Boston, 15th July '65.

Dear Sir,

I have known Col. Pate for sometime as he is devoted to the service of men, to their welfare. He is of the stuff for the humane and difficult race on which you pride.
Col. Pratt is of the 36th U.S. Colored Infantry.
He is now in hospital at Fortress Monroe. Of course he would like an assigned office, so that he might see his men from day to day without proceeding to Texas.

Faithfully yours,

Charles Sumner.
Saturday, July 12th

Esteemed Mr. Blanche,

When you reply to Mr. Howard's letter, please tell him I would like (if possible for him to give it me) the position of an "Agent" in some sub-district under the supervision of a Chief Assessor of a district. But should it not be in this price to give me that it accepts of anything the might think me capable of filling. Any position which will give me an equivalent for services rendered.

With many thanks for your kindness, I remain very respectfully,

Yours,

[Signature]

J.P. Simpson
I am in the place of a father to 4 millions of helpless fellow-mortal. May you have grace given you to sit at table with a father’s devotion, to protect the poor of your old school.

Yarmouth, Mass.

G. S. Newcomb

July 15, 1865

Major Gen. O. O. Howard

Sir

Pardon the liberty an old fellow-student at Bowdoin takes in addressing you.

Our life-courses have widely diverged since College days, when we sat at the same table at the Gros Club. You by hard study, unflinching patriotism, brave warfare, bloody sacrifice have gained a height of fame to which few mortals can ever hope to climb.
watched your course with intense interest. I have admired your course as a good soldier of the Union; but far more as a soldier of the Cross. I thank God, that you have been enabled by his grace in all your arduous campaign life, to hold high aloft the banner of the Cross. Thus, while fighting manfully for Union and Liberty — to fight the good fight of faith I may hold in eternal life.

But while you have thus been contending in the bloody arena of civil war for God, for truth, for liberty, I have lived...
in quiet obscurity in this little town four miles from Plymouth Rock. My circumstances seemed to me to forbid my enlisting in our patriot army, as I longed to do from the first gun at Shemmer. A wife with poor health and six helpless children dependent on my daily labor. I care, I thought, I could not leave. However, I hope I have done something for the good cause in a humble way at home. It was not the duty of every man to become a soldier.

After leaving college, I taught 10 years in academies and high schools. Becoming incapacitated for that work by the partial loss of my
I have a desire to assist my brother in his cotton manufacturing business. But the work is not to my taste, the life too confined, the sphere too narrow. I flatter myself that I could fill some wider sphere. I long for an opportunity to do more for my Saviour than I am doing here. And I make bold to ask you, if you can do anything for me, there is not some position which you can secure for me, where I can do more good, and at the same time support my family?

I am aware that offices of trust and emolument ought to be given to those who like yourself have made sacrifices for the union; but perhaps there is some place for me, too.

You are about a great work. I shall not be offended if you do not come down to notice my letter. Still I hope to hear from you. May God bless you, and may you have wisdom from above to direct you in the duties of your responsible office.
Dear July 15th 1860.

My dear brother:

This must be mainly a business letter. Just before leaving Richmond I called upon Mr. William Bell, the insurance agent who insured your life. I learned from him that either half or three quarters of the $100 life premium that you paid for being in the army, will be returned to you on your next payment, or it will go toward paying for another & extended insurance which he can now make for $300 more. Please write him the complete list of the good appointment as Emision of Freedom etc. If we are river above three months past elapsed since the last payment they will receive it, but if it had been more than three
Now they will want $50 to go on your next payment or you can have your insurance extended and it will be paid on the payment.

The matter of business to speak of is, Mr. Dean, whom I think you need to know, and who is the father of the young lady whom your brother is interested in. Would be very glad to have a negro and wife to assist him on his farm. It is possible I mentioned this to you before. If you are so situated that you can either read or write with you when you come east the last of the month, two individuals answering to my description who will in your judgment be good servants you will enjoy a favor upon personally, Mr. Dean is a kind hearted man and will do well by a man and ill. Dean would be a good person to have a negro woman with him. When you write...
conce a favor upon me personally
is that; My friend Rosa is very anxious
to go to school but her departure
from home is delayed, I imagine, by
Mrs. D. who is Rosa’s employer, who
really needs her assistance in the
house unless they can get a servant
which is not easily done new you
are aware. I am continually writing
you and asking favors and I hope
you will not think me importunate.

Cousin Sarah is here today
and says, “give much love to Otie.”
Mother says, “tell Otie, that I am
all the time thinking about writing
to him.” We are all going to Fann-
ington today to remain about 5 days.
When shall we expect you here?

