
2721 7/11/1865

From: Davis Tillson
B. Gen Supt &c
Office Sub Dict
Memphis Tenn

To: Major Gnl O.O. Howard

OOH-2666

Chief Bureau R F Ab L.
Washington D.C.

Source: Bowdoin

[212, 213, 214]

(Confidential)

Office Sub Dict Memphis Tenn
July 11th 1865.

Dear General

I beg that you will pardon me for presuming to again address you personally, but after reading your Circular No 6 and careful reflection I cannot well refrain from so doing. Upon reporting at Nashville to Genl Thomas I found him anxious that I should go on duty in your Bureau. This may have resulted from an opinion on the part of the Genl that I had some qualifications for the position, or because he had nothing for me to do. He send for Genl Fisk and consulted with him. Genl. F. also seemed desirous to have me serve under him. I consented and have been assigned to this Dist, composed of that portion of the State lying West of the tenn River and in which it is said there were 300,000 colored people prior to the war.

I notice by your circular that most of the Asst Commissioners are officers below my own rank, and I can easily understand that they have been, very properly, purposely so selected to save unnecessary expense. I can't help feeling that there is a want of fitness of things, an evident <impropriety> in my being assigned to the position of Supt of a Dist. and that I might be made to figure in a very unsatisfactory light should all the matters undergo an investigation, as they not unlikely will, at the next session of Congress.

Several cases have arisen in the short time since I have been here, which have suggested to me that experience may yet show that it would be better in some instances to locate the Asst Com'r and the dist with reference to centers of population rather than Geographically. This is the most important city between St Louis & New Orleans, and the natural center of population for West Ten North Miss and Eastern Ark. In this way a District might be made up containing a vast number of Freed people who could best be provided for from this point, and containing a sufficient amount of Abandoned land to afford a practical solution of the question of the final disposition of that portion of the freed people who from age sickness or other causes are unable to obtain employment but who could do something for their own support if settled on land set aside for that purpose. Unfortunately there is scarcely any abandoned land in this Sub Dist as will be seen by the list of abandoned lands which I have forwarded to Gen Fisk. In my investigations of this matter I found some maps of abandoned land below the dist on the river, and thinking they might be valuable to you, judging from your telegram of 26 ult to Gen Fisk, I have mailed them to you. If a Dist could be made up in the manner I have suggested and I could have control of it with the authority of an Asst Com'r and the right to report to you directly I should rather like to take charge of it, and I have an impression that I could manage it to the satisfaction of the Chief of the Bureau. I know I could try very earnestly I am well aware however, that such changes cannot be made to suit individual wishes except in pursuance of a general plan. I feel compelled to say that my serving with my present rank in the position I now have would very likely prove in the end an embarrassment to the Bureau and unpleasant to myself. You may therefore think it best under the circumstance that my detail to serve in this position should not be confirmed. While on the subject allow me to make one or two suggestions. I find the freed population of this city and vicinity estimated at from 15 to 30,000. Such information is of no value and I propose to ask for a temporary detail of <some> comm'd officer or soldiers in the Dist, competent for the purpose and proceed to make a complete census of the Colored population & refugees, obtaining all the information necessary for the Bureau. This can be done without expense to the Bureau or Government and if extended over the country wold afford information of great value to both and especially to Congress at its next session. The order to turn over to the Bureau all abandoned lands houses funds & seems to indicate that the funds so arising may be expended for the necessary wants of Refugees & Freed people. If this is the intention the question arises at once for what purposes and in what way shall money be expended? Of course the account must be kept and the returns made as required by the Army Regulations, but expenditures must be made, unknown, in providing for the wants of the Army, and for which the Regulations make no provision, and point out no mode of accounting for. Will it not be necessary therefore, in order that accounts may pass the scrutiny of the Auditors

office, that there be issued from your office regulations prescribing for what purposes and under what limitations funds may be expended. As for instance whether or not to fit up school rooms provide fuel, &c pay wholly or in part teachers & superintendents, to purchase medicines and pay for medical attendance and the necessaries for sick Refugees & freedmen to repair buildings used as hospitals, to expend nails & glass or in building huts for those settled on abandoned lands who are unable to provide for themselves &c and for many other really necessary purposes which will readily suggest themselves to you. Of course this matter cannot be left to the discretion of the Asst Comm'r but must be uniform throughout the country. I will bring some of these matters before you officially through the usual channels and also several important questions about the property ordered to be turn over to your Bureau some of which has improperly and illegally in my opinion been turned over to the former owners since the date of the Presidents order No 110.

