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3275 1/27/1866 *From:* Hiram A Tenney

*To:* Maj Gen [OO] Howard

OOH-3221

Newburyport

Washington D.C.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Newburyport Jan. 27th 1866

Maj Gen Howard,  
Washington D.C.  
Dear Sir

Learning that you were expected to lecture in Boston on Thursday evening of next week, I have taken the liberty of addressing you for the purpose of requesting you to come to this city on the coming succeeding (Friday Feb'y 2nd) to lecture before the N-Port Lyceum.

Many of our citizens have expressed a desire to hear you and I hope that you may find it convenient to come. Please inform me of your terms.

Very truly yours  
Hiram A Tenney Manager &c

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3276 1/27/1866 *From:* E. F. Duren

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

OOH-3222

Bangor

Washington  
D.C.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Bangor, Jany 27, 1866

General,

The Bangor Young Men's Bible Society, will have its 22d Anniversary next month.

If it were possible for you to be here on Sabbath evening the 11th of Feby & or on any other Sabbath evening in that month - we should be very glad to depend on you to deliver the address.

We learn you are to be here on the 7th of Feby –and we thot an arrangement might be made by which we should have the pleasure of hearing you at our Anniversary.

Could you deliver the address at any other evening, or take part in the exercises, if we should decide to take some other than the Sabbath, for our anniversary.

It is important to write again to you, before you leave Washington for the East, where shall we direct the letter.

Very Respectfully

E. F. Duren

for Com.

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard

Washington

D.C.

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

Bangor, Maine,

January 27 / 66

E.F. Duren

Invites General Howard to lecture before the "Young Men's bible Society" on the 11th prox.

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3277 1/28/1866

*From:* C.H. Howard

*To:* Maj Gen O.O. Howard

OOH-3223

Howard Hotel, New  
York

36 Pa Ave  
Washington

*Source:* Bowdoin

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The American Telegraph Co.  
Dated N Y Jany 28 1866  
Received at Washington, Jany 28th  
To Maj Gen O.O. Howard  
36 Pa Ave

Just arrived no train for Washington tonight when will you be here  
C.H. Howard  
Brevet Bg Genl  
Howard Hotel  
12, 87

[Written on the back page in a different hand.]  
New York Jany 28/66  
Howard, C.H.  
Bvt. Brig. Genl.  
Inquires when Genl. O.O. Howard will be in N.Y.

[Written in a third hand]  
Telegram  
from  
C.H. Howard  
Brevt Brig. Gen.  
N.Y. City  
Jan. 28th 1866

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3278 1/28/1866 *From:* L.C. Doty

*To:* Major General O.O.  
Howard

OOH-3224  
*Source:* Bowdoin

State of New York  
Bureau of Military  
Statistics,  
Albany

Commissioner of Bureau of  
Freedmen

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[Letterhead]

State of New York  
Bureau of Military Statistics,  
Albany,  
Jan 28 1866 [See Note.]

General:

I have the honor to request copies of your reports, for the library of this Bureau.

With great respect  
L.C. Doty  
Chief of Bureau

Major General O.O. Howard  
Commissioner of Bureau of Freedmen

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

Albany N.Y.  
Jan. 28th 66  
Military Statistics  
Bureau of  
Request copies of Genl. Howard's Reports for the Library of that office  
Recd July 1, 1866

[Note. The received date of July 1, would be more consistent with the letter date of June 28, not Jan 28.]

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3279 1/29/1866 *From:* Miss Edith Healy

*To:* Dear General [OO  
Howard]

OOH-3225

Mount de Chantal  
near Wheeling  
West Va.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Mount de Chantal  
Jan 29th 1866

Dear General

Among all your serious occupations, can you spare a few moments, to listen to a set of school girls, who want your name to add luster to a list already distinguished. We have a splendid portrait of Genl Sherman to raffle at one dollar a chance. Having a benevolent object in view we confided our project to M. Healy of Chicago, who entered most namely into our plans, & immediately presented us with the picture above mentioned. Genl Sherman himself wrote to us most kindly on the subject, enclosing a handsome donation but remarking that he feared the time had passed for any one to set much value on his head. This touched us, & in <our reply [CHECK ORIGINAL -tape right side of page 2> we boasted, that we would <send> him such a list of names as would prove to him a nations <> gratitude can outlive a year.

