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

Now I am grateful – very, and my my heart is more 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 rectitude of purpose. I confined my operations strictly to the orders I received, and never enriched 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 resided, 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 commence life with, all I owned is desolated and ruined

I sometimes think had we lost our cause

Cedar Springs July 14 1867.

My dear

I feel the more thankfully you are in health & spirits, and are, more and more, satisfied with your present & future as your partner. I hope you will not blame me for writing – it is only that your sorrows touch me and the tidings reach me of your success & joy I am so glad.

This I am grateful – very, and my prayer is more than half of gratitude to the Great Benefactor, which has provided you, and poured out this day it for with my children, and he bind me a heart, so I will pray I am indeed happy, and thankful, but at the same time let me call you dearest. "Behold the tree I have put truly a corporeal home, but an object too. Laboriously it, and richly my future in the service of her cause and a conscious instinct of purpose. I explicit and precisely strongly the tender affection, and never would not regretful the tender of our mother. Now the tree has rooted, and those are having the good pleasure of the flower to blow. I repeated – the confidence of the community in which I lived, and even the good wishes of my former associate in Charlotte that family consider instead of making more therefore, but at the same time – I have in my remembrance the gift, as I would to therefore and nursing therefore which has we left our care

I should have gloried 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, aye and even increased their store – never faced the enemy in the defense of our cause, unless against us, now receive Official appointments, something might be found for me I would like to feel that Uncle Sams 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 if more adapted than he. I was among the first who took 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 Plantations, and plantation labor. I will prove efficient, if my influence with the President does not prove sufficient for him to notice me I respectfully ask me, any hour always wishing you well

I have the honor to be
General Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
JAMES G. BROWN

To Maylor Howard
Freedmen's Bureau
Washington City

Dalton Ga. July 1 1865

Brown James H.

Desires Gen Howard to recommend him to President Johnson for situation under the Govt.

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Executive Mansion,

Washington, July 1st, 1865.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

General.

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

Your obt.

Christ. Pries

Assist Adj. Genl.

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 Q. M. 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 General

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. B. Brown
Colonel and Asst Commissioner

Will. Gen Howard
appoint Mr Johnson
of Pennville.
J. W. Gross

Daniel Cruse
William Kenny
Richard Williams
Jerry Alderidge
Albert Parker

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 Qrs. 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'y Yr Ob't Serv't
Alfred H. 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, ~~from~~ upon the Chronicle. By granting me this request, you will oblige

Yours, Very Respectfully,

Frank Henry

Washington D.C.
July 1st 1865.

Henry Frank.

Writes asking copies of address &c

Rec'd July 1st 1865

Washington City D. C
Maj Boom, 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 rights 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 wan in wealth greatly. Next, let the impotent 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, <u>and be paid no wages</u>, allowing them to hire themselves as they chose. Such farms

under your bureau would I think do much good. So far as my experience goes, these provisions, with education for the young, are 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 arrangement 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 most to the loss, I must add, of the Mother Country.

Have the honor to be
Sir
your respectful Servant
M. T. Simstone.

For,
General Howard
Freedmen's Bureau.

Coast Survey office
Washington D.C. July 3. 1865

Johnstown, N.Y.

Writes in favor of
colonization of the
negroes ~

File.

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July 5th 1865. Rec'd

Office of Associations
Temperance Union
July 3. 1865

Gen Howard
Respected 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 cognizance of the Lost Water Army. It would aid us much if you could easily decide upon these two points.

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

Biddeford Me.
July 3d 1865

Gen O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir

Your letter written on the march Northward was duly received and from it I learned your disposition to consider further the subject I mentioned — that of "Lincoln College" — when peace 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 commended and desired. 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 Payson Professorship in Maine to be named for Edward Payson whose life and memory are hallowed not only in his native state, but throughout the land and the world — I am now presenting the subject to the churches — and are hoping to find some men in Maine or those who are sons of Maine who will by their large contributions swell the amount to the needed sum — One Boston gentleman has I see given $50000, to endow scholarships in Phillips Academy, Andover Mass —

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 cares 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
L. D. Bonker.

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

Biddeford Me.
July 3. 1865

Brooks, J. G.

Letter Concerning
a Lincoln College
in Kansas

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July 8th 1865 Recd

Jay Cooke & Co.
Bankers
PHILADELPHIA
AND
WASHINGTON.

Washington, July 3rd 1865.

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Gen. O. O. Howard.
Wash.

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 character. 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'y Yours

J. Cooke

111 Broadway

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New York July 3/65

Major Genl O. O. 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 Chp 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 our pla
check the Slander upon
our armies of brave m
by people who not a
too loyal and who
read "the World" —

Please excuse my troub
you — I feel that it m
be false & I work to
counteract it —

Yours very respectfully

Alfred Edwar
Office of the Pacific M. M.
Union Builde
111 Broadway
N.Y.

P.S. my children have been sending about 200 Newspapers pr month to the soldiers at Forts Taylor, Key West, & Forts Tortugas, & Barancas since the commencement of the Rebellion — 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 Hospitals 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 — N.Y. Observer, " Evangelist, " Methodist, " Independent, Christian Messenger + Childs paper &c

New York July 3. 1865.

Edwards, Alfred

States that his children have fractures and desires to know if it is desirable to have them sent to the freedmen –

Recd

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 Kilpatricks cavalry and by them used 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-

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 your known goodness of heart, your generosity and your ~~most~~ gentlemanly feeling. Will you be kind enough to let me hear from you at as early a day as possible.

Very Respectfully
B. Bourquin.

Savannah, July 14th 1865.

Bourquin, B.

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

U. S. B. 132.

New York July 5th/65

Maj Genl 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 need. 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 perusal 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~~ (its 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
Mrs A. 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 N Delafield Chief Engineer U.S. Army and had a very satisfactory interview with him to-day. 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

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 Countryman a Capt. in the Vol. 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 obdt. Servant
Joseph E. Turner

Kirkwood House
Washington July 5. /65

Turner, Jos. A.

States that he is an engineer and desires a position under the Auspices of this Bureau.

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Recd. July 6th 1865

Providence July 5. 1865

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir,

In a correspondence with the Dep.ty Supt of Schools in Pennsylvania, I find there is a very strong desire prevailing that you should be present at the approaching meeting of the National Teacher's Association to be held at Harrisburg on the 16th 17th & 18th days of August. In the present state of the country, we need the aid of the wisest and best to guide in our educational affairs, as in all others. The subject of educating our Freedmen will be freely dis

cussed, and should be dis-
cussed earnestly, yet with
a full ~~presentation~~ knowledge of the facts
the difficulties, and the ad
vantages 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 in
valuable - nay, almost indis
pensable. 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 de
sire that the Asso. 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 remain, with great admiration for the Service you have rendered the County, Your Obt. Servant

S. S. Greene

Pres. Nat. Pea. Asso.

Providence July 5. 1865

General

Victor

Genl. J. J.
Pres. Int. Nat. Tea. Ass.

Requires Genl. Sherman
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, 4 40 P.M. July 5 1865.

From St Louis July 5 1865.

Maj Gen O O Howard

Will the Prest. Secy Stanton & others approve the plan for freedmen's monument to Mr Lincoln?

Jos E Yeatman
Prest. W.S.C.

Received
Oct 27 1865

Gentlemen Pay to
Charles Gilchrist
or order the sum of
Eight
Dollars

Mr. Gilchrist
Please take receipt
Dr.