Nat'l, June 15th 1865

Major General Howard,

Dear Sir,

I send your enclosed paper. I hope you will do all that can be done for the protection of the poor Negroes. God be merciful to them for their return seems almost to atone for the brutality of their disloyal masters.

Your's etc.

H. Wilson
June 15, 1863

Gen. O. Howard

My dear Sir,

The brave Surgeon, Mac, is lately returned from Charleston. He has been in my brother's regiment - He knows the workings of things, on the inside of the place, about Charleston. I doubt not, you
From the...
Desire immediate information from you.

J. W. Becher

[illegible]
Gettysburg June 15, 1865

Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard,

My Dear Sir,

Having accepted the invitation extended to you by the Board of Managers of the Soldiers National Society to deliver the Oration at the laying of the Corner Stone of the Monument to be erected therein, I write to you to extend to you an invitation to accept the hospitalities of my house during your sojourn here on that occasion.

Our late lamented President was my guest on the 19th of Nov. 1863 at the time of the consecration of those grounds and also McClellan...
I have written to the Secretary of War to order an army from some point, some infantry, cavalry & artillery to make a military display and have yet received no reply. May I trouble you to use your influence by bringing the matter to his notice to request that it be done.

[Signature]
who too has been called away from earth since
Mr. Evett came here four or five days before
the day on which he delivered
his Oration so as to have a
view of the Battlefield and
also to have some rest after the fatigue of travel.
I shall be pleased to
have you with me and
to hear from you what
day you will be best.

I am with high respect,
Your obedient servant,

David Mills
President of
the Soldiers' National Society
Chairman of Com. Arny.
Gettysburg, Pa.

June 15, 1865,

David Wells,

Kent Soldier's National Cemetery.

Sends invitation to his house on the occasion of the forthcoming anniversary.

Among the missals together.

[Signature]

Head Qrs. S. A. Corps
Baltimore Md
June 16, 1865

Dear General,

May I ask of you your assistance to have my son Thaddeus's name brought forward for a brevet. He was wounded severely at Ball's Bluff and has been in the Army until after Cold Harbor. Should you think...
In view of such consideration it will be highly appreciated by me.

With great regard,

Very sincerely yours,

Lt Col. 21st

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard,

U.S. V.

Washington City
West Jersey Rail Road Company,
208 South Delaware Avenue, (Up Stairs)

Philadelphia, June 16th, 1865.

Dear Sir,

I noticed in today’s newspaper, a report issued by the Department of War, regarding the movement of Union refugees. Unfortunately, I, too, have been affected by this situation.

I am a native Georgian, of the ill-fated city of Atlanta, having lived there during the war. After the fall of Atlanta, I sought refuge in the north, but my family has been scattered ever since. My father was an old citzen of Atlanta, and was an
But I was determined to remain as long as one brick stood. Day and night went by, but at last saw no signs of "Sherman's Grand Armee." But I saw my home and the heart of the Rebellion of Georgia, and the true love of the people of the 'White Line.' I have been about "ravaged" our 'State.'

I received a letter from the White Line yesterday, written from Atlanta, dated June 3rd. In which they say every thing that we feared is "true." God be our strength to go home.
upholder of the constitution up to the time of his death, which was six years ago. He left me with a widowed mother, and about twenty thousand dollars worth of property. Our residence had directly opposite Lord La Duke’s Head Quarters, which now in Mr. Peter’s house. To day Gen. McLaw’s camp in ashes, and Peter’s flanks, although he was a bitter “rebel,” and fled long before we now guard your “first hills.”

I kept clear of rebel service by being in the employ of Messrs. B... and married when I was twenty, just six months before the people army by which you had the honor to command a portion, reach Atlanta. We remain in city during the whole bombardment, these millions of death and destruction caused many sleepless nights to pass over our
Major, S. C. C. Howard
Com. Bureau, R. I. C.

My dear General

By Col. Hittlesay we applied for passes for Messrs. Turpin, Muhlen and Hedges to North Carolina;
And for Rev. John Still to Charleston,
South Carolina.

The last named is ready to start and
would take the steamer from New York
Tomorrow; the others will go to Newbern
by first rebel —

Our obligations will enhanced
by dispatch.

