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3397 3/13/1866

*From:* William C. Child

*To:* Maj. Gen. [OO] Howard

OOH-3342

*Source:* Bowdoin

American Tract Society  
Charitable Department  
Committee of Charities  
Tract House, 28 Cornhill  
Boston

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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. 13th 1866

Maj. Gen. Howard,  
Dear Sir,

I write for the purpose of inquiring if you would be so kind as to make an address before our Society at its next Anniversary in may, either in New York, or Boston, or if convenient & agreeable to you, in both places. I am certain, if you could make in consistent with your pleasure & your other duties, great good would result from the address you might deliver, especially as our work is so largely among that class which is your especial care.

Hoping soon to hear from you, & that favorably, I remain

Sincerely Yours  
William C. Child  
Aec. Am. Tr. Soc.  
Boston

P.S. Our meeting in N.Y. will be May 9th, & in Boston, May 30th.

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3398 3/13/1866      *From:* Charles Nordhoff      *To:* Major Genl. O.O. Howard

OOH-3343      Office of The Evening  
*Source:* Bowdoin      Post,  
41 Nassau Street, Cor.  
Liberty  
New York

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[Letterhead]  
Office of The Evening Post,  
41 Nassau Street, Cor. Liberty  
New York,  
March 13 1866

To Major Genl. O.O. Howard  
&c &c &c  
Dr Sir

The recent report <append>. I <propose> <commisioner> of th Freedman's Bureau for Arkansas leads me to ask you for some acct. of th number of white persons supported or cared for in all th South by th Freedman's Bureau. When th Bureau is discussed it is always as a negro institution. It will be well I think to call attention to th fact that it benefits whites also – and how many.

If you think with me I will be obliged to you for the information – and if th No. in each state could be given so much th better.

Yours Resp.  
Charles Nordhoff  
(one of the Editors of th Evg Post.)

[Written in a different hand.]  
Leave to furnish the information so far as consistent with service  
E W Slaven

[Written on the last page, in a different hand.]  
Office N.Y. Evening Post  
March 13th 1866  
Nordhoff, C.  
Asst. Editor  
Asks for figures showing number of whites and blacks drawing rations in the South.  
Recd. March 14th 1866

[Attached is a clipping from the N.Y. Evening Post of March 13, 1866, entitled "White Men and the Freedmen's Bureau."

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3399 3/13/1866

*From:* S.J. Bowen

*To:* Maj. Gen O.O. Howard

OOH-3344

P.O. Washington D.C.

Com'r Bureau of Freedmen  
&c

*Source:* Bowdoin

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P.O. Washington D.C.  
March 13th 1866

Maj. Gen O.O. Howard  
Com'r Bureau of Freedmen &c  
Dear Sir:

Our Association is about to send out Mrs. Griffin to collect funds in aid of the object we have in view, and at our meeting last evening I was requested to ask from you a note similar to the memorandum enclosed, which she will use in case any doubt is ever raised as to Mrs. G's real character and purpose.

If you can furnish such a paper and will send it under cover to me you will confer a favor on our Association and aid us in procuring such aid as we are now in need of.

Truly your friend &c  
S.J. Bowen  
Pres't. N.F.R. Association

The National Freedmen's Relief Association for this District, Cooperating with this Bureau in this District, having, from long continuance in the work, a thorough knowledge of the wants and manifest desire for the elevation of the Freed people, receives through their general collecting Agent, Mrs. Josephine S. Griffin, who is well acquainted with the general details of this field, my hearty commendation and sympathy in their appeal to the Benevolent Public.

(Of course the above can be varied to suit your views and wishes. S.J.B.)

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3401 3/14/1866

*From:* Wright Rives

*To:* General [OO Howard]

OOH-3345

Executive Mansion,  
Washington D.C.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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[Letterhead]

Executive Mansion,  
Washington D.C.

March 14 1866

General

The President designates to day at one (1) oclock as the time for seeing you.

Your obt Sv  
Wright Rives

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3402 3/14/1866    *From:* William E. Matthews    *To:* Major Genl O.O. Howard

OOH-3346

24 Pierce Street  
Baltimore

*Source:* Bowdoin

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24 Pierce Street  
Baltimore March 14th 1866

Major Genl O.O. Howard,  
Dear Sir,

I have seen the Hons Judge Bond, William J. Albert and other influential gentlemen and they rejoice to know that you have consented to speak to the people of this State. They will do all in their power to make your meeting a success. I regret to say that the hall in which you are to speak is engaged for Monday March 26th and I would like to know if Tuesday 27th will suit you as well. I have anticipated your affirmative reply and engaged the hall for that evening. Please write me your subject, as I wish to advertise at the earliest possible moment.

