
2959 9/19/1865 *From:* Edgar M. Levy

To: Major Gen. [OO] Howard

OOH-2901

Newark N.J.

Source: Bowdoin

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Newark N.J. Sept 19th 1865

To
Major Gen. Howard &c
General,

I have the honor to mail to your address copies of sermons which I delivered nearly a year ago. The discourses possess no special merit, other than, perhaps, the fact they contain the sentiments of one who was born in the south—a native of Georgia, but who has ever remained true to our common Union.

I feel deeply interested in the present & future welfare of the Freedmen, & if I could be of any service to them or in any wise aid you in the interesting department of which you are the head, it would afford me much pleasure.

I was born in St. Mary, Georgia—have lived in Savannah, I have a large circle of acquaintances in that state, outside of the politicians. I have, however, lived north long enough to appreciate the difference between freedom & slavery. I would refer you to Dr. Grant, with whom I believe you are acquainted, & who is one of the friends residing in this city to whom I am much attached.

Praying that God may assist you in the important & interesting duties of your office.

I am Yours Truly
Edgar M. Levy
Pastor of the South Baptist Church
Newark N.J.

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

Newark N.Y.

Sept 19, 1865

Levy Rev E. M.

Letter transmitting a sermon delivered by him.

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2960 9/19/1865 *From:* B.S. Green

To: Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard

OOH-2902

Cleveland

Source: Bowdoin

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Cleveland Sept 19th / 65

Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard
Chief of F. Bureau W.City
My Dear Sir,

Allow me (as President of the "Union Freeman's Aid Society" of Cleveland Ohio, to congratulate ourselves, in that we have a Christian man at the head of our F. Bureau.

Our Society has just celebrated its Sixth Anniversary (Sept 13th) and we had an interesting time, reviewing the providential dealings with us a a people, since our organization, our Society, is composed mostly of colored people. Several well educated teachers have been sent out by us, and scores are standing ready to go, as soon as we have the means to send them.

We desire to raise the means ourselves by appeals to people of color (and others) who may choose to aid us. Ohio, "Western Penn", and Canada, compose the territory we canvass.

In behalf of the Society, permit me to ask from the "Chief of Bureau", a pledge that he will extend to us, the same cooperation and facilities, with the same protection, given to any other commission organized to aid the Freedmen.

Enclose please find a copy of our Circular Appeal.

Be kind enough to tell us whether the "Government" will continue to supply our teachers with school houses and rations? An ans is desired immediately with such documents as you may thing we need.

B.S. Green, pres.

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

[STAMP] BUREAU R.F.&A.L. WASHINGTON REC'D SEP 28 1865

ans Sept 28

2961 9/19/1865

From: Saml L Taggart

To: Maj Genl O O Howard

OOH-2903

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 19th 1865

Maj Genl O O Howard
Commissioner and c
General,

In conformity with my intentions of leaving the service (heretofore expressed to you) I now request to be relieved from duty in this Bureau and directed to report to the Adjutant General of the Army for orders and in this connection allow me to express the gratefulness I feel for your encouraging kindness towards me while under your direction and which I feel has not been wholly merited for while generally desiring to serve you and the government, to the extent of my ability, I am painfully conscious of having in several instances given you good cause for complaint. I sincerely hope my brief connection with you and the example of your Christian, charitable and hopeful character and life may, as I believe it will, make me a better man.

With feelings of gratitude and earnest wishes for your further success and happiness in this life.

I am General
Respectfully & truly yours
Saml L Taggart
Bvt Lt Col and AA Genl

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

Washington, Sept 19th 1865

Taggart, Saml. L.

Bvt. Lt. Col. & A.A.G.

Asks to be relieved from duty, thanks Gen Howard for his uniform kindness to him, whilst he had the pleasure of serving on his staff.