Now among all who can approach true bravery, where shall we <> seek? Surely in the Army, where his brother officers must feel so proud of his achievements? Which without eclipsing their own, cast such a splendor upon all connected with the great struggle, from which thank God, our Country has come forth victorious. Please take as many chances as you possible can, & speak of this matter to other officers for us. Dear old Genl Scott has taken a good many, & as the book is to be kept at a large hotel it is a sort of public testimony to the estimation in which such a man is held.

Yours with sentiments of  
great admiration & respect,  
The many ladies of Mount de Chantal

N.B. Please direct to our Treasurer  
Miss Edith Healy  
Mount de Chantal  
near Wheeling  
West Va.

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3280 1/29/1866 *From:* S. Bartlett Kenney

*To:* Maj Gen OO Howard

OOH-3226

Portsmouth Va

Chief Freedman's Bureau  
Washington  
D.C.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Portsmouth Va Jan 29th 1866

Sir

Having been recently honorably discharged from the US Navy owing to the reduction of the volunteer forces. And having served as Asst Surgeon in the Volunteer Navy over two years and one term of enlistment in the Army – under Col W W Virgin, as private steward, and Asst Surgeon, I can not think you will consider me obtrusive if I ask you for some appointment under the Freedman's Bureau. I would like to remain in this place or Norfolk, if I could obtain some situation that would help support me until a Yankee Physician can live at his profession in the place. I take pleasure in refering you to my late Commander, A G Clary Comdr U.S.N. Commanding US Ship Constellation. All the officers of the Norfolk Navy Yard and all the Union citizens of Portsmouth. Also to Col W W Virgin President of Maine State Senate, Lt Col Enos T Luce of Auburn Me, Ex Gov Washburn and any of the citizens of Dixford Me. where perhaps you will remember of meeting me and to recommend me to Col Sewall of Bath, who commanded the 19th Me. Trusting you may receive this application with favor.

I remain your obt Servt

S. Bartlett Kenney <Lt Col [CHECK ORIGINAL-tape page 2]>

Portsmouth

Va

Maj Gen OO Howard  
Chief Freedman's Bureau  
Washington  
D.C.

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3281 1/29/1866

*From:* Geo C Round

*To:* Maj. Gen. [OO] Howard

OOH-3227

Wesleyan University  
Middletown Conn.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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[122, 123]

Wesleyan University  
Middletown Conn.  
Jan 29th 1866

Maj. Gen. Howard,  
Dear Sir:-

Your reply to our invitation to address our "United Literary Societies" at our next General Commencement in July was received some weeks since.

We were very sorry that your 'official engagements were such that you could not promise so far ahead.' But having written unsuccessfully to our second choice, we have thought that it was barely possible that the future might at this time be more at your disposal.

Please to excuse any seeming importunity, and if you cannot give us a favorable reply, please to avoid all remaining trouble by throwing this in the fire.

We would not wish to take up time, which may be of importance to the nation.

Permit me to renew assurances of general and individual esteem.

I am, Sir,  
Very Respectfully &c  
Geo C Round

Maj. Gen. Howard  
Washington D.C.

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

Middletown, Conn.

Jan 29th /66

Geo. C. Round

Invites Gen Howard to address Unites Literary Societies of Wesleyan University in July inst.

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Ansd Feb 23d

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3282 1/29/1866 *From:* H. G. Stewart

*To:* Maj. Gen. [OO] Howard

OOH-3228

Providence R.I.

