
3335 2/22/1866

From: R.K. Scott
Brig Genl
Asst Comr

To: Maj Genl [OO] Howard

OOH-3280

Source: Bowdoin

Headquarters,
Assistant Commisioner,
Bureau Refugees,
Freedmen and
Abandoned Lands,
South Carolina,
Charleston, S.C.

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[Letterhead]

Headquarters, Assistant Commisioner,
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
South Carolina,
Charleston, S.C.
Feb 22 1866

Maj Genl Howard,

Genl

On my return this evening from George Town I find Capt Ketchum ready to start from Washington City. The Capt. will be able to place before you such matters as one of immediate interest to the Freedman of this State. My main object however in requesting permission for him to visit Washington was in relation to the Islands; which for the present has been disposed of by the President's veto I suppose. The next item of greatest importance to these people is that of Rations at least one hundred and fifty thousand per day will be required to supply the demand, and all will claim to be special cases, hence I beg leave to ask further instructions on the Subject. Capt Ketchum is sufficiently well posted in this matter to fully represent to you the magnitude of the undertaking.

With the highest regard I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
R.K. Scott
Brig Genl
Asst Comr

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

Charleston S.C. Feb 22 66

Scott, R.K.

Brig. Gen. & Asst. Comr.

States that it will take 150,000 rations to carry out the instructions in regard to issuing to planters. Asks further instructions.

Feb. 27th 1866 Recd.

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From: E C Branch

To: Maj Genl OO Howard

OOH-3281

Med. Col. Mobile Ala

Com. R F. A. Lands &c
Washington DC

Source: Bowdoin

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Med. Col. Mobile Ala
Feb. 22d 1866

Maj Genl OO Howard
Com. R F. A. Lands &c
Washington DC
Sir,

Much obliged for your kindness in sending Miss Anderson as teacher. She reached me Sunday last. I trust she will prove a valuable helper in our good work. The Colle is fast being <repaired>. We shall hold on to the list <of clerks>. is there any prospect for us now? What is to be done when ordered from here?

I see the Sec of Treas. recommends selling of certain Marine Hospitals. The one in this city I am informed is to be sold. This would make a magnificent place for Asylum & School. Give us this and we will ask no more Genl. Please give your influence for our Papa The Nationalist.

In Haste Respectfully Yours
E C Branch
Box 812

[Written sideways on the back page in a different hand.]
Medical College Mobile, Ala.
Feb 22nd, 1866
Branch, E.C.

Thanks Gen. Howard for sending Miss Anderson. States that the Secy. of Treasury has recommended the sale of Marine Hospitals. If the Bureau could get the one in Mobile it would be of great service. Asks Gen. Howard to use his influence to procure it.
Recd. March 1st 1866

3337 2/22/1866 *From:* O. Brown

To: Maj Gen O.O. Howard

OOH-3282

Source: Bowdoin

Bureau of Refugees,
Freedmen, &c.,
Head Quarters
Assistant
Commissioner State of
Virginia,
Richmond, Va.

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[Letterhead]

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, &c.,
Head Quarters Assistant Commissioner State of Virginia,
Richmond, Va.
Feby 22 1866

Maj Gen O.O. Howard,
General,

I learn that many members of your staff have or are about to resign. Can't I be of use to you in Washington. I am getting nervous down here. And the prospect ahead look so dark for the freedmen that I am almost discouraged.

Yours Truly
O Brown

[Written on the back page in a different hand.]
Richmond Feb 22 / 66
Brown, O.
Col &c
Would like to be on Gen Howards staff

3338 2/22/1866 *From:* J. G. North

To: Genl O.O. Howard

OOH-3283

New Haven, Ct.

Source: Bowdoin

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[Letterhead]

All business Letters concerning Miss Anna E. Dickinson's Lectures, and applications for the same, to be addressed to John G. North, New Haven, Conn.

Subjects - "Home Thrusts", "Earnestness", "Flood Tide," and "Woman's Work and Wages."

