Boston. Nov. 25, 1865

Dear Mr. Balfour,

Glad to hear you are all well.

Somerville (2 miles from)

I am not a cousin.

I am not a cousin.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
Dear Mr. Lee,

I am writing to express my deepest condolences on the loss of your beloved wife, Mrs. Lee. In such a trying time, I wanted to express my sympathy and offer my support.

I understand that it must be a very difficult time for you and your family. Please know that you are not alone in your grief. Your friends and neighbors are here to provide whatever assistance you may need.

If there is anything I can do to ease your burden, please do not hesitate to let me know.

With profound sympathy,

[Signature]

[Date]
Headquarters, Assistant Commissioner,
BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,
SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA,
Charleston, S. C., Nov. 25 1865.

Dear Brother,

I have received your long letter from Roeland from Vicksburg. I have seen but nothing from you since your arrival at Washington. You will have found several letters from me quite important to us here and I trust you will dictate answers to them. A brief note was read by Col. Saxton yesterday regarding the Middleton project at Hopetown. There was certainly no misunderstanding for I investigated the whole matter thoroughly and
The people of our State once you were here,
and an entire convinced that lawmen's
demands to agency of the Bureau to
remain, and it is equally certain that the
Bureau can no better do without the mil-
tary than when you were here. Cases of vi-
olence the freedmen are frequent. A woman was
shot in Anderson last Sunday. Thousands
have been forced from their homes in the
upper country and are flocking to the coast.
They are making a special effort to stay.
This migration by the renewal of contracts
establishing a school at the Bureau and
the letter from Gen. Saxton enclosed to Maj. Anson substantiated my report. Mr. H. A. Middleton was a kind of Mr. Aiken type of "Union man" but incensed our Military authorities & got his house burned in consequence. Instead of remaining in our lines as a loyal man would he walked a hundred miles to get into the Rebel lines, where he stayed till the surrender. But I gave this subject a free treatment in that letter signed by Gen. Saxton.

Gen. Saxton has been doing admirably of late & Gen. Sickle is very hearty in his support. It is truly refreshing. I have seen much of

My dear General,

Your kind letter of Dec. 8th has been in my hands for some time, but I defered an answer until you should return to Washington. I now see from the papers, that you are again at the seat of government, and I trust, that the duties of your position will not soon compel you to change the comforts of civilized life with the semi-barbarous surroundings of Mississippi and it sad scenes.

Accept my most sincere thanks for the kind and friendly sentiments of which your letter was the welcome bearer. Be assured, my dear General, that as long as I live, shall I cherish the recollection of my intercourse with you during more eventful times, which now belong to the past.

[Signature]
Your offer to aid me in regard to my book, I accept most gratefully, and as soon as it is out, I shall send you a copy. — I shall at the same time indicate the problem which I have attempted to solve, so that you may judge in how far I succeeded or failed. — Of course I am well aware, that the most earnest endeavor is not always a guaranty of success. — I see however some encouragement in recent publications, that have of late appeared, as Translations of two of C. R. Heideloff's works by Sage, — The future policy of America by Dr. Draper; — The republication of Buckle's History of Civilization in England. — These works convince me, that (or rather, the fact that they have been issued in this country) that my undertaking is timely; and that, if I do not signally fail in the execution, — my book will have some friends.
Mayor E. R. N. Neely, formerly of A. G., is now staying at our house, and revises my text as to language and expression. Hildreth was, third and reduced my larger maps for a primary and common school geography, which my publishers desire to issue with my larger work.

A few days since I wrote a few lines to Mayor Allison of your staff in regard to a private matter of mine. My wife has a small capital in Mobile, for which a Mr. A. E. Ledgard is trustee. The interest due thereon amounts now to several thousand dollars. About a month ago Mr. L. wrote to us, that he then could not remit, but would do so shortly. Since then we have written several letters to him, but received no answer. We think it possible that Ledgard has either removed from Mobile or has died. For we can see no other reason why he should not have written to us. Those persons in Mobile whom I could have written to in their matters fell...
in battle during the rebellion, and as I think, that perhaps the officers of your Bureau in Mobile might make an inquiry about Mr. Ledyard, and let me know the result.

If I knew the name of that officer, I could write to him directly and obtain the desired information. I never was a good financier, and I regret to say, that I am so seriously embarrassed, that unless this money comes soon, I shall be in a most painful position.

In view of these facts, I wrote to Maj. [illegible] Ledyard was very wealthy before the war and has been throughout the rebellion loyal to the U.S. — indeed so much so that I am informed, he was repeatedly in jeopardy of his life. — As he had no faith in the success of the rebellion, I am inclined to think, that he had saved a portion of his fortune and placed it beyond the influences of events, which have since transpired, and which he doubted as he anticipated. — Or is it true that every one lost his all, and that not one is left who in the South, who has retained something...
of his former property. - No doubt the southern people are poor at present and their available ready means must have been lost. But I cannot believe that they are altogether as badly off, as might be concluded from the newspaper accounts.

