
2771 7/24/1865 *From:* Ch. J. Dalloz

To: Major General O.O.
Howard

OOH-2715

Source: Bowdoin

New Orleans Tribune,
No. 21 Conti St.,
New Orleans

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New Orleans Tribune,
No. 21 Conti St.,
New Orleans, July 24, 1865

Major General O.O. Howard, Commissioner
of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands.
General,

From this day forward the N.O. Tribune will be sent to you. I take the Liberty to State that the Tribune takes a particular interest in the welfare of the freedmen, and is the only paper in Louisiana that exposes the wrongs perpetrated against them. We hope that you will find in it a faithful picture of facts – as they are.

I am, General, your
Obedient Servant,
Ch. J. Dalloz,
for the editorial corps of the N.O. Tribune.

2772 7/24/1865 *From:* A. Chester

To: Maj. Gen. [OO] Howard

OOH-2716

General Land Office
Washington

Source: Bowdoin

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General Land Office
Washington July 24, 65

Maj. Gen. Howard
Dear Sir

I have rec'd from Boston a package of Pamphlets under the "frank" of Hon Senator Wilson, with a request that I should make such disposition of them as I deemed best. As they constitute a series of five different pamphlets, I have taken the liberty of enclosing you one set of them. Their character you will discover at a glance, and it may be of interest to you, if not already in possession of them, to have them at hand, as I understand they, with others not yet in print, will be extensively circulated throughout the Country.

With great respect
Your Obt Servt
A. Chester
Vice Pres National <Union> League

2773 7/24/1865 *From:* James G. Brom

To: Maj Gen OO Howard

OOH-2717

Dalton Ga

Freedmans Bureau

Source: Bowdoin

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Dalton Ga July 24th 1865

Maj Gen OO Howard
Freedmans Bureau
General,

I have the honor to state that I have written you twice, and respectfully to ask whether you have received them.

General
Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
James G. Brom

2774 7/24/1865 *From:* Wm. H. Morris

To: Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard

OOH-2718

Home Journal Office
New York

Source: Bowdoin

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Home Journal Office
New York 24th July '65

Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard
Dear General

May I have the honor of using your name for the last page of the enclosed circular?

Gen Swaine was kind enough to say he would give you a set of my books for me, as he would see you. If he did not, I will take pleasure in sending you another set.

I am, dear General
Very cordially yours,
Wm. H. Morris

[Written upside down on the last page in a different hand.]
New York July 24th '65
Morris W.H. B.G.
Asks approval of his tactics for Infty
Answd

2775 7/24/1865 *From:* Myron J. Amick

To: Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard

OOH-2719

Chicago Illinois

Source: Bowdoin

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Chicago Illinois
July 24th 1865

Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard
Sir,

I have the honor herewith to make inquiries concerning my anticipated appointment in the Regular Service, also a communication sent to you in regard to a Cadet-Ship in the Military Accademy at West Point - neither of which I have not been able to hear from.

I am now at home with my Friends. They are all glad to see me. They have heard through the Journals of the services I have rendered, but have failed to see where the Government has appreciated them. I may be making bold in claiming military preferment, but I think that I claim nothing more than my services demand and what I hope I am qualified to fill.

I do not wish you to think that I would sensure you in not trying to secure my promotion, as I have looked upon you as one of my best Friends while I had the honor to be in your command, and this is the reason why I have made so bold in addressing you upon this matter.

If the choice is left to me I would prefer a Cadet Ship.

In a few days after hearing from you I think I will be in Washington.

For the interest you have taken in my behalf I hope I may never prove ungrateful.

I am Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Myron J. Amick

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2776 7/24/1865 *From:* P.S. Perley

To: My Dear [OO] Howard

OOH-2720

Henry, Illinois

Source: Bowdoin

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Henry, Illinois, July 24, 1865.

