
2560 5/24/1865 *From:* C.H. Howard

To: My dear brother [OO
Howard]

OOH-2500

Source: Bowdoin

Hd. Qrs. "Camp
Stanton"
Beaufort S.C.

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Hd. Qrs. "Camp Stanton"
Beaufort S.C.
May 24 1865

My dear brother

I was very happy be assured to get a letter by your own hand from Petersburg and two others by Major Stinson mailed at Washington but all reaching me last Sunday evening, one week after the last was mailed. It seems you are in charge of the Freedmen's Bureau. I think it is well though beforehand I hoped you would not have it believing it might be distasteful to you to be located in Washington and have so much to do with papers as I imagined you might.

You ask for any suggestions I may have about the interests of the Freedmen. It is so general and comprehensive a matter that I would not undertake to offer anything at present. I mean however to make it my study down here and assist you all in my power. I will talk with all persons I meet who are in any way connected with the present system of treating the Freedmen.

If I should offer anything off hand, I should say that the best general measure for the Freedmen in this Dept. would be to put Gen Saxton in command of the Dept. and still 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 other trustworthy sources, Gen. Grover at Savannah & Gen. Hatch at Charleston are not the right persons to care for the Freedmen's interest as the same is probably true of Gen. Potter now in command of this District with Head Quarters at Hilton Head. Gen. Gillmore seems suddenly to have changed his policy (at least in all outward expressions it is so indicated) and to be in favor the Governments 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 and down the Mississippi River. If you could it would of course be the pleasantest thing in the world for me to hope you come on such a visit to this Department. Cant you do it next Fall?

I have not seen the Bill constituting the Freedman's Bureau. Wish you would send me a copy and write me freely asking all the questions upon which you think I can get any light or information in this Dept.

Do you have a Leave. I trust you are now enjoying one & will not enter upon the new duites until refreshed by a home visit of some respectable length. I enclose two orders, showing you a little of my situation.

I might write you much about my Regt. I am very proud of it and I pray I may do good in it, making a model Regiment in military matters and elevating the men physically, mentally, morally. It seems to be a vast field. Oh for grace & wisdom adequate to the work before me. Lt. Col. Beebe will have a leave by the 1st of July of 30 days. Possibly I may think it wise for me to take a respite in August but I do not now think it probable.

I wish I could remain here at Beaufort and Command the Post - i.e. I think it would be better for my Regiment. But there is another Colored Regt. here and when same is reported by Gen. Saxton as ready for duty I expect to be ordered away either to Savannah, Charleston, Florida or elsewhere.

If Gen. Saxton gets the privilege of completing two other Colored Regiments which he had started when recruiting was stopped, he will desire to keep me here in charge of the Camp of instruction. I hope he will get

the privilege because I believe it the best treatment of the Colored men to get him with the Army, thus providing steady labor under good regulations for bodily health and at the same time for his pecuniary profit & moral well being.

What staff do you retain? I was pleased at Col. Strong's promotion.

Please give kindest love to Major Stinson. I have written him several letters which he had not received. Please tell him that of course, I do not insist upon his taking that horse but would like for him to sell him advantageously for me if he can.

I found your old black of no value. Am about purchaseing a horse here, but they ask \$300 or \$400 for anything decent. I suppose as the Army marched through you will return your horses.

Did Lizzie come to Philadelphia as contemplated. I suppose you will take her with you on your travels now in these piping times of peace.

Your affectionate brother
C.H. Howard

P.S.

Many are anxious to know what is to be done with Colored Regts. Can you give us any light? If mine is mustered out we shall claim the exit bounty and return to our homes with happy hearts. If not mustered out I shall for the present do my duty where Providence seems to have assigned me as faithfully as I can looking unto Heaven for help. Yr. Br. C.H.H.

P.S. No. 2

I do not remember Capt Dumont Bunker of whom Maj. Stinson worte. Not appts. to negro Regts unless Gen. Saxton is allowed to complete those two.

2566 5/25/1865

From: R. Saxton

To: Maj. Genl O.O. Howard

OOH-2502

Beaufort S. Ca.

