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2885 8/29/1865

*From:* H.M. Stinson

*To:* Col. C.W. Asmussen

OOH-2829

*Source:* Bowdoin

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

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War Department,  
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,  
Washington, August 29th, 1865.

Dear Colonel,

Col. P.P. Brown 7th Regt Hancock's Corps and late Colonel 157th N.Y.V. writes to the General from Philadelphia requesting a recommendation for brevet appointment.

Will you have the kindness to state what you may remember as to the way in which he performed his duty while with the 11th Corps? Was he at Chancellorsville & Gettysburg?

Very Respectfully  
H.M. Stinson  
Bvt. Maj. & A.D.C.

Col. C.W. Asmussen

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2886 8/29/1865    *From:* C.W. Asmussen    *To:* Maj. H.M Stinson

OOH-2830

*Source:* Bowdoin

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(Confidential)

[ca. Aug 29, 1865]

[To: Maj. H.M Stinson. In answer to request for information about P.P. Brown.]

Respectfully returned. I dont know but very little about Col Brown; the Regt was a 9 month Regt. I remember however that Col Brown was well spoke of at Chancellorsville. I also remember that he was placed once in command of a Brigade, altho' his Regt did not belong to the Brigade, but whether this was done on account of military ability or because he could not get along with his Brigade Comdr I cannot tell. If you desire to hear more particular I will refer a letter from you to Meysenburg.

My private opinion about his military capacity is not very great.

C.W. Asmussen

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2887 8/29/1865 *From:* ER Wise

*To:* Maj Gen [OO] Howard

OOH-2831

Geenfield Washington  
Co Pa

President Freedmans Bureau  
Washington D.C.

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*Source:* Bowdoin

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Geenfield Washington Co Pa  
Aug 29th 1865

Maj Gen Howard  
President Freedmans Bureau  
Washington D.C.  
Dear Sir

Pardon if you please this note should it be an intrusion but to you I am under the impression it will not be passed needlessly by. Situated as I am in this world now with but one arm and a wife and mother dependent upon me for support renders it indeed hard. You I am well aware know how difficult it is to do many things with the loss of a limb and to you I make this appeal to use your influence either in obtaining me a situation under yourself or in some one of the departments. From where I am writing is not my address. Being for a time appointed as Asst Assessor have been ordered here in taking the yearly income tax. I have sir the honor Genl to refer you to the Hon Edgar Cowan and the Hon John Cavode now I believe in Washington. Any position you may think I am most competent to fill will be thankfully received by your most humble and Obt Servt

ER Wise

P.S. If Successful please address me  
Pittsburg Pa  
Yours &c  
ER Wise

[Written at the top of the first page in a different hand.  
Answd

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2888 8/29/1865 *From:* Sarah N Sims

*To:* Major General O.O.  
Howard

OOH-2832

New Orleans La.

Commission Bureau  
Refugees Freedmen &  
Abandon Lands  
War Dept  
Washington City D.C.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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New Orleans La. Aug 29 / 65

To Major General O.O. Howard  
Commission Bureau Refugees Freedmen & Abandon Lands  
War Dept  
Washington City D.C.

General, I have th honor to address you upon the subject of my Mother's portrait which hangs up in my house now held and occupied by your Bureau. This portrait cannot benefit any one but myself. I have applied for it here but was referred by Captain Armstrong to yourself. I do hope you will order it to be restored to me as soon as possible.

Yrs Respectfully  
Sarah N Sims

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2889 8/29/1865

*From:* Chas. C. Leigh

*To:* Dear Sir [OO Howard]

OOH-2833

*Source:* Bowdoin

National Freedmen's  
Relief Association of  
New York  
Bremen, Georgstrasse  
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National Freedmen's Relief Association of New York  
Bremen, Georgstrasse 59 Aug. 29, 1865

[This letter OOH\_2833 was written in German. A translation was provided as OOH\_2834, which is transcribed below.]

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Translation  
Dear Sir

As I shall go from here to Hamburg and other points in Germany where sympathy is manifested for the freed slaves in America, I take the liberty of earnestly soliciting for those four millions of needy colored men, your help also.

The accompanying pamphlet gives you some details of their unfortunate situation, showing how much they need the support of all friends of humanity etc, etc.

With the closing remark that such contribution as you may feel disposed to devote to this noble purpose may be sent either to Joseph B. Collins 40 Wall Street New York, or to my address, No 59 Georgen Strasse, Bremen. I subscribe myself

Very Obediently  
Chas. C. Leigh  
Agent for Europe of the Nat'l Freedman's Association

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2890 8/30/1865     *From:* Jas. C. Lynch

*To:* Maj Genl O.O. Howard

OOH-2835

*Source:* Bowdoin

Head-Quarters 183d  
Regt. P.V.  
1st Brigade, 1st  
Division, 2nd Army  
Corps.  
Philad'a Pa

Chief of Bureau of Freedmen  
& Abandoned Land

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Head-Quarters 183d Regt. P.V.  
1st Brigade, 1st Division, 2nd Army Corps.  
Philad'a Pa Aug 30th 1865

Dear Sir

I recall with pleasure having been the subject of commendation from you at the Battle of Fredericksburg, Va, Dec. 13th 1862 when I was a Lieutenant in the 106th Pa Vols and you commanded the 2nd Division 2nd Corps. Perhaps you will recollect that my company was very active in occupying and holding some houses (very close to the celebrated stone wall which baffled the assaults of our forces.

