
3562 5/19/1866 *From:* E S Tobey

To: Maj Genl O.O Howard

OOH-3510

Boston

Washington D.C.

Source: Bowdoin

Boston May 19 1866

Dear General

I trust that my omission to reply to your letter of 9th March in reference to the funds required to build a new Cong. Church in <Hark's> has not lead you to infer that I am indifferent to the importance of the enterprize. I did confer with the Secretary <[CHECK ORIGINAL –tape on top of page 2]> in this city & found that they would not feel justified in adding anything to the appropriation already made to this object by the Cong'l Union of New York. The full strength of the influence of the Amr Congl Assocn here is now required to complete the fund (\$100,000) needed to build a "Congregational House in this city as a "quasi" home of Congregationalism, or a rallying point <afit's> friends.

The speeches at the approaching anniversary will doubtless lean largely on this point while it seems to be an especial necessity at the present time, that the principles & peculiarities of Congregationalism and the church policy of our denomination should be more distinctly & prominently presented to the public, than has been done for many years past. The late National Council endorsed this sentiment, & the strong friends of the orthodox faith are becoming more alive to the importance of <[CHECK ORIGINAL –tape at top of page 4]> to extend their peculiar doctrines as well as their form of church government or organization. We need all the influence of our best men in these efforts & in proportion as we can be successful in presenting general principles of action and it favorably effect local enterprizes like the one in Washington which you have so much at heart.

I rejoice at your success in Brooklyn, & I cannot doubt that your personal presence here would do much to warm the hearts of the New England brethren who you know are surrounded by a very cool atmosphere & need now & then, to be mercurialized.

Now my dear friend, I am requested by Rev Mr Langworthy & Rev Dr Dexter (who with the writer are a committee to arrange the anniversary meeting of the "American Congregational Association" to invite you to favor the cause, & the public, with a speech on their public anniversary on Wednesday <[CHECK ORIGINAL –tape at top of page 6]> Mt Vernon Church. I need scarcely add my own personal desire that you will if possible accept this invitation & spend the anniversary week with us which I am sure you will greatly enjoy.

It would give me & my family sincere pleasure if you will freely accept the hospitality of my house accompanied of course by Mrs. Howard. I am gratified to notice by the papers that Genl Fisk is advertised to speak before the American Missionary Association. I shall also invite him to be our guest, & you will thereby have an additional inducement to accept my invitation and now I will add one more inducement. Viz if you will come I will give \$300. towards starting a subscription for the Washington church, & may add to the amount if <proved> best. I am authorized to say that although no contribution will be taken up at the meeting, there will be no objection to your presenting as strongly as you may think proper the church enterprize in Washington & propose that donations be sent to you for that object.

I sincerely trust that your arduous official engagements will allow you to comply with the Committee's invitation & I am sure that we represent thousands of the Church in this matter. Will you have the kindness to give me the earliest notice possible of your decision that I may give seasonable publicity to it.

With kindest regards & esteem in which my family unite most cordially
believe me as ever
yours in Christian bond

E S Tobey

Maj Genl O.O Howard
Washington D.C.

P.S. Do not hesitate freely to accept the proffer of our hospitality.

E.S.T.

You may have heard that there has recently been a very marked "revival" here for the last month. A special meeting of the converts & others engaged in the work is to be held on Tuesday 29 <and> I trust that you may reach here in season to attend it for it will be an occasion of rare interest. Our friend Dr Kirk has been prominent and ardently engaged in the meeting held daily for several weeks past.

3563 5/19/1866 *From:* Marblehead

To: A.P. Barnes

OOH-3511

Marblehead Mas.

Source: Bowdoin

Marblehead Mas. May 19. 1866

A.P. Barnes Esq
Dr Sir,

Please give the enclosed \$500 to the building fund of the Cong Church in Washington.

The full presentation of the subject as given in the Independent, picks my pocket of this much.

Yrs &c
Marblehead

3564 5/19/1866 *From:* Thomas Russell

To: Maj. Gen. [OO] Howard

OOH-3512

Boston

Source: Bowdoin

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Boston

May 19 [1866] [Year was written in pencil.]

Maj. Gen. Howard,
Dear General,

You did not leave the Freedmen's Aid Commission wholly without hope, that you might take part in their Anniversary on May 31. Gen. Hawley will be one of our guests. Ex Gov. Andrew will preside. We only need your presence to insure a perfect success.

Please let us know, if you can come. You will find rooms at The Tremont House, and we should like to know the train if possible, that we may meet you at the depot.