US Army

Source: Bowdoin

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Beaufort S. Ca.
May 25th 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 rejoice greatly that this want is now supplied.

I think time will show that your work is the most important in 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 emancipated freemen 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.

For this great work, if rightly performed, you will have the sympathy and co-operation of every friend 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 to such commissions as you may appoint for this Department.

I have not seen the act of Congress as yet; but I understand it provides, for the appointment of two commissioners for each state which seems to me a wise provision, as a more extended jurisdiction cannot be as thorough or efficient.

My wife desires to be remembered. She rejoices as much as myself at your appointment. I see Col. Howard daily. He has a splendid regiment, it will be equal to any in the Service white or black.

I am General
Truly your friend
& obt Servant
R. Saxton

Maj. Genl O.O. Howard
US Army

[Written at the bottom of the back page in another hand.]

Beaufort May 24th 1865

Saxton, R.

Brvt. Maj. Gen.

Friendly Letter

[Written across the last page in a third hand.]

Answered H.M.S.

2562 5/24/1865 *From:* E.B. Webb

To: Dear Genl. [OO] Howard

OOH-2503

Boston

Source: Bowdoin

[165, 166]

Boston May 24 1865

Dear Genl. Howard

"My kingdom for a horse." It is too bad to trouble you, & that while you must have so many things to think about in your new position. But pardon the intrusion. I have thot that you might have a noble charger—a fellow who has carried the Genl., seen the battle & joined in the victory, & that you might have another, i.e. a number, one of wh you wld like to send me by some Quartermaster's returning, empty Boat, one wh wld go in the Carriage a little as well as under the saddle mostly.

Now, business. I want a splendid 1000 pound, well built, sure footed, magnificent, grand, glorious, war horse. Oh. I mean I want a first rate saddle horse, & one that is kind so that I may take you & your family out in my carryall when you come along, & perhaps you have one for me. I shd like to pay you what he is worth & meet him at the wharf here or at the Fall river, or at such other place as you can send him to.

Possibly Whittlesey, or some one of your old staff may want one also, & wld come along with them.

You see what I want.

I wrote you last week. I hope you recd the note. I trust you will answer Lymans not affirmatively & that we may have you at our house at the anniversary time.

Wish I cld have seen that review yesterday.

In haste, but sincerely & fraternally
E.B. Webb

[Written on the back page in another hand.]
Boston, May 24/65
Webb. E.B.
Friendly
Genl.
Recd Wash'n May 27, 1865.

2563 5/24/1865 *From:* E.B. Webb

To: Dear Genl. [OO] Howard

OOH-2504

Source: Bowdoin

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1865 May 24

Dear Genl. Howard.

J.C. Bodwell Jr. a member of the Mass. bar, called on me this afternoon to get my recommendations for an appointment in your department.

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 & make that his future home.

Yrs as ever
E.B. Webb

2564 5/24/1865 *From:* R.S. Tucker

To: Maj Genl O Howard

OOH-2505

Head-Quarters Army of
the Tennessee

Source: Bowdoin

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Head-Quarters Army of the Tennessee,
May 24 1865

Maj Genl O Howard
Genl.

I see from the papers that your army has just reached Alexandria, and I take this moment to write you.

We are all getting along as well as we could expect. The Military authority are doing all they can to preserve order, &c, and I am happy to say that there is comparative quiet throughout our borders, little or no quarreling and the people disposed and anxious to work, to build up our lost fortunes, and to strengthen our government.

My Brother is now on his way to N.Y. to settle up our old business and to buy a stack of goods. He will stop at the St. Nicholas Hotel. I often think of and will ever appreciate the justness & kindness of your heart, and the many favors you did myself and my fellow citizens whilst you remained with us. May Heaven reward you both in this and the world to come.

My good little wife & children desire to be kindly remembered to Genl Howard, and should you ever feel inclined 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 moment I should be pleased to hear from you.

Yours truly
R.S. Tucker

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

[Written on the last page, upside down, in a different hand.]
To be answered by dictation.

