
2870 8/25/1865 *From:* Lyman Abbott

To: Maj. Gen. [OO] Howard

OOH-2814

Portland Me.

Source: Bowdoin

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Portland Me. 25 Aug 1865

Maj. Gen. Howard
Dear Sir,

I recd your reply to my last letter a few days ago. I fully concur with you in your views as to the duty of govt. I earnestly oppose all attempts from whatever quarter to demand of govt. recompense for the necessary inflictions of war. I simply thought that the quarter master at Knoxville might have the means to make some partial repairs, of benches & woodwork, which would greatly help the people to recommend their school, without involving govt in much, if any, expense.

I thank you much for your suggestion as to teachers. We shall comply with it.

I write to renew my invitation. A public meeting will be held here Sabbath eve'g 3d Sept. I have had a conference with some citizens here & they are very anxious to hear from you. Our object is to set before the people in every practicable way the importance of the duties which the new era lays upon them. If you are in the State I still hope you may be able to spend the Sabbath in Portland. You will probably receive an additional invitation from one of a committee appointed here to arrange for this meeting. A letter addressed to me care of J. W. Perkins & Co Portland Me will reach me.

I do not wish however to add anything to your voluminous correspondence. And it is not necessary for you to answer this. Suffice it to say if you are able to speak to the citizens of Portland on this subject a week from next Sabbath I am sure you will be very warmly welcomed by all the people –by none more so than by -

Yours Very Truly
Lyman Abbott

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

Portland, Maine

August 25th 1865

Abbot, Lyman

Requests address at meeting to be held Sept 3d, 1865.

[Stamp] Bureau R.F.&A.L. WASHINGTON RECD AUG 31 1865

2871 8/25/1865

From: H Hayes

To: My Dear Farwell

OOH-2815

Source: Bowdoin

Office of Examining
Board of
Quartermasters
Louisville Kentucky

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Office of Examining Board of Quartermasters
Louisville Kentucky
August 25, 1865

My Dear Farwell,

I just took out your note of the 21 inst. I had written two letters since I heard from you, and wondered where you could be. Absent in Washington that great vortex of sin, sorrow, swindling, & swagging and their opposites I suppose, as rectitude enjoyableness, integrity, straight-forward-dealing &c &c in which latter category, you and I count, because we have found to be happy is to be virtuous.

A few days ago I sent in my resignation, offering thus to close out the business upon which I entered three years ago very much with your help. The service presents no regrets, my duty has been well performed. I have never asked for preferment. And my department has been such as to admit of no brilliant doings. Yet no engagements devolved upon me, has been unperformed. No movement has been defeated by my shortcomings or neglect, or of those under me. I have had greater responsibility than most Major Generals and my Command has embraced more than seven miles of continuous transportation with many hundreds of men and scores of subordinate officers. The enemy has in three years captured only one of my wagons, and it took the whole of Hoods army to do that, aided by the blundering of our own side. Hence I have been lucky, and though not distinguished in newspaper-sense I am happy, self-satisfied and dont care.

My accounts have been well rendered. The Government has nothing to collect off of my bond. Nor have I made a cent except my legitimate pay, while I have cursed scoundrels & <sharpeys> who sought to make gain through my connivance. I am not aware that my name has once been honorably mentioned in reports nor has it been dishonorably coupled with the slightest suspicion of misdealing. Pretty good for a Quartermaster to say isnt it?

"In medio tutissimus ibis", which means steer between Scylla & Charybdis.

And now to go in to business is my great anxiety, the subject of some correspondence, and no little prayer, which is the means of correspondence with the Divinity that shapes our ends, and whose will prescribes the lot of his creatures.

