
3325 2/20/1866 *From:* H. G. Stewart

To: Maj General O.O.
Howard

OOH-3270

Providence

Source: Bowdoin

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Providence Feb. 20th 1866.

Maj General O.O. Howard
Dr. Sir,

I forward to you the enclosed [probably OOH-3269], earnestly hoping you may find it possible to comply with the wishes therein expressed.

H. G. Stewart
Agt. R.I. Assoc. Freedmen

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3323 2/19/1866 *From:* James G Smith

To: Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard

OOH-3269

Providence

Source: Bowdoin

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Providence Feb. 19th 1866.

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

We the undersigned earnestly desire that you will visit and address us. It will give us and our citizens generally sincere pleasure to welcome you to our State and City. We hope your duties will allow you to accept the invitation of the R.I. Asso. for Freedmen, and name an early day when we may see and hear you here.

Yours Most Truly
James G Smith
Duncan C Pall
Geo. L. Clarke, Speaker of House of Rep. R.I.
Thos A Doyle Mayor of Providence
B. Sears. Pres't Brown University

3324 2/19/1866 *From:* AK Browne

To: Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard

OOH-3271

Washington D.C.

Com. Freedmen, Refugees
&c

Source: Bowdoin

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Washington D.C. Feb 19 1866

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard
Com. Freedmen, Refugees &c

General:

At a regular meeting of The Young Men's Christian Association of this city held at their rooms last evening, it was unanimously resolved that you be requested to deliver a Public Lecture upon such subject as you may Select at your earliest convenience, the proceeds of said lecture to be appropriated by the Association in its Missionary work in this city.

It was suggested at said meeting that any topic connected with your present great work upon which you might speak would be of great public interest at the present time.

Hoping you will find it convenient to comply at an early date. I have the honor to be, on behalf of the Association,

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt.
AK Browne
Cor. Sec'y Y.M.C. Association Washington D.C.

3326 2/20/1866

From: W.E. Dodge Jnr.

To: Major Genl O.O. Howard

OOH-3272

Phelps, Dodge & Co.
Nos. 19 & 21 Cliff St.
New York

Source: Bowdoin

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Phelps, Dodge & Co.
Nos. 19 & 21 Cliff St.
New York Feby 20 1866

My dear General

I send by mail two papers left at my house which you may want.

I trust you arrived safely and found your family well.

I am sadly pained to hear of the President's Course on the Freedmen's Bill. If there is any thing I can do in New York in the matter please command me very freely.

With sincere regard
Very truly yours
W.E. Dodge Jnr.

Major Genl O.O. Howard

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

New York

Feby 20, 1866

Dodge, W.E. Jr.

Incloses papers

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3328 2/21/1866

From: Lyman Trumbull

To: My Dear Sir [OO Howard]

OOH-3273

United States Senate
Chamber
Washington

Source: Bowdoin

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[Letterhead]

United States Senate Chamber
Washington
Feb. 21. 1866

My Dear Sir,

I return the papers you were kind enough to send me herewith. Some of them I think you desired to have returned & I shall not have any further use for any of them at present.

Think something will yet be done for the Bureau. If nothing more presume the present Bureau can be extended.

Yours very truly
Lyman Trumbull

[The letter summary had been written on the back of the first sheet, but the left half of the page had been torn off.]

Feby 21, / 66

<> Hon. L.

3329 2/21/1866 *From:* Davis Tillson

To: Major Genl O.O. Howard

OOH-3274

Savannah

Com'r Bureau R.F. & AL
Washington D.C.

Source: Bowdoin

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Private

Savannah Feb 21st 1866

Dear General

Since writing you yesterday explaining my action with reference to the Sea Island and enclosing a copy of my order, I have learned through the public press that the President has vetoed the Bill to enlarge the powers of the Freedman's Bureau, and returned it to Congress. This leaves the final result still in doubt and uncertainty, and as neither the freed people nor the former owners are confident of maintaining their claims. It gives me still further opportunity to compromise and adjust their differences to as to satisfy all parties, and settle matters in a secure and safe basis for this year without reference to any action of Congress. This is very desirable as the season is fast passing, and it will soon be too late to begin planting. The veto of the Presidents will, I fear, do harm by encouraging the former owners to try to take advantage of the freed people which in many instances have already prepared their lands for planing in full expectation of keeping them and will render the owners more unwilling to compromise as they hope to obtain every thing they now demand. Further it will discourage the freed people who have in good faith prepared to plant on the land granted them, and make them doubtful as to whether or not any promises made to them will be kept by the Government. But I will do the best I can under the circumstances to adjust the matter on some safe just basis. But for the Presidents veto, I am confident I should have succeeded in settling this vexed question in a few weeks to the satisfaction of all parties, and giving them an opportunity to raise crops this year. I had no difficulty in managing the freed people who are very reasonable, but I fear the white people may be more stubborn with the influence of the veto.

I am Yours Very Truly
Davis Tillson
Brig Genl Vol
A A C

Major Genl O.O. Howard
Com'r Bureau R.F. & AL
Washington D.C.

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

Savannah Ga.

Feb 21st 1866

Tillson, Davis

Brig. Genl.

States the effect of the veto of the Freedmens Bureau bill upon the whites & blacks in Ga.

