Hd.qrs. Camp Stanton
Beaufort S. C.
May 24 1865

My dear brother,

I was very happy to receive a letter from you, one hand from Petersburg and two others by Major Huron, mailed at Washington last week, reaching me last Sunday evening. It seems someone in charge of the Freedmen's Bureau--I think it is well that beforehand. I hope you would not have it believe it might be dishonorable to you to be located in Washington and here so much to do with

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I am here for any suggestions I may have
about the interest of the Freedmen. It is so general and
comprehensive a matter that I could not undertake to
offer anything at present. I mean however to make it my
business down here and as I
see all in my power, I will talk with all persons
I meet who are in any way connected with the freed
system of treating the Freedmen.

If I should offer anything
off-hand I should say
that the best general idea I
have for the Freedmen in the
Dept. would be to put
Saxton in command of the
Dept. And there may be much to be said against
such a course that does not
now occur to my mind.
I feel quite confident some changes ought to be made.
From what I have seen and heard from Mr. Truxtun, Mr. Thayer,
Gen. Grover at Savannah.
Gen. Hatcher at Charleston
are not the right persons to look after the Freedmen's
interests and the same is
probably true of Gen. Potter
now in command of the
district with head quarters
at Portola Head.

Gen. Gillmore appears indut
ently. I have charged his pe
sion (at least in all outward
expressions it is so indicated)
and to be in favor the Gover
ments doing what it can for
the Freedmen. So Chief Justice
Chase (with whom I conversed) was
impressed by his intercourse
with Gen. Gillmore.
I should again say in an off hand way (without having had time to reflect much on the subject) that you would do well to make a tour of inspection—especially to end down the Mississippi River.

If you come it would of course be the pleasantest thing in the world for me. I hope you come on such a visit to this department—could you do it next Fall?

I have not seen the Bill constituting the Freedmen’s Bureau.

Write me soon and send me a copy and write me freely asking all the questions upon which I think I can get any light or information in this Dept.

Do you have a Senior Trustee who is now enjoying our company and ready upon the first duties with refreshment by a home visit of some description. I thought I would write—showing for a little of my situation.
I ought not to go much about now, Rest, I am very proud of it and I say I may do good in it; making a model Regiment in military matters, and elevating the men physically, mentally, morally. It seems like a vast field. It for given & written adequate to the work before me.

At last, Reble will have a Secon by the 1st of July 30 days — Possibly I may think it wise for me to take a rest in August but I do not now think it probable.

I wish I could see her at Beaumont and Command The Post — I.S. I think it would be better for my Regiment. Paul there is another Colonel Rept.
Here and when mine is the posted by Gen. Dayton as ready for duty I expect to be ordered away either to Savannah, Chal-term, Florida or elsewhere.

If Gen. Decatur gets the
privilege of completing two
other Island Repriants which he had started when recruiting was stopped, he will desire
Keep me here in charge of the
Camp of instruction. I
hope he will get the privilege
because I believe it the best

Entreaty of the Colored men
to get them into the army thus
providing needed labor under fair
regulations for bodily health and
at the same time for his pecuniary
profit & some well being.

What stuff Aryan return
was pleased at Col. Strong's promotion
Please join Student Co.
to Major Thorne. Have another letter sent. Did he receive it? Then tell him that I do not insist upon his taking that form but would like for him to tell him advantageously for me if he can.

I found your old block of no value. Am about publishing a book now, but they ask $300 or $400 for only a few copies.

I suppose as the money marched through, you will retrieve some losses.

Did S. join you in Philadelphia as contemplated?

I suppose you will indorse with your own travels now in their pending issues of peace.

Your affectionate brother,

C. H. Towan.
P.S.,

Many are anxious to know what is to be done with Colonel R. Can you give us any light? If none is muster out we shall claim the exit bounty and return to our homes with happy hearts. If not muster out I shall for the present do my duty where Providence assigns me as faithfully as I can, looking unto Heaven for help.

W.B.

P.S. No. 2

I do not remember Capt. Darnall84 being at Town today with a final draft to negroes. Unless more is allowed to complete these two...
Beaufort, S.C.
May 24, 1865.

