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2895 9/1/1865

*From:* O.O. Howard

*To:* Dearest Lizzie [Howard]

OOH-2839

*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, Sept 1 1865

Dearest Lizzie

Only a minute. Work, work, am well, back - sorry for Chancy - hope he will not cough very hard. I enclose \$300 three hundred dolls. I will send more if you need it before you start. Will soon write more fully.

Respectfully  
O.O. Howard  
Maj. Gen.

P.S. I wrote my official signature by mistake.  
Lovingly  
Otis

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2896 9/1/1865

*From:* I.N. <Borney>

*To:* Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard

OOH-2840

Washington, D.C.

Chief of Freedmen's Bureau

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Washington, D.C.  
September 1st 1865.

General,

A very distinguished Episcopal clergyman, Rev. B.A. Rogers, now preaching at Downington, Chester County, Pennsylvania, to a large congregation, of which he is the idol - a gentleman who was born in New Hampshire, and resident for several years in Texas - from which he was compelled to fly, after purchasing a fine property, desires to return to that state and writes to know whether he could not be connected with the Freedman's Bureau there. He is known to Secretary Stanton <[Ink blot]> his learning and loyalty, and I can certify that the articles he has contributed to my paper in Philadelphia on Texas, have done the cause great good. May I ask your early and favorable attention to his case?

Yours Truly  
I.N. <Borney>

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard  
Chief of Freedmen's Bureau

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2897 9/2/1865

*From:* Otis [OO Howard]

*To:* Dearest [Lizzie Howard]

OOH-2841

Washington D.C.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Washington D.C.  
Sept. 2d 1865 (Sunday evening)

Dearest,

I went to Dr. Gurley's Church this morning and listened to a sermon from a young man I did not know. The weather was oppressive in the extreme, but we have had a shower and now it is cooler. This afternoon I called upon General Baird at Willards. Mrs Baird was with her husband. I offered him Louisiana, relieving Conway. He has not decided yet to take the place. I shall send Tilson to Ga. if I can and have him report to General Saxton. Our mess is quite pleasant now. All are here but Maj Gilbreth. He is inspecting in West Virginia. Harry Stinson coughs a good deal, but looks quite well & does not complain.

I sent you three hundred dollars & you must acknowledge receipt. If you need any more before starting you must call. I want your companionship & that of the children very much to relieve me from work, I mean to enable me to change the current of thought.

Last night I took a ride with Mr Alvord & Mr Markline. I went to the book stores & bought some books bearing on my work.

I feel anxious to hear that Chancy "coughs easy" again. The children will be better to start south, but not till this terrible dry heat has passed. I have a good deal of perplexing labor still, but think I take matters easier than I did at first. The President receives me with great cordiality. My Augusta & Chicago speeches seem to have pleased him. Every body inquires for Guy. Miss Paris at Church wished to know if he came back.

We have discharged Charlie & his mother, the cook & Sam is running the mess, boarding all hands at so much per head. Sam could'nt find his wife, got out of money, lost his trunk & had to make many shifts to get back.

You must take your time to get ready. I can meet you on the arrival of the boat in New York and may send on soon an Orderly to bring the pony.

Give much love & many kisses to the little ones. And God bless & keep you. Don't forget me to Mrs Jackson with kindest regards.

Lovingly  
Otis

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2898 9/2/1865

*From:* M.B. Lawler, Brevet  
Majr. Genl. Vols.

*To:* Majr Genl O.O. Howard

OOH-2842

Equality Illinois

Superintendant Freedmens  
Bureau  
Washington D.C.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Equality Illinois 2d Sept 1865.

General,

In the month of June, I sent to his Excellency President Johnson through Head Qrs Dept of the Gulf, an application for appointment of Superintendant of Freedmen for the State of Louisiana. From observation I believe the government gave preference to men who were, or had been in the military service. And furthermore, I intended to locate in Louisiana and the appointment would give me facilities to select a location. I wrote to two of my former comrades, Governors Storr of Iowa and Oglesby of Ills to recommend me for the position. Being an agracuturist by profession, and having the benefit of two years observation of the culture and products of La. I considered myself competent to fill the Position, and it would materialy aid me.

