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From: Geo H Gordon
Late Bvt Major Genl
USV

To: Major Genl [OO] Howard

OOH-3404

Source: Bowdoin

Office of
Geo. H. Gordon,
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Washington DC

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Personal

[Letterhead]

Office of
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March 29 1866

General

I am counsel for one, Cutting (James Ambrose Cutting) the inventor of a process in Photography by which all the military maps used in the late rebellion were multiplied with such rapidity and accuracy. Military sites, fortifications and material were also taken for use a presentations. This process was patented –the Govt in using this art infringed the patent it had granted to Cutting. It is proposed to seek remuneration from Congress, and to that effect a bill is being prepared.

You would confer upon me a great favor if you would send me a word of your opinion of the value to Gvt of this process in its operations over Military theaters of action, as well as in any other manner in which its beneficial use may have been brought to your notice.

Of what value this art was to Govt is what I would ask you to speak.

The invention is one of great merit and is in constant use by every photographer in the land.

I am very <> yours
Geo H Gordon
Late Bvt Major Genl USV

Major Genl Howard
Washington DC

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

Boston Mar 29 / 66

Gordon, Geo. H.

Asks the value of photography as applied to engineering.

War Dept

Washington

April 2, 1866

Respy referred to L. Dean, Esp. Patent Office fpr his opinion in the matter. By order Maj. Gen. Howard2003J.A. Sladen.

Priv. Secy.

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From: Robt J. Parvin

To: Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard

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National Committee of
Ladies Christian
Commissions
Chelton Hills, Pa.

Washington, D.C.

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[Letterhead]

U.S. Christian Commission,
Central Office, 11 Bank Street
Philadelphia
Geo H. Stuart, Chairman.
Jos. Patterson, Treasurer.
National Committee of Ladies Christian Commissions.
Rev. Robt. J. Parvin, Chairman, No. 11 Bank Street
Mrs. A.R. Crowell, Secretary, No. 510 Walnut Street.
Chelton Hills, Pa.
March 29th 1866

My Dear Sir,

I have accepted an appointment from the American Freedmen's Commission to represent, in their behalf, the interests of the Freedmen, before the British National Committee, & Local Organizations in England &c having these interests in view. The high position you occupy as related to the welfare of our Freed people, & the worthy course you have taken in their behalf, & the welfare of our whole country, will give much power for good to a letter from you on the needs of the Freedmen, & the work of the F's Commission.

Will you not take time enough to furnish me with such a letter as might, if occasions call for it, be read to the Nat'l Committee at their annual meeting in London in May next? A very few lines from you on the points indicated would be acceptable. And whatever in the way of Reports or Information you may be pleased to send, will be thankfully rec'd - & used in the good cause.

Mr. Stuart goes to Europe, for a general visit, in Steamer of April 4th. My passage seured for the 18th April.

A response at y'r early convenience, is respectfully solicited by

Truly, Yr Friend &c.
Robt J. Parvin
care of Jay Cooke & Co.
Philada, Pa.

To/
Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard,
Washington, D.C.

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

Chelton Hills, Pa
Mar. 29th 1866
Parvin, Robt. J.

Is going to Europe to represent the interests of the Am. F. Com. Asks for a letter of endorsement.
Recd. Mar 31st 1866

3461 3/29/1866 *From:* Mrs. Eliza P.O.
 Jones

To: Major General O.O.
 Howard

OOH-3406

Phila.

Source: Bowdoin

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Thursday

[March 29, 1866] [Date written in pencil. This date falls on a Thursday.]

Major General O.O. Howard

Dear Sir,

Though personally unknown to you, you will recognize me as the associate of Mrs. Harris in her work of mercy during the war. I have called with my niece Mr. Eugenia Ross of Mississippi whom I can with the most entire confidence endorse as a loyal woman, to secure your aid in obtaining labourers for her plantation.

I shall esteem any thing you can do for her as a personal favour.

With great respect

Mrs. Eliza P.O. Jones

of Phila.

[Summary written on the back of the 1st page, in a different hand.]

Washington

Thursday

Jones, Mrs. Eliza P.S.

Desires to introduce her sister in law from Mississippi

Recd. Mar. 30th 1866

3462 3/30/1866 *From:* F.D. Sewall

To: Major General O.O.
Howard

OOH-3407

Vicksburg, Miss

Commissioner Bureau
Refugees, Freedmen and
A.L.

Source: Bowdoin

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Vicksburg, Miss March 30th 1866

Major General O.O. Howard
Commissioner Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and A.L.
General,

I have the honor to report to you that I returned from Natchez yesterday.