My dear General,

I cannot forbear expressing to you the great satisfaction with which I learned of your appointment as the head of the bureau of Freedmen's Affairs. The need of such a head has long been felt by the friends of freedom, and I feel thankful that one so true to the freedmen in purpose as yourself has been selected for this important post. One of the greatest obstacles in the way of the little I have tried to do for the freedmen here has been the want of a bureau at Washington where all questions at issue and
Conflicts of jurisdiction with the other military authorities could be referred.
I suppose greatly that this want is now supplied. I think time will show that
four work is the most important on the nation, for it is only by doing
justice to the oppressed that its future
can be made prosperous. It seems
a mighty task to shape the future of
these millions of races past freedom
but it is one that will prove simpler
than it seems. There is a great deal
of recuperative vitality in the race
so far as I have been able to
judge of it. They only need to
be educated and protected in
their rights and all will be well
with them. In this great
work, if rightly performed, you will have
the sympathy and co-operation of very
friends of humanity, and better than
all that, we cannot doubt. The
blessing of God will rest upon it.
I shall be happy to give all the
information and assistance I can
for such committee as you may appoint
for this department. I have not seen the
acts of Congress as yet, but I understand
it provides for the appointment of five
commissioners for such states which send
to me a vote providing, as a more
extended jurisdiction cannot be as
through an officer. My
wife, desires to be remembered. She
regards as much as myself,
at your appointment.
1865

Boston May 24.

Dear Gen. Howard,

My hair done for a hose! I wish to be left to trouble you, 
that while you must have so many things to think about the 
your new position. But pardon the intrusion, 
I have thought that you might have a noble 
charger - a fellow who has 
Carried the Seal - Seen 
the battle - joined in 
the victory - that you 
might have another 
i.e. a munition, one? We 
give us like to send 
me by same Quartermaster's
Returning. Ampt Boat one of the Pol to VIs the Canary a little as well as under the Saddle now.

Now, business—I want a splendid 1000 pound, well built, sure footed, Magnificent grand plans, various, war horse.

Oh, I mean, I want a first rate saddle horse, one that is kind so that I may take you & your family our in my Car, all when you come valley, & perhaps you have one for me. I'd like to pay you what he is worth. I meet him at the wharf here or at Fall River, or at Uncle other place as you can send him to possibly Whittles or some one of your old staff may want one also. If we could
along with these you see what I want.

I wrote you last week. I hope you see the note. I trust you will answer Lyman’s note affirming that we may have one of our houses at the anniversary time with NCEL® have seen that review yesterday.

In haste, but sincere and fraternal.

E.B. Nodd.
Boston, May 24th 1686.

Mr. & Mrs.

[Handwritten text continues]

[Signature]

Read Marthas May 27th 1686.
1865
May 24.

Dear Genl. Howard.

J.C. Bodwell Jr.
A Member of the Mass. bar, called on me this afternoon to get my recommendation for an appointment in your depart.

"Exactly what I have to say is this — I know the young man's father— I know several of those who have recommended him — I think their recommendations are as reliable as any.

He wants to go to Beaufort &南海 that his future home.

Yrs as ever C.B. Webb.
Head-Quarters Army of the Tennessee,

May 24, 1865.


Gnl.

I see from the IIapiu that your army has just reached Alex. 

Andria, and I take this 

moment to write you

We are all getting along as 

well as we can. Expect 

The Military Authorities an 

dying as they can to low 

true order, &c. And I 

am happy to copy these.
in Comparison. Your thought
our bodies, little or no
guerillaing and the people
disson and anxious to
work, to build up our
fortunes and to show
them our Government
My Brother is now on his
way to try to settle among
our buns and to buy
a stack of goods. We are
stok at the St. Nicholas Rate
I often think of and will ever appreciate the
friendship kindness of you
Heath, and the many fair
You did myself, and my
fellow Citizens. Whilst you
remain with us, may
Heaven reward you both
in this and the World to
Come.
My good little Wife and Children
Ariseth be kindly Remembered
to and Harvard. And should
you ever tell inclineth to
Visit our quiet little City
With your family. I should
be most happy to have you
Stay with us—
My regards to the members of your staff. At your leisure moments I should be pleased to hear from you.

Yours truly,

R.S. Tucker

PS. Do you recognize the paper on which I am writing?