With much love

Your brother

P. H. Gilmore

P.S. Mrs. Dean was formerly Miss Victoria
Turner, a grand daughter of Whelan Stetson’s.
R. H. L.
Sears July 15, 1865

Ulmone, Ill.:

Friendly letters

...
Corresponding Secretary's Office,

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN UNION,

Lockport, N. Y., July 12, 1865

Maj. Gen. O. C. Howard

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to inform you, that the Board of Directors of the Young Men's Christian Union of this City, desire to secure your services as a Lecturer, upon their Course for the Winter of 1865 and 1866. Please to communicate to us as soon as possible your answer, and if favorable, your terms, and the date on which it will be convenient for you to Lecture here.

Yours, Very Truly,

Joshua Garfield

Cor. Sec'y Y. M. C. A.
Champaign City, Champaign County, Illinois, July 17th, 1865

My Aunt Howard

Dr. Sir,

I am with much anxiety of mind desirous to address you upon a subject which my whole future destiny depends on. If you remember me on the first write in October 1864, I had the pleasure of an introduction to you on the Rizzio at Cartersville Georgia by Capt. John D. Smith, your Chief Engineer, a German I think, but do not recollect his name, as you all move in a hurry the Army was blocked up. Not having Roads sufficient that was known to those having Command, I as an old Resident was by Capt. Smith the Commandant of the post called on to look or find some other Road for your troops to pass over, and after a general consultation with the Engineer, I showed him on the Map the Turnpike road which I proposed to take the Troops over from Cartersville to Cassville thence to Kingston and beyond. I started the Corps in motion on the Turnpike. In the mean time I procured a Man who furnished to go. I did go the whole distance, I was absent 4 days. The Inches

My engagement was consummated as agree to at Jackson and the State of things. I came to the conclusion from the advice I received from those in Command it would be best for me to go North with my family which consisted of myself & 2 younger ladies, my niece & a lady from

Young
New York, who was shot in by the war, I should not return to have to remain with 4 more years. So I arranged my affairs, as well as I could, and left there, about the 28th of October, being detained in consequence of the P.R. being torn up from Rosacea to Turtle Hill, 20 miles above we passed up when the army was on camp at Near Baclina and which time Mr. (my by name) has been with us. A home. My lady, I went to her brother in New York at that time we went to Philadelphia, Mr. (my name) came to New Castle Delaware where we made both taken very sick. So much to life was uncertain, I gave up. After our recovery we made our way to Washington. I was there 2 or 3 months. During that time I made an effort to place my claim before Congress for property destroyed. On the evacuation of Cartersville but the decision of Congress being near it there nothing was done. So I prepared my papers again. Having furnished the copies on all occasions whatever I heard that they wanted from the first of the camp. Coming to Cartersville which was on the 20th of May 1860. Until I left. Provision of lumber and lumber things as furnished in a bill I have which you can find. Recorded & filed in the different departments by the War Department. All the facts are set forth in due form & affirmed in but the War Department furnished duplicate of the file which they wished me to sign. Themselves or some other general signature to them at all not be paid, without Voucher, the parts of the army who procured what was taken Wares of the different commands which were sent to the North side of the river, River. to pay all the expenses of the Station at the River & about our village. My paper
of loyalty in the War Department, I call my papers which I left there was approved by the War Department as being all right except my vouchers. So you be all that I lack in your or some other name, to procure the out of damage from the Treasury.

I now appeal to you as a Christian Brother, in my present embarrassment circumstances to do or advise me to do, what is for the best course for me to pursue. As I am 65 years of age, infirm in health, without means of a livelihood, for my self and family, always having been loyal and having rendered service for my country. I hold I have a claim on my country. General your self being one of that noble class of whom Corps. I escaped from Carntonville. Could you honor me with your signature? I deem it would be satisfactory with the War Department, if so please reply at your earliest convenience & I will forward you the papers.

Having understood you were at the head of the Secessum Bureau. I am as much as I have a desire to go into the State of Mississippi to Grenada or about that latitude there I'd be glad to render any assistance the Government might desire of you to render. Hoping to have the honor of hearing from you soon, with regard to the contents of this letter.

I am

Yours Most Respectfully,

Caleb Comptons
\textbf{Campbell's death:}

\textit{July 17, 1865.}

\textbf{Religious records:}

\textit{Forkandah, Destiny,}

\textit{Carthage, AL.}

\textbf{Epistle:}

\textit{Ephesians 6:15.}
Office Supr R. F. A. S. Sub-District
Memphis July 17th, 1865

Sirs:

General Roberts of the old Army, with whom I have been meeting since I came here, will call upon you in Washington.

The several is well acquainted with affairs in this city and vicinity and can give you much information that will be of value to your Bureau, especially about property in this city which the commanding general of this District has ordered turned back to its former disloyal owners and which if done will paralyze the efforts of some of the benevolent societies engaged in promoting the welfare of the Refuges and freed people. I have examined the laws and rules on the subject and am quite sure that Military Commanders are not empowered to judge of the intricate questions of law fact and loyalty involved, and order property upon which the U.S. has a claim, turned
over to any person except the Treasury Agents and officers of the Bureau of A.T. & A.P. I have refrained from bringing up particular cases through official channels to avoid giving offense to the Commanding Officers of the District. whose continued hearty cooperation it is very desirable to secure.

