Boston July 21st 1845

General

Dear Sir:

Being about applying for a situation in the Custom House here, and it being requisite to have certificates of services and merit, I take this liberty of applying to you as the only General Officer now living except Gen. Ward, who knows of my services and the working of the dock. I have a good recommendation from Gov. Conely, in which he speaks of the 64th being originally 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 have now and have been for seven months at a great dis pense on account of the sickness of my wife, who I regret 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
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 since 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 your wife I remain as ever yours Very Truly
W.B. Lakeewan.
4F Long Wharf

Maj Gen’l O.T. Howard
Washington D.C.
Washington, July 22nd, 1865

Dear [Name],

It is very hot here in Washington this morning and I am greatly affected by the heat and will have to leave you at Augusta. Our house is as cool as possible and that is not saying much just now. Aunt Mrs. [Name] is intending to take her wife to Cincinnati starting Sunday night to be gone some three weeks. Mrs. W. has been very attentive to my health and taken him to the Quaker. Doctor [Name] and Miss [Name] have been most kind and considerate. Today they go to see the market. Sam has gone to work as steward again and has done

Yours truly,

[Signature]

[Name]
will. This has been in addition to his work for me personally, which is summarized in a letter and in the morning and evening at dressing.

I understand, but it is quite well and I think getting into some better condition there when he come. He is a very good long thinking, kind and intelligent man.

I think about him every minute of the day and night. I wish you all the health and success you can have. I wish you all the happiness and joy you can have. I wish you all the wealth and success you can have. I wish you all the health and happiness you can have.

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While Congress is the source from which the money must come to pay the demands of the government, I hope that the important subject of supplies will be promptly taken up by you as soon as you are informed of my intention to bring it before you. I am confident that in the Senate and you will be able to supply.

To Hon. Ben. Franklin
P.S. The circular will not be printed before next week when a copy will be sent to you. I should feel greatly honored if you would feel that any statement of the subject of this letter will be happy and all demands you may think desirable to make.

Washington, 17th June, 1865
Ralph

Bedford, 1st July, 1865
Dear Sir,

I saw my copy of the New York Times in the Morning Chronicle of the 22nd of April, 1864, in which a communication was published by me as the way to reach the solution of the great problem which is being urged, a little too much. I am not satisfied with the ground of the demand, but feel that the colored man and the white man who must support our free institutions of the government as the guide to the future.

The power vested in you as Commissioners of Agriculture will open to you the way to treat this subject with the seriousness it deserves.
demands as all that they will be in the future may come from the desire to establish these people in a permanent position on 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 it without the agency of the Government to what plan will it be adopted to lead to that result? To answer the question in a useful manner is not any presentation in my mind that I can improve upon it. Lending them, you are the owner of your farm. The object of my policy is that it has been my determination to make a mark in the history of the colored people of future that have nearly reached the object of my ambition. The conduct of the colored race with transition is the key to the principles by which I am governed. If I cannot but think that the same is true to the white men that is in your hands as I will endeavor to base which will be determined by the plan you may adopt in this behalf.

The disposal of the abandoned lands to those who may claim them is the turning point and may be come the subject of the highest importance. If the Savannah to provide for the freed men to retain their farms for them or five years it be supplied with means to plant provisions for their families under the guidance of some than to be adopted. It will enable them on the other hand to control the remainder of the plantations, making grist-mills who will tend 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 vitality of man's plantation depends upon a national organization of the freedmen into an industrial class to carry on the age culture of the South or at the same time manage their own affairs on the homestead. In every case where the owners of any land will tend grist-mills must carry it on as the only means to sustain the system of industry wherever it is established. The great principle of self-sufficiency is the mean of the limited area the national organization. The cities are beyond the reach of which the policy would be the greatest help to the example of the emancipated class. The service not in an offensive sense but is a weapon to bear down against the moral and the intelligent work which must be done for the elevation of the freedmen.
Washington City, D.C.
July 22nd, 1865

Major Gen'l C.C. Howard
Superintendant Bureau of Freedmen's Bureau
Washington, D.C.
General

I would respectfully ask if it be possible for you to give Capt. W. H. Goodell of the 15th Iowa Reg't 3rd Brig 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. Goodell 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 W. H. Goodell's service commenced with the Wilson Creek Battle under Gen'l Syon, in the 1st Iowa Reg't 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 & Julia was promoted to 1st Supt and has been with your Army from thence via Savannah up to Richmond and Washington D.C. He was recommended for promotion to a Captancy by his Commanding Officer Gen'l Belknap for the bravery and skill displayed in
brides went into position, and on the 23rd a line was fast established, the skirmish line was ordered to advance, and the enemy's main body, consisting of several regiments and supporting artillery, was driven into the river.