Very truly,
SAML. COLT
821 Chestnut St.
Phila.
Beaufort, S.C.
June 17, 1865.

General Howard

Dear Sir,

I have hastily written this letter at the suggestion of your brother Col. Howard, answering to some questions. It occurs to me that upon one or two points, I may not have made myself sufficiently clear, and may perhaps be misunderstood. Respecting the ballot, I am of opinion that it should not at present be granted to either white or black. That was the idea I intended to convey in answer to this question. But if it is to be granted to any and the civil power to be resumed in the local
rather than that the
white of the South with their
present feeling should come in
power, I should say make the
ballot free but it would be bette
continue control, as at present,
until gospel influence could
be extended and the people,
white and black be harmonized
upon at least one point, and
compacted in some degree in
a mutual effort for the prosperity
of themselves and their country.
Six months, with the right man
to supervise the work in each
state would make all safe for
the future.
While on the main, I was among
the people connected with five
different churches, while tending
a circuit of about 150 miles.
At Beech-grove Church, I addres
a gathering of about 200 white
all there were in the neighborhood, and about 500 blacks, representatives from the different plantations, I permitted white and black, at the close of my address to ask me questions, and my answers were given to the assembly. It is true that the colored people were apparently the best satisfied with my remarks, but I was treated respectfully and considerately by all. I feel convinced that there is an urgent necessity for some one to visit the different plantations, counsel with and advise the freedmen and thus assure them of their position and their rights, and this would give the opportunity for influence upon the late Masters. The great changes through which we are rapidly passing can hardly be understood, but
by personal contact with the people.
May the Lord guide all who shall in any manner labor for the welfare of the South, and may His Presence especially be granted to you in your very responsible position. The South waits for you. Know that action — many prayers are offered for him, and many hearts wait anxiously some with right purpose others with selfish, for the order that shall effect them.

May abundant wisdom be granted you of the Lord as in the past. So in the future may His blessings be constantly showered to you.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]

23rd Nov. 76

[Address]
Boston, June 17, 1863.

Dear General,

Rev. Royal Bae.

Kendal, formerly of the 4th, was for a time Chaplain of the 23rd Regiment, U. S. C. Infantry.

He felt obliged to resign on account of the difficulty of leaving this family for the new Japan campaign.

But he and his beloved wife are much interested in the colored people, whom he would gladly instruct if he could have some appointment in your department.

I do not know what appointment you make, or whether any in Washington or its neighborhood, where Mr. B. would like to be.
account of a

But I can recommend him
as a faithful, industrious man,
who was to be relied upon in any work
requiring steadiness rather than
brilliancy of character.
If you can do any thing for
the public good at the
same time you will gratify
a worthy feelings of obligation.

Your Truly

J. W. Chickering
Head-Quarters Post of Nashville,  
Nashville, Tenn., June 7th, 1865.

Major Genl. O. O. Howard.  
Chief Adjutant-General.  

General,  

Being on the eve of honorable muster out of service, I have the honor most respectfully to solicit an appointment to some subordinate position or agency in the Bureau of which you are Chief, and to submit copies of endorsement on a recent application for appointment in the Regular Army, which my sense of the general truth of such appointments will probably be unsuccessful.

I am an Englishman by birth, liberally educated, and by previous occupation a lecturer and writer upon literature and belles lettres.

My term of service dates from August, 1862, during which period I have participated in all the battles and campaigns incident to the operations of the Army of the Cumberland.

I entered the service as a private soldier, rising through regular gradations to the position of Regimental Adjutant in the command of Colonel Frank T. Sherman, and who was for
Since your Chief of Staff during the period in which you commanded the Fort McClure Corps.

It is perhaps unnecessary for me to add that I have always been identified with the Anti-Republican and Republican parties, or that I am conscious that under the changed status of affairs, they who were so recently slaves shall be led through fairly rewarded industry and systematic education to usefulness, competence, and fitness for all the duties of men and citizens.

I venture to express the hope that the favorable impressions which I have the honor to include will satisfy you as to my character, capacity, and fitness for any position your courtesy may confer.

I have the honor to be,

Very Respectfully, Your obedient servant,

Richard Katz.

