Bangor 1 Oct. 1865

Dear General.

My good friend Rev. Mr. Leonard who was Chaplain of your old Regt. the 3rd Maine and mine the 1st Maine Heavy Artillery wishes to go abroad as Consul or resident Minister to some spot in the continent. One of his chief objects in going abroad is to find time in which he may devote himself to literary pursuits which he can do more successfully than here.

I have undertaken with others to aid him in procuring him such an appointment

It occurs to me that you can materially assist him by giving him a letter. There is little need of telling you what his services and reputation are but as I know him well I cannot refrain from alluding to his fine abilities as a writer both of prose and poetry. The late Starr King

E. H. Chapin who have been his warm friends have spoken of him in this respects very highly. Some of his writings which I have seen and read are worthy of either of the above gentlemen as authors.

The grounds, in general, on which his appointment will be urged are his services and qualifications.

If you can find time amidst your labors to turn aside and aid one whom I know is your friend you will greatly oblige him and me

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

Chas Hamlin

Major General Howard
Washington D.C.

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Headquarters Department of Washington,
22d ARMY CORPS,

Washington, D. C., Oct. 2nd 1865.

General Howard.

Dear Sir.

A few days since you asked me to recommend you some good officer for duty in your dept. I take great pleasure in stating that Colonel Lyman. Provost Marshal of Prisoners North of Potomac, and who is about to be mustered out of service, is one that I can recommend heartily and with full confidence that he would give entire satisfaction to you, in whatever place you put him.

Respectfully yours
C. C. Augur

Washington Oct 2nd 1865.

August Belmont
Maj. Gen.

Recommends
Capt. Ingraham
for position in
B.R. Stat.

Dear General,

Will you kindly allow me the privilege of introducing by this "very favorable" notice, the bearer Capt. C. C. Poole who has been in command in 55th Regt. Mass Vols & has been within a few days honorably

"murtered not. He now
designs to engage in
business as a civilian
in Charleston S. C.
& wishes to obtain
reliable information
from you as to the condition
on which confiscated
lands in So. Carolina
can be purchased by
loyal citizens.
He & his family are
intimately known to
me & I therefore shall
esteem it a special

fam if you will place
him in possession of
any valuable information
which may be consistent
with your official duties.

Capt. Poole who
was in the senior class
at Harvard when the
war commenced nobly
waived the usual
graduating degree & entered
promptly as a private
into the military service
of the country. He is
a young gentleman of
most exemplary man-

character, fine abilities
and has evinced a
remarkable degree
of patriotism & self
denial. I therefore beg
to commend him to your
confidence & usual kind
consideration

With great respect
Yr. obt. Svt.
E. J. Pope

Maj. Genl.
Howard
Washington

Boston Oct. 2d 1865

Head-Quarters, District of Minnesota,

DEPARTMENT OF THE MISSOURI,

St. Paul, Oct 3rd 1865.

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Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard

Bureau of Refugees etc.

Washington. D.C.

General.

Your very kind letter of July last (with flattering recommendation) after going to two or three places was finally resurrected from the dead letter office and mailed to me at this point, for which I acknowledge respect and profound thanks for your interest and generous sympathy in my success.

I am sure there is no person for whom I entertain a more profound respect or kindly feeling than for yourself, and I am truly proud of your good opinion and sensible of the debt I owe you

for the manifestation of the same.
I hardly know whether or not the reorganization will be of a sufficient increment to the old army to insure of my retention, but Genl Sherman thinks it will. He says Congress ought to retain out of the Vol. force at least 25 Maj. Genls & 40 Brig. Genls. But a fit of economy which sometimes seizes our government may reduce it very much. There is nothing I should like more than to be retained. but if the circumstances do not authorize Congress to add to the expenses of the Government so largely, I shall assuredly be among the first to forego my hopes and aspirations in the Military & quietly subside into a sober quiet citizen. Honors Nous Venons —

I have been studying faithfully to familiarize myself with 186
new duties imposed upon me in this Command & I flatter my-
self I am becoming somewhat familiar with our Indian history and relations. While I do not apprehend any outbreak of a serious character at present, I am conscious of the fact that the different tribes in my district are very much discontented and are liable at any moment to rise up & massacre thousands of helpless women & children, before much resistance could be offered on my part - With a frontier of over seven hundred miles and only a Regt and three fifths to guard it, it will be almost impracticable to stay anything like general uprising without large reinforce-

ments. Men of course cannot arrive until after all damage is done & then commence a war of extermination which from the nature of the country must be protracted as our civil & Indian wars for years. In short the Government does not appreciate in this instance the wisdom of the old adage that "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." The only feasible method I can see is to put the whole Indian question into the War Department's hands. If you have any influence with the Commissioner you can not exercise it more humanely or in a more Christian-like cause than to attain the end I suggest. But I forget you have your time all employed & cannot vex yourself with affairs that do not pertain to the glorious task to which you have addressed yourself. May God in his infinite goodness give you wisdom & health that you may accomplish it. With sincere thanks for your kindness I am as ever

Yours truly

J. McMurtrie

B.M.G.

