

Dalton Georgia July 1st 1865.

General,

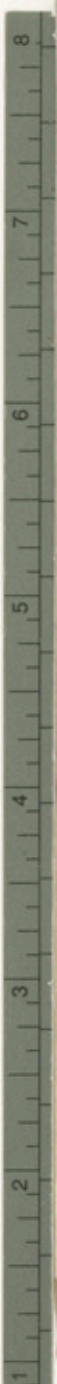
I had the honor to address you on the 12th of last month, and am aware sufficient time has not elapsed to receive an answer. I hope you will not deem me intrusive - if I am; then your courteous treatment, and the happy recollections I have of you must be my excuse.

Trud I am grateful - very, and my my heart is now than full of gratitude to that kind Providence, which has protected me, and permits me this day to be with my children, and the loved ones at home, yes with them I am indeed happy, and thankful, but at the same time let me tell you General. "Before the war I had not only a comfortable home, but an elegant one. I abandoned it, and risked my future in the success of our cause and a conscious attitude of purpose. I confined my operations strictly to the orders I received, and never omitted myself to the value of one dollar." Now the war has ended, and finds me, having the good opinion of the Generals to whom I reported - the confidence of the community in which I reside, and even the good wishes of my former enemies for I protected their families, instead of robbing and desolating them, but at the same time - I have nothing to commend life with, also I owned is desolated and ruined. I sometimes think had me lost our cause

William Jackson July 12 1837

Friend

I have the honor to acknowledge your kind letter
of last month, and am assured sufficient time has not
elapsed to receive an answer. I hope you will be
no witness of any; but your exertions for freedom, and
the happy recollection I have of you must be my excuse.
I am grateful - very, and my affection
is more than full of gratitude to that kind Providence,
which has protected me, and permitted me this day to be
with my children, and to have me at home, as usual.
Now I am inclined to say, and thank God, that at the same
time it was all for good. "Altogether the best I have met
only a complete done, but an effort was. I understand
it, and value my father in the success of the cause,
and a sincere wish of progress. I confess my
position stands the order I received, and was much
at myself to be of one with, but the war has
ended, and peace is being the great blessing of the human
nation. I expected - the triumph of the community in
which I lived, and even the good wishes of my friends
examples for protection their families instead of being
and thinking them, but at the same time - I have met
I commend the war, as I would to be better and more
I understand the war has not yet come



I should have gloied in my private hopes, we are triumphant and when men who by some means, or other ~~have~~ contrived to remain within that so-called Confederacy, are and even increased their store - never faced the enemy in the defense of our cause, unless against us, nor receive official appointments, something might be found for me I would like to feel that Uncle Sam knows me, whether he does or not I know the future must be well for me that everything is for the best, and still believe that did President Johnson know me as some Generals do I should need no further influence.

Upon consideration (though I should still like to feel President Johnson knows me) you could give me an appointment of more adapted than be. I was among the first who took an active practical part in establishing Free Labor in Louisiana. Can you not give me some position in Southern Georgia. For several years previous to the war I was a resident in Mississippi - familiar with the Plantations, and plantation labor. I will prove efficient, if my influence with the President does not prove sufficient for him to utilize me I respectfully ask me, any how always wishing you well

I have the honor to be
 S. M. Hayden
 Trustmen's Bureau
 Washington City

Yours very respectfully
 U. M. B. S. P.
 James G. Brown

Reverend Sir, I have the honor to receive your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the proposed plan for the improvement of the harbor of New York, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the Board of Commissioners for the improvement of the harbor, and that they will be pleased to receive your views thereon.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
John D. Van Buren

John D. Van Buren
Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for the improvement of the harbor of New York

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Executive Mansion,

Washington, July 1st, 1868.

Major Gen. O. O. Howard

General.

Allow me to
introduce you to Major
Russell. who makes information
in reference to some
confiscated property in Florida
since. I know nothing
in relation to such things
I have taken the liberty
to refer him to you

Yours truly

Abraham Lincoln
Asst. Mil. Secy.

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Executive Building

Washington, D.C.

Mr. O. H. ...

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands,

HEAD QUARTERS ASST. COMMISSIONER, STATE OF VIRGINIA,

Richmond, Va, July 1st 1865.

To Hon Henry Wilson

U. S. S.

Sir,

I have this day forwarded to Maj. Genl. Howard, Bureau of Refugees &c, an application from Mr. Chas. E. Johnston of Boston, to be appointed Capt and Asst Quarter-master for duty in this Bureau.

