
3481 4/7/1866

From: Lyman Abbott

To: Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard

OOH-3428

Source: Bowdoin

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

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[Letterhead]

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No. 76 John Street.

New York

President –Bishop Matthew Simpson

Treasurer –George C. Ward, 76 John Street.

Gen. Sec. - Lyman Abbott

Cor. Sec. - J. Miller McKim.

Washington Sec. - J.R. Shipherd.

Western Sec. - J.M. Walden, Chicago.

April 7 1866

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard -

Dear Sir -

We are making arrangements to hold a public meeting on behalf of the Com'n during anniversary week in this city the second week in May. I write to ask you to deliver an address upon that occasion. I know that your engagements are pressing & numerous, but as this will be the first public meeting out of N.E. Since the union, & as we know that the union & the principles upon which it is founded, meets with your hearty approval, we should be very glad, - we are indeed very anxious –to secure your public endorsement & approval.

We have just commenced the publication of a Central organ a copy of which will be sent you next week I hope. It is under my editorial charge. I shall be glad to have you use its columns as a medium of communication between yourself & the public whenever so disposed. I conceive that there are times when you would be glad to avail yourself of such an organ for fuller communications than are afforded by your more official orders.

Very Truly Yours

Lyman Abbott

Gen. Sec.

P.S. Tuesday evening the 8th of May has been agreed upon.

3482 4/7/1866

From: T.O. Howe

To: Maj Genl O.O. Howard

OOH-3429

Washington

Source: Bowdoin

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Wash'n Apl. 7; 1866

Dear General

Major Robert Chandler now A.A.G. on the staff of Genl. Dent has learned that your Adjt Genl is about to resign & he w'd like to succeed him. It gives me pleasure to say that Maj. Chandler is a gentlemen of much intelligence of correct habits & I believe of strict integrity. He has been in the service since 1861, and I believe, if you have no other officer in view he w'd suit you.

I know the relations that sh'd exist between you & your Adjt Genl. & so do not venture to ask you for so great a favor as to accept an officer to accommodate my partialities. But if you have no individual in view I have great confidence in recommending my friend Major C.

Accept my thanks for a copy of the papers in the Florida case.

I arranged the business of Col. Freudenberg without calling upon the Secy of War.

Very truly Yours,
T.O. Howe

Maj Genl O.O. Howard

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

Washington April 7, 1866

Howe, T.O.

Recommends Maj. Chandler A.A.G. for that position on the Genls. Staff

Answer –another officer applied for

Recd April 9th 1866

3483 4/9/1866

From: J.W. Alvord

To: Brev. Brig. Gen. CH
Howard

OOH-3430

Jersey City

Source: Bowdoin

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Jersey City April 9, 1866

Brev. Brig. Gen. CH Howard,
Dear Sir,

Permit me to congratulate you all on the passage of the Civil Rights Bill. It is the breaking in of light and indicates that Congress and the people will take the right direction. I hope now some Bureau File can be passed.

I reached here in safety and have been at work with the trustees at the Bank; my health gradually improving.

The deposits from all the Branches look encouraging. Have you had any report yet from Col. Sewall as to matters at Vicksburg. We are anxious to know the facts of that case, and will you please inform us the moment of their arrival.

Mrs A. and my family are all pleased with the idea of our going to Washington and think they can make themselves comfortable in the Barracks. The idea of the Industrial School pleases Mrs Alvord. How does the fitting up of the buildings progress and where will the water be in and the rooms dry so that we can come?

Mr Whipple with their Association will become patron of the concern. He enters into our plans of making it a model thing. If a teacher should come with us, we should need four sleeping apartments. I should be sorry to crowd Capt. Vanderberg. Can you arrange things to his satisfaction.

I wish also to ask if, in one of the Barracks, there will be a room for Sabbath and other meetings.

My mind runs continually upon the plans which we may accomplish there.

In Baltimore I succeeded in forming another branch of our Bank and, on my return hope to do so in Philadelphia. This may necessitate my returning that way, instead of by steamer by Fortress Monroe, as the muster out of some regiments at Baltimore within a few days may also need my presence.

If any of my queries above can be answered may I have the pleasure of hearing from you by an early mail. My compliments to the General and kind regards to all the family. Mrs Alvord and the children send to you their respectful remembrance. Please give me all the news, especially how your "cleaning up" progresses.

Your &c very respectfully
J.W. Alvord

P.S. There is much religious interest in many of the churches of this city. Mr. Foote's death was the theme of the preachers yesterday. Please address me at 86 Cedar St. Care Savings & Trust Company.

3484 4/9/1866

From: Elijah W. Barstow

To: Major General O.O.
Howard

OOH-3431

Newport R.I.

Commissioner Bureau of
R.F. & A.L.

