

Washington D.C. April 6th, 1870

Genl. J. R. Lewis

Supt. Education etc.

Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear General,

Col. H. B. Titus says he thinks you had better change your claim for the "Lab" property, asking that one half that accrues to the Government under the decree and that the other half shall then be paid to him under the present decision of the Court. He says he shall feel obliged to appeal in case the present decision is set aside and this will prolong the case. Please consider these statements and do what you, on the whole, you believe will be for the best interests of your Department. I shall sustain you as I promised in what you do in the premises unless it is plain that you have made a mistake.

Very truly yours.

(sgd) O.O. Howard.

Brig. Genl. U.S.A. Commissioner

July 14 [1870]

Dear friend -

Did you see
my letters to the Tribune?
I hope Smith will be
judicious in writing. Our
army officers are much [annoyed ?]
and an investigation has been -
ordered. I wish Smith had
some companion who could
give him company.
I send copy of my statement
& will send report soon -

Yours truly

O.O.Howard

Kind regards to all

David Clark Esq: Hartford Conn.

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M. Howard, Esq.

Jackson, Miss.

Sir:

Your letter is at hand. I have done the best I could for your son Michael. He is an excellent boy and I believe has native talent, but he is diffident in the presence of dignitaries and often answers without sufficient thought. I have examined him myself and recommended to the Secretary of War and the Academic Board at West Point to give him another trial, but I fear they will not do so. Mr. Perce has done all in his power for him. He nominated him for his first appointment, again begged the Secy. of War to send him, which the Secy declined to do, saying he could not do so after the Academic Board had acted and then he sent his recommendation with my own to West Point. I fear that the ordeal might be too severe for your son, even if he got in. He is conscientious and upright. He shall have special instruction while he remains here.

Very truly yours,

(signed) O.O.Howard

Brig General U.S.A. Comm^r