Mr. Johnston has had an experience as chief clerk in the S. W. Dept. of nearly four years, for nearly two years he has been employed as chief clerk in my office - He is an honest upright man, and would perform the duties of Superintendent in this Bureau with fidelity and ability -

If you can push his claims with several

Howard, you will do a favor to the freed-
-men, to his many friends, and a personal
one to my self.

I am Sir, very respectfully

Your obt Servt

O. Brown

Colonel and Asst Commissioner

Will. You would
appoint Mr. Johnson
if possible.

W. H. Wilson

Starkie Wood

William Henry

Super. Col. Wilson
in an appointment
to Howard

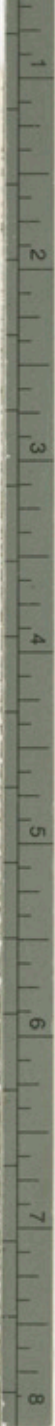
Head Quarters Dept of Va.
Richmond Va July 1st 1865.

Major General O. O. Howard
Washington D.C.
General.

In accordance
with your request I forward enclosed one hundred
copies of G. O. No. 77. C.S. from these Head Quarters. I am
very much gratified to learn that it meets your approbation.

I shall be most happy at all times to receive
from you suggestions as to the manner in which I
may aid the operations of your bureau, or assist in
protecting the rights of the freedmen.

Very Resp^t Yr Obed^t Serv^t
Reuben Terry
Major Genl.



Washington, July 1st, 1865.

Major Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir:

I understand that the Chronicle of this city has your address in type, and that several northern papers have procured advance copies.

As the ^{Washington} representative of the Cincinnati Gazette, Chicago Tribune, Missouri Gazette, Pittsburg Commercial, Cleveland Leader, and Boston Journal, I respectfully request to be furnished with six copies, in order that I may mail them to those journals, ^{in advance} thereby saving the expense of telegraphing it after its delivery. I could probably procure copies at once, if I had your order, ^{upon} from the Chronicle. By granting me this request, you will oblige

Yours, Very Respectfully,
Frank Henry



Washington D.C.
July 1st 1865.

Honry Frank.

Wrote asking copies
of address etc

Also July 1st 1865

Washington City D. C.
 Maj Gen, U. S. Coast Survey
 July 3. 1865

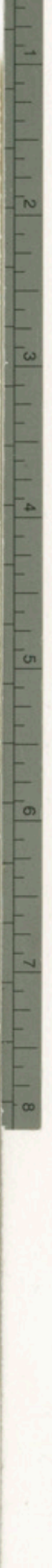
Sir,

Acquainted with several persons of Color, some of them have lately spoken to me as to leaving the United States, and seeking homes elsewhere. I have accordingly been collecting what information I could as to the best places for them to go to; and taking the proximity into calculation, I am disposed to think the West Indies and Honduras among the best situations for them. I am at present in communication with a Gentleman who has resided thirty years in Jamaica, and who knows the West Indies and Honduras well, and is a person of excellent character. I am also indirectly in communication with the British Secretary of the Colonies, Sir George Grey. I do not know as yet what encouragement the British Government will be inclined to give or afford to these people; but there are two Colonization Societies for Honduras, one British, the other American, both of which could, I think, be made useful in forwarding any such emigration should it be deemed expedient to encourage it. I have ventured to intrude on you merely because I thought you might like to know that such schemes are on foot.

As I am writing on the subject of the freedmen, I beg to express my regret at the agitation about the right of voting. What is most wanted for the Freedmen is protection for person and property. If these were thoroughly protected, I can speak pretty positively that these people would increase in comforts and won in wealth greatly. Next, let the infirm and from age or disease be decently cared for; and let the idle be put on farms under your bureau, and be made to earn their living, and be paid no wages, allowing them to hire themselves as they chose. Such farms

Washington D.C.
Sept 2 1812

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th inst. in relation to the petition of the Trustees of the American Bible Society for the incorporation of the same. I have the honor to inform you that the same has been referred to the Board of Trustees of the said Society, and they have resolved to support the petition. I have the honor to inform you that the same has been referred to the Board of Trustees of the said Society, and they have resolved to support the petition. I have the honor to inform you that the same has been referred to the Board of Trustees of the said Society, and they have resolved to support the petition.



under our banner would I think do much good. So far as my experience goes, these provisions, with education for the young, give all that is needed at present.

Believing two classes in a country always injurious alike to morals as to peace and order, I am in favor of the colored people emigrating to places where distinctions on account of Color are unknown; and see no injustice on the part of the Government making an engagement for the purpose. The Highlanders of Scotland were in reality forced to leave their homes, and settle in Canada, much to their own benefit; and much to the loss, I must add, of the Mother Country.

