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3053 11/1/1865 *From:* Henry Heath

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

OOH-2996

*Source:* Bowdoin

Publishing Office of  
C.B. Richardson,  
No. 540 Broadway,  
New York

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Publishing Office of C.B. Richardson,  
No. 540 Broadway,  
New York, Novr 1 1865  
Henry Heath, General Agent

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard  
Dr Sir

I have the pleasure of mailing you with this a copy of "Sherman & his Campaigns" which please do us the favor to accept.

Although prepared with great care, we cannot hope to have escaped all errors, and shall feel under great obligation to you for the correction of any such you may notice –that they may be avoided in future editions –as well as for your judgment of our work.

Very respectfully yours  
Henry Heath

[Written on the back side, in a different hand.]  
New York, Nov 1st 1865  
Heath, Henry  
Sends copy of Sherman and his Campaigns.  
Ansd Nov. 24, 1865

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3054 11/1/1865 *From:* Otis [OO Howard]

*To:* Dearest [Lizzie Howard]

OOH-2997

On Board Steamer

Conovy

*Source:* Bowdoin

Off St. Marks Florida

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On Board Steamer Conovy

Off St. Marks Florida

November 1st 1865

Dearest,

I begin to get very anxious to get back to you. So many delays & hindrances occur that progress tomorrow seems uncertain. We came down here yesterday morning from Tallahassee twenty miles by cars & eight miles in a small boat expecting to meet the Str. McCallum that had put in to Apalachicola to coal, but she the Str. did not make her appearance. We found a Steamer the Conovoy had been so (stuck in the mud for two weeks). Now we have succeeded in getting her off by using an old rebel tug called the Spray, so that we hope to get on the road for Mobile tonight. After I see Gen. Swayne in Alabama I will hurry on to Washington just as fast as I can. There are now only two ways, one by the Mississippi river to Cairo and thence to Washington by cars or by a Steamer to New York. I am now uncertain which will be the best route. It will take eight or nine days either way. I do hope everything is going well. The <boat> will try to leave now. Give much love to Guy, Gracie, Jamie & Chancy. Rowland is with me. We are all quite well. Mr Alvord & Harry are here. Chas. has gone back. With very much love for your own dear self. I am

lovingly yr husband

Otis

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3056 11/2/1865 *From:* C.H. Howard

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

OOH-2998

On Canonicus from  
Beaufort to Charleston

*Source:* Bowdoin

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On Canonicus from  
Beaufort to Charleston  
Nov. 2nd 1865

To/  
Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard  
Dear Brother

I sent you two telegrams from Savannah –forwarding one from Woodhull & one from Sec'y of War to Mobile.

I write particularly today on a matter of business.

Why should you not make application (to the proper authorities –to Congress if necessary) for the “Cotton Fund” so called –i.e. the proceeds of the Cotton captured in this Depot and raised the next year after the military took possession? This is now I believe in the hands of Collector Barney of New York or to some extent in his care. This would give quite a fund to the Bureau and seems to be a legitimate and proper claim for you to make under the law.

And if you do not make make and urge the claim of course the Bureau will not get it.

Again; The law providing for the sale of property for Taxes provided also that one quarter (¼) of the proceeds of such sale should be devoted to Colonization of the negro (to be turned over to the State for such use as soon a a loyal Govt should be reestablished). Now it seems to me that you might very properly ask of Congress that this fund be turned over to the Bureau -: or if nothing better could be done ask of the States each to turn it over to the Bureau as soon as they receive it. Some states might do it. I think it better, however, that Congress this session modify that law so as to give the 1/4 directly to the Bureau in as much as the states cannot be trusted to expend it for the welfare of the negro.

What think you of these two proposition? ¼ of Tax sale proceeds was also devoted to reimbursement of loyal union sufferers –this, also to be done by the State Govt which of course cannot be trusted so to disburse it.

