Feb 9th [18]70

A. R. Shepherd

My dear Sir

Do you

not think it will be well to have

a special reception at Y. M. C. Ass:

Rooms on Tuesday evening, March

1st

Inviting especially, our property

holders in Washington City, with ladies.

Placing before them, after refresh­

ments, our floating debt, and

asking them to come to the rescue?

Yours truly

O.O. Howard

Pres. Y. M. C. Association
Mar 8th 1870

Rev. Geo. Whipple

Dear Sir -

I am embarrassed
to file the requisition of the
m A. B. Home. Miss. Soc. Society,
and if you can possibly turn over
to them the Avery Institute
letting them refund to you the
amount you have put in to
the enterprise, I think it
would be a good plan -
Of course they will receive
& carry on the work as you
do -  Yours truly

O.O. Howard

Washington, D. C.
May 14th 1870

David Clark Esq.
My Dear Friend:

I have been overtaxed lately with labor. The investigation has given me a good deal of trouble, but I trust will come out all right. I have seen James two or three times and he seems to be doing admirably, as I supposed he would. Genl. Whittlesey says: "He is a very fine mathematician" I am glad to hear this. I hope that his strength of body will keep pace with his strength of mind. Nobody must regard the reports in the newspapers, but wait until the investigation is closed. I hope you will pray for me that I may stand fast in prayer, without flinching.

Very sincerely Yours

O. O. Howard
June 14 [18]70

A. R. Shepherd Esq:

   Dear Sir-

James Brooks

   the bearer, is an excellent young man, eager to learn - wants to help himself - has been a head-waiter on a steamer - is smart & intelligent can you not send him to one of the new [lines ?] where he can do good service & oblige yours truly

   O.O. Howard

Dear Sir:

Your kind letter is received, I am glad to hear that Jemmy is to be placed on trial. I think that his eyes will prove much better than the Surgeons hoped or feared; but in case they will not be good enough for West Point, we will give him a trial here with a welcome. I am glad to hear that your family is enjoying so much this season, and hope you may enjoy the same for many years. I will send you a copy of my statement to the Committee on Education and Labor as soon as we shall be permitted to make our proceedings public.

Very truly Yours.

O. O. Howard

July 8th [1870]

My dear young friend-

I have just read your letter of the 29th ult. It is published in the Washington Chronicle of this morning. I do hope you will never think of giving up while you have health to stand the storm. I suffered quite as much when I first went to West Point. Endure the insults without any shew of fear. A prompt & able reply when off duty, will sometimes avail you a pleasant smile will win hearts to you. God, who allowed you to be born & live with the blood of the African
in your veins will bear you through every trial. To be a soldier, one must not only be brave in battle but have an abundance of genuine fortitude, so as to bear up in disaster & apparent defeat. There is no real defeat to the true soldier - His soul is unconquerable.

Affectionately

Your friend

O.O. Howard


To

Cadet J. W. Smith

West Point

N.Y.
Washington D.C.
July 8th, 1870

To:
Editor of The Tribune

Dear Sir:

I have written a short letter to Cadet Smith (the colored cadet) and the thought occurs to me that I might perhaps influence high minded cadets in his favor by giving my letter to you for publication. The [incomprehensible] who will persecute a man because they can do it with impunity will hide their heads when the indignation of true men
is [excited?] against them

If West Point has not power enough to protect such a young man as Cadet Smith - quick, able, honest noble-spirited as he is - then West Point with have a hard struggle against the returning tide of feeling that will [break?] in from the people. I am a graduate of West Point & am proud of her sons who have been true to the country, & true] to humanity, but I am greatly ashamed when cadets dishonor us by a mean prejudice, that ought long ago to have been

[---?] - Very truly yrs. O.O.Howard
Washington D.C. July 10, 1870

Mr. Frederick Douglass

My Dear Sir:

I read a part of your reply to the Philadelphia resolutions, copied into the "Independent" of July. Much that you thus say accords with my judgement and sympathy, but I feel that you speak more strongly and sweepingly than you want. "The church and street are about the same in point of "authority and in point of excellence. Both answer on the side of "popular wrong, and both are against unpopular right" Such have not been the teachings of the branches of the Church that I have attended from my youth. That individual ministers have led astray, that people have blindly followed them into the practice and defence of crime, I admit, but this has not been the general rule. I learned in the church to love God. I learned to reverence the authority of His law. I found in the church a saviour, and my heart has been by his word and grace enlarged in its capacity to love my fellow men, and I firmly believe that it is the aspiration of the teachings of the New England Churches, that made so many strong abolitionists thus. The great majority of ministers I have heard in Maine have been outspoken against slavery, against wrong of every description, and my view has been that the wrongdoing of men and women in the church has been, not in consequence of, but in spite of the right instruction they received. "Love thy neighbor" is the teaching, Act up to it and slavery of every description falls. Now as to the abolition; you do not attribute it to a miracle; not due to any special interposition of Divine Providence, but as resulting from the certain operation of natural causes inherent in the very constitution of human nature. Were this so we should be just as
thankful to the author of human nature; the Lord God who so
wonderfully arranged all things. But I think some of us who
bore the Church after the battle, realized a daily aid, specially
given as to a beseeching child. I cannot look upon Mr. Lincoln
without regarding him as a special providence, as much as was
David, and even Andrew Johnson as much as was Pharaoh or
Herod, whose wicked purposes were overruled by the good of
God’s people. Natural, indeed, because God is in every thing and
guiding every thing, and hindering even the independent will of Satan
and his friends. We do not read that God is the author of wrong.
He can abolish wrong. This is the everlasting work of Christ, by
his spirit working in us and with us. He is not the author of
sin such as slavery, drunkeness, lying, stealing, murder, hate
etc. etc. You are a leader, have long been, and may God keep you
in the forefront; but do not let the sins of church members ob­
scure your clear vision, and hide the torches of truth that Christ
and his followers (formed into the Churches) do really bear.”

My point is that I long to have you a strong leader in the church.
I have been fighting for truth and principle there, and are sus­
tained.

Very truly yours
O.O. Howard
July 13 [1870]

Edgar Ketchum Esq:

Dear friend:

[?] Mr.

Dwight's letter. I have heard of his quarrel in this Committee. Think it one of the old stories: grows out of the design of Hoar, Tyner, Townsend & others to modify for my benefit & to unit [sic] the united minority. We shall soon see as we are seen.

Very truly yrs

O. O. Howard

Please give Mr. Dwight the [enclosed?]
Washington, D.C. July 14th 1870

General Adelbert Ames, U.S.S.

Dear General:

Independant of clothing, the cost per year is between one hundred and fifty and one hundred and sixty dollars. The price for board is three dollars per week and three dollars per quarter for tuition, the latter to be paid in advance. I will send you a catalogue as soon as they are out.

Very truly yours

(sgd) O.O. Howard

Bvt. Maj. General U.S.A. Commissioner
July 18th [18]70

A. R. Shepherd Esq:

Dear Sir,

I wish you would converse a few moments with Maj. Vanderburgh. He was one of my most energetic co-workers & since he became a civilian he has put through a large contract with life-

I don't [sic] know what he wishes to tell you but it will be right to hear him

Very truly yrs.

O.O. Howard
Aug 2nd [1870]

Rev. Geo. Whipple
Sec. A.M.A.

Dear Sir:

The Board of yesterday trustees established the Dept. of Theology and the Chair of Theology and resolved to accept the offer of the American Missionary Association to fill our char - I shall be pleased to permit the nominations to fill this chair that I may present [them?] to the Board at the next meeting, in September (the first Monday)

Very truly yours

O.O. Howard

Pres. Howard University