Assistant 88th M. Sargent, and

A.D.C. Staff of Col. John Miller.

My P.O. address is "Furnessville, Porter County, Indiana."
July 19, 1915

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Head-Quarters Post of Nashville, 
Nashville, Tenn., May 7th, 1865.

I have the honor to recommend Lieut. Richard Reafl for appointment to the Regular Army of the U.S. to a position not below that of Lieutenant. Mr. Reaf is one of those young officers now in the Volunteer Army who has by long service and a natural aptitude for the profession, become well qualified for such a position, and in my judgment will render most efficient service to the country. Mr. Reafl is an officer of excellent merit and ability, and his gallantry in action has won the applause of all who know him.

(Signed)  
Brig. Genl. L&B.

Head Quarter 1st Biv. Sect. 4th A.C.  
Camp Harris, Decm. May 17th, 1865.

Richard Reaf has served under my command and personal observation in some of the most important operations of the war: viz. the Campaign of Atlanta, the battles of Franklin, Nov. 30th, 1864, and of Nashville, Dec. 15th and 16th same year. I have pleasure in recommending him for his merit and worth, his bravery, and efficiency as an officer. I hope the Government may retain his services by appointment in the Regular Army.

(Signed)  
Capt. J. W. McLay  
Headquarters 1st Div. 4th A.C.
Camp Harlee, Tenn., May 14th, 1865.

I most heartily concur in the recommendation of Mr. Hilley.
Lust. Reif served as Adjutant of the 88th N.Y. Inf., under
my command during the Campaign which resulted in the
capture of Atlanta. I know him to have all the qualifica-
tions necessary to make the good officer. He will be an
honour to the service, and I do most sincerely hope that his
application may be successful. The feat is very worthy
and well qualified for thelonia.

Signed,

Nathan Hilley

Headquarters 2nd Div. 4th A.C.
Nashville, Tenn., May 14th, 1865.

Lust. Reif's services in the division is good, and he
would undoubtedly prove worthy of an appointment
in the Regular Army.

Signed,

W. L. Elliott
Head Quarters, 3rd Div., 14th A.C.
Nashville, Tenn., May 6th, 1863

I take pleasure in recommending 1st Lieut. Richard Roddy, 88th Ill., for the promotion asked for. He has served in the same Corps with myself, a part of the time the Corps being under my command. He always bore himself well, a good officer, a gallant soldier, and a worthy gentleman.

(Signed)

J. W. Wood
Capt. 88th Ill.

Head Quarters, 14th A.C.
Camp Harker, Tenn., May 14th, 1865

I take pleasure in recommending Adjutant Richard Roddy, 88th Ill., for an appointment in the Regular Army. I believe him to be well qualified, and I remember with gratitude his doing me an excellent service under fire at the severe battle of Franklin.

(Signed)

W. S. Hunter
Capt. 88th Ill.
Head Quarters, Department Cumberland.
Nashville, Tenn., May 5th, 1875.

Respectfully forwarded, approved, and appointment recommended.
Signed, Geo. H. Thomas,
Brig. Gen. U.S.A.

Head Quarters, Post of Nashville, Tenn.
May 1st, 1875.

The above and foregoing are true copies of endorsements on Mr. Reid’s original application.
Signed, J. Howland,
Captain & Adj.

I certify on honor that the foregoing are true and

Richard Reid,
1st Lieu. 8th Ill. Infty. and
Adj. & Asst. Staff of Gen. Miller.

Nashville, Tenn.
June 7, 1875.
No. 21 Harford Avenue
Baltimore, Md. June 17 1865

Maj Genl. C. C. Howard,
Chief of Freedman's Bureau,
Washington, D.C. General,

May I presume to ask of
you one of the many appointments in
your gift as Chief of the Freedman's Bureau?

From your knowledge of my services
in the Army, I am led to believe you may
consider me worthy and competent to
fill any position you may see fit to
honor me with, assuring you I will
use my best endeavors to merit your
confidence and esteem.