Since making the application, I have bought a plantation in the Parish of East Baton Rouge to which I intend to take my family in October or as soon thereafter as possession can be had.

I deem it proper to say that when I get possession of my plantation, I shall not be dependant on an appointment, and hope by frugality and industry to obtain a competence.

Having never served in the same Department with you, I have not the pleasure of your acquaintance. Not being a politician, my name only appears in official reports, and I respectfully call you attention to the part of Gen Grants report of the campaign around Vicksburg that relates to the assault and capture of the enemy at Big Black Bridge 17th May 1863.

I am General Verry Respectfully  
Your obt servt  
M.B. Lawler, Brevet  
Majr. Genl. Vols.

Majr Genl O.O. Howard  
Superintendant Freedmens Bureau  
Washington D.C.

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2899 9/2/1865

*From:* C.J. Watson  
Capt & A.Q.M.  
Bath Maine

*To:* Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard

OOH-2843

*Source:* Bowdoin

Commissioner of Freedmans  
Bureau  
Washington  
D.C.

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Bath Maine  
September 2nd 1865

General,

Having concluded my duties at Harrisburg Pa where I have been in charge of a Depot of Clothing and Equipage for the past ten months, and that Depot being discontinued, I have been ordered to my residence, to report to the Adjutant General U.S.A. for orders, by orders from Hd. Qrs. Middle Military Department, and have already done so.

I cannot tell whether I am to be ordered on duty again, or discharged, but would prefer to remain in the service. I was recommended to be retained a short time ago from Hd. Qrs. Dept of Pennsylvania, then commanded by Maj. Genl. Cadwallader.

I would like very much to be ordered to duty in your Bureau, either in my present Department, (the Quartermasters) or in any other, where I can be of service to the Government, having always taken a deep interest in the successfull working of the Bureau, and also having had an acquaintance with you at the commencement of the rebellion, when I entered the service in Third Maine Infantry.

If you will make the application to have me ordered to your Bureau, no doubt it would be successful, and you would confer a favor upon me.

I am General  
Very Respectfully  
Your obed't servant  
C.J. Watson  
Capt & A.Q.M.

Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard  
Commissioner of Freedmans Bureau  
Washington  
D.C.

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2900 9/2/1865

*From:* Will. H. Seward

*To:* Major General Howard

OOH-2844

Department of State,  
Washington

Freedman's Bureau

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Department of State,  
Washington, 2nd Sept 1865

To Major General Howard,  
Freedman's Bureau  
General,

Allow me to present to you the Reverend Dr. King, of Canada, who has been introduced to me by the Honorable William McDougall, Secretary of State of that province. Dr. King wishes to confer with you on matters connected with the business which you have in charge.

I am General,  
Your very obedt servt,  
Will. H. Seward [Secretary of State, 1861-69]

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2901 9/2/1865

*From:* Clinton B. Fisk  
Brig Genl  
War Department,  
Bureau Refugees,  
Freedmen and  
Abandoned Lands,  
Office Ass't Com'r for  
Ky., Tenn. and  
Northern Ala.  
Nashville, Tenn.

*To:* Maj Genl [OO] Howard

OOH-2845

*Source:* Bowdoin

Washington  
D.C.

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Personal

War Department,  
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,  
Office Ass't Com'r for Ky., Tenn. and Northern Ala.  
Nashville, Tenn., Sept 2d 1865.

Dear General

I have an attack of "Brevet" on the brain. I want to be made Brevet Maj Genl of U.S. Vols. I have never cared much about it until now. I understand that the War Dept are about to publish a list of all Breveted Officers, and I should dislike to be left out of the meritorious class. I have served four years in the Army, and have done as well as I could. My Superior Officers and the Governor and all my State representative in the Senate & Congress recommended me for promotion to full Maj. Genl two years ago. It was not consistent at that time to promote Genl Osterhouse and myself, both from one state, and my claims were therefore not pressed.