By desire,

[Signature]
Lancaster May 24, 1863

My dear Brother

I hope your

good wife is safe with you

by this time and that you

are very happy. Mother

writes that you hope to

be home some time in

July. Please don't make

any engagement elsewhere

for the 4th but come to

Spencetown with us. We

will have Mother there to

meet you. Tell Fannie

we have got a new child.

We have been so scarce.

Some of the little ones

are not here yet. We

can now accommodate

an indefinite number

of little folks.

Our baby is quite well

and I am suffering temporarily

from a severe cold.

Ella sends much love to you.

Fannie & Mrs. Whittemore if the
is with you. "David wants me to tell you that our little caravan is inclined for little better" and a word of other equally sensible messages.

I suppose you have a file somewhere, or as Elca says, "a drawer in your desk" for the names of applicants for "positions." I have been requested to suggest the following:

Capt. W. E. Jordan,
Whom you knew in Colonie.
He is now in the Cavalry service at St. Louis.
Also Henry Woodman
G. Withrow, who has written you enclosing a note for me.

Yours affectionately,

Frank.
Farmington, Maine.
May 25, 1865:
Hon. C. A. Howard,
Sir:

The citizens of Farming-
ton and Franklin County are ma-
taking extensive preparations
for a celebration on the Coming
Fourth of July.

The committee elected to
secure speakers for the occasion
were instructed to extend an
urgent invitation to you to be
with us in that day.

We pledge you an audience of
twenty thousand loyal
people!

Very Respectfully,

L. H. Presbrey
for the Committee

P.S. I send " Chronicle" containing proceedings of
Winthrop May 23, 1863

Maj. Gen. C. C. Howard

Dear Sir,

Will you at some future time afford me the honor of a moment to submit to your attention the fact that I have been appointed Commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau. From the inception of that Bureau I have for various reasons felt a desire to obtain some place in it where I might have an opportunity to aid in the elevation of that long abused race. I do not claim that considerations of philanthropy alone actuate me but that as between a situation in this department and one elsewhere equally advantageous I should very much prefer the former.
pray the first for such reasons. You will please excuse me therefore in taking the liberty as apply to you, if you shall find it consistent with your duty, to give one a work to do in your department—either of yourself or through your subordinates. Not having seen the law establishing the Bureau and of course knowing almost nothing of the machinery of it—I am not prepared to specifically designate any place as desirable to me. And should you decide adversely it would be of no consequence. If favorably it could soon be determined.

Enclosed I send a note from your brother Rev. R.B. Howard with whom I am acquainted. Desiring nothing but what shall be consistent with your duty.
As all concerned, I sincerely hope you may find it in accordance therewith to favor me.

With high considerations of esteem, I am very respectfully yours,

Henry Woodward.
Huntingdon, May 26, 1865.

Woodward, Henry

Would like position in Freedmen's Bureau

one enclosure

Reed Hall, May 27, 1865.
Washington May 26th 1865

Gentleman

Commissioner of Freedmen

Sir - Allow me to introduce Harrison Reed Espq of Florida, who is here to confer with the Administration in relation to the interests of the freedmen and the restoration of Civil Govt in that State.

Mr Reed was formerly a resident of Wisconsin where for many years he was a prominent Editor and associated in the public affairs of the state.

He designs establishing a press in Florida where his character and experience eminently fit him for usefulness in the great mission of Civilization now committed to your charge

An acquaintance of over 20 years enables me to commend him as a gentleman of integrity, ability and in whom you may rely as a true friend of freedom the Government...
Mr. Reed may refer to the Hon. John A. Potter, Gen. Washburn, Perry & Payne. The Senators & Members of Congress & the public men of Wisconsin generally, who will cheerfully give their unqualified endorsement.

With much respect we are, Your obedient servants,

L. J. Harwell

Lt. Gov. of Wisconsin

Alex. W. Randall

1st Nov., P.M. 1824

James Lewis

For this
May I敬爱的Howard

Dear Sir,

Since my late return from New Orleans, where I have spent a couple of months, on a special mission for the American Bible Society, I am writing to you. I am informed about the current conditions of the Freedmen's Army, and their accessibility to Christian work. It has occurred to me that the facts gathered in regard to them, and my careful observations among them, are of interest to you.

