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2945 9/15/1865    *From:* E.B. Webb

*To:* My dear Genl. [OO]  
Howard

OOH-2884

638 Tremont St.  
Boston

*Source:* Bowdoin

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638 Tremont St.  
Boston Sepr. 15, 1865

My dear Genl. Howard

I was charged with a message & letter to you to be delivered at Brunswick. I am afraid they did not make much impression on you. The substance of it is this - The Young Men's Christian Association are desirous of obtaining a lecture from you this coming Winter. They are to have but few - & they want those that will draw.

Personally it w'l'd give me great pleasure to see you here & to have you at my house. Can you, & will you promise to come - say in December or January?

Please answer as soon as possible.

Charlie called yesterday. We were out - i.e. I was & did not see him. Am expecting him again to-day, on his way South I believe.

If there is any opportunity for me to visit the fortifications about Petersburg in connection with yourself, or with any Government officer to whom you cl'd properly introduce me, it w'l'd give me great pleasure to see those sights before they are levelled.

I have just returned from my vacation. It is excesing hot, & I with myself in the sea every day. But I trust we are to have weather for work soon.

Truly & fraternally  
E.B. Webb

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

Boston MA

Sept 15, / 65

Webb Rev EB

Writes Genl to deliver a lecture in Boston this coming winter.

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Ans Sept 20, 1865

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2942 9/14/1865 *From:* E.D. Simons

*To:* Maj Genl O.O. Howard

OOH-2885

Sand lake N.Y.

(Freedmen's Bureau)

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Sand lake N.Y.  
Sept 14th 1865

Maj Genl O.O. Howard  
(Freedmen's Bureau)  
Dear Sir:-

Will you please inform me, whether lady teachers are being employed by your Bureau, for the instruction of children of Freedmen? If so, upon what conditions and terms?

Very Resp'y  
E.D. Simons  
Pastor Bap Ch  
Sand lake  
N.Y.

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2943 9/14/1865 *From:* Wells W. Leggett

*To:* Major General O.O.  
Howard

OOH-2886

United States Mil  
Academy  
West Point N.Y.

Washington, D.C.

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*Source:* Bowdoin

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United States Mil Academy  
West Point N.Y. 14th Sept 1865

Major General O.O. Howard  
Washington, D.C.  
Dear General,

Thinking that you would like to hear of my progress in this Academy, I thought I would tax your attention, for only a few moments. By the kind intercession of yourself, and others. I was enabled to get her, and commence my course 1st in the "Plebe Camp", and then in my studies, after entering "Barracks." The first, was a little galling, as I had come from the position of an officer in the Army, but I soon found that the "plebing course" only served to render the future life in barracks a pleasure, or relief, rather than a prison.

I was very agreeably surprised today by a few hours visit from Father, on his way West from Connecticut, but the visit was so short, and unexpected, that I hardly had time to enjoy it. He is now quite well, and wished to be remembered to you.

I am getting along very well in my studies, and if I am blessed with a continuation of good health, I have no fears, but what I can pass through, as my "plebing course" is over and I am rooming with a young man who wishes, and intends to come out well - hence am undisturbed in studying.

Thanking you very kindly for the assistance rendered me in obtaining my appointment, and at the same time, for the compliment extended me as an officer. I will close.

I would be very thankful General for some good advice.

I am Sir,  
Very respectfully,  
Your most obedient servant,  
Wells W. Leggett  
Cadet

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

U.S.M. Academy  
West Point N.Y., Sept 14 1865  
Leggett, W. W.  
Cadet

Friendly Letter

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2944 9/14/1865

*From:* D. Remick

*To:* Maj. Genl [OO] Howard

OOH-2887

Chicago, Burlington &  
Quincy Railroad Co.,  
Quincy, Ills

Washington DC

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*Source:* Bowdoin

[84]

Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Co.,  
Quincy, Ills Sept 14th 1865

Dear Genl

Please find enclosed paper for yourself & Lady over the road that I represent (one of the best roads in the west or world) and should you come to Chicago again be sure and come and see the length of this great and beautiful tract of country being on this thoroughfare. I have the honour to be dear Genl

Very Truly  
Your Humble Servt  
D. Remick

Maj. Genl Howard  
Washington DC

P.S. Please give my kind regards to all of my old friends of your staff. D.R.

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

Quincy, Ills

Sept 14 1865

Remick David

Friendly letter enclosing passes on the Chicago Burlington & Quincy R.R.

Hold for Gen

Letter sent

Dr Rem to thank you very kindly for your kindness & courtesies

I shall take great pleasure in availing myself of your invitation but more we envy you.

Affy yours

ans sent Oct 1st 1865

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2946 9/15/1865 *From:* Cutler Edson

*To:* General O.O. Howard

OOH-2888

Claremont N.H.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Claremont N.H. Sept 15th 1865

To General O.O. Howard  
Dr Sir

No doubt you will think it a little curious that the old Bugler in Co E. 5th N.H.V. should presume to address your honor, but thinking perhaps you might be able to do something for me I venture to wright you a few lines to let you know my whereabouts &c.

I inlisted in my countrys service a well healthy man but before my term of service expired my health faled me and I was discharged. I never have recovered my health so that I can perform hard labor and learning that you were employing help for the government I thought perhaps you might give me a chance where I could support myself & family by over seeing and looking after others and not be obliged to work beyound my strength as I now do.