I want to see you and have a good talk, get your notions, of things I take inter alia. When I got your letter this morning, the following things occurred. Railroads, Mining, Agriculture, Law, Politics, Petroleum, Immigration, Lands, Contracts &c, or something of the kind he has got into his head. Idaho? Idaho?? I asked where is it, but by reference to say who I find. "Extent from Eastern Boundary Oregon to 27° Long W. from Washington, & from Lat 42° to 46° – 125,000 sq m. Florence is largest town 3000 or 4000 Pop. Gold on Salmon & Nez Perce Rivers. Good wagon road from Ft Benton to Walla Walla 624 miles." It is to be a state this winter is it not? Somebody must be Senator & Member in Congress. Will you go? To tell what I have thought, it may be said that some plan of going to Chicago entered my head, - to commence a miscellaneous business there at first. I had thought to get the agency of several Insurance Companies – some old demands against Illinois people, held by Eastern men to do what I might, in fact. My experience had been against small places to settle in. One soon gets to the end of the rope and if, of not easily satisfied temperament, chafes, wears a deep path on the perimeter of his tether, is apt to get seedy, get babies, get rusty, moss covered, and the dry-rot. Hence I had rather <pinch> in activity & excitement than have a full belly in a quiet place. This comes of soldiering, and the irritability of the times, and is a predisposition with men of any parts, who have taken a hand in this war of principles – not yet closed – simply because one party disarmed the other. The spirit of animosity would still eject itself from the mouths of guns and steam from the point of the sword – were not the guns & swords taken from the South..

I know them, damn 'em. To crush rebellion does not crush the sentiment, so history says. They are now making the fight on the negro, and the North must stand to the negro, judiciously – but not to the extent to create reactions they ought not to have. Write me fully, if you will.

Yours very truly
H Hayes [Hiram Hayes]

Is there not a large Life Insurance Co at Augusta with heavy Capital & good <bottom>. Do you suppose I could get an agency for it? For I <dahr> go elsewhere>. I mention that because I am picking up information of such business.

Mrs Hayes is visiting at <Supenn>, our old place – will return soon. I have applied for leave to go to Washington to settle my <afs>, and will write you after. Kind regards to Mrs Farwell.

2872 8/25/1865 *From:* H. E. Paine

To: Gen O.O. Howard

OOH-2816

Milwaukee

Source: Bowdoin

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Milwaukee Aug 25 1865

General

This will be presented by Mr S.S. Booth of this city, and early and eminent advocate of your principles in this state, one of the defendants in the widely know "lover Rescue" trials and a man of marked energy and ability.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
H. E. Paine

Gen O.O. Howard

[Enclosure]

Newhall House
Kingsbury & Johnson
Proprietors
Milwaukee, Aug 25, 1865

Maj Genl OO Howard
Sir

The bearer of this Mr S S Booth of this city is desirous of some position in the Freedmans Bureau. Mr Booth has suffered long imprisonment for his efforts in behalf of the bondman in years past. He is a man of great energy, & activity and thoroughly devoted to the cause. I hope it may be in your power to grant his request or to aid him in the matter.

Very Respectfully
L Cutler [Lysander Cutler]
Late Bvt Maj Gnl
in Army Potomac

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

Milwaukee
Aug 25th 1865
Paine H.E.

Introducing Mr S.S. Booth, and recommending him to the favorable notice of Genl Howard. Enclosure from L. Cutler (Late Bvt. Maj. Genl) to same effect.

[Note. Sherman Booth was a defendant in the case of Joshua Glover, an escaped slave from Missouri who was arrested in Milwaukee under the Fugitive Slave Act. Booth organized a large group of citizens to protest the arrest. The group was able to free Glover, who escaped to Canada. Booth was charged with aiding and abetting the escape. He was imprisoned off and on for many years in association with this affair.]

2874 8/25/1865 *From:* John T. Lockman

To: O.O. Howard
Maj Genl

OOH-2818

Source: Bowdoin

Office of C.F & E. De
Witt
No. 88 Nassau Street,
New York

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Office of C.F & E. De Witt
No. 88 Nassau Street,
New York, August 25 1865

General

Having retired from the profession of army upon the mustering out of my regiment, I desire as a memento an acknowledgment of the services rendered by me while under your command and shall if you be pleased to grant the same, regard it as a mark of your favor and esteem.

I remain very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
John T. Lockman
Late Col 119 NYSV

Please direct as above

O.O. Howard
Maj Genl

2873 8/25/1865 *From:* Francis Lieber

To: Sir [OO Howard]

OOH-2817

Source: Bowdoin

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[ca. Aug 25, 1865] [The date was written in pencil.]

Sir

I did myself the pleasure of leaving the letter of our common friend Senator Sumner.

My bureau is F Street between 18 & 19th Street

I hope I shall have the pleasure of your acquaintance.

Accept kindly the <accompany>.

Respectfully
Francis Lieber

2875 8/25/1865 *From:* W E Boardman

To: Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard

OOH-2819

Phila.

Source: Bowdoin

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Phila. Aug. 25, 1865

Dear Sir & Brother:

Enclosed is a proof of a call for a convention to organize what might appropriately be called a Christian Commission for the Masses.

