

Quartermaster General's Office,

Washington, D. C., Nov 29, 1865.

Major Genl O. O. Howard.
Commissioner of Refugees
War Department

General:

I have the honor to inform you that the Committee of the Young Men Christian Association, having in charge the exercises connected with observance of Thursday, Nov 30th, as a day of fasting and prayer, have chosen you to preside at the meeting to be held at Rev Dr Guleys Church, to-morrow evening at 7 1/2 O'clock.

If circumstances will
allow of your presence you will
greatly favor the Committee by
notifying me of your acceptance.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
J. L. Brown
Dist. Eng. Genl. L. H. Dept.

Headquarters, Assistant Commissioner,

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA,

Charleston, S. C., Nov. 29 1865.

My dear brother

I think I will
write you a few words tonight
though I have written pretty
often of late & have some
fears that you have hardly
time for ~~now~~ many letters
from our source.

I thought I would write
this evening on account of
listening to a conversation be-
tween Capt. Ketchum &
Mr. Whaley this morning.
Mr. W. said he was going

Rev. Sickles visit. to me this afternoon that
he thought it advisable to retain the colored
man on the Board. He is one of those who
called upon Gen. Sherman - in that celebrated
interview in Savannah. I think it likely that

Mr. Whaley in his invitation ~~may~~ bring together
against Sept. Ketchum - The fact is he & many of
those people don't like any one they cannot manage
in their own way. No one is better adapted to
deal with them than Sept. Ketchum for he will
hear them patiently but will take a deliberate view
of every question and do what is right without an

to Washington I seemed to be
rather excited. Capt. Ketchum
however was sufficiently cool.

The fact is that Mr. W.
is much annoyed that
the lands (Islands) did not
come back into the hands
of the old owners just as he
had expected - You know
of course that there has been
delay resulting from the telegrams
of the Civil War & years from
Mobile. Seth kept Ketchum
has been pushing the matter
but ^{Mr. Whaley objects to the} ~~the~~ Colonel member of
the board although come home
no objection to him & he is
really a worthy man - intelli-
gent & dispond to be perfectly
fair & reasonable. ~~Get Mr. Whaley~~
~~objects to the Colonel man~~

good to the desires of any one. I could not
help observing (although ostensibly engaged with other
papers & business) how well he answered Mr.
Whaley. Mr. W. was defective for Company & this
making him very sore.

Capt. Ketchum would have interfered to have
had a white citizen selected for the Edisto Board
had he received your telegram on similar instructions
before it was formed. But the colored people were
allowed to make their own choice & as you
have not yet required a change none has been
made. I think with this colored man as a member
the Board will be much more likely to arrive at
a satisfactory arrangement to the negroes than any other
Board could - In fact I doubt if any other Board could do so better.

I find that the ex-Rebel
 citizens of this state are a very
 wily & untrustworthy people
 ready to take advantage when
 they can. At first I hoped
 that conciliation & kindness
 would induce them to take
 just & fair grounds but I do
 not now believe we may expect
 much more than an extension
 of pretensions put on for their own
 ends - They are incapable of
 doing justice to the negro &
 of any true loyalty to the Govt.
 It is certainly a mistake to
 give them political power again
 so hastily - especially if the negro
 is to be left to their mercy without
 the ballot to defend his own rights
 with. I heard that the "Black
 Code" had been submitted to you.
 At first reading, that might seem

fair & as much as you could
expect from South Carolina.
But it is utterly rejected and opposed
by the colored people.

They claim that the fees of
the land for the government of
whites are adequate to their
costs also and that this legislation
against Colored should end with
Slavery. Gen. Lickers will
at an admirably with Gen. Lytle.
You ought to see the new phase he
puts upon the Military in reference
to the Bureau - But I am
rather tired yet is late & twice
done - You mentioned that you
would ask again the promotion
of Capt. Ketchum on your return
to Washington - I do think he
deserves it - No one could fill
his place in charge of your bus-
ness (of the restoration) here. Gen. Lytle
will hope Congress will give these
islands to the Freedman or leave them
for them to buy at some future time.
Give much love to Lizzie & the children
Your affectionate brother
C. H. Howard

Wesleyan University
 Middletown Conn.