Have the honor to be

Sir

your respectful servant

M. J. Amstone.

Sr,

General Howard

Fredericks Bureau -

Local summer office
Washington Field Aug 3. 1885

Philadelphia, N. J.

Articles in favor of
consolidation of the
several -

F. C.

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July 27th 1885, Newark

Office of American
 Temperance Union
 July 3. 1865

Gen Howard
 Respects Sir.

By the enclosed Circular
 you will see that the National Temperance
 Convention is to be held at
 Saratoga Springs on the first Tuesday
 of August. From the high position you
 hold & the noble stand you have taken
 in the cause of temperance & sound morals
 we are desirous of having you our
 presiding Officer in that Convention
 we hope it will be convenient for
 you to attend & pleasant for you to
 take command of the Cold Water
 Army. It would aid us much if
 you could early decide upon these two
 points

With great respect
 John Marsh
 Cor Sec. A. T. U.

Office of American
Legation
July 3. 1862

Dear Madam

Respectfully
I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 27th
inst. in relation to the
proceedings of the
Court of Claims in the
case of the
United States
vs
the
Estate of
John
C. Smith
deceased
and
in
reply
to
advise
you
that
the
same
has
been
forwarded
to
the
proper
authorities
for
their
consideration
and
I
am
sorry
to
hear
of
the
illness
of
your
son
and
trust
that
he
will
soon
be
able
to
return
to
his
home
and
family
I
am
very
truly
yours
John
C. Smith

Biddford Me.

July 3^d 1865

Genl. O. Howard.

Dear Sir

Your letter written
on the 28th March Northward was
duely received and from it I
learned your disposition to
consider further the subject
I mentioned - that of "Lincoln
College" - which piece should
return. That period has now
arrived - and you have been
appointed to a high civil
position - an appointment,
you will allow me to say,
so far as I know most heartily
examined and admired.
I enclose a circular showing
more fully the character
of the Institution and the

estimation in which it is held
by the fathers and leaders of
our Israel. The effort is now
making to raise a Paysan
Professorship in Maine
to be named for Edward Paysan
whose life and memory are
hallowed not only in this
his native state, but
throughout the land and
the world - I am now
presenting the subject to the
churches - we are hoping
to find some men in Maine
or those who are sons of Maine
who will by their larger
contributions swell the
amount to the needed
sum - One of our generous
has I see given \$5000. to
endow scholarships in
Philips Academy, Andover
Mass -

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You doubtless remember
the proposition made in
my last letter - whereby a
substitute in the ministerial
Army might be secured -

My main object in writing
now is to show you the present
position of the Enterprise -
and to express the hope that
amid your manifold duties
this subject may receive some
small share of your notice
- It is mainly to advance the
Masters cause that I am
laboring - for this I believe
this Christian College is
established

Yours very truly
A. D. Bowker.

P.S. My P.O. address at
present is Bideford Me.

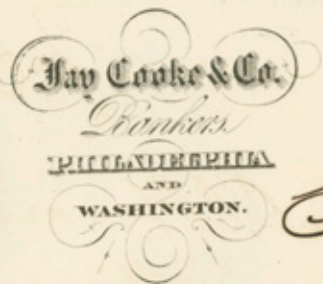
Bridgford Mo.
July 3. 1865

Bowker, S. H.

Notes concerning
a Lincoln Collection
in Kansas

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July 8th 1865 Ruch



Washington, July 3^d 1865.

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Gen. W. Howard,
Wichita.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to present John
A. Wills Esq. of this city, long known
to me as a gentleman of the highest
personal and professional char-
acter - Mr Wills will explain
the object of his visit to you, and
I take pleasure in assuring you that
any statements he may make
are entitled to your entire confidence
and that his loyalty, (as well as
his integrity), is unquestionable.

Very Resp^{ly} Yours

J. C. Cooke



Washington, May 21st 1850.
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Dear Mr. Williamson,
Wash.