Very Respectfully yours

[Signature]

[Note: Handwritten text on lined paper, faded over time, with visible wear and tear]
Lancaster, June 18, 1845.

dear dear [name],

The enclosed letter from my friend [name] was received today, and I thought best to send it to you, as by reading it you will better understand his wishes, and can perhaps better gratify him. Any letter that I might write about it ought to be kept for its object, with the expression of my warmest kindness and esteem.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
I am your sincere friend,
W. B. Haym

To Maj. Gen. A. S. Howard
Commander of Freedmen
Washington.
Hazen Mapan.

Ask for June 15
Brono. Circle
Bruns.

Rec'd 8/7/16 28th June
Detroit, Mich. June 18, 1865

Genl. Howard

In closing my desk with you I wish to introduce to you Sdr. Mr. King of Canada formerly of Lulliau. Mr. King has had an extensive experience with the southern men both past and present that few have enjoyed and his experience in this office will be eminently valuable to your department. He does not want office but wishes to have you give your fullest consideration as no other man can do the work to your satisfaction and I hope you will be enabled to give him an attractive place.

E. B. Ward
Mayr Geo. Howard
I appeal to you on behalf of the Union Refugees from E. Tennessee and respectfully ask your assistance in obtaining transportation of some of them to return to their homes.

I directed a note to you at the Continental Hotel, and enclosed resolutions forwarded by the E. Tenn. Relief Assoc. at Knoxville as an evidence of my interest in the matter, which I hope may yet come to hand.

Yours very Respectfully
Mayr. Hall of
Sec. Relief Assoc. for Union Refugees
No. 2121 Arch St
8 Wall St.
New York, June 19, 1866

My dear Sir,

Allow me to introduce my Chaplain,
Rev. C. M. Blakely late Hospital Chaplain at
Chattanooga.

Mr. Blakely has served through the whole war. I believe good
acquaintance. You know by the
arrival of Col. Hoge that he is about to take
charge of the administration of
the affairs of the

Yours truly,

[Signature]
accomplish with that most important purpose of losing with 10c.
Yaller under your supervision and in a way that is consistent with the public
interest in grain sales, and I will. I will conduct the sale and
I have great trust in you, and I will:

Yours truly,

H. H. Brower
New York,  
June 19, [18]75.

Boody, No. 10.

Introducing Rev. B. M. Blake, late Chaplain at Chattanooga, who desires to become connected with the Freedmen's Bureau.

[Signature]

[Signature]
June 19th 1865

This morning, before breakfast, I received a letter from your Saturday evening and I was happy to learn that you and all your family are safe and well. The children were very well and glad to receive their presents. I am much obliged to you for them. I have no intention of going to Sweden without your kind of assistance, so that I immediately set to work and write a letter or notes for you for the benefit of your children. Mrs. Smith is nursing a corner and a number of sick in the family. Whether it shall remain so is a question now to be solved if you will have the kindness to write.
I think I should do so. I saw in
Hemen from a time since I lost
my hand, and will find in announcing.

I understand by the letter of my last
visit, that of the conversation of Mr.
Brooks and the President, then I
made my answer the "private
volunteer soldiers," giving you
expression of mine from my own,
different points of view.

Shinners is a good writer and
truthful man. His speech is a

good one. I came with a
message to Mr. Reynolds and
a very brief one to Mr. Mund.
I think among the multitude of the
people who will be driven
away many people without unusual
consideration. I shall tell you the
continuance and say nothing of the
President's letters. The business at
the office is quite extensive. I
think I understanding of it.
enough time. Colonel H. E. Rogers met with an R.R. accident
and broken his arm. He was
in Madison Wl. Mr. Whittemore has
gone to North Carolina with his family
on the Wednesday. Yesterday I went
to Mt. Olive Church in the
morning and heard a sermon
by the name of Delevage from Wth Wth.
After dinner a gentleman came
for me to take me to a kindred
school as St. George town. When I
arrived I was informed I was not
invited to the Honor dinner. I heard of
an anniversary occasion at
Mount Vernon school invited to and
a select programme, church
and a full house. My name was left
out so I could join no funds though
I did not anticipate of war to spend on
occasion. The children and I
attend to me attentively. I wish they
and their wives and spinners now
much he enjoyed a story. He said
in some kind we take with us
sounding that he went to the station
with the. Thought of decency and the
Little ones as I saw so many children
they sang as well as those in
Philadelphia and there were very
many beautiful voices among
them. Then all the children much
love from paper. The names now
and to send any more letters long intervals
by the writing of God. To go down before
many days and thinks he will do his
own business. General H. Cory came
to see you also have general Keunt
from Druck and Porter. Mrs. Woodland
was here on my return. I guess he was
message, and she says tell Mr. Howard. I
will try. But she knows that "The AD
other" comes to the office. She think
affiliation. We are having a very pleasant
meas but I want to give and the children. Let us
from there. — Yours truly — Otto
Genl. O. O. Howard,