Recd. Feb 28th, 1866

3330 2/21/1866

From: A B Dyer

To: Genl. O.O. Howard

OOH-3275

Source: Bowdoin

Ordnance Office,
War Department
Washington

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[Letterhead]

Ordnance Office,
War Department
Washington
Feb 21 1866

My dear General

Let me introduce to your acquaintance my friend Genl Love of Indianapolis Ind who desires to have an interview with you. The General is an old officer of the Army and I have known him intimately for many years.

I commend him to you as a most reliable gentleman.

Yrs truly
A B Dyer
B M G

Genl. O.O. Howard
USA

3331 2/21/1866 *From:* W.A. Nichols
AAG

To: Genl. O.O. Howard

OOH-3276

Washington

Source: Bowdoin

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Private

Washington
Feb. 21, 1866

General,

I promised Mrs. S. to see you on the part of her husband Maj. H.W. Smith AAG of Vols. - now on duty in the Freedman's Bureau at Charleston. She is very anxious for his return to this station -for many reasons. Please inform me what chance there is for him, and oblige

Very truly yours
<W.A. Nichols>
AAG

Genl. O.O. Howard
&c &c

3332 2/21/1866

From: B. F. Morris

To: Gen. [OO] Howard

OOH-3277

Source: Bowdoin

War Department
Bureau Refugees,
Freedmen and
Abandoned Lands,
Washington,

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[Letterhead]

War Department
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
Washington,
Feb. 21, 1866

Dear General:

I called at your office to say to you that the Church, and the Society also meet at the Columbian Sem. College Buildings, this evening at 7 O'clock. It is deemed very desirable and important to have your presence, and to hear from you, at this meeting—as business of vital interest and moment is to come before the Society and Church. If possible we hope you will attend and thereby gratify all.

Yours Very Truly

B. F. Morris [Rev. Benjamin F. Morris

Gen. Howard.

3333 2/21/1866

From: Clinton B. Fisk.
Bt Maj Genl

To: Maj Genl O.O. Howard

OOH-3278

217 Chouteau Avenue
Saint Louis MO

Washington D.C.

Source: Bowdoin

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Private & Confidential

217 Chouteau Avenue
Saint Louis MO Feb 21 / 66

Dear General,

I am watching by the side of my sick wife –she was confined on the 16th inst. and a new girl is added to our household. Mother and child are comfortable and I hope to be able to leave them safely in a very few days. My mail comes to me twice each day from Nashville, and the Bureau affairs receive all necessary attention promptly.

The Kentucky Legislature has adjourned –that is a blessing. The President has vetoed the Bureau bill, and that is not a blessing. I am fearful that every slave-driver in the South will interpret the message as an espousal of the cause of barbarism. I wish the President's views could have been harmonized with the wishes of a majority of Congress. God reigns and all will be well - "estruction shall be to the workers of iniquity" It was well with him who "udged the cause of the poor and needy" "eep ye judgements and do justice with the Lord"

I am not disheartened. I am sure there is enough of Christian Statesmanship in this Country to save it yet –and to secure impartial liberty and <[CHECK ORIGINAL –tape on edge]>.

I was pleased to see notices of your lecture. It will do good. The temper of it was moderate –yet the tone was sufficiently <formed> to arrest the attention of reasonable men of all parties.

I have had thoughts of suggesting to you the removal of my Head Qrs to Louisville. There will be much more to do in Kentucky than in Tennessee –and the Bureau to be effective in Ky must be run with a strong but steady hand. Please give the suggestion though and advise me of your opinion or wish in the premises. Genls Thomas and Palmer both think the removal to Louisville would be productive of good. Genl Palmer is quite anxious that the Department Command should be given to me in connection with the Bureau. There is but little else to do in Ky but to administer the Bureau.

Please remember us with love to "izzie"& the children.

Yours Very Faithfully
Clinton B. Fisk.
Bt Maj Genl

Maj Genl O.O. Howard
Washington D.C.

[Written on the last page in a different hand.]
St Louis, Mo. Feb 21, 1866
Fisk, Clinton B.
Brevt Maj. Gen.
Friendly letter
Recd Feb 24th 1866

3334 2/21/1866

From: J.G. Blaine

To: Maj Genl [OO] Howard

OOH-3279

Source: Bowdoin

Thirty-Ninth Congress,
U.S.
House of
Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

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[Letterhead]

Thirty-Ninth Congress, U.S.
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.
Feb 21 1866

My Dear Genl -

Please examine the enclosed papers carefully. I am anxious that Duncan should get possession of his wife's house –if consistent with law & justice.

In regard to negotiating a loan of money, which you spoke to me about, let me recommend the name of Mr. Huntington Cash'r of 1st Na'tl Bank –a member of the firm of Guy Cooke & Co. I spoke to him in regard to it and he will be glad to accommodate you.

Yours most truly
J.G. Blaine

Maj Genl Howard

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

House of Representatives Feb 21st 1866.

Blaine, J. G.

M.C.

Encloses and endorses the application of Mrs. Duncan of Columbia S.C. for restoration of her property. Also states that Mr. Huntington Cash'r 1st Nat. Bank will be glad to accommodate Gen. Howard

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