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No. 14 BIBLE HOUSE.

New York. May 26th 1865.

Major General, O. O. Howard,
Bureau of Refugees and Freedmen -

General -

Though I have not the honor of a personal acquaintance with you, I feel that I know you, not only through your admirable military record, but from having seen you in the fight at Resaca, where I ministered to the wounded of your corps, in the service of the Christian Commission. I am happy now to find you at the head of a Bureau, which, hardly less than war itself, calls for sagacity, energy, experience, patience, hope. Your first circular shows that you intend to administer the Bureau in the interest of no class or school,

but upon the broad basis of the Act of Congress, and for the social, industrial and educational wants of the entire South. This construction of the Bureau is the more gratifying to me personally, because I had — not through my own seeking, but in an indirect way — not a little to do with the action of Congress in constituting it on this basis.

Having been led by personal observation and by my official position, to study the question of social reorganization in the South, I drew up the enclosed Memorial, which was adopted by our Commission, and was carried by me to Washington. At that time Senator Sumner's bill for Freedmen was on its passage through both Houses, but was strongly objected to by many because it proposed to create a new Department, in the civil service, with large lee-way for abuses; and also,

cause it was exclusively for the blacks.
Gen. Schenck, to whom our memorial was referred, had introduced a bill in the House, uniting Refugees and Freedmen under one Bureau. This failed at first, by one or two votes. A day or two after, the meeting of the Union Commission was held in the Hall of Representatives, and the facts there submitted gave a new interest to Gen. Schenck's bill, so that on being again called up, for substance, it passed the House, while Senator Sumner's failed in the Senate. The diligent circulation of our Memorial, with personal interviews with members of both Houses, led to the framing of a bill embodying the main features of the Memorial, which drew to its support many Democratic members, because it was not exclusive. This accounts for the naming of Refugees first;

and but for this combination no bill for Freedmen could have passed the last Congress. Hence your construction of the Bureau is in entire accordance with the design of Congress in founding it.

The elevation of the masses in the South, white and black, by proper industrial and educational aids, up to the point of self-support in freedom, is now the great task before the nation. Our Secretaries, Dr Miles and Mr Abbott, have already placed the Union Commission at your service for this work. The ignorance of the poor whites furnished fighting material to the rebellion. We must educate their children into patriots. I think, also, that to secure for the negro his true status as a citizen, we must now drop the name "freed-man," (as we have dropped "contraband") and know him only as a man. I rejoice to hear, general, that you will address our meeting in Boston next June. Remember me. With high regard

Your ob't Serv't

Jos. P. Thompson, Pres't.

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HEADQUARTERS, MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,

In the Field, May 20 1865

Camp near Alexandria, Va

Maj. Genl O. O. Howard,

Chief. Bureau of Refugees,

Dear Genl.

I am this moment in receipt of your communication of this date and I thank you for your generous act. I do think it but just to Logan, and notwithstanding his modest reply to us last night I know he will prize this act most highly. I will deem it a special honor & pleasure if you will ride with me at the Review of Wednesday next. I will be at the head of the Column at 9 A.M. of Wednesday near the Capitol and hope you will join me there. Your personal staff can ride with mine.

As ever your friend, W. T. Sherman

Maj. Genl.

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145 BROADWAY, N. Y.

Dated Phila Da May 20th 1865.

Rec'd, Washington, May 20th 1865, o'clock, min. M.

To Maj Gen O O Howard

If you wish me to receive your wife telegraph me the Day & train she ~~leave~~ will arrive

W H Merritt

17/18Pd

Philadelphia, Pa

May 20. 1865

W. H. Merrill

Telegram re

Gen Howard

In relation to Mrs. Howard

Rec'd B. of F. R. &c May 1865

Hd-Qrs. Mil'y Div'n of the Mississippi,
OFFICE U. S. ENGINEERS.

Alexandria Va May 20th 1865.

Maj Genl O. O. Howard

I have the honor to inform you that, at my request, Major E. F. Hoffman, A.D.C. has been assigned to Engineer Duty with General Sherman's Army.

