Charleston, S.C.
Jan. 20, 1866

Dear Colonel,

I find that W.H. Prescott & Mr. Whaley are to start for Washington tomorrow and the more to communicate with the Second of February before they reach there.

Prescott goes accordingly to defend the Bureau Bill if he can. He also desires to complain of Capt. Ketcham for not restoring his property. He attempted a lawyer’s grumble & dodge upon Capt. K.

Try by reading all of Gen. Howard’s letter except the last sentence which provided that a satisfactory agreement should be made with certain freedmen as in other cases. He said (when the Captain insisted he had not read the whole) that Mr. Howard did not intend that that condition should apply in his case.
Lt. Col. K. has restored a great deal of
the Freedman's Home where the
were but few cases, the case went his
authority to do.

I have just read an astounding
order of Gen. Sickle, the proof. If it had
been published, I would enclose a copy.
It would do just what if issued by the
Commissioner General Scott
I had called over the matter. He had
determined to throw an order covering
the ground. But Gen. Sickle,
his letter Freedman's affairs entirely in
his own hands. It is, I think, a
bid for the position of Sec. of War for
which he is aiming or at worst best
thing to be Commissioner of the Bureau.
He is working very actively.

This order cannot be attended to and I hope the General will not
refuse it a moment. One hopes to
make the Post of District Commander the
object of the Bureau, upcoming complete
The existence of any direct agent that may be there contrary to any district I will quote from the paragraph
"Plan XX. Commanding officer of District XX
"District, District, within their Command, respectively
"will perform any duty appertaining to the Army agent, of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and
"Guarding for their guidance all orders published
"by the Commissioner or Act Commissaries or other
"Competent authority." Then, talking the appointment
of his agent, it is of the heart of the Army, and it
makes the field officers without exception the agents
responsible for their conduct for defects to the Commanding
General. Gen. Sickles, is better hold of
the matter in the interior just as Gen. Sartain
was, leaving it under the to crowd Gen. Scott
and entirely, I think that Gen. Scott should
be allowed to regulate all of these matters spread in the 21 paragraph of this order under
Gen. Sickles, should be made first. And which
I do not think would cause of all the
Ex-Rebels they is a stake for them
with Congress and the North.
Shelby is well. I trust her. Howard will meet the case squarely and boldly
and with enthusiasm. Your kindly thanks (or those certain pounds of
knowing) that the Senate is back
that he means well and that but is
not able to cope with difficulties, and
is easily influenced and known one
way another. I wish you would
read their letter to the Senate as soon
as you can — not lose truce. I
can write to you because you can buy
it before being without it, being seen
by any one else at without delay. I
will send Sickle's Long Order, regulating
the Recessmen's Bureau &c., as soon as
it is published — The proof. I have in
promised to be delivered to Sickle.
Sickel is almost overhanded by the end
of business here. What he had in mind.

With your with best that regards,

C. H. Erwin

My dear Gentleman,

You were kind enough to send for me a Bishop Simpson's letter recommending me to the favorable consideration of your Commission on the various districts of the South, for which I thank you cordially. I write now to know if you will give the same sort of recommendation to Mr. John C. Crozer, a wealthy philanthropist of this city, who desires to visit the South purely for the purpose of examining into the condition of the freed people. I trust you may feel free to give him such credentials as will aid him, that he be pleased to receive them from you, and will place them in his hands. You may remember Mr. Crozer as a member of the Christian Commission Board.

Yours faithfully,

Joseph Parrish
Maj. Gen.

J. F. O. Howard

Coos Island Freemen

Washington City

Gen'l,

On my return to the city, my brother Richard and Robert came in your communication of 26th last, respecting to any communication in regard to the order of Maj. Reynolds at Mattole, in regard to anticipated difficulties among Freemen; and the removal of Col. Thomas Kerow. In pursuance of your prompt answer, in regard to which, I take the opportunity to tender you my thanks.

I must do myself the honor to acknowledge the display of energy and activity as the part of his authority, which I have had occasion to perceive, so much as to have induced me of...
so large a number of people: all could hardly be guests, and all the as
afterwards was long continued evidence
could effect: yet in duplicity, it might
be sworn upon individually: and if it,
for better by proper disposition to prevent
disturbance: there to punish or to put
them down.

