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3157 12/16/1865 *From:* Clinton B. Fisk

*To:* My Dear General [OO  
Howard]

OOH-3101

*Source:* Bowdoin

Bureau of Refugees,  
Freedmen and  
Abandoned Lands  
States of Kentucky,  
Tennessee and Nor.  
Alabama  
Assistant  
Commissioner' Office  
Nashville

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands  
States of Kentucky, Tennessee and Nor. Alabama  
Assistant Commissioner' Office  
Nashville Dec. 16th 1865

My Dear General

My circuit-riding in West Tennessee gave me a severe attack of quinsy, from which I am just recovering.

My attention has been called to the "Bureau Afloat" in a late number of "The Independent". I am pained at its appearance. Our good friends know but little of the hindrances we of the Bureau meet at most every step. I will write Theodore Tilton a private scolding letter. I know him very well. He cannot fight in-line always on the skirmish line. It is enough for us to catch it from the coppers. Our friends should touch us lightly, and not pound the administration over our burdened and weary backs. I hope Congress will come to our rescue with new powers and appropriations.

When I left you in Washington I figured you were feeling a little despond and, somewhat disheartened, and I really thought you had some reason for discouragement after I learned from your brother the kind of reception the Secy gave you that morning but you must not be discouraged Genl - stand squarely up to the cold shoulders of any and every body. God will stand by you. I know that you have the most difficult, delicate & important work on hand, that is committed to any government official, and you will succeed certain. Three months more will see most of the Fried people well settled and hand at work. I think the message is on our side. I was delighted with your telegram to Thomas of Mississippi. I hope Thomas will judiciously ride down that new barbarianism. We are steadily gaining ground in Tenn. I think our Legislature will pass the testimony bill after the holidays.

Please remember me with love to your blessed wife and children. If I can do anything for you with anyone in the east do not hesitate to let me know who and where.

I am glad Conway goes to Europe. Providence is kind in those directing his foot-steps.

Yours faithfully  
Clinton B. Fisk  
Bv Maj GENL

P. S. My brevet finally came along. Many thanks to you for your good agency in the matter.  
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Recd Dec. 21st 1865

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3158 12/16/1865 *From:* S.S. Brooks

*To:* Major Genl. O.O. Howard

OOH-3102

Augusta

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Augusta Decr 16, 1865

Major Genl. O.O. Howard

Dear Sir

The last & final instalment on the New Church is now due & I am requested by the "Building Committee" to solicit the balance of your subscription (\$150). You can remit me a chk on N.Y. if agreeable. The outside of the Church is nearly completed & the inside will soon be finished.

Very Respectfully

S.S. Brooks

[Written in a different hand.]

\$150. sent Dec. 23d in a draft on N.Y.

H.M.S.

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3159 12/16/1865 *From:* H.W. Crozier

*To:* Major General O. O.  
Howard

OOH-3103

*Source:* Bowdoin

Ohio Wesleyan  
University  
F. Merrick President  
Delaware, O.

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Ohio Wesleyan University  
F. Merrick President  
Delaware, O. December 16th 1865

Major General O. O. Howard,  
Sir,

As corresponding secretary of the Red, White and Blue Association of the Ohio Wesleyan University I have the honor of informing you of your election as an honorary member of this Association.

This Association is composed of students who have served in the U.S. Army during the late war, and who have been honorably discharged; and its object is to commemorate the principal marches, battles and victories of the national troops during the late war.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your most obedient servant.

H.W. Crozier  
Corresponding Secretary of  
the R. W. and B. Association

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3160 12/18/1865 *From:* Chas. P. McIlvaine

*To:* My dear General [OO  
Howard]

OOH-3104

Cincinnati

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Cincinnati Dec. 18 / 65

My dear General

I wrote last Saturday (16th) to Mr Stanton asking for a Brevet for my nephew Francis E. McIlvaine whom I believe you know. He was in the Service from the first danger of Wash'n, till after Johnson's surrender –6 months as a Capt of Volunteers & 3 ½ years a Capt in the 19th Regulars; served with the campaigns from Chattanooga to Atlanta & back to Nashville as Commissary of Musters –on the staff of Gen. Wood of Scofield's Corps. In all that time he was absent on leave but thirty days, though he had a wife, children in NY. - & except those thirty days was never a day off of duty. I think a Brevet Lieut Colonelcy is the least he should have. His character is as high for bravery, zeal, devotedness, intelligence & Christian example.

I have said to Mr Stanton that you knew him & perhaps he will ask you about him. Gen Wood is well known for his neglect of his officer's brevets & therefore no justice, in the way of recommendation was to be expected of him, & now he is too far off to be reached.

You would oblige me very much if you would forward my application in any way in your power.

