New York City

January 12th, 1866

Gent. Howard

Dear Sir,

I only write this to call your attention to a letter of the Rev. J. P. McFee. I enclosed that letter requesting its return. I now beg to ask you to return it to me, and if you think it over to President Johnson as you like. Who should fill the vacant position? Could you take any of my many friends at Lynchburg and some position in your Church with your respect,

M. E. Day
Oxford Mts. January 1st, 1866

C. O. O. Howard
Washington City

Dear Mr. [Name],

I have been waiting for some time to hire from you on the subject of our conversations between Grand Junction and Memphis in relation to some land I had in Arkansas. The land lies west from Memphis about seventy miles and thirty-five miles east of Chickasawhie. I can set you have from one to two thousand acres. I hope to hire from you on that occasion. This place give your attention to the enclosed communication as it is important to have it attended to.

Yours Very Respectfully,

J. W. Tomlinson
Oxford, Miss.
Jan 14, 1866.

J. M.,

States that he has been waiting to hear from Gen. Howard relative to some land he has in Arkansas. That he has from one to 10,000 acres available.

Enclose communication signed by himself and Mr. J. Wileys recommending J. M. Scott for position as agent of the Bureau.
Office of Post Commander
Sium City, Iowa

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose my request to be transferred to the Regular Army for your approval. If you think it is to be for my best interest, you have known me for some time and would know whether I could fill the position I ask for.

I have been on duty at this post since my appointment, having passed an examination as to my qualifications for Commissary of Subsistence of Vdd at St. Louis, Mo.

I have another application which has been approved by the Adjutant General of Ill. and Gen. Sully, and you should confer a very great favor if you would approve the enclosed request. This letter will be handed to you by a friend of mine, and the request will be given to Hon. E. D. Washburn, who has kindly said that he will assist me.
Please accept my kindest wishes for your health and prosperity.

Your student,

Edward Blake

Capt. C. C. L.

To,

Maj. Gen. G. O. Howard

Washington
Second copy added in your buckle.

Blake, Evans
Capt. 6th I.

Ask Gen. Lewand
for recommendation
for transfer to Regular
Army.

Jan. 21st 1864
Belo - Texas.
426 W. St., Washington Jan 1, 1866.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,
Superintendent Bureau General,

I have the honor to state that some time since, I sent you a communication asking for an appointment in the Freedmen's Bureau. I did not ask for one as an Assistant Surgeon which position I formerly held, but one which would afford me some compensation; a clerkship, or any employment.

I present as recommendation an honorable discharge from service, the loss of my left leg, a letter from Maj. Gen. S. F. Fessenden, which you have seen, and the fact that by loss of over half my pay for the time I served, (through fault of a mustering officer) I am several hundred dollars poorer than when I entered the service, and now in pressing need of employment.

An appointment of some kind for a few months which will give me funds to successfully complete my Medical studies would be to me a favor for which I should ever feel thankful to you.
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and the faithful performance of duty should be my constant aim.

My apology for thus addressing you is my inability to secure an interview with you.

Sir,

Most Respectfully,

Your Obt. Servt.,

Wm. West Piper.
Boston Young Men Christian Association

Boston January 1st 1866

Sir,

We learn from Rev. D. Webb who kindly corresponded with you in behalf of our association that you have appointed Prof. Murray to lecture for us in Boston. Without wishing to interfere too much with your arrangements we could wish that the date might be altered. Yet if you cannot make it convenient to do so we shall gladly accommodate ourselves to your wishes.

Saturday night we have always found a bad night for a lecture. The evening best adapted for such purposes are...
Wednesday - Thursday

Evenings - On Wednesday

Feb 14th - Rev Henry Ward

Becker had previously

engaged to lecture for us

and we found it impossible
to give us any other time.

This would bring the two

lectures so near together

to involve a great amount

of labor on the part of the

Committee - For these reasons

we would respectfully ask

whether you could favor us

on your way East instead

of on your return day - Wednesday

Feb 14th or Thursday Feb 15th.

Friday is generally meeting night.
to Boston and would not be as good a choice as Saturday etc. I understand from M. Webb that you will probably be here about that time. If you cannot conveniently favor us with either of above dates we would prefer Monday Feb 12th. As it will be necessary to know at once there being only one half that can be had for the purpose and of which we have taken the refusal till Wednesday night will you confer a favor on us by telegraphing your reply to me as early as possible. Wishing you the compliments of the season. Sarah Woodworth

A.S. Woodworth
O. Sec. Com. over 40 Central St.
Our choice freight
1st Wednesday, Daily 1st
2nd Thursday, Feb 1st
3rd Monday, 12th
14th Saturday, 1st
Philadelphia Jan 1st 1866

My dear General:

Since leaving Washington I have been too much occupied with sickness to write; but I have thought a great deal about the Freedman's matter we talked of, and am still very anxious to be assigned to the duty you then indicated. I am satisfied the removal of superfluous freedmen to points where their labor may be required, can be accomplished in such manner as will assure their future prosperity and comfort, and also reflect credit upon the officers who originate and execute the plan; but wonder it has not the force to make a preliminary reconnoissance now? After Congress once takes action they may be impatient for results, and it will certainly require both time and industry to select these lands properly. I'm spoke of Florida during our conversation; I would suggest the rich alluvial lands of Texas and Arkansas.
as probably preferable to the thin one of a state, not Carolina, in Eighth of the two first states, there is plenty of virgin land unoccupied now, and that probably will remain unoccupied for years to come unless settled in the manner you suggest, and the soil is generally from 75 to 100 per cent more productive than the lands of State further and when a change is made of course it will be your object to send the emigrants to be your object to send the emigrants to be your object to send the emigrants to be your object to send the emigrants to be your object to send the emigrants to be your object to send the emigrants to be your object to send the emigrants to the locality which will most quickly and profitably absorb their labor. During the coming year I think that you Bureau can reason to an extensive increase both of labor and responsibility, a great many of the freedmen feel reluctant to enter into contracts with their old masters, because the desire a change of location and employment and will not really feel satisfied with their conditions or assured of the fact that they are really free until they exercise the privilege of going where they please.
If the spirit prevails to the extent which I can suppose, it will require a great deal of labor and caution to prevent it from despoiling the labor of the whole country. Negroes are gregarious, and the North is their El Dorado. I suppose you will desire this excursion to take place as early in the Spring as possible, so that you may have your wards located in time to raise at least a part of your provisions for the coming year. If such a spirit prevails during the coming year, if such are the results, would it not be well to ask the War Department to assign me to this duty at once, and I feel confident that I can render you efficient and intelligent assistance in carrying out your views.

Wishing you a happy New Year, and hoping you may have the same success in the present year that you have won in the past.

I remain, General

[Signature]

Edward M. McCook
13th May Gen Vol.
Mr. S. L. M. Brick. Maj. Gen. April 1st.

Wishes regarding the settlement of public lands by speedmen. (To be placed in charge at)

such duty.

Rd. Jan 3rd. 1864.
Lyon, Jan 3, 1866

Maj' Gen. Howard

Dear Sir,

Enclosed you will find eleven dollars and thirty cents to be applied to the benefit of the Freedmen as you may think best. This is a donation raised at the Thanksgiving meeting here on the 12th. Please let me know if you receive this.

Direct to Lyon Fulton County Ohio

Respectfully,

E. B. Ross

Arrived Jan 6th

EMRS
MRS. HUSBAND TANNER,
January 2, 19th.

My dear Sir,

I desire to accompany some letters seeking of the President my promotion to the Office of General, from a few of the distinguished men of the country in Civil Life, from myself and several Sherriffs of the State.

These letters will have no reference to accommodations made through your kindness and care of the character and service to the expectations of my civil and friends. By furnishing me this letter, and also at your convenience, you will cause a copy thereof to be given with the utmost cordiality at times hereafter.

I have to congratulate you on the great success and usefulness of your mission, created entirely by yourself.

Your home in the State is an able
Sires and Industries, dear, and in Tillamook on more of really starting worth, more than many people have over since 1870. I am staying as well of him. The district of Middle from Tacky.

Very truly,

W.B. Hagar

Maj. Gen. Hammond

Commissioner &c.

Washington 12. 6.

P.S. I do not desire to proceed any action upon the post officer's military authority in the way of promotion, only wishing that the President may not be ignorant of me in my services where he is elsewhere upon the other list that may be placed before him for appointment.

W.B. H.
Reat
Jan 17, 1866

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Headquarters, Department of South Carolina

Charleston, S.C.

1868

I will afford the pleasure to comply with your wishes as far as my sufferings permit. I am well. All is well with the men of our regiment. The number of freed people on the island is not as large as has been reported. There are not so many as can be profitably employed.
in the cultivation of the plantations. The planters, wise enough to see they can, because it is their interest to do so. The Negroes cling to the hope of some second lands, until they are relieved—and meantime they are not willing to emigrate. Their mean of subsistence is fairly disheartening, and they cannot leave them with any dependance of the future on the mainland. Where the few in these boats—had the insidious prejudice that the islands are more suitable.
be fine to the President, and let the new man in the interior & cabinet.

And now is the time when it is

most and indeed necessary to

make arrangements for the year.

It is therefore, in my judgment,

desirable that so far as the

policy of restoration is determining

upon, it be promptly carried out.

Col. Kelsham has gone to Leipsig

and will be absent. I understand for

about ten days. Would it not be

well, considering the extent of territory

his duties, to have some distance? Whether the
Effect must be salutary, if one or two of the islands on the rice delta in the South Carolina and the Savannah River, were tested as we — than we came to whether the experiment would work. While learning, would be fine. Whether the freedom will continue, I believe it will. I could not become familiar with the parts of islands, an isolated place, standing in the Court Vacuum. A lands where numbers of free settlers, all a letter, an unsettled lands. The difficulty would be increased. I must to say that in frankness that the expedition already here. Whether, that is not. Cannot say, that here.

Dec 30th, 1862