Permit me General to thank you for your kindness in recommending him, as his services will at the present time be particularly useful to the Chief Engineer, in reducing and compiling, the surveys made by the several Engineer Officers during the recent campaigns.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
W. L. B. Jenney
Capt. A.D.C. USA, In charge

Wilmington May 26, 1865

My dear Brother

My first that I was to send this letter by Lizzie Monday next, lest you would not get opportunity to read it otherwise, but as it will reach you a day or two earlier I will send it by post. Have you heard of Ella's affliction? Her dear Brother Albert died on the Coast of Africa & was buried at Sea Feb. 14. He died of fever. The news reached us two weeks ago today. His father & Mother feel it deeply and at times Ella seems very sad - but I do believe their trust is in God. His letters & those of his mates (he was Capt) testify to a distinct religious change in him. His bible was a constant companion during his long sickness and we must now leave him with Him who is the God of the Sailor as of the Soldier.

Lizzie will tell you all the home news and I needn't dwell upon it. Mother is as well as usual and finds Mark very useful in the Farm. I dread the Washington climate for you & your family - for you because you are so accustomed to the open air. for them

Ella sends love to Mark & Lou. Write his wife & tell her I will send her letter if you are with us.

because of their northern birth & habits=
Wouldn't it be as well to have them
spend the Summer at the North?
I only wish we - Mother Lizzie & myself -
could encumber our forces a little and
live warm together - We are to have a
Telegraph here this Summer - I hope
your friends in Augusta will present
you with a house & then you will
have a Northern home to flee to=
Lizzie sent me the order assigning
you as Commissioner of Freedmens Bureau.
The honor conferred on you thus unsolicited
was gratifying to us all - not only your
family but your many christian friends
in Me are rejoicing over it= But when
I reflect on the responsibilities of your
new position - its perplexities & temptations
I feel that you need sympathy & prayer
far more than praise= It is a new mode
of life for you - You must now live
among politicians - contractors - Office holders
& Office-seekers - Sycophants & flatterers=
May God send you some true-hearted
personal friends to be near
you & advise you amid the thousand
perplexing questions that will arise -
advise you with wisdom, candor, forecast=

It is exceedingly unfortunate for public men to have to retract anything - It is still more injurious, of course, to persist in an injudicious course. Mr Lincoln was a model of Promptness, I think, in making up his mind - He took time to hear all sides & carefully weigh all evidence - But my dear Brother I only meant in this letter to express my heartfelt sympathy with & prayers for your success - May you not "fall among thieves" - May you not be overrun with selfish corrupt office seekers & land & cotton speculators - May you not be bored to death with benevolent but unwise & impractical Clergymen - (Horace James (Rev. & Capt.) of N.C. is one of the best men in every respect that you will have under you) I feel to be one of the last named! but I would like to have gone on with Lippie & had a good free brotherly conference with you & to have observed your circumstances & surroundings - I am to be address our State Conference next month on "the facilities of Evangelizing the South" & I hope to get some light on that subject from you & letters - I believe I will preach on it next Sabbath = I wonder if you have time to read some

of my ideas - (1) It is a preliminary work - It must be accomplished without any dependence on existing religious organizations at the South = The Southern ministry, with but few exceptions, must be got rid of - they are the worst of Secessionists - So long as they have any place or power the country is unsafe - and Religion will again be made the efficient hand-maid of Rebellion - It must seek to use whatever of piety remains at the South but its Church & ministry must be abolished as far as possible = (2) To this End all social - political - money and religious influence must be taken from the late Slave-owners - They must be reduced either to poverty - or expatriated = or else they must give convincing proofs of Repentance, not only for Secession & Rebellion - but of Slave-holding - They must exhibit a reverence & Enlightened conscience on that Subject = (3) The other whites taken from under the influence of their ministry & leading men must be instructed in Secular knowledge to be sure - but certainly as to the morality of Slavery & all its associated vices - their Religious notions must be corrected - their