With daily increasing respect

I am Yours Very Truly
Thomas Russell

3565 5/19/1866

From: E. Whittlesey

To: Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard

OOH-3513

Source: Bowdoin

Bureau of Refugees,
Freedmen and
Abandoned Lands,
Headquarters Ass't
Commissioner, State of
North Carolina,
Raleigh, N.C.

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[Letterhead]

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
Headquarters Ass't Commissioner, State of North Carolina,
Raleigh, N.C.,
May 19th 1866

Personal

Dear General

I received your telegram Thursday evening, informing me that Gen Ruger has been appointed Asst. Commr. & called on him yesterday morning to turn over my books &. but he not having received orders to assume the duties, requested me to go on without change for the present. This statement explains the fact that I am still signing official papers.

Evidence is accumulating against S. & F. [Steedman and Fullerton] I am sorry F is associated in such a scheme, for I did respect him. After living nearly twenty years as a public man without reproach, I shall not go down now without a desperate fight. Your noble stand for us we shall not forget.

Yours Truly
E. Whittlesey

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard

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

Raleigh N.C.
May 19 1866
Whittlesey E
Asst. Comr.
Friendly Letter
Recd May 21, 1866

3566 5/20/1866

From: C.B. Boynton

To: Maj. Genl O.O. Howard

OOH-3514

Source: Bowdoin

Thirty-Ninth Congress,
U.S.
House of
Representatives
Washington, D.C.

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[Letterhead, with a graphic of the U.S. Capitol)

Thirty-Ninth Congress, U.S.

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C.

Sabbath [May 20? [written in pencil]] 1866

Maj. Genl O.O. Howard

Dr Sir

I regret that I am not able to see you this morning. I have however thus far, escaped the expected chill.

It seems to me very important that the Committee sh'd hold a consultatives as soon as possible in regard to a visit to N.Y. & Bost'n.

Very Truly Yrs

C.B. Boynton [Rev. Charles Brandon Boynton, Chaplain of the U.S. House of Representatives]

3567 5/21/1866

From: Geo. Whipple

To: Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard

OOH-3515

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,
Rev. E.N. Kirk, D.D., Prest.
Rev. Geo. Whipple, Sec.
Rev. M.K. Strieby,
W.K. Whiting, Asst. Treas.
New York,
May 21st 1866

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard
Commissioner &c.
Washington D.C.
Dear Sir & Bro.

Your favor of the 18th is just rec'd. It was not necessary that you should reply in relation to Mr. Glavis. I had no personal interest in the matter; but having entire confidence that your only object and purpose, are to do right, I thought I might aid you, to be put in possession of the information I sought to convey. I shall regret it much, if you at any time are troubled by my letters. I assure you, I write concerning any man in your service, as I would wish you to write me. the success of our work, depends under God, much on the success of yours. If you know of a bad man in our employ, you know also it is only from ignorance, and I w'd have you inform me. So I wish to do with you, changing terms.

The extracts on the next page, are from a reliable source, and if I can do anything to retain Gen. A. I should be glad.

Yours truly,
Geo. Whipple

over

Efforts are being made to displace Gen. Armstrong, as Supt of this District by one whose sympathies are opposed to the Freedmen, and who if successful, will be a bar and a hindrance to your operations here and the accomplishment of your plans.

Gen. Armstrong is a true and tried friend of the Freedmen, and all his efforts are put forth to promote their interests. Every cause tending to their elevation and education receives his earnest attention. He has endeavored to surround himself with men who are fully interested in this work, and men of principle and integrity.

(Concerning the efforts to remove him the writer says) What can be expected from one who looks upon the Freedmen as a menial, fit only to draw water, black his boots, and perform the most menial of labors; inferior in every respect to the whites, and with no regard for their religious cultivation, or interest in their education? And this is the man who is trying by underhand means to have him removed (Gen. A.) that he may step into the position of Supt.

Frequent changes in officials, cannot but result in injury to the cause of the Freedmen, and for that reason, to retain Gen. Armstrong in his present position, is of great importance. You are about making a most important move, in regard to the educational interests of the people and this step has enlisted the fullest sympathy, and cooperation on his part. As Supt. he can, and is disposed to render you all the assistance in his power. If he is removed he will go out of the Dept, and abandon this cause wholly, by entering into another business, which will

engross his time and thoughts.

Gen. A. is a young man, but strong in friends and influence, thoroughly education and practical; full of expedients, and continually seeking to do good. Such a man is needed here, and (with his cooperation) you could count on the accomplishment of much good.

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

New York, May 21st 1866

Whipple Rev. Geo,

Cor Secy

States that an effort is being made to displace Gen. Armstrong at Fort Monroe. Gives extracts from letters &c.

Recd. May 22nd 1866

War Dept Washington

Washington D.C. May 23, 1866

Respy referred to Maj Gen A H Libby Comdg Dept of Va.