I spoke to Mr Stanton on the subject when I was last in Washington, and he assured me of his willingness to Brevet me, if I was about to leave the service, but he feared the clamor that might be raised by the opponents of the Bureau at placing so much rank in it. I notice many Officers are being Breveted –many of them I know have not done one half the service that I have, and am doing. Should you feel at liberty to ask the President to give me a Brevet? My friends think it strange that I have not secured it before this time, but this is the first letter I have even written on the subject to any one. You may tell the Secy of War that I will leave the service any how that you can find a good man to take my place, or I will remain a little time longer if desired. I shall be very grateful to you if you can secure for me an early Brevet.

I am hard at work and doing some good I trust. The Bureau duty is not easy as you have doubtless discovered.

My good wife often writes of you, & sends her love. I had hoped to have gone home a few days about this time but can not well be spared from duty here.

Will you please write me at your early leisure, whether I may hope for a Brevet or not. I would like it so much, before the 20th of this month if possible, for certain reasons, in which vanity I fear figures a good deal.

Pardon my familiar letter, but believe me to be

Your faithful friend  
Clinton B. Fisk  
Brig Genl

Maj Genl Howard  
Com'er  
Washington  
D.C.

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2902 9/3/1865

*From:* Otis [OO Howard]

*To:* My dear Mother [Eliza  
Gilmore]

OOH-2846

*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,  
Sept 3 Washington 1865

My dear Mother,

I had a very warm journey West. I will send you an account of my reaction & doings at Chicago as soon as I can get copies. I have been hard at work since my return putting things to rights. I want a careful description of Wash's wife. Chas. had better come here on his return. I shall put Tilson in Ga. but under Saxton. I hope you are well & praying for your son, that he may do right. God bless you. Aff.  
Yr. Son Otis



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2903 9/4/1865

*From:* Mrs R A Heuvlin

*To:* Gen O O Howard

OOH-2847

Petersburg Va

*Source:* Bowdoin

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[22, 23]

Petersburg Va  
Sept 4th 1865

Gen O O Howard  
Dear Sir,

The more I reflect upon the plan presented to you by myself on Friday last, so well approved by you, the more determined I am with yur aid influentially to put this plan in execution. If I cannot prevail upon Mr Jenkins, to take a sufficiently small sum to secure a title to my former plantation, I know of plenty of places that can be bought in this way, which will afford ample land to give my now former Servants, land to make them comfortable homes for life. This remember is my object in the main, tho I was and am willing could sufficient land become procured to make the place a kind of a Depot for other homeless ones, until they might do better. Now if you will be pleased to write out this principle in your were succinct and concise style approved by yourself and Col Whittlesey of the Raleigh Department, I know to a moral certainty I can desire means amply sufficient to carry out my main object, by subscription, and from those who would never miss any small amount. After that myself or Husband will be willing to remain in the business until Christmas, placing in your hands all funds that could be raised over \$600. My heart and soul is in this cause and I have the hearty co-operation of my husband and in whatever we <consider> to be right. During my travels in New England I found Gen O Howard a universal favorite. In conversation with a friend in New York he remarked we have perfect confidence in our chief of the freedmen's bureau. I mention this to show you how much your influence will be <realized>.

Now my dear Sir I have only to say that I am acting <> conscientious I believe it to be my duty to extend a helping hand to these servants who have watched over me in sickness, and in my darkest hours of the late cruel war, when my husband was conscripted they wept with me in sorrow. In my own room the prayed with me for his safety, and when he returned safe greater joy could not be manifested than shewn by them. Be pleased to let me hear from you at the earliest possible moment, and if possible provide either one of us a ticket of transportation, would be glad for it to extend as far North as Boston. I have many friends there, and believe a large amount can be raised in that city.