Begging to be excused for troubling you with so long a letter I remain

Yours very truly
Davis Tillson
B. Gen Supt &c

Major Gnl O.O. Howard
Chief Bureau R F Ab L.
Washington D.C.

[Written sideways on the last page, in a different hand.]
Memphis July 11, 1865
Tillson, Davis
Brig. Genl.
Writes a confidential letter.
Recd July 16, 1865.

2722 7/11/1865

From: Julien Soule

To: Maj Genl O.O. Howard

OOH-2667

D Hosser 145 Bdway
N York

Chief of Freedmens Bureau
Washington

Source: Bowdoin

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The American Telegraph Company
Printing and Morse Lines
Washington, D.C.

Dated N York July 11 1865
Rec'd Washington July 11 1865
To Maj Genl O.O. Howard
Chief of Freedmens Bureau

Please telegraph me
The Address of Maj Dayton Genl Shermans Staff. Wife joins me in affectionate regard thanks to all. We are well & comfortable.

Julien Soule
D Hosser 145 Bdway

[Written on the back side in a different hand.]
New York July 11, '54 Telegram
Soule, Julien
Asks address of Maj Dayton

2723 7/11/1865

From: Wm Clark
Brig Genl
Washington D.C.

To: Maj Genl O.O. Howard

OOH-2668

Source: Bowdoin

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Washington D.C. July 11 1865

Maj Genl O.O. Howard
My Dear Genl,

Permit me to introduce an old friend Mr Jas A Buchanan, Atty and Solicitor of this City.

Mr Buchanan desires to present certain claims, and I bespeak for him an indulgent hearing consistent with the merits of his case.

You may rely upon him as the soul of honor. I knew him at the Bar of Iowa when he was distinguished not only for his ability as a lawyer, but for his integrity and highmindedness as a gentleman.

Your Friend and
Obt Svt
Wm Clark
Brig Genl

2724 7/11/1865 *From:* Ira Harris

To: Maj. Genl [OO] Howard

OOH-2669

Albany

Source: Bowdoin

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Albany July 11, 1865

Dear General,

Though I have been seriously ill since I had the pleasure of seeing you in Washington, I have not been so ill as not to know something of what has been going on. My wife has read to me your oration at Gettysburg. I am delighted with it, & it is a pleasure to me to tell you so. Your picture of The Volunteer, his hardships, his sufferings, his patriotism, his cheerfulness, his endurance, his courage, is admirable. I think it is the finest thing of its kind that has been produced during this war.

I am still confined to my chamber, & write this by the hand of my daughter. But I could not help congratulating you upon your new triumph, at Gettysburg.

Yours sincerely

Ira Harris [Senator from New York, 1861-1867]

Maj. Genl Howard

[CHECK ORIGINAL – the Bureau writing on last page not copied.]

2725 7/11/1865 *From:* C.H. Howard

To: My dear brother [OO
Howard]

OOH-2670

Hilton Head S.C.

Source: Bowdoin

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Hilton Head S.C.
July 11 1865

My dear brother

The Steamer leaves tomorrow & I do not like to have it go without a letter to you. Col. Ely came down & has been at Beaufort. I saw him on the boat coming down here this morning on his way to Charleston – thence to go by R.R. to Orangeburg – to reach Columbia S.C. He seems a good sensible officer. Capt. Young sent up to Branchville & that vicinity by Gen. Saxton – found that the military were not very cordial in their cooperation. All in Gen. [John Porter] Hatch's District. They seem in a measure to have resigned themselves to be “nosed” about, as father would have said, by the native planters – former “Secessionists.” Gen. Hatch as nearly as I can ascertain has no very firm ideas himself & was formerly pro-slavery. He got the notion (which seems very absurd to the most of us) that the negroes were going to “rise” in insurrection on the 4th of July so instead of making a glorious Independence Day for whites & blacks he prohibited every kind of celebration & 4th of July, as it probably had been for 3 years past, was like a funeral day in Charleston S.C.