My thanks are especially due Lieut. Wm. H. Goodrich, brigadier general of the ordnance and transportation, for the services which he rendered me in the matter of the ordnance and transportation.

The duties of the campaign have been performed with great efficiency, and the trials of the march enabled chiefly by the officers and men, for which they are hereby thanked.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Wm. H. MEPHEDER
Brig. Genl. Commanding.

[Signature]

[Notes: Other documents and signatures]

Saratoga, N.Y., March 30th, 1865.
TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 1865

SMOKE'S ROUTE EAST.—Des Moines Valley Railroad open to Forts. Trains leave Forts at 7 a.m., arriving in Keokuk at 5 p.m., connecting with trains on the C. 8, & W. Adams Valley Railroads and with St. Louis Pacificas.

Passengers by Western Stages arrives at Forts morning train 6:30 A.M., arrives at Kedosh 8:30 P.M. Arrows in Chicago, Kansas City and Indianapolis at morning, and Cincinnati at 2:30 P.M.

Baggage should be at all principal points cash. Pay as you travel any other route. Ample bedding to all points east.

Freight and Ticket Office on 2nd east, opposite Court House, Des Moines. H. C. PLISS, Agent.

New Advertisements.

BOARDING.

A SMALL family, or three or four young men, could be accommodated with board and lodging in a pleasant and pleasant part of the city. April 25—5th.

LAIRD & CO.

ARE NOW RECEIVING THEIR SPRING STOCK OF DRY GOODS, BOOTS AND SHOES, HATS & CAPS, &C., &C.

Bought since he fell at Richmond.

COUNTRY MERCHANTS

A BIG stock of all and see quantities of goods on hand. April 25—6th.

GROCERY ROOM,

Where they can be supplied with all the goods the want in that line. April 25—7th.

SPECIAL ELECTION

FRANKLIN BUILDING.

TWO DOORS EAST OF THE POST OFFICE.

Des Moines, Iowa.

April 13, 1865—7th.

FRED. BECKER & CO., MANUFACTURERS OF Cigars, Snuff, Chewing and SMOKING TOBACCO.

NO. 30 WATER ST., BURLINGTON, IOWA.

April 25—8th.

NEW GOODS!

New Styles & New Prices at PERRY'S NEW MERCHANT TAILORING AND GENT'S FURNISHING GOODS' STORE.

(92 Courthouse and Second St., DES MOINES, IOWA.

T. PERREY WISHES TO INFORM THE people of Des Moines of the results of the new goods. The goods are opened, and will keep open to 1865. We are now in the first article of the line.

Cloths, Broadcloths, Fine & Fancy Cottons.

BORSKINS, COATINGS, VESTINGS.

And Gent's Furnishing Goods.

In Central Iowa. The Gent's Furnishing Goods will consist of every variety of goods usually kept in a first-class mercantile establishment.

READY MADE CLOTHING,

To which we invite the attention of Farmers and others.

GODD GOODS.

Made in order to the best style of the art, will not fail to give us a call. Goods made to order, either by number, or agreed to be delivered, or by number, or by number of goods manufactured.

FARM FOR SALE.

The above farm consists of 40 acres, and will be sold for the sum of $1,000. Des Moines, April 25—9th.
deploying and managing the advance skirmish line at Bentonville, he being Picket Officer. Enough has been said General to give you an idea of the services performed by one of your many brave boys, and now after over four years hard service, coming into a life as it were, to enable him to look around, he wishes me to apply for him to you for a position. He is a young man about 26 years of age & has a wife, good, steady, upright and honest, and I think would make a good and faithful assistant.

If necessary he will forward papers of recommendation from Brig. Genl Bellnap, Adjt Genl Hedrick, Gov Stone of Iowa, Asst 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 obligation.

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully

Your Old Servt

A. Reynolds Jr.

Dept of the Interior
General Land Office

P. P. I enclose A. N. Corson's correspondence & official orders.
H. L. 1st. Boro. H. H. H.
New York, July 25th.

Mc. Genl. O. O. Howard.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 13th.

I was not aware that my ballot was marked out, & knew nothing of the matter until writing to you. I have received a letter from it, which states that a portion only (the men veterans) was sent home, & that the balance was ordered to be retained. I suppose however that it is feasible to re-mustered one at any time.

