

Boston 15<sup>th</sup> July '65

Dear Sir,

I have known Col.

Pratt for sometime as  
very devoted to the pres-  
men, & anxious to pro-  
mote their welfare. He is  
of the stuff for the  
human & difficult ser-  
vice over which you  
preside.

Col. Pratt is of the  
36<sup>th</sup> U. S. colored Infantry,  
is now in hospital  
at Fort Monroe. Of  
course he would like  
an assignment to Texas,  
so that he might re-  
port for duty at once  
without proceeding to Texas.

Faithfully Yours,  
Charles Sumner



Saturday July 18<sup>th</sup> 1865

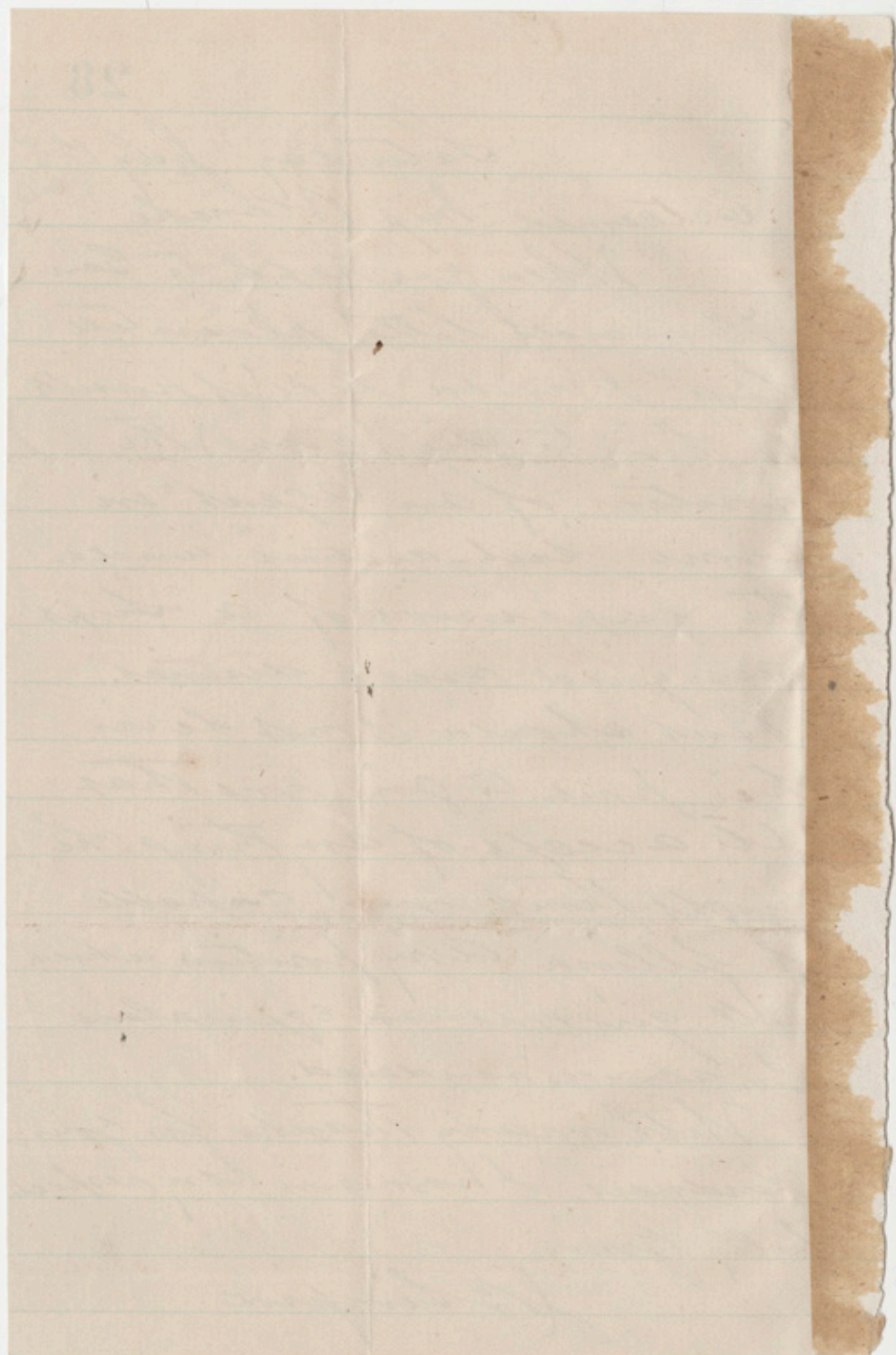
Esteemed Miss Blanche

When you reply to Gen  
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 "Supt"  
assigned such district.

But should it not be in  
his power to give me that  
I accept of anything he  
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 respect  
fully Yours

J. P. Simpson





we to be in the place of a father to  
4 millions of helpless fellow mortals. May you have  
grace given you to be able with a father's  
devotion to protect them for injustice  
& oppression. is  
the prayer of Yr old friend  
G. S. Newcomb July 15, 1865

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Major Gen. O. O. Howard  
Dr Sir

Pardon  
The liberty - an old fellow-  
Student at Bowdoin takes  
in addressing you.

Our life-courses have  
widely diverged since Col-  
lege days, when we sat at  
the same table at the Grows  
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.  
All through the war, I



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 & liberty, to fight  
the good fight of faith  
& lay hold on eternal  
life.

But while you have  
thus been contending in  
the bloody arena of civil  
war for God, for truth  
& liberty, I have lived



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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 Sumter. A  
wife with poor health &  
six helpless children de-  
pendent on my daily labor  
& 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 & High Schools.  
Becoming incapacitated for that  
work by the partial loss of my



hearing, I gave <sup>it</sup> up, & came  
here to assist my brother  
in his Cotton manufacturing busi-  
ness. But the work is not  
to my taste, the life too con-  
fined, 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  
