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3099 11/25/1865 *From:* D.F. Crane

*To:* Maj. Gen. [OO] Howard

OOH-3042

Boston

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Boston, Nov. 25, 1865

Dear Sir,

The Baptist & Orthodox Societies of East Somerville (2 miles from Boston) are to have a course of lectures this winter.

We are all exceedingly anxious to see & hear you.

Can you come & what are your terms.

Fred Douglas speaks Dec. 18. If you can come before that date it will suit us, or at any time which you are in New England. I have not the pleasure of your acquaintance though I have seen you often. Your brother & myself were class mates at Kents Hill.

Come if possible. The lectures will be in the churches. They will seat 500.

Please write by return of mail. I have waited till your return to Washington before writing.

I am respectfully yours  
D.F. Crane

Maj. Gen. Howard

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3100 11/25/1865 *From:* C.H. Howard

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

OOH-3043

*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. 25 1865.

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard [this was written crosswise at the top of the first page, not by C.H.Howard.]

Dear brother

I have received good long letters from Rowland from Vicksburg & from Cairo 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 official note was rec'd by Gen Saxton yesterday regarding the Middleton property at Georgetown. There was certainly no misunderstanding for I investigated the whole matter thoroughly and the letter from Gen. Saxton inclosed to Maj. Stinson embodied my report.

Mr. H. A. Middleton was a kind of Gov. Aiken style of "nion Man" but insulted 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 til the surrender.

But I gave this subject a full treatment in that letter signed by Gen. Saxton.

Gen. Saxton has been doing admirably of late & Gen. Sickles is very hearty in his support. It is truly refreshing.

I have seen much of the people of this state since you were here, and am entirely convinced that humanity demands the agency of the Bureau to remain. And it is equally certain that the Bureau can not better do without the military than when you were here. Cases of violence to freedmen are frequent. A freed woman was shot in Anderson last Sunday. Thousands have been forced from their homes in the upper country & are flocking to the Coast. We are making a special effort to stay this migration by the renewal of Contracts, establishing of schools & other means, but still there will be thousands to suffer and to starve unless provided for by the Bureau. I made it my special business in my late tour to try to check this breaking up and moving to the Coast.

I believe Mr. Whaley's regard for the negro is only a white wash. he has recently shown the old Cloven foot in refusing absolutely to have anything to do with a Board having a Colored man upon it & in his expressions of the old prejudice against the black man. I trust that Gen. Saxton will be retained as all things considered the cause could not be benefited by his removal. Our schools are all prospering, except that we desire assurance that <we> may keep the buildings.

Yr affec. br.  
C.H. Howard

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3101 11/25/1865 *From:* A. v Steinwehr

*To:* Major Genl O.O. Howard

OOH-3044

Wallingford

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Wallingford Nov 25th 1865.

Major Genl O.O. Howard  
My dear General,

Your kind letter of Septbr 8th has been in my hands for some time, but I deferred an answer until you should have returned 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 bureau will not soon compel you to change the comforts of civilized life with the semibarbarous surroundings of Mississippi. et in omne genus.

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.

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 several publications, that have of late appeared, as translations of two of C. Ritter's <smaller> works by Gage, - the future policy of America by Dr. Draper, - the republication of Burkle's history of civilization in England. These works convince me, (or rather the fact they have been issued in this country) that my undertaking is timely, and that, if I do not signally fail in the <>, - my book will have some friends.

Major R. E. Beecher, formerly A.A.G. on my staff, is now staying at our house, and revises my text as to language and expression. <Hollieb> was also with us and reduced my larger maps for a primary and common school geography, which my publishers desire to issue with my larger book.

A few days since I wrote a few lines to Major Stinson 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. Ledyard is trustee. The interest due thereon amounts now to several thousand Dollars. About six months ago Mr. L. wrote to us, that he then could not remit but would do so monthly. Since then we have written several letters to him, but received no answer. We think it possible, that Ledyard 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 this matter, fell in battle during the rebellion, and so I thought that perhaps the officer 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 arrives soon, I shall be in a most painful position. I view of these facts, I wrote to Maj. Stinson, Ledyard was very wealthy before the war, and has been throughout the rebellion loyal to the U.S.A. - 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 has saved a portion of this fortune & placed it beyond the influences of events which have not transpired, and which he doubtless anticipated. Or is it true that every one lost his all, and that not one is left in the South, who retains 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 Have or Hartford friends is the only interruption of our rather monotonous existence.

