
3424 3/21/1866

From: G. Whipple

To: Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard

OOH-3369

Source: Bowdoin

American Missionary
Association,
No. 61 John Street,
New York

Com. B.R.F. & A.L.
Washington D.C.

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[Letterhead]

American Missionary Association,
No. 61 John Street,
New York
Rev. Geo. Whipple, Sec.
Rev. M.E. Strikey, Sec.
W.E. Whiting, Asst. Treas.
Mch 21, 1866

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard
Com. B.R.F. & A.L.
Washington D.C.
Dear General,

I learn that Capt. Townsend, now at Campbell Hospital, D.C. is about to be mustered out of service.

Unsolicited by him, I wish to say a word in his behalf, and to express my conviction that if you have a place for a man in the Bureau, you will find in him an honest, faithful and christian servant of the good cause.

Your truly
G. Whipple

2457 3/21/1865 *From:* A.P. Mitchell

To: Major Genl O O Howard

OOH-3370

Wheeling W. Va.

Source: Bowdoin

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Wheeling March 21 1865

Major Genl O O Howard:
Respected Sir,

Excuse the liberty I take in addressing you again. But though I have given up my appointment I thought I would like to know for sure. And if it is not asking too much would you please drop me a line informing me whether the appointments have been made.

I remain your humble servant &c.
A.P. Mitchell
Wheeling W.Va

3425 3/21/1866

From: O. Brown

To: Maj Gen OO Howard

OOH-3371

Source: Bowdoin

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

Commissioner &c

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[Letterhead]

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, &c.,
Head Quarters Assistant Commissioner State of Virginia,
Richmond, Va.,
March 21 1866

To Maj Gen OO Howard
Commissioner &c
General

We have the honor of again calling your attention to the fact that the indignation of the entire press of the State will be around against the Bureau if the evidence of the Asst Commissioner before the Reconstruction Com of Congress is published.

And might at this time add to our embarrassments.

I am General Ver Resp
Your Obt Servt
O. Brown
<[Last line cut off]>

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

Richmond Mar. 21st/66.

Brown, O

Col & Asst. Comr.

Thinks it better that the testimony of the Assistant Comr of Va. before the Reconstruction Committee had better not be published.

Recd. Mar. 22nd 1866

3426 3/21/1866 *From:* H. L. Shields

To: Maj. Genl. [OO] Howard

OOH-3372

Troy, N.Y.

Source: Bowdoin

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Troy, N.Y.
March 21, 1866

Maj. Genl. Howard
General

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a communication from your Secretary expressing your desire to peruse the report on S. Carolina recently made by me to the govt.

It is in the hands of the "Com'r of Agriculture" and I have written to him requesting that he will transmit it to you for examination. It is too long on other points to expect one so busy as you must bet to read it thro' – but the article on Freedmen & labor near the close of the 3d and final report, may interest you.

I shall feel gratified to hear how it corresponds with your own views and with other information you have obtained from various sources.

I am General
With much respect
Yr. hu. Ob. St.
H. L. Shields

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

Troy N.Y. Mar 21, 1866

Shields, H.L.

Concerning his report on condition of affairs in S.C.

Lt. Sladen

[STAMP] BUREAU RF&AL WASHINGTON REC'D MAR 23 1866

3427 3/21/1866 *From:* M. Roberts

To: Maj. Gen. [OO] Howard

OOH-3373

Madison O.

Source: Bowdoin

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Maj. Gen. Howard
Dear Sir

It has occurred to me that a good thing might be accomplished for the freedmen, the south, and the country, by the formation of stock companies for purchasing large tracts of land, furnishing the facilities of cultivation, and then letting out through our agent to freedmen and others the land in small parcels to be worked on shares or otherwise. This would afford conveniences for mutual thrift, education and protection. Will you please inform me of your opinion of the feasibility of the project, the safety, protection, and encouragement that such an enterprize might hope to receive at the hands of the bureau, and also of the general or state governments, what the most favorable locations to commence such an experiment.