2565 5/24/1865 *From:* Rowland [RB
Howard]

To: My dear Brother [OO
Howard]

OOH-2506

Farmington

Source: Bowdoin

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Farmington May 24, 1865

My dear Brother

I hope your good wife is safely 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 & spend it with us & we will have mother here to meet you. Tell Lizzie we have got a new childrens bed & can now accommodate an indefinite number of little folks.

Our baby is quite unwell & I am suffering temporarily from a severe cold.

Ella sends much love to you & Lizzie & Mrs Whittlesey if she is with you. "David wants me to tell you that our little carriage is mended for little brother" and a no. of other equally sensible messages."

I suppose you have a file somewhere, or as Ella says "a drawer in you Bureau" for the names of applicants for "positions". I have been requested to suggest the following. Capt N.C. Goodenow, whom you knew in Coll &c. He is now in the Cavalry Service at St Louis. Also Henry Woodward of Winthrop, who has written you enclosing a note from me.

Your aff. Brother
Rowland

2567 5/25/1865 *From:* L. A. Prescott

To: Gen. O.O. Howard

OOH-2507

Farmington, Maine

Source: Bowdoin

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Farmington, Maine
May 25 1865

Gen. O.O. Howard
Sir:

The citizens of Farmington & Franklin County are making extensive preparations for a celebratin in the coming Fourth of July.

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

We pledge you an audience of twenty thousand loyal people.

Very respectfully,
L. A. Prescott
for the Committee

P.S. I send "Chronicle" containing proceedings of our citizens.

2568 5/25/1865 *From:* Henry Woodward

To: Maj Gen O.O. Howard

OOH-2508

Winthrop

Source: Bowdoin

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Winthrop May 25, 1865

Maj Gen O.O. Howard
Dear Sir,

Will you allow me for a moment to intrude myself upon your attentino.

I learn by the papers that you have been appointed Commissioner of the Freedmens Bureau.

From the first mention of that Bureau I have for various reasons felt a desire to obtain some place in it where I might have 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 that department and one elsewhere equally advantageous I should very much prefer the first. For such reasons you will please excuse me therefore in taking the liberty to apply to you, if you shall find it consistent with your duty, to give me a work to do in your department, either of yourself, of 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 particularly designate any place as desirable to me.

And should you decide adversely it would be of no consequence.

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 to 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.

[Written on the last page in a different hand.]

Winthrop May 25, 1865

Woodward, Henry

Would like position in Freedmen's Bureau

One enclosure

Recd Wash'n May 27, 1865

2569 5/26/1865 *From:* L.J. Harwell

To: Genl O.O. Howard

OOH-2509

Washington

Commission of Freedmen

Source: Bowdoin

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Washington May 26th 1865

Genl O.O. Howard
Commission of Freedmen
Sir -

Allow us to introduce Harrison Reed Esq of Florida, who is here to confer with the administration in relation to the interests of the freedmen & 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 & associate 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 us 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 F. Potter, Gens. Washburne, Shurz & Payne, the Senators & Members of Congress & the public man of Wisconsin generally, who will cheerfully give him an unqualified endorsement.

With much respect we are Sir
Your Obt. Servants
L.J. Harwell, Ex Gov of Wisconsin
Alex W. Randall, 1st Asst P.M. Genl
James Lewis, Gov Wis.

2570 5/27/1865 *From:* David H. Hall

To: Maj. Genl [OO] Howard

OOH-2510

Newark
New Jersey
(Box 146)

Source: Bowdoin

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Maj. Genl Howard
Dear Sir

Since my late return from New Orleans, where I have spent a couple of months, on a special mission for the Amer Bible Soc, inquiring into the moral condition of the Freedmen there, and their accessibility to Christian work, it has occurred to me, that the facts gathered in regard to the, and my careful observations among that interesting people may be of service to you.

For the sake of it, kind intentions, pardon my assurance, as a stranger, in saying that if I can serve you & the cause of humanity by any information in my power to communicate, on the subject referred to, I will cheerfully report myself at your office, whenever you may appoint.