Source: Bowdoin

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Newport R.I.
April 9th / 66.

Major General O.O. Howard,
Commissioner Bureau of R.F. & A.L.
General,

I called to see you Thursday afternoon, but you being absent I was obliged to leave the city without having the pleasure of seeing you. I presume that you know by this time whether you can give me temporary employment or not. If you have nothing for me to do, would you feel willing to give me a letter of recommendation for a Lieutenancy in the Army. I am aware that you personally know but little about me, but I can show you my papers from officers of the Army, with whom I have association during the past two years or more. They are endorsed by Mr Eliot, Gen Banks and Mr Windom M.C. from Minnesota, and I can secure the influence of several others. Perhaps on the strength of these papers you might be willing to give me a letter, I should feel very grateful for such a favor. I think if I had temporary employment in Washington, I could do more towards getting the appointment than I can here. The "Army Bill" with its numerous amendments will I understand, be reported back from the Committee on the 12th of this month. I intend to forward my application as soon as I have read the "Bill". If you feel that you can conscientiously recommend me, I shall be truly grateful for such kindness, and shall endeavor to prove myself worthy of your confidence. Hoping that you will excuse the liberty I have taken in thus addressing you.

I remain General
Very Respectfully
Your obt. servt.
Elijah W. Barstow

Address:
75 State Street
Boston
Mass

3485 4/9/1866

From: B. Ellis Martin

To: Genl. O.O. Howard

OOH-3432

Source: Bowdoin

Office Of The
United States Service
Magazine,
540 Broadway, New
York.

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[Letterhead]

Office Of The
United States Service Magazine,
540 Broadway, New York.
Apl 9 1866

Genl. O.O. Howard
Dear Sir,

The Publisher has handed me your esteemed favor of the 29th ultimo, which I have read with care and interest, and shall make the subject of an explanatory note.

In the hasty perusal of the Slocum sketch, received just in time to go to press, it was not observed that a remark which we regarded as referring to your reputation early in 1864 was liable to be construed as implying your present inferiority (in that, or any other, respect) to General Hooker.

The article in question was written by a distinguished officer, for whose responsibility the Magazine vouches while disclaiming its own responsibility for his opinions or allegations, as well as for those of any contributor.

If an officer knows whereof he speaks, and be the proper man to say it, and the subject be of sufficient interest to any considerable class, we open our pages to his contributions.

How else can we do Justice?

With sincere regard, and apologizing for this intrusion,

Very respectfully yours,
B. Ellis Martin
Associate Ed

[Summary written on the last page, in a different hand.]
New York City April 9th /66
Martin, B. Ellis
Ass. Editor U.S. Service Mag.
Concerning the "locum Article"
Recd. April 10th 1866.

3486 4/9/1866

From: Wager Swayne

To: Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard

OOH-3433

Source: Bowdoin

Office Assistant
Commissioner, State of
Alabama,
Bureau of Refugees,
Freedmen and
Abandoned Lands
Montgomery, Ala.

Washington D.C.

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[Letterhead]

Office Assistant Commissioner, State of Alabama,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands
Montgomery, Ala.
9th April 1866

General,

Allow me to ask that in regard of the within application to ask that you will deviate from your accustomed rule and present it directly to the Secretary. It was one of those I had in mind when I spoke to the Secretary and obtained his leave to present such requests in person. I have this one very much at heart but could not find out certainly that it had not been made until too late to present it myself. It is eminently due for faithful services in and out of the Bureau and your attention to it will renew a sense of obligation which cannot well be increased.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Wager Swayne
Bv't. Maj. Genl.

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard
Washington D.C.

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

Montgomery, Apr 8, 1866

Swayne, Wager

Maj. Gen.

Desires promotion for his Med. Officer.

Recd April 17th, 1866

3487 4/10/1866

From: Rev. J.A.R. Rogers

To: Gen. O. Howard

OOH-3434

Literary Institution
Berea, Madison Co, Ky.

Washington D.C.

Source: Bowdoin

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Literary Institution
Rev. J.G. Fee, Pastor,
Rev. J.A.R. Rogers, Sup't
Rev. W.W. Wheeler, Principal.
Miss Eliza Snedaker, Assistant Teacher
Berea, Madison Co., Ky.
Ap. 10th 1866.

Gen. O. Howard, Washington D.C.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed you will find a brief plan of the Inst. here which by admitting persons to its privileges without distinction of race is aiming a blow at <Cost> the very virus of Slavery and which is now as Prof. Tayles Lewis has so clearly shown threatening our Christianity. If the ends of the Inst. meet your hearty approval we should be very happy to have you give a brief statement to that effect at your earliest convenience.