I had a celebration at Beaufort at rather short notice however as I was not assigned to command the Post until July 1st. We had Review – reading Declaration Independence &c &c some speaking –all going off admirable to my mind. I was the chief manager of course.

My Post extends up to Pocotaligo where I have 5 Companies 26th U.S.C.T. At B. I have 105th & 128th & two batteries. One, a white battery, (Rhode Island) will soon go out of service.

I am down here daily upon an Examining Board – examining all officers to grade them in accordance with a War Dept. Order. We finish here today & will now sit at Beaufort. My duties are quite arduous & responsible for me at B. regulating civil matters a good deal as well as military but my Regt. is pretty likely now I think to remain there & of course it is more agreeable to have Command of the whole on some accts. I am now organizing Provost Courts. Col. Guernsey 26th U.S.C.T. will be my Provost Judge. He is a lawyer. He has with his Regt. been doing almost solely the business of the Freedmen's bureau – in absence of your officers in that section.

I am thinking a grand movement should be made for education in the South. What do you think of the proposition to have the Confiscated lands devoted to this purpose? Would it not have a double purpose of establishing the institution for education so much needed & also in a manner reconciling the people to the individual loss by showing them it is all for the public good?

Your oration came in the Herald – of course I was delighted to see it. I read it aloud to Miss <Botum> (whom you may remember as a teacher of Colored Children) and one or two others (one her niece Miss Longford) and with great satisfaction. I am glad you drew so largely from you own experience because it will be immeasurably more valuable in time to come. And what you do not write down now will probably slip away & be lost from your mind & heart. The poem was good. I hope you will write me a word or two of your enjoyment of the 4th whether it was all you could desire. The papers say you are coming down here – I hope so – but thought perhaps you would first take a little respite & go home as now you had seen Gen. Saxton.

I still adhere to my strong belief that the Bureau cannot reach its proper efficiency unless the agents have the military in some immediate control. From a telegram from you to Gen. Saxton received since he left I judge Gen. Grant has given his consent to just what we want –if the matter can only be properly arranged with Gillmore. The latter (to speak frankly my opinion to a brother as I would not elsewhere) is ready to do almost anything for the sake of retaining command of his military Dept. which will now only embrace S.C.

If you do not think of coming down before the first of September (the first of October they say is healthier) I am thinking strongly of asking for a Leave when Lt. Col. Beebe returns the last of this month – say 30 days – & if

you go home at that time it would be doubly pleasant.

The people are hastening North on every steamer & there are beginning to be cases of Fever but I do not anticipate sickness at all. You know 4 years campaigning has pretty well hardened me & I have too much to do to get sick. My Regt. was doing finely & I was reluctant to leave it. As it is, it is not far off. I agreed to accept a position as Asst. Com'r to Gen. Saxton but now that Col. Ely has come for Columbia I do not know as the Gen. will desire it and perhaps it is better for me to remain at Beaufort. I do not like to forsake the Regt. unless I can give Lt. Col. Beebe a chance for promotion.

We are having it 105° in the shade. Is not that melting hot? Scarcely ever any time. I do not write to Stinson this mail –it is because I will not get any time. I improved a spare moment while waiting for the boat for this. Hope for a few words in return. Your last letter tho brief was a great satisfaction.

Your loving brother
C.H. Howard

P.S.

Tell Maj. Stinson that I will gladly call it “square” on the horse question. My regards to Col. Fullerton, Maj. Gilbreth & the rest your family

2726 7/12/1865

From: John. H. Mills

To: Maj Genl O O Howard

OOH-2671

Lewis Cass Co Iowa

Washington D.C.

Source: Bowdoin

[227, 228]

Lewis Cass Co Iowa
July 12th 1865

Maj Genl Howard
Dr Sir

The mail this morning brings me an honorable discharge from the service of the United States. Genl I thank you very much for your kindness in my behalf, and I am realy sorry that I could not remain any longer. Genl may I ask one more favor from you? It is this.

If you can consistently do so I would like in your own handwriting a few lines in regard to my services while with you. I know that you are very busy, but hoping that the Request may meet your approval I have taken the liberty to make it.

My health has improved very much since my return home. Genl I thought I knew the Responsibility of the Position you occupy, before leaving Washington, but I am convinced since traveling through the different States that it is even grater than I had before supposed and no one can wish more sincerely for your success than myself. Hoping that I may be honored with a reply, I remain most Respectfully Yours

John. H. Mills

To Maj Genl O O Howard
Washington D.C.