For the sake of kindness,
I am most truly

Your Obt. Servt.

Paul H. Hald

Newark

(Born 146).

New Jersey

May 23, 1865.
Audie

Newark N. J. May 27, 1865.

Hall, David W.

Friendly letter

Read May 30th, 1865.
Census Office, Department of Interior,
Washington, May 27, 1865

My Dear Smiles

I take the liberty to

introduce the Marquis de Chalindrey — son-in-law by marriage
of de Tuyette — Mosi’s great

— by interested in the question
of freed men and who will
be gratified for any printed
document to learning on that
question.

Faithfully yours,

John Smith

[Signature]
Head Quarters 1st Reg. W.T. V.A. W.V.A. City.
Fort Reno D.C.
May 27th 1865.

Maj. Genl. C.C. Howard
In charge Freedman's Bureau
Washington D.C.

General:

Hearing had the honor of serving as Captain, Co. C, 5th Reg. W.T. V.A., under your command—and having passed examination before a Board of Officers of which you were President—I take the liberty to request of you a certificate of former service—if you are disposed to give it—for use in preparing my military records.

I have the honor to be, General,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Capt. W.T. Foy
Census Office, Department of Interior,
Washington, 27 May 1865

My dear Emmal,

Permit me to intro

ance Mr. J. Hobart Ege

J. Jebb, an earnest an

quire after information rel

ative to the African race.

Mr. He is connected with

the Toronto Globe and ap

preciate your kindnes in giv

ing him any infor.

a subject in which he is
do deeply interested.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
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145 BROADWAY, N. Y.
E. S. SANFORD, Pres't,

3 May 27

Dated

May 26, 1865.

Rec'd, Washington May 26, 1865, o'clock, min. M.

To: May 26th 1865.

The undersigned have been
appointed a Committee on behalf
of the ladies of the Christian
Commission of this State, to invite
you to be present tomorrow
night at the closing scenes
of their Floral festival held
for the benefit of our sick
wounded soldiers, the ladies
earnestly desire your presence
and we assure you it will
give great pleasure to all
our loyal citizens to have you
in our midst. Will you?

[Signature]
Baltimore, Md., May 25th, 1865.

Answered.

Shewmaker, S. M.

S. C. Coates, 3rd at.

Came please notify S. M. Shewmaker at Adams Express, Baltimore, by telegraph as early as you can on Monday morning.

W. J. Albert

S. M. Shewmaker

Committee
Hillsboro,
29 May 65

Dear Governor,

Major Thomas will call upon you again in behalf of the
affairs of Assistant Commissioner in Alabama.

I understand that these Assistant Commissioners
are appointed with your
advice and consent.

May I, as a favor,

invoke that advice

of Major Norris?

Yours sincerely,
your friend,

Mr. Gen. Kenard

J. Blaine
Washington, D.C.
May 29th, 1866

Maj. Gen. D. O. Howard

Dear Sir:

I am instructed by the Sunday School Missionary Society connected with the Calvary Baptist Church of this city to invite you, and earnestly urge you to accept the invitation to address the above society next Sabbath afternoon at three and a half o'clock, upon the subject of missions either home or foreign as adapted to such organizations.

Allow me to say that the desire to hear from you is unanimously expressed, and I hope to have the pleasure of announcing that you have accepted the invitation.

With the assurance that our people hold you in high esteem,

I am very truly yours,

[Signature]

[Address]

Rev. R. J. Johnson
Vic. Pres. Society
F. C. Church.

I have heard of your having a meeting on the 1st of December, and I write to thank you for your kind Christian kindness to the cause of our dear Country. And to say, I should be highly gratified to have you lodge at my house t the night I shall be at my house at 366, Washington Street, New York. Whenever you please to come, my place of business is 366, Washington Street, where I shall be happy to see you. The place is in the heart of the city, and I shall be glad to have you stay there.

Mr. Newton, I should be delighted to have you stay there.

In the 1st instant (our National Day) I shall deliver an oration at the Brooklyn Academy of Sciences on the life and character of Mr. Lincoln. As one of the committee I am sure you would like to take a seat and see the platform on that occasion. Or, shall we say, it will be a great pleasure to you.