My Dear Howard,

Your letter of the 10th instant was duly received and I was glad to hear from you and to learn that you had written me before though I did not get your letter. I was glad to see set down over your own signature that you had not changed toward me under your changed circumstances. If you have not forgotten me in these years of war you never will. I meet men here every day who have served under you and hold you in high regard, as soldiers do every good officer and it does me good to hear them commend you as a good officer, a pet of Shermans, and the best engineer in the army. I did not really hope you could do anything for me, had but little hope at any rate and so am not much disappointed. A clerkship at Washington I would not have if it paid twice what it does. I am boarding now – I at one place and my wife and Bruce and girl baby at another. He well. How many children have you now and where is your wife? Do you ever see Perry in Washington? Jennings O. was a Union man, was here last fall, and lives now at Little Rock Ark. I shall write you sometimes.

Yours as ever and truly,
P.S. Perley

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

Henry, Illinois
July 24th 1865
Perley, P.S.
Friendly letter

2777 7/24/1865 *From:* B. F. Perry

To: General [OO] Howard

OOH-2721

Willards Hotel

Source: Bowdoin

[70, 71] [CHECK ORIGINAL –Entire letter difficult to read due to the handwriting and bleed through.]

Willards Hotel
July 24 1865

General Howard
Dear Sir

I desired to have an interview with you very much to ascertain your views in regard to the Freed men of South Carolina.

I should like to have instruction from you in regard to my duty as Provisional Governor in relation to the Freed men - <> see that they have justice done them by their former owners. I believe that this <tone> is the <general> feeling of the State. My anxiety is to preserve the peace of South Carolina & prevent any collision <> between the two classes.

I will give you <> <> I leave in the morning for South Carolina - my head quarters will be Greenville Court House S.C. where you can address me.

As to any general <cooperation> all over the state it would be unequal as their labor is more solvable in some portions of the State than in others. It seems to me that General Schofield advised in North Carolina on the best here soon.

I am with great respect your &c

B. F. Perry [Benjamin Franklin Perry]
Prov. Gov. SC

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

Washington
July 24, 1865
Perry B.F.

Pro. Gov. of South Carolina

Requests instruction in regard to his duty towards the freedmen of South Carolina

2778 7/24/1865 *From:* Francis C. Barlow
Mgr Gen.

To: Major General [OO]
Howard

OOH-2722

Brookline
Massachusetts

Source: Bowdoin

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Brookline Massachusetts
July 24 / 65

My dear General

I do not know whether the news papers give a correct account of affairs in the Southern states but if they speak the truth some of the military commanders do not believe much in the "darkey" & do not give your Bureau much assistance.

You know the interest I have always taken in these Freedmens affairs & I have just written to the Secretary of War asking him to assign me to a command in the Southern states & suggesting that at the same time I might be made Superintendent of Freedmen in my District. If you think of any way in which I can help your general plans by holding a military command or otherwise. Will you let me know or see the Secretary or the subject. I should prefer being assigned to South Carolina or Georgia.

My address is
Brookline Massachusetts

Truly
Francis C. Barlow
Mgr Gen.

Major General Howard
&c &C

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

Brookline Mass
July 24th 1865
Barlow Francis C
Friendly letter
Adopted

2779 7/25/1865

From: Davis Tillson

To: Major Genl O.O. Howard

OOH-2723

Office Supt R.F.&A.L.
Sub District Memphis

Chief Bureau R.F.&A.L.
Washington D.C.

Source: Bowdoin

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Office Supt R.F.&A.L.
Sub District Memphis July 25, 1865

Dear General

Your kind letters of the 17th & 210th both received yesterday for which please accept my thanks. I begin to fear that I may have troubled you unnecessarily, especially by my last letter sent by Genl Roberts. I supposed from the orders before me, that my own was an exceptional case, that no one with my rank was similarly placed, and that it was simply an oversight which if not corrected might be humiliating to myself and embarrassing to you. If as you state this is not the fact, I have no unwillingness to serve in my present place. In fact I very much prefer an important Dist which I can have under my immediate observation, to a larger field of duty in which I should be compelled to trust more to the discretion of subordinates. I prefer success in a small sphere to failure in a larger one. If the War Dept knows and understands what I am doing and approves of so I am content. I am very far from allowing any ambitious desire for place or power to <> trouble <sive>. I cannot but regard my assignment to duty as Providential, and if not relieved in a similar way, I shall hardly feel at liberty to decline to serve in a place where so much ought to be done, especially from any motives of personal ambition.