Before issuing it we desire to add your name, with others.

Please signify your pleasure at your earliest convenience.

In christian bonds,
W E Boardman

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard

2876 8/26/1865

From: Jacob McLellan

To: Gen. O.O. Howard

OOH-2820

Portland, Me.

Washington
D.C.

Source: Bowdoin

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Portland, Me. Aug't 26th 1865

Dear Sir:

Two years since the people of this City instituted a course of "Independent Lectures" devoted solely to the discussion of questions connected with the "State of the Country", for the benefit of the "U.S. Sanitary Commission", which were attended with such cheering results that they were continued through the past winter, also with eminent success, both pecuniarily and politically, as shown by the amount of money thus gathered for the relief of our sick and wounded Soldiers, and in the increased vote cast on the side of morality, law & order, and for the utter stamping out of the rebellion and removal of its exciting causes.

This year the people, still believing that this educational process may be profitably continued, is indeed demanded by the exigencies of the times, and that questions still exist, and are likely to arise during the coming Winter, the discussion and proper understanding of which by the people are essential to the maintenance of our Government and the perpetuity of Liberty, have charged the undersigned with the duty of making needful arrangements for a similar course of lectures on the "State of the Country", to take place during the coming Fall & Winter.

We therefore cordially invite and earnestly urge you to deliver one of the lectures in this proposed course on Friday Evening January 12th 1866.

Should you be unable to comply with our request at the time indicated please name some other Evening (avoiding Wednesday Evening) on which you will meet the citizens of Portland for the purpose herein contemplated.

Arrangements will be made for your entertainment at the "United States Hotel", and although one of the objects of the course is, as heretofore, charitable, we shall be able to make you such compensation as shall be satisfactory.

Soliciting the favor of a reply by early mail.

We are Dr Sir

Yours with Sentiments of high regard Lecture Committee

Jacob McLellan, Mayor

I. Washburn, Jr.

Benj. Kingsbury, Jr.

Oliver Gerrish

M.A. Blanchard

Gen. O.O. Howard

Washington

D.C.

2877 8/26/1865 *From:* Rice Rutter & Co. *To:* Gen O.O. Howard

OOH-2821 Philadelphia

Source: Bowdoin

[1]

Philadelphia Aug 26th 1865

Gen O.O. Howard
Dear Sir

We are desirous of publishing a finely engraved Portrait & brief Biography of yourself in our National Portrait Gallery of Distinguished Americans, & to do this in a manner that will be satisfactory to yourself & your numerous friends we find it necessary to have your aid. What we want is an original photographic likeness taken from life. Copies will not answer to engrave. We send you by this days mail a no of the Portrait Gallery that you may know the Style & character of our work, we are obliged to have the size & style somewhat uniform. An experienced photographer can give the exact size portrait of President Lincoln or Trumbull, which you will find in the no we send you. We are very anxious ot get the best Portrait that can be taken, & we are desirous to get the plate engraved as soon as possible. We intended to have seen you on this Subject the last time you were in this city but we were at the "Continental" just as you was about to leave.

We have to ask to have the kindness to put us in correspondence with some one competent to write a Biography to accompany the portrait.

An early reply will greatly oblige
Yours Very Respectfully
Rice Rutter & Co.

[Note. The engraving and short biography appeared in Vol 4 of "The national portrait gallery of distinguished Americans: with biographical sketches by celebrated authors" by Rice, Rutter & Co, published in 1865.]

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2878 8/26/1865 *From:* C.H. Howard

To: Dear brother [OO
Howard]

OOH-2822

Leeds

Source: Bowdoin

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Leeds Aug. 26 1865

Dear brother,

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from Henry Ward Beecher relative to Col. Harrison White, 6th NY Cavalry [See OOH-2791, dated 8/13/1865]. His brother gave it me for you in New York but it got laid aside & I failed to deliver it. He will probably call to see you & deliver the original letter but he feared that might come too late if he waited your return to W.

I know nothing further than this letter of Mr Beecher's.

I found mother well & I go to Farmington tonight. Will see Mr. Stanwood about the farm today.

Your Affectionate brother
C.H. Howard

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

Leeds Me.

August 26th 1865

Howard C.H.

Col. 128th U.S.C.T.

Encloses copy of letter from H.W. Beecher recommending Col. Harrison 6th N.Y. Cav. for position
Recd Aug. 31, 1865.

