

22 Elm St.

Proxbury, Mass. Jan 17/66.

Major Gen^L Howard

My dear Sir

We have noted with much pleasure your engagement to lecture in Boston the first of next month in regard to the Freedmen.

Hoping that it will be possible for you while in this neighborhood to escape a brief space from public attentions & official duties, my family unite with me to request a renewal of the favor enjoyed by us so greatly at tea just before your departure from Braintree. We are a quiet people, as Mr. Alvord testified, & should plan to have only our family circle.

I will be happy to wait on you from your lodgings at any hour

of an evening which you may
designate.

Very respectfully

& cordially

Yours

S. Peck.

Room 9.

St Denis Hotel, B. Way.

New York 17th Jan'y 1866.

Maj. Genl A. A. Howard.
Washington, D. C.

Sir,

Being unable at the present time to proceed to Washington, permit me to transmit you a letter of introduction which was given to me by Brig Genl Baird.

The vital question for the Southern States is to obtain hands in order to reestablish the Culture of Cotton & Sugar, & place it in the same position that it was before the war, and the only way in which that can be arrived at, is to encourage large Immigration. The number of Freedmen has enormously diminished, and their good will to work required to be Stimulated.

Heretofore, I was myself planter in Louisiana, and having employed in Guadeloupe (west-India) on my plantation a large number of Windward emigrants of

East India, I was enabled to appreciate them, it is them, who after the freedom was granted to the Blacks in 1848 by the French Government, who were the means by their labor of bringing back prosperity into the Colonies; for instance, the Island of Bourbon which produced during slavery only 45 to 50 thousand hogheads of sugar produced in 1862 198 thousand hogheads and that increase was due entirely to the Hindoo immigration; they are docile workers, attentive, submissive - they came under a contract of 5 years and were true in their engagement, at the same time expecting what was due them.

My object is to import for Louisiana & adjoining States a certain number of those men, and I may say that most of the planters approved much of the plan, Therefore I now take the liberty of addressing you to request that you will please use your influence in order to obtain for me the official sanction of the immigration Department in Washington whereof Mr. Conger is Commissioner, and I will

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feel very grateful, if you will favor me
with your moral assent to my project,
begging at the same time that you will
oblige me with an early answer.

Believe me Sir,

Yours, very respectfully
Ch. de Haalon,

Smallport Jan. 1st. 1866

Maaten, Levi. M.

Recommendation
of friends of this country
shows him. Several before
his influence is that end.

His influence from him.
To mind.



Garminston Ine.
 Jan'y. 14th 1866.
 [17?]

To, Gen. Howard.

My dear Sir,

Last night's mail brought the enclosed letter and envelope from my son - which I immediately re-mail begging to add this little note.

I pray you to aid his recall home.

He is my son - husband, my only relative.

In a few months it will be five years since he left me at the call of war - and is now more than four

wound.

years since we met?

I trust - dear Sir, your
will find it in your
heart and Providence
open the way to have
this son of mine home-
ward come.

With the best of
wishes for you and
yours, I am dear Sir

sincerely yours,

A. L. Munson.

Waris Hotel

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212 K St

Washington Jan 18-1866

W. Major Genl O O Howard

Ch. Frederick Bureau

Respected Sir, It has come to our knowledge that you are desirous to have an interview with the several persons who have been delegated to come to Washington in the interest of the Colored People, we are pleased to learn the fact; the desire for such an interview is most heartily reciprocated on the part of such of the delegations as are ^{at} present in Washington, but we would prefer if I shall meet your pleasure, and if no interest is likely to suffer by the delay, that said conference be postponed for a few days until some others of the delegations who are expected shall come; we would however be most happy, we assure you, to receive for consideration

any thought or suggestion you
may be pleased to present
us with, for which we will
be most thankful,

Very respectfully
Your oldest friend,

William E. Matthews, Maryland.

Lewis H. Douglass Maryland

A. J. Rankin S. Carolina

A. W. Robt. ~~and many others~~

John Jones Ills.

Geo. L. Downing Mrs England S. C.

Ann, Highland Garret to C.

Men's National Loyal League
N. Y.

Baltimore, Jan 18th 1866

Craighill, W.D.

Thanks Mr. Howard
for kind letter enclosed
his brother's application -
if not granted he would
like the application re-
turned -

Private

Balt^o Jan^y 18. 1866
U.S. Inf. Office -

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My dear General.

I am much obliged
for your kind letter of 15th -

I have today rec^d. my brother's
application, which I enclose.

