
3129 12/5/1865 *From:* Ella P. H. [Patten
Howard]

To: Dear brother Otis [OO
Howard]

OOH-3072

Bath

Source: Bowdoin

[81]

Bath Dec 5th 1865

Dear brother Otis

You will pardon me for so long neglecting to thank you in the name of your little namesake, for that beautiful cup. The little fellow has been so sick that I have done little but try to make him comfortable, but he is getting nicely now, & I am very thankful.

The cup is so handsome, that I was tempted to keep it just for ornament! But at length I concluded, as it was his, & given him to drink from. I would allow him to use it, very carefully –and may it never contain anything more injurious than that which he receives from it now - although the outside is very suggestive of the “juice of the vine”.

I thank you too for those pretty pictures. Dadie produces them whenever a visitor comes, with the explanation - “My Papa brought them –this is Mamma’s, & this is mine. Uncle Otis sent them.”

Rowland came home looking in good condition, after his long journey. I am very glad you took him along, & hope you made him useful! He will spend Thanksgiving here, & I hoped the baby would be well enough to take home with him, but I believe I shall wait another week. Mamma invited your Mother to be with us also. I wish you & Lizzie & the children could come too!

I hear you are to lecture in Portland soon. I wish Lizzie could come on with you, I suppose your time while there, will be more than occupied, or I should urge you to call on my sister Lizzie, who lives No. 22 Gray St. I think very likely my father & mother will be there, & they would all be delighted to see you.

Rowland’s stories of burglars, & other annoyances in Washington, have quite reconciled me to living away back in the country, among the snowdrifts! Since he has been home, when troubles arise in the parish, he consoles himself with the thought - Otis’ vexations are a thousand times worse! - & so becomes quite contented. I suppose the children enjoy Washington.

I hear Guy is becoming quite a man - & manages the pony very skillfully. And Grace is happy with her books anywhere. Jamie goes on in his own independent way, I suppose. Is he any less like Pres. Johnson? And Chancey is as lovely & loveable as ever.

Dadie says - “Tell Jamie I’ve got a gun & a wooden sword, & a dog.” Dadie grows in mind & body daily. I wish he wouldn’t grow in naughtiness!

Aunt Jana & Abby are both here now & both send their love to you & your wife. Abby particularly speaks of the children. She remembers with a good deal of satisfaction, her stay at Augusta. Horace envies Guy his possession of a real –live –pony.

My father & mother wish to be kindly remembered to you & Lizzie, & with all these “remembrances,” love, & good wishes, including a heap of each, from myself. I will bid you goodbye.

Your sister as ever

Ella P. H.

Papa wishes me to ask you, if they should invite you to lecture here. Would you come?
E.P.H.

3130 12/5/1865

From: Jno E Smith

To: Major Genl O O Howard

OOH-3073

Head-Quarters, Dist.
West Tennessee,
Memphis Tenn

Washington D.C

Source: Bowdoin

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Head-Quarters, Dist. West Tennessee,
Memphis Tenn Decr 5th 1865.

Major Genl O O Howard
Washington D.C.
General

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your very kind letter of Nov 14th correcting an error of the Author of a Work entitled "The Great March to the Sea" and in behalf of the Gallant Soldiers of the 3d Div 15th Army Corps Army of the Tenn that I had the honor to Command to whom you have so nobly done justice. I beg to return you my sincere thanks, not only for this but for the Consideration you have at all times shown me while I had the honor of being under your Command. Will you permit me to share the pleasure with my old Command, that your letter gives me by furnishing Copies to the officers?

Please accept my sincere wishes for your health and happiness and all success in your sphere of usefulness to our fellow Creatures.

I remain Very Truly
Your Obdt Servt
Jno E Smith
Bvt Maj Genl US Vols

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

Memphis, Dec 5 1865

Smith, Jno E.

Maj Gen. U.S.V.

Asks permission to publish the letter from Gen. Howard correcting the mistake made by the author of the work entitled Shermans March to the Sea.

Recd Dec 11th 1865

3131 12/6/1865 *From:* H. N. Howard

To: Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard

OOH-3074

Dexter Me

Washington D.C.