Dear Sir: - I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter of the 19th inst. in relation to the purchase of a quantity of the light green and yellow paper for the use of the office. The price will be as follows: -
The price of the light green paper per 1000 sheets is \$1.00
The price of the yellow paper per 1000 sheets is \$1.00
The price of the white paper per 1000 sheets is \$1.00
The price of the blue paper per 1000 sheets is \$1.00
The price of the red paper per 1000 sheets is \$1.00
The price of the black paper per 1000 sheets is \$1.00
The price of the brown paper per 1000 sheets is \$1.00
The price of the purple paper per 1000 sheets is \$1.00
The price of the pink paper per 1000 sheets is \$1.00
The price of the orange paper per 1000 sheets is \$1.00
The price of the grey paper per 1000 sheets is \$1.00
The price of the olive paper per 1000 sheets is \$1.00
The price of the tan paper per 1000 sheets is \$1.00
The price of the cream paper per 1000 sheets is \$1.00
The price of the buff paper per 1000 sheets is \$1.00
The price of the pink paper per 1000 sheets is \$1.00
The price of the light blue paper per 1000 sheets is \$1.00
The price of the light green paper per 1000 sheets is \$1.00
The price of the light yellow paper per 1000 sheets is \$1.00
The price of the light purple paper per 1000 sheets is \$1.00
The price of the light pink paper per 1000 sheets is \$1.00
The price of the light orange paper per 1000 sheets is \$1.00
The price of the light grey paper per 1000 sheets is \$1.00
The price of the light olive paper per 1000 sheets is \$1.00
The price of the light tan paper per 1000 sheets is \$1.00
The price of the light cream paper per 1000 sheets is \$1.00
The price of the light buff paper per 1000 sheets is \$1.00

Very respectfully,
Wm. Williamson

111 Broadway

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New York July 3/1855

Major Genl Howard
Sir

I heard a lady state
last evening that Genl Howard
told one of his officers, (that
officer repeated it to a friend
of hers,) that after having
ordered a large body of
soldiers to prepare for divine
service on the Sabbath,
he sent for the Chaplain
to officiate, & the Chpⁿ was
found playing cards, &
that he laid aside the cards,
went and preached a sermon,
& performed the usual services,
& then returned & finished
his game at cards

now General, this is too
much for me to believe &
I take the liberty of writing
to you to know if you
please, what the facts were
that I may, ^{if it is not true} in one place
check the Standard upon
our armies of brave men
by people who not only
too loyal and who
read "the World" in

Please excuse my troubling
you. I feel that it
be false & I wish to
counteract it

Yours very respectfully
Alfred Howard
office of the Pacific M
Trinity Building
111 Broadway
New York

P.S. My children have been
 sending about 200 Newspapers
 per month to the soldiers at Forts
 Taylor, Key West, & Forts Tortugas,
 & Barancas since the commencement
 of the Rebellion. It is well
 as they do not appear to
 be needed at those Forts,
 I take the liberty of inquiring
 if they will be useful
 to the Freedmen at
 at any of their settlements
 or depots, & if so, if you
 will advise me where
 to send them, I will do
 it if practicable -

They consist of the daily

Times

Herald

Post

Commercial

+ weeklies - My Observer

" Evangelist

" Methodist

" Independent

Christian Messenger

+ Childs paper

&c

New York July 3. 1865.

Edward Alfred

states that his children
have papers and
desires to know if it
is desirable to have
them sent to the
freedmen

and

July 5, Recd. 1865

Dear General

Savannah, Geo. July 4th 1865

I have taken the liberty of writing to you as you kindly promised before leaving Savannah to give me all the aid in your power. I am the father of the gentleman who was taken prisoner by Kilpatrick's Cavalry, and by their need as a guide. If you will recall the circumstances you will remember that he accompanied that band until exhausted on the roadside, he was released by Col. Murray and subsequently died. I obtained his body under flag of truce through your generosity and kindness. I am forced to the necessity of making known to you my situation. I have a large family which has been rendered perfectly destitute by your Army. All my money was invested in my plantation from which my family derived support. When you occupied my plantation my provisions were used for their consumption. Those provisions would have supplied my family for more than a year. My horses, cattle, hogs, poultry &c were all used by them, also my wagons, carts and everything that could have been available. I had twenty three houses on the place which have all been burned together with all my fencing and agricultural implements which you know is a heavy loss. It will take a large sum to rebuild, and I have not a cent in the world. I must ask that you will use your in-

Savannah, July 14th 1865.

Bourquin, B.

Asks assistance in
getting reimbursement
from the Govt. for
property destroyed by
U. S. Troops -

d. L. B. / 32.

fluence with the government to make me some reparation
and advise me as to what course to pursue. Any aid
that you can give me will be gratefully remembered and
highly appreciated. I have appealed to you knowing
your goodness of heart, your generosity and your most
gentlemanly pliancy. Will God be kind enough
to let me hear from you at as early a day as possible.
Very Respectfully
B. Bourquin.

