

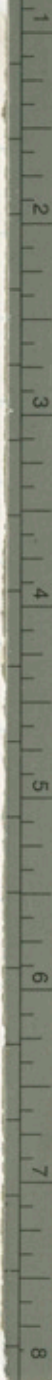
Natick, June, 15th, 1865.

Major General Howard,

Dear Sir,

Send you enclosed papers.
I hope you will do all that
can be done for the protection
of the poor negroes. God have
mercy on them for this nation
seems about to massacre
them to the hatred of their
disloyal masters.

Yours ever
H. Wilson





June 15. 1865 -

Genl. O. O. Howard

My dear Sir

The Major, Surgeon Macy, is
lately returned from Charleston
He has been in my brother's
Regiment - He knows
the workings of things, on
the inside & the outside,
about Charleston - I
doubt not, you

derive important informa-
tion from him.

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I am very truly yours

Wm. Beecher

June 15, 1865

Beecher, B. H.

Introducing Surg
Macy -

Recd. July 7, 1865.

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 Cemetery
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 these
grounds and also Mr. Everett

I have written to the Secretary of War to
order out here 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 & request that it be done

D. W.

who too has been called
away from earth since.

Mr. Everett come here
four or five days before
the day on which he delivered
his Oration so as to have a
view of the Battlefield &
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 here.

I am, with high regard,
Your Obedient Servant,
David Wells

President of
the Soldiers' National Cemetery
& Chairman of Com. of Arrangements.

Gettysburg, Pa.
June 15, 1865.

David Wills.
Rev. Soldier's National
Cemetery.

Extends invitation
to his ~~house~~ on the
occasion of the follow-
ing anniversary.

Answered.

Recd. (Rev. R. T. 3, A. L.) June
16, 1865.

Head Qrs. 8. A. Corps
Baltimore Md
June 16. 1865

Dear General,

May I ask of
you your assistance
to have my son Frank's
name brought forward
for a brevet. -

He was wounded
severely at Ball's Bluff
and has been with the
Army until after Coal
Harbor. -

Should you think

Supp-
mal
-
-
- name
for
simulation
in behalf
used

him worthy of such
consideration it will
be highly appreciated
by me. -

With great regard
very sincerely Yours,
Myer Arnuch,
Lt Col. 2^d Art.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,
U. S. A.,
Washington City

Direct —

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

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West Jersey Rail Road Company,

208 South Delaware Avenue, (Up Stairs.)

Philadelphia, June 16th 1865.

Maj Gen Howard

Chief Freedmen's Bureau,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

I noticed in
to days, a card issued by you
in regard to the "homeward march"
of Union refugees: unfortunately
I come under the above head.

I am a native Georgian, of
the ill-fated city Atlanta, having
the old flag under which I was
born to will to fight against
it: I sought refuge from rebel
tyranny, beneath its protecting folds.
My father was an old
citizen of Atlanta, and was an

But I was determined to remain
or ling as one brick stood long
after "another", the long summer
days and nights rolled slowly by.
But at last we were greeted by
the appearance of "Therman's
grand boom." But I here
thought our part of the conflict
ended. But alas! how different.
Scarcely had two months passed when
Gen S — deeming prudent to
evacuate the city and march through
the heart of the rebellion, of Georgia
I should have said. This forward
movement compelled us to leave
Atlanta, and seek shelter in the
"northern clime". I have been a
"wanderer" ever since.

We received a letter from Mother yester-
day, written from Atlanta, marked
June 3rd in which she says every
thing that we feared is "destroyed".
We are anxious to go home.

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 upholder of the constitution up
 to the time of his death, which
 was two years ago. He left me
 with a widowed mother, and
 about twenty thousand dollars worth
 of property. Our residence stood
 directly opposite Col La Duke's
 Headquarters, which were in Mr
 Peter's house. To day Gen McLane
 lay in ashes, and Peter stands,
 although he was a bitter "secess,"
 and fled long before we were greeted
 by your "first shells."