or can do, here. And I  
make bold to ask you, if you  
can do any thing for me. Is  
there not some position, which  
you can secure for me, where  
I can do more good, & at the  
same time support my family?  
I am aware that offices of trust  
& 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. I  
pray God that you may have  
wisdom from above to direct you in the  
duties of your responsible office. You seem too



Leeds July 15<sup>th</sup> 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 extra premium that you paid for being in the army will be remitted to you on your next payment, or it will go toward paying for another & extended insurance which he can now make, say for \$3000 more. Please write him the ~~day~~ date of the your appointment as Commissioner of Freedmen &c. & if not more than three months had elapsed since the last payment they will remit \$75 but if it had been more than three

months they will remit \$50. to go  
on your next payments, or you can  
have your ~~fr~~ insurance enlarged and  
it will be paid on the premium.

The other matter of business to  
speak of is: Mr. Deane, whom I think  
you used to know, and who is the father  
of the young lady in whom your brother  
is ~~is~~ interested would be very glad to  
have a negro and wife to assist him  
on his farm. It is possible I men-  
tioned this to you before. If you are  
so situated that you can either send  
or bring with you when you come  
east the last of the month, two in-  
dividuals answering to my description  
who will in your judgement be good  
servants ~~you~~ will confer a favor upon  
me personally. Mr. Deane is a kind  
~~and~~ hearted man and will do well by  
a man and Mrs. Deane would be  
a good person to have a negro  
woman with her. When you would



Confer a favor upon me personally  
is that; My friend Rosa is very anx-  
ious to go to school but her departure  
from home is delayed, I imagine, by  
Mrs. D. who is Rosa's stepmother, who  
nearly needs her assistance in the  
house, unless they can get a servant  
which is not easily done here 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 Otis."

Mother says, "tell Otis, that I am  
all the time thinking about writing to  
him." We are all going to Fann-  
ington today to remain a few days.  
When shall we expect you here?

