Boston July 21st/65

General

Dear Sir

Being about applying for a situation in the Custom House here, and it being requisite to have certificates of service and merit, I take the liberty of applying to you as the only General Officer now living except Genl Ward, who knows of my service and the working of the regt. I have a good recommendation from Gov Coney, in which he speaks of the 3rd being originaly your regiment, and I think if you can give me a certificate it would assist me very much in obtaining a situation which I am much in need of, as I am now and have been for seven months at a great expence on account of the sickness of my Wife, who I regrett to say cannot long be here with me, she is suffering from an inward cancer for which nothing can be done but to make her as comfortable as possible, which I

use my utmost endeavors to do.
Be assured General that anything you may do for me will not be misplaced, as I have after so long delay accepted your kind advice and am proud to say that ~~am~~ I am a Temperance Man, and by the grace of God shall remain so.
wishing you great success in your new undertaking, and with the kindest regards for you and yours
I remain as ever
Yours Very truly
M. B. Lakeman.
47 Long Wharf

Maj Gen'l O. O. Howard.
Washington D.C.

Boston July 21st 1866

Lakeman N. B.

Request recommendation for position in the Custom House.

Answer

War Department,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Washington, July 22nd, 1865

Dear.

It is very hot here in Washington this morning and I am greatly affected by the heat and with them with you at Augusta. Our house is as cool & pleasant as any in town but that is not saying much just now. Col. Markland is intending to take his wife to Cincinnati starting Sunday night, to be gone some two weeks. Mrs M. has been very attentive to Guy. has taken him to the Capitol. Patent Office, and other public places. Today they go to see the market. Sam has gone to work as Steward of our mess and has done

happy look it. seems wonderfully short and I can't help feeling as if there was danger of our getting off & moving off the stage before we have had a fair portion of life. How is Fanny Stinson. I do hope her visit will be improved and strengthened by this visit. Gilbreath is always a source of anxiety to me. I think he is inclined to dissipation and is very worthy and my poor influence does quite much. Give my kindest regards to all my friends. My love to Mrs Jackson. And much love & many kisses to the children. Love to mother if you think we shall soon be together brother & sister you. Lovingly

Your husband Otis

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well. This he has done in addition to his work for me personally, which is comprized in a little aid in the morning and evening at dressing & undressing. Boy is quite well and I think getting into even better condition than when he came. He is a very good boy, obedient, kind and intelligent. Col. Hunt & Lord think very highly of him. I think Col. H. feels badly that he has no children. Before Boy came he kept saying how much he wanted my children to come & play in the yard to keep him alive. All matters about servants, housekeeping &c. I will leave to talk over with you when I come on. I shall surely bring you on when I come back. At least part way where I can see you occasionally. I feel too much like a stranger to my friends. Everything is so remarkably uncertain now in army and political life. That we must be together when we can and lose not a deg of comfort we always derive from each other's society. I need your sympathy and society. and I feel it is wrong to make you struggle along without them. I hope you are very well, darling, since your happy visit to Washington & Phila.

The enjoyment of your visit to me was greater than any other during our married life. It almost seems like a dream. Your own fearless and affectionate affection rivets daily in my heart. I get away from thoughts of responsibility & care by devoting my thoughts to you, and here I find no difficulty in dwelling with pleasure. Our married life has surely been

While Congress is the source from which success must come, yet the foundation of its proceedings upon this important subject may depend upon the [redacted] means by which you are governed & I hope that under the guidance of Providence you will be able to supply.

I am, Sir
your obt. servt.
L. H. Putnam

To Maj. Gen. Howard

P.S.

The circulars will not be printed before next week when a copy will be sent.

Should it please you to send me in reference to the subject of this letter I will be happy to answer any demand you may be pleased to make.

Herkimer St near
Ralph Ave

L. H. P.

Maj. Gen. Howard
Washington
Freedmen

Bedford L. I. July 22, 1865

Dear,
Sir—

I avail my self of this method to call your attention to the subject of this letter which will convey to you some ideas that may serve the interest of the Freedmen in the southern states. In reflecting upon the destiny of these people & the relations & the power of the Bureau to control it, I cannot but hope that my efforts will be fully considered & will be approved by you.

The plan to give the Freedmen Homestead Right to lift them above the position of tenant at will originated from me as you will see by referring to the Washington Morning Chronicle of the 22 of April 1864 in which a communication was published written by me as the way mark to reach the solution of the great problem which is demanded alike for the white man & the colored man who must depend upon the policy of the Government as the guide to the future.