Genl Sickles is doing better at Savannah I will not take up more space on other subjects in this letter because I desire your special attention to these two matters of Bureau Revenue.

Your affectionate brother  
C.H. Howard

Subjects

Two important sources of revenue to the Bureau

1. “Cotton Fund”
  2. ¼ proceeds of Tax sales.
- C.H.H.

P.S. Nov. 4 1865

One other matter (no 3) to which I will call your attention at this writing has been presented to me by Judge Wording Tax Comr. It seems that Pres. Lincoln authorized the sale to negroes (head of families) of land (not exceeding 20 acre lots) in St. Helena Parish, bought in by Govt at Tax sales. This has been <close> to <> extent and is doing.

And now Prest Johnson has been requested to authorize a similar sale to negroes of land similarl situated on Hilton Head, Daufuskie, Bull and other islands.

Your influence might induce the Pres't to adopt this course and thus give some homesteads to such negroes as are able to purchase. This would save the relinquishment of the land upon which the village of Michellville is located near Hilton Head Dock. If it is not done soon however, the lands will necessarily be leased to any persons who apply & most will go into the hands of ex-Rebels not friendly to the negro. The matter has been presented to Pres't Johnson, I believe, but some further influence is needed to secure his action in the case.

Matter No 4 for attention of friends of Freedmen is as follows. The president is authorized by law to issue a "Patent" (Equivalent to a Deed) to all who have purchased land under Tax-sale. He has not yet done it. It is highly desirable that the Freedmen who have duly & lawfully bought land and have now merely the certificates of the Tax Commissioners should receive these "Patents" unquestionably their due.

The Tax Com'rs could easily furnish your office lists of such Freedmen and (if the Pres't consents) you might procure their "Patents" for them.

I remain Your Affec. Brother  
C.H. Howard  
Bt. B.G. Inspector

Subjects

1. Extend Pres't Lincoln's privilege granted to the negroes to buy lands.
  2. Ask that the "Patents" from the Pres't as titles for land sold for taxes be issued at once.
- C.H.H.

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

Charleston Nov 2, 1865

Howard, Chas. H.

Brevt. Brig. Genl.

Friendly letter

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3057 11/2/1865    *From:* Jos. P. Thompson    *To:* Major Genl O.O. Howard  
OOH-2999                      American Union                      Washington D.C.  
*Source:* Bowdoin                      Commission  
   14 Bible House  
   New York

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American Union Commission  
14 Bible House  
New York, 2d November 1865

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

We respectfully invite you to attend and address a public meeting, to be held in the City of New York on the 13th. Inst. at Cooper Institute, for the purpose of setting before the people the wants of the suffering masses in the South, and arousing a public interest in measures for their relief, and especially for the restoration of industrial & educational system.

His Excellency the President of the United States, Major Genls Grant, Sherman, Meade, Hon. W.H. Seward, Hon. E.M. Stanton, Hon. James Pollock, Hon. Jno. A. Andrew, Hon S.P. Chase, Hon Geo. Bancroft, Wm. C. Bryant Esqr, & others have been invited to attend & participate in this meeting.

Believing that you recognise the importance of the object to which we desire to call the attentions of the public, and that you sympathise in our endeavr thus to assist in the restoration of the Union by promoting that general good feeling and popular intelligence which must underlie it.

We are, Very Respectfully Yours,  
Jos. P. Thompson, President  
Geo. W. Lane  
Lyman Abbott, Gen. Sec.

[The last page is a synopsis of the goals and organization of the American Union Commission.]

[Written on the back of the first page, in a different hand:]

New York, Nov 2nd 1865

Thompson, J.P.

States that a meeting of the Am. Un. Com. is to be held at Cooper Institute, N.Y. on 13th inst. and desires Gen. Howard's presence.

