

April 27 [1869]

Hon. F. C. Barlow

U.S. Marshal

Sir

Maj. Tho^s W. Baird is an applicant
for a position as one of your deputies, and asks
me to write a letter of introduction. During the
time I knew the Major he was a Divⁿ. Inspector
and served in a very creditable manner.

He was a brave and able officer and claims
to be a thorough Republican.

Very respy your obt. sert.

O.O.Howard

Bvt. Maj. Gen. U.S.A.

May 4th [1869]

Gen. Francis C. Barlow

Dear General-

Mr O. H. Pierson

of the Firm [sic] of John G. [Penzel?]

& Co. has asked me for a letter

of introduction to you - I

cheerfully give it. He was

introduced to me by a nice

lady of my acquaintance &

I have met him once

since. He is desirous of

some office with you - You

[can] look up his record &

satisfy yourself with regard

to his fitness. I commend him to

[your kind] considerations. Yrs truly

O.O.Howard

May 18th [1869]

Genl. P. H. Jones

Postmaster - New York City

Genl.

I trust you may find it consistent to retain the services of Dr. Gillette in the position he has been occupying in the Post Office. The Doctor has a good record as a Surgeon during the war and occupies a prominent position in the profession. I think from what I know of him, that he will give you complete satisfaction.

Very truly yours

O.O.Howard

Bvt. Maj. Genl. U.S.A.

June 21st [1869]

A. R. Shepherd, Esq.

Dear sir

Will you do me
the favor to give your opinion upon
the matter of the enclosed note

And oblige

Yours truly

O.O.Howard

Bvt. Maj. Gen^l.

U.S.A.

Washington D.C. July 2nd, 1869

Gen. J. R. Lewis

Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Friend:

I did have no influence in Bryant's appointment, and have taken no steps against Blodgett. I simply told Genl. Porter what I knew of Bryant when he served under me. I took some Georgians to see the President, who were Blodgett's friends, and they had from Genl. Grant's lips his reasons for his course. You are all right.

Affectionately yours,

(sgd) O.O.Howard

Washington D.C. Aug 5th 1869

Rev. J. E. Rankin

My Dear Friend:

By reading Loseing's history you will see how the charge of neglect is answered. I did not consciously neglect any duty. My dispositions were more thoroughly considered and as well arranged as in any subsequent battle. I was deceived as to the time of Jackson's attack, and did believe, with all the other Officers that he was making for Orange Court House.

The cavalry assigned to me did not go far enough out. My scouts reports were instantly and constantly reported to Genl. Hooker I called all the Division and Brigade Commanders together and counselled with them, and instructed them what to do. My command was really panic stricken under the sudden giving away of my right brigade, (one of Blenker's formerly) If the men were not on the "qui vive" it was owing to the indifference of some of those Officers who were angry that I had been assigned to the Corps. General Hooker knows me well. He knows I neglected no duty; but the subject is of little consequence. I am seldom reproached for my work in the War. I am conscious that under God's favor and blessing I worked hard and did what I could. I am expecting our bretheren will give you a call. My heart, and head go that way.

Affectionately Yours

(sgd) O. O. Howard

Aug 10th [1869]

Tuesday

Mr A. R. Shepherd

My dear Sir-

Please call

at my house a moment

on your way home

this evening - I wish to

see you about some

private business -

Yours truly

O.O.Howard

Aug 28th [1869]

A. R. Shepherd Esq.

Dear sir-

Dont [sic] forget
to give me some material
toward my lecture on the
removal of the Capitol.

Very truly yrs

O.O.Howard

M. G. C.

Nov. 2^d [18, 69

Rev. George Whipple:

My Dear Sir:

Mrs. M. S. Wilds

of Georgetown, Mass., member Baptist
Church has taught freedmen at Lake
City, Fla., and Plymouth, N.C.

She would like to go again this
winter. She is an excellent lady, of
fine presence, and strong character.

I dont [sic] believe you can get a better
teacher. Please correspond with
her. I saw her at Andover, Mass.

Very truly yours

O.O.Howard

Bt. Maj. Genl. U.S.A. Commr.

Washington D.C. Dec. 23, 1869

Genl. Adelbert Ames

My Dear Friend:

I hear from a friend of yours that you hesitate about accepting the position of U. S. Senator from Mississippi, and would like to know what your friends here think about the matter. If it should be pressed upon you, I believe you could honorably accept the position, and I would not fear for your future with Mississippi properly reconstructed, as she now bids fair to be. If it required great seeking and danger of miscarriage, I would not become a candidate, but hold on to the Army. I rejoice at your success. Be grateful to God for his mercy and help.

Affectionately yours.

(sgd) O.O.Howard

Bvt. Maj. Genl. U.S.A. Commissioner