HEADQUARTERS,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
STATE OF LOUISIANA.

New Orleans, Dec 31st 1865.

My dear Mr. Howard

Commander of Freedmen & General

The bearer Mr.

L. De Saillon, introduced to me by Mr.

J. L. Laffite, one of the oldest, most intelligent and liberal planters of St. James Parish, goes to Washington in relation to a subject which has for some time occupied the attention of intelligent men in this section.

They regard the supply of labor as insufficient and they wish to introduce German labor and find Canadian labor and Koozie labor, to supply which is wanting, as well as to introduce a competing element, so as to stimulate the negro to greater effort.

Mr. De Saillon is interested in regard to the Coolies, not those from China but from the East Indies a superior race and wishes to know the feeling of the Government.
And of prominent men in relation to such an enterprise—

With this view I beg to introduce him to your notice and consideration. With respectful

Yours truly

A. B. Willard


Resuming the subject.
Phil Dec 29th 1885

My dear friend,

On Christmas morning, just as Santa Claus (in the form of Papa Belle) was distributing the gifts, the Postman brought the beautiful gift from you. Clara's song is so acceptable, the young lady has been asking for her because Edna had one. It is so quiet, and I think the music just for my beloved is quiet and beautiful. I thank you sincerely for it.

The sweet thought which prompted you to send just that, so that I can think of you at that time during whose time we are brought into communion through our blessed Lord and Savior. Edna was much pleased with the book from Jamie, the children often speak of him and wish that he could be here to play with them. And I tell you that we think of you and wish that you could have been longer. Mamma.
received your letter and thank you for it. The long year of waiting has ended and Christmas with its duties and pleasures must also be near to you. Your husband's letter telling me of your safe arrival.

Brother Edwin has filed amongst his autograph treasures on Thursday Holy Innocents Day. We had a nice visit from me 350 children at Church Chapel. We gave them a wonderful Christmas tree. I sent presents and so on.

I received a nice letter from Clara from Los Angeles today also one from Fred. Point. Mrs. Johnson has a little daughter. The ticket (Mother says) is the intellectual wonder tree.

They have not told me any news. The Tuesday night I went to a beautiful Christmas tree for the children. There were twenty children and over two hundred gifts on the tree. I hope the Santa Claus was very kind to you. And that he remembered to fill all of the stockings. I received a pair of shoes and very nice mittens. The picture, photographeg by Mr. Simeon was presented to me. Edwin & Sally each received three. Aunt Martha & Uncle James received presents. Aunt Martha has a beautiful table for the whole family. Be sure to send warm love to you and to your noble husband.

Monday is the great gathering day in the house. We have a lot of fun. I wish you could have seen little Clara. When she saw her little bed, it looked very curiously with its ruffled pillow cases. Lord might dear friends with tea at the Park and knew for the dear children and the very last wishes of this happy season.

The happiest of New Years for you and all your dear ones around you. Wherever one are to be, wishing your friend.

Sarah E. E. Goble
Commercial College
431, 9th St., N. W.,
Washington D.C.
Dec. 29th, '65

Gen. Howard,

Kind Sir,

Since I saw you, I have been quite sick with a violent cold, for this reason, and from the fact that I cannot, amid the multiplicity of calls in your office, speak with you as I wish to, I address you on paper. I have made several efforts to see Mr. N. Dubois, but, in consequence of sickness in his family, I have failed to see him.

I have had some applications of pressing need. Shall I supply them? The persons who gave me the articles expressed a strong wish that I should distribute.
to the suffering with their blessing
and widi and inform them
how distributed.

There is in the West much distrust. And, many think that
their charities have been abused.

Without your name, I could not
have obtained anything.
Therefore I think, you have a
right to dictate the disposal.

As the suffering here is com-
paratively small—after disposing
some gifts here to the most need.
It would like to go down south
and distribute some.

Besides, there is now at the
Depot—large quantities of goods
for the Freedmen—marked to the
address of Mrs. J. S. G. And I
think what I have would do more
good further south— I saw many
fifteen bbls and eight or ten large
Boxes—
Now, Gen. Howard, you may well imagine how I feel — if I am possessed of charitable and honorable principles.

During my tour in the West, Ministers gave me their pulpits on Sunday, often as many as seven hundred persons listened to me for an hour and a half with deep attention.

People gave to me, although they had just given to some one else. The laboring man and the widow, the poor widows, came with their offerings to "Sing to the Lord." With such names on circulars could I dream of deception?

If I have misrepresented, I did it in good faith, but, still I do feel deeply mortified.

Now, the only atonement I can make is to distribute with my own hands, what has been given.
for the needs - to the truly needy.

I would feel grateful if I could have an uninterrupted conversation with you. If there is an ache, a golden wedge in the camp, I do not want it in my tent. I am anxious to go over to the Freedman's Village. Carriage hire is expensive. Could I have an ambulance?

I wish also to go to Alexandria and to Georgetown.

It is reported that there are plans at each of these towns, where needed goods are sold, at high rates, to the Freedmen. If I could, if I had a conveyance at my command in a quiet manner, free out, possibly something.