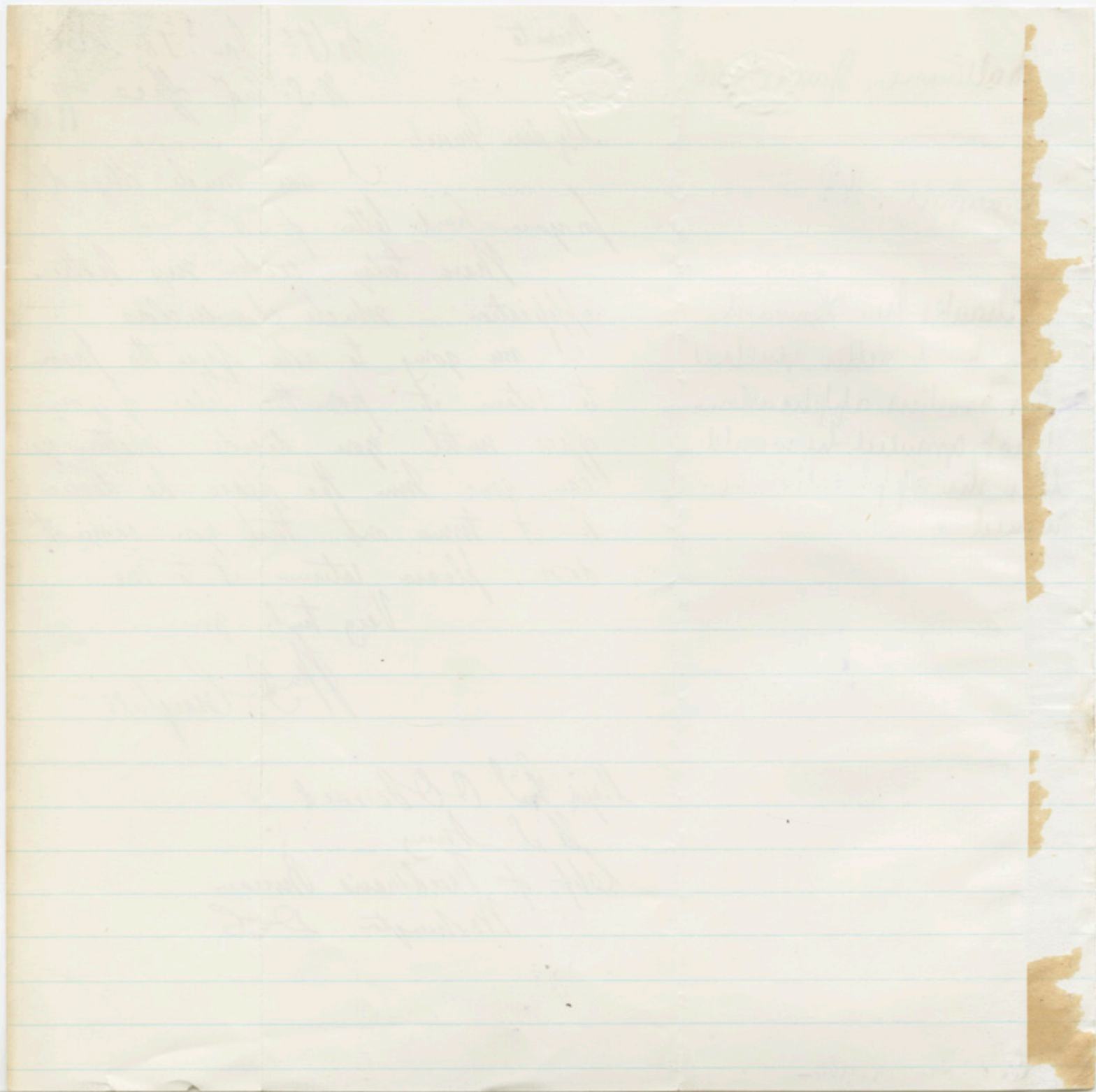
I am going to ask of you the favor
to retain it from the files of your
office until you decide whether you
can give him the place he desires.
If it turns out that you cannot
do so, please return it to me

Very truly yours

W.D. Craighill

Major Genl. O.O. Howard
U.S. Army
Chf of Freedman's Bureau
Washington D.C.

Recd. Jan. 19. 1866



Philad^a. Jan. 18. 1846

Major Genl. Howard Esq.
 Chief of Freedmen Bureau
 Washington. D.C.
 General

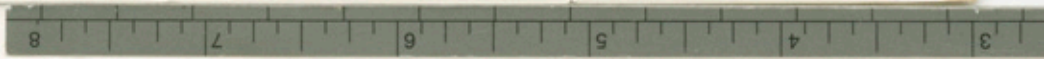
My Father, Colonel
 Backe, of the Corps of Engineers
 will hand you this note &
 introduce himself to you - I
 do not presume to do, so as my
 acquaintance with you is so
 limited that you will probably
 hardly recollect me -

He will explain the
 object of his visit to you in my
 behalf, so I need not do so here.

