
2442 2/5/1865

From: Rev. John W. Alvord

To: Major General O.O.
Howard

OOH-2381

Source: Bowdoin

American Tract Society,
No13 Bible House,
Astor Place
New York

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American Tract Society,
(Instituted in Boston, in 1814,)
New York Depository,
No13 Bible House, Astor Place
N.Y.

William A. Booth, Esq., of New-York, President,
Rev. John W. Alvord, Secretary
John G. Broughton, Depository.

New York, Feb 5th, 1865

To
Major General O.O. Howard
My Dear Genl,

I was charged by Genl Littlefield at Hilton Head, who is <enlisting> officer for Genl Saxton –to get formed in New York a Trust Fund Co for the bounty money of the negroes.

From his statement it seemed that large <sums> are coming into their hands, for which at present most of them have no use, and also that much of this will never be called for by themselves or claimed by their heirs –owing to their want of funds (in many cases) to <> on battle fields in hospitals &c &c. Now the plan conceived is that such a Company or Bank shall be composed of Christian gentlemen of high & well known standing who shall take these deposits (to be very large if the war goes on & the plan works) saving interest to the depositors & the principal when called for, who shall seek diligently for the heirs in case of death at a distance or without a will, - and <when or> where such heirs cannot be found & the deposits after a certain number of years remains unclaimed –shall by their charter use this money for the elevation and education of the African race.

The thing is to have the benevolent intention of an ordinary Savings Bank but to go farther & lay a hard foundation for this now degraded people - & it is hoped that the trustees could be bound to turn it over always to the purposes of a Christian Education.

It is supposed the negroes would be much in favor of such an institution, & that when it was properly explained, would always prefer placing their money where, if it could not benefit themselves, it would go for the improvement of those of their own color.

This is the outline of the plan. In accordance with my promise w Gen S I have had a company of gentlemen together (of the very highest standing in this city) a number of times at the American Exchange Bank –whose names are transmitted to him, with a copy of their <proandings>, & the thing strikes all good men with great favor, & is ready to be consummated.

Now you ask “hy write to me about it” I know how cheerfully you would help along such a benevolent & christian plan. I know also your intimacy & influence with Genl Saxton. I wold have consulted him in the matter before leaving but had not time. I have however written him recently –as also Genl Littlefield. But neither of these officers may know me well enough to have confidence that I will manage this business with energy & judgment. It is possible the former, who is a <man> supreme in such matters, does not think well of the project. He may prefer the Friedmans Savings Banks now in operation &c. He may doubt the men I have selected. I wish therefore you would drop him a line, or, if you are not too far away when you meet him next, will you be so kind as to continue the subject, commending it if you think proper & especially say that I am an honest man –a long time friend of the negro, with some knowledge of men & of business affairs.

Don't stretch the truth, but I long to see this thing go into operation. It will be well for the present <primitives> of their unprotected ones. It will lay a blessed foundation for them in the future. Am sorry to trouble you, but may I hear in reply in due time.

Yours in <Christ>
J.W. Alvord

P.S. The whole north have been <CHECK ORIGINAL Written on the foldbetween the two pages> by <> have done in Georgia. They are full of expectation from the present campaign. I hope to see you again before it closes. May the Lord preserve you, to give us a speedy peace through victory.
J.W.A.

[Written at the top of the last page]
Rev. John W. Alvord
New York Feb. 3d 1855

2439 2/3/1865

From: Otis [OO Howard]

To: Dearest [Lizzie Howard]

OOH-2382

Source: Bowdoin

Head-Quarters
Department and Army
of the Tennessee,
Rivers Bridge [S.C.]

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Head-Quarters Department and Army of the Tennessee,
Rivers Bridge [S.C.] Feb 3d 1865

Dearest,

I write you just a line to say that all at Hd. Qrs. are safe thus far except Lieut. Taylor who was wounded at Whippy Swamp. Our roads are badly obstructed & the swamp troublesome, but thus far there has been no delay in my command on this account.

Much love to the children & all, and a heart full to yourself. I hope Mother is well and enjoying <the> <wint>
much love to Mother & God bless you.

Lovingly
Otis

2440 2/4/1865

From: W.M. Stone

To: Dear General [OO
Howard]

OOH-2383

Source: Bowdoin

State of Iowa
Executive Department
Des Moines

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State of Iowa
Executive Department
Des Moines, Feb 4th 1865

Dear General:

Yours of the 17th ult. is before me. My impressions as to Gen Clarks claims for promotion were mostly formed from what I heard of him among his fellow officers, but I have said nothing about it since my return, and shall not. I think he will be confirmed without doubt.

