Balt., Apr. 23rd, 1866

My dear General.

This letter you will find upon another subject from the last. I was unable to meet you a long time since you were here, and was thus struck painfully at the want of such religious influence among the teachers & families. The fact is I know well what you did to fill this gap. I don’t wish to disparage Mr. French. His labors as a Preacher are very arduous & cannot be neglected. The fact of his delicate health leaves him no time for pastoral duties except for the most formal or routine character. You had the health, it is inexpedient that a Preacher should be the pastor of such a flock. The want of such a thing of the families which present a family’s school especially, &c.
interview between Dr. Penn Inquiry such as would exist between Dr. Pen and Dr. Thro. The field at West Point is a mist such enticing me for an active, energetic, godly young man, who could win the leaders socially. "Get at them" in a way impossible for an older man, especially if he is a dignitary of the school. Lord led me to West Point as in the day to produce a thousand lost. I mean, to the army stands off boldly for God right is winning right. I need to elaborate this subject to you. What I think desirable is to have the office of Chaplain at Pennsylvania separated. Let M. French return to the latter. The apprentice to the former place should be truly Catholic spirit. Let me suggest that his influence would be greater if he were an Episcopalian.
I suggest this matter to you, because I hear you will advocate it so your influence in the future quarter might accomplish the desired result. I tried to get Philip McRae to do something in the matter two years ago, but, although offering my idea, he did nothing. I think it a most important thing—there is no influence, but Providence has assigned you a different role. Perhaps now you are there. I have written a brief letter, but I should like to know whether you receive this note or what you think about its subject.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Box 341
Baltimore, Md. April 23. 1867

Brighthill, H.P.

Friendly letter

Read: April 24, 1867.
MERRILL.—At Geneva, N. Y., Feb. 24th, 1866, in the 36th year of her age, Mrs. Anna E. Merrill, wife of Dr. Andrew Merrill, and eldest daughter of Rev. F. E. Cannon, D. D.

She was a darling child, a devoted wife, and a model Christian mother, always self-sacrificing in her spirit to promote the comfort and happiness of others. For years she had been a patient and uncomplaining sufferer, but her end was perfect peace—more than that, it was a signal Christian triumph. She assured us that all doubt and fear were gone, and that her Savior was with her. And even after her feet had entered the cold river, she broke the silence and sang with her sweet full voice,

Other refuge have I none,
Hangs my helpless soul on Thee.

Without a struggle or a groan she passed away from us to be "ever with the Lord."
Cenuw, April 23rd, 1866.

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard,
Dear Friend,

I have never acknowledged your kind letter in reply to mine, wishing information about the character of the position of Surgeon in a colonel regiment, offered me by Adj. Gen. Thomas.

Owing to your absence from Washington, so much time elapsed before I received the reply that I had perfected other plans for the future, which would enable me, if successful, to remain at home with my dear family. Still had your statement been received before the expiration of my service at Elmina, I should have asked Adj. Gen. Thomas for the position, for you reminded...
from my mind some very strong objections.

Although I knew I felt that there was an overruling Providence shaping my plan to remain at home, I did not realize the kind hand of my Heavenly Father, till I caught it by the prolonging sickness and final death of my friends. To have been separated from her during the last months—+ not to have been with her when her spirit so gently, trustfully, went to sleep in the bosom of her beloved Savior, would have been deprivation which nothing on earth could compensate.

I wish you could have known my dear, sainted Anna. She...
“Just Entered Heaven.”

The dark valley is passed and the river of death
With its cold turbid waters, now rolls far behind,
My dear Saviour was with me, He bore me across,
And the floods had no terrors, His love was so kind.

I have safely arrived in my beautiful “home,”
My Saviour conducting me all the way through;
The Father has robed me, all dazzling and bright,
And the crown of the victor now rests on my brow.

The saints are around me with welcoming song,
Singing praises to God that another has come,
As the purchase of blood, through the faith of the cross
To be numbered with them in the heavenly home.

With them I am shouting and praising the Lamb
Who redeemed me and brought me in triumph to God
And the harps of the angels are swelling the song,
Which fills all the arches of this blissful abode!

And this is my “home,” far more blissful and bright
Than the mind can conceive in the home whence I came,
I’ve no shadows nor clouds, nor the stain of old sin,
For I’m washed and made pure in the blood of the Lamb.

Oh weep not for me, but give thanks and rejoice
That the kind hand of Jesus has thus led me home,
And when the brief struggle of life shall be past,
Oh! dear ones, through Jesus, you also shall come.

Geneva Feb. 27th, 1866.

