Springdale, Cedar Co. Iowa
June 1st, 1865

Major General O. O. Howard,

Respected Friend,

My attention has been directed
to the appointment of a Commissioner of the Bureau of
Refugees, Freedmen &c. I rejoice on behalf of suffering and
oppressed humanity, in our President's good selection.
I am desirous of obtaining employment in the great
and useful work embraced in this Bureau.

I have long laboured for the elevation of the coloured
people, endeavouring to raise up in them a higher standard,
and more consistent views of Religious, Moral, and Civil
duties, to themselves, their country, and their God; in this
way by mental cultivation and training, prepare them to
enjoy and appreciate their liberty and blessings, that in due
time, they may take their work in the great human fam-
ily designed for them by our great Creator.

I fully endorse the language of the Commissioner:
"That the negro should understand he is really free, but
on no account, if able to work, should he harbor the thought
that the Government will support him in idleness."

Whilst amongst them the greater part of years 63 & 64,
which I spent in the valley of the Mississippi, I taught
them this, adding that their future welfare and happiness
depended mainly on their individual industry, in mental
and temporal application.
My knowledge and acquaintance of the negro, with their habits, customs, manners &c., has not prepared me to unite with the radical theories of some, but confirmed me in the practical common sense, influenced by circumstances as actually existing in the immediate vicinity.

I am 50 years of age, healthy and active, born of Quaker parents, and have been for over 20 years, an ordained minister amongst them, as this portion of the Christian church does not make any provision for the support of its ministers, but expects them to earn their own livelihood. I am also well conversant in mercantile business, having for 23 years, been an Inspector in New York city, can keep books, accounts, &c.

Two of my sons have been engaged in putting down the late wicked rebellion, one a commissioned officer in the Navy, the other was in the 35th Iowa Inf., Col. Thie.

To find a more extended field, and enlarged opportunity for usefulness, in advancing the true interests of my fellow-men in every good way, is the cause of my request for some minor appointment, such being my motives, I do trust that Major General Howard will kindly overlook in me any irregularities in the mode, being ignorant of any other way.

If I am furnished with any proper forms for an application, I shall feel much obliged, and would endeavour respectfully to comply with such requirements.

Should Major General Howard have places to fill, may I very respectfully ask him, to furnish me the address of Major E. Whittlesey, Asst. Com.?
for state of Mississippi, where most of my time was spent, and where I am well known, or of any of the other Commissioners, who would be likely to be in need of such assistance as my abilities and business qualifications offer.

I am strictly temperate, not knowing the feelings of the drunkard. I am ignorant of all gambling and never in my life practised it, or entered a house or the courts of a woman prostitute. I am free from all debt and I hope at peace with all men.

Very respectfully asking the favourable consideration of my application, as also the answering me at early convenience of the esteemed Commissioners. I await his kind reply and remain

Very truly,

Henry Rowntree.

My address is

Henry Rowntree,
Springdale,
Cedar Co.
Iowa.
Springdale, June 13th.

He Rounbess,

Wants an Instrument.

A.
Wake County Mt. near Raleigh
June 8th, 1865
Major General O. O. Howard.
Washington City, D.C.

Dear Sir,

Hermits

came to trouble you with a few lines.

Just after the surrender of Johnston to the invincible Sherman, a considerable
quantity of forage (corn and fodder) was
impressed in this neighborhood for
the use of the Army and in many cases
receipts were given to those from
whom the forage was taken, some
signed by the Quartermaster and
other by forage Master, with the
promise that it would be paid
for. The forage was taken principally
for the 16th & 17th Corps of your brave
Command. Now like you
Let him as to inform me whether
the said Decs can be collected
and if so how shall we proceed
to do so? They seem to be informed
or irregular and proper vouchers
of payment in their present form
and presented them to Col. Boyd
and Schofield, Chief T. Kent, who advised me to write you
concerning the matter, saying
that he thought it was the intention
of the authorities to pay for forage
taken about this time when
after the cessation of hostilities
the parties presenting their claims
could be able to show that they
are true and loyal citizens and
strongly attached to the Union.
If these claims can be paid,
General, it will greatly aid
the community in raising
their crops and relieve them greatly from their present prostration and cement their affection for the Government which favors no kind.

Fearing I have troubled you too much already I close, pressing upon you your kindness which rests so lightly upon us and given to us in protecting us while in our midst.

Please write me at Raleigh and render us tender remembrance and lasting obligations.

Your obt. serv.