With much love

Yours Mother  
V. A. Wilmore

P.S. Mrs. Deane was formerly Miss Victoria  
Lurner, a grand daughter of Uncle Stettin's.  
R.D.G.

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Sends July 15, 1865

Wilmore, R. M.

Kindly letter

Dear Sir,  
I am extremely writing  
and asking for your kind  
and will think me important  
Crown Peak is here today  
and I am sure to be  
the time thinking about writing  
to you. We are going to form  
an effort to remain after days  
and shall not forget you here?

Yours faithfully

W. M. Wilmore

Recd July 18<sup>th</sup> 1865



## Corresponding Secretary's Office,

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN UNION,

Lockport, N. Y., July 15, 1865

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

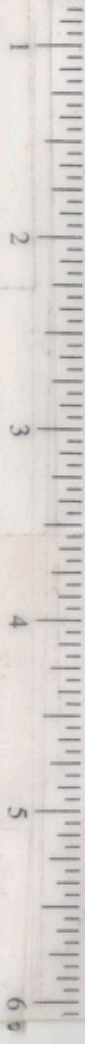
Dear Sir:

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 Gaskie

Cor. Sec'y Y. M. C. U.



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Society's Office

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN UNION

My dear Sir,  
I have the honor to

inform you that the Board of Directors of the Young Men's Christian Union of this city, have to request your services as a Lecturer upon their course for the Winter of 1882 and 1883. 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.

Very respectfully,  
J. W. Davis  
Secy of the Y. M. C. U.



Champaign City Champaign County  
Illinois. July 17<sup>th</sup> 1865

Maj<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Howard

Dear 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 on the first week in October 1864, I had the pleasure of an Introduction to you, on the Plaza at Cartersville Georgia by Gen<sup>l</sup> John E Smith, & your Chief Engineer, a German Scientist, but do not recollect his Name, as you all were 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 Gen<sup>l</sup> Smith, the Commander of the post, called on to Plot, 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 Tusculum road, which I proposed to take the Troops over, from Cartersville to Cassville thence to Kingston, & beyond, I started the Corps, in motion on the Tusculum Road, & in the mean time, I procured a Man, who I furnished to go, & did go the whole distance, I was absent 4 days who informed me that my engagements, was completed, as agreed to, at <sup>that</sup> juncture and 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 <sup>Young</sup> ~~children~~ ladies, my Niece & a lady from



New York, who was shut in by the war, I could not return & had to  
remain with us, 4 years. So I arranged my affairs, as well as I could  
& left there, about the 28<sup>th</sup> of October, being detained in consequence of  
the R.R. being torn up from Rosacea to Tunnel Hill, 20 miles away.  
We passed up when the army were encamped near Dallas since  
which time Mr (my self & mine) has been with out a home. (My wife  
Lady I sent to her brother in New York) at that time we were in  
Philadelphia. My self & mine came to New Castle Delaware where we  
were both taken very sick, so much so, life was uncertain, & near death. After  
after our recovery, we made our way to Washington, & was there some  
2, Months. During that time I made an effort to <sup>(I did)</sup> place my claims  
before Congress for property destroyed on the evacuation of Eastern  
ville, but the session of Congress being near its close nothing was  
done, so I procured my papers again, & having furnished the army  
on all occasions what ever, I had, that they wanted, from the first of the  
army coming to Easternville, which was on <sup>the</sup> 20 day of May 1861  
until I left. Provisions & Lumber & sundry things as enumerated  
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 to, but the War Dept  
furnished duplicate of the one which they wished me to get  
Genl Sherman or some other Genl's signature to them as I  
could not be paid, without. Vouchers, the parts of the army  
who procured what was taken where of the different <sup>(cavalry)</sup> commands who  
were sent on the North side of the Etowa, River to forage & the  
antry stationed at the River & about our Village. My papers



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of loyalty in the War department, & all my papers which I left there, was approved by the War department, as being all right, except my Vouchers so you see all that I lack, is your or some Genl's Name, to procure the amt of damage from the Treasury.

