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3310 2/14/1866    *From:* Frederic Wellcomb    *To:* Genl [OO] Howard

OOH-3255                      Ipswich Mass

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Ipswich Mass Feb 14th / 66

Genl Howard

Dear Sir

I write to see if you can come to Ipswich and Lecture any time within a month or any time in March. We want to hear you Lecture here very much. What is your price for a Lecture. It is for a benevolent purpose – for the benefit of the Methodist Society in this place, and would like to have you come as low as possible. Please answer by mail

and oblige

Frederic Wellcomb

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3311 2/14/1866

*From:* Wager Swayne  
Bv't Maj. Gen'l.  
  
Office Assistant  
Commissioner, State of  
Alabama,  
Bureau of Refugees,  
Freedmen and  
Abandoned Lands.  
Montgomery, Ala.

*To:* Major General O.O.  
Howard  
  
Commissioner &c.  
Washington D.C.

OOH-3256

*Source:* Bowdoin

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(Unofficial)

[Letterhead]

Office Assistant Commissioner, State of Alabama,  
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands.  
Montgomery, Ala.

14th February 1866

Major General O.O. Howard  
Commissioner &c.  
Washington D.C.  
General

My private correspondence advises me that the desire of my parents that I should visit them in Washington, has been in some way brought to your notice. They have been bringing it to my notice for some time past.

I had not designed that such application should be made at all. I only refer to it now because of its connection with the expressed design of Governor Patton, as soon as the Legislature adjourns, to go to Washington to try to arrange a gradual or deferred payment of the direct taxes assumed by the State. It occurs to me, that what would be personally gratifying is now perhaps in the direct path of usefulness. Governor Patton has always sustained kindly and serviceable relations with the Bureau, and it seems as though if I were with him I might render such service in return, or at least show such a willingness to serve him, as is perhaps justly his due, and would in any case be valuable to us in the future. In fact we have talked the matter over, though I have of course not said to him that I should go.

The Legislature will probably adjourn on Friday, 23d inst, and on Tuesday morning following, the Governor hopes to get away. Should I in the meantime be advised that it is for the good of the service, in your judgment, that I go with him, the affairs of this office will probably be such that they can be safely left, at that time.

Should you think differently I beg you will not be governed in any degree by personal considerations.

I am General  
Very respectfully, your obedient servant  
Wager Swayne  
Bv't Maj. Gen'l.

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

Montgomery Ala. Feb. 14, 1866

Swayne, Wager

Brevet Maj. Gen. & A.C.

Desires to visit Washington

Rec'd Feb. 20th 1866

<> I would be pleased to have you visit <BF> as you suggest.

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3312 2/14/1866 *From:* Otis [OO Howard]

*To:* Dearest [Lizzie Howard]

OOH-3257

Boston Mass

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Boston Mass  
Feb 14th 1866

Dearest

I have just returned from Somerville and though pretty tired I could not think of resting, till I told you I remembered that this is the eleventh birth-night of our married life. I do wish I could see you tonight.

I have now lectured at Cambridge, Jamaica-plains, Lowell & Somerville and start for Springfield tomorrow –next day New Haven & Saturday New York and then home probably Monday night.

Give much love to Guy & Jamie & Mother and to husbands. Love to yourself.

Lovingly,  
Otis

Come as soon as you can.

Lucia & Aunt Lucretia [(Howard) Leadbetter] send much love to you. Frank Gilman & his sister Mrs Emery hear hear urge you & mother &c to spend a night with them.

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3313 2/15/1866 *From:* Israel Kimball

*To:* Gen O.O. Howard

OOH-3258

Washington

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Washington Feby 15 1866

Gen O.O. Howard

Sir,

At an adjourned meeting of the First Congregational Society, of this city held July 10 1866, you were elected a member of the standing "uilding Committee."

this committee consists of the following named gentlemen

Gen O.O. Howard

Col D.L. Eaton

Col E.A. Goodrich

J.B. Hutchinson

C.S. Mattoon

R.H. Stivins

L.Watson

Very Respectfully

Israel Kimball,

Chairman Protem

S.H. Goodman

Clerk

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3314 2/15/1866    *From:* Geo. A. Perkins

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

OOH-3259

Farmington, Maine

Chief of the Freedmen's  
Bureau,  
Washington, D.C.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Farmington, Maine, Feb. 15, 1866.