Yours in behalf of the Inst.
J.A.R. Rogers

3489 4/11/1866 *From:* Alfred Higer

To: Gen [OO] Howard

OOH-3435

Washington

Source: Bowdoin

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Washington April the 11 / 66

Gen Howard,

Sir the "Colored Citizens" of Washington intend celebrating the anniversary of the Emancipation of the District on the 16th of April, at Franklin Square. It was unanimously agreed that we should invite you Sir, with some others, to address us on that occasion. By complying with this Sir you will afford us great satisfaction and pleasure.

By Order of the Committee
Alfred Higer
Marshall of the day
No 556 H St

Gen. Howard

3490 4/12/1866 *From:* Peter Carter

To: Maj Gen O.O. Howard

OOH-3436

Source: Bowdoin

Robert Carter &
Brothers
Publishers &
Booksellers
530 Broadway
New York

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[Letterhead]

Robert Carter & Brothers
Publishers & Booksellers
530 Broadway New York
530 Broadway
New York April 12, 1866,

Maj Gen O.O. Howard
Dear Sir,

The National Temperance Society of Publication House holds its anniversary at the Cooper Institute on Wednesday Evening May 9th.

Rev Henry Ward Beecher will probably be one of the Speakers (he has promised to do so, if nothing unforeseen occurs) and we would like you be another. Can you favour us in this?

I had the pleasure of hearing you at the Cooper Institute on the "Freedman" not long since & was intensely delighted with the Lecture.

Our Society has only recently been organized but it is in energetic hands & we trust under Gods blessing it may be the means of accomplishing much for the good of our fellow men. Hon. Wm. E. Dodge is our president & he will be here we expect at the anniversary.

An early reply will greatly oblige,
Yours Very Respy

Peter Carter
Chr Committee on the anniversary

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

Carter, Peter
Chairman

Invites Gen. Howard to be present May 9th at Cooper Institute N.Y. At the meeting of the National Temperance Society.

Cant tell [written in a third hand.]

Recd April 14th 1866.

3491 4/14/1866 *From:* Thomas Russell

To: Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard

OOH-3438

Boston

Source: Bowdoin

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Boston, April 14, 1866

To Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard,
Dear General,

The New England Branch of The Freedmen's & Union Commission propose to have a public meeting at Music Hall in Boston on the last Thursday in May (Anniversary Week). Gen. Hawley has promised to speak, and we hope to secure the attendance of all the New England Governors.

It will aid us greatly in our demonstration, if you can be with us, and address the meeting. We think it very important to have a great time, and hope for a favorable answer from you.

For the Committee

Yours Very Truly
Thomas Russell

3492 4/14/1866 *From:* Lyman Abbot

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

OOH-3439

Source: Bowdoin

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April 14th 186[6]

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard:

My dear Sir:

We are pleased to learn –as we do by inference from your letter to Mr Abbott on the subject –that you will address a Freedmens meeting in this city on the 8th of May. In case you can do so in consistency with your prior engagement with the Bible Society.

Enclosed I send acknowledgement of receipt of circulars.

This circular as I understand it will put an end to the project of our very good but not very efficient friend –the Rev. Mr St John –to establish a self-sustaining depot here for the reception & distribution of Freedmen. His idea was that with our sanction as a quasi agent he could do this work, and, by charging employers \$5 as a procuring fee, live & be useful to the blacks. He fears disposed now to give up the project. He frets a little under the ascription to him of a “speculative” intention. We dont think that any imputation was meant by the use of that word & so tell him.

Yours truly

J.M. McKim

Cor. Sec.

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

New York, April 14th 1866

McKim, J.M.

Friendly letter concerning Gen'ls visit to New York next May

Recd April 16th 1866

3493 4/14/1866

From: Clinton B. Fisk

To: Maj Genl [OO] Howard

OOH-3440

Metropolitan Hotels
New York

Comr &c. Washington, D.C.

Source: Bowdoin

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Personal & Confidential

Metropolitan Hotels
New York April 14th 1866
Dear General

Col Woodhull has doubtless advised you of the business interests and prospects that called me to New York and of my wishes – as expressed to him – of an early release from duty in the Bureau, and continuance in the public service.

I have given the subject careful and prayerful attention and am now inclined to withhold my resignation until after the inauguration of regulations you may prescribe for our government under the enforcement of the National Civil Rights Measure. Our best friends here think I ought to remain with you during the year or at least until after a fair trial of equality before the law for all men. The interests I had in view in New York I will place in the hands of my brother and return to Nashville direct on Monday next.

I have the honor to be
Yours Faithfully
Clinton B. Fisk
Bvt Maj Genl

Maj Genl Howard
Comr &c. Washington, D.C.

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

New York April 14 1866

Fisk, Clinton B.

Confidential letter.

[STAMP] BUREAU R.F.&A.L. WASHINGTON REC'D APR 17 1866