Memphis, Tenn., February 11th, 1866.

General,

Allow me to beg pardon for the liberty I take in addressing myself to you while at the same time I come to you with a request for a favor.

Major Th. Gaines, Judge Advocate of the Dept. of Washington, procured for me a position in the Post-Office at this City in October last and I have up to this time performed my duties faithfully and to the entire satisfaction of the Postmaster; but, General, I want some mental work in a sphere, in which I can use and make useful my good education I received; I tried very hard to receive a position in a Bank or other commercial house, but always failed on account of my 4½ years service in the U.S. Army and so cut off from this resources, I must look again to the government, in whose defence my noble brother fell and for which I fought 4½ years and left with 4 wounds.

As however I am without friends to help me to better my situation, to whom I should I look up for that assistance as to you, General, who was so kind and generous to my brother, and I feel sure that for his memory, you will not forsake his brother and give him the kind assistance!

Major Gaines will have the honor, General, to call on you and certify as to my good behavior and ability, so as to assure, General, that in whatever capacity you may occupy
my services, that it will be my utmost endeavor to fulfill
the duties assigned to me with faithfulness and to the satis-
faction of all concerned.

Hoping that you may have the Kindness
to consider my request and favor me with an answer, believe
me to be, General,
Most Respectfully
Your Devoted & True/

John Dessauer
late captain 94th N.Y. Vols.

To
Major General D. C. Howard
Washington D.C.
Pittsburgh, Ohio
Feb 12th, 1864

Maj. Genl. G.O. Howard

Dear Sir:

I hope my well and not regard this application as an impetuousity, I am exceedingly sorry that I am compelled to make an application accompanied by statements of my private affairs.

All that I could save while in the Army as well as what I have earned since coming out has been expended for the family, and I now find myself without money, and with no visible prospect of getting any. By entering the Army of my Country I have lost my opportunities for obtaining either a trade as a profession, and as I have been very ill since I was discharged I am unfit for manual labor.

My father is getting old, and has nothing to depend upon for the support of a large family but his daily labor, and he does not have steady employment although he is a first class Machinist & Engineer.
my mother and eldest sister are invalids, and the
remainder of the family are going to aid the
family, hence the great necessity that I should do
all I can for them. I have been under medical
treatment for about five months, from Typhoid
pneumonia and its effects.

I have made the foregoing
statements in confidence; and with the hope
that in candidly stating my circumstances I
might the most readily gain your assistance.

Under no other circumstances could I have thus
exposed my affairs. I am certain that if you cannot
and will at least respect my confidence
and allow this to be known by no other person
unless it be absolutely necessary.

If you have no
situations at your disposal, perhaps you could
obtain something for me in one of the other Depart-
ments. I can not what it is. I do not expect either
a very lucrative, or responsible situations to begin
with; all I ask is something as a start; let me have
the opportunity, and I will take care of future chances.
I know that I have but few qualifications to recommend me; but think I could do anything that I should attempt, and if a close application to business, and an earnest desire to perform my duty, will aid and, I am certain, of success.

Do not think from this that I rely altogether upon my own strength; for I have recently learned, that there is one mightier than man, and to whom we must look for aid in all our undertakings.

I would not wish to be so far from home as Washington could I get any employment here; but I am poor and have no friends among the rich and influential citizens of this place.

I hope General that you will give this application your attention, and as a special favour give a reply at the earliest convenient date.

Hoping that my conduct while serving you as Carter's may recommend me for honesty and faithfulness in the position I now solicit,

Yours Most Respectfully.

Edwin E. Newton
Pittsford, Ohio
February 12, 1866

Edwin J. Newton

Write, confidentially, exp.
showing family matters and ask General Stonewall
for access here to give
him a position in the new
years.

Ans. Feb. 23rd, 1866
Chicago Feb. 12th, 66


Gen. Howard

Dear Sir,

East fall the Branch of the Union Commission took up the work of providing for the destitute loyal families as best we could. The west side of the Miss. River, we found by investigation the greatest suffering prevailing in the western part of Arkansas and are laboring for that almost exclusively. It is a little less than four months since we took hold of the matter, already supplies of clothing have been shipped to the amount of $10,000.00, and several hundred bushels of corn, wheat, etc. This is in process of being raised.
Several Thousand Bush. of corn, to ship to that State. I cannot give you a definite report at this stage of affairs, but when our crop winds up her work, which we expect to do in May, then I will report as fully as possible.