On my return home I shall take
giving to state your views as I understand
them to: that the object of the Susan is
to render justice to the Indians as near to the
shortest: that the latter shall pay fine yearly
periodically: and that the former shall pay
from his labor equally fair: and enjoy
full protection in all his rights.

Yours sincerely,

With much regard

[Signature]

D. Y. L. H. P. H. L. H. P.
Washington Jan 20th

Dahlgren N.Y.

Regarding Affairs at Hatteras.

Recd Jan 23rd 1865
Nashua N.Y. Jan 22 1866

Maj. Gen O.O. Howard
General

I have the honor to inquire whether it will be convenient for you to lecture before the Excelsior Literary Association in this place, and if so your terms, the subject upon which you would prefer to speak, and at what time.

Soliciting an early answer.

I remain General

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant

W.H. Schilling
For Excelsior Literary Association
Baltimore Jan. 22, 1866

My dear General,

If I did not know your readiness for every good work and work I should hardly venture to ask that you will do us the great favor to come over and spend a Sabbath soon for the purpose, especially, of giving an address at the Anniversary of our Sunday School. You will remember that I am here to help build up a church of the Pilgrim Fathers, true to loyalty and liberty and to Christ the Friend of Man and Savior of Sinners. The latter is doing the work both by increasing our members and by the gift of His Spirit. Quite a number of youth have lately found hope. Now, my dear Sir & brother, if you can consistently come and speak out of your warm heart to these youth and to all the people I feel sure that by so doing you will not only encourage but accomplish the most rewarding work—that of leading some souls to Christ. Is not that the strongest motive I can employ? So you I am confident it is.

Mr. Story, one of our members, will deliver this to you and answer any inquiries. We should be glad to have you here next Sabbath but if that is not convenient please name the
earliest date at your command.
Of course we will pay all your expenses and
afterward remain greatly your debtors.
Unless you prefer the hotel we desire that
you will come right to the parsonage 214
Garden St. where we will make you comfortable,
and my wife particularly desires that Mrs.
Howard will come and bring any of the children
the more the better.
You will you at least excuse this liberty
and believe me with great respect
affection
Yours,

Edwin Johnson

Maj. Gen. Howard,
Washington.
Balt., Jan. 23, 1866

My dear General,

I hope you will excuse me for troubling you, but I enclose for your perusal two letters relating to my brother's case.

With reference to the test oath, he says in a letter to me: "While I believe I am as loyal a citizen now as there is in the U.S., still I cannot swear that I have never aided or sympathized with the South." Mercy to a true penitent after sincere efforts at reform is one of the most admirable attributes of deity. It is to be regretted, I think, if the test oath is to be indefinitely financially enjoined upon all persons in the South. To me, the deity sees the hearts of men and knows whether their pretentions are sincere. The case is
different with men, who can only
superb honesty from external things
such as words - acts. I am
entirely in favor of requiring guar-
antees, not promises alone, from
the states of the South. But
will not take up your time.
I know you will don't you
conscientiously, can in this case
I should not have you demor

My letter further says, "You!

"Perard can dispense with the
"test oath and give me the situation
"I would be very glad, but if he
"cannot, I will still be very
"grateful to him for his disposition
"to do so."

With sincere respect & regard

Mrs.

Mary J. Harquill

Box 341.
Bureau Refugees & yrs. Lands
Richmond 7th Jan'y 17th 1864

To Dr. Clayhill
Adresser

Having been informed that you desire a place as the Capt. of Bureau R. Yrs.
& yrs. Lands in charge of Freedmen at A. 7th. I would request the following in-
formation viz:
1. Do you desire to devote yourself entirely to
the duties of this position if you receive it, or do
you intend to do private practice as additional?
2. If you desire the place to do duty and at
the same time engage in private practice state
the terms you will require for doing the duty
required by the Bureau.
3. Can you take the oath required of Officers
entering the U.S. Service?

Please reply promptly
am with much respect
your ob. serv.
J. D. Laman 
Richmond

Coll. N. C. H.
Richmond 2nd
Lynchburg 1st Jan. 20 1866

To,

Your communication of 19th inst. ref. this morning and I hasten to reply. In answer to your inquiries I would respectfully state as follows:

1. I would prefer to pursue my private practice in connection with the duties of the position in question. If impracticable or inexpedient I would be willing to devote myself exclusively to the said office.