My object in my former letters recommending the enlargement of my Dist by adding northern Miss. & Eastern Ark, was first to make my Dist correspond to my rank and afford additional reason for serving in such a position should it be calling in question, and secondly because Memphis is the commercial centre of the country. The employees come here and the freed people also. More than one half of all the applications for assistance and information I have have come from the States names. Their citizens, for very evident reasons, declare their preference for doing their business with the Bureau, at this city and in several instances have stated their intention of writing yourself or Presdt Johnson asking to be set off to this Dist. Frankly General, if this can be done I really believe it would be for the best interests of the Bureau, and I would rather have the Dist so made up, than to be Asst Commr of a State. Personally I am pleasantly situated here and would rather have such a Dist than the the whole State of Tenn and go to Nashville to make my Head Quarters.

My relations with General Smith are very cordial. He is an honest just man, disposed to see facts in their just light and in their true proportions. I enclose a slip from the Memphis Commercial & also from Argus showing that my efforts to maintain pleasant relations with the civil authorities have not proved unsuccessful. I have reached this fortunate result by trying earnestly to be governed by, and to exhibit a spirit of fairness and justice. I have great confidence in the good effects that will flow from a display of good temper and firmness, and endeavor to govern myself accordingly.

Please have the medical officer promised in your letter of the 20th sent to me as soon as possible. I need his services very much. I should also like very much to have a supply of blank contracts to be used by the employers of the freed people at your earliest convenience.

I am Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servant.
Davis Tillson
Brig. Genl Vols & Supt &c

Major Genl O.O. Howard
Chief Bureau R.F.&A.L.
Washington D.C.

[Written sideways at the bottom of the last page, written in a different hand.]
Memphis Tenn.
July 25th 1865
Tillson D

Brig. Genl.
Friendly letter

2780 7/25/1865 *From:* J. G. Blaine

To: Maj. Gen [OO] Howard

OOH-2724

Augusta Me

Source: Bowdoin

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Augusta Me,
25 July 1865

My Dear General,

Among those who early cast their influence in favor of elevating the negro to a man in this war was Brig. Gen. H.G. Thomas of Portland.

He has achieved a gallant reputation as a soldier and is a refined & educated gentleman.

I am sure he would prove a most valuable adjunct in your labors for the Freedmen, and I commend him with confidence to your friendship & yr favor.

Always Sincerely yours
J. G. Blaine

Maj. Gen Howard
&c.

2781 7/25/1865 *From:* Mrs V. Duncan

To: Gen [OO] Howard

OOH-2725

Norfolk

Source: Bowdoin

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Norfolk July 25th 1865

Gen Howard

Dear Sir

Words cannot express my feelings of gratitude to one who has been so kind and prompt in restoring my little property. It would be doing violence to my feelings not to express my obligation to you and should an opportunity offer the favour will be most cheerfully returned.

As soon as my means admit I shall ask the acceptance of some token as a remembrance of my regards towards you.

I remain

Most Respectfully

Mrs V. Duncan

2782 7/25/1865 *From:* C.H. Howard

To: Dear brother [OO
Howard]

OOH-2727

Hd. qrs. Port Beaufort

Source: Bowdoin

Hd. qrs. Port Beaufort
July 25 1865

Dear brother

It is too late & I have no time to write except to say that my military duties prevented my going North this steamer but if I can get a Leave I intend to go upon the next, in 8 days & hope to meet you in Maine.

Col. Fullerton has gone to Savannah & possibly to Florida as he has been gone ever since yesterday. Hope Gen. Saxton will come soon & with new vigor for his Dept. is sorely in need of new energy.