The 1st. regiment of my Brigade will be mustered-out tomorrow, or next day, when
I will be ordered to quarters & to report from thence to the Adj't Genl. for muster out, or assignment. Of course I do not wish to go back to Monterey. Now, if it remain in service, will resign with preference to doing it.

I now only desire of removal living present at the time, with a view of going into the new organization. I have passed the examination required by Orders for Corps Qt. I have been recommended by the Board for a Major in Artillery.

I feel no desire of becoming a position, did not wish to settle.
into business told that was decided.

The proposition which you mention as having made, you will recall was very indefinite, as you kindly remarked to me in your room at the Hotel.

If suddenly found myself a citizen and in a position to remember that you had made an application for me.

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

Very respectfully,

[Signature]

D. H. [Handwritten]
Dear Louisville,

July 12th, 1866

Hickenlooper & Co.
Bob Bogg, etc.

Yours truly, [signature]

[Additional handwritten text on the left side of the page that is not legible due to the condition of the paper.]

Dear General,

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

I cannot believe that the impression of Gen. Grant—through my confidence in him as perfect—I name Gen. Can are quite correct, but you can only act as you know best.

So far as personally knows the Assistant Secretary they are well chosen, and I feel a strong opinion that cannot administrate the Bureau is to be a great blessing to the colored citizens and to the whole country.

Very truly, respectfully yours,

George

Maj. Gen. 0. C. Howard.
Mrs. J. J. Dana
present her kind regards to
Major Gen'l. Hancock,
whose name she has placed to her
with his son, Knight at 6 P.M. to
celebrate her birthday. Also to
meet the cheevers of his
friends in a cool and pleasant
place, 119 Prospect St.
Keeler's. Pass house but one
in the St. west to the residence
of My landlady. The weather
Monday, July 23rd
Savannah, Ga. July 25th, 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 that could be said of the status of the former in the manner applied to all southern Departments. I have noticed them closely and it seems to me what is most needed by there is an increase number of houses, a better class of Negro houses, a better class of Negroes, a better class of Negro houses, and a better class of Negroes. And then for the poor unfortunate who are unable to work by owning freely with the people here. I am noticing the conditions rather than almost unnecessarily manifest for the Negro free and the sympathy with their states 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 shareholders to withdraw their support of the Government in America. To alleviate their estates to lie idle and as they have lost many of their best hands to advise the balance after them to be supported by the Government. There are hundreds of Trustee Clothing or land grant that claim their subsistence from the Commissioners, this just who seem to be entirely without the encouragement or offers made to balance which ought to be afforded them. This idea of although compulsory in a great degree is an argument used against them. And the ignorance and stupidity of the Trustees who have dared say before them outside the boundaries of their own plantation another. I have had my sympathies for is only enlisted in their faces and have so much faith in the effects of kindness and encouragement. With all profound appreciation of labor and remuneration.
From the army of the service I would make application to have a position
myself and join the regular army.

Frederick Remmen is in command of this district and generally held in
esteem. I hardly think his signature should
be placed with the policy of the commissioners.

In relation to the Negro, my belief is
peronality attached to this work. Col.
Hollings has Negroes which have been
in command. You will be kind enough
to inform me when I can render you
any service.

Dear Sir,

My Respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]

[Address]
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 H. South of 1st M. D. Art. Co. G. and 2nd Lt. John U. Prince of the 1st Md. cavalry living at 415 S. Front street Baltimore Md. were both under my care as Physician at the college Hospital here, and they gave me a paper addressed to your requesting that my receipt should not be burnt (as I could not be at home on account of attending to their as sick prisoners of War and close by the stone produced to send a guard to my house, but forgot it and lost the paper). My house and office were all demolished, my wife you will direct the matter 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 to you may perhaps it may come in useful one of the above was...
My father is 93 years of age. He was Post Master at this place under Jackson and Van Buren, my brother was then Post Master under J.K. Polk, I now ask the favor of you to see Mr. Dennison P.H. Friend (If it meets your approbation) and state my case and ask him to give me the appointment of Post Master at this place. I have been post master in the Post for ten years during my father's and brother occupying the post here and am well acquainted with the business. Mr. Gould, stranger who has been kind to the federal prisoners whilst there is the wife of my older brother Mrs. It is now in Philadelphia. I will take it as a great favor of 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,

Capt. A. R. Bristow.

Thomas Jeff. Rector. M.D.