
3359 3/1/1866 *From:* JG Blaine

To: My Dear General [OO
Howard]

OOH-3304

Source: Bowdoin

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[Mar, 1866] [The date was written in pencil. See Note.]

My Dear General

I am much obliged for the circulars in regard to poor Harry - Could you send me half a dozen copies more - through the Post office & oblige

Yours truly
JG Blaine

[Note. The reference to "poor Harry" is probably referring to the death of Capt. Harry M. Stinson, who died in Florida on 22 Feb 1866.]

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From: A. v. Steinwehr

To: Major Gen'l. O.O.
Howard

OOH-3305

Wallingford

Source: Bowdoin

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Wallingford, March 1st 1866

Major Gen'l. O.O. Howard
My dear General,

I received lately your report & that of your brother, together with those of several Assistant Commissioners of your Bureau. They are to me of much interest for they contain the best information on the present state of the southern states. If I had not before been a radical, they would have been strongly effective to make me such. And yet President Johnson has seen fit to veto the Freedman's Bureau Bill! He is a demagogue & looks out for his reelection, & to judge from the present state of feeling in the country, it would not be surprising, if he should be successful. I fear that the southern voters together with the disloyal, half loyal & wavering elements in the north constitute at this moment the majority of the people. Unless a reaction takes place in the public mind, & that can only be brought about by the very best ability of congress, the South will come out of the great struggle victorious. The dualism of the North & South is a fact. One of the two sections must <prescribe> the basis of reconstruction to the other. Either we of the north must force the south to accept northern principles; - or the south will force us to accept southern principles. No other alternative, no middle ground is possible.

Your lecture in N. Haven was a complete success. The best men speak of it in the highest terms. I regret that you could not stay here a day or two longer. You would then have met those who do not like to push themselves. It is the light material, the mayor & the ward politicians, who always assume on such occasions to represent their city.

Mr. Bachelder sent me his beautiful plan or rather panorama of Gettysburg. I wrote to thank him for it; but he replied by informing me, that I was indebted to you for it. Please accept my best thanks for this fine present.

Have you heard anything in regard to the organization of the Army. I trust you will not forget the subject of our conversation in N. Haven in this connection and obtain an appointment for me.

Whenever the proper time comes for me to send an application, please let Mr. Aaden inform me of it, if you yourself are too busy.

With best regards to your brother & Mr Sladen I remain as ever

Very Truly Yours
A. v. Steinwehr

3361 3/1/1866

From: Mrs. J.F. Sprague

To: Genl [OO] Howard

OOH-3306

Milan O.

Source: Bowdoin

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Milan O. March 1st /66

Genl Howard,
My Dear Sir,

Agreeable to request, I am able, after some unavoidable delay, to forward to you, a Photograph likeness of Genl Sprague, which please accept with my best wishes, and if it is not asking too much, I should be very glad to receive a picture of yourself in return.

Yours very truly

Mrs. J.F. Sprague [Julia Frances (Choate) Sprague, wife of General John Wilson Sprague, Asst Commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau for the District of Arkansas.]

3365 3/2/1866

From: Geo. H. Stuart

To: Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard

OOH-3307

Source: Bowdoin

U.S. Christian
Commission
Central Office,
13 Bank Street.
Philadelphia

Bureau of Freedmen &c.
Washington, D.C.

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[Letterhead]

U.S. Christian Commission
Central Office,
No. 13 Bank Street
Geo. H. Stuart, Chairman, 13 Bank Street
Jos. Patterson, Treasurer, Western Bank
Rev. E.P. Smith, Secretary, 13 Bank Street.
Philadelphia,
March 2st 1866

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard:
Bureau of Freedmen &c.
Washington, D.C.
My Dear General -

The bearer of this, Mr J.B. Watkins of Richmond, Va. was long and well known to me before the war as a gentleman of high standing and estimable character; since the war closed he is one of the few who have shown their integrity by voluntarily coming forward and offering to discharge in full all monetary obligations incurred before the rebellion.