The power vested in you as commissioner of Freedmen will open to you the way to treat the subject with the seriousness its importance

demands as all that they will be in the [illegible]
may come from the decision to establish these
people in a permanent position on old the
Plantations in the southern states. The first
requirement is protection with a field open
to them that they may become the industrial
Class of the south. How can they obtain
this without the agency of the Government
what Plan will it adopt to lead to that result?
To answer the question in a useful manner
& without any presumption on my part that
would infringe upon its dignity and the rights of
your Bureau is the object of my solicitude.
It has been my determination to make a mark
in the history of the colored people & I believe
that I have nearly reach the object of my ambition
The contents of the circular herewith transmitted
is the key to the principles by which I am governed
in writing you this Letter which will serve as the
link to the efforts to protect my people in the
transition & open the way for their elevation
For I cannot but think that their destiny to some
extent is in your hands as I will endeavor to
show & which will be determined by the Plan you
may adopt in their behalf.

The surrender of the abandon Lands to those
who may claim them is the turning point & may
be come the subject of the highest importance
if the condition to provide for the Freedmen to
retain their homes for three or five years & be

supplied with means to plant provisions
for their families under the guidance of your
should be adopted. It will enable them on the
other hand to cultivate the remainder of the
Plantation for any owner who will need the
labor to carry on the culture of the Land until
the Government can fix upon the Plan to
establish them in a permanent position

The utility of emancipation depends upon
a national organization of the Freedmen into an
industrial class to carry on the agriculture of the
south & at the same time manage their own
affairs on the home steads. In every case
where the owner of any land either from opposition
to the Government or other cause fail to cultivate
the soil, the colored people for self preservation
must carry it on as the only means to sustain
the system of industry necessary to establish
the great principle of self elevation to govern
them. To keep them from the allurements of
the cities & beyond the reach of Whisky & the policy
office & other degrading features of civilization
would be the greatest blessing that could be
conferred upon a people exposed to the pernicious
example of the dominant class
I make the reference not in an offensive sense
but it is referred to as a vice that would be decidedly
against the moral & the intelligent work
that must be done for the elevation of the
Freedmen

Washington City D.C
July 22d 1865

Major Genl O. O. Howard
Super^d Freedmans Bureau
Washington D.C

General

I would respectfully ask if it be possible for you to give Capt Wm H. Goodrel of the 15th Iowa Regt 3d Brigd 4th Div 17th Army Corps, an appointment of some kind in the Bureau, under your charge, either here or in the West. I apply to you per request of Capt Goodrel who is busy now at Louisville Ky, in arranging for the mustering out of the men of the Regiment, and as soon as he is mustered out he wishes to get some employment, until he can get a permanent position. Allow me to say that Wm H. Goodrel's service commenced with the Wilson Creek Battle^mo under Genl Lyon, in the 1st Iowa Regt as a private in which engagement he was severely wounded — after his recovery, he re-enlisted for the war, (with three brothers) in the 15th Iowa, after battle of Corinth & Iuka was promoted to 1st Lieut and has been with your Army from thence via Atlanta Savannah up to Richmond and Washington D.C. He was recommended for promotion to a Captaincy by his Commanding Officer Genl Belknap for the bravery and skill displayed in

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Correspondence of the Daily State Register.

HEADQUARTERS 4TH DIVISION 17TH ARMY CORPS, GOLDSBORO, March 27, 1865.