I now appeal to you, as a Christian Brother, in my present embarrassed 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 support, for my self & family, always having been loyal and having rendered services for my country, I hold I have a claim on my country. General, your self being one of that Noble class, & whose Corps I escorted from Cartersville could you honor me, with your signature? I presume 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 <sup>the</sup> Freedmen's Bureau, & in as much I have a desire to go into the State of Mississippi to Grenada or about that latitude I would be glad to render any assistance the Government might desire me to render. Hoping to have the honor of hearing from you soon, with regard to the contents of this letter, ~~which~~

I am

Yours Most Respectfully  
Calib Tompkins



Deamplaris, Bell.

July 17, 1845

Campbell's Island

Heaven's Kingdom  
of the Kingdom of Heaven  
at Canterbury, Ala.

A. D. B. 53

July 21<sup>st</sup> 1845



Office Supt R. F. A. G. Sub District  
Memphis July 17<sup>th</sup> 1865.

General

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

The General 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 Dist 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 Refugees and Freedpeople. I have examined the laws and orders 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 R. F. T. & G.  
I have refrained from bringing up particular  
cases through official channels to avoid  
giving offense to the Commanding General  
of the District, whose continued hearty  
Co-operation 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  
seem to you that 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 this duty  
because General 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 very  
evident impropriety in my holding this  
position with my present rank, which may  
result in unnecessary humiliation to myself  
and even embarrassment to your Bureau.



Under the circumstances I shall not feel annoyed,  
much less hurt or offended if my detail <sup>19</sup> to  
serve in the Bureau should not be confirmed, - or  
if already confirmed - if I ~~was~~ <sup>am</sup> relieved and  
ordered to serve other duty, or ordered to be  
mustered out of the service. If some such  
action has not already been had. will  
you, <sup>please</sup> give the subject your early consideration  
and greatly  
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Yours Very Respectfully,  
Davis Tillson

Per Gene Vels  
Sept 1864

Major General C. C. Howard  
Chief Bureau R. F. & A. G.  
Washington D. C.



Office, Sept. 2. P. M. S. S. S. S. S.

Memphis July 17. 65.

W. W. W. W. W.

Brig. Gen. Supt. S.

States that General. Roberts,  
will call upon Gen. Howard  
in Washington in a few days,  
& that Gen. R. can give much  
information concerning the efforts  
of the Bureau, in Texas, especially  
about the restoration of property  
& disloyal arms in Memphis.  
also alludes to the apparent  
infirmity of holding his  
position with his present rank.



Boston

July 17.

[1865]

Dear General

If you cannot,  
 as I still hope you  
 may, be with us  
 at Saratoga, can  
 you not write a  
 word, of regret &  
 endorsement,  
 especially as to the  
army bearings of  
 the subject?

Truly yours

J. W. Chickering



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July 17, 1865  
Boston, Mass

Chickering, Rev.  
Reverend

Wishes Gen. How-  
ards attendance  
at Saratoga at  
the Temperance  
Meeting.

July 21<sup>st</sup> 1865 Reed,



Rooms of N.E. F.A. Soc.

8. Shires Building Boston  
July 17. 1865 -

Maj Gen Howard:

Dear Sir:

I am instructed by the  
Exec. Com. of the New England Freedmen  
Aid Society, to recommend to you for  
appointment to some post in connection  
with your Department. James Ridpath  
who has been, during four months, our  
efficient Superintendent in Charleston, S.C.

We have 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 sum which his abilities  
warrant & which his necessities oblige him  
to ask. He has shown remarkable  
energy & sagacity, & untiring enthusiasm  
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 establish-  
ment of our Schools.