I have been urged by my friends and neighbours to apply for a civil appointment under the National Government and they are desirous of having their petition backed by letters from some of my former commanders.

Remembering your kindness on a previous occasion when I was an applicant for a position in the regular army (which, by the way, was not offered me until I had obtained a captaincy in the Volunteer service) and hearing on every hand of your liberality to those who have fought to preserve the Union, I have made bold to ask you for a line in my favor if I am still borne in goodly recollection. Since that time I have risen to the rank of Colonel in the 183rd Pa. Vols and for some months previous to my muster out commanded the 1st Brigade, 1st Division, 2nd Army Corps.

Begging pardon for the trouble I am giving you, I am with much respect and many wishes for your welfare.

Your obedient servant  
Jas. C. Lynch  
No. 440 North 4th St.  
Philadelphia  
Pa.

To  
Maj Genl O.O. Howard  
Chief of Bureau of Freedmen & Abandoned Land

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

Philadelphia Pa.

Aug. 30, 1865,

Lynch, Jas. C.

Desires a line of recommendation from Genl. Howard to assist him in obtaining a civil appointment under the National Government.

C.B. 113Js

[STAMP] BUREAU R.G.&A.L. WASHINGTON RECD SEP 4 1865

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2891 8/30/1865

*From:* Emily B. Ames

*To:* Gen. O.O. Howard

OOH-2836

Oregon, Dane Co.  
Wisconsin

Supt. of Freedmens Bureau  
Washington D.C.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Oregon, Dane Co. Wisconsin  
Aug. 30th 1865

Gen. O.O. Howard  
Supt. of Freedmens Bureau  
Washington D.C.

There are several in this vicinity who would like to engage as Teachers in the Freedmen's Schools at the South. Will you please inform me what is required of Teachers in that Department, their average wages, and to whom they shall apply for situations. Is there not a local Agent in every state.

Very Respectfully  
Emily B. Ames

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

Oregon Dane Co. Wisconsin

Aug 30th 1865,

Ames, Emily B.

Desires Situation in the service of the Bureau as Teacher

C.B. 109P

Ansd.

[STAMP] BUREAU R.F.&A.L. WASHINGTON REC'D SEP 5 1865

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2892 8/30/1865    *From:* Marcia Hammond

*To:* Dear Sir [OO Howard]

OOH-2837

Cape Vincent

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Cape Vincent Aug. 30 65

Dear Sir

Although a stranger, I take the liberty of writing to express to you my desire to devote myself to teaching the negroes. I want a location where there is a probability of a permanent school in a decent school-house, and then I want to settle down to the business, without the fear of being shot by some southern patriot. A school room is my home, and my pupils are my family & friends, I have taught 2- seasons. I want no better work, & have no earthly ambition, but to be a good teacher. If I should earn good wages should probably give a share to the negroes to which I was devoting myself. If colored children can learn and behave as well as white ones I think I can love them as well.

I'd not shed a tear and I never would past.  
Because their skins were so black  
Or so wooly their hair.  
And if I should fear  
Or need any protection  
Twould be from the white  
And not dark complexion.

From Wilmington the other day  
At last its as the papers say  
Two ladies were going, with <>  
To Land themselves, in Fayetteville  
Where they were sent to teach a School  
For negroes, There up starts <about>  
Called a Sheriff, from off the stand,  
Saying to them, "hey could not land"  
" But as they were females they might stay  
Upon the boat, till 'twas away!"  
" Had they been men they would treat them  
As they did such before the war." Beat them  
Of course, that we all may know  
That meddlesome Yankees cannot go  
And set up schools, to teach the letters  
Gainst the law, or wish of their betters,  
In Sovereign States. Now this potion  
Is hard to swallow, as we've a notion  
To teach such schools, But I guess  
Its best not to be afraid, unless  
Such sheriffs have a power to back 'em  
I guess that Uncle Sam will crack 'em  
And give them a lesson the Chivalry!  
If they don't mind and let us be  
Now it's another notion of mine  
"We must fight it out on this line"  
Victory on the line of Educational  
Will bring the final restoration  
Bury the rebellion it will & must  
When it has fallen in the dust!

Pardon this intrusion, as I know of no one having special charge of an educational department for the colored



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2893 8/30/1865 *From:* Sydenham Gait

*To:* Maj. Gen O O Howard

OOH-2838

Camp Carrington  
Indanapolis

Chief of Freedmens Bureau  
Washington D.C.

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*Source:* Bowdoin

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Camp Carrington Indanapolis  
August 30, 1865

Maj. Gen O O Howard  
Chief of Freedmens Bureau  
Washington D.C.  
Sir

You will please pardon the liberty I take of enquiring if officers of the Veteran Reserve Corps are taken for duty in your department, and if so whether an official application could be made for that purpose and to whom it should be made?

I think Sir I could do more good in that way now than any other, and am anxious to do what little I may be able towards a successful solution of what some seem to consider the negro problem.

My own opinion has always been that it only required the will to find all the means necessary, and I think I should now feel the same pride in being one of the agents to show beyond all dispute that negroes are man, and capable of becoming worthy citizens of this Republic as I have taken in helping to show the rebels that we have a Government capable of subduing them.

Hoping for your early answer, I have the honor to be,

Most respectfully  
Your Obdt Srvt  
Sydenham Gait  
1st Lieut Co. "K" 2nd V.R.C.