Henry, Illinois, July 6, 1865.

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

My Old friend and Chum,

Last month I telegraphed you asking you if you had any place anywhere for me and asking you when and where I could see you. On June 13, 1865 you telegraphed me, "dispatch received, write reply by mail" I have not heard from you. I think I construe the telegram rightly that I should write an answer by mail from you. After I had telegraphed you I saw that all your appointees were military men and I concluded you could not give me any place I have received no letter from you. I know you must have been very busy and must have had more than two men could do and I don't wonder you overlooked me if you did or had to rub me off. I have waited patiently knowing you had more than you could do in your bureau and knowing too you were to deliver the Oration on Gettysburg on the 4th of July. And I should write still but yesterday morning my house north a couple of thousand dollars went up in flame and uninsured and it makes me feel a little more like striving a point to secure some pecuniary advantage to myself if that were possible. I don't

like to bore you chum - I don't know what you may think of me with these years lapsed between us - I write altogether in the dark but I believe Howard you can't feel unfriendly to me and if I am writing you a solicitous and self seeking letter I am going to say right here at the risk of hurting myself in your regard that I am proud of you and have been these years gone and right glad your success, right glad of your record that it has been what it has, right glad that you survive and have now for yourself and wife and children and kindred and friends a name in history, a place only just below Grant, Sherman Thomas and Sheridan.
And I make for you a little extract from my 4th of July speech in this connection. - "And our Heroic Dead. I bow my head low as the dust in which they lie in grateful remembrance and honor of them, and I take the shoes from off my feet as I tread above them, for it is holy ground where they sleep - who can do them justice, who can pay to them in words, or tears or silence the nation's meed of homage - you nor I nor my old chum Howard as he speaks to day at Gettysburg on the field where he and so many of them fought so well and where so many whom he led slept so gloriously at last - in sight of their graves, inspired by the thrilling memories of the glorious struggle not he nor any man however gifted. Everetts polished periods fell far short of it and where he failed who shall hope to succeed?
But my heart is full and in broken words I bless them. May God

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bless them and those that love them and weep for them, forevermore"
I enclose you one more extract which had it not been made
my friends and I think I would not be homeless now —
I have been living here now for ten years and the
place is only about 2500 and is not growing. I have
been wishing to go to a city, some large place for
some time and when I telegraphed you I thought if
you could nominate me to, or help me get some
place in your bureau that would take me to
any Southern city and pay me a pretty good
salary for a year or two I could get acquainted
and meanwhile have my partner come out
open a law office and make a living for
myself while I was getting acquainted and
then practice my profession with better success
than to go out get acquainted and break in in
a new place and a new practice without
It would be a great favor to me and a kindness
I know I should appreciate but I have come to the
conclusion from your not writing me and what
I have seen of your nominations or appointments
that you can't do it. It is all right if you can't. I am
not a place seeker nor an office hunter. I would have
been in the navy if I could have been. I have edited
the Republican Organ of this County for years did the
local composing and I think vigorously and ably
but I have never asked anybody for an office.
I was in Peoria just before I telegraphed you and saw

our M.C. E.C. Ingersoll and incidentally told him you and I were Classmates and College chums and he told me to write you and he would procure for me any confirmation of my nomination you could give me and told me to write you and send the letter to him and he would write to you but I doubt do it. I doubt much to get out of my profession and into politics or any place but a position that would pay me a good salary that I could make some money in sure for a year or two would help me much and I should like such a one. I have lots to do and I am very tired and send this to you without hardly knowing what I have written but you will gather from it what I want. I have very little hope you can help me now and it's all right if you can't. Do you would be glad to if you could. I have not written you because I have supposed you had better business than to be writing letters to me but I tell you truly I know what you have done and many and many a time I have mentioned you in my Editorials and my speeches and I have made hundreds of them and with pride and pleasure and warm approval. I am glad chum you are what and where you are. I am glad you stand high in the esteem and love of all loyal good men.

Yours Sincerely & faithfully,
R. O. Pasley.