2962 9/19/1865 *From:* Davis Tillson

To: Dear General [OO
Howard]

OOH-2904

Hilton Head

Source: Bowdoin

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Hilton Head
September 19th 1865

Dear General

I arrived here last night. This morning early I procured a boat and went to Beaufort but had the mortification to find that Genl Saxton had left the day before for Augusta Georgia. I endeavored to telegraph him, but found the wires down. I shall hurry through to Savannah and telegraph Genl Saxton from there if possible.

We are having a severe gale which may impede my movements, but I hope not. I shall go unless the Qr Mr. refused to send the boat on account of the Storm. We had a most delightful trip from New York.

Yours Very Truly
Davis Tillson
Brig Genl Vol.

P.S. Genl Devens comdg at this Post has very kindly consent4ed for me to use his privage boat and I expect to start for Savannah this P.M.

[Written on the last page, in a different hand.]
Beaufort S.C.
Sept 19, 1865.
Tillson Davis B.G.
Announces his arrival at Beaufort.
Rec'd Sept 25 1865.

2963 9/19/1865 *From:* J.W. Parker

To: Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard

OOH-2905

Boston

Chf Freedmans Bureau

Source: Bowdoin

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Boston Sept. 19, 1865

Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard
Chf Freedmans Bureau,
Genl,

I have the honor to ask of you the appropriation of such part of the Le Overture Hospital in Alexandria Va. as may be needed for a school for the Freedmen, now under the charge of Miss M .J. Emerson & Miss M.A. Collier under my direction as Secy of the N.E. Freedmans Aid Comsn.

The portion required can be removed if need be by the people for whose benefit it may be used. Can the stores go with the building, as they will be required for winter use.

I am
Gen. Very Truly, &c
J.W. Parker
Cor. Secy &c

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

Boston Mass

19 Sept / 65

Parker J. W.

Request that Le Erution Hosp be assigned to Messrs Emerson & Collins.

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ans Sept 20th 1865

2964 9/19/1865 *From:* Sam L. Taggart

To: Dear General [OO
Howard]

OOH-2906

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 19, 1865

Dear General

I can not express in words my thankfulness for you kind, recommendatory letter of this date, and am afraid I have not wholly merited the expression of your satisfaction with my conduct, but believe me General, it is my purpose to lead such a life in the future as to deserve the approbation of good men.

Truly Yours
Sam L. Taggart
Asst Adj Genl

2965 9/19/1865 *From:* Benj. Kingsbury, Jr. *To:* Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard

OOH-2907

Baltimore

Washington

Source: Bowdoin

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Baltimore, Sept. 19, 1865

My Dear Sir,

Being here temporarily, I have just received a letter from the Committee on the Independent Course of lectures in Portland, requesting me to see you personally on the subject. I believe Gov. Washburne made kindness to you the purpose of the course.

I hope to be in Washington Saturday evening, and shall do myself the pleasure to call on you Monday morning.

I am commissioned also to invite Judge Holt to give us a lecture the coming winter. If you can help me in the matter, the good cause (as well as myself) will be indebted to you.

With great respect,
Yours Truly,
Benj. Kingsbury, Jr.

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard,
Washington.

2966 9/19/1865 *From:* Gid. I. Pillow

To: Gen. O.O. Howard

OOH-2908

Willards Hotel

Source: Bowdoin

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Willards Hotel
Septr 19th 1865

Gen. O.O. Howard
Chf. Com. F. &c
Genl,

I have just reached the city on important business with you. I see from the Papers that you leave the City in the morning. Is it possible to have a personal interview with you before your departure.

I have an important official paper for your consideration and a private letter from Gen Fisk.

With great Respect
Gid. I. Pillow

2967 9/19/1865 *From:* Otis [OO Howard]

To: Dearest [Lizzie Howard]

OOH-2909

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 19th 1865

Dearest,

I received a short letter from you Sunday morning. I do feel as though you could be happier & healthier with me than in Augusta. It is now cold weather and the children will not be unfavorably affected by the changes. I am going to sen Thomas Bubin after the Pony with full instructions. I am about starting to Virginia on an Inspection – shall be gone one week – will meet you in Phila. if Wm Merrick can accompany you. I think with Guy for a Beau you can get to Phila safely if I cannot get as far as New York. Chas. is now on his way South. He is inspector for Gen. Saxton.