Source: Bowdoin

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Dexter Me Dec. 6th 1865

General,

I hear you have difficulty in finding suitable numbers and kind of medical officers for the Bureau of Freedmen of which you are Chief. If such be the case, and my experience in the Army will enable me to be of service to you and to the country, I would be glad of the position of medical officer in that bureau.

Dexter offers good inducements for me to locate here, but like all persons who have been long in the Army, I am not quite content with civil life in the country.

Father and Mother are very well, and would be kindly remembered.

Mrs Warren Mower resides near me, and often speaks of her step-brother Genl. Howard.

With kind regards to Mrs Howard,

I am very respectfully yours
H. N. Howard [Horatio Nelson Howard]

Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard
Washington D.C.

[Written on a side flap of the first page, in a different hand.]

Dexter Me. Dec 6/65.

Howard, H. N.

Would like a position as Surg. In Freedmen's Bureau.

Recd. Dec 10th, 1865

Ansd Dec 12 1865

[Note: H.N. Howard was a second cousin to Otis. Mrs. Warren Mower was Louisa Jane Gilmore, the daughter of Otis' step father Col John Gilmore and his first wife, Huldah Alger.]

3132 12/6/1865 *From:* C.H. Howard

To: Dear brother [OO
Howard]

OOH-3075

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., Dec. 6 1865.

Dear brother

I was glad to get your letter though a week old. I am going to start for a tour in Georgia early in the morning –probably go to Brunswick & Thomasville & perhaps to Tallahassee (across by land). Rev. Mr. French arrived today goes to Savannah with me. I wish you had seen him, but he says he wrote you & I think you will find some, at least, of his suggestions very valuable.

I hardly think the Secy of War was pleased that you accomplished anything towards the restoration of the Sea Island. Perhaps he don't care so that he dont have to shoulder the responsibility.

Gen. Saxton had been feeling very secure after your letter to him but now is half expecting to be removed & feels rather uncomfortable. He said in answer to your question about his being willing to go West, that if he cannot suit the President here he could not anywhere & if he leaves here he thinks he had better leave the Bureau altogether. I suspect there will be a powerful element in Congress supporting Gen. Saxton & opposed even to restoring the Sea Islands. I think Chief Justice Chase & his Coadjutors will advocate a purchase of them.

I am glad you took some action about the school buildings. It would be a shame to break up our fine schools. This is one of the greatest arguments in favor retaining the Bureau.

I thought Gen. Saxton's bill quite incomplete but he only intended it as suggesting to you & giving his views on certain points. Capt. Ketchum went to Edisto with the planters today & found a better feeling existing than he feared—but many will never contract with the old owners on that island & if the Secy's condition that they "should not be disturbed in their present homes" is adhered to it will prevail the restoration and this would please many at the North as they believe the good faith of the Govt to the negroes demands it.

I was glad to hear of all the family. Give my love to them. I got a letter from Rowland today –home again & at work. Quite a Religious Interest in West Leeds. I was delighted at your good full letter. I have been inflicting good many of a semi-business nature upon you. If you object I will drop business except in regular official communications but I suppose you like for me to write as I would talk, on what interests us most. There seems to have been some conflict between Strong & Gregory. Tis it true. A Kiss to "J" & Chancy & not forgetting Guy & Gracie nor Lizzie. God bless them all.

Your affectionate brother
C.H. Howard

P.S. I need not say that I think Capt. Ketchum is doing better than anyone else you could have got. I have already said as much.

C.H.H.

[Written in red ink on the last page of the letter, in a different hand.]

Charleston S.C. Dec. 6 1865

Howard, Chas. H. Brevet Brig. Genl.

Letter of information.

Recd. Dec. 12th 1865.

[Transcription of the enclosed newspaper clipping.]

Headq'rs District of Western S.C.,

Fourth Separate Brigade,

Columbia, S.C., December 1, 1865.

General Orders No. 34.

I. Before a Military Commission, which convened at Headquarters, District of Western South Carolina, Fourth Separate Brigade, Columbia, South Carolina, November 30th, 1865, pursuant to Special Orders No. 37, dated Headquarters, District of Western South Carolina, November 11th, 1865, and of which Lieut. Col. N. Haughton, 25th Regiment Ohio Veteran Volunteers, is President, was arraigned and tried:

James Egon, citizen of Lexington District, South Carolina.

Charge.