James V. Foot.
Benz Co.
Far Johns Ralph
Wills & Gannet
With Whistler
Double Cadet

The approval
however I

Gained
Or of which of
his Correspond
an informal
Volunteer will
be sufficient
Evidence to leave
Payment
The Army of Sherman
At thirty to forty
Clerk's Office, Select Council,

Philadelphia, June 9th, 1865

Major General O. O. Howard

Dear Sir:

You are specially requested to be present at the reception of the returning Philadelphia Regiments to take place to-morrow at 10 o'clock. Rooms have been secured for all the guests of the lady at the Conventual Hotel, and carriages will be ready at 12 o'clock. I have charged Mr. [illegible] to convey the guests to the reviewing stand.

By order of the Committee

[Signature]

Lieut. H. Grant
Miss Carrie Borden.
Washington June 9th, 1865.

Grec Howard,

Dear Sir,

I came up to your Quartet the morning to present to you and Mrs. Howard the compliments of Est. and Mrs. Richard Bose, my good Father and Mother, with a cordial invitation for you to pay us a visit when you are again in New England. It would afford us all very great pleasure to welcome you to our guest home, in Fall River, and we should enjoy so much the expression of that friendship which the service of our beloved country has entailed this earnest loyal heart.

My good Mother wishes very much to see you. Since the death of our Flag suffer in the expedition, but only the inexpressible grief of your absence has, she has scarcely ceased her prayers and the laments for the soldiers. It has been a great comfort to us, while our noble men were in the field.
enduring the terrible labor of redeeming our country we at home might minister to their wants in so many ways. If you were, my hand, in the supply of our hands dear friend, you there I truly received a richer portion and the wisdom and blessing which our Heavenly Father has been pleased to bestow in answer to the prayer of faith. Now please do come and see us, and Mrs. Howard and the children, and, very soon if you can. Grace will remember little Katie Borden. Mr. Borden will be very happy to see you at his house, with Mrs. Ho.

Thanking you and your gallant command for all that you have done for us in the field.

I am yours with highest regard and esteem.

Carrie Borden

Moll Carrie Borden

Caret of Mr. D. Borden. Gabriel Shattuck

Philadelphia
City Engineer's Office
St. Louis, June 9, 1865

Dear General,

A long time has elapsed since I wrote to you last, and during this period many things have occurred of great moment to the Country. With the greatest interest have I followed up your movements through the heart of the Confederacy and have enjoyed your achievements the same as if I had been with you. Your slow and steady promotion is
the purest sign that it was so well described of which I for my part have been long convinced. It was not the momentary impulse and exaltation over one act, but a promotion on reflection, which it seems to me makes it of much more value. And even if the government should not have regarded your merits the opinion of the people is but one and that is that the one armed soldier stands among the first of the nation.

You know very well General, that I am not disposed to flatter a person, but excuse me.
for having said so much and for allowing my candid feelings to this expression. Believe me, if I assure you that I regard the period of my life which I spent in your associations, one of the brightest which will remain inscribed on my memory for ever.

Now I must trouble you with a matter relating to the 11th Corps. It is about the books and papers of the same. You remember General that, when the 11th Corps was dissolved, two books were retained by you which you intended to send to me. These...
mainly of the papers we kept until I could send them altogether, not wishing to have any of the books missing on examination at the War Department.

Now as you are stationed in Washington, I have taken the liberty to send the box containing all the books and papers in my possession to your address, so that after adding the books with you, I would ask you to have them turned over to the Adjutant General’s office. For a long time I had the desire to comply with the order requiring the transmission of these documents.
which, without any fault of mine has been delayed unnecessarily. I must apologize for charging your officers with sending these things which should be done by me, but under the circumstances I am in hopes to be excusable.

Now and then I hear from the officers formerly connected with the 11th Corps. Among them is not Ballock, who undoubtedly is the same good man. He speaks of you always as the kind hearted good fellow, which in the mouths of Ballock is really meant.

You have probably heard
of my resignation in December last. In short, I will
give you my reasons for doing so. My last care
haught and career was attended with so little suc-
cess that no matter what
fault it was, it gave me
a disgust for a life that
activity as I had
for several months last
year. Another reason is
that my aged father lived
by here and that it so
happened that before turn-
ing in my resignation a
position in this office was
offered me by my
former chief.
Although I have many
times felt a desire to
be present when act...
operations of the army
were in progress, I am
now pretty well satisfied
with my condition.
A great part of my leisure
time I spend in adding
to my little knowledge of
my profession, Civil engineering
and all other time that
can be spared to general
studies, which is the greatest
satisfaction that I have
found so far.

Excuse my encroaching
upon your time with such
a long letter containing so
many useless remarks.

With the greatest respect and
my best wishes
I have the honor to remain
Yours Sincerely
P. De Keyzer
Dr. Louis L. 
June 9, 1863

Best regards. 

