
3372 3/3/1866

From: H A Risley

To: Gen'l OO Howard

OOH-3317

Source: Bowdoin

Commercial Intercourse
with and in States
declared in insurrection
Seventh Agency
Treasury Department
Washington, D.C.

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[Letterhead]

Commercial Intercourse
with and in States declared in insurrection
Seventh Agency
Treasury Department
Washington, D.C.
March 3d 1866

Gen'l OO Howard
Commissioner &c

Will allow me to introduce R.B. Cunningham Esq formerly of Va. now of Miss. who has some business with your department and desires to know you and be known by you. He is commended to my confidence without qualification & in warm terms by A.S. Buford Esq. Of Dansville Va. <Presdnt> of the Richmond & Danville & also of the Piedmont Railroad Va & N.C. a christian gentleman entirely reliable and worthy of consideration, who requests me to procure a personal interview with you for Mr Cunningham and to certify to his worth.

Veryt Respectfully
Your obt Sevt
H A Risley [Harrison A. Risley]
Sup Spl Agt

[Written sideways on the last page in a different hand.]
7th Agency Treas. Dept.
Washington, D.C.
March 3d, 1866.
Risley, H. A.
Sup Spl Agent
Introduces R.B. Cunningham Esqr. Of Miss.
Recd March 3rd 1866

3373 3/3/1866

From: Yardley Warner

To: Genl O.O. Howard

OOH-3318

Germantown
Philad'a

Source: Bowdoin

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Germantown 3/3 66
Philad'a

Genl O.O. Howard
Dear Sir

We have difficulty in finding suitable teachers for the Freedmen; and more difficulty in harmonizing them with the people of the South; and some difficulty in harmonizing them with each other. Now do us the favor to say how the government School at Hampton Va answers*. We will be satisfied with a yea or nay without reasons. But our reason for the inquiry is that we are thinking of extending the monitorial plan still more, instead of having so many teachers.

Respectfully
Yardley Warner,
on Behalf of Friends Assn of Philada for Relief of Col'd Freed'n

* Does it meet expectations?

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

Germantown, March 3rd 1866

Warner, Yardley

States that there is difficulty in finding suitable teachers –difficulty in harmonizing them with the Southern people –and amongst themselves. Asks if the school at Hampton answers the expectations. Is thinking of extending the monitorial system.

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Monitorial good. <Genl more <> &c>

[Address]

Genl O.O. Howard
Washington

[Postmark] PHILA PA. MAR 3

3374 3/3/1866

From: Harper & Brothers

To: Gen'l O.O. Howard

OOH-3319

Source: Bowdoin

Harper & Brothers,
Publishers
Franklin Square, New
York

Chief of the "Freedmen's
Bureau" &c.
Washington

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Harper & Brothers, Publishers
Franklin Square, New York
March 3d 1866

Gen'l O.O. Howard
Chief of the "Freedmen's Bureau" &c.
Washington,

We are desirous of sending one of our best artists, (Mr. A.R. Wand) through Arkansas, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, &c for the purpose of making careful sketches for "Harper's Weekly" illustrative of the social condition, the agricultural, manufacturing interests, &c of the Southern people, &c.

If you think that you can facilitate him in his journeyings, &c. by giving him a Letter, we shall feel greatly obliged by your doing so. And we trust you are sufficiently well acquainted with the character of our paper, to be assured than any confidence reposed in us will not be abused.

Hoping for the pleasure of hearing from you, at your early convenience, we remain with high respect,

Yr. Obd't. Servants,
Harper & Brothers.

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

New York, March 3d, 1866
Harper Brothers Publishers

Are about to send Mr A.R. Wand thro the south for the purpose of making sketches. Asks a letter – introductory to the officers of the Bureau in the South

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

3375 3/5/1866

From: Jean Goncet

To: Monsieur le General [OO
Howard]

OOH-3320

Geneve (27, a. 181,
Terrassiere)

Source: Bowdoin

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[Letterhead]

HISTORIE GENERALE

Biographique et Genealogique du Dix-Neuvieme Siecle

En Course de Publication a Geneve – Le 3e et le 4e Tome, Grand in-folio, Sosnt Sous Presse.