(25) Green as the bays that wreathe the victor brows of our ~~brave~~ returned heroes of the 86th and 47th – green as the ~~on the~~ grass that grows above the dear heads of the unreturned and unreturning sleepers, green as their memory and their lives in the hearts that love them best and long for them most; so green is the slime that mantled, in these gone summers, the malarious peace pool – so green the Copperhead seem on the world's swill-tub and so they shall remain forever, one green with glory evermore renewing one green with infamy evermore undying.

Washington D.C. July 6th 1865

Dear

I got safely with Gen. Hodson meeting me at Mr Wills', where we stay. Gen Hodson was very kind and I did not more than half thank him. And I did not offer to pay him for anything he may have spent for me. If you should see him please tell him this and that I will make arrangements. I enjoyed himself at Gettysburg. Mrs Wills entertained I should think thirty people all together. Among others were Gen. Custer and Mrs Meade. My oration was easily delivered, about 3/4 of an hour in length. I experienced no difficulty in remembering it and was satisfied with the delivery. The Soldiers who were present were much interested. In the evening I went with Mr Bachelder, the author of the "Bird's eye view of the battle field", over

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the ground of the first day's engagement I should think there were ten-thousand people present. I will not attempt description of anything at Gettysburg, for I want to tell you all this and have you see for yourself. Mrs Henry was delighted to hear from you and hoped to meet you at Gettysburg. I gave her your message.

We left the morning of the 5th direct with the Depot in Baltimore and took account to take a look at the city. We started for Washington in the 6 o'clock train - and reached there about 8 P.M. Mrs Markland will go with Henry on a shopping trip - I could at first anything really much in Baltimore - but there is plenty here. We are all quite well I cannot write more this morning. I write another on the 3d - bring much love to the children - I dont expect to be home till the last of this month or first of next. I may leave for Milton

Head next Saturday - but am not sure yet. Henry thinks he would like to stay here till I come back. I am anxious to have him with me, but am a little afraid of warm weather. Good bye you & all the children -

Lovingly Your
Husband Otis

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Allens State
Oneida N. York
July 6th 1865

My Dear General:

The surgeon who has the charge of me says I can leave here so as to be in Washington on the 20th inst. & he will not consent to my traveling before that time. I assure you I shall be there if there is no kindness on-least for at present to prevent. The arm is doing as well as could be expected for such a fracture & I think will be sound.

Trusting that your health remains good. I remain

My Dear General
Ever Sincr.
W. Adams

Mich N.Y. 197

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My Gentleman

My dear sir
reading Tom Corlin
has brought Tom back to
me. My Boy was a
Jonny Rebel in the
19th Ohio 3d division 4th
Corps. These Boys did
not like Tom being
taken from them and
I think the Gen Sherman
has picked to take
Tom from that Heroic
old 4th Corps. But
let us Tom gain are

and their loss —
I see you in
Jim Craig's hand
not forgotten them
and I am glad for
when they read it they
will think that their
old Lieut remembers
them for they think the
army of the Potomac
gets all the praise. He
is with the Corps on their
way to the Kis Sounds
but will receive his dis-
charge which I procured
from Washington after 4 yrs
service from 1861 Very Truly
F. W. Northrop

Utica N.Y. July 6, 1865

Northrop, F. H.

Writes a congratulatory letter concerning the oration at Gettysburg

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Recd July 9, 1865

Marion Ala July 6th
1865.

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

General

I take the liberty of writing to you, hoping that the late bloody war between our respective sections has not destroyed all the personal friendship that once existed between us. My brother who has just returned from Prison at Johnson's Island met Major S. P. Lee in Cincinnatti, who very kindly remembered me, and sent me word, that if I needed the influence of any friend to secure for me the especial pardon, promised by Pres. Johnson in his Amnesty Proclamation, to those belonging to the excepted classes, I might safely address myself to you as such a friend. I therefore take the liberty of asking that you will forward the enclosed application for executive clemency, and endorse it as you may think proper. hoping that what you know of me may enable you to do so in my favor. I have nothing to offer in my own justification, for the past

taken by me in resisting the authority of the United States. Beyond the plea that I conscientiously believed I was right in the course I adopted. I had been educated to believe that the allegiance of the citizen was preeminently due to the State of his nativity or residence. and when my State, Alabama, declared herself an "Independent Sovereignty" and called for her sons to rally to her standard I felt bound to do so by the prompting of patriotism as true and sincere as those that have animated and sustained you through the brilliant yet trying career, that has made you one of your country's heroes.