New Haven, Ct., Feby 22 1866

Genl O.O. Howard

My dear Sir

You may remember I call'd on you in regard to a lecture at Harrisburg Pa while you was at New Haven Ct. Col McFarland Supt Common Schools has a very fine course, & wants you previous to the adjournment of the Legislature. I have just appointed Rev H.W. Beecher to lecture there March 21st. Now if you can fix a date say about a week before, or any time before 29th it will suit 1st Rate. Please write me soon, & I will arrange all for you, without any care or trouble to you.

Yours truly,
J. G. North

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

New Haven, Coll. Feb. 22nd 1866

North, J.G.

Asks Gen. Howard to lecture in Harrisburg.

[Written upside down on the back page in a third hand.]

Where is Andy Johnson going to, when he dies. He must very sick and most dead with veto on the Brain. Oh! Political Death. He wont never have to ask, where is thy sting.

3339 2/23/1866 *From:* Samfa L.S. Smith

To: Maj Genl O.O. Howard

OOH-3284

265 Broad Street
Newark N.J.

Source: Bowdoin

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Newark N.J. Feby 23rd 1866

Dear Sir -

Can I make an engagement with you, for the delivery of a Lecture in this city during next December, for the benefit of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Our Association is doing a good work among the young men but requires funds to prosecute its work.

If reference is required I would refer you with pleasure to any minister of the city and if necessary to many of our prominent men.

Hoping to receive a favorable reply –I remain

Very Respectfully
<Samfa> L.S. Smith ch. com.
265 Broad Street
Newark N.J.

Maj Genl O.O. Howard U.S. Army

[Written on the last page in a different hand.]
Newark N.J. Feb 23, /66
Smith, S.S.I.
Chairman of Committee
Invites Gen. Howard to lecture next Decem.
Feb. 26th 1866

3340 2/23/1866 *From:* D.H. Eaton

To: Dear Genl [OO Howard]

OOH-3285

Source: Bowdoin

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[ca. Feb. 23, 1866] [The date was written in pencil.]

Dear Genl.

I leave \$25 for you. It was deemed no more than just by our Sab. School that you should have this am't refunded of the over-generous amount you loaned.

I have had the money ever since the day after you left for the North.

Can you be at the Church meeting in Wednesday evening, in Columbian Law Building 5th St. If so do come.

Yrs ever
D.H. Eaton

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

Eaton, D.L.

Private letter

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3341 2/23/1866 *From:* G.W. Walker

To: Major General OO
Howard

OOH-3286

Washington

Source: Bowdoin

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Washington Feb 23d 1866

Major General OO Howard
Dear Sir

The Prayer Meeting and Lecture will be held in The fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church on the 25th inst at 3 o'clock for the benefit of The Sabbath School Union. We will be pleased to have you favor us with your presence and give us a word of encouragement.

Your with Much Respect
G.W. Walker
President of the Sabbath School Union.

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

Washington, Feb 23rd 1866

Walker, G. W.

Sunday School Union meeting at Dr. Gurley's Church at 3 o'clock Sunday 25 inst.
Feb. 24th 1866

3342 2/24/1866

From: A. E. Chamberlain

To: Maj Gen OO Howard

OOH-3287

Source: Bowdoin

Cincinnati Branch,
United States Christian
Commission,
51 Vine Street,
Cincinnati

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[Letterhead]

Cincinnati Branch,
United States Christian Commission,
51 Vine Street,
Cincinnati
A.E. Chamberlain, President
H. Thane Miller, Vice President
Rev. J.W. Marlay, Secretary
Rev. B.W. Chidlaw, Gen'l Agent.

Feb 24 / 66

Maj Gen OO Howard
My Dear Bro

I have thought very much of you since our pleasant breakfast at the Continental last Sabbath <> particularly since the veto of the Freedmans Bureau bill by the President. We are living in a strange time my Dear Bro, but if this sure storm of excitement produced by the veto intensifies by the recent speech of the President, let us trust in God to <deliver> us safely. It looks dark just now, but God is able to bring the sun shine. I sometimes fear we as a nation have not been sufficiently thankful to Almighty God for the deliverance granted to us a nation and that now he is chastising us in his wrath for our ingratitude. Our only hope is in him. Thus let us abide in safety. You have my earnest prayers that you may be sustained by the Master in the work to which he has called you. When can you make us a visit. A western trip I think would do you good, and I believe you could do good by coming for your cause besides making a family and personal friends very happy by spending a few days at my home. I will very gladly arrange a Meeting for you at any time after say two weeks, as I expect to be absent for about that time. Let me hear from you. Our little party will long remember our pleasant breakfast, & wish to be kindly remembered with the hope of an early repetition in our own homes in the Queen City. God bless you.