I found the office there well conducted, the officers properly instructed and attentive to their duties.

I had an interview with the Mayor and two of the prominent citizens. While in common with the general sentiment prevailing here they expressed a decided objection to the Bureau, but failed in any specific well grounded allegation against it. I am, from my observations so far in this State more strongly convinced of the necessity of protection to the freed people, by a continuance of the Bureau in some form.

I hear of outrages against the colored people said to have been perpetrated in the interior, but they are general.

Major Genl. Wood promptly causes an investigation of all such reports: both he and Col Thomas are striving to correct abuses which may exist.

I shall go to Jackson tomorrow, thence to Lauderdale, Meridian, Columbus and Grenada, returning here as soon as practicable.

I am, General,
Very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
F.D. Sewall [Signature in a different hand than the rest of the letter.]
Col. 3rd Regt. V.R.C. and
Brev't Brig Genl Vols.

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

Vicksburg Miss

March 30 / 1866

Sewall, F.D.

Brevt. Brig. Genl. N.J. Vols.

Forwards report of his inspection in Natchez and other points in Mississippi.

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O.O.H. [Initials in OO Howard's hand.]

S 177 Vol. R.F.A.L. 1866 [Written in red ink at the top of this last page, overwriting the date.]

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From: E.A. Kozlay
Col. 54th Regt.
N.Y.V.I.
Mount Pleasant C.
Harbor

To: My dear General [OO
Howard]

OOH-3408

Source: Bowdoin

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Private

Mount Pleasant C. Harbor
March 30th 1866

My dear General,

The 54th arrived from Orangeburg to this place to be mustered out. I think about the 20th of next month we will depart for New York. From Maj. Smith Asst. Adjt. General I understood, that you were kind to have me retained, and that you succeeded first, but afterward, it was revoked. I am very much obliged for your kindness. I knew, that I have enemies in the War Department. But I beg to assure you, that I am not guilty of any act, for which (it seems) I ought to be persecuted. I am glad, that Colonel Totten Inspector General of the War Dept. came here, to investigate some charges brought against me. it may be, that these charges prompted somebody to work against my promotion.

I beg you, just to ask the Department for the report of Colonel Totten, and you will find out how unjustly I was always persecuted, and the promotion denied to me.

I know, that Mr. Stanton has always stood by me; because he know me from the past, as incapable to do any wrong act intentionally.

As of course, I desired to be retained to gratify others. But if it can not be granted, well I cant help it. However I am sure, that as soon as the Dept has perused Col. Tottens report, they wil think otherwise –and do otherwise.

I beg you to accept my Sincere thanks for your kindness, and believe me
to be respectfully
Your obt. Servt
E.A. Kozlay
Col. 54th Regt. N.Y.V.I.
Comdg.

3464 3/30/1866 *From:* Jno. T. Croxton

To: Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard

OOH-3409

Macon Ga.

Com'r. Bureau F.R. & A.L.
Washington, D.C.

Source: Bowdoin

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Macon Ga. March 30th, 1866

Genl:

This will introduce to you Judge Cole of the Superior Court of Georgia who visits Washington to confer with the President & yourself on the limits of the Jurisdiction of the Court now which he presides & that of the Bureau & to reach some definite understanding relative thereto, that will insure against conflicts at any contingency.

Judge C. is a gentleman of the highest character private & professional, and, I know he is exceedingly anxious to do what a just & loyal Judge should. He was appointed by the Provisional Governor in August last & at the first Court he held, directed the Juries to receive the testimony of Freedmen, & ever since that time, remains instrumental in pursuing the passage of the statute to that affect.

I commend him to you as a citizen thoroughly anxious to do the right as he sees it and bespeak for him your kind attention.

I have the honor General to be,
with great respect,
Your obt. svt.
Jno. T. Croxton

Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard
Com'r. Bureau F.R. & A.L.
Washington, D.C.

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

Macon, Ga. Mar 30, 1866
Croxton, John T.
Introduces Judge Cole, Ga.

3465 3/30/1866 *From:* J.N. Coombs

To: Maj Gen [OO] Howard

OOH-3410

Washington City, D.C.

Source: Bowdoin

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Washington City, D.C.
March 30th 1866

To
Maj Gen Howard -
Dear Sir -

It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you, the Rev S.J. Lamar of East Tennessee. He is a minister in good and regular standing in the Presbyterian Church. He is thoroughly loyal, and has been so from the very beginning of our national troubles.

He wishes to see, and consult with you in reference to an institution of learning in his part of the State, which if again placed upon its feet cannot fail to exert great good in that portion of our country.