[Written sideways on the last page, in a different hand.]

Lewis Cass Co. Iowa
July 12, 1865
Mills, John A.
Friendly letter
Recd July 20, 1865

2727 7/12/1865 *From:* J.B. Sewall

To: Major General O.O.
Howard

OOH-2672

Bow'd Coll.

Source: Bowdoin

[229, 230]

Bow'd Coll.
July 12, 1865

Major General O.O. Howard
My good & honored friend

At the approaching Commencement <Scalan> we wish to give a welcome to all Bow'd graduates & students who have taken part in the war –congratulate them on the successful conclusion of the bloody strife, & on their save return - & indicate our sense of the honor they have done themselves, their country, & also the College, in their brave & noble course. Cannot you be present? It would gratify us very much, & all who may be here, & I write not at my own instigation surely, but by that of other members of the Faculty. Commencement day is Wednesday Aug 2.

Allow me to add the great pleasure & satisfaction I have taken in following your course in the war from the time you took the 3d Maine from Augusta till the present. I have become proud of the ability you have shown & the honor you have attained, & especially of the bearing which you have ever maintained of a Christian man & Soldier. Your testimony to the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ everywhere has not only been doubtless a means of great good in the Army, but a cause of gratitude & stimulus to the Chhs at home. I hope to take you by the hand some day & tell you the same by word of mouth. May it be at the approaching commencement.

I forgot to add that a part of the business at the meeting of welcome is to inaugurate steps for a memorial monument to those who have bravely fallen.

Yours very truly
J.B. Sewall [Jotham Bradley Sewall, Bowdoin Class of 1848]

[Written on the last page, in a different hand.]
Bow'd Coll.
July 12 1865
Sewall, J.B.
Friendly letter
Recd July 17th 1865

2728 7/12/1865 *From:* Otis [OO Howard]

To: Dearest [Lizzie Howard]

OOH-2673

Washington D.C.

Source: Bowdoin

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Washington D.C.
July 12th 1865

Dearest,

I find Guy a little thin and not very strong. On Saturday last I let him play with Jessie Ward at Georgetown and the next day he didn't seem at all well and he staid at home Sunday to rest & slept considerably. Monday he was better and went to the office with me. Monday night, however, a fever came on after the old fashion, but was quite gone by morning. I called in our Bureau surgeon Geo Horner. He ordered him to take a solution of quinine that I already had. This morning Guy seems entirely well. <More> blotches on his body show that his blood is not quite good.

I hope you are all well at home. I was a good deal worried about Guy night before last, but now I think the ill turn has passed by. Genl. Fullerton & Guy have taken quite a fancy to each other. I am not going South, am intending to send Colonel Fullerton instead. We have a Maj. Andrews here who came with Gen. Greene from Savannah & when Green wished me to allow to remain with me temporarily. He occupies the little room opening out of this (my bed room). He will evacuate on your approach. I have spoken for a Cottage set of Furniture for the little downstairs room. I shall hire in them I think during the hottest of the weather and when you come perhaps you will find it convenient to keep that room for two of the children and have it also as a sitting room for yourself. We shall need all the room there is over the kitchen &c for the servants. Dr Horner who is my Bureau Surgeon has his family with him, and the children & the lady seem like people that you & I like, that is not proud & pretentious but good & home-like. I hope I will get a line from you today, darling, for I am getting anxious about you.

There is the breakfast bell. Guy has read a Chapter & we have prayed together for you & Grace, Jamie & Chancy. So Good by

Lovingly your husband
Otis

2729 7/13/1865 *From:* Louis W. Stevenson *To:* Col. C.A. Howard

OOH-2674

Camp "Fry"
Washington D.C.

Source: Bowdoin

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Camp "Fry"
Washington D.C.
July 13th 1865

Col. C.A. Howard:
D. Sir,

I wrote you some time since in regard to a colored regiment, & the prospects of entering one, but presume the letter never reached its destination at the same time I stated that I had received an appointment in the V.R.C. as 2d Lt.

Indications are at present that the V.R.C. is going to be mustered out, hence I again take the liberty, of addressing you a line, if there is a chance of an appointment in the Deptmt. you are in, or if you think a position could be obtained in the General's bureau.