St. Paul, Min. Oct 3. 1863.

Farmington, Maine, Oct. 3, 1865.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,
Chief of the Freedmen's Bureau,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

You are aware, perhaps, that, after spending a few years in Turkey as a missionary of the A. B. C. F. M., I returned to this country in 1859 on account of the ill health of my wife; and in the spring of 1863 went out again as a Professor in "Robert College of Constantinople." Having resigned my position in the College, and having been so much reduced by ill health that it was inexpedient to reenter the missionary work immediately, I left Constantinople in June last, and have been some two months in this country. My health has much improved since leaving Constantinople. My lungs are not now diseased, the inflammation having been removed; but my throat is not yet in a good

condition, and it does not seem best for us to return to Turkey at present, - if at all. I desire, however, to engage in some work in which I may be useful, and by which I may support my family; and perhaps a climate somewhat w[illegible] may be better for me than that of M[illegible] in the winter. Your brother, the pastor [illegible] the Cong. Church in this place, mentio[illegible] me to you, some time since, when [illegible] inquired how I would do as Superi[illegible]ent of Schools in Washington. As [illegible] weeks have passed, it is altogether p[illegible] that that office has been filled. If so, you know of any other <u>similar</u> site which I can obtain? or if <u>any</u> p[illegible] that would not require - at present - <u>continued</u> use of the voice or pen? [illegible] any should occur to you, can you [illegible] me what salary will be paid? I s[illegible] be glad to obtain a salary suffic[illegible] for the support of my family; bu[illegible] I cannot find such a position, I [illegible] be glad of one, for a time, that w[illegible] give a partial support, if the wo[illegible]

required should also be moderate.

It would be agreeable to me to remain here a few weeks before entering upon any business, but I write now lest I should lose by delay a situation now obtainable. As your time must be fully occupied, I will not trouble you to reply to this letter, if you have nothing favorable to communicate.

Please accept my high regards for yourself, and my desires for abundant success in your labors for the welfare of the Freedmen.

Very truly yours,

Geo. A. Perkins.

Address

Rev. Geo. A. Perkins,
Farmington,
Maine.

Farmington Me.
Oct 3. 1865

Perkins, G. A.

Desires position
of Supt. of Schools in
Washington or D.C.

C. B. p. 23.
Home place
fifteen on my
selvin. Have
none at present
business

Recd B.F.R. & A.S. 0

Hallowell Oct 3d [1865]

Dear Otis,

I spoke to you about sending Dispatches by me to Texas. There are no mails yet established, and I think it may be convenient to you as well as ~~advantageous~~ to me if I do not care about the rout, and am ready to leave immediately. The regular steamers for N.O. leave N.York and Boston every Saturday and if I do not hear from you I shall take one of them on the 14th. I want to go to Galveston, Houston Austin and perhaps Bonham, which will be nearly all over the state. I will write to you when I get settled and shall be much obliged

if you can throw any business into my hands.

I have just received a letter from John: he writes everything is going on smoothly in Texas. I suppose he is now in Houston

My love to Lizzie and the children

Yours affect. cor

Wm.

Gen. O. O. Howard

Washington

D.C.

FRANCIS GEORGE SHAW, *President.*
REV. W. G. HAWKINS, *Cor. Sec. & Sec. Teachers' Committee.*
E. C. ESTES, *Sec. of Executive Committee & Business Agent.*
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N. Y. *National Freedman's Relief Association,*

ROOMS, 76 JOHN STREET, NEW YORK.

Boxes of Clothing should be marked **N. F. R. A., 76 John Street, New York.** Mark, also, on each box or barrel, the *name* of the *place* whence it is sent, and the *name* of the *person* sending it. Send a *List* of its contents in each package, and a copy of the same, by mail, to E. C. ESTES, *Business Agent.*

Money should be sent, in Bank Checks or Drafts, payable to JOSEPH B. COLLINS, *Treasurer,* 40 Wall Street, New York; and all Letters relating to the business of the Association, should be addressed to the appropriate Officers in their official capacity; while private letters should be endorsed "Personal."

New York. Oct. 3 1865.

Maj. Gen. Howard,
Comr. of Bureau for Fr.

Dear Sir,

Suffer me to inquire respecting Atlanta, Ga. as a proposed place to establish schools among the Freedmen? We have a few young Ladies who are disposed to go there provided the field is open & proper facilities can be afforded. Any information, or suggestions you may be pleased to give us will be most thankfully received.

Very respectfully yours,
James J. Woolsey
On behalf of the N. F. R.
Association.

[illegible] Freedmen's Relief Association
New York Oct. 3rd [illegible]

Woolley, James G.
Lieut. & Quartermaster

Desires to know if Atlanta is a suitable place to send teachers.

C B 1 236

Washington D. C.
Oct 3, 1865

Major-Gen O. O. Howard
Commissioner of the Bureau of
Freedmen, &c.