Washington D.C.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Providence R.I. Jan 29th 1866

Maj. Gen. Howard  
Washington D.C.  
Dr Sir,

Having heard that you was about to visit New England, allow us to inquire, if your duties will allow us the pleasure of hearing you address the people in Providence in behalf the Freedmen?

If you can do so, and will name an evening when we may expect you, it will give us pleasure to welcome you to our city.

In behalf of the Executive Committee of the R.I. Asso for Freedmen,

H. G. Stewart  
General Agent

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[The above was written on the backside of the minutes of the Association held on 20th of March 1866.

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3283 1/30/1866 *From:* E. Sands

*To:* Maj Gen O O Howard

OOH-3229

Lewiston Me

Washington

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Office U.S. Military Telegraph,  
War Department.

The following Telegram received at Washington, 5 PM. Jany 30 1866  
From Lewiston Me Jany 30

Maj Gen O O Howard

Shall expect you February eighth 8th as per letter. Can you go to Saco?

E. Sands

DH

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

Lewiston Maine

Jan 30th / 66

E Sands

Shall expect you Feb 8 as per letter. Can you go to Saco?

Rec'd Bureau RF&AL Feb 16 /66

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3284 1/30/1866 *From:* T.P. Atticus Bibb

*To:* Genl [OO] Howard

OOH-3230

Richmond Va

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Richmond Va Jany 30th 1866

Genl Howard  
Comdr &c  
Sir

I think I could be of Service as Comr of the Freedmens Bureau for Kentucky. I was born and raised in the State and am generally known there. There is scarcely a County in the State in which I have not personal friends and acquaintances. My Grandfather Scott was one of Kentuckys pioneers and was Governor of the State. My father Geo M Bibb was twice Chief Justice of the State and twice a Senator in Congress 1812 & 1829 to 35 and afterwards Chancellor. These facts, without conferring actual merit on me, would give me an influence in the State.

I am at present acting as Judge of the Freedmens Court here. I am anxious to return to Kentucky and I think I can be more useful there than here. I think Kentucky ought to be a separate District and I am confident that circumstances would give me an influence that no other man has.

I refer you to Hon. Jas. Speed Atty Genl, Senators Guthrie & Davis and to the Ky delegation in Congress to nearly all of whom I am well known.

I am Sir Resply  
Yr. Obt. Svt  
T.P. Atticus Bibb

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

Richmond Va.

Jan 30th /66

T. P. A. Bibb

Judge Freedmen's Court

Applies for the position of Asst Commr Freedmen's Bureau for Kentucky

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3285 1/30/1866 *From:* E. Szabad

*To:* Hon. H. Wilson

OOH-3231A

Washington

*Source:* Bowdoin

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[126, 127]

Washington, Jan. 30 / 66

Dear Sir,

Having experienced your kindness on more than one occasion, I beg now to ask you one more favor.

Would you take the opportunity to speak to Gen. Howard whether he could not employ me somehow here in the Freedman's Bureau? This would enable me to go on with my history of the War for Europe on which I am engaged & which I am anxious to work through. The General will perhaps remember my name from my "Modern War".

Having served through the war & still suffering from the effect of a wound, I think I have some claim to such like employment.

I remain respectfully

Your obdt Servt

E. Szabad

(Brevet Col.)

Hon. H. Wilson [Henry Wilson, Senator from Massachusetts]

[A forwarding comment from H. Wilson was written on the back page.]

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3286 1/30/1866 *From:* H. Wilson

*To:* Maj. Gen [OO Howard]

OOH-3231B

Washington

*Source:* Bowdoin

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[Washington, Jan. 30 / 66]

[This forwarding comment was written on the back page of OOH-3231 in a different hand.]

Respectfully referred to Maj. Gen Howard. I should be pleased if you could serve Col S. who is a man of ability & vast knowledge.