Friendly letter.
Camp of the 136th Regt. N.Y. V. I.

near Washington D.C. June 9th 1865

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard,

General:

I am we once more, and for the last time.

The war is over. The rebellion is crushed. The flag of the Union has, by triumphantly, in my place of victory, subjected to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Those who abandoned the peaceful pursuits of civil life, for the strenuous labors of bloody war, now once more return to the ways of life so abandoned.

There who remain in hearts, filled with gratitude to God for his protecting care, many time who have faithfully discharged their duty, with the proud consciousness that they have aided in unseating the General of them further, against the assults of the most formidable rebellion the world has seen. There are comfort and consolation to the Christian soldier, of which no human authority can deprive him. But it must be enunciated, that as officers of the Govt, do not, and perhaps cannot, distribute the rewards of service with any thing like seen headed justice.

In my case, I have discharged my duty faithfully, zealously, and allow me to add, efficiently. In my judgment, I have been treated with great injustice. As a personal favor, I ask to read carefully the enclosed paper. Having done so, I think you will say I am right. I am well aware that I have been thrown into my
present unfortunate position, by the force of perpetuation, concur to this. It was, my misfortune; at least I so regard'd it) that my Regt. was assigned to the 11th Corps in the fall of 1862. It was a greater misfortune (I mean to myself and my military advancement) when the 11th Corps was broken up and its Commander (who had been with long enough to become acquainted with relative merit and capacity of such and any officer in it) transferred to another Corps. My chance of promotion was entirely destroyed, when Gen'l Butler and Halleck left the army, and I became second to the command of the 20th Corps. Then indeed arose a Pharaoh who knew not Joseph.

In a military hierarchy, as you are aware, it is the prerogative of the superior officer to screen the armies of his subordinate, however meritorious, from being acknowledged or remunerated. In an army, the subordinate seems to be in the power of the superior. Hence the superior, by the highest of all honorable and moral obligations, to do justice to his subordinate.

Are I respectfully solicit for your good judgment; have I been treated unjustly, unfairly? Have I not been, without cause or provocation, humiliated and degraded? Have I not been compelled to suffer from inexcusable favoritism?

I write you, because I have heard under your knees more than any other Corps Commander; because I know you a benevolent injustice; because I believe that, if I had continued under your command, should I have been subjected to no such unjust treatment; and because I have no doubt that, with your aid, even now, justice can be done.
I see go home with honor. You may say that the encouragement of having faithfully discharged his duty, is the good man's reward, undoubtedly this is so- earthly punish cannot deprive him of this. It is his self's consolation under injustice certainly, oppression. But this, I apprehend, is no reason why he should be subjected to injustice continually and oppression. It is the successful mean that cares not off the honor. The mean, ought to be successful, but you know that mean & success are not always companion.

I undertake to say that the assignment of Cargwell to my brigade cannot be justified. It was against my military usage. It was in violation of the practice and policy of our military service. It has been promulgated unjust & unwarranted, by every military officer in the corps to whom the facts have been made known. And to add to the injustice (I will not now qualify it by such terms) Cargwell has just in circulation the statement that the 3rd Wing of the 3rd Div of the 20 Corps near the best brigade in the order that Cargwell had brought out for service & guidance. You know that this is not so. You know none of the brigade than Cargwell. You know its discipline, its efficiency, and its reputation, are older than Cargwell's commission as a Colonel. The remark was intended as a reflection upon Cargwell's predecessor; and you know that in that respect, I can (to me no harder term) unreservedly.

If there is any thing I have the right to be proud of, and I am proud of, it is the conduct of the men I brought into service.
As you may know, I have long been familiar with the mountainous region near the enemy. The conduct of our men during that terrible campaign has been exemplary. The losses of our men were heavy, and I have reason to believe that it was due to the brave and tireless effort of our officers. The men of our regiment have shown extraordinary courage and determination. I cannot imagine a situation where I would not be proud to be a part of such a regiment.

I have the utmost confidence in the conduct of our men. I believe that they would do their best to serve their country and their unit. If my case can be resolved fairly, then I am aware of the difficulty of accomplishing this in the current political climate. However, I am confident that my case will be heard and that the judgment will be fair and just. Together we have faced the test of adversity, and together we have been brought to the brink of victory.

I am in no doubt that my fate is sealed by the actions of my superiors. I am happy to be a part of this regiment, and I am confident that my actions have been exemplary. I am proud to be a part of such a regiment.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
My dear brother,

Capt. Lee's
surprised me much by stepping
into my tent last Monday evening.

He brought a brief letter from Maj.

Johnson. The only words in your
handwriting were "Beaufort S. C."
upon the exterior of the envelope
containing my Breach appointment.