We have, after fifty-eight days of weary marching, arrived at our destination, where we are preparing for another and last campaign. Our march through South Carolina was a perfect success, compelling the Rebels to evacuate Charleston, destroying all their railroad communications, both north and south. We arrived before Columbia, South Carolina, on the 19th, of February. During the night of the 16th, Col. Kennedy, 13th Iowa, Lt. H. C. McArthur and Lt. Wm. H. Goodrell, of the 15th Iowa, and A. D. C. to Gen. Belknap, fitted up an old boat preparatory to crossing the river the next morning. The 15th Army Corps was on our left, fighting for the bridge across Broad River. We however crossed without opposition, and with nineteen men and the colors of the 13th Iowa Infantry, advanced through the city until we came to the main street, where we captured a horse and buggy, in which we mounted our color-bearer with the colors, Col. Kennedy and Lt. McArthur as passengers, and Lt. W. H. Goodrell as conductor, started on the "double trot" for the State House. We arrived in about one square of the Capitol building when we were attacked by a squad of Wheeler's Rebel cavalry, and one *feminine*. As usual, they fired their one round and "*skedaddled*." We gave them the contents of one gun, the only one we had with us, and proceeded on our way, amidst a crowd of "darkies" (dancing, shouting and performing all kinds of gymnastics,) citizens, &c., which had by this time surrounded us, thinking, no doubt, that the army was at our heels following us in. Col. Kennedy, Lt. McArthur, and the color-bearer started for the old Capitol building; the soldier that carried the banner and Lt. Wm. H. Goodrell proceeded to the new Capitol building, and planted the banner of the 13th Iowa on the Capitol of South Carolina. The colors of the 13th Iowa were planted and waved over Columbia an hour before any other troops reached the city. The town surrendered to Col. Stone, 25th Iowa, and he with his Brigade took possession of the city, with the exception of the Capitol building. The 15th Corps occupied the city first, notwithstanding the statements of correspondents to the contrary. At dark whisky was found, and the consequence was that citizens, darkies, and soldiers even, were on a general jollification, and the next morning the city of Columbia was nothing but smoking ruins. No one can be to blame, save the citizens themselves. If they had taken the precaution to destroy the liquors, all would have been right. Our march was through swamps, wading sometimes waist deep, the men ragged, and a great many barefooted, but all was endured without a complaint. We lived on chickens, turkeys, and whatever the country afforded, much to the disgust of the Old Ladies who prized their poultry very highly.

We have traveled five hundred miles through the very hot-bed of Secessia, and are all packed, clothed, and fitted up for our onward march—probably via Raleigh, and hope to be in reporting distance of Gen. Grant soon. I send you herewith the report of our march by Brig. Gen. W. W. Belknap, and Brevet Maj. Gen Giles A. Smith's order relative thereto.

Yours truly, G. H. W.

HEADQUARTERS THIRD BRIGADE, 4TH DIVISION, 17TH ARMY CORPS, GOLDSBORO, N. C. March 25, 1865.

CAPTAIN: I have the honor to make the following brief report relative to the movements of this brigade on the late campaign:

Leaving Savannah on the 9th of January, it moved from Pocotaligo on the 29th of the same month, entered Orangeburg on February 12th, and Columbia, the Capital of the State of South Carolina, on the 19th of February. Camped near Cheraw, S. C., March 3d, near Fayetteville N. C., on March 11th, and entered Goldsboro, N. C., on March 24th, having been transported 60 miles, and marched 48½ miles; corduroying the roads, rebuilding bridges, and traveling much of the distance through swamps, which had to be waded by the men.

On February 7th the 11th Iowa Infantry under Lt. Col. Ben Beach, marched from Midway to the bridge over the Edisto River, which was defended by the rebels, and compelled them to evacuate their position and destroy the bridge.

On February 16th, a detachment of the 13th Iowa Infantry, under command of Lt. Colonel Kennedy, accompanied by Lieuts. William H. Goodrell and H. C. McArthur, of the 15th Iowa, of my staff, crossed the Congaree River to Columbia, while a portion of the enemy were in the city; marched through town and planted, in advance of all others, the colors of that Regiment on both the old and new Capitol buildings. Col. Kennedy and his men deserve great credit for the successful accomplishment of this movement.

On March 20th, near Bentonville, N. C., the brigade went into position, and on the 21st a new line being established, the skirmish line was ordered to advance, which they did, driving the rebel skirmishers from their pits, and actually charging a heavy line of battle of the enemy, only retiring when opposed by an overwhelming force. Our loss on the skirmish line was 25. Few fields show more traces of severe fighting than the ground occupied by this gallant line.

My thanks are especially due Lieut. Wm. H. Goodrell, brigade picket officer, for the manner in which he handled his men on that day.

On the campaign the following amount of Railroad has been destroyed: Feb. 8th, 8½ miles of S. C. railroad, between Midway and the Edisto River; Feb. 13th, two miles of the Columbia Branch S. C. railroad, near Orangeburg; Feb. 18th, 1½ miles of the Charlotte railroad, between Columbia and Winnsboro; Feb. 19th, one mile of the Charlotte railroad; Feb. 20th, one mile of the same road; Feb. 22d, two miles of same road. Total 11 miles.

The duties of the campaign have been performed, and the trials of the march endured cheerfully by both officers and men, for which they have my thanks.

I am, Captain, very respectfully,
Your ob't servant,
WM. W. BELKNAP,
Brig. Gen. Comd'g 3d Brigade.