2879 8/26/1865 *From:* Otis [OO Howard]

To: Dearest [Lizzie Howard]

OOH-2823

Boston U.S. Hotel

Source: Bowdoin

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[ca - Aug 26, 1865]
Boston U.S. Hotel
10 PM

Dearest -

Portland train delayed 15 minutes. Hack driven down fast, but axel tie broke. Got to Worcester Depot just in time to see the train disappearing. Went to Mr Webb's, found him gone. Will leave in the 4.45 AM train. I hope Chancy will not cough so hard tonight. <> Providence has stopped me. God bless you – love to all.

Affectionately yr. husband
Otis

2880 8/27/1865 *From:* Otis [OO Howard]

To: Dearest [Lizzie Howard]

OOH-2824

Sherman House,
Chicago

Source: Bowdoin

[619]

Sherman House,
Chicago, August 27th 1865

Dearest,

I arrived here about 11 P.M. yesterday and am well. It is about 6 P.M. I went to Church this morning & heard Mr Gulliver of Connecticut at the "New England" Chapel—a Congregationalist Church. In the afternoon I have visited two large Mission Schools, in extension buildings, much on pen poor. I addressed the children at both. Much that impressed & affected me occurred that we can talk over, but I do wish you could have been along. I heart runs towards you & the little coughers. I got thro. at the same hour I would if I had started the night before from Boston. Letters & old friends pour in. Perley is here & Geo. P. Goodwin. Perley inquires kindly for you, has two children a boy & girl. He looks well. Three who have been staff officers for me met me. I had a Grand reception & was conducted in military style from the cars to this place, Sherman House. I shall speak this evening at 7 ½ & receive a reception from the Board of Trade tomorrow and start back via Richmond Ind. tuesday morning at 6 —Deo Volente.

Give smart kisses to the children. Ask Jamie if he loves papa. Love to Mrs Jackson. God bless you.

Lovingly
Otis

2881 8/28/1865 *From:* C. W. Strickland

To: Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard

OOH-2825

Augusta Ga

Source: Bowdoin

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Augusta Ga Aug 28 1865

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard,
Sr sir,

This will be handed to you by Col. J.S. <Brielywd>, a neighbor of mine at Richmond. If you will assist him in any way he may wish, with regard to my missions here, you will greatly oblige me.

Very Respectfully Yrs
C. W. Strickland

2882 8/28/1865 *From:* John F. Anderson

To: Major Genl [OO] Howard

OOH-2826

Boston

Source: Bowdoin

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Boston, Aug. 28 '65

Major Genl Howard
Commissioner &c
My dear General

I take the liberty of enclosing you a letter I have just received from my friend Mr J.P. Gardiner, concerning Mr John G. Eustis of New Orleans.

Mr Gardiner is of the firm of Mrs John L. Sandman & Co one of our leading commercial houses, the members of which occupy the highest positions, both in business, and socially. Mr Eustis I understand, desires his friends to <secure> for him a hearing before you and if not trespassing too much upon our acquaintance, I would most respectfully solicit it for him.

Very truly
Yr. Obt Svt
John F. Anderson
Late Lt Col & A.D.C.
Genl Fosters Staff

2883 8/28/1865 *From:* A.S. Cole

To: Maj Genl O.O. Howard

OOH-2827

Kenosha Wis

Sherman House Chicago

Source: Bowdoin

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Kenosha Wis Aug 28th 1865

General,

Since my return home circumstances have occurred which will interfere with my trip to Washington with you. A chance for business has presented itself that I think I shall like. With many thanks for your kind offer of assistance and regards to the gentleman of your staff. I remain

Your Respy
A.S. Cole

Maj Genl O.O. Howard
Commissioner &c
Sherman House Chicago

2884 8/28/1865 *From:* J.M. Walden

To: Maj Gen OO Howard

OOH-2828

Cincinnati

Sherman House

Source: Bowdoin

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Western Union Telegraph Company

To Maj Gen OO Howard
Sherman House

From Cincinnati
Dated Aug 28
Rec'd Aug 28 1865 11 45 A.M.

You are respectfully invited to visit Cincinnati and address our public. May we expect you and when.

J.M. Walden
Cor Secy WFA

[Written on the back side, in a different hand.]
Cincinnati, Aug 28, 1865
Walden, J.M.
Invites Genl Howard to visit Cincinnati Ohio