I kept clear of rebel service
 by being in the employ of West. R.R.
 I married when I was twenty ^{years} old,
 just six months before the noble
 army of which you had the honor
 to command a portion, reached
 Atlanta. We remain in City during
 the whole bombardment, those missiles
 of death and destruction caused
 many sleepless nights to pass over our

But are not able to bear our
own expenses, then we would be
under lasting obligations, if you
will give me an order for trans-
portation, for my wife and myself,
to Atlanta Ga.

I have letters from Col Park-
hurst of Gen Thomas' staff, that
will establish the truth of my
assertions, if you should desire to see
them,

I am very respectfully your coll servt

J. P. Ware.

Dear Sir,

West Jerry R. R.

June 11, 1864

if you

John

Rev. W. P. BREED,
Chairman,
258 South Sixteenth Street.
Rev. SAM'L. F. COLT,
Secretary & Superintendent,
821 Chestnut Street.
WILLIAM MAIN, Esq.,
Treasurer,
821 Chestnut Street.
MORRIS PATTERSON, Esq.
JOHN McARTHUR, Esq.
WILFRED HALL, Esq.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S EASTERN COMMITTEE
FOR THE RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION OF THE FREEDMEN.
Philadelphia,

June 16th 1865

Major, Genl. O. O. Howard

Com. Bureau R. F. S. C.

My Dear General

By Lt. Col. Wittlesey we
applied for passes for Messrs, Turpin
Thomson and Hedges to North Carolina;
and for Rev. Jonathan C. Gibbs to Charleston
South Carolina.

The last named is ready to start and
would take the steamer from New York
tomorrow were the pass on hand.
and the others will go to Newbern
by first vessel —

Our obligations will enhanced
by dispatch.

Very truly Yours O. M. Lewis
Sam'l F. Colt

821 Chestnut St.
Phila.

Beaufort, S. C.
June 17, 1865.

General Howard
Dear Sir.

I have hastily written this evening, at the suggestion of your brother Col Howard, answers to some questions.

It occurs to me that upon one or two points I may not have made myself sufficiently clear, and may perhaps ^{not} be understood.

Respecting the ballot, I am of opinion that it should not at present be granted to either whites or blacks - That was the idea I intended to convey in answer to his question. But if it is to be granted to any and the civil power to be resumed in the several

States - rather than that the
whites of the South with their
present feelings should come in
power, I should say make the
ballot free - but it would be better
to continue control, as at present,
until gospel influences 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 ^{educational} work in each
State would make all safe for
the future.

While on the maine, I was among
the people connected with five
different churches, while traveling
a circuit of about 150 miles.
At Beech-grove Church, I addressed
a gathering of about 200 whites.

all there were in the neighborhood, and about 300 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

Recd April 22/65

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 Gen Howard's
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 and
as in the past - so in the future
May His blessings be constantly
vouchsafed to you -

I have the honor to be Genl

Yrs

Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant

Wm L. Harris

Saml & Ylauri

June 17. 65

Reamts. Co.

Boston, June 17. 1862.

Dear General,

Rev. Royal B. Kinison, formerly of Me., now of W. was for a time Chaplain of the 23^d Regiment, U. S. C. Infantry.

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

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

I do not know what appointments you make, or whether any in Washington or its neighborhood, where Mr. L. would like to be or

account of a deaf & dumb
son, now fit- to enter an
Institution there.

But I can recommend him
as a faithful, industrious man,
who would be useful in any work
requiring ^{solicitude} & Thoroughness rather than
brilliance of character.

If you can do any thing for
him & for the public good at the
same time you will gratify
a worthy family & oblige

Yours truly

J. W. Dickinson Senr.

Head-Quarters Post of Nashville,

Nashville, Tenn., June 17th 1865.

Major Carl O. O. Howard
 Chief Commissioner Freedmen's Bureau.
 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 enclose copies of endorsements on a recent application for appointment in the Regular Army, which by reason of the general rush for 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 belle 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

Head-Quarters Post of Nashville.

Nashville, Tenn. June 7th 1862.Major Genl C. C. Hovey
Chief Commissioner Indian Bureau
General.

Dear Sir,
 One of the most important duties of the
 Indian Bureau is to protect the
 Indians from the depredations of the
 white man. It is the duty of the
 Commissioner to see that the
 Indians are not oppressed or
 wronged in any way. It is
 also the duty of the Commissioner
 to see that the Indians are
 properly educated and
 civilized. It is the duty of the
 Commissioner to see that the
 Indians are properly
 treated in all respects.
 I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Your obedient servant,
 C. C. Hovey.

Some time your Chief of Staff during the period
in which you commanded the Fourth Corps.

It is perhaps unnecessary for me to add
that I have always been identified with the Anti-
Slavery and Republican parties, or that I am
desirous 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 endorsements which I have the honor
to inclose will satisfy you as to my Character,
Capacity, and fitness for any position your
Courtesy may confer.

I have the honor to be
General

Very Respectfully Your Obedt Servant

Richard Realf

Adjutant 88th Ill. Infy, and

A.D.C. Staff of Brig Genl Miller.

My P.O. address is "Furnessville; Porter
County, Indiana.

Shalvia Fern,
June 17, 1885.

Reaph R. to Mr. Allen,
Asks the company to
burn of the road.
Returned by letter to
him further as per
K & P

Ans - 21, 145.

His Grace

Neel Burton Refuges to June 25/81

Head-Quarters Post of Nashville,

Nashville, Tenn., May 2nd 1865.

I have the honor to recommend Lieut. Richard Realf for appointment in the Regular Army of the U.S. to a position not below First Lieutenant. Mr Realf 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 Realf is an officer of exceeding great ability, and his gallantry in action has won the applause of all who know him.

(Signed)

Mo. F. Miller.

Brig Genl U.S.A.

Head Quarters 1st Brig, 2nd Div. 4th A.C.

Camp Harbin, Tenn., May 14th, 1865.

Lieut. Realf 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 & 16th same year. And I have pleasure in recommending him for his manly worth, his bravery, and efficiency as an officer. I hope the Government may retain his services by appointment in the Regular Army.

(Signed)

E. O. Dyck

Brevet Brig Genl U.S. Vols.

Comdr

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Head Quarters 1st Div. 4th A. C.

Camp Harke, Tenn. May 4th 1865.

I most heartily concur in the recommendation of Gen. Miller. Lieut. Reaff served as Adjutant of the 88th Ill. Infy under my Command during the Campaign which resulted in the capture of Atlanta. I know him to possess all the qualifications necessary to make the good officer. He will be an honor to the Service, and I do most sincerely hope that his application may be successful. The Lieut. is every way worthy and well qualified for the position.

(Signed)

Nathan Kimball.

Brevet Major Genl U.S. Vol.
Comd'g.

Head Quarters 2nd Div. 4th A. C.

Nashville, Tenn. May 4th 1865.

Lieut. Reaff's record in this Division is good, and he would undoubtedly prove worthy of an appointment in the Regular Army.

(Signed)

W. L. Elliott.

Brig Genl U.S. Vol. Comd'g.

Head Quarters 3rd Div. 4th A.C.

Nashville, Tenn, May 6th 1865.

I take pleasure in recommending 1st Lieut. Richard Realf, 88th Ills. 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)

T. J. Wood.

Major Genl U.S. Vols.

Head Quarters 4th A.C.

Camp Harlan, Tenn, May 4th 1865.

I take pleasure in recommending Adjutant Richard Realf, 88th Ill. Infantry, 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)

D. S. Stanley.

Major Genl.

Head Quarters Department Cumberland.
Nashville, Tenn., May 5th 1865.

Respectfully forwarded, approved, and appointment
recommended.

(Signed) Geo. H. Thomas.
Major Genl U.S.A.

Head Quarters Post of Nashville, Tenn.
May 1st, 1865.

The above and foregoing are true Copies of endorsements
on Lieut. Realf's original application.

(Signed) L. Howland.
Captain & A.D.C.

I Certify on Honor that the foregoing is a true and
literal Copy of Copy of original Endorsements in
my possession.

Richard Realf
1st Lieut 88th Ill. Infy and
A.D.C. Staff of Genl. Miller.

Nashville, Tenn.
June 7, 1865.

No. 21 Harford Avenue
Baltimore, Md. June 17th 1865.

Maj. Genl. O. O. 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 Yrs. O. O. Howard
Geo. Dickinson
late Lt. Col. & A. A. Genl. A. of P.

P.S. You are aware, I presume, I resigned on acct. of wounds received at
the Battle of Gettysburg. O. O.



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Lancaster, Ky.
June 18. 1885.

My dear Paul. The enclosed
letter from my friend Col.
Baker was received today,
and I thought best to send
it to you, and by reading
it you will at once see
what he wishes, and can
perhaps without trouble
yourself gratify him.
Any letter that I
might write about it to the
Sgt. would probably fail
in its object.
With the expression of
profound gratitude for
your uniform kindness and
consideration
over

Journal

June 18, 1888

Dear Mr. Brewster

I have the pleasure

to inform you that

the manuscript of

your paper has been

received and is now

in the hands of the

editor for his

consideration. I

am sure that it

will be of great

interest to your

readers. I am

very truly yours,

J. H. Thompson

Editor of the

Journal

June 18, 1888

Enclosed

I am Yours
Sincerely
W. B. Hayes

To
Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Commr. of Freedmen
Washington.

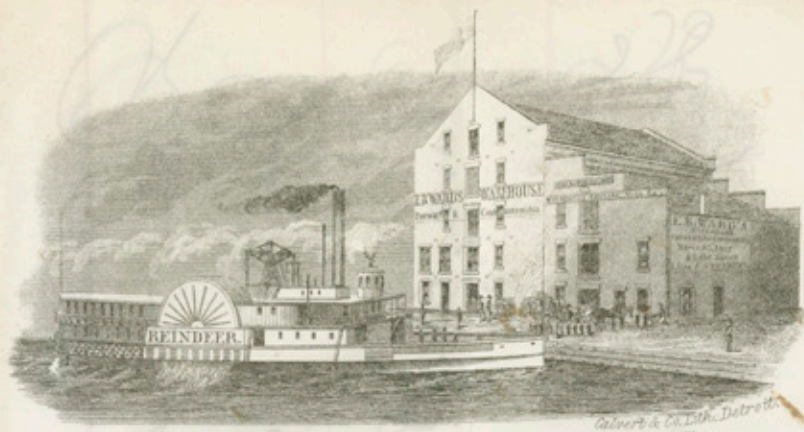
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Office of E. B. Ward.

Detroit, Mich. June 18 1865

Genl Howan

Dr Sir

Though unacquainted
with you I wish to introduce to
you ~~Rev~~ Mr King of Canada
formerly of Louisiana

Mr King has had an experience
with the colored men both South
and North that few have enjoyed
and his experience in my opinion
would be eminently valuable to
your Bureau. He does not
want office But wishes to
give you such information
as no other man can impart
and I hope you will be enabled
to give him an attentive hearing
Believe me Dear Sir
Yours Truly E. B. Ward

Detroit Mich.

June 18. 1868.

Ward, A. B.

Introducing Rev. Mr.
Strong of Canada.

Phil - June 19th 1855

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Mayn Gen. Howard

I appeal to you on
behalf of the Union Refugees
from E. Tennessee, and respectfully
ask your assistance, in obtaining
transportation for some of them to
return to their homes -

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

Yours very Respectfully
Mayn M. Halliwell

Sect^y Relif Assoc. for
Union Refugees

No 2121 - Arch st

Ola - Jan 10 1870

8 Wall St.
New York. June 19, 1865

Maj. Genl. C. C. Howard.

My dear Sir,

Allow me to
introduce my classmate,
Rev. G. M. Blake, late
Hospital Chaplain at
Chattanooga.

Mr. Blake has
served through the whole
war, with, I believe good
acceptance. He is by the
usage & opinion of his
age a teacher, but has
a good deal of aptitude
for the administration of
other affairs.

He desires to be

My dear Sir
I have the honor to
acknowledge the receipt of
your letter of the 10th inst.
and in reply to inform you
that the same has been
forwarded to the proper
authorities for their
consideration. I am, Sir,
very respectfully,
Yours,
J. W. Lawrence.

connected with that
most important department
of labor which is
gathered under your
supervision; and if you
can find it compatible
with the public
interests to give him
employment, you will
I have no doubt,
find him an efficient
Co-adjutor, & will
thrive both him
and

Yours truly,
H. H. Povey.

New York,
June 19. 1865.

Doody, No. No.

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

Washington D.C.

June 19th 1865

Friend

On Sunday morning
before breakfast. I received a
letter from you Saturday evening
and I was happy to learn that you
had arrived safely and that the
children were very well and glad
to see Mamma back and glad to
get their presents. I am much obliged
to Mr Webb. I had no intention of
going to Hethersay without some
kind of preparation, so that I
immediately set to work and wrote
some thirty or forty pages of
manuscript. My Stinson is rising
correcting, paraphrasing and moving
the same. Whether I shall memorize
it or not is a question soon to be
solved. If you were here to help

I think I should do so. I have not
spoken from notes since I lost
my hand and will find it inconvenient
& introduced by speaking of my last
visit, then of the consecration of the
Cemetery and the Lincoln. Then I
made my theme, the "private
volunteer soldier" giving you
expressions of him from my
own differently pointed of view.
Stinson who is a good writer and
truthful says the speech is a
good one. I closed with a
reference to Gen. Reynolds and
a very brief one to Gen. Meade.
I think amidst the multitude of all
of such exhortations that will be delivered
mine may escape without unusual
criticism. I shall let pass all con-
troversy and say nothing of the
President's Bureau. The business at
the office is quite extensive, but
I think I am disposing of it with

conspicuous one. Osborne has
again met with an R.R. accident
and broken his arm. Her son
a Quaker Mr. Wm. Whittier has
gone to North Carolina with his father
on his shoulders. Yesterday I went
to Dr. Bradley's church in the
morning and heard a sermon on
the name of "Rebel" from the West.
After dinner a gentleman came
for me to take me to a Sunday
school at Georgetown. When I told
him I would go provided I was not
put in the news paper. I found it
an Anniversary occasion and
neighboring schools invited in and
a special program. A large church
and a full house. My name was left
out so I could find no fault. Though
I did not anticipate it was so good an
occasion. The children hundred of them
listened to me attentively. I wished they
had been more and remembered how

much he appreciated a story, he said
he never heard me tell before, one
evening that he went to the vestry
with me. I thought of Lucia and the
little ones as I saw so many children
they sang as well as those in
Philadelphia and there were very
many beautiful faces amongst
them. Give all the children much
love from papa. He means now
not to send any more kisses, but intends
by the blessing of God to go down upon
many days and think he will do his
own kissing. General & Mrs. Cary came
to see you also Mrs. General Henry
& Mrs. Ledyard Porter. Mrs. Wickland
was here on my return. I gave her your
message, and she says tell Mrs. Howard, I
will try, but she knows that "Mrs. de
Adair" comes to the office: She must
explain. We are having a very pleasant
mess but I want Lucia and the children - but the
want them - Lovingly - Otis

Phil-Elena 91
Hermantown
June 19th 1865

Genl. O. O. Howard.

Chf. Brn. Refugee. Freedmen &
General

I have the honor to acknowledge
the communication of L. Sladen - of - inst - desiring me to write
"fully & freely" to you what I knew & thought of Mrs Feaster &
daughter - With the belief that this communication is to
be strictly confidential I will endeavor to give you the correct
idea - Mrs Feaster sought me out - about ten days before Genl
Sherman entered Columbia - She predisposed 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 & mother
and other members of my family, she then pressed money
upon me at different times to the amt of ^(seventeen hundred) \$1600.00 in
Confederate money. When her house was burned I
felt a great deal of sympathy for her - her house was
and it was ~~very~~ handsomely furnished - there was
also a store or warehouse, ~~the~~ said to be stored with
tobacco, salt, leather &c to the amt of \$150.000 in gold.
this I did implicitly believe, but I neither saw it or know
it to be so - The night before Gen Sherman entered Colum-
bia while the rebel soldiery were evacuating the
town, finding I was unsafe in the streets, I went

to her house - about 9 P.M. - I remained there till about
4 am - and then Mrs. F. Sent a black boy who took us
out of her house into one next door - Capt. McCheaney
of 1st N. Y. Cav. - the officer who was with me when I re-
ported to you, - was with me - and is the only officer be-
sides myself - that I saw at her house - during the few
hours I was there - When her house was burned ^{though} I
could find no worthier object of sympathy ~~regard~~ ^{than a}
old friend of my father & mother & Aunt

When we arrived in Phil^a - I found I had been
imposed upon and deceived - The ladies were invited
to Phil-Ellena - they were here five weeks - I found
that they were not acquainted with my family
& friends - Being visitors here ^{helped to} introduce them into
society - Mrs. F. Easter's accounts of her trials and losses
were magnified according to the frequency of the
relation and the size of her audience -

* When she left here she returned to the Continental
Hotel where she commenced a course of conduct - that
was ridiculous - She magnified accounts of her ser-
vices to prisoners - stating that she had disbursed
\$500,000 to prisoners - Among others I had received
from \$500. to \$5000 in gold - Through her solicitation
also, you tendered me a position on your Staff

She represented that she concealed large numbers
* These statements have all been repeated to me, I did not hear them

of Union Officers at her house - This Course had the
 desired effect at first And many Gentlemen of
 Phil^a 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^a for N.Y. - When 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 aspersed
 my Character - I lost most of my sympathy for them
 and severed all connection with them - I cannot help
 pitying 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 she certainly did aid officers & prisoners 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 ~~throw~~ throw
 some light on the subject - I intend to visit Washington
 before long & I would like to explain more fully than
 I can on paper many little things which have

Transpired - Since the departure at Fayetteville
With Earnest wishes for your welfare
Have the honor general to remain
Respy. & truly
Yr Oth. Son
Emilen. et. Carpenter

Phila Pa
June 18, 1861.

Carpenter C. N.

Emilen et. Carpenter

Yr Oth. Son.

He is also an ex-soldier.

He is.

Recd 13 of R. F. Adams 21/61

Bradford N. H. June 19th, 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 Bap.^t Church. My son, Alfred W. Colburn is a member of Co. G. 18th N. H. Regt., Col. Livermore. In May last year, he enlisted in the 134th Ill. (100 Days) Reg. & 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, & is fast growing weaker; and tho' in his letters home, he puts 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 distressed 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 ^{recently} he became disabled by a fall from his horse; and that it is useless to expect any favor at his hands. But whether

this is so, or not, I do not know.

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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, & 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 & 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 this trespass on your time and praying for your health & 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

(over)

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I take the liberty to add that my application for a furlough ^(of 60 Days) addressed to Col. Livermore was endorsed by Hon. J. C. Gilmore, Gov. of New Hampshire, Hon. Leonard Chase, member of the Council, and J. W. Gilman, Gov.'s Private Secretary who appended their signatures to the following testimonial:

"The undersigned 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."

Wm. H. Colburn
1865

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

Wm. H. Colburn
June 18, 1865

Colburn 1865

Wm. H. Colburn
1865

Holtsville Long Island
New York
June 19th 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 95th Regt. U. S. C. Infantry, but resigned for the purpose of recruiting my health, which having secured through

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
Commanding Regiment, and from
Charles A. Peabody Provost Judge
and Mr. District Attorney
New Orleans.

References are also kindly
permitted to the Rev. Brothers
Thompson, & Tyng of New York
and Storrs, with others at New Orleans.

Trusting that this brief
and humble application may
receive your kind consideration
I have the honor to be
Sir

Yours Obedt Servant
S. P. Gannage L. L. C.
Late Chaplain 75th U. S. C.

Head Quarters 75th U. S. Col. Infy.
 Mangayia La 16 Feb 1865.

Rev. J. P. Damage

Late Chaplain 75th U. S. Col. Infy.

My dear Sir

In view of the recent
 severance of your official connection
 with the regiment, under my command,
 and of your early departure from
 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 sentiments
 of every Officer and Soldier in the

regiment, when I aver that your
labours, with us ~~as~~ have been
crowned 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.

Beside this official recognition
of your valuable services, allow me
my dear Sir to acknowledge my
indebtedness personally to you, for
your uniform kindness and courtesy
to me under the many and varied
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
homeneward voyage, and a speedy
recovery of your health..

I subscribe myself
Sincerely and truly
Your very humble friend
Thos. L. Rice

Lieut. Col. Landing Bth U.S. L.I.

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

New Orleans La.
March 31st 1865.

Charles A. Peabody
Provost Judge

Head-Quarters Army of the Tennessee.

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Louisville Ky, June 19th 1865.

Dear General

You are doubtless apprised of the fact 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's 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 2^d Div of the 15th Corps starts for Arkansas and Stollbrand's Brigade of the 12th 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 commences with "Brevet." Though there is not much that is "substantial" in a Brevet appointment, we are all well pleased at even this 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 whims 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 affords to the General Officer an opportunity of providing for some personal favorite a "soft place" or a "good thing".

I gathered 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

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that at any moment, a grutteman from
another Army or a Young Requisite from
Washington, ~~may~~ whose principle merits are
that they are personal favorites, may step
in, and you step back with your finger
in your mouth, and are condescendingly
allowed by this favorite grutteman to
assume the dignity of Chief Clerk, and
are, like a boy at school, to ask him
when you want to go out.

The only feeling that of satisfaction
that one can have, is that he has consci-
entiously 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

Head-Quarters Army of the Tennessee.

1865.

displeased however to learn lately that your recommendations in my behalf were not cordial or were withheld. because (as you thought) I "drank too much whiskey" General there were three men on your staff who drank less whiskey than I did, and not me 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 promotion as myself. But they all received it at your hands, I served with you ^{only} three months it is true, but in that time we saw and learned more than falls to the lot of most mortals 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 not true personally, so that I might be able to vindicate myself to you, whose good opinion of me as a soldier and a gentleman I always hoped to have and to deserve.

I asked you to recommend my appointment 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 inclination. I meet every day, some Officer of the Regular Army, appointed from Civil life, and it's my opinion that most of them are of very little credit to the ser-

fession, and my ideas of self respect
will not allow that I ~~shall~~ there shall
be the slightest possibility that I should
be commanded by such an item as
Bro't Maj W. C. Ide U.S.A. and others of
that ilk.

Do not think General that I am "bilious"
or have the dyspepsia and that what I
have written is a mere ebullition of ill-
humor. 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

I am very Truly Yours

A. M. Van Dyke
A. St. Guil

Savannah Ky,
June 18. 1845.

Savannah Ky

Dear Capt. Callahan.
A. S.

Friend
Sir,

Will be greatly obliged to
learn his recommendation
for a house in Kentucky
any where.

Yrs.

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No. 2107 Brandywine Street
Philadelphia Penn

June 19th 1865

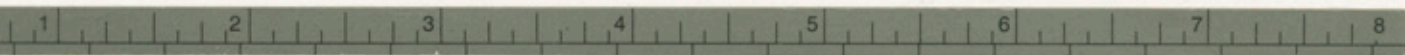
Maj Gen^l Oliver O. Howard
Washington D.C.,

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^l" "Rendez-
-vous for Drafted Men." The termination of
our protracted struggle indicates an early
closing of these Rendezvous, which will re-
-lieve me from duty, and place me on my
retired pay. With not only my own family,
but that of my widowed Sister's, dependent,
almost wholly, on me, and making a sum
total of some fifteen, you will readily appre-
-ciate what my struggles, and privations

(over)



Must be even on my full 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 Bro^t. Brig. Gen^l. Mussey, Mil. Sec; but also his Excellency, the President, who has on more than one occasion given me tangible evidence of his kindly feeling. Recognised as a member of the old Emancipation Party of Kentucky, our family giving substantial evidence, of our feelings on the subject by the manumission, on the part of my Grandfather, over thirty years since, of the only two slaves we ever owned, there can certainly be no inconsistency in my application for such duties. May I hope your favorable consideration?

I am, General

With sincere respect

Your Most Obedt

Alfred E. Drake
Capt. & a. a. Ins. Gen^l,
U. S. Army

Phila. Pa.
June 18, 1845.

Drake at Capt.

dear Mr. Drake
at duty in Prison.

Wm. June 21, 1845.

Rev. Dr. Drake (of N.Y. 1845) June 20, 1845.

Newburgh June 19th 1845

Yr.

Maj. Genl. Storrard, 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
youngest son Henry Warner, rec^d.
more than a year since, an ap-
pointment to the naval acad-
-emy, which, after a very short tri-
-al, he resigned. I was induced
to sanction it, under the impres-
-sion that his health, was un-
-equal to the life of a mid-
-shipman, but on his return
home, discovered that his whole
difficulty arose from that mental
distress which most lads are apt
to experience, in leaving home

and exchanging its quiet scenes, for
the roughness of a sailors life. The
ill-health of Saml. who, about that
time, was compelled to resign his po-
sition in the army, and who was
completely broken down, both in mind
and body, prevented me from looking
into Henry's case as closely as I should
have done. Had he remained in the
Naval School another month, I am
now satisfied, he ~~or~~ would have over-
come all his troubles, and gone
forward successfully. Shortly after
his return he discovered the mistake
he had made, and became as anx-
ious to return, as he had been to
leave. Through my friend atty Genl.
Bates I made the application to have
him reappointed, but thus far have
failed. Now my dear Genl. Can you
keep me in this matter. I know
that Leij Wells, has placed his
name on the list again. of

those seeking reappointment, but
 am very doubtful of success. May
 I not ask you, to see the Secy of
 the Navy, and speak a word in
 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 to himself,
 and good service to his Country.

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

W. S. Spots.

P.S.

Henry's age is such, that should
 he not be reappointed before

next September, the limitation of
the law of Congress, will necessa-
rily cut him off.

Many thanks to you, for your letter
to my friend Miss Hedger, to Genl.
Patrick — she succeeded & in re-
covering her nephew's body, and
last Sabbath, the funeral services
were performed, in Newburgh.

W.S.S.

Attended to
Cousin
W.S.S.

W.S.S.

Prof Sprue.

Newburgh N.Y.
June 12th 63.

Dear Mary
Received letter

All money letters, and letters concerning packages of clothing, &c., should be addressed to
W. E. Whiting, 61 John Street, New-York.

Rev. Geo. Whipple, }
Rev. M. E. Strieby, } Secs.
Lewis Tappan, Treas.
W. E. Whiting, Asst. Treas.

American Missionary Association,

No. 61 JOHN STREET,

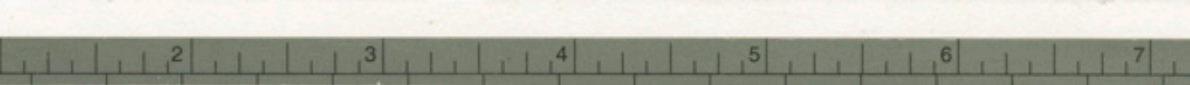
New-York, June 19, 1865

Major-Gen. Howard,
Commissioner of
General.

Permit me to
invite your attention to the
accompanying petition from
Northampton, Ms.

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 satisfactory endorser
than sign this paper for Mr.
Hunt. I trust you will
give it due consideration.

Yours respectfully,
Geo. Whipple, Co. Sec.



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THE AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION
No. 61 JONES STREET
NEW YORK, N.Y.

Nov. 17, 1863

My dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the proposed publication of a new edition of the Standard Bible. I am very glad to hear that you are so interested in the cause of the Bible, and I am sure that your efforts will be successful. I have no objection to your publishing the Bible, and I am sure that it will be a great blessing to the world. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours, &c.,
J. W. Phelps, Secy.