We continue to live in our quiet way. An occasional visit from some of our New Haven or Middletown friends is the only interruption of our rather monotonous existence.

Mrs. A. A. joins me in the best wishes for your health and for your further success in your responsible and arduous office and I remain as ever

Very truly yours

A. v. Steinwehr.

P.S. Present my best regard to your brother and the other officers of your old staff.
I doubt if it is possible to say anything positive about the present situation. The events of recent weeks have been so momentous that it is difficult to make any clear statements. It seems that the world is facing a crisis, and the outcome is uncertain.

I hope that we can find a way to overcome this difficult period. It is important that we work together to find solutions and to support those in need.

Yours sincerely,
[Signature]
Summitville Nov. 26. 1865

My dear Brother

I arrived home safely Thursday night – the baby was too sick to come 2 so I am alone. I am sorry to say that a beautiful new stride now stands in my favor in N.Y. & I paid the upper price of $25.00. It was because the administration of Grandpa & all the Rebel's friends knew I didn't tell the secret of the selection of course. Somebody sent these packages separate & I paid 2.35 for them to the owner. I have enjoyed my leisure & evening meeting with everything is amusing to hear about my trip if I give a lecture lecture in our library, also, next week. I have my grandmother to come up & spend some time with me a while if she can leave home. We have nice dry roads & pleasant weather yet. It's seldom here much here you know but the mornings are very fresh after the Gulf of Mexico. It proceeds I believe to when I arrived in N.Y. that I gave up going to the meeting with you. Sister. He was a delightful traveling companion. With much love to Fannie & the children. I wish regards to Henry & Mrs. Ford & Co.
Ranger, Nov. 27, 1875

Genl. L. P. Hodgson,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

Fearing that a note I addressed you at about the time of your departure on your Southern tour may not have reached you, I am tempted to write again and repeat the request that I then made—that you will, some time in the course of the Winter, deliver a lecture in Ranger in behalf of the Freedmen.

I am about to make an effort to raise funds for the relief of those who are now undergoing the suffering incident to a transient state.

As one means we have projected a course of lectures. If your name could be prominently announced as one of the lecturers...
it would help us very much in the
tale of tickets.
You will receive from me, Sir, for
attending to the fact that our people
take a very deep interest in your
Chances and hopes, and what you
might say would be received at two
and would go far toward removing
what remains of prejudices against
the colored race.

Hoping you will be able to name
an early day when you can consent
entire comply with this request.

Yours very truly,

W. P. Hubbard

Secretary F. A. Association.
Wheeling, W. Va.

November 27th, 1863

My dear Sir and Bro. in Jesus,

The teachers and scholars of our large boys' Evan. Southen. Episcop. E. School, having heard of the deep interest you manifest in the E. School cause, as well as every other good work, earnestly desire your presence at their regular anniversary on the evenings of the 23rd and 24th of December. Our School has been working for the Orphan cause, and also in the effort to found a "New Howard Protestant" at Bettysburg.

Your presence, General, will cheer us in our work and stimulate us to noble deeds of self-sacrifice for the future. Hoping to receive a favorable reply.

I am very truly yours in+ love,

James B. Barnitz
My dear O. C. Howard, U. S. A.

Supt. Freedman's Bureau,
Washington, D.C.

General,

My friend M. Robert B. Peirson, late a Commander in the U.S. Navy, has been pardoned by the President, but he has not been able to become possessed of his property. Peirson, which is situated by the Freedman's Bureau. This case is one of great hardship, and I am sure, if only you would call your attention to it, you could effect immediate release.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

[Signature]
Norfolk, Nov. 27, 1865

Smith, J.M.

Recommends restoration of the estate of Mr. Robt. B. Pegram, late Comdr. U.S. Navy.

Rcd. Nov. 28th, 1865
Department of State.

Bureau of Immigration.


Sir,

I acknowledge your favor of Nov. 24th which sets the question of Mr. King at rest.

During a late visit to Philadelphia (where, by the way, I spent an evening in the company of Mr. J. H. B. Buel) I was brought in contact with Mr. Komol, the Swiss Consul, a very worthy man. He stated to me that he had reason...
To believe that statements in favor of the Frenehes Re- 
new had been made that 
the Press in Switzerland and that in consequence yet he had received a letter for a Swiss gentleman asking information from him with regard to the character of those who are at the head of the Bureau (the chief 
actor), and in what manner contributions could be most effectively made whether by money or by article, I have addressed a letter to the Consul in my own name in which I pledge myself
It is the fact that the Bureau (Friedrich) has been placed in charge of persons the most reliable. If you think best to add any thing I will convey it to the Council whom I expect to see next Saturday.

Yours, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Herman Heine

My address is:

Mr. Herman Heine
Bureau of Immigration

I am not the head of the Bureau.
Dept. of State
Bureau of Immigration
Washington Nov. 28, 1863

Bokum, Hon. Mentor

Desires information in regard to the Bureau, that he may correct false statements that have been published in Swiss papers.