Much love to all.

Lovingly Yr husband
Otis

2928 9/10/1865 *From:* L. G. Townsend

To: Maj Genl [OO] Howard

OOH-2910

Washington

Source: Bowdoin

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Washington Sep 10th 1865

Maj Genl Howard

Dear Sir

In the long and painful suspense and the severe trial to which I have been subjected since troubling you last, I have often desired to address you, but well knew the constant pressure upon your time, and that you must be informed of some of the leading facts of my case.

I drop this, only to say in thankfulness, my confidence was not misplaced, that God would bring me safely through, and suffer no dishonor to fall upon me or mine. If my application to the President, to be again restored to office, meets with the favor that is promised, I shall soon be able to report for duty, with the hope of yet proving myself worthy of the confidence and affection of my friends.

Very Respectfully
Your Humble Sevt.
L. G. Townsend

2968 9/20/1865

From: J.S. Backus

To: Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard

OOH-2911

Source: Bowdoin

The American Baptist
Home Mission Society
Room 7, No. 132
Nassau Street
New York

Chief. Com. Freedmens
Bureau
Washington D.C.

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The American Baptist Home Mission Society
Room 7, No. 132 Nassau Street
New York, Sept 20 1865

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard
Chief. Com. Freedmens Bureau
Washington D.C.
Hon & Dear Sir

We are Sending Teachers and Preachers with special Commission to do what they can to educate and elevate the Freedmen in different Cities and States South.

This we do in full sympathy with you in your department ever ready to do and to have them do what they can to sustain you.

We also desire your sympathy and support in our work and believe we have it.

We wish to know whether rations or transportation or both will be furnished and if so what is necessary on our part to obtain the same.

J.S. Backus
Corr Secy

2969 9/20/1865 *From:* Mrs. Julia S. Kellogg *To:* Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard

OOH-2912

235 S. Clark st.
Chicago, Ill.

Source: Bowdoin

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Chicago, Sept. 20th 1865.

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard:

I would rather bonnet and shawl myself this eve. & call upon you in person and tell you my errand, so long waiting to be made known to some one interested in the same great work, which for Five years more or less, has occupied me –The Teaching of Col. People in this city.

I now wait to go South to any place where I am most needed –where I may be most useful.

Can I be sent out by the Government?

Indeed, sir, Teaching the slaves of men & of Poverty brings no surplus money. Indeed they may be poor, but I will not regret it, for 250 Adults have learned to read & write at our school. These now compose the Bible classes of their Sabbath Schools, & transact business in quite a scholar-like manner.

If I can only go – only arrive at – only reach some place where col. people live & need a Teacher, they will do as their race has done here – support their own school – bread & butter their own Teacher.

Will you help me to give them the privilege?

References –The Pastors of the Col. Churches here, 2 of whom are Patrons of our school. &c &c &c 10 years of my life were spent in a S. clime, & I want to go again, away even from the sore-throat-<> of our own loves sake.

I regret I did not see you when you were in Chicago.

My Father was a clergyman, my Husband was a merchant. To-day I am an orphan & a widow.

Hoping I may be aided in my wish to go away to some more extensive field of usefulness.

I have the honor to be sir, your most obedient,
Mrs. Julia S. Kellogg
Address
235 S. Clark st.
Chicago, Ill.

Maj. Lowell started in my school room –gave me your address.

During your visit here I was absent with a sick lady in the country, or I should have seen you.

[Written upside down on the last page, on top of the existing writing, in a different hand.]

Chicago Ills

20th Sept 1865

Kellogg Mrs J.S.