You were successful, and a grateful nation sings your praise, and feels herself honored in bestowing honor upon you; we failed and though our aims were as high, our motives as pure, yet I am a "rebel" and a "traitor". I have not yet brought myself to accept the terms as applicable to me, but I am still willing to yield to the stern logic of facts, to own that once more my true and faithful allegiance is due to the United States, and I am perfectly sincere in wishing to return to the ranks of dutiful citizens, to do good and faithful service. for that Govern

ment which has shown itself so able to protect me and mine in the enjoyment of life and the pursuit of happiness.

Feeling thus I have no hesitancy in taking the oath of allegiance, and will do so freely, voluntarily, and honestly, fully resolved to be always true to its obligation.

I take the liberty of saying even that I watched with great interest your bright career during the last four years, and saw with sincere pleasure your name rising day after day, higher and still higher up the hill of fame. I am sorry you lost your arm, but it is almost worth an life to gain so big a record as you have made. I hope you will live long to enjoy your reputation and to do good to your fellow man, which always was your greatest pleasure.

My family is here with my father Nelie, and our two children are well and we are all comfortable, happy and as prosperous as could be expected.

With many kind wishes for your future welfare, and with the warmest sentiments of friendship from Nelie and myself to you and Mrs Howard

I am General

Very respectfully & truly
Yr friend
Saml. H. Lockett

Marion Alabama
July 5th 1865.

Pickett Saml. K.

Inclosed application for pardon with the request that it may be forwarded with endorsement.

Respectfully forwarded for the decision of the Atty General

I would recommend as favorable

Lee July 12nd 1865

Letter to Genl. Howard

If Genl. Howard is not in Washington please forward the application to the Atty. Genl.

Memphis Tennessee July 7th 1865.

Genl Howard

Dear Sir;

Along with this I send you the outline of a plan I have drawn up for the employment and education of the freedmen of the South which I wish you to examine and make such suggestions as you may think fit. I do not think there will be the least difficulty experienced in the formation of such companies. I have applications every day by parties wishing to take stock, and get information &c. You will notice I provide for the education of the young blacks. I know of no practicable plan by which those who are now men and women, can as a general thing be educated.

If with you would inform me what assurances we can have from your department, provided the company is formed and the experiment tried, that we will have your sanction and cooperation. If we can have the sanction of your authority, that the hands will remain for the period of one year or during the term of their engagement

upon the condition they are well treated and promptly paid, we do not fear failure.

I have written to the President on the subject.

I have the honor to be your most obedient servant

W. P. Grace

Memphis Tenn.
July 7. 1865.

Grace, Wm. P.

Sends outline of a plan drawn for the education & employment of the Freedmen.

Head Qrs Army of the Tennessee
Louisville Ky. July 7th 64

General

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of the 2nd inst, with reference to the muster out of the 12th Wis Regt of Cavalry, and in the temporary absence of Gen Lagrange from Hd Qrs, would respectfully inform you that, under instructions from the Adjutant General of the Army, the entire Army of the Tennessee

Maj Gen Howard
Respondt

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is to be mustered out.

I would invite your attention to copies of G.O.s No 24 & 26. & Circular G. C.S. from these Hdqrs. From these orders it will be seen that the 12th Mass goes out of service, as soon as the necessary rolls & papers can be completed.

I am Sir
Very Great Respect
Your Most Obt Svt
Max Woodhull
Brig Gen & Staff

Hd Qrs. Army of Tennessee
Louisville, July 7th 1863.

Woodhull, Max
Capt. & A.A.G.

Encloses copies of
Orders.

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Western Sanitary Commission,

No. 10 NORTH FIFTH STREET.

St. Louis, July 7th 1865

Major Genl O O Howard
Washington

Dear Sir

I telegraphed you on Monday to know if the Secretary of War & others would approve the proposed plan of a Freedmens Monument to Pres't Lincoln. If any thing is to be done, it is important that it should be done speedily. I presume they will not object, but we are unwilling to ~~do~~ commence without their approval. I wish that you wd give us your own approval as well as that of the other parties named in

the papers sent you some time since.