I beg pardon for again alluding to my private affairs. It is unpleasant for me to think, that it may very likely turn to your disadvantage. I have forced myself into your Bureau and am pushing for a place, but I assure you this is not so.

I simply consented to accept the duty because Bureau Thomas desired it. I know that when engaged in good work, selfish considerations are out of place. But doubtless an officer of suitable rank can be found to take my place who will do as well or better. As I wrote you, there is a strong evidence of propriety in my holding this position with my present rank, which may result in unnecessary humiliation to myself and even embarrassment to your Bureau.

\[signature\]
Under the circumstances I shall not feel annoyed
much less hurt or offended if my details at the War Dept
serve in the Bureau should not be confirmed, or
if already confirmed— if I am relieved and
ordered to serve the duty, or ordered to be
reassigned out of the series. If some such
action has not already been had, will
you, give the subject your early consideration
and grant
Oblige
Your Very Respectfully,

Davis Dillon

Major General C. G. Howard
Chief Bureau R. R. A. L.
Washington, D. C.

Sept 8th 1864
Dear General,

If you cannot come, as I still hope you may, he will write us at Saratoga, can you not write a word, I repeat it, endorsement, especially as to the army bearings of the subject?

Pety Yours,

J.W. Casey
July 17, 1845
Boston, Mass.

Chickering, Flue Piano

Reverend

Jesse & Geo. Howard attendance at Saratoga at the Temperance Meeting.

July 21st, 1865 Reed.
Rooms of N.E. T.A. Soc.
S. Wind Building Boston
July 17, 1863

Maj. Genl. Howard:

Dear Sir's,

I am instructed by the Exe. Com. of the New England Reunions Aid Society, to recommend to you for appointment to some post in connection with your department. James Ridgall, who has been, during four months, our efficient superintendent in Charleston, S.C.

He has had ample opportunity of knowing his capacity for usefulness, and the only reason why we do not retain him in our service is that the policy of our society in regard to salaries forbids our
offering him the same which his abilities warrant & which his necessities obliges him to ask. He has shown remarkable energy & sagacity, & adhering ardent zeal for the cause. He acquired a wonderful influence among the whole colored population of Charleston. And we do not know a man who could have done so much for the establishment of our schools.

He wishes to give an exact impression in regard to Mr. Pentiah in that negro who has been upon your notice, and therefore declares him of age to say that we have sometimes feared that his influence among the blacks was too exciting to be wholesome & that his influence among the blacks was too exciting to be wholesome &
themselves might carry him too far. Yet, indeed as we were because of this apprehension to watch his course very carefully, we can say that his course was in most cases judicious, of his influence salutary. And that the danger to be feared from his impudence (especially when in a position under a Department like yours) is nothing to counterbalance the value of his experience and his rare qualifications which make him a person whom the cause cannot afford to lose.

If you should decide to act upon the suggestion which we thus respectfully submit, and wish to confer with
Mr. Redpath. His address is \textit{Malden House},

or he could be reached by directing to

the rooms of this Society.

I am, sir, with great respect,

Very truly yours,

Charles Lowd.

Received 20:1807.

[The text is not legible]
Concord, N. H. Feb. 17, 1845.

Sir,

Your telegram in reply to one from me reached me in Rhode Island; I think you for your attention, and the reply is not what I desired.

My commends of General Tappan, it is due to him to say, was not at his suggestion or that of any of his friends. I had learned from him that he had been ordered to New York, probably by the recommendation of the volunteer service, and I thought he might be usefully employed under you. Here is my action.

This telegram shows plainly enough that I am thankful I have commanded a worthy person. As any other evidence of the contrary, I must believe you are either misled by erroneous information, or have not observed, at any rate, it is difficult for me to put you in the position of the powers of the Union.

My acquaintance with Samuel Carriage began when he was a partner in law practice with Governor Borrow in New York. I have known him for fifteen years.
we did not then agree politically. Afterward, when the Rebellion,
yet the 3rd and political organizations I became Governor
the rise of Ohio, he became Adjutant General. Our military
and the war was nothing but what it was with the I attempted
reform. My advice was most efficiently received and
honored by him. Almost instantaneously he was uncovered
in charge of military duties. He contributed as much as any
men to preserve the bitter condition from which this advanced
civil and then effort to work which have made the part of the
war sufficiently known.

His integrity was as remarkable as his laborious can.
That as a member of a Christian Church his walk was without
approach.