Yours very respectfully
J.N. Coombs
Pastor of Western Pres. Church

3466 3/30/1866 *From:* Alfred H Love

To: O.O. Howard

OOH-3411

Philad'a

Freedmens Bureau
Washington D.C.

Source: Bowdoin

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Philad'a March 30, 1866

O.O. Howard
of Freedmens Bureau
Washington D.C.
Esteemed friend,

On the 14th April the Old "Penna Society for promoting the abolition of Slavery aiding free negroes unlawfully held in bondage & elevating the African race" will celebrate their 91st Anniversary. It will be the anniversary of Fort Sumpter & the assassination of our revered President.

We want thee to speak at that meeting. We have taken the largest hall here we could obtain & expect it will be a grand occasion for our cause.

Do try to come – all want to see & hear thee & this is a favorable time. We need light on the matter at issue.

We will see that proper remuneration is made & feel thee will not regret coming.

Please advise me soon & my house will be open to thee.

Thy friend
Cordially
Alfred H Love
212 Chestnut St
House 620 N. 6th St

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

Philad. Mar. 30th 1866

Love, Alfred H

States that the old Penna. Society for the Abolition of Slavery is to have an anniversary celebration on the 14 of April. Invite Gen. Howard to be present.

Recd. Mar. 31st 1866

3467 3/30/1866 *From:* Sidney Perham

To: Maj. Genl. [OO] Howard

OOH-3412

House of Reps.

Source: Bowdoin

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House of Reps.
March 30/66.

Maj. Genl. Howard
My Dear Sir,

I send you herewith a letter and circular in regard to the support of the Loyal Georgian.

I know Capt C.H. Prince who writes the letter and who is the Financial Agent of the paper. He is a man of great worth and entitled to <ontin> confidence. I have written the letter he asks, and hope you will be able to aid them by your letter.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
Sidney Perham [U.S. Representative from Maine, 1863-1868)

[Summary written sideways on the back page, in a different hand.]
Washington
March 30, /66
Perham, Sydney, M.C.
Encloses letters concerning the loyal Georgian.

[Note. Two letters were attached to this one. The first is OOH-3413, written from C.H. Prince to Rep. Sydney Perham on March 23, 1866. The second is OOH-3414, written from G.L. Eberhart to Mr. Prince on March 21, 1866.]

3443 3/23/1866

From: C. H. Prince

To: Hon S. Perham

OOH-3413

Loyal Georgian Office
Augusta Ga.

Source: Bowdoin

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Augusta Ga. March 23, 1866

Hon S. Perham
My Dear Sir,

You will see by this letter that I am in Augusta Ga. Through your kind assistance, with other friends, I succeeded in obtaining the Cashiership of the Freedmans Savings Bank located in this City. I feel very grateful to you for the interest which you took in my behalf. I was in Washington the 3rd of this month and desired to see you but had not time to look you up. I went into the gallery of the House of Rep. But you was not in. You are well aware that the friends here are trying to sustain a paper for the Colored people of Ga. On my arrival here - the friends both white and colored - desired me to take the business management of their paper for a short time. I have consented to do so. I find the paper very poor and the business part of it in a very loose manner. I have succeeded in straightening out the books, turning of necessary help &c &c. I have come to the conclusion that the paper can't live unless it gets help from Northern friends. We have had a circular drawn up - a copy of which I enclose to you. This Circular is now in a cheap form and what we desire is to get letters from a few leading men North that we can publish in connection with this circular and have it got up in good style for circulation. The Freedmen are at work and are doing well and I think it is not in the direction of money or clothing which they need help but it is in the way of paper, schools &c. Papers printed North and distributed among them do not meet their wants. They must have a paper of their own, with little items in it in regard to themselves. They like to see their own names in print, reports of their meetings, what their ministers are doing &c. Now I believe that the people of the North can't give their money in any way to assist the Freedmen of Ga. More than to support his paper. Another thing which tends to rouse the Colored people is, to see that they have a paper that dares to clash with nasty Southern Sheets and defend their rights. I send attached to this circular a letter from the State Supt. of Freedmens Schools. I should have sent a letter from Gen. Tilson but he is in another part of the State. Now after reading this Circular and letter attached, I would like to have you give us a letter which we can publish urging the good people to support our Cause. I will send you copies of the "Transcript" so you can see what we have got to contend with. If you think favorable of our cause, I would like to have you see Gen. Howard, Senator Sumner, and any others who you would think best, and State the case to them and get them to give us a letter to publish favoring our cause. Mr. Eccles of Boston is our Editor and should you like to know any thing about his character I would respectfully refer you to Mr. Foster, Pres. Of the U.S. Senate, who is one of his personal and intimate friends. I have written to Mr. Fessenden for a letter and should you have an opportunity you might think it best to mention the matter to him. I am very desirous of getting a letter from Gen. Howard and Mr. Sumner. You are aware that it is utterly useless for us to make an appeal North, unless we are encouraged by leading names. Men want to know where their money is going, and unless I can work effectually, I don't propose to work at all. The people here are very disloyal and should the Bureau & Military be withdrawn, every northern man would have to leave immediately. I trust Congress will stand firm against the policy of Pres. Johnson and traitors both North and South who unite with him. I trust that the true men who have stood through the thickest of the fight will be kept in Congress until the South is fit to be reconstructed. Let Northern people who think the South is loyal come among them and they will find that the loyalty which they saw when they were North has vanished away. Pardon me for being so lengthy.