Murder

Specification: in this, that the said James Egon, citizen of Lexington District, State of South Carolina, did feloniously, and with malice aforethought, kill and slay, by shooting, one Freedman, named General Egon.

All this, on or about the 24th day of September, 1865, in the District of Lexington, State of South Carolina, pleaded as follows:

To the Specification, "Not Guilty."

To the Charge, "Not Guilty."

Finding

The commission having maturely considered the evidence adduced, finds the accused, James Egon, citizen of Lexington District, South Carolina, as follows:

Of the Specification, "Guilty,"

Of the Charge, "Guilty,"

Sentence.

And the commission do, therefore, sentence him, James Egon, citizen of Lexington District, South Carolina, to solitary confinement for life, and the Albany Penitentiary, State of New York.

II. The proceedings and findings in the forgoing case of James Egon, citizen of Lexington District, South Carolina, are approved. The sentence is confirmed, and will be carried into effect at the Albany Penitentiary, State of New York.

The District Provost Marshal will turn the prisoner over, with a copy of the order, to the Provost Marshal-General of the Department.

The Quartermaster's Department will furnish the necessary transportation.

By order of

Brevet Major-General A. Ames,

J.A. Clark, Capt. 15th Maine Vols., A.A.D.C., and Act.Asst. Adjt Genl.

3133 12/6/1865

From: Thomas C.
Slaughter
Corydon, Indiana

To: Hon. Henry S. Lane

OOH-3076

U.S. Senate

Source: Bowdoin

[114, 115]

Corydon, Indiana,
Dec 6, 1865

Hon. Henry S. Lane,
U.S. Senate,
Dear Sir:

I trust you will pardon my frequent trespasses on your patience. My apology for troubling you now, is my desire to serve a young friend of mine, and I know no other channel through which I can do it, Mr. William H. Timberlake, of this County, who has served for several years in the army –at one time Adgt. of the 81st Ind. Infantry, and more recently a member of the 16 Ind. Cavalry. He desires some kind of employment in the Freedman's Bureau. I learn from him that he is in some way related to Gen. Howard, and thinks it possible, if he can properly do so, that he would be willing to secure him a place. He has capacity and is certainly most loyal. He needs employment. He would make a good Clerk. I am anxious to serve him, but a letter from me to Gen Howard –who of course knows nothing of me –could do him no possible good –unless I was endorsed by some one in whom he can rely. If you feel at liberty to do so, please endorse this letter & forward to Gen. Howard, and thus lay me under renewed obligations for yr many kindnesses.

Very Respectfully,
Thomas C. Slaughter

[Appended to above on the last page.]
Genl OO Howard
Dear Sir

The writer of the within letter is a Gentleman of the highest character & I have entire confidence to his statements & shall be pleased if anything can be done for his friend.

H. S. Lane
USS

[Written sideways on top of the last page in a different hand.]
Corydon, Ind. Dec 6/65
Slaughter, Thos. C.
Desires to secure a position in Bureau of Freedmen &c for Wm. H. Timberlake.
Endorsed to Genl Howard by Hon. H.S. Lane, U.S. Senator.
Recd Dec. 19th 1865

3134 12/7/1865

From: C. C. Townsend

To: Genl [OO] Howard

OOH-3077

Source: Bowdoin

The Orphans Home of
Industry
Iowa City, Io.

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The Orphans Home of Industry
Iowa City, Io. Dec 7th 1865

Genl Howard,
Dear Friend,

I am thankful to you for that special providence which has conducted you, in safety, through so many privations and dangers, to your present eminent position of usefulness. My heart has been with you all along, and I now sympathize in your present work. The "Home of Industry" has prospered, and its interests are safe. The "House of Reception" on Staten Island has been adopted by a Committee of church Ladies of the Island, and, as early as next Spring I wish to do something in the cause you advocate and over which you preside. I rejoice that our church has turned her eyes upon the Freedmen, and organized for their benefit. In the Ozark Mountains in Northern Arkansas, near Fayetteville Washington County, I have a Mission property 20 acres and buildings, which I wish to devote to the Lord for the benefit of the Orphan and Freedmen.

At small expense, I could fit up an orphan's Home & school and for "The Home of Industry" I supply the Managers, nurses & teachers. Can you aid me in carrying out my wishes and suggest any plan?

