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Disbursing Department,  
Third Auditor's Office,  
Washington, D. C., January 19<sup>th</sup>, 1874  
Brig. Genl G. O. Howard, U. S. A.

Sir:

In reply to your verbal request, I have the honor to inform you that your accounts as Chief Disbursing Officer, Bureau R. I. and Abandoned Lands, from October 1<sup>st</sup>, 1871, to June 20<sup>th</sup>, 1872, have been audited and stated in this Bureau, sent to the Second Comptroller for his official action, and returned to this office, correct and closed.

The last settlement made was reported to Second Comptroller, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 1872, and returned to this office, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 1872, as "Balanced and Closed".

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Very respectfully yours,

Official Copy  
A. Warden  
A.D.C., M.A.

Allan Rutherford  
Auditor

ca. "Jambudik mello"

"Jambudik mello"

Apr. by favor of S. A. Minkoff

O. L. H. Howell & O. D. Ladd

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Aug 15 before noon I dug out

the tree which was about 3 feet in diameter  
about 100 ft. S. E. of L. A. Minkoff's house

Dug out root, cut tree and it fell down.

Subsp. found in it had small clusters of flowers

in spike like clusters but wider than 1 mm. in

length from sharp pointed tip to all

at Jambudik mello, sp. the plant obtained here

is well one hundred to one thousand times

as broad as the plant

in

longer flowered post

Inflorescences

ribbed

and expect I will go  
and think we is independent  
and I will make it in and  
I feel no desire to do any  
more than to do my duty  
  
Well we have a  
good & kind & intelligent  
and in my view good  
and honest & fair and  
good government has not yet  
been all in general done  
but we will see what  
we can do and if  
we can't do it we will  
see what we can do  
and if we can't do it we will  
see what we can do  
and if we can't do it we will  
see what we can do  
and if we can't do it we will  
see what we can do

20  
40 Livingston Street.  
Brooklyn.

January 7<sup>th</sup> 1874



Genl D.O. Howard

Dear Friend

Your kind note  
of the 29<sup>th</sup> Dec. duly reached me,  
and we were all very glad to  
hear from you of the im-  
proved health of Mrs. Howard  
as well as your own.

I have noticed the trouble  
you are in, and sympathized  
with, & prayed for you & trust  
God will bring you out of  
it all, with honor both to  
yourself & His cause. I have  
never had a doubt of your  
own integrity, as you will  
know, and it would be a  
wonderful Providence had  
you succeeded in having an  
honest administration of  
all the complicated affairs  
of the "Freedmen's Bureau" under  
so many subordinate officers,  
but I fear you have not



David S. Bell

*John and*

Don and Bill

the same place and went  
to bed and we were all  
out of sleep and up  
around at 4 o'clock and  
then I went to bed again  
and was told and  
continued and so on till  
about 6 o'clock when  
I was wakened and up  
at 6 o'clock and still on  
and then at 7 o'clock  
out of bed as fast as  
I could go straight into  
the dust to and round  
and round and round  
as quick as possible and  
it got dimmed down  
and off I started off in  
and went round all the  
ways I could get out of

always been so careful and  
scrutinizing as you should have  
been in the selection of men to  
carry out the details, still I hope  
you will come out all bright  
and all right at last & I have  
no doubt you will.

I shall feel interested in having  
anything from you in relation  
to your trial of course hope  
you will send me any docu-  
ments bearing on the case.

Did you see that mean attack  
on your Christian Character &  
Want of Competency as a Soldier,  
by a reporter of the N.Y. Sun  
a week or 10 days since, purport-  
ing to be a Conversation with  
Genl. Hooker. I don't believe  
Hooker ever made the remarks  
attributed to him about you, if  
he did he ought to be publicly  
upmanned by Genl. Sherman  
for slandering a Brother Officer,  
and if he did not, he should be  
man enough to come out in  
the public prints, branding the  
article as a falsehood.—

<sup>5</sup> I appreciate their action respecting  
Mr Tilton and am anxious  
willing to return to the usual  
order & practice of Congregational  
Churches in our land.

But I have already decided  
with this matter and will  
not say no more.

Again expressing my kindest  
regards I remain very truly

Yours truly R. F. Buck

and God bless you and all  
that do small & mighty good

and of course we will do  
the best we can & endeavor to

do well. D. W. Brewster said it  
is a good man that does

well & did good as I can't  
do you not tell me how

I intend to do with regard  
to the Plymouth Church & what

we do & what we don't  
and I do not know what we

will do & what we will  
not do & what we will do



unopposed  
by the non-slavery party

and of course I will not tell  
any one (David Brewster)

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We are all pretty well, Miss Flint  
is still with us & thanks you for  
your remembrance of her and  
unity with us all in our kind  
regards to you Mrs Howard.