Recd' Nov 5th, 1865

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3058 11/4/1865

*From:* P.B. Randolph

*To:* General [OO] Howard

OOH-3000

*Source:* Bowdoin

Office General  
Superintendent of  
Education  
of Freedmen and  
Refugees.  
New Orleans

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Office General Superintendent of Education  
of Freedmen and Refugees.  
New Orleans, November 4th 1865

General Howard

Feeling that you are a true friend of the colored man; and knowing that the Progress of my People depends upon its moral and intellectual advancement; and feeling that if the present Schools go down, that civilization itself will suffer; I, a teacher of one year's standing in the schools, beg you to exert your best effort to sustain them. As at present managed, under Capt. Pease, they are tolerably good. But their administration might be better. But good or bad, and there is room for the correction of abuses, they should not go down.

My friend, the late President Lincoln, by whose personal advice I abandoned my profession – M.D. – and came here to teach, said to me “Randolph, the elevation of the colored people depends solely upon their moral and intellectual cultivation. Go Down South and do your duty.” I have done so, and now fear the work will stop unless you step in to aid us through your efforts with Congress and our wise President.

We, the Colored People are willing to be taxed per capita \$2. and the fund thus raised will support all the schools of this state.

I beg to remain  
General  
Your Humble Servt.  
P.B. Randolph  
Principal  
Lloyd Garrisons School

We beg that Capt Pease may be sustained & retained. He is a good man.

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

New Orleans Nov 4, 1865

Randolph, P.B.

Gives information concerning schools in N.O. Asks that they may be sustained.

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3059 11/4/1865 *From:* Otis [OO Howard]

*To:* Dearest [Lizzie Howard]

OOH-3001

*Source:* Bowdoin

War Department,  
Bureau of Refugees,  
Freedmen and  
Abandoned Lands.  
Str. Convoy, Lake  
Ponchatrain

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War Department,  
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands.  
Str. Convoy, Lake Ponchatrain  
November 4th 1865

Dearest

The Steamer shakes so much that I find it very difficult to write, but as it is your birthday, my darling I will attempt to jot down a few words. We arrived off Mobile on thursday, but a sudden storm came up and we could not cross the bar into the Bay, so that we turned back and skirted along the shore till we found comparative calm, and then anchored. The next day friday we started our way across the outer bar and after much dilidalying for a pilot, found a sea-Captain on a Str aground who took us up to Mobile. We reached the city between one & two P.M. found Gen. Swayne gone to Washington.

The secession feeling is very strong at Mobile. I addressed the Negroes in the evening at the College –a full assembly –called upon Dr Nott who had visited me on business at Washington, found him a very different man at home, clearly hostile against the Government, against the Bureau and the negroes, not willing to grant them one privilege, not even that of having a school. You would have had a good deal of rough <fare> & dirt to put up with, had you accompanied us, yet we have been really favored by a kind Providence with good weather for the most part. We left Mobile about ten this A.M. and are going inside across the Mississippi <ground> thence across the Lake Pontchatrain to New Orleans. If I can get away Monday morning we will leave for Vixburg & Cairo by Strs & thence home as fast as cars can carry us. I shall send this by the way of New York & think it will reach you three days before I do.

Our life is hastening away so fast that I feel that I must get home or we will get old before we are full aware of it. I want to be with you very much. This is the last time I mean to leave you for any length of time if I can help myself. Guy & Gracie can track papa's journey this time –Richmond, Petersburg, Raleigh N.C., Wilmington, Florence, Charleston, Columbia, back to Charleston, Hilton Head, Savannah, Ga., Fernandina Fla., Jacksonville, Tallahassee, St. Mark's, Mobile & New Orleans. I hope Guy is having good luck with his pony and Jamie with his drum. I feel as though Jamie was almost estranged from his papa and long to get more fully acquainted with his peculiar disposition & wants. Chancie is more transparent, more like Guy. Give papas warmest love to them all. May god keep us all in health, happiness & affection till your next birthday.