Capt. J. W. Davidson now at Vicksburg I understand has been recommended for the position of Asst. Commissioner for Texas. I have known the General for some length of time. he has impressed me most favorably, as an earnest, industrious man. and a man far in advance of the officers of the Army on the Negro question. and has given evidence of kindness and humanity. with good Executive ability. I should consider the appointment

a good one, and would cordially join in recommending him. His experience both before and since the breaking out of the rebellion with the institutions of the South will be of great advantage to him in those new duties, in case he should receive the appointment.

I have the honor to remain very respectfully

Saml C Pomeroy

St Louis, July 7, 1865

Yeatman, Esq.

In regard to
Freedmen's Monument
Assn.

A. by Secy St.

R. July 11. 1865.

Frankford Arsenal,

Philadelphia, Pa.,

July 7th 1865

My dear Seward.

As you kindly offer to interest yourself in Ordnance matters as regards heavy, I desire to make a few points.

1st The important duties of the Dept, necessarily keep its best & most experienced Officers at Arsenals. When we consider the sudden increase of the army from 20 to 500 thousand men, & the keeping them supplied with all their fighting munitions, improving material that could not be purchased in market, ransacking Europe for arms that the U.S. could not supply & use

improving our war material, adding rifled guns, & using larger size than have ever been used in any other service. & so doing all this, without let or hindrance to the operations of our armies, & without material complaint from the users, shows that the Officers of the Dept did their duty to the utmost - And yet, Paymasters, Surgeons, & others have been rewarded - the Ordnance have only received empty commendations -

2d. As personal to myself. A subaltern has been ordered here, who is a Brvt Lt Col for distinguished services in the field. He richly deserves the honors - I know him to be capable, energetic &c but he has too much rank to be the sub of a mere Captain -

To the world at large, he has the merit, I have the age. merely - otherwise why have I not the rank.?

I believe I have done the state some service, or why should I be commanding one of the most important Arsenals with my present rank; & it is hard after sixteen years of service to find myself ranked by men, who were in "bibs & tuckers" when I left the Academy.

The Secy expressed himself to me in such favorable terms, not many months ago, that I think he would consider my case favorably.

It will be a great point gained, if his attention be called to the subject. Men, who feel

that they have done well, dislike to be overlooked. A few breasts are much to a soldier, & nothing to the country as they now carry no pay.

I regret to trouble you in the midst of your new & important duties, but a word from you may go far towards justice being done to an important dept of the Army.

I have just read your fine address at Gettysburg. That battle was the turning point of the war, & your tribute to John F. Reynolds touched me deeply. I knew him well. He would have grown up into a first class General.

Yours very truly

S. V. Benét

Personal

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands,

HEAD QUARTERS ASST. COMMISSIONER, STATE OF VIRGINIA,

Richmond, Va, July 8th 1865.

Maj Genl O O Howard
Commissioner &c &c

General

I avail myself of the privilege you so kindly gave me to "address you as a friend" to do so in relation to affairs in Genl Hartsuff's District

The relations existing between Genl Hartsuff and myself are entirely friendly but I fear trouble will arise if he attempts in connection with the Officers of the Bureau to manage Freedmen affairs

I had hoped the appointment of Capt Doty as A.Q.M. with orders to report to me for duty would fully satisfy the General. I fear however now, from the Order received to day from Capt Barnes that such will not be the case

It appears to me that trouble can only be avoided by assuming the management and control of affairs as in other Districts

If Capt Doty can be appointed as Genl Hartsuff wishes all the better

If you will General be kind enough to intimate any wish you may have in this matter aside from the official record I will most cheerfully be governed by it. And let me ask one more favor General will you be free to admonish or advise me when my course does not meet your approval and may not in your opinion require official censure by so doing you will place me under additional obligations

Allow me General to congratulate you on your Gettysburg Speech. and to thank you for your letter of advice to Asst Commissary

I am General

Very Truly Your

O. Howard

Richmond Va. Aug. 18 1865

Brown, O.
Lieut & Asst. Comm

Personal letter

Rec'd July 11. 1865