I am glad you wrote me as you did. It is but another evidence of your good heart, and kind intentions.

May God preserve you long in the service of your country.

Truly Your Friend
W.M. Stone [William M. Stone. Governor of Iowa 1864-1868]

[Written sideways on the back side.]
Gov. W.M. Stone
Des Moines Feb 4th 1865

2443 2/5/1865

From: John Newton

To: Major Genl O. O. Howard

OOH-2384

Key West, Fla.

Comdg Army of the Tenn.

Source: Bowdoin

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Key West, Fla.
Feb 5th 1865

Major Genl O. O. Howard
Comdg Army of the Tenn.

General

My brother writes me from Norfolk, that he has two boxes of Silver ware, stored at Raleigh, N.C. and in the event of your getting there, I would be obliged if the same could be secured from pillage –until it could be lawfully restored to its <owners> - who are himself, myself and brothers, who share in the estate of my mother.

It is stored at the State Lunatic Asylum in care of Dr Fisher with the address of C.W. Newton in their tops.

It was sent to Raleigh at the breaking out of the war without any knowledge or consent.

If it falls in your way, to protect this property from pillage, you would place me under obligations.

Very truly &c
John Newton [Major General John Newton, USMA class of 1842]

[Written on the back page in another hand.]
Brig. Genl. John Newton
Key West Feb. 5th 1865

Answered

2444 2/7/1865

From: S.M. Bowman

To: Maj. Genl. O O Howard

OOH-2385

Military Hd. Qrs. Dist of
Delaware
Wilmington Del.

Source: Bowdoin

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Military Hd. Qrs. Dist of Delaware
Wilmington Del. Feb. 7, 1865

Maj. Genl. O O Howard
General,

I am now preparing an article entitled "Sherman's Atlanta Campaign" for the U.S. Service Magazine –a campaign of which you are a part. I dont do this because I feel myself fully equal to do the subject justice, but because it is urged upon me by Prof. Coppie the Editor, and because being so urged, and also by Gen. S's friends, who seem pleased with my sketches of him in the August & Sept. No.s of the same work. I cannot well refrain from trying. I have now on my table a compilation of all the general matter for it, but I lack particular facts and incidents which can only be obtained from such as participated in the campaign.

You will probably recollect me while in command of a Brigade at Stoneman's switch. My recollection of you are very agreeable. I have followed your career with great pleasure and have rejoiced in your successes and honorable distruction and I desire to give you such records in that campaign as you deserve.

My object in all this is to induce you to hand this to some officer who was with you. And request him to give me such particular facts as will aid me –facts especially pertaining to your command and relating to the general plans and operations of the campaign. This ill enable me to revise and correct what I have. Copies of orders, such as are proper, reports of battles, diagrams of the battle fields with explanations &c.

A little care now will prevent errors passing into history, and anything published in that work will probably be regarded as reliable.

It may be you are like Genl Sherman who always said "Wait till I am dead" - but the world wont wait, and if truth is not written about our great officers and great campaigns error and fiction will be.

Hoping to hear from you soon, and with the hope that your health and life may be spared for still greater usefulness, I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully
Your friend & obt st
S.M. Bowman
Col &c &c

P.S. The campaign from Atlanta to Savannah will be taken up in a separate No. Any thing in regard to that will also be very desirable.
SMB

[Written on the back page in another hand.]
Col. S. M. Bowman.
Feb 7th 1865

<[The first two lines of this paragraph are too faint to read.]> And if he will go to the W D and get the reports of <our> he will get more complete records of incidents &c, than I could write him as I have not my records with me.

2445 2/11/1865

From: J.S. Fullerton

To: Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard

OOH-2386

Head Quarters Fourth
Army Corps
Huntsville Ala.

Commg Dept & Army Tenn.

Source: Bowdoin

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Head Quarters Fourth Army Corps
Huntsville Ala. Feby 11th 1865

My Dear General,

A few days ago I received from Col. Kelton a copy of an application which you made to The Adjutant General to have me transferred to the Army and Department of the Tennessee, as A.A.G. of the same. I have replied asking him to use his influence to have the transfer made.

I am not only very much obliged to you for the interest you have taken in me, but am also highly complimented by this action on your part, in asking to have me transferred to your command. I speak from the heart when I tell you that nothing would please me more than to serve with you; and I speak from experience when I say that my relations have been so pleasant with no officers in the Army as with you, when you commanded this Corps.

I am afraid that Genl. Thomas will object to the transfer. Therefore, I wrote asking to Kelton to try and have it made without referring the application to him.

