duguid Creek Station
He is a lawyer - used to Collector
of New York under Mr Lincoln.
He has a large place. I will
stay with him again, tonight. I
look for him to introduce
me. He is a genious & sociable

Rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association,
CORNER OF NINTH AND D STREETS.

Washington, D.C., Aug. 12th 1873.

Genl. O. O. Howard

Sir

when I was in the Army
we all knew you for your
good deeds and good advice
to the soldierz. I do not doubt
but what you are as charitably
inclined as you were then.

I am a cripple by having
received a severe hernia
in the Army which has
nearly so prostrated that
I am afraid of its strangu-
lating me. I have not been able to
work for some time at my
trade Carpentry, and
have not been able to get any
other employment here that
I would be able to work at.
I have a good Chest of Tools

which if I could get you to
take and advance me the
twelve dollars necessary for
a passage to Cincinnati I
should very much like to do
if you will do this General
you will confer a great
favor on me and I will
return your money and
redeem my tools in two
or three weeks. I have had
work for two weeks past
since I saw you before for
Vulture and Cunningham
Commission Merchants which
gave me enough for to pay
our board but that work
is all done now so if I can
not get away from here I
do not know what I will
do. Gent do me this favor and
help me wh god knows is in need
Very Respectfully George Brown

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Monistown N.J. Aug. 12 /73

Gen. O. D. Howard

Dear Sir

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It with great
respect that I desire to address
you & to ask as a favor
that if, within your power,
you will inform me, why

Gen. H. A. Whittlesey died,
as the papers inform us, at
St. Elizabeth Asylum. He
was my cousin, but I had
known nothing of him of late
years, except that he was in
the war, I had, subsequently,
married a widow, with
children. I cannot therefore
understand why he should
die at an Asylum. Although
he was my cousin, yet he did
not in former years give his
friends any cause for very
great regard for him, but

but for his loved, noble &
Christian mother's sake, many
years deceased, I would desire
to know all about him, &
whether good or evil, the
truth will go no further.

With great respect,

Yours,

Elizabeth G. Stites

Please direct

Care of Richard W. Stites Esq

Morristown,

N. Jersey.

War Department,
Bureau of Military Justice, 142

Washington, D.C. Augt 12th 1873

Genl O. O. Howard.

General

In reply to

your note of the 8th Inst, I have
to say that the information you
desire me to communicate to you
is not in the possession of this
Bureau & I am in consequence
unable to comply with your
request -

You ask me to use my
influence with the Secretary that the
claimant list may be kept
separate & not affixed - &
unless the Secretary should request
my opinion in regard to this matter
- which I think it certain he will
not do - it would be manifestly
improper for me to seek to influence
in any way his views in reference

to a proceeding so purely advisory
that we casting so entirely in his
discretion as does this -

Very respectfully
Your ob^t servt

J. Holt.

L. S.

in consideration of the importance
of the measure at stake
and for safety of the State
we expect no delay in your
adoption of the first of the
measures proposed

and will proceed at the earliest
opportunity to make a report
of our instructions to you
and of our action in this
matter as soon as it can be
done without delay.

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Georgetown D.C.
Aug 12th 1873.

Dear General

I have not succeeded
as yet in getting a copy of
that letter -

Will you please
give the necessary directions
for the officer in charge
of your office to send
me a copy to my address
Georgetown D.C. and oblige

Yours very truly -

Wm. H. Brewster

Gen. D. B. Howard
Present

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