In conclusion allow me to ask if you are not a relative, of Mrs C I H Nichols, (she was a Howard) formerly Editress of the Vermont Windham County Democrat one of the best of ladies, an old friend and correspondent of my former Husband. These Servants for which I am trying to make provision, were left me by him together with those of an only own brother deceased which render them doubly dear to me not as property but as tried friends.

Humble tho I am do not forget to write me as early as practicable. Our present address is Hendersen Greenville Co S.C. Care of R A Jenkins, and it will be forwarded immediately.

With sentiments of respect and esteem  
I am Very Respectfully  
Mrs R A Heuvlin

To  
Gen O O Howard  
Commander  
of  
Freedmens Bureau

[STAMP] BUREAU R.F.&A.L. WASHINGTON REC'D SEP 6 1865

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2904 9/4/1865

*From:* R Saxton  
Bvt Maj Genl

*To:* Maj Genl O.O. Howard  
USA

OOH-2848

*Source:* Bowdoin

Headquarters,  
Assistant  
Commissioner,  
Bureau Refugees,  
Freedmen and  
Abandoned Lands,  
South Carolina, Georgia  
Beaufort, S.C.

Commissioner

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Headquarters, Assistant Commissioner,  
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,  
South Carolina, Georgia  
Beaufort, S.C., Sept 4th 1865.

General,

This letter will be handed to you by Bvt. Brig. Genl C.H. Van Wyck Col 56th N.Y.Vols. General Van Wyck has been for a long time on duty in this Dept. and has always been one of the firmest, truest, most consistent, ablest friends the freedmen have had. There is no one who has a clearer or more correct idea of the service required of the freedman's bureau, and there is no one who can give you a truer account of the status of affairs in South Carolina. I am anxious that you should have an interview with him. His regiment will soon be mustered out of service, but I feel very unwilling to have him leave the state at present. In the present critical condition of affairs he can render most invaluable service to the bureau. His large experience here, his thorough knowledge of the freedmen as well as of the whites, his common sense & statesman-like views, peculiarly fit him for this work. I beg, General, that you will request the War Department to promote him to the full rank of Brigadier General when his regiment goes out of service, and assign him to duty with me for the present. I am so impressed with the necessity of securing, at this time, agents for this work who are in sympathy with it, and appreciate its importance, that such a request seems to me but reasonable and proper, as I feel assured it is for the best interest of the service and the government.

I am General  
Very respectfully yours  
R Saxton  
Bvt Maj Genl  
Asst Comm.

Maj Genl O.O. Howard USA  
Commissioner

[Written sideways at the bottom of the last page, in a different hand.]

Hd. Qrs. Asst. Comr. S.C. & Ga.

Beaufort S.C.

Sept. 4, 1865

Saxton R.

Bvt. Maj Gen. Asst. Comr.

Wishes the bearer of this letter Bvt. Brig Gen C.H. Van Wyck to have an interview with Genl Howard –also requests Gen. Howard to endeavor to have Gen Van W. retained in service after his Regt. is mustered out.

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2905 9/4/1865

*From:* Geo. W. Smalley

*To:* Major Gen. Oliver O.  
Howard

OOH-2849

Office of the Tribune  
New York

Freedmen's Bureau

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Office of the Tribune  
New York Sept 4, 1865

Dear General:

You were so kind to me in other days that I shall venture to hope you have not forgotten my name.

I wish to introduce to you the Rev. George O. Glavis of Newark, N.J. now a chaplain in the army & who for two years past has done constant and excellent service. He wishes an appointment in your bureau. I know him personally and I know what he has done, and what he is able to do. If you have any better man you are fortunate, but this I can say of Mr. Glavis that for intelligence & devotion I should have to look far to find his superior. I can most cordially recommend him to you for any post where you want an officer whom you could trust to do such work as you would do yourself. And I understand from Mr. Glavis that he is ready & desirous to accept any assignment & duty in any quarter where he may be most useful. I could better repay your many good offices to me than by bringing you in connection with my friend, if you have, as I suppose you must have, need of first-class assistants in your work.