Chief Bureau, Refugees Freedmen &

I have the honor to acknowledge
the communication of Maj. Allen of — and desire to send
fully & freely to you what I knew of thoughts of Mrs. Easter &
daughter — With the belief that this communication is to
be strictly confidential I will endeavor to give you the correct
idea — Mrs. Easter sought me out about ten days before Genl.
Sherman entered Columbia. She presented me in her favor
and gained my confidence, by telling me she had seen me
when I was a little boy, and knew my father & brother
and other members of my family, she then pressed money
upon me at different times to the amount of $1,000. in
Confederate Money. When her house was burned I
felt a great deal of sympathy for her — the house was
and it was hardly furnished. There was
also a store or warehouse, said to be stored with
tobacco, salt, &c., of the amount of $1,500. in specie.
This I did implicitly believe, but I neither saw it or know
it to be so — The night before Genl. Sherman entered Colum-
bia while the rebel soldiers were evacuating the
town, finding Indians loose in the streets, I went—
to her house—about 9 P.M. I remained there till about 4 A.M. and then Mrs. T. sent a black boy who took us out of her house into one next door—Capt. McCheeny of the N.Y.avy—the officer who was with me when I reported to you—was with me—and the only officer to ride myself—that I saw at her house during the few hours I was there—When her house was burned down, I could find no worthy object of sympathy—

old friend of my father & mother & aunt.

When we arrived in Phil. I found Shad well imposed upon and deceived—the ladies were invited to Phil. Eliza. They were there five weeks—I found that they were not acquainted with my family—they of Shad's friends—Being visitors here, introduced them into society—Mrs. T. & Easter accounts of her trials & labors were magnified according to the frequency of their repetition & the size of her audience.

When she left here she returned to the Continental Hotel there she commenced a course of conduct which was ridiculous. She magnified accounts of her services to prisoners, stating that she had distributed 200,000 to prisoners. Among others I had received from 500 to 1,000 in gold—through her solicitation also, you tendered me a position on your staff. She represented that she concealed large sums of money these statements have all been repeated to me, I did not hear them.
of Union Officers at her house: This Court had the
desired effect at first, and many Gentlemen of
Phil felt sympathy for her & would have aided her
but she ruined her cause by letting her feelings
get the better of her judgment — in endeavoring to injure
me she injured herself — until finally many of her
statements were found to be untrue — about this time
she left Phil for N.Y. Then I found that in the first
place my confidence was gained by misrepresentation
Secondly that the aid extended to me was not dis
interested — & finally that upon her finding that
I had discovered the imposition that she aspired
my Character I lost most of my sympathy for them
and severed all connection with them. I cannot help
owing the poor woman — although she has certainly
behaved very badly — I doubt whether her motives
were disinterested — but then she has lost her house
and the certainly aid aid Officers of War
As I said before it is with the belief that this will be strictly
Confidential that I have written as I have, mentioning several
things which are unnecessary only as tending to
some lights on the subject — I intend to visit Washington
before long & I would like to explain more fully than
I can in this paper many little things which have
Bradford, N. H., June 19, 1865.

Major General Howard,

Dear Sir,

My only plea for asking a few moments of your attention is founded on my distress, & your well-known humanity.

I am Pastor of the Bradford Baptist Church.