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard,  
Chief of the Freedmen's Bureau,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

Form the brief conversation which I had with you here, I received encouragement to expect from you an appointment as Superintendent of Schools in one of the states –or something of the kind, - but no positive assurance was given. Yesterday I received a proposal to which a definite answer must be given within a few days. This makes it very desirable that I should know whether I can, with a good degree of certainty, expect an appointment from you. The Bill enlarging the Freedmen's Bureau having passed, you may be prepared to tell me thus, though not ready to make the appointment. If so, will you please to inform me by letter? If it is probably that you will not have a place for me, will you be so kind as to send a telegraph –ie dispatch –to that effect?

I much prefer to the work proposed to me yesterday such a situation as you suggested. An active life, and a climate less severe than that of Maine, may be better for me. The necessity of giving an answer to the proposal, is my apology for addressing you at this time.

With high regards,  
I remain, dear Sir,  
Very truly yours,  
Geo. A. Perkins

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3315 2/17/1866

*From:* Benj Alvord

*To:* Maj Genl O.O. Howard

OOH-3260

Paymasters Office  
63 Bleecker St

U.S. Army  
Cooper Institute  
N. York

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Paymasters Office  
63 Bleecker St  
17 Feb. 1866

My dear general

I have been invited to be present on the platform this evening at the Cooper Institute on the occasion of your Address. I regret that I shall not be able to go. But I write this note to say how deeply I feel interested in all that may be done to guard the interest of the "Freedman" to whom the honor of their Government is pledged. I have a warm personal interest in your success.

Faithfully & respectfully

Yout ob Sv

Benj Alvord [Brig. General, USMA Class of 1833.]

Maj Genl O.O. Howard

U.S. Army

Cooper Institute

N. York

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3316 2/17/1866     *From:* (Rev.) J. Edwards  
Bell

*To:* Rev. Dr. [Charles B.]  
Boynton

OOH-3261

35 State  
Rochester N.Y.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Rochester, Feb 17th 1866.

Rev. Dr. [Charles B.] Boynton  
Dear Sir:

I see by the papers that Genl Howard is lecturing on "The Freedmen", the proceeds, or at least \$100.00 from each lecture, to be devoted to the 1st Cong. Ch. Washington. Not knowing his address I send to you to learn whether he could be induced to visit Western N.Y. & enlighten us a little on this all important subj. There is a great deal of misconception, in this section, regarding the Freedmen's Bureau & we would like to have the matter made clear & plain.

Now if Genl Howard will come to Rochester, I will guarantee him \$100.00 & his expenses - & if desired will make arrangements for him to lecture in Syracuse & Buffalo -adjacent cities, on the same terms.

From a well wisher of the Congl cause in W - & an ardent friend of the Negro.

Yours in the Gospel  
(Rev.) J. Edwards Bell  
Address - 35 State  
Rochester N.Y.

I should much like to have the Genl come within a month if possible.

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3317 2/17/1866 *From:* R. Johnston

*To:* General [OO Howard]

OOH-3262

Talladega Ala

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Talladega Ala 17th Feby 1866

General,

The matter I requested leave to see you about in person was the abducting of Freedmen & selling them as Slaves in Cuba. But the mention of names can only be in connection with conditions. Letters do not go there in lock mail bags. A sailing vessel can make a voyage across the Gulf & back sooner than a letter passes to & from Washington. (Of late the time from Philadelphia here is twenty six days.) It is right to spend money freely for the Belief of the hopelessly infirm – those who can make no return for the aid given them. It did not occur to me the government would mind the expense of effectually protecting the young able bodied working men, the class that is by odds, the most useful of the inhabitants of the Country.

Very respectfully your obt Servt  
R. Johnston



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3302 2/10/1866

*From:* Lyman Trumbull

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

OOH-3263

United States Senate  
Chamber  
Washington

*Source:* Bowdoin

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[Letterhead]

United States Senate Chamber  
Washington  
Feb. 10 1866

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard,  
Dr. Sir,

The Presidents veto message has just come in. Have not read it.

Yours

Lyman Trumbull [Senator from Illinois, Chair of the Judiciary Committee]

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3318 2/19/1866 *From:* F.W Gilbreth

*To:* Dear General [OO  
Howard]

OOH-3264

Tallahassee, Fla.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Tallahassee, Fla.  
Feb 19, 1866.

Dear General.

We arrived here Monday, the 12th. Harry stood the Journey remarkably well, and for the first two days after his arrival he seemed to rally and was quite like his former self.

But now he really does not seem any stronger: still there is no visible change for the worse.

He has the room formerly occupied by Col Aston and is as comfortably and pleasantly situated as he can possibly be.