I send you my best wishes, & trust you will believe me always

Sincerely yours  
Geo. W. Smalley

Major Gen. Oliver O. Howard  
Freedmen's Bureau

[Written along the side] Mr Greeley has written you on the same subject.

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BUREAU R.F. & A.L. WASHINGTON REC'D SEP 18 1865

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2906 9/4/1865

*From:* A. B. Farwell

*To:* Maj. Genl. [OO] Howard

OOH-2850

Augusta Me.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Augusta Me. 4 Sept 1865

My Dear Genl.

A few days since I mailed under cover to you, Senator Morrills letter to the Secy. of War, favoring the retaining of Major Lee.

I now take the liberty to hand you a letter which I have recd. from Col. Hiram Hayes, and I should be glad if you could find time to read a part of the first and the second pages.

You may remember that I took great interest in Hayes as I know you did, hence I am very anxious that his services should be recognized by a Brvt if nothing more. As he served with you in 4th Corps, I thought it not unlikely you might feel at liberty to ask Gen. Meigs to Brvt. him if you though him entitled to it.

If I can aid you in any way in assisting your wife, in getting ready to move please command me and I will respond at sight.

So far as I know, your folks are all well <nime>.

I am

Thankfully & Sincerely

A. B. Farwell

Maj. Genl. Howard

[Written sideways at the bottom of the last page, in a different hand.]

Augusta Me.

Sept. 4, 1865

Farwell, Hon A.B.

States that a few days ago he mailed under cover to Genl Howard Senator Morrills letter to the Secy. of War, favoring the retention of Major Lee, also Encloses letter fro Col. Hiram Hayes, and recommends that his name be mentioned to Genl. Meigs for promotion.

(1 Enclosure)

[Stamp] BUREAU R.F.&A.L. WASHINGTON REC'D SEP 6 1865

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2907 9/5/1865

*From:* Nathan Kimball

*To:* Major General O.O.  
Howard

OOH-2851

Victoria, Texas

Freedman's Bureau  
War Department  
Washington

*Source:* Bowdoin

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[31, 32]

Victoria, Texas,  
Sept. 5, 1865

General:

In consequence of the late General Orders from the War Department, my duties here are ended; and I shall, next week, return to my home in Indiana.

Having served with and under you, I take the liberty of writing you now to say that should there be, in the Bureau of which you have charge, a position to which you would be pleased to have me assigned, with my rank as Brigadier General, I would be most happy to serve under you again.

Should such be the case, I need not say to you, that I would do all in my power to carry out the intentions of the government; and I believe my experience in the south since the commencement of the rebellion, would enable me to do so to your satisfaction.

I should be very much pleased to hear from your, General; and with a heart full of thankfulness to Him who determines the fate of Nations that He has been pleased to preserve our country from ruin I am,

With great respect,  
Your Obedient Servant,  
Nathan Kimball

My address will be Indianapolis, Indiana.

Major General O.O. Howard  
Freedman's Bureau  
War Department  
Washington

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

Victoria Texas.

5th Sept '65;

Kimball Brig Gen.

Friendly letter, also asks for a position

[Stamp] BUREAU R.F.&A.L. WASHINGTON REC'D SEP 23 1865

Ans Oct 2d 1865.

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2908 9/5/1865

*From:* O. Brown

*To:* Maj Genl O O Howard

OOH-2852

*Source:* Bowdoin

Bureau of Refugees,  
Freedmen &  
Abandoned Lands.  
Head Quarters Asst.  
Commissioner, State of  
Virginia,  
Richmond, Va.

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands.  
Head Quarters Asst. Commissioner, State of Virginia,  
Richmond, Va., Sept 5th 1865

To Maj Genl O O Howard  
Commissioner &c  
General

I beg leave to lay before you a little matter that occurred yesterday.