I think I shal be able to furnish you with a reccommend both of my buisness talents and my Christian caracter sufficient to insure me a good position where I may be of use to my fellow men. I would be glad to here from you soon if you think me worthy of your notice.

(G.M. Davis my sone in law spoke of writing to you on this subject wheather he has I don't know)

I am your Obedient Servent  
Cutler Edson

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

Claremont N.H. Sep 15, 1865

Edson, Cutler

Desires employment in the Freedmens Bureau

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2947 9/15/1865 *From:* S.P. Fowler, Jr.

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

OOH-2889

Danvers, Mass

Chief of Freedmen's Bureau

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Danvers, Mass  
Sept 15th 1865

To Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard  
Chief of Freedmen's Bureau  
General,

I desire to enter the service of the Freedmen's Bureau, as superintendent of schools.

As to my qualifications for the work, I beg leave to say that I am an alumnus of Amherst of the class of 1861, and a graduate of the last class at Andover Theolog. Sem. From some army experience in N. Carolina, my interest was more specially awakened in behalf of the freedmen, and I became more acquainted with their wants. I take the liberty to send you, sir, an exact copy of a letter of introduction from an acquaintance of your's - Prof. Egbert C. Smyth of Andover Theolog. Sem.

Andover Theolog. Sem.  
Sept 5th 1865

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howad  
My Dear Sir,

Allow me to introduce to you Mr. S.P. Fowler, Jr. a recent graduate of this Seminary & an alumnus of Amherst. Mr. F. Informs me that he wishes to take part in the efforts now making to promote the moral & religious welfare of the Freedmen, & desires to serve under the auspices of the Bureau at whose head you have been placed. He will personally explain to you his preferences so far as needful. I will only add, therefore, that it gives me pleasure to commend him to your favor believing that he will prove a christian workman who will not need to be ashamed.

Permit me to add that your present efforts in behalf of the Freedmen seem to me, most auspicious. You may be sure that now, no less than when braving the perils of war, many a christian heart remembers you in its daily intercessions.

If we can be of any service to you here in Andover, please command us.

Y'r's Faithfully  
Egbert C. Smyth

I do not wish to go to Washington wholly upon uncertainties, and hence I write. If I knew you could do nothing for me, I would endeavor to go under the auspices of the N.E. Freed. Aid Society. I hope, sir, you can get me into the Bureau as superintendent of schools. Will you please, general, favor me by an early attention.

Please direct to  
S.P. Fowler, Jr.  
Danvers, Mass.

Maj. Gen. Howard

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2948 9/15/1865 *From:* C.E. McKay

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

OOH-2890

Auburn

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Auburn Sept 15th 1865

Maj. Genl. Howard,  
Dear Sir -

I have the honor to request your attention, and kind consideration to plans which I have in mind for rendering some assistance, (such as I can) to the Freedmen of Petersburg, Va.

I hoped to have been able to state them to you, when I was in Washington, on my way from Petersburg, the last of June, and spent several hours at your Hd. Qrs. for that purpose, but was not able to see you. Previously to that time I had been in the "air Grounds Hospt'l" nearly all the time after our troops entered the city, and became considerably interested in the colored people there, and acquainted myself so far as I could with their condition.

I propose to return there and operate among them in the same manner as I did, to some extent before I left, viz, by assisting families who are suffering, advising and helping them so far as I can to employment.

In order to do this to advantage I shall be very glad if Government can assist me to the extent of furnishing quarters, and the use of an ambulance or any other means of transportation about the city. For the rest, I can take care of myself, and shall depend for means to work with on the generosity of friends at the North, of whose aid I have ample assurance. Will you be so kind as to let me know if you can put me in a way to receive such assistance from Government as I may require.

Dr. Wiggin kindly offers to enclose this to you.

I remain General,  
Yours very respectfully,  
C.E. McKay

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

Auburn Me.

Sept 15, 1865

MacKay Mrs C.E.

Requests Gov't aid for herself as teacher & nursing for Freedmen

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2949 9/15/1865 *From:* Henry Wilson

*To:* Major Genl. O.O. Howard

OOH-2891

Washington D.C.

Washington D.C.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Washington D.C.  
September 15th 1865

Major Genl. O.O. Howard  
Washington D.C.  
Dear Genl,

I desire to introduce to your favorable notice, Major Ira Russell, a personal friend of mine and a gentleman in whom I have the most perfect confidence in every respect. I have known him for many years, and I consider him one of the most reliable of all my acquaintance.

Any attention or courtesy I can thus obtain for him at your hands I shall consider a personal favor.

I am General, Very Respectfully  
Your obedient Servant  
Henry Wilson



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2950 9/15/1865 *From:* Charles Sumner

*To:* My dear General [OO  
Howard]

OOH-2892

Boston

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Boston 15th Sept. '65

My dear General

I have already written you in favor of Rev'd Mr. Glavis, our Hospital Chaplain, & of the very stuff for service among freedmen. Before he is mustered out, would it not be well to detail him for yr bureau?

I enclose letters from Mr Greeley & <Thos Welby> which have been furnished to me.

Faithfully yours,  
Charles Sumner

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

Boston 15th Sept. 1865

Sumner, Charles

Recommends Chap. Glavis for position in the Bureau.

2 Enclosures

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