In my undertaking I desire
 all the strength I can get -

Very respectfully
 John W. Fort

Francis Le Bach
late Capt 6th Regt USA
B. Col. & Col.
to Maj Geo Meade



Maj Gen. Howard
Comdr Washington D.C.

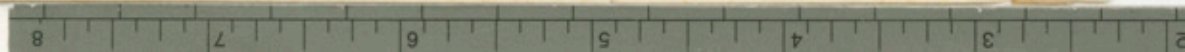
Fort Monroe Va.
January 18th 1866

General:

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I regret that your letter under date of Decr 18th 1865 did not come to hand until to day, owing to a mistake made in the initials of my name. No action has been taken, that would have been, had your views been known. I wish to ask a question, to guide in future efforts to establish the freedmen under the Homestead law. Allow me to say, that I am not a candidate for any position within the gift of our Government. I would not even now, enter into the agreement proposed to you. Some time since, if the object could be attained as well by other means. I see no benefit to be derived, nor desire any, for myself, beyond what accrues to all in common, except, the satisfaction of having made an effort to do something to benefit the freedmen. I would now respectfully ask, if you would consent to appoint competent persons, or those now acting as Supts to Supts & Colonys (Subject to the Act Comd of State) provided, they can take with them a number that would warrant such special appointments. I am assured, by ^{Geo. F. Pennington} a Supt, at Halifax N.C. that he can take ten thousand freedmen from his District, between this and July next, upon receiving the

[Faint, illegible handwriting on lined paper, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side.]



assurance that free transportation, and the protection of the Bureau
would be extended. A few thousand, from each District or 84
State, will have a good effect, by correcting the errors of the land
holders, who are now flooding every avenue, to create capital ~~which~~
^{to} ~~will~~ operate against the freedmen, and who are exacting stringent
contracts, not in rentals, but as hirings, and who complain, because they
will not ^{all} so contract. They talk with so much indifference, about
allowing their lands to grow up to bushes and briars, that, there
should be a quick and earnest movement in the direction indicated,
which ~~will~~ may insure an immediate change. The lands,
will at once be placed at a fair rental, and the Negroes will be
suddenly represented as willing to contract for one, or any number of years.
Be assured, that no Negro who has crossed one season for himself
will ~~willingly~~ consent to become a day laborer, ^{and contract as such.} ~~again.~~
In speaking of Colonizing, I do not mean to set them out on one side,
as a mark, to be like some Free Love or other obnoxious society, a
disgrace and a failure. They must not be set apart in a body,
by themselves. Fearing this, causes me to strain every effort to op-
erate under the homestead law, and not have lands reserved where none but
freedmen can locate, but where lands are free to all, and being daily taken
up by Northern & Western men and thus avoid crowding the Negroes together. There
are vital reasons why this should be so. Our men will return about 1st Feb'y &
I will with pleasure report results of observations. I am Dear, Yours &c M. H. Hunt

John Marshall, Jr. Garrison

March 14

dear Mr. Garrison
and the household here -

My dear Mr. Garrison



One of the 100 copies of the New York

St Louis ^{Mo} Jan 18 1866.

Maj Genl C. C. Howard
Washington D.C.
Dear General

I have been nothing more,
calculating what would be my chances
for a position in the Regular Army &
as best I can judge, there is little
likelihood of my accomplishing it
— all legislation seems to tend against
increasing my D^{ist} — where there is an
increase, persons of my position are
debarred ^{and} all future acts being
repealed, closes the game. It may
be I am in error though, ^{and} therefore
look in this to you as one likely
to know ^{and} knowing me, I feel

you will be kind enough to give
me information. In case I act,
of course I would not wish to call
upon the junior commanders of our
Army, should Genl Sherman not do
something for ^{me} - there certainly can be
no doubt but that he will if I desire
it.

Major Genl Schofield ^{and} Sherman
have sent me very fine letters which
I prize very much ^{and} I wish the favor
of Genl Howard that he will give me
(if he thinks worth trying for) a letter
that will assist me into a position
in the Army - if the prospects will not
warrant the effort I will ^{feel} very proud
of ^{and} grateful for a letter of general
recommendation as regards your
knowledge of my business ability &c.