defiled consciences set right. To this End they must have a pure ministry. (4) The Freedmen are to be treated with no regard to color, & very little respect for the notions, beliefs & prejudices of their former Masters. As to Suffrage. It seems to me that that should be granted with great caution. Not on acct. of color. but ignorance. degradation. subjection to outside & concept influence. To fit them for citizenship. & make them industrious. self reliant. reflective. & at all educative, must be a slow process at best. (I wish Military Government could be maintained at the South till these slowly evolved changes could be effected) The landed Estates of Rebels should be sold to Freedmen. Northern Emigrants & Soldiers (5th) The men to effect these changes must mostly come from the North. They must be teachers. Ministers. farmers. superintendents &c. Men who are faithful & conscientious. & who are actuated by motives of humanity. patriotism & Religion. All our benevolent efforts for the army must now be converted to this End. Our money. our ministers. our young men must

go into this field to plant & sow — to hoe & dig. Cultivate & harvest for our Country & our God = He allowed this war to overthrow Slavery. He has accomplished that purpose. In the process of overturning the wicked & corrupt religion of the South has been made manifest. The whole land has been swept with the besom of destruction = Now He will help rebuild on right foundations. He has put you at the head of this matter in the most responsible & important place of modern times. because he sees you to be a Christian man — incapable of narrow & selfish policy = Now He expects you to do as Christ would and blessed be his name, He will help you = We must fill up our churches with Converts — our Seminaries with ministers — must send forth our surplus of men & money — We must have Colleges Churches Schools, Business at the South as much as possible under the influence the pure principles of the Gospel = If there be any good at the South now (& I do not doubt it) let us appropriate it as we move forward = Again, May God bless you my brother as a

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Washington May 20 '65

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

I am compelled to return to N. Y. to-night, and every moment of my time has been so filled that I have not been able to avail myself of your kind permission to look over your letter book, in aid of our history of "Sherman's Campaigns". I expect to return next week, and should then be glad to make use of the privilege if agreeable to you.

Very respectfully Yours

Henry Hunt

Washington, May 20th 1865

Heath, Henry

Have not had time to look over them - Howards letter book but will avail himself of that privilege shortly.

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Head Qrs. 1st Colored Brig. A. C.
Chattanooga Tenn. May 26th 1865.

Dear Sir,

I was greatly pleased by the announcement that you had been placed at the head of the Bureau for Freedmen. I have heard but one expression among the friends of the colored people, that your appointment was the best that could be made.

It is eminently proper that one who fears God & loves justice should assume the high duties of looking after the interests & rights of four millions of slaves. I shall watch your course with interest, with hope & with earnest prayer for your success.

I am, General Most Sincerely
Your Friend & O. Servant,
Thos. J. Morgan
Col. 14th U. S. C. Inf
Comdg Brigade.

To
Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard.

GEO. H. STUART, Chairman, 11 Bank Street.
JOS. PATTERSON, Treasurer, Western Bank.
Rev. W. E. BOARDMAN, Secretary, 11 Bank Street.
Rev. LEMUEL MOSS, Secretary Home Organization.
Rev. BERNICE D. AMES, Secretary Field Organization.

U. S. Christian Commission

Central Office,

No. 11 BANK STREET.

Philadelphia, May 20 1865

My Dear General

I have read your kind letter of May 16th. with very great interest, and am glad to hear from you again, with respect to your appreciation of the great work of the Commission now drawing to its close. The enclosed circular will communicate to you the action of the Executive Committee at its meeting on Thursday after solemn and careful deliberation.

I cannot help again expressing my gladness at your new and deserved position. I trust that you may be able to inaugurate and carry forward a work which will equal the wants and necessities of the classes for whom the Bureau was designed. I shall be very glad indeed to give you any advice or assistance lying in my power and think that I may be able to do so to some purpose in advising with reference to those who having been engaged in our work are adapted to aid you in yours. However I shall see you in Washington next week; as I intend going there to see the Review; I hope then to be able to talk with you about what you have mentioned in your letter.

In the meantime, with very great respect, and warm personal regards - I am yours in Christ.

Geo. H. Stuart

Chairman U.S.C.C.

Will you be kind enough to drop me in the inclosed envelope - your card or address - I do not know whether I could have any better opportunity of seeing the various than the mass of spectators - but as Mr. Bernard - probably one of the other members of the Commission - are my own friends, I may perhaps have written Gen. Grant - to know if I could have any privilege in that direction. Perhaps you yourself know of some means by which the labors of more conscientious - have received a sight of the grand spectacle -

Major General O. O. Howard.