HEADQUARTERS 4TH DIV., 17TH A. C., NEAR COLUMBIA, S. C. Feb. 17, 1865.

BRIG. GEN. W. W. BELKNAP:—*Sir:* Allow me to congratulate you, and through you, Lt. Col. J. C. Kennedy, 13th Iowa Vet. Vols., and the men under his command, for first entering the city of Columbia on the morning of Friday, February 17th, and being the first to plant his colors on the Capitol of South Carolina. While the army was laying Pontoon bridges across the Saluda and Broad Rivers, three miles above the city, Lt. Col. Kennedy, under your direction, fitted up an old worn-out flat boat, capable of carrying about twenty men, and accompanied by Lieuts, H. C. McArthur and Wm. H. Goodrell, of your staff, crossed the river in front of the city, and boldly advanced through its streets, sending back the boat with another procured on the opposite shore for more troops and on their arrival, with seventy-five men in all, drove a portion of Wheeler's cavalry from the town, and at 11½ o'clock a. m. planted his two stand of colors, one upon the old, the other upon the new Capitol.

The swift current of the Congaree River, and its rocky channel rendered his crossing both difficult and dangerous, and the presence of the enemy, but in what force unknown, rendered the undertaking still more hazardous.

Lt. Col. Kennedy and his regiment are entitled to great credit for its successful accomplishment.

I have the honor to be, very respect'ly,
Your ob't servant,
GILES A. SMITH,
Brevet Maj. Gen. Comd'g.

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April 20—d6t. Savery House.

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If necessary he will forward papers of recommendation from Brot Major Genl Belknap, Brig^d Genl Hedrick, Gov Stone of Iowa Adjt Genl Baker of Iowa & Ex Gov Kirkwood and others which he informs me have volunteered to assist him in this way, when out of the service — For the favor of a reply to the above request that I may forward the same to him I will be under obligations

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

W. Reynolds Jr

P. O. Box 455

Dept of the Interior
General Land Office

P.S. I inclose W. N. Goodrel's correspondence & official orders

Washington D.C.

July 22nd 1865.

Reynolds H. Do.
Genl Land Office.

Recommends appt.
Hon H. Rodel 15th
Iowa Vol. for position
in Freedmen's Bureau.

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Hd. Qrs. 3d. Brigd. 4th. Div.
New Lowville N.Y.
July 22d. 65

Maj. Genl O. O. Howard
Washington D.C.
Genl

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Communication of the 15th. I was not aware that my Battery was mustered-out, & since writing to you I have rec.d a letter from it, which states that a portion only (the new recruits) was sent home, rather indicating that the organization was to be retained, & suppose moreover that it is liable to be mustered-out at any time.

The last regiment of my Brigade will be mustered-out tomorrow, or next day, when

I will be ordered to Buncombe & to report from there to the Adjt. Genl. for muster-out, or assignment. Of course I do not wish to go back to Battery Nor, & if I remain in service, will resign in preference to doing so.

I am only desirous of remaining in service at the present time, with a view of going into the new organization. I have passed the examination required by Order from Corps Hd. Qrs. & have been recommended by the Board for a Majority in Artillery. & if there is any prospect of securing a position, I did not wish to enter

into business till that was decided.

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The proposition which you mention as having made, you will recollect was very indefinite, as you simply remarked to me, in your room at the Astor, that if I suddenly found myself a citizen out your position to remember that you had made an application for me.

I assure you that I feel under deep obligations for your universal kindness, & can only hope that I may at some future time have an opportunity of reciprocating.

Very Respectfully
A. Hickenlooper

Near Louisville Ky.
July 22. 1866

Hickenlooper Co.
Bob Bing, Esq

Friendly letter,

Lee

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Concord N. H. July 22. 1871.

Dear General

Your reply to my last letter is received and is satisfactory. Accept my sincere thanks for it.

I cannot believe that the impressions of Gen. Grant – though my confidence in him is perfect – concerning Gen. C— are quite correct; but you could only act as you have done.

So far as I personally know the Assistants selected they are well chosen; and I feel a strong assurance that under your administration the Bureau is to be a great blessing to the colored citizens and to the whole country.

Very cordially, respectfully yours

G. W. Nesmith

Maj Gen. O. O. Howard.

Mount Holyoke, Mass.

My Dear

You replied to my last letter in seemed to be satisfactory. Accept my thanks for it.

I heard when that the injunction for Grant, Hard, Ordway & Co's benefit - running for a permanent; but you overlooking out in a hundred.