My son, Alfred C. Culberson, is a member of Co. G, 18th N. H. Regt. Col. Livermore. In May last year, he enlisted in the 134th Ill. (100 Days) Regt. A few days after, was taken sick, & sent to the U. S. Hospital at Columbus, Ky. where he remained till the 1st of Aug., when at the request of the Surgeon, I went out and brought him home, barely alive. His sickness was very severe, & lasted till Nov.; indeed, he never fully recovered from it. It broke down his constitution which was always slender from a child; and when his zeal tempted him to re-enlist last Feb. in the 18th N. H.
his friends were utterly surprised that the examining
surgeon should accept a boy so feeble and unfit for
the hardships of a soldier's life.

For several weeks past, as we learn from reliable
sources, he has been sick much of the time, and
is growing weaker; and tho' in his letters home, he
pretends on a brave front, he is evidently sinking into a state
from which we have every reason to fear it will be
impossible to raise him.

He is an only son— and of course, we are dis-
tressed about him. Indeed, his mother's anxiety has
brought her to a sick-bed.

Application for a furlough has been made
by my son personally, by myself by letter strongly
endorsed— but thus far, without success. It is
reported here, that the Colonel is incensed against
his men, because they expressed gratification when the
recently disabled by a fall from his horse; and this
it is useless to expect any favor at his hands. But while
this is so or not, I do not know.

At my suggestion, my son petitioned the Surgeon to send him to the Hospital; but he merely released him from duty for a few days, and put him back in the ranks when he had scarcely strength to sit up. I do not know the Surgeon’s name.

I have no reason to suppose that you have official jurisdiction in this matter; but not knowing to whom to apply, bewildered and distressed, I have ventured to lay it before you, trusting that your kindness will prompt you to do whatever may lie in your power for our relief.

Hoping you will pardon the trespass on your time and praying for your health and abundant success in that most important Department to which Divine Providence has called you,

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant,

Alfred Colburn
I take the liberty to add that my application for a furlough addressed to Capt. Livermore was endorsed by Hon. J.T. Gilman, Gov. of New Hampshire, Hon. Leonard Chase, Member of the Council, and J.H. Gilman, Gov.'s Private Secretary who appended their signatures to the following testimonial:

"...would respectfully endorse and approve the within application, knowing Mr. Colburn to be a reliable and most patriotic citizen who is fully worthy of any favor which may be conferred upon him."

[Signature]

July 24th 1832

If other testimony were needed, it might be obtained from the most prominent clergyman of our denomination in N. England. But it will be sufficient to say that I am Secretary of the New Hampshire Baptist Convention - a position that necessarily implies the confidence of my brethren.

[Signature]

July 18th 1832
Hollisville, Long Island, New York
June 17th, 1865

Major General Howard
Chief of Bureau of Freedmen

General

I would most respectfully solicit an appointment to some position of usefulness if only connected with a very limited compensation, in the department of labor, for the benefit of the freedmen and their children.

I formerly held the position of chaplain in the 55th Regt. N. Y. C. Infantry, but resigned for the purpose of improving my health, which having seconded...
the Divine blessing, I am desirous to be employed for the benefit of the colored people in your department.

Enclosed please find copies of testimonials from the colored Company recently paroled, and freed,

Charles A. Peabody, Provost Judge
and Hon. District Attorney
of New Orleans.

References are also herewith
permittted to the Rev. Daniel
Thompson, of New York,
and others, with whom I reside.

Rusting that this brief
and humble application may receive your kind consideration I have the honor to be
Your obedient
Capt. Gurney
late Chaplain 54th U.S.C.
Head Quarters 75th U. S. Col. Zxy.
Morganza La 16 Feb 1865

Mr. S. P. Gamage
Late Chaplain 75th U. S. Col. Zxy.

My dear Sir,

In view of the recent severance of your official connection with the regiment under my command, and of your early departure of our midst, I beg leave to convey to you some feeble expression of the sentiments which the occasion inspires.

You came to us some fifteen months ago, upon a mission from which most men shrink, in which many fail, and which a very few, like yourself, prosecute to a happy and triumphant success.

I believe I do but utter the sentiment of every officer and soldier in the
Agreement, when I knew that your labours with us had been
enormed with success, in a most
eminent degree.
Success being the criterion of merit
in the army as you know, it is then
no slight testimonial of worth
that is conveyed in this declaration.
No other consideration than that the
state of your health demands it,
would have induced us to consent
to your resignation.
Besides this official recognition
of your valuable services, allow me
to acknowledge my debt to you personally,
your uniform kindness and considerate
attentions under the many trying
circumstances in which we have
been brought in contact.
Trusting that the kindly feelings
which have attended our intercourse
in the regiment may still continue.
and wishing you a prosperous homeward voyage, and a speedy recovery of your health.

