Hattiesburg, Miss.
July 26th, 1866

Dear General,

I am going home to New Orleans this evening on the Steamer Peachtree. I have finished my examination of Mr. Colfenton's drafts, all except writing the line. I will stop at it on my way up the river. I will ride to New Orleans many times too. At this rate I am not sure if I shall not stay on the river much longer.

I shall see LeBron. I will give his books and papers a thorough looking over.
Will see everything he has to show me in or around the city. I do not feel able to go into the interior of the State. I wrote you a long letter yesterday evening as to the condition of the Hindmans in this city. I hope you may receive as well as the other letters I have written from different points. I see by the papers that my regiment is to be mustered out of the service on the 18th instant, so I judge from the decision of the Adjutant General that I stand up for an officer on that day. I know my orders lie, Henry Taylor. George Rod have gone home.
Before this turn I tat there is
my one to care for my horses,
I do not wish to trouble you
with such small matters but
if you think of it, please ask
Capt. Sewell Gibbons or some one
of the officers to put some
one to look can of them
until I return.

My kindest regards to
all.

Respectfully yours,

Ch. E. Strong
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Washington, D. C., July 26th, 1865.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard, U. S. A.,
Sup't Bureau of Freedmen:

Please find enclosed a Circular, and after perusal, please express in a written form your views upon the utility and practicability of the plan, that we may have the benefit of your distinguished name. I have just returned from the Eastern States, and from frequent inquiries of prominent citizens there, as to the opinions you entertain upon this matter, I believe you will render your friends and the general community, as well as the Company, a valuable service, by such an expression of your views.

Your obedient servant,
C. A. Stevens
General Agent.
New Orleans
July 24th 1863

Maj. General Howard

Dear Sir,

Permit me to resume on a little acquaintance formed whilst acting as Special Correspondent of the N.Y. Tribune with your army in N.C. and call your attention to some recent Despatches, in reference to your demands. What have been done by the N.Y. Tribune.

Slavery is at War with you here, and unless there is radical change in the Civil State Government I do not know what will become of us. Time must pass for that will make you a greater length, 2012.

Your obedient Servant

Richard B. Shelly
Special for N.Y. Tribune.

P.S.

Think Conway wrong in removing Plunket. Another has done same as is capable of extending the benefits of the school system as Plunket.
Fortaleza, Maine
July 26, 1865

upon Gen. O. O. Howard
Supp. Foremost Bureau

General

Brig. Gen. H. G. Thomas informs me that he would like to be assigned to duty in connection with the Bureau under your command.

I have been so situated as to be able to speak confidently from personal knowledge and observation of those qualities in the character of General Thomas which I think peculiarly fit him for such a command. He is uncommonly energetic and industrious and possesses much executive and administrative ability. He is firm and decided yet
even in his temper and just and impartial to subordinates.

He has commanded a Brigade of colored troops and I found
him to be a remarkably successful Brigade Commander as coincides by
the good discipline and general good condition of his command
in all respects.

I can say with sincerity and confidence that I consider
him eminently well qualified for the discharge of the peculiar
duties imposed upon an officer
having charge of the interests
of the freedmen.

With great respect
I have the honor to be
Yours, etc.,

W. Shepley
Phil a July 26th 1865

Maj Gen O.C. Howard

Sir,

I am in receipt of the transportation you were so kind to grant me and for which I will accept my sincere thanks. I shall ever feel myself indebted to you for furnishing me with the means of reaching my home and family from whom I have been so long separated.

Respectfully yours,

W. H. McCracken
Chattanooga, Tenn., July 26, 1865.

Maj. General O.C. Howard, Washington, D.C.

Dear General,

In the event of an increase of the Regular Army, I intend to apply for promotion such as my services and standing in the Army entitle me to.

If you can send me a letter addressed to the Secretary of War which will add to my claim for promotion I will be much obliged.

Very truly yours,

John G. Tidball

Major and Acting 4th Capt. 4th U.S. Art.
Buttermilk Falls
27th July 1867

Dear friend General Howard:

As you remember among the best, most faithful friends of Jesus, the Methodists of this Village, one lady a Miss Ryder: I have there was a Christian, she is one.

Well, she had two boys when you were here, the eldest not twenty, the younger Isaac, a fair little fellow, used to read to my poor papa before he went away. The eldest enlisted in Sept. 1861 and was killed before Petersburg the 7th of April '65. "Sky" enlisted on West Point, for five years in February '66, was not seventeen till the next July, amere
hear from you as soon as convenience, as a mother's tears are falling and her prayers are rising to God for the restoration of her boy to her arms.

How and where are your precious ones? Is Miss X well? Our best love to her. For you both.

Our most affectionate and grateful remembrances!

I have not heard from cousin Willie in quite a month and do not know where he is. Do you? You see I am seeking an answer to so many questions.