Nov 5. 10 1865

New York July 5th 65

My Gen Howard

Dear Sir

I have just read your Oration delivered at Gettysburg Yesterday with the deepest interest, and I can say from my heart that I praise God that you have been raised up to stand so firmly for the defense of the Country in the hour of her peril, and that it was your lot to speak so kindly of the Soldier, and to give such a touching tribute to the memory of our beloved departed President, on the occasion which called forth your admirable address Yesterday - I will add

if its p^{er}usal filled my
Eyes with tears. What must
have been the emotions of
those who were on the ground
to hear your voice? - May
the Lord spare you many
many years to be a blessing
to our late distracted, but
now (through His blessing)
^{glorious} land of peace - where
Liberty has been proclaimed
throughout all the borders
and all the inhabitants
thereof - I felt as if I
must thank you for your
kind words, and especially
for your tribute to Lincoln

Yours with great Respect
Wm. L. Crocker

Kirkwood House
 Washington, D.C.
 July 5th 1865

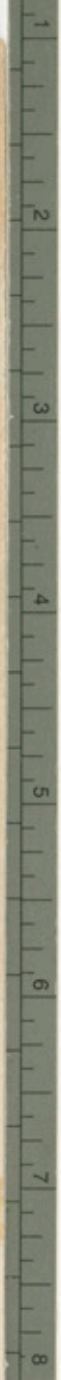
General)

I am but three weeks from England and but a few days in this Capital City of your great Republic - I heard of your name as a Christian Philanthropist both at home and since I arrived here - I am I hope a Christian, a member of the Episcopal Church, a practical Engineer by Profession. Have had long experience, considering my age, in my avocations and bear testimonials corroborative from the highest authority - I was recommended to try my experience here as an Engineer and applied to Genl. M. Delapila Chief Engineer U.S. Army and had a very satisfactory interview with him today. The General gave me an uninterrupted hearing - in his catechism as to my peculiar forte he found it was principally upon Drainage and regretted that there he could not employ me. In course of conversation I heard



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of your late assumption of many acres of land
 in the South West, to be attached to, and I
 presume eventually settled by, the Freedmen
 of your Bureau, I therefore respectfully tender
 my professional services to you General and
 solicit an early interview.

I was advised to write you by a Brother Country-
 man a Capt. in the 10th Army who was so
 sanguine in his belief that you would forward
 my views that I adopted his counsel in
 asking this favour.

I am General
 very respectfully
 your Obedt. Servant
 Joseph E. Turner

Rekinnod Hende
Machinophai July 5. 165

Answer for B.

Wishes that he
shall be quiet
and desire a
position in any
his Qualities of
his Business,

C

Recd. July 6. 1657

Providence July 5. 1865

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir,

In a
correspondence with the Dep^y
Supt of Schools in Pennsylv
vania, I find there is a very
strong desire prevailing that
you should be present at the
approaching meeting of the
National Teachers' Association
to be held at Harrisburg on the
16th 17th & 18th days of August.

In the present state of the Coun
try, we need the aid of the wisest
and best to guide in our ed
ucational affairs, as in all other

The subject of educating our
Freedmen will be freely dis

cluded, and should be discussed earnestly, yet with a full ^{knowledge} ~~presentation~~ of the facts, the difficulties, and the advantages which the present position of our affairs place before us. Your position, your acquaintance with the subject, and your interest in the cause, would render your services invaluable - nay, almost indispensable. The Association will be invited to visit the battle field at Gettysburg and who so fit to explain the lessons of that terrible conflict as yourself? Allow me as the President of the Association to express my most earnest desire that the Assn. may be favored with your attendance. It will not require on your part, any special or extended preparation

We wish your counsel - and any
views which you may give us in
an extempore address.

I have the honor, Sir, to re-
main, with great admiration for
the Service you have rendered
the County, Your Obedt. Servant

S. S. Greene

Pres. Nat. Tea. Assn.

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Providence July 5. 1865

General

dictate
Wm. S. S.

Pres. J. W. T. A. A. A.

Relieves Genl. Stewart
to represent at the
coming meeting of
the Nat Teachers
Association

Recd July 9th 1865

Office U. S. Military Telegraph,

WAR DEPARTMENT.

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The following Telegram received at Washington, 4⁴⁰ P. M. July 5 1865.

From St Louis July 5 1865.

may Gen Otkoward
Will the Pres. Secy Stanton
Sother approve the plan for
freedmen's monument to Mr
Lincoln?

Jos. E. Spearman
Pres. W.S.C.



My dear
July 8th 1855

Washington D.C.

Relative to the purchase of
ammunition for the army

Post Office
Post Office

Wm. W.



1855
1855

John
John

