

Charleston Feb 25 1866

Gen^l O. O. Howard

Gen^l

At the close of the labors of this
 Lords day just after returning tonight from
 preaching to a large congregation of Whites & Col
 ored it has occurred to me to send you as a
 portion of the proceedings of the Protestant Epis
 copal Divisisonal Convention of South Carolina,
 You may not have seen it. It is part of the
 history of these times. do any understand
 the present situation better, Can any do more.
 This Church represents the influence of this
 State, & that she is in earnest the Committee
 to whom the whole matter has been referred
 Guaranty. Rev C C Pinckney & Rev C P Gad
 den. Rev A. J. Patton Mr George A. Pennington
 Mr Wm C Bee Mr E L Kemiser, through one
 of them I say these gentlemen never take
 hold lightly a decent pill of any thing,

we intend to open at once two schools under
the auspices of the Church we have established
ed two congregations of colored people in this
city still more, & purpose to send out from
city by God's help an influence in this matter
that will be felt to the end of the land.

I have thought it would be pleasant for you
to receive this.

Have you heard anything
of my friend McQueen, I have not heard from
him for months,

If not objectionable to you may I beg of you

you a letter addressed to me stating what

you know of my connection with McQueen

I have been sent out by the Bp on a

of trustees on a mission for the Church & a

letter from you merely stating facts which

are known by you may be of much good

to me in some quarters. As a Christian

man I feel assured you are willing to

further the work of Christ by every means

you power I am Respectfully yours

A. Loomer Porter, Rector of the
Ch of the Holy Communion Charleston S.C.

Head Quarters Military Division of the Mississippi,

St Louis Feby 26th 1866.

Maj Genl O. O. Howard

Washington D.C.

My Dear Genl,

Less than a week since
your address to the Secy of War,
enclosed to me, came to hand
after being a month on its
way - I should have answered
on receipt but at the time was
sick - now I can assure you
it is a pleasure to thank you
- though I fully appreciate the
kindness & its value, so seldom
have I asked for such I am
at a loss to know how to
properly acknowledge, but
whatsoever true feeling is

requires

^ you are the recipient —
should I in the end be
unsuccessful, remembering
this, I shall still feel my
service has not been without
value & appreciation.

All our people are
usually well I believe but
no news. Again thanking you

I remain with respect

Your ~~most~~ sincere

D. M. Dayton

A. A. G.

Confidential

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen &c.,

Head Qrs Ass't Com'r State of Virginia,

Richmond, Va., Feb 26 1866.

Maj Gen B O Howard
Commissioner &c }
General

I have
the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of the order
relieving Capt C. B. Wilder
and beg leave to state
that I have not an
officer of sufficient ability
to take his place except
Sicut Col Mallory and he
(Col M) says he would
resign before he would
accept the position — ^{as}
^{the Capt Wilder is relied on this order}
I do not know of
another man ~~myself~~ ^{myself} that
could take the place
and hold it with
Capt W — living as

Fort Monroe (as he will
resign and make his
home there)

Bt Lieut Col W. H.
K. Beadle who is now
on duty with Col Whittley
is represented as being a
suitable man for the
place - Please send
him to me or some
other man strong enough
to fill the position
and confer a lasting
obligation on

Yours Obedtly
O. Brown
Col 4200th

Bu. Ref. Freedmen, &c,
Richmond, Va.
Feb'y. 26. 1866

Brown, O.
Col. I. asst. comr,

Acknowledges receipt of
Order for relief of Capt. G.
J. Wilder,



Rev. GEO. WHIPPLE, }
Rev. M. E. STRIEBY, } Sec's.
W. E. WHITING, Asst. Treas. }

American Missionary Association,

No. 61 JOHN STREET,

New-York, Feb 24, 1866

Rev. J. W. Alvord,
Washington, D.C.,

Dear Sir

Your favor of
the 22nd was received Saturday.
I take the first opportunity
to reply.

Without endorsing your
logic exactly, we will have
the matter arranged with the
Am. Bible Society, as Genl.
Howard ^{suggests} it being understood
that the few minutes altn he
gives to us, shall not be cut
down below fifteen or twenty.

I will notify D. Taylor.
I hope to be at Washington
this week.

Yours truly
G. Whipple
Sec.

