
3494 4/15/1866 *From:* J D B DeBow

To: Genl [OO] Howard

OOH-3441

Office DeBow's Review,
Nashville Tenn.

Source: Bowdoin

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Office DeBow's Review,
Nashville Tenn.
Apl 15 1866

Dear Sir:

I enclose a copy of some document which came to my address the other day and which belongs to your office. I must have rec'd it by mistake.

I take the same opportunity to send you a copy of my Review & would beg you to send me all of your orders after No 18.

As the Review has a large circulation in every part of the South it occurs to me that the publication of all the orders from your Bureau would answer a valuable purpose. If you have a contingent fund for advertising & will give the order I will publish at whatever is usually paid by you for such service.

With high regards

Yr obt svt

J D B DeBow [James Dunwoody Brownson Debow]

Genl Howard

3495 4/16/1866

From: Geo. Whipple

To: Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard

OOH-3442

Source: Bowdoin

American Missionary
Association
No. 61 John Street,
New York

Commissioner &c.
Washington, D.C.

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[Letterhead]

American Missionary Association
No. 61 John Street,
New York
Rev. Geo. Whipple Sec.
Rev. M.E. Striest, Sec.
W.E. Whiting, Asst. Treas.
April 16, 1866

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard,
Commissioner &c.
Washington, D.C.
Dear General,

Your favor was duly rec'd and the inquiry sent at once to the Bible House. I copy the reply.

" Rev. Geo. Whipple,
My Dear Sir,

Your note of yesterday is at hand. Our anniversary is to be on the 10th of May, Second Thursday. In my letter of invitation to Gen. Howard I specified the time and the theme (the Bible in the War and among the Freedmen). As he has never replied to me directly, but only through your favor some time ago, as now again, I supposed that he was well informed about the matter. I will write him again giving him some fresh facts & our place of meeting &c. His onerous duties doubtless prevented his personal reply, and I do not complain but merely state the fact.

Yours very truly
W.J.R.Taylor
Cor. Sec"

Our own meeting is on the forenoon of Tuesday, the 8th, at 10 o'clock, in the Cooper Institute. I trust you will bear in mind that you are to give us a talk of 15 or 20 minutes.

Yours truly
Geo. Whipple
Cor. Sec.

3496 4/16/1866 *From:* D.H. Buel

To: Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard

OOH-3443

Frankford Arsenal,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Source: Bowdoin

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[Letterhead]

Frankford Arsenal,
Philadelphia, Pa.,
April 16 1866

Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard
Com. of Freedmen &c.
General

I sent the other day to Col. Morgan, Recorder of Brevet Board &c, a brief synopsis of my military history during the war. If you should feel that you can consistently recommend me for promotion on account of official services rendered while serving under your command, I should feel obliged by your forwarding such recommendation direct to Col. Morgan, Recorder of the Board. I know that in this matter, you will be actuated by a simple sense of duty, in granting or refusing the request, and I have therefore thought that in case of either result, you would be left most free by sending directly to Col. Morgan, rather than by communicating directly with me.

Very Respectfully &c
D.H. Buel [David Hillhouse Buel, U.S.M.A. Class of 1861]
Bv't Lt. Col. U.S.A.

3497 4/16/1866

From: Theo. S. Cuyler

To: Maj Gen. O.O. Howard

OOH-3444

136 Oxford St.
Brooklyn N.Y.

Source: Bowdoin

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136 Oxford St. Brooklyn N.Y.
Apl 16, 1866

My Dear General

On the 9th of May (Wednesday) our new National Temperance Society – which is doing a glorious work – will hold their first anniversary.

We are very anxious that you should speak for us on Wednesday eve'g in Cooper Institute. There will be other speakers. I hope that Gen. Fisk can be present too. Pray, come my dear General, if possible.

As Ever,
Yours ms. cordially
Theo. S. Cuyler
of Lafayette Ave. Church

Maj Gen. O.O. Howard
&c &c &c

3690 4/16/1873

From: John J. Keane

To: Gen. O.O. Howard

OOH-3445

St. Patrick's Church
Washington

Source: Bowdoin

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St. Patrick's Church
Washington, Apr. 16th [1873. See Note.]