There were a complete surprise and
of course gratifying.

I walked down to Gen. Stanton's
with Capt. G. that evening. The
Gen. was glad to have some word
from you. He had nearly de-
adied to visit Washington.

I can hardly tell you how glad
I was to see someone from you
from the personal staff. Capt. G.
gave me some idea of your situation and how you are occupied.
I am very glad to know S. g. is with you.
I have so much to say that
I hardly know where to begin. Besides I have been in the habit,
for years of having long letters
with you during the past 4 years
so that pen & paper seem a very
inadequate means of communi-
cation. I was very keen.
Could not remain long. The
left next morning. But he came
back to my camp at Pawnee
and I had a Dress Parade
Dress (Battleship) for his inspection
about which he will tell you.
I think you could not have
done better than to appoint Gen.
Sexton to the position you did.
Will it not be permitted him
to have control of some troops?
You know the execution of the
law can measure more and will
for some time depend entirely
upon the military. If the above
forces in these two States could
be organized into a Div. and Gen.
S. assigned to command it—al-
though it would probably be ad-
visable to distribute it in garri-
sions yet Gen. S. would then have
power to carry out any policy.
It would give him more
respect of the existing military
authorities also more deference
from the inhabitants. With a
military organization Command
came also Staff officers and
many prerogatives, as you are
well aware, which would fail
were his operations much. I am
convinced, were you in his
place, you would consider it
highly important to have some
Trout under your control at least for a year to come.

There seems to be a propriety in giving a military man who retains his rank some actual command if it is deemed, also, for the sake of the campaign.

Gen. M. now has under his control these two Regts. 128th and 104th. The latter not yet mustered in. Some fear that it will not be possible, however, to increase it to the maximum which it has cost so much to recruit. Besides, it is undoubtedly better to provide for as many colored men families as possible by getting them into the army.

My men are learning to read and write. Some become genteel and orderly in appearance and are much improved from what they were as recruits.
I expect my Respt. will be turned over to Gen. Hillman for duty soon. Gen. J. will ask to have it returned here and the 32nd U.S. C. I. sent away. This will give me command of the Fort here and even if Gen. T. has no control of troops by any arrangement from you, we shall work very harmoniously. Of course as I see you here, I committed him to your care here. This is certainly the most advantageous position of access to the islands and about midway between these two Sevannah.

Capt. Cole near Maj. Whittlesey is to leave Florida. I am pleased at this for I may see him sometimes.
Mr. Sent. box. of 82 & 187.

Come to see this morning about applying for that $200. He will be kept out. I know nothing about him.

Don't you think you will come down here this Fall? Sometimes I think it would be well for me to take a rest and go North in August. I get rather weary here sometimes. They all say it will be intensely hot in August—still I have not settled to go—I do not trouble myself very about the healthiness—I know I will be well. But it sometimes seems that I would come back to my work with more vigor and would accomplish more after a little relief I content with the pitching

Thoughts, feelings of friends in the North—I do hope that you will send us if you can bring Sherry's.

[See margin page 14]
There was one important matter that I wished to mention. I have
from different sources that Gen.
Grove at Savannah being almost
in sympathy with Rebel. He
has even prohibited the Drum Cope
of the 33rd U.S. C. T. to play in
Certain airs which he considers
"incendiary". It makes one think of
the dark age of history to see that word "incendiary". He is
certainly not in sympathy with
those who are laboring for the
Freedmen - Rebel Officers record
their names at the hotel as
"captain" in 920 "J. C. S. A."
Hatch of Charleston & Potter
of District Port Royal are come
planned of as if the same state.
St. Ann. Bach is to have
a Leave in July and work
Your visit Maine if you & your family were there. He may do so at any rate as he had a special attraction at Belfast. Dr. Monroe is dead. You may remember Mr. He used to be surgeon to the Marine who was in the leg. Clinton last winter.

We are all expecting to be brought before an Examining Board in my office or resigning in this act. Perhaps I had better but I think I will make the tree. Do you suppose Gills will remain here? He has been doing much apparently into the Freedmen interest of late.

Presidential Chief Justice Chase to think he (Pullman) was as good a friend to the black man could have. He appointed several officials of color. Rep. Woodford you will remember if you saw the reception speech of the Civil War Union when first came through with 3 terms. He is Port Royal. Gen. T. Staff for Gen. Coleman.
Quartermaster’s Department,
Thirty-first Reg’l, Maine Veteran Vols.,

Savannah, 30 June 3rd, 1865.