Washington.

D.C.

Philadelphia Aug 25 1865

Stuart, Geo. H.

Recd Nov Nov 27. 1865

Head-Quarters District of Annapolis,

Annapolis, Md., May 20th 1865.

My dear Genl.

I thank you for your kind note of the 17th inst.

Pardon me for again trespassing upon your time.

I did not intend to ask you to recommend my promotion, but simply to give a brief statement of my service while in the field. In what capacity I served under you, and the manner of my service as A. A. G. & Col. of the 19th Me. You will recollect that during Genl. Duffy's absence I was in command of the Brigade, will you please state that.

I dislike to trouble you, but I am desirous of securing the best rank to which I think I am entitled.

I hope to see you soon as my duties will permit me to leave my station.

We have great reason to acknowledge

the goodness of a kind Heavenly Father all thro' the last four years. May His blessings be continued to you and yours.

Yours very truly
F. D. Small

Southwark Foundry.

Morrick & Sons.

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J. Vaughan Morrick.
W. H. Morrick.
John E. Cope.

Philad.a May 20 1865

My dear Otis

I have your note of 18th & would with very great pleasure come on to see you if I feel that it would be right to leave while we are in such confusion from the fire which destroyed about one third of our place on Thursday night –

To see 200000 men march through Washington on their way home after four years of such war as we have had would be a proud moment for any American but I am afraid I must deny myself the pleasure –

I telegraphed you today that if you wished one to take care of Lizzie on her arrival I would do so with great pleasure if you would notify me when she would arrive –

We should be glad indeed of the opportunity of showing you both some of the beauties of our part of the country and can very readily accommodate you all – I hope the children will come with her my little girls will be very happy to see them & I want Father & Mother to know them –

I received a letter from John Otis a short while

ago which I enclose for you to read - please bring it or write you - It was in my drawer in the office & got somewhat damaged at the fire

Very truly yrs

C W Merrick

Philadelphia
May 20th 1865.

Morrick, N. Y.

Recd. May 21, 1865.

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Boston May. 20.

Dear Genl. Howard.

God bless you, & give you many. many years to enjoy the fruit of your bloody toils & sacrifices. How I long to see you! Are you not coming this way for any purpose? Shall we not see you at our house at Anniversary? Has Lyman written you? If come if possible, & stay with us of course.

Genl. Howard at Washington. over the Freedmen's bureau is the right man in the right place. So the Christian. philanthropic community will decide.

there is ~~in~~ in the city of Washington, a family of my Congregation, & your admirers as we be natural.

Mr Charles Carruth, wife & children.

They want to see you, & shake your hand. They are among the best people in Boston. If they call, see them for a few minutes & oblige them, & me.

And if you do not come to Boston, I do not know but that I shall come to Washington.

Mrs Webb joins in love to you, & prayers for your fullest, richest success.

Ever fraternally

E. B. Webb.

Head Quarters Peninsula District.
Williamsburg May 21st 1865

Maj Gen O. O. Howard.

General.

Allow me to con-
-gratulate you upon the closing of this great Rebellion, and add my testimony to that of others, to the noble and useful labors of yourself, and to the immense influence your aid, has had, in bringing this war, to so successful an end.

Allow me also to thank you, as a man who loves religion & virtue, for the bright ex ample you have set - as a Christian Soldier.

I con gratulate the Colored Race of this Country, that it has amongst so eminently fit - as yourself, as the Regulator of its future destiny. and I feel confident that he who rules, has had its good, under his continued care - in this last proof of this fever.

I have not been officially informed of your appointment - but suppose I soon will be.

My position as Commander of this District gives me control of about 20,000 Colored people. Their progress in education, morality, and their sense as to the requirements of good Citizens, and their endeavors to comport themselves accordingly, gives me satisfactory proof, that no great difficulty will be encountered in directing their future usefulness, so soon as they can be brought under the control of well established regulations.

The present difficulty is to bring to their direct knowledge the duties of their situation, and to overcome the ignorance, pride, prejudice, and every other bad quality of the present holders of the Lands of the South.