I do not wish to judge - nor, do I wish to meddle with other persons affairs, but if I have been made access to a swindle - it is just and right that I defend myself.

If you can, next week, place an ambulance for a few days at my command - it will consider to a great favor. I find a great many likely looking persons willing to go West. I write in haste, in the midst of company. Give yours in Christian love.

Mrs. E. M. E. Pickers

481, 9th St. Bx C
Dec. 29/06

My dear sir -

I am much pleased to hear that you can go with us February 13/06.

Our church will meet soon. I wish you would join us. I know your subject.

May 14th. I hope to see you.
Sirs,- I will meet you on the 13th at any place in Boston excepting your House House. I see it agreeable to you. I hope you will have a start there for New York. I shall write you—

Thank you,
In your ace from—
I am doing this
By your mother
D. E. Bloomer
Boston Decr. 29/65

Dear, D. F.,

In relation to your report of an accident in the July 1866.

[Signature]

Read Dec. 30, 1865.
Burlington, Vt.
Dec 29, 1865

Major Gen' Grant
Sir

The legislature
of Vermont have organized an
Agricultural College to be connected with
the University of Vermont. The trustees
are enquiring for names of suitable
men for President. Some gentlemen
wish to present to them the names of
Col. E. Whitley, Assistant Corn. for
Direcmen at Raleigh, N.C. In your
report you have made honorable mention
of him. The object in writing to you, is
to inquire if you are personally acquainted
with him; if so, will you be so kind as to
state more fully than in your report your
opinion of his character, energy, capacity,
manners, etc., and his fitness for such a
situations.
By so doing you will greatly
please many friends, if it is,
and admirers of yourself.

Very respectfully,

Your old servant,

E. Hoellkirk, M.D.

Burlington 6.
Burlington F.
Dec 29th, 1868

May Gent Howard
Sir

A few friends
of Col. E. Mitchell, A.P. Com. of
Freedman's Bureau at Raleigh, I
wish to present this name to the
Corporation of the University of
of Vermont, for the office of
the President of that Institution.
We wish to get the opinion of
gentlemen who knows him as
well as yourself of his qualifications
as an educated, energetic, courteous,
man with good administrative
powers, &c. Will you be so kind
as to give your opinion of
his qualifications for such an
office. There is to be a meeting
of Alumni on the 12th of Jan.
The names of candidates will be presented.

I have written to Rev. Geo. Howard of Catskill a dear friend of mine, to get me some letters. I requested him to get one from you. Not feeling he might not get my letter I have taken the liberty to write direct.

I am very respectfully,

Your old friend,

Ann C. Hickok M.D.
Washington Dec 30th 1865

To Gen. Howard

My Dear Sir

Permit me to ask you a special favor.

My highly esteemed friend Capt. Semburg, of the firm of Semburg, & Co., of this city, is about opening a new business here, and is desirous of adding your name to the list of his referees.

I shall promised to bring him
I saw you, that you might know him personally, but my many engagements have neither been prevented.

I can vouch for his reliability, and he seems to be not only an honest gentleman and in all business transactions, but also to be governed by Christian principles. And therefore, as you may act by our influence without any compromise, I shall extend it a special favor to myself. Should you consider to allow mine.
The influence which your name will afford him.

Wishing you and your family a happy New Year, and the richest blessings of your Heavenly Father. I have the honor to sign myself your faithful servant

Mary J. R. Buck
Washington, Dec 21st

Bell, Mrs. Mary

Desires permission for a friend to place
Mr. Howard's name upon a card for reference.

[Signature]

[Address]

[Receipt, Jan 2, 1866]
63 & Tremont St.
Boston Dec 30.65.

Dear Genl,

The young men
of the 7th Association
Can have the hall
& on Feb. 1st. (Thursday)
Can you arrange so
as to lecture for them
on of those dates & to
take Jamaica Plain
Friday or Saturday etc.
Then go on to Portland etc?
Otherwise it brings you
Beecher into the same
week, he is bad for several
reasons.

Come to my house &
spend Sunday with us. It
is a long time since
We have seen you. It will give us pleasure.

Of course, we depend upon it. Do arrange to if possible, and I will see that it is all right at Jamaica Plain.

In haste, but fraternal.

E. B. W.
Phil. Jan 15, 65

My dear Howard,

Supt. Freedman, Prima.

Dear Sir,

The Freedman's Society of the city, especially those connected with the Society of Friends, have selected Dr. Joseph Parrish of this city, as an agent to go South to obtain as to destitute men in order to saw their motions where they are most needed.

Dr. Parrish is amply qualified for such a task, and I write to ask if consistent with your views upon this you could join him in a letter to the officers of the Russian town seeking for him and facilities, if they might be able to join in the prosecution of his mission.

Allow me to congratulate you.
in the opinion in which you are conducting the affairs of the Bureau, so far as I know you have the confidence of the President and of all the friends of the Freedmen. I know you are one of my friends, and I know you are one of the best men I know. I am sure you will do but little of what you are asked to accomplish.

May God sustain and bless you in all your ways.

Yours truly,
M. Simpson
Phila. Dec. 31st. 1865.


Desires a letter of recommendation for Dr. Parrish of the Aggs. to the Bureau.