My Dear General,

I am undoubtedly aware of the assignment of our
Det. to this Dept. I had the honor of calling
at your Head Qrs. before I left W. And
found you absent. As he shall probably
remain here or near here for a Considerable
time, it occurs to me I may possibly be
of some Service to you in furnishing you
with information, Statistics or otherwise
in lien of a more valuable correspondent.
Please to Command me at any time
I can be of Service to you. Only to with
owe credit my abilities. I don’t claim to
be a good Soldier so far as I have had
opportunities to learn. With best wishes for
yourself and Mrs. H.

I am Very Respectfully,
Your obedient Servant

Ralph E. Whitman

3d Co. 31st V. S. Vols.
Calhoun, Va.
June 9th, 1865.

R. C. Whitman.
Capt. Col. 36th Me. Inf.

Prof. has been desired in furnishing information statistical or other.

Read (Br. R. V. A. C.) June 15, 1865.
Farmington, Maine

June 9, 1865

Major Gen. G.O. Howard,

Dear Sir,

I address you at this time, to ask you if you can and will detail or appoint my son, Capt. Nathan C. Goodnow now at Louisville, Ky., Acting Ordinance Officer of the Cavalry Depot at that place, and formerly on Gen. Heintzein's Staff, to some duty in your department? My son has been in the army now nearly three years with a Dr. in a mounted battery in Illinois, and very soon after a Capt. in the 16th Illinois Cavalry. He was with Gen. Sherman's Army to the taking of Atlanta and...
and after that was ordered back to try to attend to duties pertaining to the refitting several Cavalry Regiments. In November last he applied for orders to join his regiment, instead of which he had orders asigning him to duty at Louisville, where he has since been. On the 14th last he was taken suddenly and violently ill at Louisville, and was confined to his room for 53 days with fever and rheumatism, which terminated in his recovery, with the loss of the sight of his right eye, and depriving him of the use,

He has understood he has a good reputation for energy and ability in the duties he has been assigned for, and that Gen. Sherman has spoken well of him as an officer.
I have good reasons for believing his habits of temperance, sobriety, and good morals are well established, and I know him to be more than ordinarily capable in business. He has the mother’s boys depending on him, and it seems to me he is among the thousands who, by unceasing industry and patriotism, give their services to the country from pure motives, and are entitled to consideration. For you personally, I know, from letters to me the year ago, he has the highest respect and admiration. If you can therefore, assign him to some duty or place in your department, I should be grateful to you.

If need be, I think I could furnish you with testimonials from many of your personal friends.

With the highest respect,

Yours truly, Robt. Grodenow.
Harmonious the June 9, 1865

Isodore, Robt.

Asks to have his son detailed into this Bureau.

Other of the

Cast, Coin,

Murray's applas

June 12, 1865

Reed.
Richmond Ind.
June 10, 1865.

My dear brother:

I received the enclosed circular that I am about business. I have done something at it already. Can you immediately send me a copy of the laws passed during the last two sessions of Congress? I suppose they are behind and ready for distribution. If you could send them to me without the expense of purchasing them, you would do me a favor. If they are not some of the proclivities of your office, I can get them in Cincinnati to which city we are sending nearly every day.

I send by the papers that bill. Our Howard was at Washington
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U. S. War Claim Agent

FOR

INDIANA,

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OFFICE OVER CITIZEN’S BANK,
(The Office of J. P. Siddall, Esq.,)

Richmond, Ind.

R. H. GILMORE,

Attorney at Law.

REFERENCES:

Major General O. O. Howard,
Chief of Freedman’s Bureau, Washington, D. C.

Hon. Ira Harris, United States Senator, Albany, New York.

C. H. Strickland, Esq, Richmond, Indiana.

J. P. Siddall, Esq.

Col. John A. Bridgeland,

Wm. Parry, Township Trustee.
A few days ago, I saw these
notes and felt he much from his brother, Doc.
He was away with the children with us.

I am enjoying life very much
and am rapidly getting acquainted with the people.

Mr. Siddall, in whose office I am
at present located, is a pleasant man.

Uncle J. family you nicely.

Yours truly, brother.

R. P. Gilmore

P.S. Mr. S. R. Deane, who is the
father of a certain young lady in whom you know, is somewhat interested, had
requested me to write you inquiring
whether you knew of a Treadwell and
his wife, who would like a good situation such as Mr. D. Could give upon his
farm, if they would, upon the terms of one
immediately.
Richmond, Ind.
June 10, 1865.

R. H. Gilmore

Request copies of the papers secured during the two last sessions of Congress.

Sew by sending the report.

Recept. (By W. & A. L.) June 15, 1865.
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Cambridge Livingston, Sec'y, 145 Broadway, N.Y.