Raleigh Feb. 27, 1866

Dear General

Being alone and at leisure this evening, I propose to trouble you with a private letter. Like all the rest of the world, I presume you have been stirred up a little by the Veto. The people here are exultant. They seem to think our occupation is gone. But I have not so regarded it. The new bill, as I told you, would not have changed my mode of operations (except for the worse in discontinuing my four general districts & making all the subdistricts directly subject to my orders). It contemplated furnishing large means; but that can be done under the present law when the Appropriation bill comes up. On the whole we have not lost much

except the morale of having the President's approval. That indeed is something, but we can do very well yet, if Congress will insist on keeping a sufficient military force here. The chief immediate danger is in a new Proclamation of Peace restoring the privilege of Habeas Corpus. Without Martial law we can do nothing. It will be impossible to try any criminal by Military Commission. If you have any influence with the President I hope you will use it just here; for without Martial law, I do not see how one of your own officers can be protected in the discharge of his duties.

Our N. C. Legislature has disowned the Negro testimony bill, & one hour has passed it, with the proviso that it shall not go into effect until jurisdiction over freed men is fully committed to Civil Courts.

The proviso swallows the whole bill. 217

I am having a new Circular printed on that and other topics, which I have talked over with General Ruger.

I have matured & begun to put in practice a plan for getting all the dependents out of towns upon farms, where they can partly at least earn their support. If I had means I would buy the farms, & sell off lots from time to time. As it is, I can only rent. My great difficulty will be to get mules & horses, and forage.

I shall send you an official paper requesting you to get authority from the Sec. of War to give or sell to certain Societies some of the Govt buildings, to be fitted up for School-houses. The freed-men of Enfield for instance apply for a building in Weldon, which they will

move and rebuild at their own expense. They have the money raised, and are impatient to begin the work. The Friends of Phil.^a are willing to buy lots in several places, and put the buildings upon them; we can give them a title to the property: but they are not willing to repair lost buildings which may at any time be sold as lost property. I intended to write only a personal & friendly letter, but I am running fast into business. I do not wish you to feel that I am disheartened in the least by the unfavorable aspect of the times. We have already done more than we hoped for, & the good work will go on.

I see that your Lecture was everywhere well received, & I think it has done good. My regards to Mrs. H. Chas. & all the rest.

Most Sincerely Yours
C. W. Whittier

Maj. Gen. A. A. Howard

American Freedmen's Aid Commission,

GENERAL OFFICE,

444, Fourteenth Street, above G,

MATTHEW SIMPSON,
President.JACOB R. SHEPHERD,
Secretary.

Washington, D. C., Feb 27 1866.

My dear General:

This will be given you by

Mr C L Tumbling, the pioneer teacher of

Texas, who was a college acquaintance & after-

ward a fellow worker with me in the West.

I think he will be able to tell you something

of Texas affairs. Try him for ten minutes, at any

rate. I go West tomorrow for 3 or 4 weeks.

Yours - Shepherd.

American Station: Dist. No. 2
Washington D.C. July 27/66.

Shelburne.

Dear Mr. Wm. L. G.
Jambury.

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Office Special Agent Treasury Department.

Alexandria, Va. February 27th 1866

Major General. O. O. Howard

Commissioner of Freedmen Refugees & Abandoned Lands

Washington. D.C.

Dear Sir

A few days since my friend Judge Underwood of the United States Court presented to you a petition from Francis H. Weymouth of this City for a position in your Department. I have been acquainted with Mr Weymouth some time and believe him to be a true loyal man. I know also that the colored people of this City took upon him very favorably. If you can give him a position in your Department I think you will confer a favor on the loyal men of this City and advance the interest and welfare of the colored race. Mr Weymouth has a very amiable Christian wife, a Lady from Maine, who from all I can learn would be a very efficient and valuable assistant to him in his labors among this class of people.

I Am General

Yours Very Respectfully

William Silvey

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July 27-

[1866]

Dear Genl

Our Prayer
Meeting for Colleges
will be held at
the Columbian Col
Law Building on
5th St. on Thursday
Eve. - and I trust
you will be able
to add to the interest
of the meeting by your
presence and words

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I am not
sure we have shall
have a large meeting
so far as numbers,
but trust it will
be a good and prof-
itable one

Yours friend

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Washington Feb. 27th / 66.

Drane -

Prayer Meeting
Thursday evening
at Col. College Law
Building for ladies

Recd. Feb. 28th - 1866.

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Genl O. B. Howard

Sir

By reports
in paper I noticed that you
were present at a Lecture - so called
by the Negro Douglass. During which
lecture he took occasion to speak very
disrespectfully of the President & you
said little & approved. Now I am astonished
at you remaining quiet, a military
officer of the Government. you know that
so much could not have been said against
Mr Lincoln by a white man without
being arrested & thrown into the old
Capitol - which a Negro be allowed
to do what a white man would be punished
for. I am tired of such men as Prof
Chas. W. Kelley & Mr Tenny & that ilk
but I am astonished at you being
present & coming at it

Anonymous letter.

Anonymous,

Complaining that Genl.
Howard listened in
silence to language of
Fred. Douglass,

Read Mar. 14th 1861