Nov. 29th 1865.

Maj. Gen. Howard,

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to convey to you the unanimous request of the members of the "Literary Societies of the Wesleyan University," that you be invited to deliver the Annual Address before them at our next Commencement, on the evening of Tuesday, July 16th 1866.

I presume, General, that you are well acquainted with the general character of our University, but perhaps a word in regard to it will not be out of place. It is the chief literary institution of the Methodist Church, which church we have the high authority of Edward Everett for saying

Officer at the Head Quarters of Maj. Gen. Schofield, I had ample opportunity to learn the administration and to love you. Having borne musket and sword under you we are anxious to see your face once more.

If your public duties should prevent the publication of anything new, I would respectfully suggest that a repetition of your address at Gettysburg would be very satisfactory.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully
Yours A. B. Sewt

Gold Round

Maj. Gen. Howard
Washington D. C.

"has done more for the cause of education in America than any other denomination." That you may be able to judge of the character of those who have addressed us in the past, I would mention such names as Edward Everett, Wendell Phillips, Geo. Wm. Curtis, and Geo. Thompson of Eng.

I would add moreover the urgent solicitations of "The Army and Navy Union, of The Wesleyan University" composed of those who have tried to do their duty at the post of danger during the past four years.

Among this number I am proud to rank myself, having just returned to the University after an absence of 4 years & 4 mos at the front. Having served the first three years in the Army of the Potomac and afterward in Gen Sherman's army, in the capacity of a Signal-

Middletown Conn.
Nov. 29th /65.

And tell
Howard, Geo. C.
my love

When
Invited Genl. Howard
to deliver the annual
address before the "Sisters"
Societies of the Wesleyan
University". Friday
16. /66.

Thank U

Recd. Dec. 6th 1865.

638 Tremont St.

Boston Nov 29/865.

Dear Genl.

In fulfilment of a
promise made to a
good Christian brother.

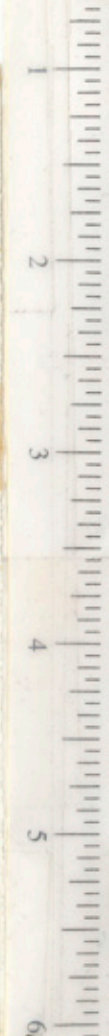
I have to ask you if
you can, & will, the night
before or after your lecture
in Boston give a lecture
at Jamaica Plain to
secure a paying course
& clear a ref^d Society
from debt?

They think that your
name w^d lift the load.

I hope you are all very
well & nicely settled. I sup-
pose we shall know more
about the designs of Government
soon.

Yrs Fraternally E. B. Webb
Maj Genl. O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th inst. in relation to the proposed plan of a lecture on the subject of the "History of the United States" to be given at the University of California. I am very glad to hear that you are interested in the subject, and I am sure that the lecture will be of great value to the students of the University. I have no objection to your giving the lecture, and I am sure that the students will be very glad to hear of it. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. D. [Signature]



Portland Nov. 30th 1865

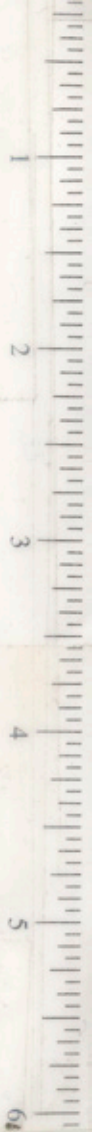
To
 Maj. Genl. Howard
 Sir

I am thinking of
 applying for an office under the Genl.
 Govt. (not military) and would like
 very much to have a letter of recom-
 mendation from you. I do not expect
 it unless you can give one conscientiously.
 If you can however please let it cover
 the time I served in your command,
 as during that time I passed through the
 grades of Lt, Capt, Lt. Col. & Col. —
 I have just returned from a journey among
 our southern brethren and heartily endorse
 your views concerning the now withdrawal
 of our troops —