E. S. Sanford, Pres't.

[Signature]

June 10th, 1865.

Att'd, Philadelphia, 1865, o'clock, min. M.

To Maj. Clark, O.R. No. 121.

The 69th P. V. is a veteran regiment and will not be understood out of service.

C. T. Whelton.

Scored 139.
June 10th, 1865.

C.A. Whellan.

Takes the 69th Pa. Vol. 2nd R.H. will not be mustered out.
Madison, Ga.  

June 10, 1865.

My Dear Friend:

Perhaps the mad current of Events,ler, which has swept over our heads, for the last four years, has not so entirely washed my name from your memory, as to render the above Censure less true than I was wont to hear it — at times I may still claim it without being considered presumptuous—

The storm is over — the will of God is plainly decreed on our destiny, and I pray that His Grace may be sufficient to sustain us all, in our prosperity or success, alike in our misfortunes or adversity.

I heartily acquiesce in His twin decrees — and more than willing to abide by whatever fate may be mine in this world, looking through faith, alone to the World on High as the goal of all genuine happiness. This fearful tragedy has been enacted; early it was the working of a Higher Power Than Mortals, and we must admit that the just form by the South was as essential to the consummation of the ends attained as
was that of the National Government. May God sanctify the act and the steps of all this people.

You most likely have not learned my marriage, which took place Sept. 26 near Atlanta, Ga. When I was married Miss Ellen - daughter of Rev. E. W. Schenck of the E Church and Missors' daughter of the Church. In our Prima Day 10 months we have a great treasure - an angel pledge of God's love for us.

Please present my kindest regards to Mrs. S. - The Children - I could not write until much more - but not now. I must await you. If you still subscribe myself.

I am your friend.

M. A. Wright

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

U.S. Army

Washington, D.C.

P.S. I must remain in Madison until I fully understand my orders, I know what I am to do or is to be done with me, and I pray you how the time & inclination to write me, it will give me great pleasure to write you fully - M. A. W.
New York, June 11th

Mr. Howard

Dear Friend,

In reply to your kind inquiry of what you could do to assist me, I beg leave to suggest that you would have an interview with Mr. Stanton urging his attention to my case. If I could have remained some time in Washington it would have been of advantage, as we were under the care of Mr. Webb we felt bound to return when he did. Could there be any arrangement made of my spending some time in Washington, it would be advantageous. I have no doubt
no one seems to realize our painful position. I feel that my heart is breaking and my anxiety in regard to my children is very great. Does it not seem hard after having suffered so much for the cause, and braved all dangers to succeed and assist our brave men who perilled their lives to save their country, that I should have become beggared, so suddenly deprived of wealth of a home of luxury and comfort, and to become a houseless, homeless wanderer. Many wise men who examine the matter agree in thinking the Saviour has the power to grant...
rely, will you not add your influence, see
him in person and urge my necessities, do you
think it would be of any advantage to see the
President in my behalf.
Mr. Seward expressed much sympathy for me
and would add his influence.
If you have an opportunity
to speak with him in the
subject I would feel grateful.
I hope much from your
interview with Mr. Stanton.
One fourth of what I expended
on the business would now
make me comfortable, which
is all I desire. I beg my
friend you will be able
to propose some way of
Miss Martin.

... That may meet the Win Lee’sriteria. Mr. Wee has done nothing since our return. He is awaiting a promised letter from Mr. Sheld, and I fear the whole matter has escaped his memory, and if you will not revive the matter, and keep up his interest, I have received many letters from the Business, and like you to see them, my daughter sends Kind remembrances. We both indulge in hopes of ultimate success and feel your influence will be great and will not be without shield. I hope to be able to come to Washington again at the suggestion of Mr. Wee. My daughter wrote to Mr. Sheld to day. Respectfully,

Amelia Martin.
of this matter has to be referred to Congress could there not be some relief granted by an advance for a requisition on the quartermaster department. I am so anxious to have a time for my family I cannot bear the thought of separation. The convent is the only asylum I see at present and I shudder at the thought. I know that I expended one hundred thousand dollars on the prisoners in your years. This they will vociferate for it cost a mess of from one hundred dollars to get a dinner, one sixth of what I expended would now make me above want.
It would be a relief to the government and so much to me at present. I feel that I need not urge you to speak in my behalf your native goodness of heart will prompt you to do all you can for me and my dear little ones. Our little sister is now sheltered in the convent to relieve one of expense. I have been waiting patiently for some action and my hopes are again excited. God grant success may crown the efforts of our friends. Much of what hope rests upon you my dear and good friend. Would others feel as you do. I would soon feel comparatively happy. Truly yours.