Awaiting a speedy reply  
I am Very Truly  
Your Obedt Servt  
William E. Matthews

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3403 3/14/1866

*From:* Geo. H. Stuart

*To:* Major Gen. O.O. Howard

OOH-3347

*Source:* Bowdoin

U.S. Christian  
Commission  
Central Office,  
No. 13 Bank Street  
Philadelphia

Washington, D.C.

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[Letterhead]

U.S. Christian Commission  
Central Office,  
No. 13 Bank Street  
Philadelphia,  
March 14, 1866

Major Gen. O.O. Howard  
Washington, D.C.  
My Dear General,

It is my intention to start for England early next month (April 4th) and as it is highly probably that I shall be called upon for information concerning the Freedmen, I would thank you to have some one give me some statistics bearing on that subject. There are quite a number of Societies cooperating in the work of the Freedmen, and I would thank you to give me such general statistics as will meet my wishes.

You doubtless have such facts as these in your possession, such for instance, as No. of Schools, No. attending them, No. of teachers &c. I want to show the friends of the Freedmen on the other side what is being done in their behalf, and hope it will be not trouble for you to obtain this information for me.

I was sorry that I was unable to see you when you were last in the city. I called at your hotel, but you, unfortunately had gone. If I am well enough I hope to see you in Washington, before I start.

I do not wish to give you any personal trouble by these requests, but you can perhaps put them in the hand of some one who is Connected with the Bureau.

Mr. Stephenson, to whom I introduced you some weeks ago has been investing largely in lands in the South, on behalf of his English friends. I have paid his Dfts. this day for \$60,000. Many thanks for yr. kind attention to my friend Mr. Watkins of Richmond, who speaks of you very highly.

Yours Truly  
Geo. H. Stuart

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

March 14th, 1866, Phila.

Stuart, Geo. H.

Is going to Europe about April 14th 1866. would like some statistics concerning the Freed people.

Recd March 15th 1866

[Written in another hand.]

Mr Bearn-

Genl Howard desires the data collected such as is desired in the letter. The <> cannot be gotten from the printed matter.

<[Very faint]>

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3389 3/10/1866 *From:* O.F. Wallace

*To:* Maj Gen. O.H. Howard

OOH-3348

Box 843  
Monmouth Illinois

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Monmouth Illinois, Mch 10th 66.

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

At the last meeting of the Philadelphian Literary Society of Monmouth College it was agreed upon to have a course of Lectures in our City for benefit of said Soc. And accordingly I have the pleasure of addressing you a note to know if you will do us the honor of delivering for us a Lecture. We design to have Gen Butler, Hon. Colfax, Gough, Wendall Phillips & others. Please inform us at your earliest convenience whether or not you will come, and if so, at what time and upon what terms.

Respectfully &c  
O.F. Wallace  
Cor. Sec. Phila. Soc

Box 843 Monmouth Illinois

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3404 3/14/1866 *From:* <Norton Sapson>

*To:* Genl [OO] Howard

OOH-3349

Lynchburg Va.

Chief Negro Bureau

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Lynchburg Va.  
Mar 14 1866

Genl Howard  
Chief Negro Bureau  
DSr

I enclose the within hoping you will take time to read it. You are the proposer and I presume the <affiser> of it. Can you answer the Presidents objection. You New England fanatics & scoundrels do not evidently want a restoration of the Union except upon the terms that Garrison Phillips & Fred Douglass the Nigger shall deem satisfactory. What will you think when Andrew Johnson shall proclaim peace and matters shall be settled, we of the South shall prove that you and most of you Subs. are Swindlers & Scoundrels. Take a hint when I say that abundant & danning proof is being acumulating against you, but we cannot now speak out.

<Norton Sapson>

A Rebel but a Union Man & friend of the Constitution of the US

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

A vengeance letter

Anonymous

Incloses slips from newspapers & denounces the Freedmen's Bureau

Recd Mar. 16th 1866



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**3405 3/15/1866**    *From:* Yardley Warner    *To:* Genl. O.O. Howard  
OOH-3350                      Philad'a                      Washington D.C.  
*Source:* Bowdoin

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Genl O.O. Howard

Will please to receive George Dixon, an agent of ours and a Friend from England who has in view the promotion of our efforts in N Carolina for the elevation of the Freedmen.