He now calls on you in regard to some matter of business in your department, and I would ask for him your most favorable consideration any statements made by Mr Watkins may be relied to their fullest extent, and any kindness which you can show him I will regard as shown to myself.

With renewed assurance of my high regard for yourself, I remain

Yours Very Truly
Geo. H Stuart

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

Philadelphia March 1, /66

Stuart, Geo. H.

Introduces Mr. J. B. Watkins of Richmond, Va.

Recd March 3d, 66

3362 3/1/1866

From: T. P. Stevenson

To: Genl. O.O. Howard

OOH-3308

1504 Brandywine St
Philad'a

Washington D.C.

Source: Bowdoin

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1504 Brandywine St
Philad'a, March 1st / 66

Genl. O.O. Howard
Washington D.C.
Dear Sir.

I send you herewith copies of an appeal to the citizens of the United States, asking for such amendments to the National Constitution, as shall give to our government a distinctly Christian Character. The movement has thus far been approved and aided by Christians of denominations and by eminent men in all the walks of public life. Among those who have co-operated with the movement or given it their public sanction, I may refer to the Hon. Wm. Strong of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, and the Hon. B. Gratz Brown U.S. Senator from Missouri; to the entire faculties of Princeton Theological Seminary, and of the College, of New Jersey; to the Revd Francis Vinton D.D. Of Trinity Church New York, the Revd Benj'n Kurtz D.D. Of Baltimore, & the Revd Henry Smith, D.D. Of Lane Theological Seminary, Cincinnati.

We desire to secure from you such expression of approval as you may feel disposed to give. Please address as above.

Yours Respectfully
T. P. Stevenson [Rev. Thomas Patton Stevenson]
Chm'n Com. of Correspondence.

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

Phila. March 1st 1866
Stevenson, T. P.

States that he has forward copies of an appeal to Congress for an amendment to give the Govt a Christian Character. Asks Gen Howard to give his support.

Recd March 3d, 1866

3363 3/1/1866

From: Richard Wallach

To: Maj O.O. Howard

OOH-3309

Source: Bowdoin

Mayor's Office
City Hall,
Washington D.C.

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Mayor's Office
City Hall,
Washington D.C., Mar 1st 1866

My Dr. Sir,

I take pleasure in commending to you as a person whose statement may be relied on Mr Wm I <Inmon> who bears this

Respectfully
Richard Wallach

Maj O.O. Howard

3366 3/2/1866

From: Wm. Taylor

To: Dear Sir [OO Howard]

OOH-3310

Cornwall [England]

Source: Bowdoin

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Mar 2nd 1866

Dear Sir

I am happy to have the pleasure of remitting this little trifle as a proof of my sincere interests of your laudable enterprize to restore a part of the human race to the liberty which God bestows on all his creation. You will give me credit for this part of my hundred Dollars which I hope my Heavenly Father will enable me to pay.

I hope the good Lord will greatly bless you and smile with prosperity on the honor and well being of your once peaceful and prosperous Country and double your former glory as Job's was after his trials. Amen.

I have the honor to be,
Your Friend and Servant
Wm. Taylor near Cornwall [England]

3367 3/2/1866

From: Geo. Shepard

To: Gen. O.O. Howard

OOH-3311

Bangor

Source: Bowdoin

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Bangor March 2, 1866

Gen. O.O. Howard
My dear Sir,

I received your favor of Feb. 24th enclosing a check for one hundred dollars \$100, as a donation to Theol. Sem'y of this city. I thank you in behalf of the Sem'y for the generous gift. I remember, I had some compunctions that I had asked you for any thing, knowing that you were called to make so great sacrifices for the Country. But God has blessed the country; and has blessed us. The winter I met you in Augusta, I was endeavoring to collect \$7000, wh. was necessary to hold a donation by a gentleman in New York of \$13,000 constituting an endowment for another Professorship. This gentleman made his gift on condition the balance \$7000 be made out by friends in Maine. This balance was made out that winter. The foundations for the four Professors were all made out.