Accepted Dec. 5th, 1864
Reed Nov. 29, 1863
Johnston Island this
November 28th 1965

My dear cousin,

It is a long time since
I have heard from you and I thought I
would send you a note to let you
know that I am here and myself
feeling well. All the news we have
heard from you for a long time has
been through the news papers and I
don't think you have been very happy
where you are. I have not heard
from him for a long time.
I have been in command of the
ship since July last and have
just been ordered by the Captain
made the Capt. of the Little
this will be news I have waiting
do as the detachment of my
rations under my command
General only 2 officers and
join enlisted men in third company.
I hope soon to be ordered anywhere
when I shall have something
and do so I dislike to be idle
when I had the choice. I
shall go with a division or remain
at Henderson. As the battle
of some this qualifies me for my
old profession of the sea. They
will soon in decided what
they will do with us as they
are on the move. Now where is mother in the
children. I hope she is with
you and good. If once more
saying a home my lassie.
Hope all in much love to you
and here with me. I was
to have with me mother little letters so very
and wish you all a good
Soldiers wife. She thinks
to her present as all my
old comrades were. But I still
it again mind at camp which
I have not yet. If you should
acquire a seat smart major in
your bureau. Please remember
me. I have not heard from
hands for a long time. When I
did, she was well. To have an
am bussiness till diggin in hole she
will favor. With wish for some tidings.
I ran all.

With much love from
James W. Robinson

J. W. Robinson
Johnson's Island, Ohio
Nov. 28th, 1865

Sir J. R.

Friendly letter.

Read Dec 1st 1865
My dear Sir,

In the midst of so many calls as you must have in your Bureau, it may seem undesirous to interpose another, and yet we are here to work until the day is done, and as the Providence of God plans the way.

I have been wanting to get you or Geo. Fiske among us on some occasion when we could have the opportunity of letting our people see that men can be Christians and engaged in benevolent works, who have been warriors.

My object in writing now is to know if you could not sometime in December or January make us an address on Temperance. I send to you a small pamphlet in Tract form containing an address to our people with proceedings of a convention and some hand bill tracts on Temperance, which I had issued for the purpose of stirring our people up to do.
something to reduce the number of Lijun
shoes.

We can't make such a blow out as our friend
Gent. Stuart did on the commission— but we will
find you a good audience, and may hope that
you will do good.

You will see by a little item on one of the
handbills that we have 2066 Lijun shoes
in our city to war against. We need to realize
our work, and feel like those of Macedon: "One
are the chief." If you can, we shall be greatly
obliged to you, and will give you the opportu-
nity to row beside our water, as we don't
know whether this or that shall prosper.

I also enclose you a copy of my account of
the Battle of Gettysburg &c. with an account
also of the commission notice we had reached
the Battle of Hatcher's Run. I think I gave
you a copy of the article on Gettysburg at the com-
m ission meeting in Phila.—but I need not in
connection with this matter.

Will you please let me hear from you?

Baltimore
Nov 28th 65

Andrew B. Coss
Baltimore, Nov. 25th.

Cousin Andrew,

Wrote a very friendly letter and would like to hear of Howard, to be presented at a Temperance meeting on Dec. 17th.

Read Nov. 25th, 1865.
Headquarters Dist. N. E. Va,
Fredericksburg Va., Nov. 28, 1863

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard

Dear Sir,

Having understood that the loyal Edgars of this town are making an effort to have Capt. Rohman retained in the Freedman's Bureau Department at this place, I feel it my duty to say that in doing so they are actuated simply by a desire to promote the best interests of the colored people here and I most fully concur in the best they can lay as to his pecuniary fitness for this duty, and I urge the importance of retaining...
Now in this position if the Can by any means be retained in the service after the Master out of this 1st. The great importance of this step arises from the fact that there are very few officers in the service who are fit for the important duties of this station. I am Gare.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient,

F.M. Kearin
Int. Sec.
Dear Mr. Harris,

I am pleased to recommend Mr. Alphonso Bohannon for the position of Purchasing Agent at your firm.

Sincerely,

[Handwritten signature]
New York Nov. 28th

My Dear Sir,

You may think this a strange note to receive, but knowing that you are deeply interested in good works I venture to write it. I write on behalf of the Sabbath School Missionary Society of the Allen St. Presbyterian Church of N.Y. We hold our anniversary on the 3d or 4th Sabbath Evening of December next. Thinking that you might possibly be coming to N.Y. I write this to inquire if such be the case and if it is, whether you would be kind enough to attend.
our anniversary and favor us with an address. Short or long as you please - a favorable answer would delight us, and we would do everything possible by way of arrangement to suit your convenience - we have this year helped the Sabbath School of poor East Tenp "out West" about home, so due to if not too much trouble will you please answer soon and very greatly oblige yours respectfully

E. P. Tibbals
Post Office 3500
New York
New York
Nov. 28/65

Sibbald, E. P.

Invite Genl. Howard to address the "Sabbath-school Missionary Society" in that city.