He wd wish to find some opening or suggest some methods for the establishment of industrial schools extensively. In this business he has had much experience.

Thy Friend  
Yardley Warner

Philad'a  
3/15 66

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Philad'a 3/15 66

Dear Friend

Our Friend Geo. Dixon from England will call on thee. He has by mistake a draft of our purchased lots at Greensboro N.C. We are scotched without it. Look at it & mail it to Germantown Philad'a

& oblige Thy Friend  
Yardley Warner

[Envelope]  
Genl. O.O. Howard  
Washington D.C.  
[Postmark] PHILADA PA. MAR 15

[Written on the last page, in a different hand.]  
Phila 3/15 1866  
Warner, Yardley  
Introducing Gen. Dixon  
Recd Mar 16, 1866

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3406 3/16/1866

*From:* Schuyler Colfax

*To:* Gen O.O. Howard

OOH-3351

H.R. [House of  
Representatives] Wash.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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H.R. [House of Representatives] Wash. Mch 16, 1866

General,

I enclose you a letter from the very excellent Methodist Minister of my town. I shall write him that I doubt whether you have places for all the applicants of this kind who are presented, or means sufficient to pay the salaries of these of those you would like to appoint. But if you cannot find a place for this lady, please drop me a few lines that I can send her. There has been so much misrepresentation about the Freedman's Bureau that many suppose you have millions at your command for its uses.

Yrs very truly

Schuyler Colfax [U.S. Representative from Indiana and Speaker of the House]

Gen O.O. Howard

If you answer, please refer to the letter enclosed, not to mine, & I will forward yours to the Minister.

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3407 3/16/1866     *From:* J.M. McKim

*To:* Col [Max] Woodhull

OOH-3352

*Source:* Bowdoin

American Freedmen's  
and Union Commission,  
No. 76 John Street.  
New York

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[Letterhead]

American Freedmen's and Union Commission,  
No. 76 John Street.  
President –Bishop Matthew Simpson, Philadelphia.  
Treasurer –George C. Ward, 76 John Street, New York.  
Gen. Sec. -Lyman Abbott.  
Cor. Sec. - J. Miller McKim.  
Washington Sec. - J.R. Shipherd.  
Western Sec. J.M. Walden.  
New York  
March 16 1866

Col [Max] Woodhull  
My dear Sir:

If you will take the trouble to read the accompanying copy of my last report it will show you exactly how I am chiefly engaged and what use I make of the intelligence I pick up in my correspondence. When this report was written I had not seen – as indeed I have not yet seen – the “Extracts” sent me from your office, else of course they would have been noticed.

I am now writing to:  
Hon. Otto Wessendonck  
Freedmen's Relief Committee  
Zurich, Switzerland;  
Mrs. J.P. Nichol  
President Ladies Emancipation Society  
Huntly Lodge  
Edinburgh, Scotland;  
Rev Titus Coan  
Hilo, Hawaii  
Sandwich Islands

I am particular in giving the names and address as I would ask you to have a copy or copies of the General Report, Carl Schurz' report and Trumbulls & Fessendens speeches sent – through the State Department – to each.

Mr Baker, Treasurer of the State Department has forwarded documents for me of this kind and has assured me that he did so with pleasure.

I infer therefore that in this, or some other way, you can & will forward to the parties named the documents indicated. My letters to the parties will of course speak of the Bureau & its doings.

Yours truly  
J.M. McKim  
Cor. Sec.  
A.F. & U.C.

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3408 3/16/1866 *From:* Hugh L Bond

*To:* Major Genl O.O. Howard

OOH-3353

Balt'o

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Balt'o Mch 16 1866

Major Genl O.O. Howard

My dear General

I take great pleasure in introducing to you, Geo Dixon of England a devoted friend of the colored people and Anthony M Kimber of Phila whose connection with the Freedmens cause is well known to you.

The errand of these Gentlemen will commend them to your attention more than any words of min, & I readily trust them to your kindest attention.

Hoping to see you on Saturday at Baltimore, I am

Yours truly  
Hugh L Bond

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

Balt'o March 16th 1866

Bond, Hugh S.

Judge

Introduces Geo. Dixon, Esq or England.

Recd. Mar. 17th 1866