A little more than a year ago I called on my friend, the Hon. Ichabod Washburn of Worcester who married Elizabeth Cheever formerly of Hallowell. Mr Washburn two years before had given us \$10,000, the income of it to go to the support of indigent students. At this interview a year ago, he subscribed another \$10,000 to be added to the poor students fund & also subscribed \$10,000 for the increase of the Library.

Mr Washburn will not pay this other \$10,000 on the poor students fund till the last of the present year, and the forepart of the next. This fund is deficient till he makes his payment. We have not enough the present year by a little over \$1,000. We give to each student who needs it, \$80 for the year from our fund.

I propose to turn your gift into this channel – no where else can it do so much good or give so much relief.

With your consent we will so appropriate it.

I am with great respect
Most truly yours
Geo. Shepard

[Written on the last page in different hand.]

Bangor, March 2nd 1866

Shepard, Geo.

Acknowledges receipt of check for \$100.00.

[STAMP] BUREAU R.F.&A.L. WASHINGTON REC'D MAR 5 1866

3368 3/2/1866

From: M Blair

To: Maj Gnl [OO] Howard

OOH-3312

Washington

Source: Bowdoin

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My dear Genl.

The bearer Mr Watkins of Richmond visits you on business. He is a connexion of the "Blair" family, & that I know will secure him such conditions in his business as your sense of duty will allow.

Yrs truly

M Blair [This was probably Montgomery Blair, former Postmaster General in the Lincoln Administration]

Washington Mch 2, 66

Maj Gnl Howard

3369 3/2/1866

From: Fitzhugh Lee

To: My dear [OO] Howard

OOH-3313

Richland Stafford Co Va

Source: Bowdoin

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Richland Stafford Co Va
March 2 1866

My dear Howard,

You will find enclosed an application [OOH-3314] from my mother for the restoration of a few hundred acres of land we have in Fairfax Co. You may recall that in your letter to me of Sept 15 1865 you counseled the above course to be pursued, and I now avail myself of your kind advice.

I believe the last time I saw you, we were Asst Instructors at West Point together – you of Ethics & I of Cavalry for I recollect that I promised you to go to Church for three Sundays in succession. What manifold changes since! Now you are a Maj. Gen. Commissioner &c and I am a reconstructed harmonized “Insurgent” writing to you about earthly possessions.

If it is proper that the application should be addressed to some Asst Commissioner you must excuse the omission for I am so far out of the way of such things that I am ignorant as to who he is or where stationed.

I am now quietly farming down on Potomac River just above the mouth of Acquia Creek, having Cincinnatus like made the exchange of sword and ploughshare. My address is Garrisonville Post Office Stafford Co Va and I shall be very glad to hear what action has been taken in the matter, causing, a letter from a real live kicking double dyed rebel to a loyal officer for I am yrs very truly

Fitzhugh Lee [USMA Class of 1856. Son of Sydney Smith and Anna Maria (Mason) Lee and nephew of General Robert E. Lee.]

3327 2/20/1866 *From:* Anna M. Lee

To: Major Genl. OO Howard

OOH-3314

Baltimore

Commissioner Bureau of
Refugees Freedmen &c

Source: Bowdoin

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Baltimore Febry 20th 1866

Major Genl. OO Howard -
Commissioner Bureau of Refugees Freedmen &c
General -

I have the honor to make application for the restoration of the piece of land lying in Fairfax Co. Virginia, known as "Fairfax Station" - and now in the possession of your agents, as "abandoned property". Previous to, and in the incipient stages of the late war, the place was tenanted out, but the burning of all buildings upon it, made it impossible for the tenant longer to remain in charge, nor, for the same reason, could his place be supplied by another, and hence at the termination of the war, the land was found unoccupied, and fell under the control of your Bureau. I would also state, the U.S. "Direct tax" upon it, has been paid, that the property has been in the possession of the family for a very long period and of course there is no dispute as to their original title.