I am most humbly
Your Obedt Servt
David H. Hall
Newark
New Jersey
(Box 146)

May 27 1865

[Written on the last page in a different hand.]
Newark N.J. May 27 1865
Hall, David H
Friendly Letter
Recd May 30th, 1865

2571 5/27/1865

From: Jack G Kennedy

To: Maj. Genl [OO] Howard

OOH-2511

Source: Bowdoin

Census Office,
Department of Interior,
Washington

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Census Office, Department of Interior,
Washington May 27 1865

My dear General

I take the liberty to introduce the Marquis de Chambrun –grandson by marriage of La Fayette –who is greatly interested in the question of freedmen and who will be gratified for any printed documents bearing on that question.

Faithfully yr friend
<Jack G Kennedy>

Maj Gen. Howard

2572 5/27/1865

From: Chas K. Long

To: Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard

OOH-2512

Head Quarters 1st Reg.
N.H. Hvy. Arty.
Fort Reno D.C.

Freedman's Bureau.
Washington D.C.

Source: Bowdoin

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Head Quarters 1st Reg. N.H. Hvy. Arty.
Fort Reno D.C.
May 27th 1865

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

Having had the honor of serving as Captain, (Co. G. 5th Reg. N.H. Vols.), 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 record.

I have the honor to be, General,
Very respectfully
Your obdt. Servant,
Chas K. Long
Col. 1st Regt. N.H. Hvy. Arty.

2573 5/27/1865

From: Jack G Kennedy

To: Maj Genl [OO] Howard

OOH-2513

Source: Bowdoin

Census Office,
Department of Interior,
Washington

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Census Office, Department of Interior,
Washington 27 May 1865.

My dear General,

Permit me to introduce H.J. Hubertus Esq of Quebec an earnest inquirer after information relative to the African race.

Mr H is connected with the Toronto Globe & will appreciate your kindness in giving him any information on a subject in which he is to deeply interested.

Very truly yours
<Jack G Kennedy>

Maj Genl Howard

2574 5/28/1865

From: Wm J Albert

To: Maj Gen OO Howard

OOH-2514

Source: Bowdoin

The American
Telegraph Company
Printing and Morse
Lines
Balto

Washington

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The American Telegraph Company
Printing and Morse Lines

Dated: Balto May 28 1865

Rec'd, Washington May 28 1865

To: Maj Gen OO Howard

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, should you come please notify SM Shoemaker Adams Express Balto by telgh as early as you can on Monday morning

Wm J Albert
SM Shoemaker
Committee

[Written on the back page, in a different hand.]

Baltimore Md.

May 28th, 1865

Shoemaker, S.M. et al.

Answered immediately by Capt Cole A.D.C.

2575 5/29/1865

From: J.G. Blaine

To: Maj. Gen. Howard

OOH-2515

Willards [Hotel,
Washington]

Source: Bowdoin

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Willards [Hotel, Washington],
29 May /65

Dear General

Major Norris will call upon you again in regard to the appt of Assistant Commr for Alabama.

As I understand it, these assistant Commissioners are appointed with your advice & consent.

May I, as a favor personal to myself, invoke that advice & consent in behalf of Maj. Norris?

Ever Sincerely
Your friend
J.G. Blaine

Maj. Gen. Howard

2576 5/29/1865 *From:* R B Johnson

To: Maj Gen. O.O. Howard

OOH-2516

476 "H" St
Washington D.C.

Source: Bowdoin

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Washington D.C.
May 29 1865

Maj Gen. O.O. Howard
Dear Sir

I am instructed by the Sunday School Missionary Society connected with the Cavalry 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
R B Johnson
Vice Prest Society
476 "H" St

2578 5/30/1865

From: M.D. Leggett

To: Maj Gen O.O. Howard

OOH-2518

Source: Bowdoin

Head Quarters 3d
Division 17th Army
Corps,
Army of the Tennessee,
Washington D.C.

Freedmen's Bureau

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Head Quarters 3d Division 17th Army Corps,
Army of the Tennessee,
Washington D.C. 30th May 1865.