Casey's board has been dissolved. The rapid dissolution of the Army, has, I am told caused such a scarcity of clerks, that the authorities are obliged where they can, to detail officers. Citizens of course can be had, but there is no provision to pay them.

So long as retained in the service, I would like to hold such a position, if possible, now that the war is over. Would it be too much to ask a letter, to aid me in getting such a place?

I appeal to you frankly, as I <take> it, when you said to me to write you after passing the board –you meant what you said. As I told you, I am not particular about the rank, & if there is an opening in any of the colored regiments I'm ready to go before the board. My foot has so far improved that, I think it would not be any obstacle in my way.

I would prefer, though, were it possible being detailed in the Freeman's Bureau.

Trusting that this may reach you safely, & that it may be in your power to confer the favor asked,

I remain
Your obt. Srt.
Louis W. Stevenson
Lt. 10th Regt. V.R.C.

[Note: The Veterans Reserve Corps was made up of wounded soldiers who were deemed unfit to return to the field, but could still serve in less physically demanding positions. Camp Fry was a VRC camp.]

2735 7/15/1865 *From:* T. W. Osborn

To: My Dear General [OO
Howard]

OOH-2675

Allens Hotel
Oneida N. York

Source: Bowdoin

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Allens Hotel
Oneida N. York
July 15th 1865

My Dear General,

Your kind note by Sladen reached me a few days since. I am sorry to be compelled to write you to day that the Surgeon in charge of me refuses to consent to my going to Washington as early as next week. I had fully intended to leave her on Monday or Tuesday of next week but today in dressing the arm he told me that I could not have his consent, as a Surgeon, to make any extensive journey such as going to Wash. The arm is not painful, though from the shoulder to the elbow it is entirely helpless. I can not move it more than an inch or two without the assistance of the right hand. The fore arm & hand are good. The bone has united & only requires more time for the fracture to become sufficiently strong to admit of traveling & bearing the unavoidable jar of traveling. A week or two more I am confident will be sufficient. I not only regret this additional delay but I am disappointed I wished to go to work.

If this additional delay will be a serious detriment to you I will give <orosy> to some other officer or if you should think best you might send some one of your own selection forward as an assistant to me with full instructions to go to work until I reach the field. I could then retain him as an ast, or assign him to a district. If Maj. Morais is within reach of order he might do, or I would suggest, if Maj. Von Dighe could be reached soon enough he might do well to open the way on his own responsibility though a little head strong in a subordinate position. Or even Genl. Foster who I see is assigned to the Comd. of Florida might put some good men at work temporarily.

But you will of course adopt the best course for the interests of the Bureau & that will be perfectly satisfactory to me.

Please write to me as soon as you have concluded what to do or if you require my services at once telegraph me here & I will be ready.

Very Recfly
Your Obt Servt
T. W. Osborn
Col.

P.S. I wish Capt. Sampsons assistance while traveling & have written him to that effect. He is on a leave of absence from Genl Logan procured before his assignment by the War Dept. with me.

2730 7/13/1865 *From:* W A Eaton

To: Maj Genl O O Howard

OOH-2677

Louisburg Franklin
County No Ca

Source: Bowdoin

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Louisburg Franklin County No Ca
July 13th 1865

Maj Genl O O Howard
Dr Sir

Allow me to address you on a subject, which I hope lies deep in the heart of every one who is a well wisher to the negro race in this Country, ie both of their intilectual and moral condition, seeing their destitute condition, and no one that I have heard of has offered to make a perminent improvement in that condition has induced me, to offer my feeble services in their behalf. And I know of no one to whom I could apply better than yourself holding the high position you do for aid in a noble cause. Ane one in which I am sure you would give most willingly your aid and support.

I propose to erect here on my plantation an assylum a home for those who are unable to support themselves, and also a school to instruct the young and teach the grown morality. When this home is completed I would place it under the care of a good and pious instructor, where the negros shall daily hear God's word, read and expounded to them. The school I think can be gotten up on a very cheap plan, let it be made a manual school allow the grown ones to have so many hours in the day for the improvement of the mind and so many hours for labour, in that way I think it could be made in a very short time to support itself. I think the place will contain about 2200 Acres. Lay it off in 20 or 30 Acre lots. Build on each lot a comfortable house that would accomodate a family of 8 or 10, and have them taught to improve these lots and in a very short time they would be in a condition to contribute to the support of the general government instead of being a charge to it, and instead of being a curse to society, I think they can be made acceptable citizens.

