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2914 9/8/1865

*From:* C.H. Mulliken

*To:* Dear Oliver [OO Howard]

OOH-2858

Augusta

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Augusta Sept 8th 1865

Dear Oliver

Your welcome letter enclosing the amount of your subscription to our Parish - \$30. - came duly to hand, and was glad to hear of your safe return to Washington. Remember me to Harry Stinson. I saw his mother yesterday, all well. Guy was in the store within a day or two and says "His Pony he does not ride but hopes to". Mr Blaine has been quite sick but I understand is better now. We have had considerable sickness in town lately particularly among children.

Nothing especially new, our wednesday evening meetings are very pleasant & have been better attended than earlier in the summer -lately. Mr McKenzie has got fairly established in his new boarding house on the East side of the River in the "Redington House" kept by Mr Littlefield where the Unitarian & Episcopal ministers board. The Sabbath School children go over to his house next Saturday afternoon -if pleasant -to a friendly gathering having tea there -each one carrying some contribution towards the supper.

My Mission School is flourishing and I hope & pray profitable. I cannot but think it is. They seem to enjoy it and if an be the means in God's hands in awaking those people to a realizing sense of their accountability to their Maker particularly the younger portion it will satisfy me and be of lasting benefit to them. I shall carry Mr McKenzie out soon to talk to them.

Somewhat in haste Oliver I write you this morning but you know I should like & enjoy a letter from you whenever you can find time to write and believe me,

Ever truly your friend  
C.H. Mulliken

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

Augusta Me.  
Sept. 8, 1865  
Mulliken, C.H.  
Friendly Letter

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2915 9/8/1865

*From:* C.G. Baylor

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

OOH-2859

Metropolitan Hotel

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Metropolitan Hotel  
Sep. 8th 1865

Maj. Gl. Howard  
Sir:

I am indebted to Mr King of Georgia for the enclosed letter of introduction.

The simple policy is for the Southern people themselves to give the negro by state action all the rights of citizenship. Among these is the right of suffrage. Give the negro the ballot, and he will protect himself.

I have been exerting my influence in Georgia in this direction and I am happy of the opportunity of informing you, that we are prepared in Georgia to carry this policy, if, assured that it concurs with the wishes of the powers that be.

Believe me this is the policy of wisdom of duty and of interest. It is the major proposition which embraces all the others.

The industrial community & financial prosperity of the South, resting mainly upon its tropical productions, is another question. It is one peculiarly of political economy and administrative ability. I believe the elements are ready to restore the wanted prosperity of the plantation states of the union upon the basis not only of free labor but of citizens labor. With your permission I may return this subject more fully hereafter.

If I can be of any service to your Department it will always afford me pleasure to respond to any demand you may make upon me.

I have the honor to be  
Very Respectfully  
C.G. Baylor

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

Metropolitan Hotel,  
Sept 8. 1865.  
Baylor, C.G.

Concerning the policy of enfranchising the negroes of the South.

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2916 9/8/1865

*From:* C.H. Howard

*To:* Dear brother [OO  
Howard]

OOH-2860

Leeds

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Leeds Sept 8 1865

Dear brother

Your letter to mother did not reach here till last night. You say I had "better" come to Washington but I doubt if I have the time. I could (I suppose) make a flying visit from New York but the expense would be something. If you think it important for me to visit W. before returning to Gen. Saxton please telegraph to me, Howard Hotel, New York.

If I should find that I had a long time to wait in New York for a Steamer for Hilton Head I may decide to go to Washington at any rate.

I inclose a Description of Wash's wife & the situation of the plantations where he and where his wife lived.

If I had the time I could go down there and find her (if living) I have no doubt. I should think some member of the old staff would willingly do it.

Farm not yet sold. Messrs. Sprague & Pratt of Green show some inclination to buy it and take a second look at it today. Wish you would write me a letter to Howard Hotel – N.Y. If we go tomorrow morning, Mother will go to Easton & I shall go out there to spend Sunday with her. Last Sunday I was at Farmington. My leave expires 19th Sept. when I should be in South Carolina. I do not yet know whether I have been detailed for the Bureau in compliance with Gen. Saxton's request – or not. I am glad you arranged to have an officer for Georgia for the present to report to Saxton.