We wish to give our exact impression  
in regard to Mr Redpath in thus bringing him  
upon your notice, and therefore deem it  
fair to say that we have sometimes feared  
that his influence ~~among~~ among the blacks was too  
exciting to be wholesome & that his in-



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thursdays might carry him too far. Yet,  
induced as we were because of this apprehension  
to watch his course very carefully, we can  
say that his course was in most cases judicious  
& his influence salutary. And that the  
danger to be feared from his impulsiveness  
(especially when in a position under a  
Department like yours) is nothing to  
counterbalance the value of his experience  
& 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 Ridpath. his address is Malden. Mass.  
Or he could be reached by directing to  
the rooms of this Society.

I am, Sir, with great respect,

Very truly Yours,

Charles Loring

Received July 20, 1861

Bureau -

of Records in this

Ridpath as clerk

Government Affairs

Done, Wm. H. L. Jr.  
Cordery, N. E. H. Jr.

Bureau July 17, 1861



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 Concord, N. H. July 17, 1865.

General.

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

My commendation of General Carrington, 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 Memphis, probably to be mustered out of the volunteer service, and I thought he might be usefully employed under you. Hence my action.

Your telegram shows plainly enough that you think I have commended an unworthy person: and as I am quite convinced of the contrary, I must believe that you are either misled by erroneous information, or influenced by observation. At any rate it is simply justice to General C — to put you in possession of the grounds of my opinion.

My acquaintance with General Carrington began when he was a partner in law practice with Governor Denison a now Post Master General. My impression was formerly, that



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Dover, N. H. July 17, 1867

Friend

Your telegram in reply to mine has reached me in Rhode Island. I thank you for your attention to my letter in that respect I remain

The committee of the local association, it is true, is at present, was not at his suggestion in that of any in fact. I had learned from him that he had been sent to Providence, probably to the meeting at the Western Union, and I thought he might be useful in that way. Hence my action.

Your telegram shows plainly enough that you have been somewhat conversely placed, and as the great business of the country, I must believe to you are still misled by erroneous information, as I have observed. But any rate it is a goodly fruit. I am to put you in possession of the same my friend.

My acquaintance with General Loring is very old and a letter is in process with him. The subject is not quite settled.



we did not then agree politically. Afterward, when the circumstances of the country led to new political organization & I became Governor of the State of Ohio, he became Adjutant General. Our military condition was then anything but what it ought to be. I attempted a reform & my advisors were most efficiently secured & promoted by him. Almost without exception he was unopposed in labor & eminently judicious. He contributed as much as any man to prepare that better condition from which Ohio advanced easily to those efforts & works which have made her part in the war sufficiently honorable.

His integrity was as spotless as his labor was constant. As a member of a Christian Church his walk was without reproach.

His moral & religious character, his services in the military office I put him in, and his abnegation of, as I supposed at the time, successful prosecution of military studies led me, when the new regiments were organized to recommend him as one of those who were to be unopposed for civil life. In some way General Scott had received a favorable opinion of him & he accepted kindly my suggestion, & General C. was unopposed as Colonel.

In some ways he was even better in the field; he was employed in the office. I always had him well spoken of, enough that he was one charged with having been in the line. I felt assured



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we did not then agree fully. I remember when the  
of the country led to his father's opposition to a scheme for  
the office, he became disappointed. But history  
was the country but what it ought to be. I attempted  
to show we were not officially opposed to  
it. I have almost entirely forgotten the circumstances  
of a similar position. He concluded as usual a day  
to prepare the other conditions for which this country  
to their effort to work which have made us feel in the  
of the world.  
I myself was in a position, as I have seen in  
a kind of a similar kind in which we were  
to meet a similar character, his success in the history  
last time in, and his belief of a different character,  
the position of history which led me, when the time  
came around to know him as one of the who  
in the position of his life. He was one of the best  
with a favorable opinion of his results in his  
to the same. I was disappointed in some  
the time in our time. But in the field, his efforts  
in the world. I always had his full support of such the  
in our day with him in the same way.