A. E. Chamberlain

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

Cincinnati, Feb 24, 1866
Chamberlain, AE.
Prest. Cin. Branch US C.C.
Friendly letter

3343 2/24/1866

From: Davis Tillson
Brig Genl Vols
A.A.C.

To: Major General O.O.
Howard

OOH-3288

Savannah Geo

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

Source: Bowdoin

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Private

Savannah Geo Feb 24th, 1866

Dear General

I have been stopping here for a day or two and visiting the Sea Island near the City in pursuance of my plan to arrange matters on the basis of a mutual compromise between the freed people and the owners of these Islands. I have been so far very successful in several instances & the adjustment has already been completed to the satisfaction of all parties. The freed people are industriously at work –are happy and contented. I expect to leave to day for Cumberland Island on a similar mission. I have great pleasure in reporting that notwithstanding the veto of the President and the failure of the Senate to pass the Bill to enlarge the powers of this Bureau by a 2/3 vote, the owners of the Sea Island & Rice fields are quite willing to settle the questions between themselves and the freed people on the basis of the S.F. A No 3 which I have already sent you. This renders my action safe no matter what action Congress and the President may finally take. I am glad to be able to say that the owners of the Sea Islands & Rice fields are generally making very kind and liberal offers to the freed people and are willing to conciliate labor which as I wrote you some time since is fast getting to be “King” If you can form an opinion, please write me what the probable result of the President's veto will be. Will the Bureau be discontinued and if so how soon! The President evidently does not like the Bureau, but will he disregard the will of Congress and remove or cripple its operations! I am confident I can manage the Bureau in this State under the present law and with the machinery I now have if the Government will only continue it and sustain me. My agents have jurisdiction in all minor matters involving the right of freed people and by order of the Dept Commander all criminal cases <excluding> the jurisdiction of Agents of the Bureau are tried before Military Commissions. I have feared that (the President) would interfere with this arrangement which is working very well indeed. If he does our hope of justice to the freed people for the present, will be lost. I shall decline to act in my present position when no longer able to protect the freed people –it would be too mortifying to be ordered.

Please let me hear from you on this subject and Oblige Yours Very Truly

Davis Tillson
Brig Genl Vols
A.A.C.

Major General O.O. Howard
Comr Bur R. F. & AL
Washington D.C.

3344 2/24/1866 *From:* F.W. Gilbreth

To: My dear General [OO
Howard]

OOH-3289

Tallahassee Fla.

Source: Bowdoin

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Tallahassee Fla.
Feb 24, 1866

My dear General,

Harry was buried to-day at half past ten in the Presbyterian Church.

The funeral was attended by all the officers on duty here and by quite a number of the citizens. The service consisted of the reading of the Scriptures and a hymn and a prayer at the grave. I selected a beautiful spot in the cemetery for his grave and have procured a fine ten foot square and shall have it properly fenced and marked. Col Aston wrote you the particulars of his death and who sent you a telegram.

We had not a suspicion that a <> would take place for weeks yet.

He appeared much better & stronger the days after his arrival here than I had seen him for a long time and his doctor seemed to be quite hopeful. He was at the office the day before his death I believe and the day of his decease was at his breakfast. The Dr has written Dr Horner about it I believe.

I have also apprised Mrs Stinson thro' my mother. I will bring his effects with me and with your permission deliver them to his mother.

The surgeon general thinks it will take me from four to six weeks yet to get up a complete report of the lands in the parts of this state you requested. I will make all haste possible.

I remain
very respectfully
Your obt servt
F.W. Gilbreth

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

Tallahassee, Fla. Feb. 24/66

Gilbreth, Fred W.

Major & A.D.C.

Writes concerning Lt. Col. H.M. Stinson's death – also concerning the lands &c.
Recd. March 9th 1866