I subscribe myself
sincerely and truly,
your very humble friend

I am happy to certify, that the short acquaintance I have had with the Rev. J. P. Slanage, has given me the most favorable opinion of him as a humble, upright, loyal, sincere, man and chaplain, and I hope that his services may long be relied on in our Army.

New Orleans E.
March 31st, 1865.

Charles A. Peloton
ByPrimaryKey
Head-Quarters Army of the Tennessee.

Londells Ky, June 19th, 1865.

Dear General,

I am happy to inform you that the Army of the Tennessee has all concentrated at this point, the last of it having arrived several days since. The time occupied in the transit was remarkably short and I think that the Quartermaster Department deserves great credit for the energy and ability displayed by it. The camps are pleasantly situated, but rather too near the city, affording easy opportunities for the display of the lawlessness contracted during the recent campaigns.

The 25th Div of the 13th Corps, starts for Arkansas and Stolbauer's Brigade of the 13th Corps for Saint Louis in a few days.
Our Staff now presents quite an array of leaves; eagles and stars, and every Officer Official address comes near "Brav". Though there is not much that is "substantial" in a Brevet appointment, we are all well pleased at ever the tardy recognition of our services. I am inclined to think that in case of another War, that those who have served of "Staff" during this war will not accept Staff appointments for as a general rule their claims for promotion did not depend upon their merit or their services, but entirely upon the personal favoritism. I may say the wishes of the Commanding General. Congress may pass an hundred Acts every session to "promote the efficiency of the Staff", when instead of necessarily promoting such efficiency,
it simply offers to the General Officers an opportunity of providing for some personal favorite a "soft place" or a "good thing".

I gather the impression that during the time I served with you, that, in the discharge of my official duties, I gave you satisfaction, I do not see that this faithful discharge of duty was any recommendation of me to you, or that any efforts were made by you to advance me, simply because I was not personally a favorite with you. Nobody questions a man's right to consult his own personal likes, but a great many question the propriety of allowing such a privilege in all cases.

What incentive can a man have to do his duty faithfully, when he knows that
that at any moment, a gentleman from another Army or a Young Requisite from Washington, may whose principle ments are that they are personal favorite, may step in, and you stop back with your fingers in your mouth, and are condescendingly allowed by this favorite gentleman to assume the dignity of Chief Clerk, and are, like a boy at school, to ask hour when you want to go out.

The only feeling that of satisfaction that one can have, is that he has conscientiously tried to do his duty, and of course I am pleased to know that you expressed yourself pleased with the manner in which I performed my official duties. I have been very much
displeased however to learn lately that your recommendation, in my behalf were not cordial or were withheld because (as you thought) I “drank too much whisky.” General there were three men on your staff who drank less whisky than I did, and not one who did not take an occasional drink, and as you think, and justly too, that even one drink is too much, they were as unworthy of promotions as myself. But they all received it at your hands; I served with you three months it is true, but in that time we saw and learned more than falls to the lot of most mortal in as many years, and the only unpleasant recollection I can have
of the campaign is, that I was accused by
my General of being a drunkard, or at least
of having so little control over myself as to
be in danger of becoming such, and that two
and three personally, so that I might be able
to vindicate myself to you, whose good opin-
ion of me as a soldier and a gentleman
I always hoped to have and to deserve.

I asked you to recommend my appoint-
ment in the Regular Army, I now desire to
recall my application as it is against the
wishes of my parents, that I should remain
in the Army, as well as against my own in-
clination, I meet every day, some Officers of
the Regular Army, appointed from Civil
life, and it is my opinion that most of
them are of very little credit to the Ser-

sessions, and my ideas of self-respect will not allow that I should be the slightest possibility that I should be commanded by such an item as Bois May H. C. Ide, Esq., and others of that ilk.