With every confidence in your judgement, zeal & goodness, I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully
Yr. Obt. Servant
B C Ludlow
Maj & Brevet Brig Gen
Comd. District

Farmington May 22/65

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My dear Brother

I am acquainted with Mr Woodard and know him to be a man of excellent reputation in all respects - He has for a no. of years been the efficient Supt. of the Congl. Church Sab. School, in Winthrop and an worthy member of the Church =

I have no doubt that he will prove himself worthy of any place that you may see fit to give him in connection with the Freedmen:

Your Brother

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To/
Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Freedmens Bureau
War Dept. Washington

Gen Howard

Penn'a. Freedmen's Relief Association,
No. 207 I Street, Washington, D.C.

May 22, 1865.

General O. O. Howard,
Commissioner, &c.

General:

In compliance with the request contained in your Circular No. 2, I herewith forward you a copy of a recently published Bulletin of the Penna. Freedmen's Relief Association, in which (pages 34 & 38) you will find a report of the Schools maintained by that Association in this city, Georgetown and Alexandria; also a list of the Officers of the Association (page 40.)

I would take the liberty to add that all the Schools taught by this Association at this point are very poorly accommodated, both as to room and the pro-

per conveniences for school teaching. Numbers of applicants for admission are turned away every week for want of room to receive them.

I would therefore respectfully request — if I am right in supposing that the matter comes within your province — your aid in obtaining the use of some of the public buildings (barracks or hospitals) which it is presumed are about to be vacated at this point, for schools for the children of freedmen, under the auspices of this Association.

It is believed that the Pennsylvania Freedmen's Relief Association has a larger number of schools and teachers here than any other one society; and its efforts for the education and elevation of the freed-

people might be largely facilitated and extended by aid in the way I have indicated.

Very respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.
A. E. Newton,
Supt. Schools, Pa. F. R. A.

Penna. Freedmen's B. Assn.
Office Washington May 22. 1865.

Newton A. Ee.
Supt. Schools, P. F. R. A.

Encloses copies of Circulars and reports of above Association.

Recd. Washn May 1865.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

State House,

Senate Chamber,

Boston, May 22 5 1865

Major General O. O. Howard

Dear Sir,

In behalf of the Executive Committee of the Young Men's Christian Associations of the United States and British Provinces, I have the honor to invite your attendance at our annual convention, to be held in the city of Philadelphia, commencing on Wednesday, June 7th and concluding on Sunday evening.

It is the earnest and universal desire that you should address the convention at some time during its sessions, convenient to yourself.

From these associations, as you know, sprang the U.S. Christian Commission and they are doing much for the freedmen and it is thought desirable that this subject should be brought definitely before the convention.

We shall have a public meeting in aid of the Christian Commission, also a great Sunday School meeting and a grand farewell conference on Sunday evening.
I trust you may find it consistent with your engagements to attend and address the convention gathered from all the loyal states and the Canadas.
If you will indicate your preference as to time in correspondence with Geo. H. Stuart Esq or P. B. Simons Chairman of the Com. of Arrangements, at Philadelphia, I can assure you a cordial joyful reception and a glorious occasion.

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
Joseph A. Pond,
Chairman of Executive Committee.

Boston May 22 - 1865.

Pond, Jos. A.
Chairman of Executive
Com of Y.M.C.A.

States that the annual convention will be held in Phila on 27. June, 1865 and invited Wm. Howard to be present and address the convention.

Ans'd

Beaufort. S.C.
May 22d. 1865.

My dear General:

I have been intending ever since I became separated from your Military family to write to you and express the obligations I feel for your constant and universal kindness to me while I was a member of your Staff. I assure you General, it is appreciated, as well by my Parents as myself.

I suppose the Col. has kept you informed of the rapid progress of our regiment in drill, and efficiency as soldiers. Its organization was attended with, perhaps, less difficulty than is usual, but it was an entirely new business to me. Recruits came into camp

sometimes in detachments of two or three hundred, and more rapidly than we could provide quarters for them. Genl. Gillmore would allow us nothing at first but shelter tents - and it was only after informing him that there were but four hundred shelter tents in the Department that he would allow the Q.M. to issue commissary tents to protect the men. When the Col. returned I was glad to turn over to him a regiment, full to the maximum & mustered in as an organization.