Truly yrs  
H. Wilson

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2437 1/31/1865

*From:* Sam L Taggart

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

OOH-3232

*Source:* Bowdoin

Head-Quarters Dep't  
and Army of the  
Tennessee,  
Beaufort S.C.

Comdg Army of the Tenn

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Head-Quarters Dep't and Army of the Tennessee,  
Beaufort S.C. Jan 31st 1865

Maj Gen'l O.O. Howard  
Comdg Army of the Tenn  
General

To say that I am deeply mortified at the necessity of your issuing General Field Orders No 8. will scarcely convey to you my feelings on the subject. I labor under the impression that you have been misinformed in regard to these medals, and being known to the whole circumstances connected with them, I beg leave to state them for your information.

The idea of getting them up & awarding them by a "Board of Honor" originated with Gen'l Clark, or as he was then Lt Col. & AAG 17th AC, and subscriptions to a fund for their purchase were taken up to which Gen'l McPherson & Staff were very largely, contributors. The Medals were ordered in anticipation of a liberal amount being raised to purchase them, and more procured than there was money to pay for, and the consequence was Col. Clark was obliged to pay for them. The Medals were awarded by the board, as per enclosed order No. 13. Hd Qrs 17th A.C. Apl 4/65, to which Col Clark added paragraph IIII also enclosed, which it is proper awarded by the board.

There were six medals still left and Gen'l Clark deeming them his own, gave them to me to award to the boys in the office, and to give them the same authority to wear them as the others. I published the order, in which I am unable to find anything wrong, although it was perhaps too small a matter to publish in a general order. The young gentlemen mentioned certainly deserves the medals for their faithfulness & efficient service. It would be very gratifying to me to have the boys keep the medals, and if possible the order, publishing the award, allowed to stand.

I would give you further reasons & write you more fully on this & other subjects but the Captain of the Louise is very anxious to get off.

Respy Your Obt Servt  
Sam L Taggart  
AA Gnrl

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

Beaufort, S.C. Jan 31 65

Taggart, Saml. L.

Capt & A.A.G.

Explains concerning medals of honor

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3287 1/31/1866

*From:* Davis Tillson  
Brig Genl Vol  
A.A.Cr

*To:* Major Genl O.O. Howard

OOH-3233

*Source:* Bowdoin

Bureau of Refugees,  
Freedmen and  
Abandoned Lands.  
Office Act. Ass't  
Commissioner, State of  
Georgia  
Augusta, Ga.

Comr Bureau R.F&AL  
Washington D.C.

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands.  
Office Act. Ass't Commissioner, State of Georgia  
Augusta, Ga., Jan'y 31 1866

Dear General

I enclose a slip cut from the Nashville Daily Gazette of the 27<sup>th</sup> inst, so am neither surprised, disappointed nor discouraged that the correspondent of the Press should make false statements, as to my acts and opinions and I am not foolish enough to regard them either as at all important.

I only wish to say that I had nothing whatever to do directly or indirectly with suggesting resolutions to the convention. Neither was I present when the Resolutions were discussed and passed. Lastly no such resolutions as are referred to in the enclosed slip, were offered to the convention or adopted by it—as the record shows. So far from managing the Convention, when before then by invitation I urged the members to manfully express their own opinions regardless of my opinions presence or action, and I can abundantly prove by black & white men that I did this. Further I am not opposed to negro suffrage, but to universal negro suffrage, and in this my opinion coincides with that of every intelligent colored man I have met in the South. I would make no distinction on account of race or color, only in intelligence and fitness to exercise this high prerogative.

I am Yours Very Truly  
Davis Tillson  
Brig Genl Vol  
A.A.Cr

Major Genl O.O. Howard  
Comr Bureau R.F&AL  
Washington D.C.

P.S. If you think it will do any good you may show this hastily written note to Mr Stevens & others.  
D.T.

[Clipping]

The author of the former of these reports may possibly not be a wilful liar. It may be that he really thinks the radicals at the Capitol, and his negro associates are "All the prominent Union men of Tennessee."