Do not think General that I am "seditious" or have the airs of a man of ill-fame. I write you with the kindest of feelings and with a desire to vindicate myself, and I assure you that whenever I think or speak of you it with feelings of the highest regard and respect.

A. M. Van Wyck
A. R. Fish
No. 2109 Brandywine Street
Philadelphia, Penn.
June 19th, 1865

Maj. Gen., Oliver O. Howard,
Washington, D.C.

My dear General,

Presuming upon the kindly feeling so long subsisting between us I take the liberty of soliciting a favor at your hands.

Having been placed on the "retired list," I have, since February 1864, been on duty here, as "A. A. Ins. Gen." Rendezvous for Drafted Men. The termination of our protracted struggle indicates an early closing of these Rendezvous, which will relieve me from duty, and place me on my retired pay. With not only my own family, but that of my widowed sister, dependent, almost wholly, on me, and making a sum total of some fifteen, you will readily appreciate what my struggles and privations.
Must be even on my fall pay. What then would be my condition, with my large family, on my retired pay? I have therefore deemed it well to ask you to have me placed on duty in your bureau. You will find, I am sure, well disposed to favor me, not only my brother, but also the President, who, on more than one occasion, has given me tangible evidence of his kind feeling. Recognized as a member of the old Emancipation Party of Kentucky, having given substantial evidence of my feelings on the subject by the manumission of the two slaves of my grandfather, even thirty years since, the only slave he ever owned, there can certainly be no inconsistency in my application for such duties. May I hope your favorable consideration?

I am, General
Your Most Obd.

Alf. E. Drake
Capt. U. S. Army
Pike, Pa.
June 13, 1865

Dr. A. C.

Respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]

[Handwritten note:]

[Text not legible]
Newburgh June 19, 1876

Genl. Lew. Howard, U. S. A.  
My dear Friend.

You will excuse me if in the multiplicity of your duties I crave a moment of your time to do me a favor. My own pet boy, Henry Warner, 20, more than a year since, an appointee to the Naval Academy, which after a very short trial, he resigned. I was induced to send him under the command that his health was unsuited to a sea life of a midshipman, but on his return home, discovered that his whole difficulty arose from that mental discipline which most lads accept to experience in leaving home.
and exchanging its quiet scene, for
the ruggedness of a sailor's life. The
ill-health of Sam., who about that
time, was compelled to resign his po-
sition in the army, and who was
completely broken down, both of mind
and body, prevented me from looking
into Henry's case as closely as I had
done. Had he remained in the
naval school another month, I am
now satisfied, he & mind have over-
come all his troubles, and gone
forward successfully. Shortly after
his return he discovered the mistake
he had made, and became as aus-
tious to return, as he had been to
leave. Though my friend, Capt. Rees,
Bates made the application to have
him reappointed, but thus far has
failed. How my dear Capt. Can you
help me in this matter. I know
that Joe Beers has placed his
name on the list again. Of
While seeking reappointment, but am very doubtful of success. May I not ask you, to see the Secretary of the Navy, and speak a word on my behalf? Henry is a most excellent youth, fully prepared to prosecute the studies of the school, and should his life be spared, and I am satisfied do credit himself, and good service this country.

Considering the manner in which I have been treated by the Uncle Nat Davis, I think, I am entitled to some little consideration by government. If you can aid me in this behalf, by soliciting the Secretary to grant my request, you will confer a lasting favor on your old friend.

P.S.

Henry age is such, that should he not be reappointed before
next September, the limitation of
the law of Congress, will receiv-
and cut him off.

Many thanks to you, for your letter
of my friend Mrs. Jager, to Gen.
Palmer — the successor & now
reviving her nephew's body, and
last Sabbath, the funeral service
was performed, at Newport.
American Missionary Association,
No. 61 John Street.

New York, June 19, 1865

Major Gen. Howard, Commissioner of General

Permit me to

invite your attention to the

accompanying petition from

Northampton, Mass.

I have not the pleasure of

an acquaintance with Mr. Hunt,

but I do know some of the

signers of the application, and

I have all confidence in their

testimony. No man could

with more satisfaction endorse

than sign this paper for Mr.

Hunt. I trust you will

give it due consideration.

Yours Respectfully,
Geo. Whipple, Esq.