Asks <sustenates>

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ans Sept 25, 1865

2970 9/20/1865 *From:* R.S. Cheves

To: Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard

OOH-2913

Abbeville

Source: Bowdoin

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Abbeville Sep. 20th 1865

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard
Dear Sir,

I hope you will excuse the liberty I take in addressing you – your time must be so much occupied with applications of a similar nature, that I should scarcely have ventured to trouble you had I not been encouraged by a grateful recollection of your sympathy and kindness to myself and daughter in Columbia, at a time when we were so much in need of it. We are now entirely destitute of any means of support, our land on the Ogeechee, near Savannah being our sole dependence; it never was abandoned as my husband did not enter the Army until compelled to do so by law, and we remained there as long as we possibly could, that is until he was obliged to be absent under orders, and when I left Savannah, which I did for want of means of support, I was recognized by the Federal authorities as the wife of the owner of that property –we are now impoverished to the last degree, and I write to request your interest in having our land restored as we have no other resource in the world. I would gladly take an equal share of the burthens and penalties, but I believe that is contrary to the laws of the bureau. My husband has been in Savannah, and absent from me for some months, and communication between this place and Savannah is so tardy & difficult that I seldom hear from him, but when he last wrote he had not been able to effect any thing with regard to regaining our land. If therefore you will be kind enough to assist us I shall feel truly grateful to you – you have the power, and I trust also the will to add this kindness to that we have already experience at your hands during your stay in Columbia & for which I still retain a thankful remembrance.

Respectfully your Obd. Svt.
R.S. Cheves

My address is
Mrs. J.R. Cheves
Care of C.T. Haskell Esq.
Abbeville, So. Ca.

2971 9/20/1865 *From:* Edward F. Waite

To: Dear Sir [OO Howard]

OOH-2914

Portland

Source: Bowdoin

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Portland, Sept 20, 1865

Dear Sir,

If you can spare the time from your arduous duties could you write me a recommendation to Ex-Governor Washburn now collector of this port so that I could obtain a situation in the Custom House.

I furnished a substitute for the army and afterwards enlisted and was wounded and it seems no more than fair to me that discharged soldiers should have situation under the government rather than those who have never shouldered a musket.

Please direct reply to Box 2194.

Your obedient servant,
Edward F. Waite

2972 9/20/1865 *From:* Shipherd

To: Dear General [OO
Howard]

OOH-2915

New York

Source: Bowdoin

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New York
Sept 20 / 65

Dear General:

I hope to get off for Washington tonight, & yet this may reach you sooner than I shall see you.

At our meeting yesterday it was agreed to request General Howard to nominate a member of the Commission for the State of Maine. Please be turning it over in mind as we shall want the name for publication at once.

The first meeting of the Commissioners is to be held at Phil'a on the 11th October. I am directed to request General Howard to confer the highest kindness upon the Commission by meeting with the Board for unreserved conference – unreserved so far as he is willing to communicate his views. Every word from his lips will be golden.

Au revoir
Shipherd.

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

New York 20 Sept / 65

Shipherd

Announces his intention to visit Gen Howard &

[STAMP] BUREAU R.F.&A.L. WASHINGTON REC'D SEP 21 1865

2973 9/20/1865

From: A.B. Sweeney

To: Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard

OOH-2916

Camp Douglas, Ill.

Washington D.C.

Source: Bowdoin

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Camp Douglas, Ill.
Sept 20th 1865

Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard,
Washington D.C.
Genl,

I have the honor to request that my application made through you, to be transferred to Colored troops be withdrawn, as I understand said troops, are being mustered out of the service.

I would prefer remaining in the V.R.C. and serving in your department as you suggested.

My application was made to the Secretary of War about the 20 of Aug, and handed to you at the Sherman House, Chicago.

I am
Very Respectfully
Your most Obedient Servant
A.B. Sweeney
2nd Lieut. Co. K. 8th Regt VRC