Warmly feeling with you in all your Freedman's work, I remain

Your very true friend  
Chas. P. McIlvaine

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

Cincinnati, O. Dec. 18, 1865

McIlvaine [sic], C.P.

Bishop

Desires Gen. Howard to use his influence to get his nephew brevetted.

Recd. Dec. 21st 1865

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3161 12/18/1865 *From:* M.A. Blanchard

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

OOH-3105

Portland, Me.

Washington  
D.C.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Portland, Me. Dec. 18th 1865.

Dear Sir:

In answer to yours of 16th inst I am requested by the Com. to say that, the evening you appointed - Monday Feb. 5th, 1866 - on which you will be pleased to deliver one of the lectures in our course, is perfectly satisfactory, indeed you could not have selected one more in conformity with our convenience, or that would accord better with our arrangements.

We are therefore happy to expect you for the evening above named, and will announce you accordingly.

We should be pleased to announce you to the public the subject on which you propose to speak, and have therefore to request that you will notify us of it say a week or two prior to that time.

I am Dr. Sir  
Yours Very respectfully  
M.A. Blanchard  
for the Com.

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard,  
Washington  
D.C.

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3162 12/18/1865 *From:* M Blair

*To:* Maj Genl O.O. Howard

OOH-3106

Wash'n

*Source:* Bowdoin

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My dear General

I am very unwilling to trouble you about Mrs <Southerons> affairs again, but as those public as well as her private interest require the speedy return to her of the property. I again appeal to you to order oBryan to give it up - leaving her a hundred bushels of corn & other <> in small quantities to be charged to her on a part settlement.

She can not get ready for the spring work unless she has speedy possession.

Yrs truly  
M Blair

Wash'n Dec. 18. 1865  
Maj Genl O.O. Howard

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3163 12/18/1865 *From:* W F Gray

*To:* Dear Sir [OO Howard]

OOH-3107

Fortress Monroe VA

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Fortress Monroe VA

Dec 18th 1865

Dear Sir

Enclosed I send the Norfolk paper Old Dominion read article on Emmigration. I shall write the Commiss'r of Emmigration at Castle Garden to oust Doct'r Bell from the Castle. The whole affair is rotten and the Commiss'r are allowing under this sanction the Emmigrants & Freedmen to be imposed on. I wish you would write & forward the enclosed to the Commiss'r Emmigration Castle Garden New York. I send you this Copy all I have.

Should you reply to my letter from Norfolk do so to Baltimore.

Yours,  
<W F> Gray

[The summary frequently written by the Bureau staff had been torn off and not readable.]

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3164 12/18/1865 *From:* D.F. Crane

*To:* My Dear Sir [OO Howard]

OOH-3108

Boston

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Boston Dec, 18, 1865

My Dear Sir -

The people of Somerville insist upon my writing you again.

Is it not possible for you to speak at Somerville during your visit to Boston.

All the citizens there are exceedingly anxious to hear & see you.

We will do as well by you as country people can possibly.

Respectfully yours  
D.F. Crane

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

Boston Dec. 18th 1865

Crane, D.F.

States that the people of Somerville insist upon Gen Howards visiting that town on the occasion of his visit to Boston.

[Written in a third hand] Yes

Recd. Dec. 20th 1865



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3165 12/18/1865 *From:* Geo. Whipple

*To:* Major Genl. O.O. Howard

OOH-3110

*Source:* Bowdoin

American Missionary  
Association  
No. 61 John Street  
New York

Washington  
D.C.

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American Missionary Association  
Rev. Geo. Whipple, Sec.  
Rev. M.E. Strieby, Sec.  
W.E. Whiting, Asst. Treas.  
No. 61 John Street  
New York, Dec 18th 1865

General,

I found it impossible to give any thought to the Independent, Saturday.

To day I find it too late to get in an article this week.

Yours truly,  
Geo. Whipple,  
Cor. Sec.

Major Genl. O.O. Howard  
Washington  
D.C.

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3166 12/18/1865 *From:* Royal E Whitman

*To:* My dear General [OO  
Howard]

OOH-3111

Auburn Me

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Auburn Me Dec'r 18th / 65

My dear General

I dislike very much to trouble you with an application for assistance , but having been mustered out with my regiment in August and not having found any satisfactory employment I take the liberty of asking a position with you if you can give me one where my services will be satisfactory and the salary sufficient for the support of my family. I will accept any position you will choose to give me that has any chance for a fair remuneration or advancement.

With regards from Mrs W and myself to Mrs Howard and hoping to hear from you soon.

I remain  
Very Respectfully  
Your Obedt Servant  
Royal E Whitman

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

Auburn, Me. Dec. 18, 1865

Whitman, Royal E.

Desires employment in the Bureau of R. F & A. L.

Dec. 26 1865