
2986 9/24/1865

From: Jennie D. Chase

To: O.O. Howard

OOH-2929

Stanford Ville
Duchess Co.
N.Y.

Source: Bowdoin

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Stanford Ville Sept. 24th 1865

O.O. Howard
Sir -

A young lady friend and myself desire situations as teachers in your schools for Freedmen. If you desire recommendations they will be furnished you. Please answer immediately and tell me what compensation you give.

Address
Jennie D. Chase
Stanford Ville
Duchess Co.
N.Y.

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

Stanford Ville
Sept 24, 1865
Chase Jennie D.
Desires a situation as teacher
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2987 9/25/1865 *From:* Z. Richards

To: Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard

OOH-2930

Washington

Source: Bowdoin

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Washington Sept. 25. 1865

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard

Dear Sir:

During the month of August, I had the privilege of attending the two Educational Conventions; viz the "American Institute", at New Haven; and the National Teachers' Asso. at Harrisburg. At each of these meetings, the subject of education among the Freedmen, and people of the South, was freely discussed, and entertained with a feeling of general interest. The questions most prominent were 1st "What will the Government do for the education of these people?" and 2nd, "Will the Government be inclined to establish anything like a National Bureau of Education".

I have long felt a deep interest in these questions, and have believed that there should be, at least, a "Bureau of Educational Statistics", designed to furnish reliable information upon matters of general education, in each of the States of our Union, as well as, of other countries. I have been the bearer of petitions to Congress, praying for such action.

At the Educational meetings, to which I have referred, action was taken, and measures adopted to bring the subject before the next Congress; but with what success it remains to be seen. My impression is that Congress will be slow to adopt the plan of establishing an Educational Bureau, independent of any other branch of Government, but I have thought, that with proper effort a Division, designed to collect and preserve educational Statistics, reports and papers, could be attached to your Bureau; or to that branch of work belonging to your Bureau, which relates to the education of the freedmen.

There should be a place, in the capital of our country, for the collection of such educational documents and statistics, as would enable any one to obtain a full and correct account of public and private educational institutions in each of the States of our own country, and also, as far as possible, of foreign countries. If Congress can be induced to engraft this idea upon your establishment, would it not be a good beginning of an Educational Bureau, without being subject to the objections usually urged against such a plan?

I have made the forgoing statements, for the purpose of calling your attention to a subject upon which I desire to converse with you, if your duties will permit, and if you consider the suggestions worthy of consideration.

There is a strong conviction resting upon the minds of the great majority of the friends of Education in our country, that our National Government ought to do something to foster and encourage Public Instruction; as well as to foster any other public improvement, as agriculture in particular.

Why should not our Republican Government be the foster father of all the great enterprizes, which tend to develop its growth and power, and especially, the educational enterprise, which more than any other, tends to increase its preservative power? But I am sure I need not argue the question, with you. I have said this much, with the hope that you may be induced to second our efforts to induce the Government, to, at least, initiate a movement for the benefit of public education; to which my study and life has thus far been devoted, more than to any other. I shall be pleased to have an interview with you at an early period.

Yours Respectfully
Z. Richards

(over)

Oct. 2, 1865

P.S. Since writing the forgoing, I have received a programme of the Order of Exercises for the meeting of School Superintendents to be held in this city; and in a letter from Mr. Northrup he refers to you, when speaking

of the place of meeting. I am happy to learn that you are to give them a paper on that occasion, but can there not be a better or more convenient place for holding the meeting? I think we can secure a good Room, without any charge to the Association. I hope to see you soon.

Yours truly
Z. Richards

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

Washington, Sept 25, 1865

Richards, Z.

Thinks that it would be a good idea to connect with the Bureau of F.R.&A.L. a Bureau of Educational statistics.
C.B.231.

2990 9/26/1865 *From:* M R Casler

To: Maj Genl O O Howard

OOH-2931

Annapolis Md

Source: Bowdoin

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Annapolis Md Sept 26th 1865

Maj Genl O O Howard
Sir

I have the honor to make an application to you for situation for teachers in Freedmen's Schools for Misses Elizabeth Snyder and Helen E Heath daughters of staunch Union men in the State of N.Y. and whose sympathies are and have been with the cause in which you interested from the beginning. Both have taught school, and I know them to be in every way qualified to teach. They can forward you references from Hon Roscoe Conklin M.C. [U.S. Congress 1859-1882] and Hon Ward Hunt, Judge of Court of Appeals both from Oneida Co. N.Y. Both ladies are relatives of mine, and I take pleasure in recommending them to your notice although a recommend from me perhaps is of small moment. I was a Captain in the 121st NY Inf Vols under Col E Upton, and was wounded and disabled in the service and have perhaps as great an interest for the success of the plan for the instruction of the colored people, as any man living. Hon F.E. Spinner [U.S. Congress 1855-1860] can inform you who the ladies are as well as myself and would no doubt be pleased to recommend them. The school about to be opened in Annapolis, is not supplied with teachers, and if possible Misses Snyder and Heath would like situations there, if you consider favorably their applications.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
M R Casler

Address Box 176, Annapolis Md

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

Annapolis Md.