Rember me very kindly to every member of the old staff.

Sincerely your friend
J.S. Fullerton

Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard
Commg Dept & Army Tenn.

[Written sideways on the back page.]

Lt. Col. J.S. Fullerton
Huntsville Alabama
Feb. 11th 1865

2446 2/14/1865 *From:* Rowland [RB
Howard]

To: Dear Brother Otis [OO
Howard]

OOH-2387

Farmington

Source: Bowdoin

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Farmington Feb 14 / 65

Dear Brother Otis

Will it offend you if we take the liberty of naming this our second son [Oliver Otis Howard] for his somewhat distinguished Uncle? Not indeed because of the distinction but for the love we bear you and the hope that we cherish that he will resemble you in all christian virtue. Ella is nicely & the baby, now three hours old, is fat & healthy.

Your family were well last Saturday (11th).

With much love from both Ella & myself.
Rowland

2447 2/17/1865 *From:* Henry Hiscock

To: Maj Genl. [OO] Howard

OOH-2388

Columbia S.C.

Army of the Tennessee

Source: Bowdoin

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Columbia S.C. Feb'y 17, 1865

We the undersigned now prisoners of war at the North College Hospital Ward 5, most humbly request (from the kind treatment received at the hands of Dr. Thos. J. Rawls whilst under his care as Physician) that himself family and property be protected from molestation by the federal troops.

To. Maj Genl. Howard
Army of the Tennessee

Signed
Henry Hiscock
Cap Co. G. 1st Mo. Lt Art'y
St. Louis Mo.

Alex. M. Briscoe
2nd Lt Co I 1st Maryland Cavalry
419 Saratoga Street
Baltimore Md.

Guards and Patrols:
Will pass Dr. Thos. J. Rawls on any of the streets in the City of Columbia without molestation.

By Command of O.O. Howard
Maj General

Signed H.E. Stone
Adj't and Ins. General
and Chief of Staff

Headquarters 1st Prev. Brigade MD.D.S.
Columbia S.C. June 21st, 1865

Personally appeared Dr Thos. J. Rawls before me and made oath that the written is a true copy of a recommendation addressed to Maj Genl. Howard on the 17 Feby 1865

Signed
Geo. F. McKay
1st Lt. & Adj't 55 Mass Vols.
A.A.A. General

2449 2/26/1865 *From:* Lizzie [Howard]

To: Dearest [OO Howard]

OOH-2390

Leeds Me.

Source: Bowdoin

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Leeds Me. 26th Feb. 1865 [Sunday]

Dearest

Guy has begun a letter to his dear Papa, and I will add a note, writing it while Chancy is asleep. The children have been very good and happy to-day although the weather is rainy and we are all at home. Where are you to-day, and when are we to get our next letter from you? Your short letter of Feb 3d was received some time since, and not much even by the papers since. The rebels are no longer permitted to give in their papers the movements of Gen Sherman, so we shall not hear from your Army nearly as soon or as often as we have heretofore.

It does not now seem to be Gen Sherman's object to reach the coast of S. Carolina, but through the interior of the State moving towards the north into N. Carolina. I hope you may sweep clean as you go purifying the land. Your visit home must be delayed longer than I have been hoping. It is not impossible that you may come by the way of Virginia.

I find the Maine Legislature has tendered you a vote of thanks, and a sword. I think they had better have left out the latter. Your friend Barker introduced it.

I passed a very pleasant day at Lewiston last Thursday, taking Guy with me. 'Wash' drove us down and he attracted much attention as we drove through the streets, one man remarking as he passed, "there is a contrast." Wash was as undisturbed as he was unconscious of it all. I made some purchases of Mr Clark whom you have seen, and he took me to see a picture of you just finished nearly as large as life. I call it a crayon drawing from the Photograph you had taken at Auburn and is quite natural as you then looked. I met Judge Morrell, Lawyer Goddard, Dr Wiggan and talked with the latter some time about you, had many questions to ask, said this campaign had proved the same you planned to him over a year ago with the exception of the taking of Mobile –thinks you "are the right man in the right place", as others have spoken.

I called to see Uncle Hicks, who has again gone into business. He is not at all well. Saw Cousin Fanny, Aunt Betsy, and other friends and saw many familiar faces. Guy and I sat for Photographs. I did not get one as good as those at Augusta. I shall try again soon.

Best love as ever,
Lizzie

Monday. I have just returned from Mrs Berrys and Guy has not finished his but I will not wait for him. We hope to hear from you soon. Lizzie