One Bt Brig Genl Hall a Colonel I think of the 11th Maine Regiment (in company with an assistant Superintendent of the Bureau) called on a gentleman and requested his influence in procuring for him the position of Asst Commissioner in the Bureau for Virginia.

He stated that "He was an old friend of General Howard who desired to give him a place; that he could bring a strong political influence to bear, in his favor and he had no doubt but he should succeed."

My object in writing this General is to state that I have neither the time or disposition to ward off attacks of this nature.

I will try to do my duty faithfully and have confidence that General Howard will if I make mistakes point them out to me and do me the justice to believe that I try to do my duty.

I am General very Respectfully  
Your obdt Sert  
O. Brown [Bvt Brig. Gen. Orlando Brown]

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

Hd. Qrs. Asst. Comr. State of Va.

(Apply to Gen)

Richmond Va

Sept 5, 1865

Brown, O.

Col. & Asst. Comr.

Relative to one Bvt Brig. Hall, endeavoring to procure influence to assist him in obtaining the position of Asst. Comr for State of Va.

[Stamp] BUREAU R.F.&A.L. WASHINGTON REC'D SEP 8 1865

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2909 9/5/1865

*From:* James Redpath

*To:* Maj Gen [OO] Howard

OOH-2853

Malden Mass

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Malden Mass  
Sept 5/65

Maj Gen Howard  
Commissioner &c  
General:

I write to remind you that you promised to see what you cd do in securing me a Salary as Supt. Schools of S.C. & Geo.

The N.E.F.A.S. have elected me their Secy but I prefer to go South, and Gen Saxton is anxious that I shd go.

I learned yesterday fm Col Whittlesey that you had arranged to pay a Supt in N.C & conclude, therefore, that you have over looked my papers.

Respy  
James Redpath  
Supt Schools SC &c

P.S. I open my letter to request that if you can make any arrangement for me, you will greatly oblge me by enclosing a pass so that I can go forthwith to S.C.

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2910 9/5/1865

*From:* Clinton B. Fisk  
Brig Genl.  
Asst. Com.  
War Department,  
Bureau Refugees,  
Freedmen and  
Abandoned Lands  
Office Ass't Com'r for  
Ky., Tenn. and  
Northern Ala.  
Nashville, Tenn.

*To:* Maj Gen [OO] Howard

OOH-2854

*Source:* Bowdoin

Comr &c  
Washington D.C.

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War Department,  
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands  
Office Ass't Com'r for Ky., Tenn. and Northern Ala.  
Nashville, Tenn., Sept 5th 1865

General

I have the honor to enclose herewith a letter from Maj Genl Thomas to the Secy of War recommending my promotion.

I think about as much of this letter from the good old Soldier as I should if this Brevet, and will thank you to return the same to me if it is not regarded with favor by the War Dept.

I wrote you in relation to a Brevet for myself on the 2nd next & Genl Thomas this day was so well pleased with the results of my labors here that he voluntarily sent the enclosed letter to my office. I shall be greatly pleased if you can secure for me a Brevet.

Very Respectfully  
Your obt Servt  
Clinton B. Fisk  
Brig Genl.  
Asst. Com.

Maj Genl Howard  
Comr &c  
Washington D.C.

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

Nashville Tenn.

Sept. 5th 1865

Fisk, Clinton B.

Brig Genl. Asst Comr.

Encloses letter in reference to his promotion, from Major General Thomas.