F. E. C.
The Lord knew her heart was true.

Of uncommon natural talents, highly educated, of mild and gentle manners — attractive person, she seemed never to think of herself, but rather of what she might do for others. Though for a long time suffering from a disease — chronic gastritis — which tends to depress the spirits and render the sufferer a burden to himself and friends, she was cheerful to the hour of her death, the constant light and joy of our home. And she died as she had lived, full of peace and joy and trust in Christ. "Now could I doubt," she said, "when Jesus has gone before and made it all so smooth? He has prepared the way." After bidding the two little ones, she said, "It was hard at first, to leave you, but now I..."
can trust my children & you all
with Christ. He can care for
you better than I."

When our little
zoezie asked to come to "love Jesus"
and "mama," she said, "That is joy
to dear mama, but don't let
mistaken.

When a cousin-a
recent convert-asked, "Anna are
you happy? Is God present with
you?" She replied earnestly
"yes, yes — not a doubt of it — not
a doubt." She asked him "goodbye.

She could rest a little then
break forth, "Happy, happy Jesus
with me — not a pain — no fear —
almost gone." But again "Goin'
Home — almost home."

For her death had no sting — the
gate over her no victory, for
they seemed to her but the "pearl
gates" of heaven. And so, by His
grace, I am enabled to see her
departure almost as a literal
translation from earth to heaven
when respectfully your a. morrill
Washington City 1862
April 24, 1862

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
General

Since our conversation to day I have concluded to put in writing what I said in regard to remaining in the service.

I will not make such an application myself, but if you desire that I should be retained I am willing to remain as long as my services may be needed.

I, perhaps, would have as strong claims upon the government as the majority of the officers of the V.R.C., but do not desire to put my retention upon such ground.

Yours truly,

W. H. Richardson
Brig. Gen.
Quartermaster General's Office,
Washington, D.C., April 25, 1865

My Dear O.O. Howard,

Commissioned Officer, Bureau General

Allow me to present to you my first official report of the

The report detailed the

To learn the fate of

An application made

In behalf of the

The agricultural society

Ten agricultural society

The building which

had been ordered turned

over to the society but

action was suspended due

the general suspension of

accrual to a hospital

building.

On this I trust you.
I was advised of the state
of the case,
and I was so glad to learn whether or not
it is to be held.
I am informed of
any of these buildings
will be removed.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

D. O. [Name]
University at Lewisburg.

Lewisburg, Pa., Apr. 25—1866

May Sec. Howard

Commissioner,

My Dear Sir,—Your very courteous note of the 19th inst. is at hand. If it were practicable I should be pleased to avail myself of your kind invitation, to examine the records of your Bureau. But I cannot now. Perhaps it will be unpunctual for me to ask, now, too, much trouble for you to answer—How long, to what extent, & for what purposes will the Freedmen continue to need the special assistance of voluntary benevolence from the North? Of course I know that to a certain extent this depends upon the policy of the Government towards the abolition of the South.
Hence an exact answer is perhaps impossible, but shall feel greatly obliged to have for your judgment upon the question, as formed by your intimate experience and large information.

If the question is not too proper and I am not too much intruding upon your crowded time, I should esteem an early answer to this a peculiary favor.

Yours Very Truly,

Samuel Morse
Head-Quarters
Department of Mississippi,

Vicksburg, Miss., April 26, 1864,

To Major General A. A. Stewart,

Commander U.S. Artillery,

Washington, D.C.

Gentleman:

Though well and favorably

known to you officially, I understand

from Col. Samuel Thomas he

has known you personally.

I write this letter to make you

known to each other in proper

personas. It is that Col. Thomas

requests any indulgence from

me, though he discerns my good

and cordial feeling in his favor.

And I think the occasion most
proposals to express to you directly and personally the appreciation
which I have withheld from officers of the Thomas administration,
foremost among the affairs of the Barren
in this State. It has been a work
wise, just, humane, and enlightened,
and has been unanimously
successful.

I have found it times a most valuable assistance. Much
of what I have been able to achieve
in this Department is due to the
cordial and intelligent aid
which I have received from him.

It is therefore with much regret
that I contemplate being absent
from this corporation.

As it seems to be in contempla-
to concentrate generally in
the interior... I... Com. and
in the hands of one person. I
not and do not complain of
C. T. Thomas’ removal. Further
more, as I have already written
you, I will do all in my power
to make the said arrangement
successful; and I cannot see
why it should not be.