We are having a very rainy  
open meeting, I regret it is so  
stormy this week on account  
of the "Meetings for prayer" thus  
preventing many from attending.

We are observing the week in  
our Conference room daily at  
1/2 past 4 P.M. & people attend  
well & seem interested, I hope  
a blessing will follow.

We have not yet had a Council  
and don't know when we shall.  
Plymouth Church plays fast & loose,  
at one time they profess entire  
Independence & in the next breath  
desire the fellowship of the  
Churches, today want a Council  
if we shall give them the "Points"  
and when we give them, they  
don't even allude to them in  
their reply, but alledge that

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the action of our Church has  
begin originated as to calling out  
Church meetings &c mere evasion  
and trifling, they are opposed &  
puzzled, they will neither unite  
with us in calling a Council, or  
say they will not unite which  
makes the case quite embarrassing.  
I wish Mr Whittlesey who  
had no doubt read our Correspond-  
ence with Plymouth Ch. would  
write me on this subject, and  
say whether he thinks it would  
be wise or unwise for our  
2 Churches, to call a Council  
in case Plymouth Ch. will not  
unite with us. The papers as is  
usual are full of bias or mis-  
representation, this moving as to  
the Settlement of this question by  
Mr Bucker Storrs & Badin ton, no  
Settlement has been made. Mr  
Bucker did have an interview  
with Storrs & Badin ton, but I am  
positive nothing has been done  
to change the relations of our  
Churches toward Plymouth Church  
nor can there be unless they  
(Plymouth Church) are willing to

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United States  
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WRITE THE ADDRESS

ON THE OTHER



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

Fort Edward  
W. York Jan 8.

1870.

My admiration for  
you is my rea-  
son for ~~not~~ <sup>now</sup> writing  
~~to state that I bear-~~  
~~ing sympathy with~~  
you - in the malic-  
ious attacks that  
are being made  
upon your char-  
acter & reputation.  
Will you please fa-  
vor me with any in-  
formation you may have  
made to the charges  
of Gen. Belknap.

M. Rev. J. D. Miller



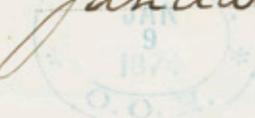


## Treasury Department,

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Second Auditor's Office,

January 8, 1874.

Gen<sup>l</sup> A. J. Howard,

Sir,

In reply to your note of yesterday, requesting a statement as to how your account, as actual disbursing officer of the Freedman's Bureau, appeared upon examination for settlement, I have the honor to inform you that with the exception of a clerical error of thirty two dollars, and fifty four cents, your account for disbursements actually made by you,

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was correct. That amount having  
been turned over by you and a voucher  
furnished, you were credited with  
it, in the settlement which was sent to  
the Comptroller and that in said  
settlement, no suspensions were made  
against you, during the period  
in which you actually disbursed  
in your own name.

Very respectfully,  
E. B. Finch,

Auditor

2<sup>nd</sup> A. Q. Pay Bill,  
Jan 8<sup>th</sup> 1874

E.P. French  
Auditor

States that the accts of  
Gm. H. as actual D.O.  
is correct with exception  
of \$32.54 - &c.



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War Department  
Washington City.

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January / 8 1874.

General O. O. Howard, U. S. A.

Late Commissioner Bureau R. F. and A. S.  
Washington, D. C.)

General:

In addition to the Bonds, or U. S. Securities,  
which have already been the subject of investigation  
and correspondence, it has, (since my letter of the  
2<sup>d</sup> instant relative to the U. S. securities) costing  
\$ 394.875.00) been ascertained that in March 1872  
you had, on special deposit in the U. S. Treasury,  
bonds valued at \$ 52.000.00.

Therefore, it has become necessary for me to ask  
the following information:

1. As to the specific character of the bonds \$ 52.000.00

referred to, and the authority for converting funds into the said securities.

2. — What was the object of so converting the funds?

3. — To what object, or for what purpose were the funds represented by the said bonds applied or used?

4. — What amount of interest accrued between the dates of purchase and sale, and what disposition was made of that interest?

Also, state date of purchase and date of sale.

5. — What increase resulted from the use of the funds represented by the said securities, and what disposition was made of it?