Hoping to hear from you
I remain Very Resp. Yours
C. H. Prince
Loyal Georgian Office
Augusta Ga.

P.S.

We are in great need of funds and we trust you can assist us by your immediate influence.
C.H.P.

[Note. This letter was attached to OOH-3412, from Congressman Perham to O.O. Howard dated March 30,

1866. Also attached to this letter is the letter, OOH-3414, from G.L. Eberhart, the State Superintendent of Freedmen's Schools to Mr Prince.]

3430 3/21/1866 *From:* G.L. Eberhart

To: Mr. [C.H.] Perham

OOH-3414

Augusta Ga.

Source: Bowdoin

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Augusta Ga. Mar 21, 1866.

Mr. [C.H.] Perham:

To one who so fully realizes the influence and importance of a public journal as you do in carrying forward any great reform - in begetting a healthy public sentiment - it would be presumption to say more than to add that the claims of the "appeal" hereto attached, upon your generosity is well worthy your most favorable consideration.

To allow the Loyal Georgian to fail now would be a triumph for the foes of equal rights here which we can contemplate only with feelings of most painful character.

Anything you can do to sustain this enterprize will be given only in behalf of the freedmen and will do much to sustain the broad principles of human freedom for which we are all now battling.

Hoping most earnestly that you can find it in your power to lend immediately to the cause.

I am very truly yours

G.L. Eberhart

State Supt. Of Freedmen's Schools

[Note. This letter was attached to OOH-3412, from Congressman Perham to O.O. Howard dated March 30, 1866.]

3468 3/31/1866 *From:* D.L. Huntington

To: Maj. Genl O.O. Howard
U.S.A.

OOH-3415

Post Hospital Christian
St. Philadelphia Penna

Source: Bowdoin

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Philadelphia Penna
March 31st 1866

Maj. Genl O.O. Howard U.S.A.
Sir,

In order to set forth my claims for Brevet appointment before the board now in session for deciding such cases, I would respectfully ask if you are willing to give me a brief endorsement of efficient service as Asst. Med Dir, and Med Dir. of the Army of the Tenn, for the time during which it was under your command?

I am, very respectfully
Yr obt. servant
D.L. Huntington
Asst. Surg USA
Post Hospital Christian St. Phil. Pa.

[Summary written sideways on the back page, in a different hand.]
Phila. Penna. March 31 1866
Huntington, D.L.
Asks for recommendation for Brevet appointment
Recd. April 1st 1866

3469 3/31/1866

From: J Murray Hoag

To: Maj Gen'l [OO] Howard

OOH-3416

Fort Carroll B.C.
[Baltimore County,
Maryland]

Source: Bowdoin

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Fort Carroll B.C. [Baltimore County, Maryland]
March 31st 1866

Maj Gen'l Howard
Gen'l

The undersigned begs leave to present his compliments with a request that you accept the few odd gloves herewith inclosed they being of no service to him he like yuorslef having been so unfortunate as to loose an arm while in the discharge of duty.

I am Gen'l
Very Respy Your Obt. Servt.
J Murray Hoag
Capt. 4th U.S. Colored Inf'y

3470 3/31/1866 *From:* Geo. H Stuart

To: Maj. Gen. [OO] Howard

OOH-3417

Philad.

Washington D.C.

Source: Bowdoin

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Philad. March 31. 1866

Maj. Gen. Howard
Washington D.C.
My dear General -

Your kind note of yesterday is at hand with the valued enclosure for which I thank you most heartily, as also for your very thoughtful kindness in making the "substitution" referred to.

If I can be of any use to your while abroad I trust that you will command me. My address while abroad will be in care of my own house - Messr Davis Stuart & Co., Liverpool, England - through whom I shall feel honored to receive any commission from you.

Yrs Very Truly
Geo. H Stuart