Let me hear from you soon, and please direct to me "Care of Sam'l Barber, No 112 Water St New York". I shall go to N.Y. in a few days.

If in your answer you can enclose a contribution for the Orphans, under my charge, 150 in number—the Lord will repay you and you will place under new obligation.

Your old Friend,
C. C. Townsend

[Written at the bottom of the last page, in a different hand.]
Ansd Dec 12, 1865

3135 12/8/1865 *From:* S.S. Greene

To: Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard

OOH-3078

Providence

Source: Bowdoin

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Providence Dec 8 1865

To Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard,
My dear Sir;

At the meeting of the National Teachers' Association held at Harrisburg Pa in August last, a committee was appointed, of which I was Chairman –to take any steps - such as a memorial to Congress –or any other that should be deemed advisable for the purpose of advancing the cause of education at the South –among the States lately in rebellion.

Perhaps no educational body could better represent the wishes of the whole country –excepting the states above referred to than ours. Can we do anything to serve a good cause by appearing with a memorial –praying for the establishment of an educational Bureau –as a means of reaching the desired object?

There was a strong disposition apparent at the meeting to do something.

Shall I be asking too much of you, sir, if I seek your candid opinion upon this matter? Can you guide us in giving shape to any useful measures? Can we help you in any good plan for promoting the cause of universal education at the South?

An early answer is desirable as I must consult the other members of the Committee as to what shall be done.

I am, very truly,
Your obt Servant
S.S. Greene

3136 12/9/1865 *From:* Albert Q. Broune

To: Major General O.O.
Howard

OOH-3079

Salem

Source: Bowdoin

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Salem Dec 9, 1865

Major General O.O. Howard
General,

I am requested by the Trustees of the Salem Lyceum to ask you to deliver a lecture before said Institution at your convenience.

Noticing that you are to speak in Boston the ensuing season, it may suit you to come to our quiet little city at that time. As you are aware, it is a place of Historic interest, and it will give pleasure to our friends to show you all that is worth seeing.

I am here for a brief-period recovering from malarial fever contracted at the south, and shall return in a few days. If you will signify your acceptance of the invitation to H.I. Cross Esq corresponding Secretary of the Lyceum, we shall be greatly obliged.

Mrs Browne and my daughter would be pleased to receive you as their guest should you visit Salem.

I have been at the South for two or three years past, and taking an especial interest in the negro race shall be pleased if I can render your Bureau any service.

My address is at Savannah Georgia,

Your obt Svt
Albert Q. Broune
Supering Special Agt Treasury Dept.

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

Salem, Mass.

Dec. 9th 1865

Brown, Albert G.

Treasury Dept.

Desires Gen. Howard to lecture in Salem

Recd Dec. 13, 1865

Ansd Dec 16, 1865

Cant go

3137 12/10/1865 *From:* Mrs. L.M. E. Ricks

To: Gen. [OO] Howard

OOH-3080

Youngstown Ohio.

Source: Bowdoin

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Youngstown Ohio.
Dec. 10th 1865.

Gen. Howard,

I see by the papers there is to be a consolidation meeting in Washington on the 13th Dec. to unite the aid societies.

I will be in Washington in a few days, certainly before Christmas.

Before handing over the results of my mission, I wish to see, and converse with you, confidentially.

Some things have occurred that have annoyed me greatly.

For instance –a circular was sent me from Washington stating that in the D.C. there are 39,000 suffering Freedmen.

A recent Cin. Commercial states you have written a letter saying that there are only 300.

Now, I am certain I wish to act honestly in all things, if I have been deceived I wish to know it.

I have sent home many boxes of clothes and three hundred in money. I have several trunks full of new articles, and some money which I will bring with me. The Fields have all be canvassed, and, yet I think my native state has done pretty well. Had not difficulties been thrown in my way I think I would have done much better.

I desire to continue in the commission, but, would prefer to act under your name alone, if possible. The reasons I will tell you when I see you.

Truly yours in christian Hope.
Mrs. L.M. E. Ricks
Agt. N.Y.A.Ass.

[Written on the last page, in a different hand.]
Youngstown Ohio
Dec. 10th 1865
Ricks, L. M. E.
Letter of information
Recd Dec. 14th 1865