Col Aston is having a carriage fixed up for his especial benefit. Dr Applegate says he may rally and gain strength if he takes no serious cold and no relapse.

I am now getting the information you desired as <definitely> as possible and will have time to <> report the same to you by letter.

The climate is generally all that could be desired.

I remain <Genl.>  
Very respy  
Your obt servt  
F.W Gilbreth

[Written sideways on the last page in a different hand.]  
Tallahassee Fla.  
July 19, 1866,  
Gilbreth, F.W. Major  
Relating to various matters  
Recd March 3rd 1866

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3319 2/19/1866     *From:* E. B. Webb

*To:* Dear General [OO  
Howard]

OOH-3265

Boston

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Boston  
Feb. 19th '66

Dear General,

I enclose \$25. which Mr Pitman brought to you from the Cambridge people for your lecture, the day you left us. Seeing your Somerville Lecture advertised for Thursday eve. He suppose you would be here on that day, & was quite disappointed & mortified, that you had gone. He said the Cambridge people were greatly interested & delighted with your Lecture & visit. Upon the whole, you have quite won the hearts of the community here, & will always be warmly greeted when you come to Boston. Mr Tobey came again to see you Wednesday eve. & book us all down in his carriage to hear Mr Beecher. Excuse me for telling you what you knew before.

You will be glad to hear that one little girl of our S. School was very much impressed by your little speech the sunday you were with us, & told her Mother that she had been trying to give her heart to the Savior.

(I enclose the Harristown letter.)

Love from us all to Mrs H. & Charles. We are hoping for a visit from him when he can come & with kindest remembrances from us all to yourself believe me

Very Sincerely Yours  
E. B. Webb

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3320 2/19/1866 *From:* C.D. Merrill

*To:* Gen. [OO] Howard

OOH-3266

Farmington Me

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Farmington Me Feb. 19, 1866

Gen. Howard

Dear Sir

Through the politeness of your brother and Mrs. Howard, I have the pleasure of forwarding, herewith, a plain proof, and a vignette, from the first negative you were so kind as to sit for in my Gallery. I am sorry to say that the second sitting was a chemical failure.

The vignette has received a few touches with Ink, the other, none at all.

Please accept them, if satisfactory, which I trust they may be.

Very Respectfully,  
C.D. Merrill

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3321 2/19/1866 *From:* Dwight Morris

*To:* Major Genl [OO] Howard

OOH-3267

Bridgeport Conn.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Bridgeport Conn. Feb 19th 1866

Major Genl Howard  
Dear Sir

The United Service Club of Bridgeport, an association of men who have been honorably discharged from our Army, and who have united for the purpose of assisting disabled Soldiers and their families and orphans, have requested me to address you.

The funds of our Society amount to upward of \$400 and we desire to increase this Sum, to meet pressing demands upon our Treasury.

We therefore propose to have delivered to our citizens, two or more addresses from distinguished Army officers, the receipts to be added to our fund. We greatly desire (and our loyal citizens all join with us) to hear you on the subject of the Freedmen.

I trust you will not consider it improper to make an address, with a charge for admission, under these circumstances.

I hope you will be able to visit us, for it would be a great pleasure to meet at my residence the gentleman whose acquaintance I made at Harpers Ferry, at the religious services of my Brigade in French's Division.

I remain on behalf of the U.S. Club, very respectfully  
Dwight Morris  
formerly <Col> 14th Conn Vols.

[Written on the last page, in a different hand.]  
Bridgeport, Conn. Feb. 19th 1866  
Morris, Dwight  
Invites Gen. Howard to lecture before the U.S. Service Assn.  
Recd. Feb 21, 1866

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3322 2/19/1866    *From:* Nelson A. Miles

*To:* Major General O O  
Howard

OOH-3268

Fortress Munroe Va

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Fortress Munroe Va  
February 19 1866

Dear General

Allow me again to call your attention to our friend Doct Vogel. He would be pleased with a position in your Bureau. I think his past services entitle him to favorable consideration and believe he would do justice to both parties, and give satisfaction in any community. I would recommend him for this District and believe there would be less trouble with his administration then under the present Superintendent.

Wishing you every success in your great work and again thanking you for past favors to myself.

I remain

With the highest respect  
Your obt. Servt  
Nelson A. Miles  
Major Genl. U.S. Vos.

Major General O O Howard  
&c

[Written on the back side in a different hand.]  
Miles, Nelson A  
Recommends Dr. Vogel for the position in the Bureau.  
Recd Feb. 20th 1866