Maj Gen O.O. Howard
Freedmen's Bureau
Dear Genl

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

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

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 hold the rank of Capt 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 matter or his desire embarrass you in the least. If you cannot use him so as to make him serviceable to yourself & the Government, then I don't want him there.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Serv't
M.D. Leggett [Mortimer Dormer Leggett]
Bvt Maj Genl

[Written on the last page upside down, in a different hand.]
Washington 30th May 1865
Leggett, M. D.
Maj Gen.
Asks position for his son on General Howard's staff.
Answered.

2579 5/31/1865 *From:* H. Tupper

To: Maj. Genl O.O. Howard

OOH-2519

113 Clinton Street
Brooklyn N.Y.

Source: Bowdoin

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113 Clinton Street
Brooklyn N.Y. May 31, 1865

Maj. Genl O.O. Howard
My dear friend

I now desire to express to you my sincere thanks for your kindness to my unfortunate friends south –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! I pray God that the living 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 Tristram in Charleston S.C. in his 76th year, also of the death of my Nephew Fred. Tupper at Hospital near Balto, of a wound. He was son of my unfortunate brother of Savannah. I have also recd the enclosed. Can you consistently with your duty & without too much trouble obtain his release? I believe he is a worthy and quite young man. With best regards to Mrs H.

I remain my dear Sir,

Yours sincerely
H. Tupper

2561 5/24/1865 *From:* James Tupper Jr

To: My Dear Uncle [OO
Howard]

OOH-2501

Source: Bowdoin

Fort Delaware,
Officers Barracks, Div
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Fort Delaware, May 24th 1865
Officers Barracks, Div 39

My Dear Uncle, [OO Howard]

I regret very much to trouble you again. Altho I consented some time since to take the amnesty oath I see no favorable chance of my getting out here, except through a special release, a good many of them have arrived here lately for officers. I think you will find no difficulty in obtaining me one.

I would not ask the above favor if my health were not very bad. Remember me very kindly to all of your family.

You Affectionate Nephew
James Tupper Jr
1st Lieut 27th S.C. Inft

[Written on the back page in a different hand.]

To be answered by Sladen - a kind letter.

[written in a third hand.]

Cannot answer till the General sees it again as his intercession is asked in the case of a prisoner.

[Note. Otis and family were very friendly with a Tupper family living in Brooklyn, NY, when Otis was teaching at West Point, but I know of no other possible relationship.]

2580 5/31/1865

From: J.W. Chickering,
Senr.

To: Dear General [OO
Howard]

OOH-2520

22 Bulfinch Ln
Boston

Source: Bowdoin

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22 Bulfinch Ln
Boston, May 31 [1865].

Dear General,

One brief word, which please read & answer.

Can you not August 1st do the great moral good, perhaps, of your useful life, by being, at least one day, at our National Temperance Convention, with if possible also your noble subordinate in rank & associate in good words & work – Gen Fisk.

We mean to make it Christian & Patriotic.

Your name as “expected to be present” will help make it; as your comments & words will greatly aid it.

And you can say a most effectual word for your special proteges –to the thousands of Saratoga visitors – can you say “Yes” by Saturday or Monday – to me “Care Dr Marsh 5 Beckman St. New York” and greatly oblige yours truly

J.W. Chickering, Senr.

2581 5/31/1865 *From:* Rowland [RB
Howard]

To: My dear Brother [OO
Howard]

OOH-2521

Farmington

Source: Bowdoin

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Farmington May 31, 1865

My dear Brother

Mr Demond of the U.S. Ch. Com. writes that he would like to have me go out to the Army for them 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 14th that I had hoped to attend. The great motive of my going is to see you & get what information I can with regard to the Southern States, Freedmen &c, that I may learn something of the proposed policy of the Govm't and the openings for Christian & philanthropic labors at the South. It would be pleasant to say some parting words to the Soldiers about Christ and to 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 took over the fields then devastated by war. Will you go to Gettysburg? Do you think I had better come? When probably can you come to Maine. Can I do anything for you or Lizzie before starting if I go? When will she return? I wish I could hear from Augusta. It will be 8 days before I get away & I hope to receive a few lines from you or Lizzie as soon as you receive this.

With much love to her

Yr aff Brother
Rowland