6. — Why were not the said bonds referred

to at or before the time General Schurz investigated the \$280,000.00 Bond matter?

In addition to the foregoing, it is important that I should be informed if any funds of the late Bureau were converted into Bonds, or U. S. securities, other than those thus far developed.

If so, I desire a full and complete detailed history of the transactions. If not, an explicit statement to that effect should be made.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. M. Bell nap

Secretary of War.

To r. de la tte. Jan: 9. 1874

W.W. Belknap.

Sec. of War

Wants information as to  
the peculiar character  
of bonds { \$52,000.00 }, why  
so converted &c &c

Answered Jan 10. 1873 Saturday  
and " 12 " Monday



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New York, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> 1874.

My dear General,

Your letter of Jan<sup>7</sup>.  
7<sup>th</sup> is received.

I have seen Major  
Coats, and he says you  
shall hear from him  
immediately.

Yours very truly,  
Geo. Whipple  
Cor. Secy.

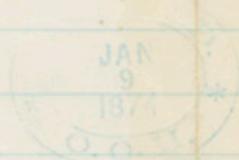
Per E. M. H.

New York

Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> 1874

Whipple C.

States that - May soon  
will be heard from im-  
mediately



108 HESTER STREET,

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New York, Jan'y 8<sup>th</sup> 1874

JAN  
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1874

Brig. Gen. O. O. Howard,  
U. S. A.

Sir

I have just received your letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> inst enclosing a list of soldiers whose claims for bounty are reported as paid by me. Receipts for these payments were made in duplicate and both of them were sent to Gen Balloch C. D. O. and a record in the form of "Register of Bounty Paid" was kept in my office at New Bern. this record I transferred to my successor upon being relieved.

I find it impossible after the lapse of six years to remember from memory alone individual cases of payment. with the vouchers or Register to refresh my memory I could undoubtedly swear to the payments if made by me.

Yours very respectfully  
A. Cook

New York  
Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> 1872

Cook & Co.

I enclose that those  
soldiers a list of  
whose names you  
sent, are, as shown,  
by his papers, now:

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108 HESITAR STREET

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GEO. W. DYER,  
Attorney and Counsellor at Law,  
FEDERAL BUILDINGS.  
SEVENTH AND F STREETS,

LOCK BOX 100.

Washington, D.C. Jan'y 9 1871

Gen Q. Q. Howard.  
Portland. Oreg.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed  
you will find the opinion of the  
Attorney General. I will write more  
fully in a day or so.

Truly Yours  
Geo. W. Dyer.  
Mr. Lef.

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Geo. W. Dyer,  
General Butler,  
FCCR Box 100.  
Selwyn and Stratton,  
Federal Building,  
Montgomery St., San Fran.

**Freedmen's Savings and Trust Company.**

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Norfolk, Va. Jan. 9 1874.

Brig. Gen.

O. O. Howard.

Washington, D.C.

General:

I return you list of Retained Bounty cases paid early in 1867, with such affidavit as I can give appended. I recollect most of the names and know they were paid; a voucher sent Gen. Ballock. But at that time, I had not been appointed "Agent," Bur. R. & S. L. - and being only a "clerk" to look after the Bounty & claim department, for a few months, did not of course retain a voucher, save the one filed in the office. The record was kept on monthly Report Blanks, and a copy filed in the office, with a triplicate voucher. I do not know what was done with the records & vouchers when Maj. Remington closed his office, but presume they were forwarded to you.

C. W. Buff, is at Charleston, S. C. in the



H.C. PERCY, Cashier

BRANCH OFFICE  
OF THE  
*Friedman's Savings and Trust Company.*

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Norfolk, Va. Jan. 9 1874.

practice of the law. - Doughty, Doughty and Cleland are in parts unknown, and J. S. (not J. I.) Wilson to whom I presume you refer, is a clerk in our Norfolk Custom House.

If I can be of any service in helping to set the much abused Bureau - or its chief - right before the public, - or such portion of the public as need any assurances, I shall be glad to do so.

Yours very respectfully  
H. Percy  
Cashier.

Inches

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Lance

Jan 9, 1874



JAN  
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Gen'l D. Howard  
Sir

You will greatly  
oblige me by ~~sue~~ by  
putting in writing -  
your wishes in re-  
gard to the loan  
exactly what you pro-  
pose I should do.

Very Respectfully  
The Martha Coston  
Arlington Jan 9<sup>th</sup> 44

