

Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> 1868

Rev. Geo. Whipple.

Cor. Sec. etc.

New York City

Dear Sir:

Your letter  
is just received. You know  
I am very poor. Can your  
Society afford to pay me one  
hundred dollars and expenses  
for my trip to Springfield?

Very truly yours

O.O.Howard

Major General



Washington, D. C.

Oct. 7th, 1868

Hon. E. B. Ward

Detroit, Mich.

My dear Sir.

Your kind letter is just  
received. I have held myself directly responsible  
for the Asst. Commissioners, that I have recommended -  
The original recommendations were

Genl. John Eaton, Dist. Columbia

Genl. O. Brown, Va.

Genl. E. Whittlesey, N. C. {  
Gen. Wager Swayne  
Gen. Rufus Saxton, S. C. { Ala

" Davis Tilson, Ga.

Col. T. W. Osborne, Fla.

Gen. Samuel Thomas, Miss.

Gen. J. W. Sprague, Ark.

Gen. C. B. Fisk, Tenn. & Ky.

Gen. C. M. Gregory, Texas

Now I replaced these by new Asst. Commissioners,  
as I was obliged to do under authority, and by  
great care, have managed to keep in first class  
men, and men politically right with one or two  
exceptions. For example Fullerton in N. C., who  
turned against me, but was kept there but  
a few days, when you know Genl. Baird followed  
him. Afterwards Buchanan who was not known  
to me till too late. I have lately affected  
a change, which puts one of our best men there



Genl. Edward Hatch. Now as to other subordinates,  
(9) nine out of every (10) ten have proved efficient and  
true as the testimony from all quarters viz:  
whites, freedmen, visitors, inspectors &c. &c. You  
know that I have been obliged to take many  
here upon an Army record, men who have proved false  
false in peace, but the imposition has been  
effected by members of Congress giving unqual-  
ified recommendations. I have removed a  
dishonest man at once, as soon as discovered.  
A man of bad habits, drunken, licentious  
or profane, has been promptly discharged, when  
the facts have been proved. [?] an  
instance has occurred for a year, where the Govern-  
ment has been defrauded. Some bad Agents  
have swindled the people, and have been  
caught and made to suffer. Perhaps two or  
three have escaped. I hold the Asst. Commrs.  
responsible for their subordinates. It is customary  
to underate any man's ability who tries to serve  
his God, and to impute to him special weakness:  
but I wish you could take my administration  
of the brigade - division - Army corps - & Army  
of the Tennessee - and then of this "misrepresented  
bureau", and give to them a thorough examination  
from 1861 to Oct. 1868, and then tell me if I have  
not understood men, and accomplished the  
purposes intended. I write you this partly  
because I have thought you have been deceived



and because by and by I want your sympathy  
in a great educational enterprise.

Very truly yours,

(sd) O. O. Howard

Maj. Genl.



Oct 10<sup>th</sup> [186]8

Alexander R. Shepherd

Washington, D.C.

My Dear Friend,

When you

[g]et an opportunity you must run in  
[a]nd see me and have a conversation with  
me about the hydraulic cement manu-  
factured at the Potomac Mills, Shephers-  
town Md. I want you to tell us in  
what way we can use it to advantage,  
as you suggest. General Meigs is said  
to speak very highly of it.

Very truly yours

O.O.Howard

Major-General



Oct 10<sup>th</sup>, [186]8

T. L. Tullock

Chairman Republican General Com.

My Dear Sir:

I wish to recommend  
through you to the Chairman of the  
State Committee of Pa., the bearer, Mr.  
L. C.  
^ Tibbets who desires employment for  
a few days. He has been so thoroughly  
persecuted in Virginia, and his family  
obliged to leave deprived of all employ-  
ment, with a handsome [stake ?] broken up -  
and in fact received in so [outrageous ?] a  
manner that I believe he could give  
a better transcript of the genuine  
Virginia society and the manner  
in which they treat Republicans, than



any other man I know of. I re-  
commend him to the committee  
for employment.