Dear General:

I take the liberty of sending you the Catholic World for April, asking your attention to the first article: Public Charities . From where I have marked it, on page 18, it states & discusses so well the question of religious instruction in undenominational institutions, the principal subject of our conversation on the occasion of my visit to the University a few weeks ago, that I thought you would read it with interest.

I hope to visit your admirable institution again before long.

Very respectfully yours
John J. Keane.

Gen. O.O. Howard

[Note. This letter was filed with April, 1866. The year had not been written by the author, but it appears to be referring to Howard University, which was established in March 1867. Gen. Howard was the third president of the University from 1869 to 1874. Bishop John Joseph Keane was curate of St. Patrick's Church in Washington from 1866 to 1878. The first article in the April, 1873 issue of Catholic World was the article Public Charities (<http://quod.lib.umich.edu/m/moajrnl/bac8387.0017.097/5>) that was referred to in this letter. Therefore the year must have been 1873.]

3498 4/16/1866

From: Lemuel Moss

To: Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard

OOH-3446

University at Lewisburg
Lewisburg, Pa.

Commissioner for Freedmen

Source: Bowdoin

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[Letterhead]

University at Lewisburg
Lewisburg, Pa.,
Apr. 16 1866

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard
Commissioner for Freedmen
My Dear Sir: -

I have been requested to address my fellow citizens here on the condition of the Freedmen. Will you be kind enough to send me such data & documents as will give the present condition of the work among them, - its needs & prospects? I shall wish to make the statement as thorough & pertinent as possible.

While Home Sec'y of the U.S. Chr. Commission it was my privilege to meet you, although you will probably not remember a fact so unimportant to you; but you will allow me to express my high regard for your Christian heroism & philanthropy. God will sustain & guide you in your arduous, perplexing & responsible duties. How differently they will show in a half century from now, when the confusion & angry debate of the present hour have passed away.

An early attention to my request will greatly oblige.

Yours Very Truly
Lemuel Moss
Prof. of Theology

3499 4/16/1866 *From:* AK Browne

To: Maj General O.O.
Howard

OOH-3447

Washington D.C.

Chief Bureau of Refugees
and Freedmen

Source: Bowdoin

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Washington D.C.

April 16th 1865 (5) [1866] [The year 1866 was written in pencil and is consistent with the contents.]

Maj General O.O. Howard
Chief Bureau of Refugees and Freedmen
General

At a meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association on Saturday Evening March 24th 1866 the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Whereas: Our worthy brother, Maj General O O Howard having evinced such deep interest in the objects and success of our Association of which he is an honoured Life Member, and having on the 13th of March 1866 delivered a most interesting and patriotic lecture on the condition and wants of the Freedmen for the benefit of our Association:

Therefore be it resolved:

That our sincere and heartfelt thanks are eminently due and are hereby tendered him for his gratuitous and disinterested service in delivering said Lecture and it will be our pleasure to elect such a person as he may designate a Life Member of this Association.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servants
AK Browne
Rev Y.M.C. Association

C.H. Hartley
Rec. Secy.

3500 4/16/1866

From: E.B. Webb

To: Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard

OOH-3448

Boston
638 Tremont St.

Washington D.C.

Source: Bowdoin

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Boston Apl 16 1866
638 Tremont St.

Dear Genl.

Enclosed I send check for 300\$.

Many thanks for the documents with Secy Stantons frank.

We are having some religious interest wh is exceedingly grateful.

The Prest. has proclaimed peace. We are so far away from the center of things here that we do not see it. It looks rather like an effort to transfer the strife from the field of Battle to the floor of Congress. But I believe in the people.

We shall be glad to see Charlie.

Shall be glad to see you & yours on your way Northward, & shall depend upon your coming –all hands –no fail.

I intended to have been in Washington this spring, but to get away from home was impracticable.

In great haste, but sincerely & fraternally. With love to Mrs H. & the children I am as ever yrs

E.B. Webb

Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard
Washington D.C.