Lovingly yr husband  
Otis

Rowland is quite well & enjoying himself. Harry dont seem quite so well as usual –coughs & raises a good deal. He seems very sober & taciturn even for him.

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3060 11/4/1865

*From:* J H Warren

*To:* Gen O.O. Howard

OOH-3002

Coldwater Mich

Freedmans Bureau  
Washington DC

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Coldwater Mich  
Nov 4th 1865

Gen O.O. Howard  
Freedmans Bureau  
Washington DC  
Sir

Mr Branch Leacher of Freedmens School at Mobile visited our place some weeks since, and desired the Supt of the various Sunday Schools to cause the Sunday School Papers in the hands of children here to be collected and donated for the use of Freedmens Children at Mobile. We have collected some hundreds and find our package too large to send by mail without paying a considerable sum. We desire to ask if there be any way we can send our Papers without incurring the expence charged by the Post. Your aid is respectfully solicited by the Various Sunday Schools here, by whom I am charged to address you.

Your Obedient Servant  
J H Warren  
Supt Baptist Sunday School  
Coldwater Michigan

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3061 11/4/1865 *From:* Wm. P. Hubbard

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

OOH-3003

Bangor

Freedmens Bureau  
Washington D.C.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Bangor November 4th 1865

Maj Gen. O.O. Howard  
Freedmens Bureau  
Washington D.C.  
Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Executive Committee of the Bangor Freedmen's Aid Association, to inquire if you will visit Maine at any time in course of the winter. And if so if you will deliver a lecture or speech in behalf of the Freedmen.

Please write me if you will come and at about what time.

Yours truly  
Wm. P. Hubbard  
Secretary

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3062 11/5/1865 *From:* C.H. Howard

*To:* Rev. G. E. Kinney

OOH-3004

*Source:* Bowdoin

Headquarters,  
Assistant  
Commissioner,  
Bureau Refugees,  
Freedmen and  
Abandoned Lands,  
South Carolina and  
Georgia,  
Charleston, S.C.

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Headquarters, Assistant Commissioner,  
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,  
South Carolina and Georgia,  
Charleston, S.C., Nov. 5 1865.

Rev. G. E. Kinney  
My dear Sir

This is to introduce Dr. A.A. Gifford who offers his services for the Freedmen and proposes to settle in the South.

He has sufficient credentials and knowing you were needing a good Physician I recommend him for Fernandina. I wrote to Col. Osborne concerning him who will undoubtedly order his Med. Officer Surg J.J. Applegate to contract with Dr. Gifford in such manner as to issue to him all requisite medications & Hospital supplies.

By General Howard's order I have arranged for you to attend to the neighboring County of Georgia & you will either be paid by Gen. Tillson or by Gen. Saxton & will be notified as to which one you will look for your Salary.

I remain with best wishes  
Yr obdt Servt.  
C.H. Howard  
Bvt. Brig. Gen.  
Inspector General  
for S.C. Ga. & Fla.

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3063 11/6/1865

*From:* William Rice

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

OOH-3005

*Source:* Bowdoin

CITY LIBRARY  
ASSOCIATION  
ROOMS,  
Springfield, Mass.

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CITY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ROOMS,  
Springfield, Mass.  
Nov 6th 1865

Maj. Genl O.O. Howard  
Dear Sir

I am requested by the Board of Directors of the City Library Association of Springfield to invite you in their behalf to deliver a lecture in their course the present season. The time which would best accommodate us would be Wednesday January 10th. If more convenient for you either Monday the 8th Tuesday the 9th or Friday the 12th or Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday of the following week in January –(viz the 15th 16th 17th or 19th).

If none of the days mentioned would be convenient for you, could you favor us with a lecture at any subsequent time?

As we must complete our arrangements for our course, soon, in order to secure our State, you will greatly oblige us by favoring us with a reply at your earliest convenience.

With great respect  
I am very truly yours  
William Rice  
Secretary of the C. L. Ass.