A. A.
Milford June 11, 1866.

My Dear Cousin

I have just received your letter of the 8th inst. and am glad to hear from you again. I hope you are well and that your health is improving.

I take the liberty of sending you a letter which I am sure you will enjoy. I hope you are well and that your health is improving.

I wish to express my deep gratitude to you for your many past acts of kindness. Can you but imagine how I feel?

I am in hopes of being promoted to a higher rank.

I do not think it just for a civil and military officer to remain in their own positions.

On the other hand, if they could make a real effort to improve their position.

Can they and be sure that by this means we shall support him in everything.

Please write to me and let me know how things are.

With best regards,

Yours truly,

[Signature]
If the poor fellow had not an empty purse I would bid him to have the best but his position is gone and he has little business experience.

I fear the profound of such business men do not include heart and purse.

I feel he has learned his position and that he is not the man to be able to make him give it up.

His life has been one long struggle and I do think he feels the aged.

Will you not please give him a few lines of comfort and advice.

Writing you might be known the bit-back you I am going to write to my old friend C. Edward who is President of a Court Practice etc. to inform you of the fact. If you are not in the city he can direct Reay to please do so. I write therein without his knowledge. Recommanding the name of the house who paid the loss from the same I may direct you to help him with a good deal of love for you & yours. I am constantly your office cog.

Linnie
P.S. I have used通字 deeply please
for those up.

Address: Maj. A. C. Lee 6th Aug. 78
Cane River Citizens 2nd
110 Washington St.
Cincinnati
Ohio
Widford June 11th. 1865

To, Mrs. Lizzie
Falmouth, June 13th/5

Dear Brother Oak,

I have received a letter from Mr. J. L. Schleich of Gettysburg. Also, you recollect gratuitously entertained us and gave his house for a hospital for Penyree Jones—inviting me to spend the 4th with him—saying that he would be proud to have you accept of his hospitality, while in Gettysburg. If public arrangements will not permit you to gratify him by accepting his invitation, I do hope you will be able to call and thank him. Noble Christian patriot & his wife for all that they did for us & the
[Handwritten text not legible]
Wm. Woodcock. He met with Charles & wants him to come. I wish we could all meet there. I go to Boston this week & a letter will reach me addressed to National Council Care of Kate Dr. Gilman, 1071 St. Street & Ida & the children go to Bath. I expect to be away 10 days at least.

Mother was at I spent last Thursday night with us. She seemed pretty well & cheerful. But is quite carel there at Leeds alone. With love to Lizzie & Hilt with you. Affly 1

Finlund

P.S. Have not heard from you twice your new appointment.
Harrington June 12, 1865

Howard Rowland

Dear Sir,

I trust this finds you in good health and spirits. I have been thinking about the matters we discussed last week. 

[Handwritten text continues]
Washington, D. C.
June 12th, 1863

My Dear Sir,

Mr. Wm. S. Hineline, the bearer, has just been selected as Departmental and local reporter for the Daily Chronicle. I cordially recommend him to you and will be greatly obliged if you will give him any daily intelligence or items that you may think proper to publish from your Department.

Yours,

Very truly,

Whoseity

Major General Howard
Camp Chapman 5.6
June 12th 1865

Sir,

Pardon me for the liberty I take in thus addressing you. I wished to know if your brother the Col. had command of a Co. of Inf., and if so, could you assist me to obtain a position in it. I was acquainted with Col. when at Brunswick, when I reside and would write him of if I knew where to direct. I have served three years in the 5th Staff, and am now in "Hancock's Cape." If you can assist me in any manner I shall be under the greatest obligation to you.

I am sir,
Very Respectfully,

Col. 8th Co. 1st Regt. "Vermont" 1st V. I.
Camp Chapman 5.6 Col. Louis Johnson.
P.S., I can furnish the best of recommendations as to character, ability & c.
Washington, D.C.
June 1865

Mr. Howard.

Dear Sir,

I write you a note some days since, begging you, if it were in your power, to give me some entering from your office. Not having received no answer to it, I can only suppose it has been reach'd its destination. Since I apply'd to you for a clerkship in your Bureau, I have obtained the appointment of one in the War Department, at the sum of $150.00 per month, after much care, pain, and no end, I find that I cannot obtain bread for myself and child for less than $15.00 per month in this city. Pardon me for writing these particulars to you, but I merely wish to state that that situation is utterly inadequate to my support and that I must find some other employment. If you could give me some entering from your Bureau, which I could take home...
Come with me, and be myself, at
the morning. I assure you I should be most truly grateful to you, but I think you
would feel that you had assisted me
who was really in need. I hope it is handed
for me & state that I would try my best, possibly to do my duty to you, sacrificing
and I hardly know how to word this but
not of the abundance of the heart. The heart
speaks to, and if in your kindness you desire
I will pay my respects; the necessities of
these, who have no means to furnish the
wider and the food, will I am sure
and upon you. I will call again, tomorrow morning & get an assurance & my respects,
with the utmost respect.