Ever truly grateful,

P.S. Mama says,

Our most fervent prayers. Heaven bless you and shall always follow you for heaven's richest and choicest blessings on you and all you love.
boy you see! Now this bereaved
mother prays to have her remaining
son back safely, as she nobly says,
"Since his country does not need
such a child any longer, she wants
him!" She is at or near Petersburg.
I know your heart will feel for him
but cannot do more. Canst you
bring influence to bear to send him
home? He is so much under age
he can learn a trade by the time he
is twenty-one. If you only could
help her! Restore her darling to her
arms, it would make her so happy.
Their splendid boy his unburied friend.
Petersburg—give her the consolation
you have in your power.
If T. DAVIS or Charles Sedgwick
of Syracuse are at Washington it
may be they can aid in this, I know
they would if you will tell them; men-
tion my name as asking it, I presume
you can do it yourself. May I
Buttermilk Falls
July 27th 1866

My dear Sir,

Request efforts be made for the delivery
of Isaac Ryder.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
Columbia, S.C., July 27, 1865

Maj. Gen'l. Howard:

My Dear Sir,

Your very kind and never-to-be-forgotten answer to my Letter of application will never cease to be remembered by me. You state that there is no way in which citizens would be compensated for their labors as enlisted men of the Army is to do the duty. I thank you kindly for your trouble, in my behalf, also accept my mother's prayer for your welfare. The fact alone, if you replying to my letter is characteristic of a gallant, noble, Veteran Soldier of many a hard-fought Battle field, to a poor insignificant being like myself. You did render me service - yes great service on the eventful night of the burning of Columbia S.Ca. And remember when you are far away, and your name - the name of "Howard" is mentioned in conjunction with the burning of that once proud city - remember that you have at least one representative to stand up and say: "Maj. Howard, never was, nor never will be guilty of a mean action. I hope you will pardon me for trespassing when your few leisure moments, I've made application to the President of the U.S. for the office of Post-Master of the city of "Columbia" and if you can aid me in any way, feel I'll be very thankful to you for your kindness, I can give the best of references, among
Which is Hon. Geo. M. Botts and other distinguished men of Va. and also this State. Hoping you will do all in your power for me, tho' a stranger to you I will be under an everlasting obligation to you. I've filled the place of Post-Master at Rockbridge Alum Springs Va. and that too to 1700 people satisfactorily.

I have the honor to be most respectfully yours,

obedt Servt & friend

F. H. Lefors.

Columbia, So. Ca.
Richmond 7th Month 27
1885

Gen O. O. Howard
Rep. Prent

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of 27th inst. Or our Mutual Friend Mr. Graham, suggesting the matter to me. I noted the Co. whose representatives told me that they would deduct the amount of $5,000 off next payment of $5,000 and the account of $5,000. I shall advise them in my turn and how at that time. When ceased would it not be advisable for the Hon. to increase the insurance to $5,000 as originally proposed? I don't mind the necessity for the now to, in order to obtain a policy for the additional of $3,000 if to obtain a certificate from a Medical man, this health has not been.
expansively having been in the Army or something to that effect. If you conclude on this occasion I shall send you a blank to set filed as I have no doubt prefer the monopoly of your plan. Lean on me with all the necessary information.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

J. H. B. Bell
No. 136 Amity St. Brooklyn
Thursday Afternoon.

My Dear Friend,

I desired to express sooner to you my appreciation of your cour-
tesy and to assure you that I ap-
plaud with the greatest reluctance,
realizing perfectly your exigent
position, and my want of claim
only a Brother's urgent need
could have compelled me to the ef-
fort.

When your answer came, I con-
curred in it with my whole heart
for to feel that the Colonists had th-
Last night—Then I would have written, but my Brother had decided to go to Washington, and ask a favor of you, and I would not seemingly unprofile him.

Well, you know any more was "delighted" by your kindness, and that I shall welcome any opportunity of reciprocating it.

I feel as sure that any dear God is so thoroughly conscientious in word and deed, and strong temperament, he seems to lack at the even to other than a Sister par-

itual eyes—save that which you, and I consider "the one thing ne-

ful" you have aided others to suck, and find St. th...
Howard—will you not say a
word—sometimes in your inter-
course with Leum & Co.

Mrs. Sargent wrote me a day or
two since, and spoke of your Mo-
ther's hope of 'having all her chil-
dren with her most month'—I
trust her desire may be realized
and how much will your Pleas
be enhanced by the thought of the
restoration of peace to our beloved
Country, in which our Heavenly
Father 'counted you worthy' to
be signal a part.

With kind remembrances to all
your family.

Believe me, yours sincerely

Thomazine M. Heany

July 17th. 1865.
Brooklyn, N.Y.
July 27th, 1863.

Kearney Miss. Va.
Dear General,

I have been to see you this morning, but found you out. I have communicated with the mayor of Alexandria, and he expresses himself perfectly willing to transfer all cases affecting civil courts to a Provost Court, and states that if such a Court is established the Virginia Court will take cognizance of any such cases. I propose to establish such a Court and think it will settle all the difficulties. I hope this be satisfactory to you.

Robert E. Lee

C. L. August