Sir -

Appended are a few notices of our educational work, which will indicate in what light it is viewed by men of the first influence among American Christians. With the recommendation, in the terms employed of such men as Drs Wm R. Williams, H. McCleary and others whose names appear, we can not but be confirmed in our conviction that we are engaged in the right thing.

You will notice the points which we are occupying with our schools, as they have been gathered under the favor of the Gov-

cement through the Freedmen's Bureau, we ask its continued power in aiding us to make them in the highest degree efficient for good

Yours with great respect

E. Turney

From Rev. B. T. Welch, D. D., *President of the American and Foreign Bible Society.*

"Sept. 14, 1865.

"I take great pleasure, in view of my long acquaintance with the Rev. Edmund Turney, D. D., the important positions of public trust which he has occupied, his extensive experience as an educator, and his special adaptation to the work to which he is now devoting his energies, in commending him in the presentation of the claims of this enterprise, to the fullest co-operation and aid of the Christian public.

"The National Theological Institute for Colored Ministers, with the centre of its operations at Washington, and a plan of organization at once practical and comprehensive, is engaged in a work of immediate and pressing necessity. I regard it as a work which in its nature is second to none in importance in its bearings on the interests of the Colored people of this country, and one which deserves the largest liberality of a Christian nation.

B. T. WELCH."

"We fully concur in the views expressed by Dr. Welch.

D. MOORE, Jr.,
Pastor of the Washington Avenue Baptist Church, Brooklyn.

J. W. SARLES,
Pastor of the Central Baptist Church, Brooklyn.

J. B. THOMAS,
Pastor of the Pierrepont St., Baptist Church, Brooklyn.

J. DOWLING,
Pastor of the Berean Baptist Church, New York.

P. CHURCH,
New York, late Editor of The Chronicle.

W. S. MIKELS,
Pastor of the 16th St, Baptist Church, New York.

H. C FISH,
Pastor of the 1st Baptist Church, Newark.

H. G. WESTON,
Pastor of the Madison Avenue Baptist Church, New York

Philad.a Oct 4th 1865

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American Tract Soc. 1210 Chestnut St

Genl. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

It is contemplated holding a public Meeting in this City on the 16th Evening of the present Month for the purpose of forming a branch of the American Union Commission

The Call will be signed by a large number of prominent citizens, among others Mayor Henry & Gen Pollock, Morton McMichael Esq Rt Rev. Bishop Stevens, M W Baldwin, Geo H Stuart, Caleb Cope, Saml B. Merrick Esq

I have been requested on behalf of these Gentlemen, and also at the earnest ~~request~~ solicitation of the Rev J. P. Thompson D D of N. York president of the Commission to extend an invitation to you to be present on the occasion, and aid him, and others, in the advocacy of this important national institution

Should you find it convenient to comply with this request you will confer a favor upon these Gentlemen, and also upon myself

Jos. C. Parker

Agent of Commission

UNION LEAGUE HOUSE.
BROAD STREET.

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Philadelphia, Oct 4. 1865

My dear Sir

I am more and more impressed with the importance of sending pamphlets to the South through your Bureau. and want to impress the people of this city with the necessity of aiding in the good work. therefore if consistent with your ideas of right please address me a letter of commendation, setting forth the advantages of such distribution, and send it under cover to Robt R Corson Esq of this city

Truly Your friend
May God Bless Geo L Stearns

Ans

If you have a copy of Mr. Manning's Speech please send it to me for I intend to print a pamphlet immediately

Send this to Boston.

Philadelphia Oct 14. 1865

Stearns, Geo. L.

Desires that pamphlets be distributed through the mediumship of the Bureau.

your letter
rec'd. Enclos
ship Arron —
please correspond
with Rev — & ab
of Mass. who is
Publisher in Cinc
Art or Colton
will later please
in ass & for an
article prepared
used by you
in the different
impression &c

Recd Oct 6th 1865

Wash. Oct. 4th 65.

Major Gen. Howard

Sir —

I took the liberty of writing you a note some days ago in behalf of the bearer (Thos. Cook) but in yr absence he gave it to some officer of yr Department — I venture again to hope that you may be able to furnish some employment in yr Department for him — where the education he has already acquired may be of advantage to him & where he may gain still

man for future useful se
He is a boy of good capacit
strictly honest - conscien
with a sister quite well
& has a good name in
District where he has alw
lived & has always been
His Father, a most worthy
man, is not able to suppo
him & quite a family & do
is anxious to support
himself - He wd like to
learn a trade - but the
color prevents his be
received in the private
workshops of the District -
I thought you might
employ him in some
of the departments for feeding
purposes - or in some
capacity where he wd
learn something & look
forward to as a stimulu

for his ambition —

He has 195
lived in my family & his father was for 12 years in the Medical Bureau of War Department while Dr Wilson was the Chief & prior to that with Dr Lewis in the same place —

Excuse the length of this note. from my interest in the future welfare of this boy —

Very respectfully

Your Dr Wilson

Major Gen. Howard

Washington Oct 4. 1865

Whelan, Mrs D.

Desires position for Thomas Cook whom she introduces.

Rec'd B.R.F.Val. Oct 5. 1865.