A paper containing your Chicago speech came to mother. I liked it much. Think it even a happier effort than the one at Augusta – more telling points in it perhaps.

My regards to Stinson, Gilbreth & Sladen – and to Gen. Fullerton if he is at W. Where is Gen. Strong? I would like much to see him and all my old comrades at Hd. Qrs.

Your affectionate brother  
C.H. Howard

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

Leeds

Sept 8, 1865.

Howard C.H.

Friendly Letter.

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2917 9/8/1865

*From:* Spencer Parnsey

*To:* Maj. Genl O O Howard

OOH-2861

<> of Young Mens  
Assn.  
Troy

Washington

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*Source:* Bowdoin

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<> of Young Mens Assn.  
Troy 8 Sept 1865

Respected General,

Our association & Citizens would be glad to have an opportunity of listening to you if you could make it convenient to pay us a visit during the coming winter. Our Assn is one that stands high & we have as good a Lecture course as can be obtained. I have cherished the hope that Gen Howard, a name dear to every lover of his country & his God, might be induced to appear before our Assn & give us an opportunity not only of seeing but of hearing from his lips, some thing which might do us good.

I have thus made bold to address you & shall hope for an affirmative answer.

As early a reply as will be convenient for you to give, will be thankfully received by

Your humble servt.  
Spencer Parnsey  
Cor Secy Troy YMA

To  
Maj. Genl O O Howard  
Washington

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2918 9/9/1865

*From:* Rowland [RB  
Howard]

*To:* Dear Sister [Lizzie  
Howard]

OOH-2862

Farmington

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Farmington Sept. 9 / 65

Dear Sister

As "misery loves company" it may be some satisfaction to you to know that we are all sick except Ella & she is so near it that she don't seem like herself. The whooping cough has not become very severe yet but is quite active especially nights. Anna was taken delirious Thursday afternoon & remains very sick. A little girl, that Ella had to help for a day or two vomited all night that night & we sent her home. I have been sick of Cholera morbus two days, but am better today. One of our neighbors is in helping Ella this morning & Anna has watches every night. We had a minister to tea last night & expect William Merrick tonight, but he will go to Sarahs till we are better. He is to stay a week here & then visit the Kennebec. I have a letter for Charles from Bangor which I will send to Leeds with his other things Monday.

We are anxious to hear how the children (yours) get on with their cough. Our baby seems very cheerful but we see yet some <weakness>. I will go to Leeds Monday if possible, but doubt if I am able to leave home. I have some one to help me Sunday.

With love to all the children from Ella & me & to Mother & Charles if with you - & yourself.

Yr. aff. Brother  
Rowland

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2919 9/9/1865

*From:* Otis [OO Howard]

*To:* Dearest [Lizzie Howard]

OOH-2863

Washington D.C.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Washington D.C.  
Sept. 9th 1865

Dearest,

We agreed, all except Mrs Markland & Gen Strong, to have breakfast a half hour earlier and I therefore get a little time here at the office, before the work of the day commences. I received a letter from you yesterday and I thought you felt a little backward about coming to Washington. It wont do darling if we we are ever to live together again with a common interest, sympathy, and work you must come. I cannot entirely live without you. I need your sympathy every day. I cannot be much help to you, but you can aid me in the great work committed to me by your sympathy & love. They will rest me when tired and cheer when <disponded>. I do not care for our social status –you are infinitely superior to any woman I have seen here and at Washington more than any where else in the world people do just as they please. I am going to send a boy on for the pony, one I can trust.

I wanted to find Wash's wife first if possible and send her on, so I am waiting to get a description from Mother. Harry S. is gaining in flesh, but coughs hard still. Gilbreth is well & here. If you could rent a portion of the house of somebody you know & could trust, so as to correspond about it, and could shut up the rest I think it would be well. As soon as warm weather comes again you will undoubtedly go back to spend the summer.

I called on Judge <Ohan> and afterwards the President last night. Mr Johnson is giving up the land pretty fast and I begin to tremble with anxiety for the freedmen. This is entre nous.