Mrs. v St. 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 regards to your brother and the other officers of your old staff  
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3102 11/26/1865 *From:* Rowland [RB  
Howard]

*To:* My dear Brother [OO  
Howard]

OOH-3045

Farmington

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Farmington Nov. 26, 1865

My dear Brother

I arrived home safely Thursday night. The baby was too sick to come & so I am alone. I am sorry to say that a beautiful mug struck my fancy in N.Y. & I paid the upper price \$20.00. It was however the admiration of Grandpa & all the baby's friends to whom I didn't tell the secret of the selection of course. Somebody sent those packages separate by Express & I paid \$2.55 to get them to the owners. I have enjoyed my Sermons & Evening meetings today. Everybody is anxious to hear about my trip & I give a Lyceum lecture before our Library Asso. next week. I have sent for Mother to come up & keep house for me a while if she can leave home.

We have nice dry roads & pleasant weather yet. We seldom have mud here you know but, the mornings are pretty sharp after the Gulf of Mexico. It poured & blew so when I arrived in N.Y. that I gave up going to the meeting with Gen Fiske. He was a delightful traveling companion.

With much love to Lizzie & the children & kind regards to Harry & <Lt Fazzard [crossed out]>  
Yr aff bro. Rowland

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

Farmington, Me. Nov 26, 1865

Howard, Rowland

Recd Nov 29th 1865

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3103 11/27/1865 *From:* Wm. P. Hubbard

*To:* Genl. O.O. Howard

OOH-3046

Bangor

Washington D.C.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Bangor Nov. 27 1865

Genl. O.O. Howard

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 Bangor in behalf of the Freedmen.

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

As one means we have projected a course of lectures. If your name could be positively announced as one of the lecturers it would help us very much in the sale of tickets.

You will pardon me, Sir, for alluding to the fact that our people take a very deep interest in your character and person, and what you might say would be received as true and would go far toward removing what remains of prejudice against the colored race.

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

I am dear Genl.

Your most obedt Sv

Wm. P. Hubbard

Secty Bangor F.A. Association

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3104 11/27/1865 *From:* Sam B. Barniz

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

OOH-3047

Wheeling W.Va

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Wheeling W.Va  
November 27th 1865

Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard  
My dear Sir and Bro. in Jesus

The teachers and scholars of our large, Eng. Evan. Lutheran Mission S. School, having heard of the deep interest you manifest in the S. School cause, as well as every other good work, earnestly desire your presence at their regular anniversary on the evenings of the 23rd and 25th of December. Our School has been working for the orphan cause, and also in the effort to endow a "Genl Howard Professorship" at Gettysburg.

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

I am very truly  
Yours in X  
Sam B. Barniz

[Written sideways on the back page, in a different hand.]  
Wheeling, West Va.  
Nov. 17, 1865  
Barniz, Saml. B.  
Asks Gen. Howard to be present at a S.S. Anniversary on 23 of Dec. 1865  
Recd Nov 29, 1865

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3105 11/27/1865 *From:* Jaris H Smith

*To:* Maj Gen O.O. Howard

OOH-3048

Norfolk Va.

Supr. Freedmen's Bureau,  
Washington City

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Norfolk Va. Nov 27. 1865

Maj Gen O.O. Howard, U.S.A.  
Supr. Freedmen's Bureau,  
Washington City  
General,

My friend Mr Robert B. Pegram, late a commander in the C.S. Navy, has been pardoned by the Pres't & he has not been able to recover possession of his property in Norfolk, which is <> by the Freedman's Bureau. This case is one of great hardship & I am sure, I only need to call your attention to it, to ensure its immediate release.

I am General, very Resy  
Jaris H Smith

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

Norfolk, Nov. 27, 1865

Smith. J.H.

Recommends restoration of the estate of Mr. Robt. B. Pegram late Comdr. C.S. Navy.  
Recd. Nov. 18th 1865.

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3106 11/28/1865 *From:* Hermann Bokum

*To:* Sir [OO Howard]

OOH-3049

Department of State  
Bureau of Immigration  
Washington

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Department of State  
Bureau of Immigration  
Washington November 28th 1865.

Sir,

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

During a late visit in Philadelphia (where, by the way I spent an evening in the company of Mrs Grebel.) I was brought in contact with Mr. Koradi, the Swiss Consul, a very worthy man. He stated to me that he had reason to believe that statements unfavorable to the Freedmen's Bureau had been made through the Press in Switzerland and that in consequence of it he had received a letter from a Swiss Gentleman desiring information from him with regard to the character of those who are at the head of the Bureau (the chief actors), and in what manner contributions could be most effectively made whether by money or by articles. I have addressed a letter to the Consul in my own name in which I pledge myself to the fact that the Bureau (Freedmen's) has been placed in charge of persons the most reliable. If you think best to add any thing I will convey it to the Consul whom I expect to see next Saturday.

I am Sir,  
Your obedient Servant  
Hermann Bokum

My address is  
Rev. Hermann Bokum  
Bureau of Immigration

I am not the head of the Bureau.