His moral character, his service in the military
office 3rd him in, and his ability of an excellent 3rd though,
quick and prompt in military duties led me, when the new
regiment was organized to recommend him as one of those who
were to be commissioned Brigade life. In this way General Porter
had received a favorable opinion of him and the result was
my suggestion. General C. was commissioned as Colonel

In the war he was never absent a the field; he explored
in the duties. I always had him well spoken of, and the last
were charged with having the interest. I felt honored.
لا يوجد نص يمكن قراءته بشكل طبيعي من الصورة المقدمة.
that if there was any truth in the charge, I must
be that the omission was the consequence of some urgent
emergency. I know that the use of stimulants had been irregular
long before; I suppose it possible that under past fatigue or
some peculiar circumstances he might have been overcome. That
he was partly of heart of love occupied in camp, as that
he was familiarly transgressed the bounds of temperance, I do
not believe; nor as I have believe, I would contradict his whole life.

That he fell in fact creditably, I think he performed
his responsible duties, with great honor. Thence to
pursue unquietly the country, I was constantly abroad
in the Nuremofot, working with about equal consent and
attachment of correct judgment.

With I have heard that some change touching his admini-
tration ought to be made; sometime done. If such change
be made, I give him my consent. I know no man in respect
to whom I should be more certain that such a change cannot be painful.

I have no more to say. I hope you will find time some other
time to know that you have never it. I have written to him.

The most important parties in the President's own. It
now can done your conduct speak more indirectly than
me. Truly respectfully

[Signature]

Wel. Princ July 17

To

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Washington

My dear friend

If Geo. Hayman had
been connected with the Bureau of
which you are Chief, my addressing
a letter of the character of the enclo-
sed to him instead of to you, might
strike you as more than a little sin-
gular. To avoid such an impression
which I should not like to exist in
your mind, I send the letter through
you with the following explanation:

My brother-in-law Geo. Foyde, sent
a message to me a few days since,
to the effect that "I have written
to Geo. Hayman, and ask
him if he could give my brother
Robert a situation in the bureau
of which he is connected, as this
will afford him a living without
his being attacked to death, which is about the condition of things with me now. You need not be concerned about my brother-in-law, and I know him well during his earlier days. There was therefore no improbability in my idea of dressing him, and for reasons which I cannot very well state in a letter, I concluded it to be altogether better to act upon this suggestion. Perhaps you may be surprised that I should seek for literature in this form for Robert, thinking him not adapted for it. But I feel strongly that if his writing included energy and capacity (for having a good deal of this last) could only be applied to me certain amounts of business, instead of being pressed beyond measure by demands which no one man (especially without it) could possibly fulfill, the case now, he would be administratively required.
He would be useful and happy in his work a have the prospect of a longer life than I fear will be the case if he continues much longer as he is now.

I feel therefore, that whether success or not, I ought to make this application for him. It may be the opening - the way which God has prepared in answer to my prayers. And it may not be, His will so to answer them. He who ordains all things will do what is best for us and I strive to leave all in humble submission to His will.

I enclose a note for John Simpson, which may give some idea of the kind of work he would like.

Having as I do how fully for time is occupied, and how great must be the pressure of
Correspondence, I hope that you will not feel at all obliged to answer this letter. You may make it a duty to furnish me with some sort of reply to the note to him and that will answer all purposes.

I am animated by a hope of success in this application, and only make it because I feel it is my duty to do it. And, my dear friend, that I do not for one moment you will regard to confer such a benefit if his for gifts and powers, but that I think it altogether probable that there will be no post vacant—and indeed for years this appointments has been my lot in all efforts for Patrick and Claude and I cannot undertake hope now. This line when he writes to Mr. Smith and the little one, I unanswer.

Ever truly, your friend,

Blanche Bland
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145 BROADWAY, N. Y.

E. S. SANFORD, Pres't,

Dated
July 17th
1865.

Rec'd, Washington, 17th, 1865, o'clock, min. M.

To
Mr. Howard

As I was leaving the Hotel for Balt.,
at 11 o'clock today
a note of Mr. Ballantyne
was placed in my hand,
requesting me to Call on him.

congrat. L. J.
Baltimore, July 17th

I will return to Washington on Wednesday, when, if it is your desire, I will be happy to call at any convenient hour after ten o'clock.

An answer here by telegraph, or to the Theatre, tenth, et. will reach me.

J. Todd

S.Q.
War Department,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,
Washington, July 17th, 1865.

Dear Sir,

I enclose your two dollars, just drawn. I am intending to try
for home as soon as possible. Furlough returns from the south. I hope
they will be able to return
with them. I give this note to
Mama. She is quite well. She
sends her love to you. I have
a little son which the doctor is taking
well. Otherwise well. Your letter is
not quite right. Much love
to the children from your wife. I
hope I may get home before the
first of August. Yours truly,

[Signature]

Date: July 17th, 1865.