3501 4/17/1866

From: H.W. Richardson

To: Gen. O.O. Howard

OOH-3449

Source: Bowdoin

The Portland Daily
Press,
Cottage Street
Portland

Sup't Freedmen's Bureau,
Washington, D.C.

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[Letterhead]

The Portland Daily Press,
Cottage Street
Portland
April 17, 1866

Gen. O.O. Howard,
Sup't Freedmen's Bureau,
Washington, D.C.
Dear Sir,

Inclosed find a slip cut from this morning's Argus. The Press has published the statements of three New York & Western newspaper correspondents, to the effect that you supposed the President to favor the Freedmen's Bureau bill before its passage by Congress. Except in the Argus, I have seen no contradiction of the report, & the Argus gives no authority. Please inform me of the truth, indicating how far, if at all, I may use your name.

Respectfully yours,
H.W. Richardson

[Clipping]

The D.D. organs, including the Press of this city, gave currency to the slander that President Johnson was shown the freedmen's bureau bill by General Howard before its passage, and that he then approved of its provisions; whereupon it was asserted that copperheads and rebels (with a suspicion of strong drink intermingled) induced him to change his opinion, and veto the bill he had three weeks before deliberately approved.

Gen Howard has at last contradicted this malicious slander –says he had no interview of the sort with the President, and that he never to his knowledge express approval of the bill.

We shall see if the Press will inform its readers that this slander of the disunion leaders has been nailed to the counter as falsehood made out of whole cloth.

3502 4/17/1866 *From:* JA Dahlgren

To: Gen. O.O. Howard

OOH-3450

Washington

Source: Bowdoin

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Washington April 17 1866

Gen. O.O. Howard,
General

I have been requested by Mr Cluss to introduce him to you, which I can best do by saying that for several years Mr Cluss acted as Draftsman of the Ordnance Department under my Charge. During which his work and conduct were unexceptionable: he is a good Mathematician, and as a Draftsman I have never seen his equal, in skill or accuracy.

I always found him to be perfectly reliable, and can commend him to you as deserving of all consideration.

Very Respect. & Yr Ob. Serv.
JA Dahlgren [John Adolphus Dahlgren]
R. Admiral

3503 4/17/1866 *From:* J. W. Alvord

To: Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard

OOH-3451

American Tract Society,
New York

Source: Bowdoin

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[Letterhead]

American Tract Society,
(Instituted at Boston, in 1814,)
New-York Depository, No. 13 Bible House, Astor Place, N.Y.
William A. Booth, Esq., of New-York, President.
Rev. John W. Alvord, Secretary.
John G. Broughton, Depository.

New York, April, 17, 1866

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

I received today a note from Gen. Sewall reporting adversely as to our cashier at Vicksburg, Mr Hawley, recommending that we sen an agent there to investigate, &c.

You will perceive that in a communication from me a few days since we had anticipated all this. One of our best men will be in Vicksburg within a few days, when I hope this damaging affair will be set right.

I have to report progress in regard to our Banks in Philadelphia and Baltimore, and readjustment of things here at the principal office detain me longer than I had anticipated.

Please say to Gen. Charles H that if things were comfortable for the time being at the Barracks; I would pack up my folks and bring them directly on next week.

Mrs Alvord is not strong and needs my help and this would save one journey. I could then finish at Baltimore and the other places to which I am going immediately after. I may say this is Mrs A.'s plan, who would like to be at the Barracks while some things are fixing.

If all this is not best, will Charles say so by return mail?

I am desired by Mr William A Booth, our president, to invite you to the hospitalities of his house on Anniversary week, 19 West 14th St. I hope you will accept, as you will find there a very delightful Christian family.

We are all glad to see that things at Washington, and as to the Bureau, are in the right direction. You may be sure the veto of the Civil Rights Bill stirred up even the old conservatives of this city. My Raymond had letters from many, stopping the Times, whom he had not anticipated would turn against him. Will you get a new Bureau Bill? I hope so, and think it can be done. There is no mistake as to the reaction among the people, and the President must yield. I fear he will do it very ungracefully.