Will you have the kindness to write and give me any information that may be of value in the matter and oblige

Most Respectfully Yours &c
M. Roberts
Madison O. March 21/66

P.S. Any reports or other items of information will be thankfully received. M.R.

3428 3/21/1866 *From:* D.C. Linscott

To: Maj. Gen O.O. Howard

OOH-3374

10 Court Street
Boston

Source: Bowdoin

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10 Court Street
Boston March 21 / 66

My dear General,

I have the honor to tender you an invitation to deliver the oration before the Literary Societies of Bowdoin College at the next Commencement. Allow me to add also that your acceptance of the same would be highly gratifying to the numerous friends of our "Alma Mater."

Fraternally yours,

D.C. Linscott [Daniel Clark Linscott, Bowdoin College Class of 1854.]
Chairman of Com of Ath. Soc.

To Maj. Gen O.O. Howard

3429 3/21/1866 *From:* [Jean] Goncet

To: Monsieur le Major-
General [OO Howard]

OOH-3375

Source: Bowdoin

L'HISTOIRE
GÉNÉRALE DES
MAISONS
SOURVERAINES,
DES MAISONS
PRINCIÈRES, ET DES
PRINCIPALES
FAMILLES DE
CHAQUE PAYS,
Genève (27, a. 181,
Terrassière)

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[Letterhead]

L'HISTOIRE GÉNÉRALE DES MAISONS SOURVERAINES, DES MAISONS
PRINCIÈRES, ET DES PRINCIPALES FAMILLES DE CHAQUE PAYS,
L'Adresse est à M. Goncet, à la Direction de l'Histoire générale, à Genève
Genève (27, a. 181, Terrassière),
21 mars 1866

Monsieur le Major-General

J'ai en l'honneur de recevoir la communication que vous avez bien voulu m'adresser. L'ayant examinée, j'éprouve un véritable plaisir à pouvoir faire établir avec cette communication un article assez complet qui sera plus satisfaisant qu'une simple mention.

Je crois qu'ayant bien voulu m'adresser ces renseignements en considérant l'utilité de l'oeuvre, vous voudrez, dans cette même considération, avoir la bonté de vous prononcer sur la souscription.

L'Histoire Générale s'établissant comme les grandes oeuvres historiques des siècles précédents, et chaque article s'imprimant en article séparé, de manière qu'il puisse se compléter chaque fois que cela est nécessaire, il a été expliqué en tête de ma première lettre, que ces travaux occasionnent des dépenses que chaque personne veut bien couvrir.

Je crois, Monsieur, que vous ne trouverez pas trop <élece [CHECK ORIGINAL tape on right edge of page 2> le prix de la 3e classe de souscription indiqué au paragraphe du programme; ce que vous aurez à recevoir est expliqué au paragraphe 5.

Si vous desirez que j'aie l'honneur de vous soumettre l'article avant d'en faire le classement dans l'ouvrage, vous n'aurez qu'à me le faire savoir, en m'adressant le montant de la souscription indiquée à Fr. 200.

En attendant l'honneur de votre envoi, je vous prie,
Monsieur le Major-general,
d'agréer de nouvelles expressions de mes
sentiments de respect

P'r la Direction,
Goncet

[Printed material that was included in the hand-written letter.]

5. Chaque Souscripteur, pour le prix d'une de ces Classes de Souscription, reçoit le Tome, grand in-folio, dans lequel le Précis ou le Mémoire qui le concerne est inséré, et il reçoit aussi de ce Précis ou de ce Mémoire 20 Exemplaires séparés, sous couvertures indiquant que ce sont de Extraits de l'HISTOIRE GÉNÉRALE; ils sont

imprimés sur le format des anciens et des grands Mémoires historiques.

6. Les trois Classes de Souscription sont de 200, de 500, et de 1,000 francs. Le prix de chaque Classe comprend non seulement les Exemplaires que l'on reçoit suivant l'indication donnée cidessus, mais il comprend aussi les dépenses de Articles, les quelles se couvrent ainsi qu'il suit:

LA 1re CLASSE, de 1,000 fr., couvre les dépenses d'un Mémoire historique et généalogique de six a dix grandes pages in-folio.