The same number of the Gazette has a communication from the Atlanta special, which, among other things, says:

At the Colored Convention at Augusta, there were about one hundred delegates, from various parts of the State. General Tillson, of the Freedmen's Bureau, was present. Resolutions were adopted opposing universal suffrage, but favoring the voting of such colored men as can read and write well, with the addition of the proper qualifications, that all vices and crimes among freedmen should be discountenanced; that the Freedmen's Bureau should compell negroes to work, and make contracts, if they refused to do so voluntarily; that Southern property should not be confiscated; and condemning Thaddeus Stevens' dogma that the Southern States are practically territories.

The correspondent thinks that these rather extraordinary resolutions were adopted at the suggestion, and under the influence of Gen. Tillson, who, the dispatch says, is opposed to negro suffrage. These rascals, do not believe that a negro can have an opinion of his own, though they are determined he shall have a vote.

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

Augusta Georgia

January 31st / 66

Davis Tillson

Brig Genl and AA Comr

Sends General Howard a slip from the Nashville Daily Gazette with his comments thereon.

Rec'd Bureau RF&AL Feb 7 / 66

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3288 1/31/1866 *From:* E.E. Waite

*To:* Maj Gen. [OO] Howard

OOH-3234

Navy Yard N.Y.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Navy Yard N.Y. Jan'y 31st 1866

Maj Gen. Howard

My Dear Sir:

You will pardon a line from me, will you not? As there is considerable feeling with true Loyal people within my knowledge, in regard to President Johnson's reconstructions: Policy, and wishing to know the feeling generally with Loyal people within your observations, and yourself, in relation to the Same; I impose these lines upon you, for which I beg your pardon. But would like a word from you as to your opinion in relation to it. Do you think Congress will permit Rebels to resume the reins of power in those states that have been in Rebellion, and the true Loyal people to be still subjected to their Diabolical schemes & insults, after all they have done to help <> our Government? I learn, and I have it from good authority too, that the southern rebels still show a very great hatred towards true Loyal people in every instance they dare do it. I fear they have not been thrashed enough yet. I would not trust them so far as I would, or could, throw a meeting house by the steeple. I happen to be near the big City that is largely made up of Traitors, and copperheads. I left a boarding house since I have been here for the reason of a copperhead Landlord. I could not stand the Poison talk which I heard there. When I hear a person advocate the assassination of one of the best men that ever lived, my nerves will not stand it at all. And such a person, is, and I presume he is not the only one, still employed in the Navy Yard. O if I could have my way about it, such fellows would have to seek employment somewhere else beside under our Government, to say the least of it. It may seem curious to you how it happens that I am here, well if you knew the whole thing, perhaps it would seem still more curious. But suffice it to say there was a strike here among the caulkers of N.Y. at the Navy yard, & I happened here, I will not say how but happened here and was sent out to hire Loyal men to fill the caulker's Department, and I just went back into the good Loyal state of Maine & got them. I have a gang of good Loyal men under my charge in this Navy Yard, and the Providential circumstances which brought things about as they are I feel to thank the Power above for.

I am aware that you have business enough to attend to without being bothered by me, but I, and my men, feel anxious to know the feeling that exists out in your locality, in relation to the matter that I have above wished to inquire about. The people here are not all Copperheads, or Traitors, (the same) for the people with whom I am now boarding are true blue Loyalists as this country affords, and they are not afraid to avow it either.

Most Respectfully

E.E. Waite [Probably Lizzie's Uncle Ebenezer E. Waite]

If it should be that you come to N.Y. you perhaps will but little think what honor you would do me by calling at the Navy Yard to see me. Where your family is I never have known since I was at your house in Augusta Maine. But I hope they are all well wherever they are. And I would here say, they, with yourself, please to except still, my most humble, but highest regards. My heart is full to say more, but feeling that I already have exhausted your patience with me, I will stop.

E.E. Waite

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