Enclosed, please find statements of our Bank for February and March. Does it not look encouraging? If needed in Washington especially, summon me back at once.

With kind regards to the family and many good wishes for your continued official success,

I am yours &c
Very Respectfully,
J.W. Alvord

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard

P.S. My family send their high regards, and remembrances to Mrs Howard. Our little boy suffers much this raw

weather, and we think it well to bring him to a more Southern climate as soon as possible. Yrs. &c.

3506 4/20/1866 *From:* H.S. Sanford

To: Genl O.O. Howard

OOH-3452

U.S. Legation
Brussel

Source: Bowdoin

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U.S. Legation
Brussel 20 April 1866

Genl O.O. Howard
&c &c &c
General,

The enclosed letter from Canon de Haerne a Representative in Parliament here, a distinguished divine & one who has been an ardent partisan of the cause of the union which he has ably upheld with his pen during the war, will explain it self, & I send it to you with the book to which it refers, with the hope that it may be found to contain some useful data in connection with the important work you direct.

Very Resp'y Yours
H.S. Sanford [Henry Shelton Sanford]

P.S. I would be very glad to receive any documents printed by your Bureau going to show the system present & results obtained. HSS.

[Note. The enclosed letter is OOH-3453.]

3504 4/17/1866 *From:* D De Haerne

To: Mr. [H.S.] Sanford

OOH-3453

Source: Bowdoin

Chambre des
Representants
Bibliotheque
Bruxelles

Minister resident of the
United States, Brussels.

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[Letterhead]

Chambre des Representants
Bibliotheque
Bruxelles, le
17 avril 1866

Excellency,

I read in some american papers that the honorable General Howard, Chief of the Freedmen's Bureau, has organised a plan of labour for the freed Negros, and that agricultural work constituted a large part of his system. I think this means of proceeding the best to make of those so long miserable people worthy citizens of the United States, to which, as your Excellency perfectly knows, I am more attached by heart than I was able to express it in my writings. But I believe that some industrial labour ought to be joined to Agriculture. Such a combination was prosecuted in Flanders during the crisis, which afflicted these provinces of Belgium from 1846 to 1852. We erected what we called charitable farms (fermes de bienfaisance) or model farms, in which the poor of all age and sex were received at a very low price. I expounded the System in my work: 'Tableau de la Charite', which I have the honour to hand to your Excellency.

To his Excellency, Mr. Sanford, Minister resident of the United States, Brussels.

Perhaps General Howard could find therein some useful facts, to which the experience made in our country gives so much the more value that those farms are still existing in a very flourishing state. As I have not the honour to know General Howard, I should feel much obliged to your Excellency if you would be so kind to send him my book, by opportunity, attracting his attention on the villages of Rumbeke (west Flanders) and of Waerschote (East Flanders). Moreover the index shows the indications belonging to the matter.

I have the honour to be,
Excellency,
Wholly yours
D De Haerne

[Note. This letter was the enclosure to OOH-3452 from H.S. Sanford to OO Howard, dated 20 April 1866.]

3521 4/29/1866 *From:* L.M. Dayton

To: Maj Genl O.O. Howard

OOH-3454

Potsdam N.Y.

Source: Bowdoin

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Potsdam N.Y.

April 29th 66

Dear General

Yours 11th inst came to me here, forwarded, this morning. Permit me to thank you for your generous interest in my behalf. As before, I wish you to feel assured I fully appreciate your kindness.

I have made formal application to be counted in the new organization but have little expectation of success as that seems to be beyond my fortune and it seems for political or other reasons Congress is on the right direction to legislate the Army to death.

With great respect

Your obt servt

L.M. Dayton

AAG Vols

Maj Genl O.O. Howard

3507 4/21/1866

From: C.H. Strickland

To: Gen O O Howard

OOH-3455

Astor House
New York

Source: Bowdoin

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Astor House
New York
April 21 1866

Gen O O Howard
Dr Sir,

I find there is a little trouble about a lot of cotton that I took when I was South. I came here to get all the proof and the papers, but find I cannot do it here, consequently I must go back. Will you say to Mr. Chandler of the Treasury Dept. that I am making every effort to get my papers & proof ready, and that as soon as I can do so I will be in Washington? I wish him to know I am doing as fast as I can.