[Stamp] BUREAU R.F.&A.L. WASHINGTON REC'D SEP 11 1865



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2911 9/6/1865

*From:* Jas. R. O'Beirne

*To:* Maj Genl O. O. Howard

OOH-2855

New York City

in Chge  
Freedman's Bureau  
Washington D.C.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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New York City Sept 6 / 65

Genl

Referring to the occasion of my visit to you the day before yesterday when I had the honor to ask you to be detailed in the Freedman's Bureau, I saw Genl Fry as you requested stating that "f I was retained in the Veteran Reserve Corps, after consolidation & Genl Fry would endorse me, you would perhaps make application for me & assign me to duty in Georgia." To this the Genl replied that the matter of consolidation was in a state of contingency & not decided, that probably it would not take place as a great interest in it had been taken of members of Congress Senators & Governors among the most influential of the various states & that probably it would be held "neb curea" until after the meeting of Congress. The Genl then further said as I remember, that if he was applied to for information &c as requested my antecedents &c, he would gladly give it. I have the honor therefore Genl to make formal application to be detailed in the Freedman's Bureau in such capacity as I may be of service to the public good & the Government, according to the opinion of my superiors.

I have served in the War from its first commencement in the different grades from private to my present rank first in the 7th Regt N.Y.S.N.G. Subsequently in the 37th NY Vols "rish Rifles"& finally in the Vet Res Corps. I have participated in all the campaigns from the 1st Bull run to Antietam. Have been mentioned in Genl orders by the late Genl Phillip Kearney for distinguished gallantry at the battle of Fair Oaks, (then in the line) Have been wounded in action, receiving a ball thro my body piercing the upper lobe of my right lung. Have been on duty in the Pro Mar Genl's Bureau for more than a year & a half & finally acted as Pro Mar D.C. From the first of Jan'y 1864 to the closing of the Office & the turning in of the records to the War Dept. Joined my Regt & am now on 30 days leave of absence. Am well known in the War Department & generally throughout Washington as also personally by his Excellency the President. I refer with pleasure & pride to my testimonials now on file in the War Department. Brig Genl Fry is conversant with my past history & antecedents.

Hoping to receive the honor of your consideration for the foregoing & if consistent with your views an assignment to duty in the Freedman's Bureau.

I have the honor to be

Genl

Very Respy

Your Obt Servant

Jas. R. O'Beirne

Maj 22d Regt V.R.C.

late Pro Mar DC

P.O. Address

Washington D.C.

Maj Genl O. O. Howard

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Freedman's Bureau

Washington D.C.

[Stamp] BUREAU R.F.&A.L. WASHINGTON REC'D SEP 8 1865

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2912 9/6/1865

*From:* F.D. Sewall

*To:* My dear Genl [OO  
Howard]

OOH-2856

Hd qrs. 3d Regt V.R.C.  
Brattleboro Vt.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Hd qrs. 3d Regt V.R.C.  
Brattleboro Vt. Sept 6th 1865

My dear Genl,

I wrote you some days since in regards to service in your Bureau. I would very much like to serve with you, if I can be of any assistance.

It is rumored that the Regts. of this Corps are to be consolidated, and if so, I would much prefer to remain in the service, and perhaps would be more liable to be retained, if upon detached service with you.

I have reason to believe that my record at the War Dept. is good. I am quite sure that Col. <Fairmont> and Lt. Col. Buck A.A.'s G. with whom I have a personal acquaintance, and both of whom have taken occasion to express their appreciation of my services, will aid in my assignment to you, if you wish it. Tho' of course I would not ask personally any assignment at the Department. I address you as a valued personal friend and a former beloved commander.

I know Genl you will pardon this intrusion. I am aware how overwhelmed you must be with your official duties.

Mrs. Sewall joins in her kindest regards to you.

I am Genl, very respectfully  
and sincerely yrs  
F.D. Sewall  
Col. 3d Regt V.R.C.&  
Bvt. Brig. Genl. Vols.

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*From:* R.D. Musser

*To:* Major General [OO]  
Howard

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Executive Mansion  
Washington D.C.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Executive Mansion  
Washington D.C. Sept 7th 1865

Major General Howard  
Commissioner &c &c  
Dear General

The President would like to see you tomorrow morning (Friday). Can you come over about 9 o'clock?

Very Truly Yours  
R.D. Musser  
MilSec