Very respectfully yours, &c
Anna M. Lee

My address is (over)
At Mrs Jamisons -73 Mount Vernon Place
Baltimore

[Note. The author is Anna Mason Lee, the mother of Fitzhugh Lee. See OOH-3313.]

3370 3/2/1866

From: Sarah B. F. Greble

To: My very dear Friend
[Lizzie Howard]

OOH-3315

Phil'a

Source: Bowdoin

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Phil'a March 2nd 1866

My very dear Friend

I was very glad to receive your letter, it came just as I was leaving for the Arsenal where I spent the day very agreeably with the Bench's who enquired most kindly for you. My conscience has been reproaching me for not replying to your letter this morning –but I was busy reading “Winifred Bertram” by the author of the “Schonberg Cotta Family”. I want you to read it, for I am sure you would enjoy it. To days mail brought me a letter from Clara from California I think she is becoming more satisfied, but she complains of want of strength for her ordinary duties. I have just finished a letter to John enclosing her letters. John has just been made Adjutant of the 8th he is still in Baltimore. Emma Willard is very soon to be married to a Mr <Scustator> whose first wife was Louisa Davies, daughter of the Prof. and her intimate friend Katie Willard is also to be married soon. Were you not sorry and shocked to hear of poor Seth Williams –they fear he has lost his mind hopelessly. I can hardly make you realize how fully we all enjoyed and appreciated Dear General Howard's visit, and regretted that we did not ask you to rest here on your way through from Maine, and now about Louisa (whose name you remembered rightly) I have not seen her or heard of her, but once in five years –then Brother John saw her in Washington. I think he said she was married – her name was Louisa Adams – she is very light colored & lived with Dr Edwards of the Army at Judge Crawfords the corner of 7th & G I think. She nursed me when Edwin was born & Mrs Dodge, Mrs Schofield &c. I think perhaps that Matilda Madison a colored woman living on the N.W. corner of 14th & I streets might know of some good efficient servants –but my friend, it is ten years since I left the District, and I may be sending you on a wild goose chase. I will write to Mother & ask her. Do you not know Mrs Maynadieri? She could help you out of any domestic troubles I think. She always has good servants. I hope you may succeed in obtaining good servants for without them housekeeping is up-hill work. You must enjoy having your Mother with you. I hope to know her some day. My love to her – and your brother Charles.

Tell dear Jamie that Edwin and Clara often speak of him. I hope some time the children may have the pleasure of being together. I do hope at some future time to come to Washington for a few days. I should feel a child again. I daresay I should miss many loved faces, and find many hearts changed. Kiss the children for me – love to your noble Husband – and reserve as much as you wish for your own dear self. All the family join me in warmest love to you – believe me ever to be lovingly your friend

Sarah B. F. Greble

3371 3/2/1866

From: William C. Child

To: Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard

OOH-3316

American Tract Society
Tract House, 28 Cornhill
Boston

Source: Bowdoin

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[Letterhead]

American Tract Society
Charitable Department
Committee of Charities
Rev. E.B. Webb, D.D.
S.G. Bowdlear, Esq.
Rev. William Hague, D.D.
Rev. William C. Child, Secretary
Tract House, 28 Cornhill
Boston
Mar. 2d 1866

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard,
Dear Sir,

I have the honor, as the Clerk of the Executive Committee of the American Tract Society at Boston, to transmit you a copy of a vote passed by the Com. at its last meeting, as follows,

“That the thanks of this Committee be tendered to Major General Howard, Commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau, for the warm interest which he has taken in the Society's work among the Freedmen, & for the facilities which he has furnished the Society for distributing its publications among them by the agency of the Bureau.”

This vote was unanimously passed, and but feebly expresses the appreciation of your efforts, dear Sir, on behalf of the Freedmen, & the work of the Society among them.

Sincerely Yours
William C. <Child [Torn page]>