Very truly yours

O. O. Howard

Major General



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Rev. Geo. Whipple.

Sec. Amer. Miss. Ass.

Dear Sir,

Charles H. Howard

had thought about the  
Western Secretaryship. I could  
arrange to keep him an  
asst. Inspector, locate him  
there and do your duty &  
mine. The [bureau ?] being at  
no other charge than his  
salary.

Yours truly

O.O.Howard

Maj. Gen. Com.

John St. N.Y.



Nov. 11 [186]8

Rev. Geo. Whipple.

Dear Friend: Your kind letter with chk. for  
100 dolls. is just received.

Accept my thanks. You  
will not fail to give us  
a good missionary here  
will you? We are working  
[and ?] well. Gen Grant  
looks well & behaves better.

We look for "peace", but  
hope it will be an  
active one.

Affectionately yrs.

O.O.Howard



Washington D.C.

Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, 1868

Rev. E. P. Smith

New York City

My dear friend,

Please take Mr. Higgins to Miss [Gancelon ?] and let him see what he can do toward organizing a school there. As soon as he has got a school, let him make application through you for transportation, and it will be refunded. His note to you will be a voucher and you will please send it to me, as if an application.

Mr. Higgins might not be successful in his efforts to procure a school, and I do not wish to pay transportation upon the contingency.

Very truly yours,

(sgd) O.O.Howard

Maj. General



Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> 1868

Rev.<sup>d</sup> Geo. Whipple

Dear Sir

Genl.

O.O.Howard directs me  
to send you the accom-  
panying papers and to  
say that Mr. Ketchum  
is quite ill and unable  
to make the memorial.

Very truly yours

J.A.Sladen

Bvt'. Capt'. U.S.A.

A.D.C.



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My dear Swayne

That is right.

I most heartily & affectionately  
congratulate you upon entering  
upon the most [renumerative ?]  
business of life. I shall  
from previous engagements  
be obliged to be in another  
part of the country. I can  
endorse you without reservation  
                                & yours  
to Mrs. S-to be- & wish you  
the choicest of God's blessings

Aff. Yrs

O. O. Howard



Dec 7 1863

Rev. George Whipple

New York City

Dear Sir,

I wish you would put on duty my  
young friend George W. Trueheart employed by  
by [sic] me for service for the freedmen. Let him do  
something in connection with your office to be a  
quid pro quo for the appointment I give him.

I wish you would give him sufficient time to  
visit the headquarters of General Hancock and  
General McDowell with a view of getting enlisted  
in the general service. He will explain the  
matter to you. The appointment I gave him  
is only temporary.

Very truly Yours

O.O.Howard

Maj General



Washington, D.C.

Jany. 13<sup>th</sup>, 1869

Colonel Meysenberg

St. Louis, Mo.

My dear friend.

I received your New Year's congratulations  
with great pleasure.

I thank you from my hear for your kind words. My health is good. I  
believe all good results have been brought about by care and assiduity. I  
trust the choicest of God's blessings are resting upon you and yours.

Wishing you very many happy New Years, I remain,

Affectionately yours,

(sd) O. O. Howard,

Maj. General.



Telegram

Jan 15 [ 186 ] 9

Rev Geo. Whipple.

53 John St.

Does

Mr. Trueheart wish to go to Genl.

Terry as a general service clerk.

O.O.Howard

Bvt. Maj. Genl.

Comm<sup>r</sup>.



Ap. 15 [1869]

Rev. George Whipple

53, John Street, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Whipple,

I will agree

to be with you at Hartford a week  
from next Sunday if you cannot postpone the meeting later; but I should much prefer two weeks from next Sunday, and, so far as I know, you might rely upon me ~~for a surety~~ on that day. When I see you there, we can talk over the Albany meeting.

Very truly Yours

O.O.Howard

Bvt. Maj. General