Your Affectionate brother
C.H. Howard

2783 7/25/1865 *From:* Annie P Lee

To: My dear Mr [OO] Howard

OOH-2728

Charlotte

Source: Bowdoin

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Charlotte July 25th 1865

My dear Mr Howard

I received your letter some time ago and wold have answered it ere this but my time is very much occupied as I have to work very hard washing, cooking and all sorts of things, since the Freedmens arrangement has prevailed to such a large extent among the poor deluded negroes, my only servant left me, which proved his extensive gratitude for past favors, but which did not surprise me at all and now my situation is a poor one, not a cent in the world, no provisions, and two little children to feed, clothe and educate, unless some of my old army friends at the North will assist me I shall want to starvation I must for my little ones by the kind assistance of old friends at the North to whom I shall write and by them to aid my Inn write to you to find out upon what terms a person can get their lands back that have been taken from us, for all I own is some Land at Port Royal So Ca. which belongs to my children and if I can get this in possession I will sell it and use the money for their especial use, I will do most anything before I will see them fall heir to the fate I see plainly staring us in the face, please write me what ever you can on this subject for I am anxious to know as we are without everything in this world.

Give my love to Mrs Howard, I remain your friend,
Annie P Lee

2784 7/25/1865 *From:* W.M. Beebe Jr

To: Dear General [OO
Howard]

OOH-2729

Beaufort, S.C.

Source: Bowdoin

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Beaufort, S.C.
July 25th 1865

Dear General:

I arrive here only yesterday from my leave of absence, and found your letter concerning mine to Gen'l Hazen on the subject of promotion awaiting my return.

I am grieved beyond expression, General, that I should have written any thing to Gen'l Hazen, or indeed to any one which should seem like a complaint of neglect. I will acknowledge that when I heard of one officer after another with whom I had been associated, receiving brevet promotion, it seemed to me that my friends would think my services had been considered of less value than those of my comrades. There were never friends in whose estimation I deserved to stand as high as possible, firstly, and who, I knew would be pleased with such a mark of past services.

Whatever my feelings were, expressed in that letter, or whatever you may have inferred, I trust General you will forget. I never can forget, or fail to be grateful for your kindnesses to very dear and near friends, and never will, if I ever have, fail to remember your kindness, and friendly interest in me while under your command.

I had the pleasure of reading your very kind letter introducing me to Dr Monroe, for which accept my thanks. My visit in Maine was a delightful one. I regret that I could not see you during my visit North.

I spent last evening with Col. Howard at his house. He is quite well and busily engaged upon an examining board, before which I am shortly to appear. He will go North soon I think.

With high esteem, I am,
General, Your obt Servant
W.M. Beebe Jr
Lt. Col. &c

[Written on the last page, in a different hand. Some comments were written in pencil, partially unreadable, so it was not transcribed.]

Beaufort S.C.
July 25, 1865
Beebe W.M. Jr
Lt. Col. &c
Personal Letter
A.B. p.110

2785 7/25/1865

From: George P. Ihrie

To: Genl. O.O. Howard

OOH-2730

Irving House, N.Y. City

Washington, D.C.

Source: Bowdoin

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Irving House, N.Y. City
25th July, 1865

To
Genl. O.O. Howard, U.S.A.
In charge &c &c
Washington, D.C.
General:

If you wrote me last Friday, in reply to my second communication, (of Thursday the 20th inst.) you will see from the enclosed scrap, your letter has probably been so damaged by water as to preclude its delivery.

I much regret this accident but hope you will not find it inconvenient to duplicate your answer.

The promptness and courtesy of your first reply causes me to believe you were similarly prompt in answering the second.

Respectfully yours
George P. Ihrie
Late Col., A.A.D.C. & I.G.
U.S.A.

[Written on the last page, in a different hand.]
N.Y. Leitz
25 July 1865
Ihrie George P
States southern mail lost.