Very respectfully
 your obedient servant
 H. E. Heath

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now



Mr. Conway, late Assistant Commissioner of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands in Louisiana, is, we hear, about to proceed to England for the purpose of encouraging English capitalists to engage in the cultivation of cotton by the help of the freedmen of the southern states.

This project is important not only to whites and blacks in the South, but to our general commercial interests. It is well known that for want of capital not one-half the rich lands of the states lately in revolt can be cultivated this year. It is likewise well known that the inability of most southern planters to pay the freedmen frequently and in full, is the principal cause of the distrust and disaffection in the minds of the laborers, and of the annoyance and distress experienced by the employers.

The freedmen, in addition to their natural dislike of those who held them as slaves, become restless and uneasy because they are not paid regularly, and the two things working together cause vexation and difficulty, which can only be remedied by the introduction of abundance of ready capital. This can be had in the northern states and in England. Our people here have had the opportunity to become fully aware of the facts connected with this subject, but it is not so with men on the other side of the ocean, and hence the importance of Mr. Conway's mission.

From Mr. Conway's long experience in the South, among both planters and freedmen, we believe him fully competent to represent the subject so as to interest practical men, and especially the many friends of the freedmen in Europe.

We understand that Mr. Conway will leave in a few days, and that he will take with him letters from many of our leading citizens, who are cordially in sympathy with his effort. The Chamber of Commerce will probably take special notice of it, and recommend Mr. Conway to the attention of its corresponding bodies abroad.

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FRIDAY, December 1.

At 10 o'clock, at the salesrooms, 279 Broadway.

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Catalogues and samples on the morning of sale.

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Nov. 20th. 1865
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Wm. Genl. Howard
Commissioner,

Genl:

I have written to
Genl. Kirk in order to save time and
expense. I expect to hear from him any
day.

I am pressed by leading citizens and by
the best friends of the Bureau to proceed
to England in regard to the subject which
I presented to you personally when I saw
you.

I am sure I can do ten times more for
the promotion of the objects of the Bureau
than by remaining. The results will
tend greatly to give you pleasure in
seeing satisfactory results of your ardent
endeavors.

Should you deem it best, my present
relation can remain (giving Genl. Kirk a
knowledge of the circumstances) so that my
mission might ^{have} an official character,
and ^{with a view} to aid the Bureau in a moral point
of view.

My sincere regard for you and my lack
of any unhappy feeling at some aspects of my

removal in Louisiana, enables me to ³²
say that I am ready to make the best
use of my time in the hope of seeing
a successful consummation of your work.
I am anxious that you give any turn
to my mission (if I undertake it - as I pre-
sume I will) which may secure the
greatest good.

Already there are pleasant indications
of pleasure at the prospective results.
The citizens who have brought this
matter to my mind, will be glad
to have such letter of advice or
instruction from you (as may be deemed
best by yourself) placed in my
hands.

I have already written to New Orleans
and I think I will be able to procure
copies of such material as will enable
~~you~~ me to give you a final report.

On hearing from Gen. Pick, I presume
I will forward my resignation, except
that you would desire otherwise.

I ought to leave here in a few days
on my mission to Europe.

With assurances of my most cordial
esteem and good-will,

I am, respectfully, your obt. servt
Thomas W. Conway
742 B. W. Ave. New York

Jan 20, 1865

Dear Mr. Smith.

Referring to his
former to be found
the purpose of
the various capital
this is enough in the
publication of action
in the world.

Qued. Dec 22, 1865.
Rec'd Dec. 21, 1865.