L'Adresse est a M. Jean Goncet, a la Direction de l'Histoire generale, a Geneve

Geneve (27, a. 181, Terrassiere), le

5 Mars 1866

Monsieur le General,

N'ayant pas en l'honneur de recevoir une reponses de votre part, sur la demande de renseignements j'ai cru devoir vous adresser pour etablis a votre nom un article <assey> complet, on seulement une mention, je vious vous tomovigner le desir de comsaitre, an moins ce que vous

3376 3/6/1866

From: H. Wilson

To: Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard

OOH-3321

Senate Chamber

Source: Bowdoin

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Senate Chamber
March, 6th, 1866

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

If in your power I wish you would give some employment to Col E. Leabod. He is in full sympathy with our cause and a gentleman of intelligence and character.

Yours truly
H. Wilson [Henry Wilson, Senator from Massachusetts]

3377 3/6/1866

From: Clara H. Harris

To: Genl [OO] Howard

OOH-3322

15th St. Cor of H.
Washington March 6th

Source: Bowdoin

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Washington March 6th [1866]

Genl Howard,

A friend, whom I should like to oblige has written me, asking me to procure your autograph. If you will so very kind as to write your name twice upon a sheet of paper, & send it to me, I should be very greatly obliged.

Very truly yours,
Clara H. Harris
15th St. Cor of H.

3378 3/8/1866

From: Nelson A. Miles
Major Genl US Vols
Hd. Qrs. Military District
of
Fortress Munroe Va

To: Major Genl OO Howard

OOH-3323

Washington D.C.

Source: Bowdoin

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Hd. Qrs. Military District of
Fortress Munroe Va
March 8 1866

Dear General

There was a large meeting of colored people at Hampton today, with a view of going to Florida and taking up Government lands under the Homestead act. But as they have been deceived so many times, it is hard to make them believe it is for their interest to go. There is to be another meeting next Tuesday and I desire a word from you simply stating that they will receive Lands, transportation, and the protection of the Bureau. They have every confidence in what you say, and if you will write me a line giving your encouragement, so that I can present it, I believe it will be of great service. There are thousands here, who are destitute and without labor. Hoping I may receive an answer before Tuesday next.

I have the honor to remain
With the highest respect
Your obt Servt
Nelson A. Miles
Major Genl US Vols

Major Genl OO Howard
Washington D.C.

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

Hd. Qrs. Mil. Dist. of Fortress Monroe, March 8, 1866

Miles, Nelson A.
Brevet Maj. Genl.

States that the freed people are contemplating going to Florida, to take up lands under the provisions of the Homestead law – and asks Gen. Howard for a letter to be read to them, showing what the Gov't will do for them.
Recd. March 12th 1866

3379 3/8/1866

From: Wait Talcott
R. Emerson Jr
Collector's Office,
United States Internal
Revenue,
Second District of
Illinois
Rockford

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

OOH-3324

Source: Bowdoin

Commissioner Freedmen
Bureau
Washington D.C.

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[Letterhead]

Collector's Office,
United States Internal Revenue,
Second District of Illinois
Rockford
March 8 1866

Maj. Gen'l O.O. Howard Commissioner Freedmen Bureau
Washington D.C.

Dr Sir:

You may recollect the writer as calling on you a few weeks since with a letter of introduction from Senator Trumbull, to confer with you in regard to establishing a High or Normal School in some southern city by a benevolent association. We are progressing favorably & are helping one school of the kind now.

We wish to send one of our number Prof. J. Emerson of Beloit College, Wis. south in the month of April to explore and decide where we shall make our main effort. May we be so bold as request a letter of general introduction for him signed by you to the Officers of the Bureau at the South, particularly, Alabama, Mississippi, & Louisiana, so as to enable him to obtain from them such information as he may need both for the purpose of deciding where to locate the school, and also that can be used before the public in such articles as the enclosed (that is from his pen as one of the "Staff" of our leading Chicago Paper). Also any printed matter that may be of use to him, and convenient to you to send will be thankfully received. The letter may if you please be enclosed to us.