2. If allowed to do both I would be willing to discharge the duties required by the Bureau for one hundred dollars ($100) per month.

3. I would reply, to state that I have taken the oath of allegiance to the U.S. in good faith, but cannot conscientiously take the text oath.

Very respectfully,

E. H. O. Whaley

Bro. I. W. Logan

Chaf. 30th O. F. V.
Bucksport, Jan 23/66

May 6, U. G. Howard

Dear Sir,

We are having a series of Lyceum Lectures for the benefit of the M.E. Church in this place, which is in debt for recent extensive repairs on the Meeting House and learning an officer to be in Bangor the 7th of May. Month. I write to remind you that it would not be consistent with other engagements to give us a lecture immediately after. Our lectures are Wednesday eve of each week in the School. I am in convenient to you to have yours on Thursday eve after being at B3. Would send a team to B3 after you and take you back at such time as would best accommodate you. Our people want me very much and though the place...
is not large enough. I regard it as prudent
Please drop me a line immediately on
receipt of this letter. Whether you can
send it on N.O. and what time would
be most convenient for

Please direct to: Rev. C.W. Hutkinson

Buckford, Me.

Jan. 23rd, 1856

Hutkinson, Rev. C.W.

In order to lecture in that place.

Read Jan. 26th, 1856.
Rochester N. Y.
July 23rd 1866.

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard.

U.S. Sir: I am pastor of the Corn Hill M.E. Church in Rochester N. Y. and write to ascertai
nify if I could prevail upon you to lecture three or four evenings for the benefit of the Churc
gh of the above named.

The Church is doing a good work in the part of the City in which it is located has a good S. School, but at p
resent is in need of funds to carry forward her enterprises. The Church has been a Missionaries
Until within a few years it has been able to fully sustain itself.

We would like to have you lecture there for four successive evenings, one at Syracuse, one at Rochester, one at Buffalo, etc.

We would like to listen to your lecture on the Free Men. I believe you have not been in this section since the War, and everybody would like to see you.

If you desired it, you could return to Washington by Saturday evening, lecturing Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. I hope you will consent to come.
If you can not come at present, can't you appoint some time in the future when you will lecture for us?

I am aware you are a member of another branch of Christ Church, but I presume that would not prevent you from being a barrier to your lecturing for us.

I do hope you will consent to come. Please state time and terms.

Oblige yours truly,

H.B. Holt

Pastor of Corn Hill M.E. C.:
Rochester, N.Y.
Rochester N. Y.,
July 23rd 1865.

Rev. W. B. 
Pastor M. E. Church

Requests that toward the lecture three or four times for the benefit of Gros. Half M. E. Church.

Answered 26th July 1865.
New York City
Mar 23rd 1861
Maj. Gen. Howard
Army Ruman of B.D. 
Washington D.C.
General
I take the liberty of addressing you to inquire if a situation in your Bureau can be obtained for my Father. I beg that you will give my application your most favorable consideration, as I know you will feel that he is a most deserving Case.
My Father is a Presbyterian Clergy.
man having been a missionary for over 30 years, 18 of which he spent in the Sandwich Islands. Until last summer, after his return to this country, he was engaged in building his churches in the open. He is now in Philadelphia without a charge and without means, I have for a number of years contributed largely to his support, but find myself unable at present to do so. He had four sons—one is now a missionary in the Sandwich Islands. One, a doctor in the
15 U.S. Inf. were killed at New York &c. during the Atlanta Campaign, another was severely wounded at Cedar Bluff, and is now a Z. Leavitt, in the 6th R.C. Corp., and on duty in our rear guard at Atlanta now. The Fourth Company served through the entire war in the field. You may remember me as a Z. A. Brown. During our campaigns with Sherman I enjoyed the honor of your acquaintance. Your families have given more or more pride for the Country Cause during
the past war, there has come a time when all my efforts have been a most earnest, devoted patriot. His past labor and his personal characteristics will qualify him well for working in the good cause over which you preside on behalf of my country. and I feel sure that he would desire heart and soul into the worth or worth, whether in the capacity of a clergyman or in the peculiar duty. And as to you, that I have adopted you on this subject. His address is 4052 Lancaster Ave. West Philadelphia Pa.

With sentiments of the highest esteem, yours at heart.

W. S. Forber

late Dr. Col. 22d P. O.

Addr. Box 1313 P. O.