We see by the Papers, the Freedmen's Bureau is to be continued. We hope also that Gen. Howard is to be continued as head of that Bureau.

May the Lord give you with His blessing and give you wisdom for every emergency and sustain you under all your responsibilities, it is our prayer. If you have any suggestions in reference to the work of the N. W. I. S. Union Com. we shall be very happy to hear from you.

Yours Respectfully,
Mrs. H. W. Cobb Sevr.
Chicago Ill
February 13th

Mrs. H. W. Cobb

Geo. W. T. Burns, Union Co.

Give General Brown an account of the things
of the Commissioners.
War Department,
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands.
Washington, Feb 12, 1866.

10 o'clock.

Dear Sis, Sizzie,

Gracie Kiss,

...good night...a little chilly...go home...left alone. Mr. All...not leave for New York...in the morning...it was...retired early...Me breakfast is the great custom today...at The Capitol in honor of Ab Kurz...I hope to get into the House...of Others...thousands could not get tickets...decide...Only five being gone...next day...
Last night was the last grand jubilee of the Christian Commission—also in the Representative House. Such a packed house! I could have stood up for over three hours—but the speeches were interesting. I felt fully repaid. The singing by Mrs. Phillips of Cincinnati & by the maneuver was very fine. Elisha much applauded. Mrs. Ely gave me a ticket for today (Saturday when I go to the Ohio.) I did not need it. I had a ticket from you. Short last night—the was much disappointed that he could not be present.
Henry, Illinois, February 13, 1866.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir,

Under the new Bill

Can you make me Commissioner of some State or help me to some position in your Bureau I would like. You told me last Summer there was nothing under the rank or grade of Com. of a State that would pay and that only army officers could serve there as things then were. I dont want to bore you about these applications for I know you must be honored enough without such, but if you can help me to the Commissionership of a State you try me, wont you, and see if I wont make a good one.

Yours Truly,

P.S. Irby.
New York, Illinois
February 18, 1866

A. J. Perley

Received an appointment as Ass’t Comm’r of Pensions
State.

Get before Judge.
New Berne N. C.
Feb. 13th 1866.

Major Gen. O. O. Howard
Com. 2d Bns. N.C. V. A. S.

Dear Sir,

This will intro-
duce to you Dr. Isaac W. Beltte, late Surgeon
of the 14th N. C. V. T. now mustered out of Service.

He is a man of great energy and activity and
during the yellow fever season in NewBerne was
golden opinions for his fearlessness and fidelity.

I can cordially recommend him for any
situation where energetic service is required
for the Bureau in his profession.

I am very respectfully yours,

[Signature]

Capt. 2d Bns. N.C. V. A. S.
American Bible Society.
Bible House, Astor Place,
New York, Feb 13 1866.

Major General O. O. Howard

My dear Sir,

In behalf of our Jubilee Committee I have the pleasure of inviting you to deliver one of the addresses at the approaching Semi-Centennial Anniversary of the American Bible Society which is to be held in this City in the Academy of Music on the Second Thursday of May (110th).

The arrangements made for our Jubilee Celebration will make it an occasion of mutual interest. The great distribution of the Holy Scriptures which are made to the Soldiers during the war, through the Christian Commissary and other Channels of Supply, and the efforts which are now making for the Freedmen in the
forth, together with your own representatives, in true relation to these great interests, induce us to press the acceptance of this invitation upon you.

Permit me to add my own personal belief to that of the Committee, that you will come to aid us in these jubilee exercises as the representative of our noble army and of the freedmen of freed people whom the Government has committed to your official care. I also as a witness for the Bible work of that noble organization, the Christian Commission, which has just closed its work and dissolved its formal existence as a body, at the great meeting held in Washington in the Hall of the House of Representatives as late last Saturday evening.

Hoping for an early affirmative reply and with first regard, I am, sincerely,

Yours very truly,

William J. R. Taylor

Gen. Lee & Co.
New York City
Dec 13 1866

Wm J A Bagley

requests Maj Gen strongly to deliver one of his addresses at the 25th Centennial Anniversary of the American Bible Society, at the Academy of Music on the 25th Thursday in May.