

June 16th 1871

Rev. Geo. Whipple Sec.

Dear Sir:

I spoke to

Mr. Cravath about Rev.

J. B. Reeves of Phil^a.

He came on & preached for

us one day & conversed

with several of our

friends. He is intelligent,

able, Christian & I think,

all things considered, will

be our man to found the

Theo. Dept. Please assure

yourselves & as soon as

possible nominate him

for a professor in our

Theo. Dept. as soon as

you can, upon the 26th

inst. if possible = I

must push this matter

fast to satisfy our

board & the demand -

We will have to give

a salary of two thousand

dollars probably

Very respectfully

Yours,

O.O.Howard

Pres. H. U. &

Com^{er} our Theo.

Dept.

June 24 [1871]

David Clark Esq

My dear Sir -

I feel that
there are many influences
brought to bear upon [*blank space*]
that you wot not of - e.g. Gen
Wilson declared to him that the
young man told untruths with
reference to that first letter
that he did not regard him as
a man
worthy or proper to be there
Wilson is one of the strongest
advocates of the cause of the
colored people we have. Gen
[Schriver ?] is the Inspector of the

Academy & Gen. Townsend is the
Adjutant General. I found when
our Court had forwarded
proceedings that our youth-
ful judge advocate had been
before me. The Secretary has
been in deep affliction first
from the loss of his beloved
wife & then shortly after his
child. His heart is tender &
he really meant to do right,
and has earnestly desired to save
Smith to the institution in
spite of Smith's prejudiced &
blind enemies. General Grant
has left the matter to the [Sec ?]
I think without a word - having
confidence in his judgement & his
known friendliness to the
colored people - I do not think
his son has influenced him -

though he may have spoken
unfavorably. I do not
think it wise for Smith
to leave simply because it
is just what our enemies want.
He can now stand ahead of
the new class if he has
the mind. He is getting
companions who will
sustain him in good ways
& sympathize with him in
trial. He has pluck &
ability & will conquer &
I think be an honor to
the service. Give my
love to your own good
people.

Yours truly
O.O.Howard

Rev. Geo. Whipple

Washington, D.C.

Sec^y A.M.A.

June 28th 1871.

My dear friend -

I hear that you are sick,
and I do not know how sick. We feel very
anxious about you and are hoping your
attack is not severe. We all have enjoyed
your counsel so long & it has been given
so freely that we hardly realize the
wisdom God has vouchsafed to you till
we come to the fear of losing it:-

If you are able to reassure me & your
many affectionate friends here that you
are better - do send us a few ^{words:} ^ if not will
not your excellent wife, son or daughter drop ^{us}
a line. - Aff Yours in the best of bonds

O.O.Howard

June 29 [187]1

Rev. Geo Whipple,

Cor. Secy. American Missionary Association

New York City

Dear Sir:

Your communication of the
28th instant in reference to the Holly Springs
property is at hand. I was not aware that
this property had been deeded to your associa-
tion, and I had it advertised, and sold at pub-
lic auction on the 15th inst. Nothing in regard
to the sale in 1869, appears on the records of
the office here. Col. Palmer, the agent
at Memphis, was sent to Holly Springs
in December last to examine the records and
estimate the value of the property.
His report gives copy of deed to the Confed-

eracy, but none to the American Missionary Association.

The consideration, named, was merely nominal. I received a telegram from our Agent at Memphis the day of the sale stating this property had already been deeded to the American Missionary Assocⁿ.

This will fully explain my reasons for desiring a release to me as Commissioner.

I will pay any expense incurred by your Association in this matter.

Very truly yours,

O.O.Howard

Brig General U.S.Army. Commissioner, &c.

July 1st 1871

Rev. Geo. Whipple

Dear friend

Mr. M^cStewart

of S.C. has prepared a
really good lecture on
Education. He is
a true representative of his
people - one of our best
students, wants to raise
means to help him on.
He is an excellent
speaker - No one would present
present the A.M.A.
cause better by standing
up before an audience.

Will you have any meetings
meetings during the summer
of which he could form
a part? I would
earnestly recommend
to give him a trial.

Aff. Yr. friend

O.O.Howard

Glad you are well
again O.O.H.