Mrs. J. B. Richardson.

Major Gen. E. O. Hoadley,
Commissioner Freedmen's Bureau
Washington.
Exeter, Maine  
June 14, 1865

General,

I see it stated in the papers that you are to deliver the Oration at Gettysburgh on the 20th of July. Will you oblige me by saying if that announcement is correct.

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant,

David Barker

Gen. T. C. Howard  
Washington D.C.
Braunfels, L. C. June 14, 1865

Dear Sir,

I desire to express to you my gratitude to a kind Providence, who has placed you in charge of so many of the very important interests of the freedmen. I pray that you may be endowed with wisdom for the great work that you may be able to find men preeminently fitted to aid you, without marring the work. The real elevation, having any thing like a symmetrical development, of this people, is a slow work. Men of weak faith in God, or who cannot do this work heartily as unto the Lord, are very apt to do so in vain. The Cross of the Colored Man's Cause is not without its odium; true Christian love in a certain amount of courage are requisite, not only will the Cause suffer, but the laborer himself will sustain moral damage, as has too often occurred.
Ever Lasito desired me to make out a code of regulations relative to the marriage relations. I hope to have them ready by next steamer. I find it a very important, if also very difficult, work.

There is another piece of immense importance to be provided for. I refer to the settlement of the estate of deceased freedmen and the care of their minor children. Even if the estate were recognized, their labors ignore all the interests of the freedmen. All their courts are based against them.

One case, which I will give, that occurred on one of the islands a few weeks since will make as men illustrate the want. I refer to a freedman died leaving two Methodist children, one a babe of a few months, the other a year. There was no one to look after either. He
children or parent, the brother, by military order was sent for near.

This is defective in the transcript.

Who shall be guardian of the children and where these funds for their education? 

Sure, thousand similar cases will occur before one year. 

Would not it be well to establish something like a "Commission of Estates" department? 

An act of some kind in which the freedmen shall be allowed to testify is absolutely necessary.

Hence, the force of stubborn facts involving equally the white man, intend to do some

sort of justice to the colored

man. I think I shall be trusted.
for naming another matter, Genl. Genl. Brow has been relieved of the command of Savannah by Genl. Salis, Genl Brig Genl Want has been placed in command of the Publ. Genl Brow of the District, Genl Brow was the favorite of all the disloyalists, as generally understood, his restoration cannot aid in any way the interests of the freedmen. I think Sir I believe Genl Brow will be assigned to duty elsewhere. I pray that God may give you all needed wisdom for your work.  A good man can do good. Pardon me for alien You my best wishes. U. French.
War Department,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Washington, D.C., June 5th, 1865

Wednesday night.

Dear Sir,

I presume you are quite well by this time and I hope quite well. I shall look for railroad tomorrow or next day. I shall

Straight to take in the 11 A.M. train

arriving here about 6 P.M.

and have Mackland here in the morning. We shall

make all the arrangements about 6 P.M.

God & Mrs. Mackland have joined

the railroad and are now living

quite pleasantly. God Mackland

& Mrs. Trimm. God & Fannie

Dr. Maynard. Mrs. Trimm. Miss

alright. Miss Smith. Mrs. Slocum

have all been fine. They do not all seem very

well. I am now getting along

will write my business.

God & Mrs. Smith return from

Fort Leavenworth from

Sgt. St. from Leavenworth

Clark.
303 Walnut Street
Philadelphia: June 14, 1865.
Major General O.C. Howard
General.

I called to
see you when I was in Washington some
weeks ago and again when you were
in this City last week, but on each occasion
I was disappointed. My object in calling
upon you was the natural desire I felt
to see an old friend, but this was not
my only object. I wanted besides to
enquire of you whether as “Chief of
the Freedmen’s Bureau” you had in
your gift any office or appointment
that I could fill. As you are aware,
I entered the service at the very
Commencement of the war and after
participating in most of the engage-
ments I was finally taken prisoner
last August on the Wilden Rail Road
Last spring I was released and soon after, my term of service having expired, I was mustered out. I at once opened an office for the practice of my profession, the law, but times are not now what they were when I abandoned my business and took to the field. After a trial of some months, I find myself with scarcely any business on hand, and very little prospect at present of getting any. Thinking that perhaps we starting a new institution you might be in want of assistants, I thought I would apply to you.

Yours truly,

With much respect,

Your old friend,

[Signature]