My very best wishes.

F. C. Church.
Head Quarters 3d Division 17th Army Corps,
Army of the Tennessee,

Washington D.C. 30th May 1865.

Maj Gen O.O. Howard
Grandmen's Bureau.

Dear Sir,

I did not send any son to you as you proposed, as I was informed by Genl Grant, that he had called the President's attention to this matter but too late as all vacancies were filled.

I feel very grateful General to you for your kindness and so does any son.

Very Respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

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Should you need his services for a time upon your staff, he would be glad to serve with you—but not unless his services can be made useful. He holds the rank of Captain and A.D.C. assigned by order of Sec. of War to the staff of Maj. Genl. Blair, but by my request made engineer officer of my division. Don't let this motion or his desire influence you in the least. If you cannot use him so as to make him serviceable to yourself...
May 31, 1865

My dear friend,

O. O. Howard,

I now desire to express to you my sincere thanks for your kindness to my unfortunate friend, Booth. Now that peace is restored we must love those who have been enemies. How many young men have been misguided and have lost their lives! Pray, God, that they may now repent and seek salvation.

I rejoice to observe that the public and the Government appreciate your valuable and Christian services, May God reward you eternally!

I have just received advice of the death of my brother, Fred. M. in Charleston, in his 76th year, also of the death of my Nephew Fred. Epperson at Hospital near Atlanta, of a wound he was shot of my unfortunate brother of Savannah. I have also read the enclosed, can you conscientiously with your duty it without too much trouble obtain.
his release? I believe he is a worthy and quite young man. With best regards to all.
I remain, my dear sir,
Yours sincerely,
H. Tepper
Fort Delaware, May 21st, 1863
Officers Barracks, Dec 39

My Dear Uncle,

I regret very much to trouble you again, but I consented some time since to take the amnesty oath. I see no possible chance of my getting out from except through a special pardon, a good many of them have arrived here lately for officers, I think you will find no difficulty in obtaining one. I would not ask the above favor if my health were not very bad. Remember me very kindly to all of your family.

Yours affectionately,

[Signature]

1st Lieut. 27th S. C. Inf.
To Mr. Almon -

A kind letter.

Cannot recall all the figures well at present as he is at college, as asked in the case of a promise.
22 Bulfinch St.
Boston, May 21.

Dear General,

One brief word,

which please read &

answer.

Can you not,

August 1st do the

great Moral good,

instead of your

useful life, by
being, at least one day, at our National Temperance Convention, with
impossible also your noble Subordinates in rank.
& Associate in good works & works,
- Gen. Fisk.

The Mean To
make it Christian

a Patriotic

your name as "Expected" to represent will help make it; as your Count
a word will greatly aid it.

And you can say a Most
Effective word for your special proteges — to the thousands of Saratoga visitors.

— Can you say "yes", by Saturday or Monday — to me, "Care Dr. Marsh." J. Beckman Sr. New York.

and kindly oblige,
your truly,
J.W. Chickering, Sen.
Harriettin May 31, 1863-

My dear Brother,

In the service of the U.S.

Ch. Com. will the winds like to have

me go out to the army for three

for four weeks, and if I can get

the consent of my people, I would

like to go–Starting from home June

8th. By going I will miss our State

Conference where I was to speak &

also our National Council in Boston June

12th. That I had hoped to attend. The

great motive of my going is to see your

girl, but unless recommended I can not with

regard to the Southern States. Freedmen

&c. that I may learn something of the

proposed policy of the Government and

the opening up Christian & philanthropic

labor at the South. It will be pleasant

also to say some portion reads to the

soldiers about Christ, and let those

in the hospital know that our sympathy

holds out as long as their suffering.

It would be pleasant also to visit

our old friends at Gettysburg under the
Present happy circumstances and to be there with you on the Anniversary of our parting July 4th 1863 and look over the fields then devastated by VIR = Will you go to Gettysburg? Do you think I have better come? When probably can you come to Maine? Can I do anything for you on Leige? Before starting if I go? When will the return? I wish I could hear from Augusta - It will be 3 days before I get away if I hope to receive a few lines from you on Leige soon as you receive this.

Wilt much love to her

Yours affectionately

[Signature]