Of course you have numbers of these requests ^{and} are taxed largely but I hope you will grant me a little time. My views of the Army as we were talking once you away remember, are about the same - now as then I do not specially like the children of the Army but have always had a high degree of regard for those who conduct themselves manly ^{and} are men - your appreciation I am sure is the same. I remember when we talked ^{and} soon after your making the remark to Genl S - that I must be 'hooked into the Regulars' I would be glad to get your advice General ^{and} need not assume you it will be fully appreciated. If there be an opportunity I desire to connect

myself with the Army and do really
think my services during the war, with
my education, should give it to me,
not considering my ability to cope
with what may come in future, of
which there ought to be no doubt.

All are well here & seem to
be moving quietly.

Let me hear from you General
soon as convenient & oblige.

With great respect

Your ~~very~~ servant

L. M. Dayton

But Lt Col & H. A. L.

Chas. Howard.

Should like letter of
recommendation from

Barlow & M.
But Lt Col. T. A. L.

W. L. Davis, Major Genl. 1861.



Charleston S.C. Jan. 19. 1866.

Howard. Esq.
Brvt. Brig. Gen.

4 friendly letters

Recd Jan 23^d 1866.

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Headquarters, Assistant Commissioner,
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA.

Charleston, S. C., Jan. 19 1866

Dear brother

We arrived at
about 2 P.M. today (Friday)
After a very tiresome journey - Gen.
Scott & staff were more exhausted
than I who am accustomed to
travelling on Southern roads.

They had a smash-up between
here & Florence yesterday which
caused us two or three hours
delay & a ride all the way
from Santee River in a box
car. - I have been with Gen.
Seymour this evening. He feels
that he has been disgraced and

Capt. Ketchum thinks that either the Drift, Conn.^{rs} & Asst. Com.^{rs} showed he identical or else that the latter showed he still more independent than now - that last requirement that ^{the} Drift Comdr. should approve the orders is worthless. - Gen. S. J. L. has restored Gov. Aiken's project & proposes to interfere with the Sea Islands. Capt. W. K. has telegraphed (and my suggestion before ignoring the letters (Freedom) who have gone upon a plantation since you were here - At first he thought he could not lecture them at all except to require the owner to offer them suitable terms for Contract & would restore if there were but "few" old settlers. As you failed to get Capt. K. the apt to be expected, and you not secure for him a benefit. He has been saying since & says consequently he will signify nothing first. He would like to have the land now that the other applicant has failed - Don, set off by Henry Beatty Spencer Stark & John W. Adams

injustly treated - in being mus-
tered out before being relieved -
and the only Ant. Com² Mus-
tered out and he wishes to return
to his old position as Quatermaster-
Says that the expenses would be
too great for him as an Inspector
with merely a Captain's pay.
He feels that you intended it as a
kindness but that he would like
much to be relieved from the
duty - if you will do him the
favor - He really feels it exceedingly
dingy to see these Ex-Rebels
in this State who believe that
they have triumphed over him.
I shall call for Gen. Scott in the
morning when he is rested and go
to Gen. Saxton's office & introduce
him - Gen. Saxton intends to leave
Sunday night or Monday morning for
Beaufort, Bag & baggage.
Gen. Sickles is disposed to
interfere with Bureau matters.

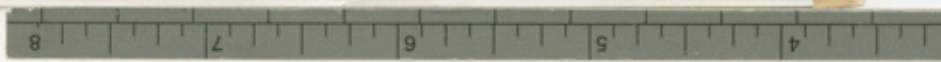
Friday Morning

July 19th

My Dear Guil.

I send you by my
order, a letter which the
Com^{tee} appointed by our Society
to visit New York - consist-
ing of Col Goodrich & myself -
desire to have mailed to-
day. That letter please
read & from it you
will gather what I desire
you should insert - viz
the date when it will suit
your convenience to go. I thought
you might probably take ad-
vantage of your anticipated
lecturing tour northward.
You will please

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if it suits you to insert
the date in the blank,
return the letter by the
bearer.

I would have called
on you to consummate
this matter, but official
duties call me imperatively
out of town this morning.
I remain as ever.

Yrs. paternally

V. A. Eaton

Washⁿ Jan^y. 19th 1866.

Calvin, D^r.

Asks when it will
be convenient for Gen-
Seaward to visit D^r.

Jan. 19th 1866.

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8 Dated *Wf* *th* *Jan'y 19* 1866.

Received at Washington, *th* *January 19* 1866.

To *Major Gen O. O. Howard*

*Are you living at
the same house as
when I left?*

*W. H. Markland
Met. Hotel*

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Colt A. H. Markland

New York, Jan'y 19th 1866

Telegram
from

New York

Markland, U. S.

Inquires if Genl H.
and resides at par
place, as when I
left.