Washington, D. C.
July 3rd 1871

Hon. David Clarke,

My dear friend

My principle and feelings are entirely with you. Yours of July 1st enclosing Smith's letter is at hand. I will do as you request. What you say with reference to the bias of those high in authority, and the occasion of it, I fear is too true.

I think Genl. Grant's purpose is right, but he is deceived by the almost universal testimony that comes to his ears.

I had news from Napier through a letter to his brother. No barbarians could torture a captive so as to wound him in spirit more keenly than these young fellows have done to Napier simply because he is in their power. He writes that he has many friends who have secretly recognized and sent him notes. I hope you are not offended with me for any apparent want of spirit. I have fought many a hard battle, and am prepared for any emergency that God in his Providence sees fit to allow, but I have to be very careful, lest I upset the very structure I wish to build. May God bless you for defending those who have no helper

Yours sincerely,
O. O. Howard

July 8th 1871

Rev Geo. Whipple,

Sec. A.M.A.

Dear friend:

I have
been entrusted with organizing
the Theo. Dept. I have thought
all things considered - Mr.
J. B. Reeves of Phil^a
the man - Will not your
Board nominate him? - It
is getting late for any Theo.
circular. Please consider &
reply -

Very truly yours,

O.O.Howard

Pres. H.U.

Washington, D. C.
July 17, 1871.

My dear friend,

The Sec of War has been away ever since I received Cadet Smith's letter. I wished to read it to him. It gives so genuine and ingenuous a picture of the doings at West Point. I have taken a copy which I will read to the Secretary on his return. I send you the original as you requested. With kind regards to all, I remain,

Yours with esteem,
O. O. Howard.

Howard University

Washington, D.C.

Aug 5th 1871.

Rev. Geo Whipple,

Secretary American Missionary Association

New York City,

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 26th ult. is received.

Having been instructed by the Board of Trustees to
organize the Theological Department, I am

glad, in behalf of the Board, to accept your nomi-
of Rev. J. B. Reeve
nation . We will see Professor Reeve at work

as soon as he shall arrive, and will gladly cooperate
with you in all mission work, in this city, in which
your Association is interested.

Yours sincerely,

O.O.Howard

President Howard University

Washington, D. C.
Aug 21st 1871

David Clarke Esq.
Hartford, Conn.

My dear Sir,

After the Sec of War returned, I showed him a copy of Cadet Smith's letter, and had quite a talk with him. at first Napier who wrote gloomily at first, writes very cheerfully now to his brother and I hope the evil days are passing. Give my kind regards to your good family. I hope this letter will find all well.

Very truly yours,
O. O. Howard

Aug 24th [187]1

Rev. George Whipple

Secy. Am. Mis. Association

New York City.

Dear Sir:

Will you be so kind as
to furnish me with the date fixed
for the next annual meeting of your
Association.

Applications for me
to lecture during the approaching
season are coming in, and I wish
to avoid making any arrangement
that will prevent my attending your
meeting.

Very truly Yours

O.O.Howard

Brig. Genl. U.S.A.

Aug. 30 [187]1

James Redpath Esqr

Dear Sir-

Permit me
to recommend to you an
excellent reader - who
if you should employ
him will not disappoint
you. He has given us
[very ?]
great pleasure &
satisfaction at our
social meetings in this
city.

Yours truly

O. O. Howard

Brig. Gen. U. S. A.

Sept. 19th [1871]

Frederick Douglass Esq
Rochester, NY

My Dear Sir,

My brother, a rather
persistent young man, claims that he
had a promise from you which has
not yet been fulfilled, viz: to write
him an article or letter to help on
his extra "Advance" for the Amer. Miss.
Association. If you could give him
the Epitome of what you said on
San Domingo at our Congregational
Church it would just suit. His
next issue will be in October.

This Extra helps get contributions
to our Southern schools for the children

of freedmen by circulating in-
formation of them, spread with
other readable articles among the
Churches. Now if you can scrape
up a few moments, now and then,
and do the thing, Charles will
be gratified and I shall be
placed under renewed obligations.

Very Truly Yours,

O. O. Howard

P. S. The University opens
 finally this year.

Oct. 31 [1871]

A. R. Shepherd Esq.

My dear Sir

Allow
me to introduce my
chief clerk, who
is also a Notary=

Yours truly

O.O.Howard

Introducing

John H. Cooke Esq: