Raleigh June 24th 1865

My dear General

I have not been long enough in my work to find material for an official report, but as an opportunity occurs to send directly to Washington, I will write a few lines. In the three days since my arrival, I have had interviews with the Gov., Generals Cox & Ames, & many prominent persons. All receive me with many kind words, & seem glad that somebody is sent to take from their shoulders a work & responsibility which they do not know what to do with.

I have looked at the condition of Freedmen & Refugees in & about the city. A good beginning has been made by Capt. Beal in their behalf. About 500 poor blacks (women & children) are gathered in log huts about 2 miles from town, & doing well. They have gardens, & a field of corn which will yield a part of their support.

The whites are in a worse state. I have drawn some Hospital tents, & will have a Camp for them today.

I have not yet assumed the work of issuing rations to whites, as I have no Officers to help me.

Medical attendance is much needed, and Surgeons are not to be obtained.

The Medical Director seems
ready to help me, but says
his force is reduced very much
below the wants of the Army.
I have however got the
promise of a Hospital
Steward today.

Reports from the Western
part of the State represent
all quiet in the Country.
Freedmen are at work, having
made some bargain with
their former masters.

At Fayetteville some
suffering & disorder exists.
I have applied for an
officer to be sent there at
once.

I propose to visit New
bern, Roanoke, Beaufort
& Wilmington next week,
after Capt. James arrives.

Under Gen. Schofield's orders a large amount of supplies is being issued to poor whites — I think <u>four times</u> as much as to blacks, tho' I cannot give the figures.

Yours truly,

E. Whittlesey

<u>P. S. & Private</u>

I don't know Col. Granger's object in visiting Washington; but I am convinced that he is <u>not</u> the right man for the Post he now fills, nor for any position in this Bureau.

I see <u>very suspicious</u> indications, & fear that he will give me trouble if he gets promotion, & remains Commandant of the Post.

E. W.

If I could go & take my own Regiment along and thus have it virtually at least under supervision or could see the means at hand, (ready in call without begging for it) to execute your plans - It would seem right for me to go.

I felt much tempted to ask for a Leave to accompany Gen. Saxton to Washington & then go thence with him to Gettysburg. Rowland wrote me he would meet me there if I would - How much I would have enjoyed this & Sergeant's attention & attention to you as a public character & to make me more acceptable and appreciable to the latter than I otherwise might me. Wouldn't I like to take her a walk through the Cemetery & show her where her husband & I & a few other choice spirits slept one night with our heads against a marble monument! Would I show her where we stood when the shells flew like hail and when one burst near us and took my coat and took the least bit of cuticle from my back and a good God kindly & mercifully threaded us when many, many were cut down never to rise again! I should like so much to have met Rowland there & talked over the battle-times. But if I had gone now I could not have gone later & it is better for me to stay till Sickles Bed returns & then have 30 days - By that time I hope you will be ready for a vacation at home. I have feared you were underrating too much of late your health or strength might fail. I do not see, hardly, how you could consent to be

Staunton

S. C. June 24 '65

Dear Genl. Sherman

Saxton has offered to take a letter to you and as he goes by Ft. Monroe you would get it much earlier than the letter I wrote yesterday which is in the mail. I made it a specialty in that letter to express to you my conviction of the importance of giving military power into the hands of Asst. Commissioners of Freedmen. I inclosed an extract from newspaper showing the bad feeling existing, certainly in South Carolina, among returned Rebel Officers & other old citizens and their determination to do for the Freedmen only what they are compelled to do. Now I do not think the force will actually need to be used if it is at hand but should your agents undertake to carry out any regulations or orders - distasteful to these people - without military power within call at least, I believe they would meet with great difficulty and that finally military force would have

the order at Gettysburg - Lincoln to make Burnside - That proclamation

to be actually employed – But should it appear that these agents have the military power at hand, it would I think not only facilitate all operations but prevent actual shedding of blood in the future.

If I could see you I could in a short time express what is difficult to bring out upon paper.

I find that the Department of the South has been virtually broken up since South Carolina is in Meade's Mil. Div^n – Georgia in Thomas' and Florida in the Gulf Dep^t. So I suppose there will be or has been an entire reorganization and perhaps So. Carolina will constitute a Department by itself – If so, Gen. Saxton could as well and better than anyone exercise the military command which is becoming of less and less importance (merely as military) and his operations for the Freedmen's interests would be incalculably facilitated. As it is it operates not only negatively against him but the military authorities now here are a constant and positive hindrance to him as he will undoubtedly explain to you in person. —

These two Regts. (128th & 104th under my command) which I expected to retain had he continued to raise his Colored Corps) are to be turned over to Gen. Gillmore. This will not be very agreeable to me personally as I will be brought under men who know nothing of me or my past military experience and record, Besides it will occasion probably my removal from Beaufort which will neither be so pleasant for me nor so advantageous for the Regt. at present. We are just finishing some fine Quarters for the men from a School house or rather tent with seats, writing benches, &c. &c. arranged – No corrupting influences of a large city, for the officers & men – good drill ground and in short every thing in good running order.

Gen. Saxton has asked me to take the position of an agent or asst. Com^r for him to be located, say, at Columbia or other important point. I think I would accept such a place if I could see the means at hand for executing orders & carrying out your plans & wishes – But I am not willing to be a do-nothing – I always desire to accomplish something especially what I undertake.

Louisville Ky
Head Qrs Army Tenn
June 24th 1865

Dear Girl —

I take the liberty to add a few lines to you — All of your old friends are anxiously watching the movements and progress in the Freedmen Bureau — Some favory one thing and some another, but we who know you think and believe that you will do what you conscientiously think is right and that you are not a fanatic nor will not allow yourself to become one and that you will not over-reach measures that would be detrimental to both white and black but wait for the black to prosper and when the propitious time comes you will advocate that they be permitted to take part in the Govt by voting &c but probably that time will not come for ten years yet — We all pray and hope that you will succeed and believe that you will — Our Army is here, a portion of them being mustered out and paid off we have the 14th 15th 17th and a part of

the 20th A.C. in all about 67000 troops
The 2d Divisn 15th A.C is Ordered to
Little Rock Arkensaw and Start
tomorrow morning - Genl Stahnes
brigade go to St Louis = The Staff remain
about as they were when with me
Col Max Woodhull is the A.D.C. Genl
and a fine gentleman he is - Capt
Conklin is here as formerly =
They have Sent the a Brevet rank
of Col = I dont feel very much flattered
with that kind of promotion when offers
all around me are receiving full Colonelcy
There is Capt Read C.S. with Genl
Thomas as Chief C.S. has received his
full Colonelcy and he done no duty
until Six Months ago at which time
he was assigned as Chief Commissary
of that Department - also his Quartermaster
received full Colonelcy = The Quartermaster
in this Department is a full Colonel and
other Departments the same but they Exclude
me for some reason and for what I Cant
Contrive = I have worked faithfully
and have the highest recommendation
from Genl Brannan and also from
himself and Genl Sherman endorsed
me but all without Effect = Genl Logan

said he was going to write about it that why I should be excluded when there was provision by law to make Army Chief Commissary rank of Col and they were doing it in other departments by the Quartermaster and Commissary departments that I should be excluded he could not continue = If I had not arranged and systematized the foraging parties the men in ranks would have stormed and I worked constantly to keep up proper organizations to keep them moving =

Genl Logan advised me to write to you to ask you to see the Secretary of War personally and he believed if you would see him he would readily accede to my being the rank that I am entitled to under the law and practice to others of Quartermaster & Commissary depts = Is Col Bullock with you - Please give my kind regards to all of my acquaintances on your staff = I saw Col Hays to day = he wished to be remembered to you All of your officers feel grateful to you May God bless you

I have the honor to be Very Genl

Very Truly Your Humble Svt

D. Kennick Chf Bd A. Tenn

Maj Genl Howard
Headquarters Department
Washington

Saco, Maine, June 24, 1865.

My dear Ismal;

I am desirous of obtaining a Colonelcy of Colored Troops, and would like your influence in my behalf.

I have just been honorably discharged as Lieut. Col. of the 17th Maine, because my services were no longer required, and because of disability arising from wound received April 6.

As I suppose you know, I taught the High School in this town for nine years before entering the service. The people here desire me to take the school again, but the life is too confined for me. I imagine that the fact that I had been a successful teacher would be an additional recommendation for

ine
24th 1865.

Wm.

fluence
Colonelcy
oops &c

8th 1865.

the office I desire.

If necessary, I will send documents to show my standing as an officer in the 17th. I had command of the Reg. for five months previous to being wounded. During that time, your brother Charles visited us, and if you happen to see him, you may ask him concerning the appearance of the Reg, and my standing in it. Your cousin, Dexter, was under my command for some time, and can tell you how I was regarded in the Reg.

An early answer will much oblige.

With all wishes for your success I am

Very truly yrs

Wm. Hobson.

New York June 25th 1865.—

Dear Friend,

It is with feelings of the deepest respect, that we have read the record of your consistent christian walk and conversation, during these years of war, now, happily, past; and while our people and government, have gratefully acknowledged your services, as a soldier in the cause of Liberty, we would desire you to receive at our hands, an humble testimonial, in the form of a Certificate of Life-Membership to our Society, of our appreciation of your services, during the same period, in wielding the Sword of the Spirit as a good Soldier of the Lord Jesus, and of the godly influence, which you have ever exerted upon the brave men under your command

"Remember the words of the Lord Jesus how he said
"Thou shalt in no wise lose thy reward."

We beg to subscribe ourselves most truly Yours

John A. Brown.
Frank E. Anderson
Frank W. Vondersmith
Millie F. Polhemus
Wm A. Allen
Teachers Male Class No 14
S. S. First Baptist Church

To
Major Genl. O. O. Howard

Clothing and Equipage Office,

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Fort Monroe, Va., June 26 1865.

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

General:

On the 20th instant Hon. Henry Wilson made an application to War. Dept. for my appointment as A. Q. M. with rank of Captain. During the war I have filled the position of chf. clk. in this office and now retain that position. I have acquired a thorough knowledge of the organization and working of the Q.M. Dept. and if

Rec'd June 28th 1865.

appointed I should be pleased to be assigned to duty in the dept. now being organized and perfected by you. Should you deem it expedient to recommend me after seeing Mr Wilson's application now on file in War Dept., please add your request to his for my appointment. I can give bonds if required and enter upon such duties as you may be pleased to give me, immediately.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
G. E. Forbes
Chief Clerk

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Commissioner Bureau of Freedmen
Washington
D. C.

BUREAU OF THE
AMERICAN FREEDMEN'S AID UNION,
130 Nassau-Street.

New-York, June 26 1865

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Comr Bureau, Freedmen &c

Sir

I enclose you a corrected proof of the proposed address.

Mr Shaw who will hand it to you, will receive and duly note any suggestion you may have to make on the subject.

He will also show a copy
to Mr Stanton, and put a:
nothing in the way of reach:
ing the President.

I am dear Sir

Yours very respectfully

J. W. McKinn
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Sec. A. F. A. U.

Frankford Arsenal,

Philadelphia, Pa.,
June 26th 1865.

My dear Howard.

I have been intending, for some time back, to tender you my hearty congratulations on your promotion to a Brig Genl of the Regular Army. As the only Ordnance Officer who has risen to that high position, & whose long & faithful services so richly merited this mark of the Nation's acknowledgement, I, for one, think of you with pride. It seems but yesterday that we parted at West Point, yet how different our lives have been since then. In the tented field, mid dangers, toils & privations, you have lost an arm in the defence of our nationality, but placed your name high on the roll of our successful Generals. In the more peaceful pursuits of the Ordnance Profession, I have labored long, & steadily, & faithfully, in aiding the armies with those munitions, without which, battles could not have been fought nor victories gained. Services only appreciated by soldiers, but which carry with them no éclat. — seldom, recognition. I am glad

that the future of the negro has been placed in your hands. In my opinion, this war has been permitted by Providence, with the purpose in giving freedom to the slave. I believe in twenty years, the South will with one voice thank Heaven, that the stain of slavery has been thus washed out, & in their increased prosperity from the labor of freedmen, see the workings of an all wise God. In the endeavor to raise the status of the negro, religion must form part of the motive power. & the Havelock of the Army is the proper instrument. I lay claim to little religion myself, but I honor the man who while serving the State, forgets not to serve his Maker. I again congratulate you on your success, so well deserved.

We, of the Ordnance, have gained nothing by the war, except the happy consciousness of duty well performed. With the exception of two or three juniors who have been in the field, not even the empty honors of a brevet have been given us., & while the War Dept has time & again expressed its high appreciation of our services, nothing has been done for us. Whether Mr Stanton has had his attention called to the matter I know not, but I trust we may yet get our due. To the world at large, the Ordnance must seem a failure, otherwise

why are all others brevetted, & we remain with the same rank, with which the war found us. I am the 2d Capt on the list, & one of the oldest in the Army.

I did not intend touching on my own personal matters, but it is a sore subject, & just now rather uppermost in our minds. I only intended to write, that your career had been followed by me, with all the interest of old comrades, & that your promotion had given me unalloyed pleasure.

Should you ever have the time & inclination, I hope you will come to see me. I shall welcome you with open arms.

Yours very sincerely

S. G. Pené

Genl Howard.
Wash.

Philadelphia Pa.
June 26th 1865.

Brevet S. V.

Congratulation on Promotion as Maj. General Regular army &c.

Rec. B. & A. June 28th 1865.

Rec.d June 28th 1865.

Philadelphia June 26. 1863

Major General Howard

Dear Sir

I thank you for the information regarding the transportation of Refugees, and if any cases come under our notice whose welfare will be enhanced by returning home all the facts will be represented to you —

Those for whom we particularly appeal have been reduced from affluence to penury and a prospect of regaining lost property induced our assn. to furnish means for them to return without delay.

Our attention has been particularly directed to E. Tenn. and we are now forwarding supplies to the upper counties where much distress prevails —

The policy of establishing an Orphan's Home in Knoxville has been under consideration, and if transportation for two of our agents can be obtained to take charge of the matter I think much good will result —

Very respectfully Yours — M. M. Hallowell. Sect.

Extract from a letter
from Edward Maynard
dated Nashville May 31st/65

"Gov. Brownlow directs me to say, that he hopes you will present his warmest thanks and kindest regards to those noble ladies who have formed themselves into an Association to relieve the destitute and suffering portion of his state –
In regard to the Orphan's home I am sorry to say there is no such Institution in E. Tenn.
Many children of deceased soldiers are now suffering and would be incalculably benefitted by such an establishment"

Washington DC June 26th 1865

Hon E M Stanton
Secy of War
Sir

In behalf of the Christian Young Mens Association I have the honor to request that the negatives of the photographic views of the interior ~~and~~ or exterior if there are any of Fords Theatre be turned over ~~to~~ the President of the Association (Mr Thompson) or to my President of the board of trustees for the purchase of the theatre with the view to being used for the benefit of the Christians Young mens association as a source of revenue.

Very Respectfully
O. O. Howard
Maj Genl.

The machine
together here
turned over
yesterday to
the artist who
looks them of
this application Edmund Stanton
had been Secretary
made in
season before
the order had
been given it
would have
been granted
June 29/65

New Orleans La June 27th 1865

Maj Genl Howard

Dear General

Having been fortunate in having been under your command for several months and under your command at Wauhatchie and Missionary Ridge, I have the honor to request from you a statement or recommendation as regards my services as a Colonel of a Regiment being located in the City of New Orleans in the Custom House, believing while under your command my conduct was such as to merit your confidence

A communication as above requested would be valuable to me

General if consistent with your views please accomodate me

I am sir with respect

Your obt. Svt

Charles H. Fox late Col

104th New York Infty

Box No 58

New Orleans

La

Cheraw, South Carolina
June 27th 1865.

(Private)

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My Dear Sir

I have been unable to remove my family, as yet, to Virginia, and beg leave to solicit your kind interest in the matter. I wrote to Capt. Buel, some weeks ago, but am afraid that he did not receive my letter, tho' our mail communications have not been re-opened, and we have great difficulty in forwarding and receiving letters.

It was my wish to return to my old home and parish in Fairfax, but understand that my house near the Court House was destroyed some time ago. I am so much attached to that part of the State, that I am exceedingly anxious to return, if possible. The war, I believe, has sadly desolated that part of the country; most of my former parishioners are dispersed, and probably will

never again be gathered in earthly folds. God knows how earnestly I have humbled myself before Him for my share of the sin contributing to such sad results; He who hath smitten will heal.

I think with the assistance of friends I may be able to settle again in Fairfax; if I can procure a suitable place near Washington, you would greatly aid me if you could secure me a Clerkship in your Department, or some other Dpt, which I would only retain long enough to give me a start in life again; as it is my desire to devote myself solely to the ministry.

I am conscious of taking a great liberty in thus intruding upon your time and thoughts; but our interview when in Charge with the Army convinced me that you have a heart to feel for others' woes. In addition to the distressing

situation of my family, I am very anxious in behalf of our two sons lately returned from the Army, who are without employment, having been forced from school by our unnatural conscription. It would fulfil a desire very dear to my heart to establish them in a position in which they could perform their whole duty to our now re-united country.

My Dear Gen. Howard, please excuse me for troubling you upon a subject of this kind; but in my situation, I assure you it is asking a cup of water in the name of a disciple, and I believe, it will not go without its reward. I am very anxious to remove my family from South Carolina; we have a sorrowful time here; it is my earnest prayer that God will permit me to return to Virginia.

If you have time to write please address me at this place, under cover, to the Rev. J. McGreen, Charleston, who will forward my letters until the mails are resumed.

Yours very truly and respectfully
R. T. Brown

Gen: O. O. Howard
Washington
D. C

Brown Rd.
Returns to return
this home at
Harpers Ferr. Va.

Recd July 14 1865

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War Department,

Washington, June 28th, 1865.

Sir:

You are hereby informed that the President of the United States has appointed you, for gallant and meritorious services during the War, a Major General by Brevet, in the service of the United States, to rank as such from the Nineteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five. Should the Senate, at their next session, advise and consent thereto, you will be commissioned accordingly.

Immediately on receipt hereof, please to communicate to this Department, through the ADJUTANT GENERAL of the Army, your acceptance or non-acceptance; and, with your letter of acceptance, return the OATH herewith enclosed, properly filled up, SUBSCRIBED and ATTESTED, and report your AGE, BIRTHPLACE, and the STATE of which you were a permanent RESIDENT.

~~You will report for duty to~~

Edwin M Stanton

Secretary of War.

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Brevet Major General Oliver O. Howard,
U. S. Army.

Detroit June 28. 1865

Dear Sir

No personally a stranger to you I venture to introduce the Rev. Wm King of Canada, a gentleman of education & great experience in the management of ~~Colored~~ colored persons. I think you may derive useful ideas from his conversation & beg to commend him to your friendly attentions.

Very respectfully
Yr obt Svt
J. M. Brown

Genl O. O. Howard

Allens Hotel
Oneida N.Y.
June 28th 1865

My Dear Grieve;

I was glad to see your kind note & thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy for me.

I am still confined at Oneida where the accident occurred with a poor prospect of winning here several days yet: the arm is doing well but the fracture is of such a nature that it does not admit of substantial dressing & the surgeon objects to my travelling until the junction is complete enough to permit the splints to be taken off. This will require from one to two weeks yet. A sister is with me & I am getting on

very nicely. The townspeople too are very kind & considerate.

I regret this necessity of being compelled to remain away & that an other officer should be required to go to Ala. on account of it. I shall try however to reach Washington as soon as possible & will then be ready for whatever duty may be required of me.

I suppose your letters of the Bureau & the approaching anniversary of Gettysburg must give you a large allowance of work for the present.

Please remember me kindly to Mr Howard.

Very Truly
Your obt Servt
W. Otton

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GEO. H. STUART, Chairman, 11 Bank Street.
JOS. PATTERSON, Treasurer, Western Bank.
Rev. LEMUEL MOSS, Home Secretary, 11 Bank Street.
Rev. E. P. SMITH, Field Secretary, 11 Bank Street.

U. S. Christian Commission

Central Office,
No. 11 BANK STREET.

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Philadelphia, June 28. 1865

Maj-Gen. O. O. Howard
Freedmen's Bureau
Washington D.C.

My Dear Friend

It is with very great pleasure that I endorse the request of Captain Beath, to be detailed for duty in the Freedmen's Bureau. My intimate knowledge of Captain B. gained by my observation of his conduct and character while a Scholar in the Sabbath School of which I am Superintendent, and my persuasion that the good qualities he then and there exhibited will be equally well shown wherever his duties may call him, are the reasons why I cordially second his application. I feel confident, that in case you accede to his request, you will have opportunity to test the confirmation of my statements. Captain Beath will doubtless avail himself of the opportunities thrown in his way to make known that religion of which he is a consistent professor, a feature of his character which I know you can appreciate.

Hoping that you may have it in your power to grant his request, which I will consider a personal favor, I am

Yours Very Truly

Geo. H. Stuart

I have refused several applicat.
for letters & only give this because
of a sense of duty having a
long & intimate knowledge of Capt.
Beath —

G. H. S

Capt. U. S. Christian Com.
Philadelphia Pa.
June 28 1865

Short Sea Mo.
Channel U. S. C. C.

Recommends Capt Beath
for detail in Quar. M.'s
D. C.

National Freedman's Relief Association,
No. 76 JOHN STREET,

New York, 28 June 1865

Dear Sir:

As my unexpected departure from Washington yesterday evening deprived me of the opportunity for another interview with you, I beg to express my gratification at having become personally acquainted with you & to thank you for the readiness with which you met my official requests.

Allow me also to thank you, as before inadequately, for your kind invitation to accompany you on your projected tour of inspection.

At any other season I should most gladly have availed of your kindness to visit under your auspices those places so interesting to me in every respect, while to some of them possess to me a stronger attraction than to most who have never seen them, & I beg you to believe that my having declined to do so was not accompanied by any want of appreciation on my part.

Believe me, Dear Sir, with great esteem & respect,

Yours sincerely,

Thos Jno. Shaw

Major General O. O. Howard.

New York
June 28th 1865.

Shaw Franc. Geo.

Friendly letter &c.

Recd June 30th 1865.

Washington D.C. June 29th 1865

Darling,

I am at the house and in our room though you did not even christen it by sleeping here one night. I have now some pillow cases though no sheets till you superintend. I shall need them and need very nice cotton sheetings and surely no other clothing would be required this weather. I have just got two long letters from Charles and he insists that you two have and are doubly neglectful in not writing to him. I was delighted to get a telegram that Guy was coming on to Gettysburg, will see how heavily he looks before deciding to keep him outside. I should be delighted if by some accident you happened to come on. But I suppose I am to expect no such joy so soon. But I do hope darling, you are very well. Give many sweet kisses to Gracie

Mrs McKenzie for her forgetting a good wife. Nothing like a good wife darling you think so? I don't really think my devotion amounts to much and much less diminutive by the side of the Generals, but I don't think it is in bad taste and I believe you will read it with some interest. Good bye you & the children pray for me, darling.

Lovingly your husband
Otis

P.S. 3 P.M. am quite well this morning —

Francis H. Stanley. I am thinking of taking a trip to Hatton Hall, Shenandoah Valley, after the 14th. I don't much think Charles will come up now. I may bring him back with me. We have a woman cook — Sam is steward and a little boy into waiter for winter constituting our working force — the same now — Capt. Mr. Markland — Capt. Fullerton and Miss Stimson. Miss Mattie temporarily, Capt. Tayloe and Friend. Charles. Mr. Gilchrist when here. I make mine and when Mr. Alvord is here he makes up the ten. We have a 3/4 bed stead that Miss Mattie will learn to sit in the little room opening out of this. I think we will take this little room for two children and take the front upstairs room for the other two. Stimson & Charles use the room opposite the parlor and keep it very nice. The North west room opening out of the dining room is not used. We have an pleasant

a place in town is in Washington and I think so much interesting from visitors have found the locality. Mr. Gilchrist & I bought Willie's black horses & I swapped away Col. Markland's carriage for a nice one with more room. When you come we can drive some nice rides. I bought to write to Martha and I am afraid she is lonely. Debbie writes from Richmond. Mr. Mack Harry & Sandie want me to give Sandie a place so that he can travel south or. I don't see how people look at things. I must get to organizing everything as bringing so much money. If it was for money for myself or my friends, I would not have taken this post, nor would I stay here a day. Give my kindest regards to Charles Mattie & Sam. Miss Stimson. Mary could complain, but he is slender. Remember me to Elaine, Mrs McKenzie & Otem. Congratulate

F. GUTEKUNST'S
IMPERIAL
Photograph Galleries,
Nos. 702, 704 & 706 Arch Street,

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Philadelphia, June 29th 1865.

Maj. Genl O. O. Howard,
Dear Sir,
By Adam's Express I forward an Imperial of yourself which please accept with my best wishes. With it is an Imperial of Genl Fiske for himself which you will have the kindness to hand him.

Most Respectfy
F. Gutekunst
Per T. G. Gayley,

Philadelphia Pa.
June 29th 1865.

Gayley J. G.

Notes, relating to
Photographs sent
&c

Recd June 30th 1865.

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Newyork June 29th
1865

Maj. Genl. Howard.

General

Permit me to send you for trial a knife and fork and have improved it for the use of persons who have lost an arm to enable them to cut up their own food, which the knife will readily do by a little rolling pressure the fork being attached to the back of the knife.

If you find the contrivance useful will it be asking you too much in the interest of the men who have lost an arm in the service of the Country

to express your opinion on the subject to Surg. Genl. Barnes to whom I have also sent such a knife, with the suggestion of introducing it into the U. S. Hospital, and furnishing the men with one on leaving.

As I am probably entirely unknown to you, General, allow me to add, that I am a Surgeon and Professor of Military Surgery in Newyork, and that I have no other interest or motive in the matter, than to diminish (be it in ever so small a degree) the discomforts of a large class of men who have suffered for this Country.

very respectfully

Wm. Detmold. M.D.

Gettysburg June 29th 65

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard,
My Dear Sir,

Genl. Geary is not here and in his absence I will answer your telegram. There will be connection made from Hanover Junction on the Northern Central R.R. on Monday with every train on that road north & south. I would advise you to leave Washington at 6.30 A.M. so as to connect with the 9.20 A.M. from Baltimore reaching Gettysburg at 1 P.M. Telegraph me what train you will come on.

Yours sincerely
David Wills

Gettysburg Pa.
June 29th 1865.

David Wills.

Writes regarding
Rail Road Connections
from Washington to Gettysburg

Recd. July 1st 1865.

Head Quarters 2nd Div 15th A.C. 113

Steamer Rose Hite Miss River June 29th 1865

Major Genl O. O. Howard

Dear Sir.

In command of the 2nd Div 15th A.C. I am ordered to Little Rock Ark to report to Major Gen J. J. Reynolds. Since the last eight months the friend who had my money in charge went into the oil speculation with it and his own, so far with no success, leaving me at the close of 4 years service, without means, instead of the little independence I had. I am desirous of being appointed Asst Commissioner or some position like that in the Freedmans bureau for the State of Arkansas under yourself. I make this application thus frankly because you know my qualifications well & because I am fully assured of your sympathy with your old army friends. I do not know how such application should be made, but if it requires any form will you be good enough to have your clerk furnish me with what is necessary. Any expense needed I will at once furnish. I do not wish to plead poverty with you for this position for I am well & strong. I only state the fact

Hed Qrs 2nd Div. 15th Ark.

that you may be that my whole interest would be in the success of my work & my whole energies given to it. I believe & hope too that I will bring to this work a faith in & a hope for its full accomplish=ment that very many lack

Hoping for your continued health & success

I am Truly Your

Obedient Servant

John M Oliver

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P.S. Best references might be needed at once I would respectfully refer you to Hon D. C Braman M C 1st Dist. Michigan. Attorney General Lansing County Mich Hon J. V. Chesbrough Judge Supreme Court Michigan Hon Frank Johnson Judge of Circuit Court for first District Michigan. Residence at Monroe Mich. Don't forget this letter is written on a shaking old transport. Truly Your Friend & Servt

J M Oliver

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State of Maine.

Head Quarters,

Adjutant General's Office,

August the 29th 1863

My Dear Genl

I shall want to see you personally at Gettysburg, about the practicability of Capt. Mitchell's leave of absence, on Vol. duty in your Dept, in the South.

He is the most perfect & unexceptionable man in morals & capacity, within my knowledge.

If you are restricted to officers in service, nothing remains to be said, for he

is out, Yrs most truly

John L. Worden,
Actg. Capt.

Maj. Gen.
O. O. Howard
U. S. A.
Washington
D. C.

Augusta Me
June 29. 1865.

Goodsdon, John L.
Adjt. 32nd Maine

Friendly letter.

A. by
Mustering in at
Gettysburg

Recd Entry 1st 1865

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War Department
Washington City D.C.
June 29 1865.

General.—

I gratefully accept the invitation you have been pleased to extend to me, to accompany you to Gettysburg on the 3d of July next.—

Respectfully your
most obedt. servt.

Thos. T. Eckert
Col & Asst Adjt Genl
War Dept.

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard
Washington
D.C.

War Department
Washington D.C.
June 29th 1865.

Murfey Thos. W. A. S.
[Ch. W. Asmussen]

Accepting invitation to accompany Gen Howard to Gettysburg &c

Recd June 30th 1865.

Presbyterian Rooms, 150 Nassau-street,
New York, June 20th 1865

Genl O. O. Howard
Pres't of the Freedmens Bureau.
War Department.
Washington D. C.