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that if there was any truth in the charge, it must  
be that the intemperance was the consequence of some unusual  
condition. I knew that the <sup>alcoholic</sup> use of stimulants had been prescribed for  
longer diseases, & supposed it possible that under great fatigue or  
in some peculiar circumstances he might have been overcome. That  
he was guilty of habitual or even occasional excess, as that  
he was knowingly transgressed the bounds of temperance, I did  
not believe nor do I know believe. It would contradict his whole life.

That he filled his work creditably & that he performed  
his responsible duties with great honor & himself &  
great usefulness to the country I was constantly assured  
by Gov. Morton & others, with almost equal capacity &  
opportunity of correct judgment.

Lately I have heard that some charge touching his admini-  
stration integrity was made sometime since. If any such charge  
can be made good, I give him up: but I know no man in respect  
to whom I should be more certain that such a charge cannot be sustained.

I have no more to say. I hope you will find time to do this  
& let me know that you have read it. I have nothing to ask.

The most important point is under the President & yours. No  
man can deny your complete grasp more ardently than

Yours truly, respectfully

Major Gen. O. O. Howard.

S. J. Kahn







West Point July 17<sup>th</sup>  
1865 26

To

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

Washington

My dear friend

If Gen. Hayman should be connected with the Bureau of which you are Chief, my addressing a letter of the character of the enclosed to him instead of to you, might strike you as more than a little singular. 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 Gen. Foy has sent a message to me a few days since, to the effect that "I had better write to Gen. Hayman, and ask him if he could give my brother Robert a situation in the Bureau to which he is connected, - This will afford him a living without



his being worked to death, which is  
about the condition of things with  
now. - Geo. H. is a cousin of my  
brother-in-law, and I knew him quite  
well during his cadet days. There was  
therefore no impropriety in my ad-  
dressing him, and for reasons which  
I cannot very well state in a letter.  
I concluded it to be altogether best  
to act upon Geo. H.'s suggestion.

Perhaps you may be surprised that  
I should see in a situation of  
this kind for Robert, thinking him  
not adapted for it. But I feel  
strongly that if his untiring indu-  
stry, energy and capacity (for he has  
a good deal of this last) could only  
be applied to one certain routine  
business, instead of being pressed  
beyond measure by demands which  
no one man (especially without ex-  
traordinary ability) could possibly fulfil,  
the case now, he would do admi-



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He would be useful and happy in  
his work & have the prospect of  
a longer life than I fear will be  
the case if he continues much longer  
as over-worked as he is now.

I feel therefore, that whether suc-  
cessful 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 ordereth 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 you  
some idea of the kind of work  
he would like.

Knowing as I do how fully  
your time is occupied, and how  
great must be the pressure of



correspondence, I beg that you will  
not feel at all obliged to answer  
this letter. Your Secretary will of  
course furnish me with some  
sort of reply to the note to him  
and that will answer all purposes.

I am animated by no hope  
of success in this application,  
and only make it because I  
feel it is my duty to do it.  
Not, my dear friend; that I doubt  
for one moment your willingness  
to confer such a benefit, if in your  
gifts and power, but that I think  
it altogether probable that there  
will be no post vacant - and besides,  
for years, disappointment has been my  
lot in all efforts for Robert & Claude,  
and I cannot indulge hope now.

With love, when you write, to Mrs. Stoddard,  
and the little ones, I remain

Ever truly yr friend

Blanche Bernard



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To *Gen O O Howard*

*congratulations*

*As I was leaving  
the Hotel for Balto,  
at 11 o'clock today  
a note of Mr. Ballantynes  
was placed in my hands  
requesting me to call on you*

Baltimore July 17<sup>th</sup>  
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War Department,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Washington, July 17th, 1865.

Dear Sir

I enclose you good news  
just received. I am intending to try  
for home as soon as Col. Fullerton  
returns from the South. I hope  
then will be able to return  
with him. I gave birth one to  
Meine. May is quite well. He  
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a little sore which the doctor is fixing  
up. Otherwise well. His blood is  
not quite right. Much love  
to the children & yourself. I  
hope I may get home before the  
first of August. Truly yours  
Your husband Chas