I propose for the sum of \$45,000, to give 2200 Acres to erect on it 50 comfortable houses for families and to erect 10 houses of instruction, to have the lots all layed off and put in good condition, to receive its inmates. I and some that such an institution would save the government more than the sum asked, before the coming winter is over. I was in Raleigh a few days past, and if the negros that were there now are permitted to stay there during the coming winter the fuel alone would well nigh cost the government \$45,000. And if my proposal should meet your favourable consideration, and we can enter into terms in a short time, I could by the approach of winter be prepared to receive a great many into the assylum. There are hundreds of negro men strolling about the County unemployed show would gladly go to work here for their bread. And a great many who are now draining rations from the government stores, that could be sent here to make their own support, with a small out lay in guano, I think from <about> 10,000 bushels wheat could be grown on the place, with favourable seasons, and then should it be desirable the place could be enlarged, so as to accomodate any desirable number.

I was born and raised with negros, and have made it my study to learn their character & dispositions. I was told by one of your officers, that mine was the most inteligent family of negros he had met with in Southern states. I have always tried to make their condition as good as I could, and to give them all the instruction posible under the laws of the country. And now Genl if I can gain your assistance in doing them a final and lasting good, I shall be most thankfull both to you and the government. As I see you are Commissioner for the freedmen of the United States I hope yuo have it in your power to do whatever is best for them.

Allow me to beg an answer to this letter, at your earliest convenience. The institution might ple place directly under the control of the general superintendant of freedmen of No C.

With high Consideration yr obt St
W A Eaton

2732 7/13/1865 *From:* JK Barnes

To: Maj. Gen. [OO] Howard

OOH-2679

Surgeon General's
Office

Source: Bowdoin

Washington City, D.C.

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Surgeon General's Office
Washington City, D.C.

July 13 1865

General

I have the decision of the Attorney Genl and it is adverse to Proxies. Shall we call a meeting for first Wednesday in October now, or wait until September to do so –yourself, Admiral Davis and myself are the only members of the Com present.

Very respectfully yrs
JK Barnes
S.G.

Maj. Gen. Howard

[CHECK ORIGINAL –back of first page has more information.]

2733 7/14/1865 *From:* Wm E Strong

To: Dear General [OO
Howard]

OOH-2680

Vicksburg Miss.

Source: Bowdoin

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Vicksburg Miss.
July 14th 1865

Dear General,

I arrived in Vicksburg last evening, and shall commence work in this District this afternoon.

I have been quite unwell for several days, and am hardly able to be around. Caught a terrible cold coming down the river from Little Rock, and it has settled on my lungs. I hope it is nothing serious, however, and that I shall be well again in a few days.

I have written you several long letters. One from St. Louis. One from Memphis and two from Little Rock. I hope you will get them. I will write you as to matters here before I leave for Natchez. I shall be in Vicksburg till latter part of this week, or first of next.

George Reed and Henry Taylor my orderlies who are taking care of the horses in Washington belong to my old regiment the 12th Wisconsin, and as the regiments will be mustered out of the service before I return, they return, they will all probably be compelled to go out too, and wish you would be kind enough to ask one of the staff officers to see that my horses and property cared for until I get back to Washington, I think Capt. Gilbreth or Lieut. Mills would attend to it. My boy "oe" could assist in taking care of them.

Genls Slocum, Osterhaus and Morgan L. Smith are here. Smith has resigned and goes up the river tomorrow. I do not know what Command Osterhaus is to have.

Genl. Woods and brother passed down the river this morning en-route to Mobile. I saw them for a few minutes.

I have just been reading your oration at Gettysburg. I think it is splendid –wish I could have been present and heard you deliver it. I passed the 4th of July in Memphis and it was the driest dullest day I have ever experienced.

Regards to Mr and Mrs Markland and all the staff. I wish I were in Washington. I am quite sick and disgusted with this part of the Country. It doesn't seem as it used to.

Good Bye
Ever Truly Yours
Wm E Strong

[Written sideways on the last page, in a different hand.]

Vicksburg Miss.
July 14th 1865
Strong Wm E
Bvt Brig Genl
Friendly letter
Recd July 27th 1865