The progress in drill has been surprising to us and we now have Battalion drills that would do credit to many white veteran regiments. We find the men very docile and anxious to learn and already have very excellent discipline.

Some unfortunate appointments were made of officers but they were easily disposed of by the Col. Two Captains have already left us, one having

resigned and the other returned by Genl. Saxton's order to his Regt. Both were 1st Lts. from the 26th Colored Infty. Stationed here. Incompetent Lieuts. were ordered before an examining board - of which I am Senior Member - and were found deficient. We now have nearly the full number of good officers.

I cannot express the deep sorrow with which all here received the news of our beloved Chief Magistrate's assassination. The joy which filled all hearts at the proud success of our Arms and the prospect of a speedy return of peace to our land was suddenly turned into bitter mourning. I trust that it was intended by a just and kind Providence for our Nation's good.

I must not close without offering my congratulations upon your recent appointment to the Charge of the Freedmen's Bureau. I hope the duties of your office will be pleasant to

you - and I feel sure that the same success which has attended you in the Command of an Army will follow your efforts now.

I enjoyed my visit to Maine very much - and although an entire stranger - was received and treated as a member of your Staff - with kind consideration by all with whom I came in contact. I became somewhat acquainted with a member of the legislature from Belfast - Dr Monroe - who was formerly a surgeon in the Army and had met you at your Head Quarters - I am promised a leave of absence in July - when I shall visit Maine again - and perhaps General, I shall ask of you a formal introduction to the Doctor - as I am deeply interested in a member of his family whom I met in Augusta - and they of course know but little about me.

Trusting again that you will always be prospered and blessed in all your undertakings - I remain ~~dear General~~ with sincere regard your Obt. Servant

W M Rubel
Lt. Col.

Auburn May 22. 1865

Maj Genl. Oliver O. Howard.

My Dear Sir.

Permit me first to congratulate you on your success as a Military Commander, and, as a citizen of our common country to thank you for the manifold and honorable services which you have rendered in defence of its life and integrity. For the dangers you have braved - for the victories you have won, for the honor you have brought upon the State which gave you birth, as well as for that unflinching Patriotism, and christian character which have marked your successful career, Maine thanks you - her loyal citizens thank you, and her churches and ministers love you -

We also rejoice in your unsought appointment to the Freedmen's Bureau. Your love of righteousness, and your regard for their temporal and spiritual interests, accompanied as we know they will be, with your best efforts to raise them up from degradation to manhood, and to secure to them all the personal rights of humanity and freedom, make us all rejoice in your appointment to the position which the President has assigned you. May God bless you in the administration and performance of the responsible duties now imposed upon you - and may you be

as successful in these as you have been in the more dangerous ones through which the good Providence of God has brought you - So much for yourself. And now you will permit further to say that I am informed that Mr. Henry Woodward of Winthrop Me would like some place in your Bureau - I have known him for years He is a man, as I judge, between 35 and 40 years of age - of sterling integrity - a member of the Congregational Church at Winthrop and for a few years past the Superintendent of the Sabbath School connected with that church in which position he has given good satisfaction. He has long been the friend of the colored race, and still wishes to devote his energies to their improvement and elevation. He is and long has been a temperance man in efforts as well as habits. He is a man of industry and perseverance, a gentleman of probity and intelligence commanding the esteem of all good men who know him, and in my judgment, a man possessing all the essential qualifications to fit him for usefulness in almost any place connected with your Bureau. He is no office seeker, and so far as I know never has been. He is a lover of truth - a lover of righteousness, a lover of his fellow men, an inspector of color, and a friend of Christ.

Now I wish to say that if you can find it consistent with your duty to give Mr Woodward a place in your department, his appointment will give great satisfaction to his numerous friends. In a letter addressed to me, he says "The position that I think

I should like would be subordinate to one of the State Commissioners where I might be directly and actively employed in behalf of the Freedman" I cannot doubt that he would discharge the duties of such a position not only to the satisfaction of the community, but in a manner to meet the approbation of the Head of that Department.