25th Sept 1865

Casler N R

Recommends two young ladies for teachers of col'd schools.

[written in red] JB193

[written in red] Rec'd BRF&AL 27 Sept

2988 9/25/1865 *From:* Wm. L. Dunlop

To: Gen. O.O. Howard

OOH-2932

Geo. Town D.C.

Source: Bowdoin

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Please inform me, on the receipt of this, of your acceptance.

Geo. Town D.C.
25 Sep. 1865

Gen. O.O. Howard,
Dr Sir,

The 21st anniversary of the <Inv.> Missionary Soc'y of Bridge St. Church S. School, of this place, will be held next Sabbath afternoon (Oct 1st) at 3 o'clock, in Bridge St. Church.

You will confer a favor on the managers of the Soc'y if you will make an address (of ten minutes) to the children on that occasion on the subject of missions.

I enclose you a programme of the exercises, & hope that the great subject of the Soc'y will move you to encourage us by your presence.

Very respectfully
Wm. L. Dunlop,
Secy Bd Manger

2989 9/25/1865

From: EM Forbes

To: Gen. Howard

OOH-2933

Ellicotts Mills, Md.

Source: Bowdoin

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Ellicotts Mills Sep 25 [1865]

Gen. Howard
Sir

I saw with pleasure that you had visited Bp Johns of Virginia and had encouraged him to form Sunday and Parochial Schools for Colored Children promising pecuniary aid. I am the Rector of the Episcopal Church in Elizabeth City, North Carolina and I have started a Parochial school for Colored children but I fear it will fail because we are not able to sustain it. My Teacher who is a Colored man is willing to do all he can but he looks to the school for a support. Will you then be kind enough to aid us in carrying on the good work. I am willing to do all I can but I am not able to furnish means. I am here for my health and will return about the middle of October to my parents and I wish to make it one of the prominent parts of my duty to instruct the colored people of my parish. I have been engaged in this business for many years before the war and part of my business in Baltimore is to see if I cannot get Catechisms, which I have written for the Colored people, published. For several years I was engaged as a Missionary among the Colored people belonging to Josiah Collins of North Carolina and I am anxious to do every thing to elevate their moral character. I shall be glad to hear from you and to receive any assistance either in enabling me to publish Catechisms for their instruction or to pay my Teacher for his services. If you favor me with a letter before the 6th of October you can direct to here EM Forbes Ellicotts Mills Maryland, care of Rev CM Parkman. If after that time to Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

Yours with respect
EM Forbes

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

Ellicotts Mills

25th Sept.

Forbes Rev E.M.

Pastor of PE Church

Elizabeth City N.C.

Asks assistance for school for Col'd children

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[Written in red] Ans October 2d 1865

2991 9/26/1865

From: E.W. Woodman

To: Maj Gen OO Howard

OOH-2934

Hd Qrs Sub Dist W
Florida Barrancas

Washington DC

Source: Bowdoin

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Hd Qrs Sub Dist W Florida
Barrancas Sept 26 1865

Dear Cousin,

Permit me to introduce to you the bearer, Brig Gen Asboth, my late Com'dr.

You will find him to be an agreeable gentleman and an intelligent officer. He take a lively interest in the cause of freedom, and will be able to give you a correct idea of the State of Society in this State.

Respectfully &
Truly Yours
E.W. Woodman

Maj Gen OO Howard
Washington DC

over

Rumor says that the 2d Me will be mustered out soon, and should that be the case I might want a position under you, if you have a place where I can be useful.

This I would not ask for on a/c of relationship and would not want unless I can serve the casue which you are engaged in.

My best regards to Mrs H & love to the children.

Your cousin
EWW

[Written sideways on the back page, in a different hand.]
Hd. Qrs. Sub. Dist. W. Florida
Barrancas Sept. 25 / 65
Woodman, E.W. Col.
Introduces Brig. Genl. Asboth.
[STAMP] BUREAU R.F.&A.L. WASHINGTON REC'D FEB 23 1866

[Note. The stamp gives 1866 as the year received. This was probably a mistake – as both the letter and the summary of the letter give 1865 as the date, and it probably was not a year late in delivery.]

2992 9/26/1865 *From:* Wm E Ford

To: General [OO] Howard

OOH-2935

Washington R.I.

Source: Bowdoin

[149]

Washington Sept 26th [1865] [The year was written in pencil.]

General Howard

Sir feeling very anxious about my brother in law (Edward B McDonald) I thought that I would write you to see if the report of his death was true or false. There is a report of his death here at his home but it is not very credible but nevertheless it may be true.

There is a report that he died at Chatanoga Hospital on the 7th of July. As he was with you so long I have taken this liberty to write you as you would be likely to know wheather he is dead or not.

My sister wrote you about it and receiving a answer from you that your brother was going to Chatanoga and would inquire about him and she not hearing from you thought perhaps that you had forgotten to write or perhaps you had been so busy that you had not had time.

We wold be very much obliged to you if you look into this case and write me what you can learn about the report. We would be very happy to have you write as soon as it is convenient for you to do so as we are quite anxious to know the truth of the case.

Yours Respectfully
Wm E Ford
Washington R.I.

William E. Ford
Washingtonville R.I.