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

Dept. of State  
Bureau of Immigration  
Washington Nov. 28th 1865  
Bokum, Hon. Herman

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

Recd Nov. 29th 1865

[STAMP] BUREAU R.F.&A.L. WASHINGTON NOV 29 1865

Ansd Dec 5th 1865

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3107 11/28/1865 *From:* S.P. Lee

*To:* My dear Cousin [OO  
Howard]

OOH-3050

Johnsons Island Ohio

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Johnsons Island Ohio  
November 28th 1865

My dear Cousin

It is a long time I have heard from you and I thought I would send you a note to let you know that Lizzie and myself are well. All the news we have heard from you for a long time has been through the news papers, and I see that you have been very busy. Where is Charles. I have not heard from him for a long time.

I have been in command of this post since July last. And have just been relieved by its being made the Hd. Qrs. of the 2d Regt of the V.R.C. So now I have nothing to do as the detachment of my regiment under my command consists only of 8 officers and four enlisted men in three companies.

I hope soon to be ordered away where I shall have something to do, as I dislike to be idle.

When I had the choice offered me to go out of service or remain I decided the latter, as the loss of my arm disqualifies me for my old profession of the Sean. I hope it will soon be deided what they will do with us, as the uncertainty is not pleasant.

How & where is Lizzie & the children. I hope she is with you and you are once more enjoying a home. My Lizzie joins me in much love to you all. She is the same good little devoted wife as ever has been with me since September and bids fair to make a good Soldiers wife. She thinks I ought to be Brevetted as all my old comrades are, but I tell her it requires friends at Court which I have not got. If you should require a real smart Major in your Bureau please remember me.

I have not heard from Sarah for a long time. When I did she was well. As you are very busy, tell Lizzie I hope she will favor us with some tidings if you will.

With much love I remain  
Your affectionate Cousin  
S.P. Lee

[Written on the last page, in a different hand.]  
Johnson's Island, Ohio  
Nov. 28th 1865  
Lee, S.P.  
Friendly letter  
Recd Dec 1st 1865

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3108 11/28/1865 *From:* Andrew B. Cross

*To:* My dear Sir [OO Howard]

OOH-3051

Baltimore

*Source:* Bowdoin

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My dear Sir

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

I have been wanting to get you or Genl 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 in 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 Liquor Shops.

We cant make such a blowout as our friend Geo. H. 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 hand bills that we have 2066 Liquor shops in our city to war against. We need to realize our work, and feel like those of Macedon “ome over & help us.” if you can, we shall be greatly obliged to you and will give you the opportunity to sow beside our waters, as we dont 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 com. work until we had reached the Battle of Hatchers Run. I think I gave you a copy of the Article on Gettysburg at the Commission meeting in Phil'a , but I send you it in connection some other matters.

Will you please let me hear from you?

Yours, aff.  
Andrew B. Cross

Baltimore  
Nov 28/65

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

Baltimore, Md. Nov. 28/65

Cross, Andrew B

Writes friendly letter and would like Gen. Howard to be present at a Temperance meeting in Dec or Jan.

Rec Nov 30, 1865

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3109 11/28/1865 *From:* T.M. Harris

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

OOH-3052

Head Quarters Dist.  
N.E Va.  
Fredericksburg Va.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Head Quarters Dist. N.E Va.  
Fredericksburg Va. Nov. 28th 1865

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

Having understood that the loyal citizens of this town are making an effort to have Capt. Bohannon retained in the Freedman's Bureau Department at this place I feel it my duty to say that in so doing 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 say as to his peculiar fitness for this duty and urge the importance of retaining him in this position if he can by any means be retained in the Service after the muster out of his regt.

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 Genl  
Very Respectfully  
Your Obed Servt  
T.M. Harris  
Brig. Genl.

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

Fredericksburg, Nov 28, 1865

Harris, T.M.

Brig. Genl.

Recommends retention of Capt. Bohannon as Agt. of the Bureau at Fredericksburg.

Recd. Nov. 30th, 1865

Ansd Dec. 4th, 1865

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3110 11/28/1865 *From:* E.P. Tibbals

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

OOH-3053

Post Office 3500  
New York

*Source:* Bowdoin

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New York, Nov 28th [1865]

Maj Gen'l. O.O. Howard  
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 Presby'n 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. York about that time 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 every thing possible by way of arrangement to such your convenience. We have this year helped the Sabbath School of poor East Tenn & “Out West” “About home” Soldiers &c &c. If not too much trouble will you please answer soon and very greatly oblige yours.

Respectfully  
E.P. Tibbals  
Post Office 3500  
New York

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

New York, Nov. 28 / 65

Tibbals, E.P.

Invites Genl. Howard to address the “Sabbath-School Missionary Society” in that City.

[STAMP] BUREAU R.F.&A.L. WASHINGTON REQ'D NOV 29 1865