I may be Washington in a week or two. Perhaps Mrs Strickland may come with me.

Very Respectfully yrs
C.H. Strickland

3508 4/21/1866 *From:* Th. J. Wood

To: My dear General [OO
Howard]

OOH-3456

Source: Bowdoin

Department of
Mississippi
Vicksburg, Miss.

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[Letterhead]

Department of Mississippi
Vicksburg, Miss.
April 21st 1866.

My dear General

Your note inclosing the order relieving Col Thomas as Asst Comr of Freedmen's affairs in this state, and devolving the duties of the office on me, did not take me by surprise, as I had heard of the proposed change through the press dispatches.

I will regret to lose Col Thomas. He is an able officer, has administered his duties well, and has at all times most cordially cooperated with me. In addition to his usefulness as an officer I have found him an agreeable companion. Were it not that it seems to be the intention of the War Department to concentrate, in all the Depts, the duties of Dept Comds and Asst Comr of Freedmen's affairs in the former, I would be tempted to ask to have Col Thomas sent back to this state.

The proposed change I think is sound in theory, and I can not see why it should not work well in practice. I will do all I can to make it a success in this Dept. As a soldier, I never permit myself to object to any duty assigned to me, whether agreeable or disagreeable to me. But in this case I have no objection to the duty given to me. thinking I could be useful, I offered last summer as you will doubtless remember, to take the position of Asst Comr for the state of Texas; and I would prefer to perform the duties of Asst Comr in conjunction with those of Dept Comd than to do them alone.

Col Thomas will be entirely relieved in a few days, and proceed to Washington.

As far as possible I will keep you informed of the condition of the freed people in this state. I would be glad to hear from you frequently.

Mrs Wood unites with me in remembrances to you.

Very truly your friend,

Th. J. Wood [Maj. Gen. Thomas J. Wood, USMA Class of 1845]

[Summary written sideways at the bottom of the last page, in a different hand.]

Vicksburg, Miss. April 21st 1866

Wood, T.J.

Maj. Gen.

Concerning his appt. as Asst. Comr. &c.

Recd May 3d 1866

3509 4/21/1866

From: E H Powers

To: Maj Genl O.O. Howard

OOH-3457

East Saginaw Mich.

Source: Bowdoin

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East Saginaw Mich.
April 21 / 66

Maj Genl O.O. Howard,
My Dear Gen'l,

Pardon me for assuming to the privilege of taking a few moments of your time. My reasons for doing so will appear. It has pleased Congress of late to confirm many of my old companions in Arms as Brev't Brig Gen'l's. Amongst them are our mutual friends Lt. Col Hurst of the 75th Ohio, and Lt Col Winkler of the 26th Wisconsin. I am more than pleased that so good fortune has befallen them. They were worthy the consideration. But there is another <idea> which attaches here. From the commencement of the war, we have fought and wrought side by side. I know not that there exists any good reason why there should be discrimination in granting rewards for services rendered.

I think I ever did my duty fully as a soldier. Did others more? In doing what follows I did only my duty, yet it was something to me at least when I sacrificed the earning of many years to leave the land of Treason for the sole purpose of fighting against it.

That my name was not numbered amongst those which were forwarded by immediate commanders, ere being mustered out the service, may be found. I believe in the fact that while there I became unpopular with them by adhering to the principles which I learned from your precept and example. The course which you will recollect I pursued at Savannah relative to gambling in connection with Col Ross – my immediate commander – and who himself was breveted, - may be pointed to as a reason why my name was left out.

I have reason to believe that if my claims were presented as they exist, I too might have the pleasure of receiving complimentary consideration.

I wish you to ask if I may look to you for assistance in the premises?

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
E H Powers

[Summary written on the last page in a different hand.]
East Saginaw Mich.
April 21st 1866
Powers, E.H.
Thinks he should be brevetted Brig. Genl.
Recd. April 25, 1866