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Dear Sir.

The Committee of Home Missions in the Presbyterian Church, in the U. S. A. having just appointed Rev. S. H. Garnett of Washington D. C. and Rev. John B. Reeve of Philadelphia. Two Colored ministers in our Church. exploring agents in the South and South West. for the period of a few months. beg of you to furnish them free transportation (if it be consistent with your regulations) within the Army lines. and any other facilities which may be in your power, for the successful prosecution of Missionary work among the Freedmen.

Any aid of this kind bestowed on these gentlemen. will add to their safety and gratification and will be appreciated by the Committee — Certificates if any be issued, may be sent directly to this office. or forwarded respectively to the parties themselves

In behalf of the Committee.

Edwd R. Lambert
Treasurer.

A. Kendall
Sec'y

Rt. R. Roy
Ch^n Finance Com^ee

Presbyterian Rooms
New York.
June 30th 1865.

Kendall H. Sec.

Writes, asking for
Transportation for
Rev. H. H. Garrett and
Rev. John B. Reeve &c

Lewis Cass Co Iowa
June 3d 1865

Dear General

I arrived safely at home on the 28th and found my friends much better than I expected. but I find that I can not consistently remain in the service any longer and have tendered my Resignation by telegraph last night. will you be kind enough to favor me with getting it accepted. General I would on many accounts prefer staying in the service. but our business at home will not admit of my staying away any longer. I told Maj Gilbreth how matters stood before I came away I thank you for your kindness to me while I was on your ——

Staff and shall feel an interest in your prosperity. hoping that you may be successfull in all your undertakings I remain Your Most Obt. Servt.

Jno. A. Miles

P.S.

Genl perhaps I am asking to much, but if you feel that you would be justified in doing so I would like to have a testimonial of your regard.

North Anson June 30. 1865.

Genl Howard:- I see that B W Norris of Skowhegan has been appointed to superintend the sale of confiscated property at Mobile. - This is a responsible position requiring a man of unquestioned integrity and business capacity - it would be well to inquire, if not too late, whether Mr Norris has those qualities. I would refer you to Hon Wm Rowell of Skowhegan President of the Bank of Somerset and to Hon John S Tenney of Norridgewock, late Chf Justice of the ~~L.J.P~~ S.J.C. and to A. H. Howe Esq of this place for information ~~It is the~~ with regard to his management of the affairs of the

Skowhegan Oil Cloth Company of which he has been agent, and in regard to his integrity and business capacity.

It is currently reported that when agent of said Company, and when the company was in failing circumstances, he raised money on the Companys notes and declared a dividend, and that on a capital stock of only $12000. the Company sustained a loss of over $100.000 through his profligacy & mismanagement

Saml T Arnold Esqr of Skowhegan a member of said Company, might give you valuable information as to Ames's capacity & integrity if he would. Arnold told me last March that Ames had ruined him. Confidentially Yours

Wm A Atkinson

National Freedman's Relief Association, 166

No. 76 JOHN STREET,

New York, 30 June 1865.

Major General
O. O. Howard.
Commissioner &c

Sir:

I have the honor to state that, the opportunity having occurred, I have inserted the words "when practicable" in your letter of 16th Inst; addressed to the Associations, & borne by Mr Boardman, as requested by you.

With much respect,

Yours &c

Frank Geo. Shaw
Pres.

Office U. S. Military Telegraph,

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WAR DEPARTMENT.

The following Telegram received at Washington, 9.30 A.M. June 30 1865.

1 wc From Augusta Me June 30 1865.

Maj Gen O O Howard

Guy leaves with me this morning for Petersburg

G. L. Hodson

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Telegram

Hodton, L. L.

Augusta Me

June 30th.

Tait's that
Guy leaves with
him today.

Recd June 30th. 1861

BARNES & BURR,

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New York June 21 1865

Genl O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

We have taken the liberty of sending to your address - the following School Books for your examination, with reference to their adaptation to the Colored Schools under your charge, viz

"Parker & Watsons Readers" & "Spellers"
"Monteith & McNally Geog."
"Monteith & Hillards History"
& "Clarks English Grammar"

Our Agent Mr Hulse informs us that you will take pleasure in looking at these Books, and also place them in the hands of Capt. Taggart for examination.

Yours very Respy
Barnes & Burr