Give papas love to each of the children. We have got some new steps at the house and I now have the carriage brot. there so as to keep it clean. Sam boards everybody and is doing so admirably.

Give my love to Mrs Jackson and ask if she is well and if she has heard from her son. The weather has now become considerably cooler. I long much for you, Dearest. May God bless you & our dear family as He always has.

Lovingly  
Otis

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2920 9/9/1865

*From:* M. S Brigham

*To:* General [OO Howard]

OOH-2864

Old Cambridge, Mass.  
Cor. Of Putnam &  
Green Sts.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Old Cambridge, Mass.  
Cor. Of Putnam & Green Sts.  
Sept. 9th 1865

General,

Permit me to intrude upon your time which I am aware is fully occupied.

Some time in July last I made an application through Surgeon McLures, U.S.A. to you, soliciting an appointment as teacher of schools for the Freedmen and their families; at the same time I forwarded testimonial as to my moral character and ability; - not having learned whether said letter was received I again take the liberty to renew my application with further testimonials as to my ability and standing in society here, and in so doing am induced by a notice in the Boston Newspapers which state that schools are about to be established in the City of Washington for the education of Freemen and their families. Feeling a deep interest in the cause of education and more especially of the colored race, I earnestly hope that you may give this application a favorable consideration and by so doing much oblige.

Your Obt. Servant  
M. S Brigham

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2921 9/9/1865

*From:* John T. Lockman

*To:* O.O. Howard  
Maj Gen

OOH-2865

*Source:* Bowdoin

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

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Office of C.J. & E. De Witt,  
No. 88 Nassau Street  
New York, Sept 9th 1865

General

Your letter of 6th inst received this date.

I sincerely thank you for the kind expressions contained therein and will cherish them as a memento to which I can always refer with pleasurable pride.

Yours respectfully  
John T. Lockman  
Late Col 119 NY

O.O. Howard  
Maj Gen, Commissioner &c



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2922 9/9/1865

*From:* Lewis A. Hall M.D.

*To:* Gen. [OO] Howard

OOH-2866

Mount Holly, New  
Jersey  
Burlington Co.

Freedmens Bureau  
Washington D.C.

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*Source:* Bowdoin

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Mount Holly Sept'm 9th 1865

Gen. Howard Freedmens Bureau  
Washington D.C.

Honored Sir! The matter contained in the following lines must plead my excuse for addressing you.

First: The primary rudiments of an education for the colored population under your care, is engaging some of the best Minds in our Country. How is this to be effected in the Shortest time, and with the least expense? These two questions I feel fully prepared to answer, at the proper time and place. Having in my youth been largely engaged in Teaching. I have been importuned by many philanthropists to have an interview with you, and explain the whole subject. To those importunities I have answered - that my impressive way, that there were many minds, and much Talent, now engaged in Teaching in the South, as well calculated to instruct as I <can>. Many months having passed and many good instructors having devoted their time, and talent, to the instruction, and no doubt have done the Blacks much good, and yet, not one of them have proposed; or used (so far as I can learn) the method best calculated to impart to the pupil, the most information, to the greatest number, in a given time, at small expense.

The same good that is done for 50, or one hundred Scholars now may be effected by my method to one thousand Fifteen hundred by one Teacher, and I could govern Several Schools of such numbers, by having one Such Teacher for every Thousand Scholars. No paper, or Books, are required by my Method, until the pupil can read. This item of expense now, amounts to enough to pay a Sub teacher for instruction for every 1000 taught by your present plan.

Any thing that I can do, to assist you, Howard Sir, in educating both White and Black, and restoring harmony, and good feeling in our beloved Country, will most cheerfully be done if requested, by

Your humble contributor  
Lewis A. Hall M.D.  
Late Surgeon U.S. Army  
Mount Holly, New Jersey  
Burlington Co.

NB. Should you consider an interview desirable, I can be in Washington the day following the announcement of your wishes.

L. A. Hall

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

Mount Holly N.J.

Sept 9, 1865.

Hall, Lewis A. M.D.