LA 2e CLASSE, de 500 fr., couvre les dépenses d'un Précis ou d'un Mémoire de trois a cinq grandes pages.

LA 3e CLASSE, de 200 fr., couvre les dépenses d'un Précis d'une a deux grandes pages.

Lorsqu'un Article doit contenir plus de dix grandes pages in-folio, les dépenses de chaque grande page en plus sont de 50 francs. On compte comme page entière toute page commencée.

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

Geneva Switzerland

March 21st 1866

<M> Jean Goncet

Redacteur de L Histoire Generale &c

Asked for biographical facts upon which to have an article (in his work) on Gen. Howard, and having received them makes his acknowledgements and solicits the General's subscription to his work.

Recd BRF & AL <[date unreadable]>

[Translation]

I have the honor of receiving the communication that you kindly sent me. Having examined, I feel a real pleasure to be able to establish with this communication a complete article which will be more satisfying than a mere mention .

I believe that having addressed to me this information considering the usefulness of the work, you will, in this same consideration, have the goodness to vote on subscription.

The General Historie is establishing itself as the great historical works of previous centuries , and every article is being printed as a separate article, so that it can complete whenever necessary. It has been explained in my first letter head, that these works involve expenditures that everyone wants to cover well.

I believe, sir, that you will not find too <élece [CHECK ORIGINAL]> the price of third class subscription indicated in paragr. 6 of the program; what you will receive is explained in paragr. 5.

If you would like I have the honor to submit the article before making the rankings in the book, you will only have to let me know by sending me the amount of the specified subscription, 200 Fr.

Awaiting the honor of your shipment, please,

Mr. Major-General,

Accept the new expressions of my feelings of respect

By the direction,

Goncet

5. Each Subscriber, for the price of one of these subscription classes, receives the large folio Tome, in which the specific Article or Memoir is inserted, and it also receives in addition to this particular Article or Memoir, 20 separate examples under covers indicating that these are the GENERAL HISTORY extracts; they are printed on the format of the old and great historical memoirs.

6. The three Classes of subscription are 200 , 500 and 1,000 francs. The price of each Class includes not only copies that one receives following the indication given above, but it also includes the cost of items, described in the following:

The 1st class, 1,000 fr., covers expenses of historical and genealogical memoirs of six to ten large folio pages.

The 2nd CLASS, 500 fr., covers expenses of an Article or Memoir, of three to five large pages.

The 3rd Class, 200 fr., covers the costs of an Article of two large pages.

When an Article shall contain more than ten large folio pages, the cost of each large page are more than 50 francs. One counts as an entire page, when a page is started.

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From: John Parkman

To: Maj. Gen. [OO] Howard

OOH-3376

Source: Bowdoin

Executive Committee of
the New England
Branch of the
Freedmen's & Union
Commission.
Boston, Mass.

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Extract from a letter from

Miss Lucy Chase, a lady of mature age, nice culture & most respectable family in Worcester, Mass, who, with her sister, left their refined home, 3 years ago, to toil in the service of the Freed People, under the N.E. Freedmen's Aid Soc.

"... tell me whether Govt, Societies, or those who are always with them should help the starving many on Columbus? The number of the aged, childless, friendless colored people here is Legion. Turned loose by their former owners in this City, or brought in from the country & left in the streets, they are wholly dependent on chance charity, & they go hungry many a day. Hardly a day passes that <S.> & myself do not fill meal-bags for many of them. We assure ourselves by visiting, or very careful inquiry of persons we know, that they are in immediate need before we comfort them. At Savannah & Augusta the poor draw rations, but we can get nothing for them here. I have taken in many for a night, who had nowhere to lay their heads, hiring lodging for them in a cellar beneath us, laying planks & spreading beds for them.

I sometimes pay car-fare for one who has friends near.

Th Head of the Bureau says he is not allowed to make any use of the funds that come into his hand, but is forced to send them at once to Genl Tillson. I should write to the Genl to beg at least a roof for the homeless but I know that my letter would come back here again, & I am sure it would avail nothing.