May God bless you in your work and continue you long in it.

Very Respectfully

Wait Talcott

Collector 2nd Dist. Illinois

R. Emerson Jr

[STAMP] BUREAU R.F.&A.L. WASHINGTON REC'D MAR 12 1866

3380 3/8/1866

From: James F Gyles

To: General [OO] Howard
U.S.A.

OOH-3325

Saint Joseph Missouri

Washington D.C.

Source: Bowdoin

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Saint Joseph Missouri
8th March 1866

General Howard
U.S.A.
Washington D.C.
General,

There is in this Section of our country a movement whereby it is hoped to secure a Home for the Orphan & Widows of our fallen Heroes. You will therefore I trust excuse my trespassing upon your time, in order to obtain the name & address of the Sec'y or Chairman of the association in Birmingham England whose benevolence have been so marked in their contributions on several occasions.

I had the address of one of the members of the association furnished by a Gentleman who assured us that a very liberal contribution would be made by the association for our Orphans if applied for, but unfortunately the address has been lost or mislaid.

With sentiments of the highest respect
I beg to subscribe myself
General
Your mo Obt Sv
James F Gyles
Trustee S.A. & W. Home

3381 3/8/1866

From: J.W. Alvord

To: Maj Genl. O.O. Howard

OOH-3326

Source: Bowdoin

Bureau of Refugees,
Freedmen &
Abandoned Lands,
Head Quarters Asst.
Commissioner, State of
Virginia
Richmond, Va.

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[Letterhead]

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands,
Head Quarters Asst. Commissioner, State of Virginia
Richmond, Va.,
March 8th 1866

To Maj Genl. O.O. Howard
Com. Bureau Ref. &c
General

I have the honor of reporting in part – as the case in Parkersburg W.Va. calls for dispatch – that all the facts there as presented to me by Genl Jackson – Rev Mr Colburn & others, with a full hearing given to the Freedmen – seem to require that the latter have liberty to remove the building in which they now occupy for school purposes, to land which they now occupy for school purposes, to land which they will procure. If this liberty is granted it will be satisfactory to all parties. The case is one which seems to require this course, as the school is prosperous, & should not be broken up, and Genl Jackson has so thoroughly stirred up the people that they will not permit the school to remain peaceably where it is, can you permit the Freedmen to remain where they are through the present term, while in the mean time their land will be prepared for the removal?

Very Respectfully Yours &c
J.W. Alvord
Insp &c

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

Richmond Va May 8th 1866

Alvord, J.W.

Concerning the schools at Parkersburg

Recd March 10th 1866

3382 3/8/1866

From: Davis Tillson
Brig Gen Vol
Savannah

To: Major Genl OO Howard

OOH-3327

Comr Bureau R. F. A L
Washington D.C.

Source: Bowdoin

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Savannah Mar 8th 1866

Dear General

Enclosed I send you a slip cut from the New York Times of the 25th ult. I need only tell you that "Quondam's" last communication is quite as untruthful as the one refuted by "Aliquis". The agents of whom "Quondam" speaks so contemptuously are citizens of this state selected by the citizens of their committee themselves and endorsed in nearly all instance by the Delegates to the Constitutional Convention in accordance with an arrangement made with them. Their <imschictia instia [CHECK ORIGINAL]> of being so immense higher than that of the Governor & Judiciary &c is simply that allowed a justice of the peace by the laws of this state. Not even charges against any one of them like those refered by "Quondam" have been preferred at my office much less <purraen [CHECK ORIGINAL]>.

You can easily understand that they are much more likely to sin against the negro than for the white man in behalf of the negro.

Yours in haste
Davis Tillson
Brig Gen Vol
A E

Major Genl OO Howard
Comr Bureau R. F. A L
Washington D.C.

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

Savannah, Ga.
March 8th 1866
Davis Tillson
Brig. Genl. Vols.

Encloses a slip from the New York Times of 25th Feby. 66. [Not transcribed]