Go for a journal, know the contents should they be well chosen; and that a strong opinion that conclusion between the Bureau is to be effect depending to the whole country.

Yours truly respectfully your
[illegible]

Mr. O. O. Howard

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Mrs J. J. Dana
presents her kind regards to
Major Gen.l Howard
and would be glad to see
him with his son
tonight at 6. P. M., to
commemorate Louisa
Mecey's birth day, and
spend the evening of his
friends in a cool & pleasant
place. 119 Prospect St.
Georgetown, last house but one
on the St. next to the residence
of Mr Lenhoutz the Banker

Monday, July 23d

[1865?]

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Savannah Ga July 23d 1865

My dear General

I have delayed writing you for some time hoping to have something of interest to communicate but my opportunities for observation here have been limited to the City and its immediate surroundings. And I presume what could be said of the status of the freedmen here would apply equally well to all Southern departments. I have noticed them closely and it seems to me that is most needed by them is an increased number of Bureau officers by the Government whose duty it is to provide employment for them at proper wages and homes for the poor unfortunate who are unable to work. By conversing freely with the people here I and noticing the instructions which they almost unanimously manifest for the Negro free and the sneering way they speak of all efforts to enlighten and

distrust him. I have been able more fully to appreciate the great weight of responsibility the Government has put upon you. There seems to be a determination on the part of former Slaveholders to withhold their support of the Government in any manner they may by allowing their estates to lie idle and as they have lost many of their hired hands to drive the balance after them to be supported by the Government. There are hundreds without clothing or employment that draw their subsistence from the Commissary of this post. Who seem to be entirely without the encouragement or opportunity to labor which ought to be afforded them. This idleness although compulsory in a great degree is an argument used against them. And the ignorance and stupidity of the poor creatures who have hardly ever before been outside the boundaries of their own plantations is another. I have had my sympathies so strongly enlisted in their favor and have so much faith in the effect of kindness & encouragement with a proper system of labor and remuneration. that

Were I out of the Service I would make application to lease a plantation myself and give the Subject a fair trial -

Brig. Genl. Bronson is in command of this District is generally liked I believe - I hardly think his Sympathies have kept pace with the policy of the Government in relation to the Negro - My Regt is permanently attached to this post. Col. Hubbard has resigned which leaves me in command - You will be kind enough to inform me when I can render you any service.

Please Accept
My Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Royal E. Whitman
Lieut. Col. 5th Mass Cavalry

To
Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard

Savannah Ga
July 28th 1865

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Friendly letter.

No answer required
Col. Whitman's sept musterd out

Columbia, S.C. July 23, 1865

To Maj Genl O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir. I address you on the subject of which perhaps you may have some recollection whilst you were at this place.

Capt. Henry Hescoke of 1st Mo: Lt Arty Co. G. and 2d. Lt Alex M. Prince of the 1st Md. Cavalry living at 419 Saratoga Street Baltimore Md. were both under my care as Physician at the College Hospital here; and they gave me a paper addressed to you requesting that my property should not be burnt (as I could not be at home on account of attending to them as sick prisoners of War; and Genl. Stone promised to send a guard to my house; but forgot it, and consequently my house and office Medical Books furniture and clothing were all consumed, my wife you will recollect obtained the favor of two ambulances from you to convey her little that was saved to the Hospital also an order from you for a barrel of salt. I mention this so you may perhaps remember if either one of the above na-

=med gentlemen spoke to you of my mis=fortune as they promised me to see about it.

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My father is 93 years of age was Post=master at this place under Jackson and Van Buren my brother was then Postmaster under J. K. Polk, I now ask the favor of you to see Mr. Dennison P.M.General (if it meets your approbation) and state my case and ask him to give me the appointment of Postmaster at this place I have been Clerk in the P.O. for ten years doing my Father's and brother's occupying the post here and am well acquainted with the business. Mrs. Amelia Feaster who has been kind to the federal prisoners, whilst here is the wife of my wife's brother Mrs. F. is now in Philadelphia I will take it as a great favor if you will use your influence to obtain the appointment for me. I send you a copy of the papers mentioned in this letter.

Very Respectfully
Yr obt Servant.
Thomas Jeff. Rawls
M.D.

Maj. General
O. O. Howard,
Politeness of
Mr. Wing
Washington City
D. C.

Aug 20, 1866
Rec'd Aug 21
Ans Aug 30
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Schenck &c.