Will you help us through Genl Howard, & will you urge Genl Howard ot put a feeling man at the head of the Bureau in Ala? Every day we meet the victims of the terrible injustice in that State."

Columbus Ga.
March 22, '66

Respectfully referred to the consideration of Maj. Gen. Howard
by the Executive Committee of
the New England Branch
of the Freedmen's & Union Commission.
John Parkman
Francis J. Child

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

Boston, Mass.

Parkman, John

Child, Frances J.

In behalf of the Ex. Com. of the N.E. Branch of the Fr. & Union Com. forward an extract of letter from Miss Lucy Chase, a teacher at Columbus, Ga. concerning the condition of the freed people.

3432 3/22/1866 *From:* Anthony Smalley

To: Major General O.O.
Howard

OOH-3377

South Harwich Mass.

Source: Bowdoin

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South Harwich Mass.
Thursday Mar. 22d 1866.

Gen. Howard
Dear Sir,

I feel that you will pardon the liberty I take in placing this before you, but I will try and be brief as possible. Mr. Jones, Pastor of the mariners church, Staten Island, has so often spoken of you, to me, and I happened to be on the steamer from New York to Fall River at the time you was going home, with the loss of your arm, together with your brother, wounded, and I have watched your course all through the ward, that perhaps I feel more free in stating to you my difficulties. My parents are poor, with a large family of children, my father being quite feeble. I have had to work very hard for their support. At the commencement of the war, I enlisted in the Navy, serving my country faithfully until the end. I reached the position of an acting master, and with that increased pay, for the first time during my life, I managed to get a little ahead with my earnings, so that I have now laid up about \$2500. I have received my "honorable discharge" from the service, and am very anxious to invest my savings in something that will bring me some returns. But I am a little timid, fearing I might lose it, and then my family might suffer. The thought occurred to my mind that I would ask you advice, respecting purchasing, and cultivating some land at the South, for with your extensive knowledge of the South, and its future. What you would say, I could rely on, and know it would be strictly correct. Perhaps you would know of some good locality, and would point out to me. I would not trespass upon your time, but if you only knew how I am situated, and I know your noble christian character. If you can assist me or otherwise –either way, I shall always pray that you may go on, being governed by the great principle of truth and righteousness. I should be pleased to forward letters of recommendation from any of the prominent men of this place.

I am very respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant,
Anthony Smalley

Major General O.O. Howard

3433 3/22/1866 *From:* W. C. Whittemore *To:* Maj Gen O.O. Howard

OOH-3378

Box 396
N. Haven, Ct.

Source: Bowdoin

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New Haven, Ct. March 22d, 1866

Maj Gen O.O. Howard &c
Dear Sir:

Enclosed I place a letter of introduction which my old friend Chauncey Depew [See Note] was kind enough to give me months ago, at a time when I expected to present it in person at Washington. You will see it has grown quite grey in my hands, but not too much so I hope to serve as a passport for what I wish to say now.

Last year (as you will see from the enclosed circular) I had something to do in raising supplies for the Freedmen.

The "National Freedmens Relief Ass." (of New York) are not at present doing anything much in the way of furnishing material supplies as last year. But having heard through various channels, that there is at present great need of Seeds in the southern country, (I mean those seeds required in raising vegetables &c) I write to ask if in your opinion a large quantity of seeds suited to southern soil and climate would be of any service in assisting the Freedmen or others to provide food for the next winter, and whether if I should obtain 3,000 in assorted seeds (cabbage, onion &c &c), they could be placed in any of proper distribution through the agents of your bureau.

Gen Swayne is an old classmate and friend and I had thought of writing him in the matter but concluded to ask at headquarters. An early reply will gratify <and> oblige

Yours most Respectfully

W. C. Whittemore [Williams Clark Whittemore, Yale University Class of 1855]
Box 396
N. Haven, Ct.

[Note. A letter of introduction from Chauncey Depew, OOH-3379, was dated 12 Sep 1865 and will be found with that date.]

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From: Chauncey M.