Desires to cooperate and aid in education of the peoples of the South both Black & White

[Stamp] BUREAU R.F.&A.L. WASHINGTON RECD SEP 11 1865

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2923 9/9/1865

*From:* B.G. Northrop

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

OOH-2867

*Source:* Bowdoin

Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts,  
Office of Board of  
Education,  
Boston

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts,  
Office of Board of Education,  
Boston, Sept 9 1865

Maj. Gen. Howard  
Dear Sir,

Your excellent letter to me was read at the Am. Institute of Instruction & was heard with great satisfaction. It has been widely printed, & its just & noble sentiment have awakened a cordial response in the minds of many thousands.

Enclosed please find the "proof" of a circular which I am about to issue. I propose to add one or two questions to the list & what I sh'd be most happy to add w'd be "Education of the Freedmen" or "Education in the South" (or any kindred topic) by Maj. Gen. Howard.

Your field of "Superintendence" is far wider than that of any of our State Sup'ts of Schools. I can think of no one in the Country who w'd be able to write a paper so timely, practiced & weighty on such a subject.

I feel encouraged by the very kind spirit of your letter of Aug 4 to hope that you will consent to help us at this meeting in Washington.

I have left a blank as you see, for the room or place of meeting, for the reason that I knew not where we c'd meet without expense. As an Association we have no funds. The State Supts generally are, I suppose, not burdened with money. Economy is a necessity. Is there in your department, or in any other a room wh. w'd accommodate - say sixty or possibly one hundred men wh. c'd be had without charge. The meeting is called to meet what seems to us a call of Providence. We have no party or selfish purpose to answer.

I write freely because I know you full sympathize with every such effort. If you can favor me with a reply within ten days, please direct to Caldwell N.Y. If later, to State House Boston Ms. As I wish to print the circular in full, an early reply will be a special favor to

Yours most truly  
B.G. Northrop

[Stamped on the back page] BUREAU R.F.&A.L. WASHINGTON REC'D SEP 11 1865

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2924 9/9/1865

*From:* James A. Ekin

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

OOH-2868

Quartermaster  
General's Office  
Washington, D.C.

Freedmans Bureau  
Washington, D.C.

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*Source:* Bowdoin

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(Unofficial)

Quartermaster General's Office  
Washington, D.C., Sept. 9, 1865

Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard  
Freedmans Bureau  
Washington, D.C.  
General,

I respectfully desire to present to your kind consideration for appointment, or Agency to the Freedmen, the names of Rev. W. D. McConnell, and Rev. W.M. Richie, christian ministers of good standing in the United Presbyterian Church, a church which, in proportion to its numbers, has contributed more aid to the government in suppressing the rebellion than any other.

The appointment of the gentlemen named would be most acceptable to the Christian community in which they reside, and would be but a deserved compliment to the patriotic christians of whom they are the honored representatives.

I have the honor to be, General,  
Very Respectfully  
Your obt. Servant  
James A. Ekin  
Bvt. Brig. Genl.  
In charge 1st Div.  
Q.M.G.O.

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

Q.M.G.O.

Washington, Sept. 9, 1865

Ekin, James A.

Bvt Brig. Genl. in charge 1st Div.

Requests the appointment of Rev. W.L. McConnell, & Rev. W.M. Richie to positions in Bureau R.F. & A.L.  
Sept 11, 1865

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2925 9/9/1865

*From:* E. D. Townsend  
A.A.Genl.

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

OOH-2869

Comr. Freedmens Bureau

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Dear General,

You were speaking of an asst. comr. for Georgia & of transferring Genl. Tillson there from Tenn. It occurs to me to suggest that you see the President & have a conversation with him on the subject. He is of course familiar with Tenn'ee affairs & perhaps would like you to confer with him on the matter of Commissioners generally. In the absence of the Secretary I think it would be well for you to step over this morning, when you would be likely to find an opportunity to see the President on sending your name up.

Yours truly  
E. D. Townsend  
A.A.Genl.

Maj. Genl. Howard  
Comr. Freedmens Bureau  
Sept. 9, 1865  
Saturday