But thanks, at any future
time, if possible, if you
appoint for this state, and I
am in command of the ship,
I shall put in my claim
to have C. T. Thomas reappointed
and that back to this

The only thing claims to be
appreciated for the great good he has already accomplished.
I will include with this letter a copy of my order announcing Col. Thomas' being entitled.

With pleasant memories of service together in the field and kind wishes for your family and official,

I am, sincerely, your truly, good friend,

Dr. J. Wood
May God help.
New York April 27, 1866,

Maj. General A. W. Howard

Dear Sir

I thank you for your letter — indicating your intention to be with us — should circumstances permit — at the meeting of the National Temperance Society on Wednesday May 9th at the Cooper Institute. We have the pleasure of a large and interesting meeting.

Thanking you for your kind acceptance of our invitation I am Dear Sir Your Very Truly

Peter Carter
Dear Sir:

The law of Congress creating the Bureau requires a quarterly report from the Act Commissioners, but evidently refers to and contemplates returns from citizens and from whom such returns would in any way be necessary. Therefore the Act Commissioners have no data for his report.

The reports from the office have already been made monthly and a quarterly report would be but a continuation of what has already been made, for which there would seem to be no necessity. I have kept you very fully posted as to the affairs of the Bureau in this State. In fact I have doubt if you have ever received a letter from me in compliance with your request unless you were quite tired of hearing me complain. 

P.S. I have written your son, and have told him to write to you, as we parted, to write you fully.
Augusta, Ga., 186

and frequently, A quarterly report would therefore give you no new information.
Still however if it is desired I will make one with pleasure.
Be kind enough to let your aide kind inform me of your wishes on this subject.
With many thanks for your very kind letter I remain Your Very Truly

[Signature]

[Signature]

Mayor 3rd Avenue

Court 3rd Avenue 22

Washington D.C.
April 21, Me. 1846.

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Rockford, Ill., April 27, 1866

Dear O. O. Howard,

Washington,

Sir,

Sometimé

Last Winter I was introduced to you by my cousin Rev. A. E. Taylor in the Pullman Cars at Washington and promised that our Church would help the cause you were then interested in, founding a Congregational Church building at the seat of Government. I forwarded today to Rev. J. P. Dana, Secretary of Congregational Union, a contribution of the Second Congregational Church Rockford, and designated fifty dollars of the same in aid of the Cause CL at Washington. Trusting you may be
Richmond, Va., April 27, 1865.

Major Gen. O.O. Howard.

Dear Sir:

Thanking you for all you have done in former times for my good and my prosperity, I wish to be excused for the liberty I am taking in asking you to confer me another favor, which I think is in your power to do so. I hear that all soldiers who drew no bounty when enlisting in the U.S. Army are going to be allowed a certain sum which will be paid to them when showing their proper Discharges. I have had the misfortune to lose this document with other papers and articles on the movement of yours, and Head Quarters (of which I was the Co-Capt.) from Virginia to Bridgeport, Tenn. I used to belong to the 8th New York Col. Regt. Eng. Corp. D. Co. C. Salm Salm.
and my last Capt.'s name was Schneider. I was mustered out of service by Capt. Pearson of your Head Quarter at Brookes Station, April 23d, 1863. I am here in Richmond a broken man without a cent in my pocket and no work at my trade as confectioner nor any possibility to get some an early day. After I had left the situation as look at your resp. Head Quarters I settled in Business in Savannah in company with Capt. Kirtlin the capital I had earned through the privileges you were so kind to all one me during my stay in your Employment accumulated for a while in prosperity, then-as often happens Bassinus commenced to strike, we lost money and my Partner concluded to carry it on by himself. Then what was left of my small fortune started a Confectionery but misfortune...
still haunted me and I was at last obliged to sell all I possessed to satisfy some of my creditors and left with my wife with whom I married in Savannah for this city. I could with a little amount of money easily begin a small business on my own account and get on the right track again. Therefore I once more beg you Sir to do your Best to procure an order Discharge for my last one. If there is any truth in the Rumor about this Bounty it would be my lucky star and give me the means to power to stand up once more.

Thank you Sir before hand for everything you will do for me and beg again to be excused for the trouble I am causing you. I am very respectfully yours

W. Hingle

If you should honor me with a few lines please direct P.O. Box No. 466 C. Richmond Va.
Richmond Va April 26th 1866

Respectfully Yours,

[Signature]

Read April 26th 1866
Athens, Tennessee,
April 24th, 1866.

Maj. Gen'l. C. O. Howard,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

I arrived here safely about ten days ago, since then have been sick with small pox (variola), am now getting much better and expect to be entirely recovered in a short time. I am Sir, with the highest respect,

Your obedient servant,

Samuel Clement.