To: Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard

Depew

OOH-3379

Office of the Secretary
of State

Source: Bowdoin

Of The
State of New York,
Albany

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[Letterhead]

Office of the Secretary of State
Of The
State of New York,
Albany
Sept 12 1865

Dear Sir,

May I take the liberty of introducing to you Wm C Whittemore Esq of New Haven. I was in College with Mr. Whittemore and commend him to you as a gentleman every way worthy of confidence and consideration.

Yours v Respy
Chauncey M. Depew [Yale University, Class of 1856]

Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard

[Note: This letter was enclosed in the letter from Whittemore, OOH-3378, dated 22 Mar 1866.]

3434 3/22/1866 *From:* Wm. N. Tyler

To: Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard

OOH-3380

Melrose Mass.

Source: Bowdoin

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Melrose March 22nd 1866

Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard

Dear Sir,

God bless you for your christian endeavours to place the freedmen where they by right belong. Man is man whatever the color be. I have long hoped for equality, and pray God continually that right and justice may rule in the councils of the nation. You have been successful in your duties, and you know why. It is because you have trusted in God. I hope you may ever be successful not only in your own labors, but in obtaining laborers who shall be earnest in the work, and efficient in their duties to those under their charge. I would be glad to do something myself, but am a poor man, but if I was able, would willingly assist in maintaining their right, and teaching them the way.

With sincere regards I am &c

Wm. N. Tyler

Melrose Mass.

3435 3/22/1866 *From:* D.H. Ingraham

To: General [OO Howard]

OOH-3381

Portland, Me.

Source: Bowdoin

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Portland, Me.
March 22 1866

General,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipts of your kind favor of 20th inst in furtherance of our Fair in aid of widows & orphans of deceased soldiers.

We would express our thanks to you, General, if we did not know that the satisfaction would be greater on your part in view of the good effect your letter will have to aid our cause.

Believe me to remain, General,
Very respectfully yours
D.H. Ingraham
Chairman Ex Com.

Gen. Chamberlain will give the opening address.

3436 3/22/1866 *From:* C.C. Andrews

To: Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard

OOH-3382

Washington D.C.

Comr. Freedmen's Bureau

Source: Bowdoin

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Washington D.C.
March 22 1866

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard
Comr. Freedmen's Bureau
General:

I have the honor to state that the Medical College building in Mobile was assigned by my order for the use of schools for children of freemen, on or about the 8th of June last, and that the order was recorded in the records of the District Commander of Mobile. That previous to making that order I had the approval and consent of Dr. Nott one of the trustees of the College, who had, as he informed me, consulted the other trustees, or some of them. That previous to making the order I visited the building with Dr Nott; and that proper precautions were taken to secure the apparatus and museum of preparations, specimens &c from interference or damage. I would also state that the building was considerably out of repair especially on the roof and that the quartermasters department was instructed to make some repairs to prevent damage to the building and museum.

Very respectfully
Your obt servt
C.C. Andrews [Christopher Columbus Andrews]
Late Major General of Vols (by brevet)

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

Washington Mar 22nd, 1866.

C.C. Andrews

late Brvt. Maj. Gen. of Vols.

States that he issued the order for the use of the College building at Mobile, as a freedmens school, that he previously consulted Dr. Nott who gave his consent. That the Quartermaster's dept. was instructed to make some repairs which were needed on the building.

[STAMP] BUREAU R.F.&A.L. WASHINGTON REC'D MAR 23 1866

3437 3/22/1866

From: WHM [William H
Merrick]

To: My dear Otis [OO
Howard]

OOH-3383

Southwark Foundry
Merrick & Sons,
Philad'a

Source: Bowdoin

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[Letterhead]

Southwark Foundry
Merrick & Sons,
Philad'a
J. Vaughan Merrick
W.H. Merrick
John E. Cope
Mar 22 1866

My dear Otis

Your note is just at hand as I was on the eve of writing again. I gather that C will be able to be with us on the 26th on his way home –at any rate I have written to him on the subject –and sincerely hope he will accept.

Will the enclosed document answer your purpose.

Very affectionately,
WHM [William H Merrick]

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

Phila. Mar 23, 1866
Merrick W.H.
Friendly letter
Mar. 23rd 1866