With high regard, I am most sincerely your friend & humble Servt.

Fitz Henry

Auburn May

Mary Seth

Writes a friendly letter and recommends Mr. Henry Woodward for position in the Bureau —

Recd Wash. May 27. 65.

Head Quarters Twentieth Army Corps
Near Alexandria May 22d 1865.

Dear General

It has been suggested to me by Col Beckwith, that you will need, in your new position, some officer of the Subsistence Department. He requested me to see you in relation to it, but I am expecting to go home for a few days & I shall not be able to do so. I hope you will not think me selfish General if I confess that I should like such a situation. I cannot forget the many happy hours I have spent in your military family. I suppose our Corps organization will not continue more than a month or so longer — I have conferred with Col Remick on the subject and he has no wish for the situation, as he wishes to leave the service. I would wish you to act perfectly free in the matter, but if you want me I shall be as ever happy to serve you to the best of my abilities

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servant
Geo. H. Pallock Lt Col & C.S.

To
Maj Genl O. O. Howard

Alexandria, Va,
May 22, 1865

Bullock Geo. W.
Lt. Col. & C. O. S.
20th A. C.

Applies for position
in Freedmens Bureau

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Bloomingdale N.Y. May 23d/65

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Dear General

I take the liberty to address you this note although, I never met with you but once. That was at Livermore Falls upon a fourth of July occasion. I was at that time settled in Jay, as Pastor of the Baptist Church. Perhaps I can mention a circumstance by which you can recolect me. When I went upon the platform from which you & others addressed the people, I was introduced to you. My hand was in a sling and, you remarked, you also are in the same condemnation after remaining in Jay about three yrs. I entered the service as Chaplain of the 23d Maine Reg. under the command of Col Woodman. I remained with the Reg. untill my health was completely broken down

and, I was obliged to resign, since that time I have been settled in this place as Pastor of the Baptist Church which position I still hold, I have two Sons still in the service, and have been for nearly the whole length of the war thus far, One of them was fearfully wounded at the battle of Antietam, The other is in the regular Army, I perceive by the papers that you have been appointed Commissioner of the Freedmen Bureau, Can you not my Dear Sir, give me employment in your Department, where I can still serve God & my country, by serving you in the week time and, on the Sabbath preach the blessed Gospel to the poor, I have been impressed to write you this letter, and, have followed my convictions in writing you, whatever may be the result;

I have never before asked an office at the hands of my fellow men. But in this instance instead of having recourse to political strategy & working through friends I have felt like writing you directly. I have had many & severe trials thus far on my pilgrimage, having buried a Wife & four children. Still I feel I have not lived altogether in vain. I am a little more than fifty yrs of age, but I am still vigorous and capable of performing as much & more labour as ever at any time of my life. I am personaly acquainted with the Hon John P Hale, was in the Academy with him at Exeter, N.H. I am also acquainted with Hon Mr Black. I make from N.H. I can bring you as good references as you can desire. Now Sir, if you shall feel it in your heart

to give me employment. I shall feel grateful indeed to God & to you, And your Petitioner will ever pray.

Yours Respectfully
J. W. Marsh
Bloomingdale
Pompton Township
N. J.

To Major General
O. O. Howard

and in our Women Rooms in the Bible House,
By this mail I take the liberty of forwarding to you a few documents published by the Association and would call your attention to the one entitled "The Work &c"
Our efforts are directed to advance the social, moral and spiritual welfare of the thousands of young Men who crowd our city.
We feel assured you will be happy to aid us by your presence and influence in this work of our Masters.
I am, my dear Sir,

Very truly Yours—

R. R. McBurney,
Cor. Secretary.

NEW YORK YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
No 161 Fifth Avenue.

23rd May 1865.

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard.
Dear Sir:

The Anniversary of the Young Men's Christian Association of this city will be held Monday evening June 5th
Ex Governor Morgan will preside.
We anticipate an occasion of very deep interest and most earnestly desire that you will favor us with an address.
I doubt not you will remember that the United States Christian Commission was organized by the efforts of our Asso.