Please read and return to this office

Respectfully

O.O. Howard

Maj. Gen.

Head Quarters Dept of Va

Richmond May 28 1866

Resp. returned to Major General Howard. I have very very favorable impressions of Gen Armstrong and should be adverse to relieving him from duty

Alfred <> Terry

M Genl & Asst Com.

3568 5/21/1866 *From:* Bradford R Wood

To: Maj. Genl. [OO] Howard

OOH-3516

Albany

Source: Bowdoin

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Albany 21 May 1866

Maj. Genl. Howard
Dr Sir

Should you attend the International Christian Convention to assemble in this city on the 1st June preservice we should be happy to have you as our guest. I have invited my friend Chief Justice Chase and should be happy to receive you. I was present at the Plymouth Church the evening you spoke there, and tho' at present we are without a pastor, I think our Congregational Church here, will sooner or later cooperate in help building a Congregational Church at Washington – a city I am pretty well acquitted with from having served as a member of Congress.

I remain very truly
Your Obt Sv
Bradford R Wood

Majr. Genl. Howard
<RFAL>

3569 5/21/1866

From: James B Dunn

To: Maj. Gen. [OO] Howard

OOH-3517

Source: Bowdoin

The National
Temperance Advocate,
and the Youth's
Temperance Banner,
Office, 172 William
Street.
New York

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[Letterhead]

The National Temperance Advocate, and the Youth's Temperance Banner,
J.N. Stearns, Publishing Agent
Office, 172 William Street.
New York,
May 21 1866

Maj. Gen. Howard,
Dear Sir,

At a regular meeting of the Board of Managers of the National Temperance Society & Publication House, held
May 19th at the above place, the following resolution, was unanimously adopted, which it gives me great
pleasure to communicate

Yours very truly
James B Dunn
Rec. Sec.

“ Resolved, That the thanks of this Board be tendered to Bishop Janes, Rev Henry Ward Beecher, & Major
General Howard for their services at our anniversary meeting held at the Cooper Institute, May 9th and that the
Secretary of this meeting convey to these gentlemen a copy of this resolution.”

3570 5/22/1866 *From:* Rowland [RB
Howard]

To: Dear Brother [OO
Howard]

OOH-3518

Farmington

Source: Bowdoin

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Farmington May 22, 1866

Dear Brother

I see rumors in the papers, knowing nothing of their foundation, that you talk of resigning. Some good friend has sent me the N.Y. papers containing the worse portions of the Fullerton Report & your letter to Whipple &c. I have been thinking pretty hard about the whole matter, and I want you to stay in the Bureau till you are ordered to do a thing against your conscience, or are removed. Resignation would be construed like suicide in a criminal, into a confession of the truth of the slanders against the Bureau. Removal would throw the whole responsibility on to the President, and leave you free, popular with good men & happy, I trust, in the sense of duty done.

My family are at Bath & were well yesterday. Mrs Lincoln Patten is very near her end. Mother seems very happy in her "old home at work, with Maria in the Garden." There is still a pleasant state of religious interest among us and awakenings every few days. I enjoyed your speech (in the Independent) at the Cong. Union very much & am glad you got so much money. I will see the one before the Miss. Asso. & Bible Soc when their publications come.

I go to Worcester Friday & attend the Boston Anniversaries next week. My address will be care of F.B. Gilman 107 State Street.

Give my love to Lizzie & the children & please hand them Charles. Be sure of a <buttress> sympathy and prayers in every trial that has come or awaits you.

As to Va. & N.C. the responsibility rests with Brown & Whittlesey to clear themselves and their subordinates from all imputations of wrong.

God bless & help you

Your loving Brother
Rowland

3571 5/22/1866 *From:* Loren Kent

To: Major Genl O.O. Howard

OOH-3519

Galveston Texas

Commissioner &c

Source: Bowdoin

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Galveston Texas
May 22 –1866

General

In my interview with you while I was at Washington you may remember that I represented the difference of opinion that had before existed between General Gregory and myself relative to the administration of the "Freedmans Bureau" in this state and that I spoke quite warmly in defense of my opinions and equally as warmly in opposing the course pursued by the General with whom I had been on intimate terms and for whom I always entertained the highest respect for the integrity and zeal displayed. I have now been here about one month and have observed the results of the plan he had inaugurated when I was about leaving the service and my position as Provost Marshal General of the Department.

From motives of justice towards General Gregory I deem it proper and right for me to say to you that the course of the General in his Official matters has been much more successful than I anticipated, that he has exhibited marked ability and steadfastness of purpose, most untiring industry and the most praiseworthy zeal and integrity in all his transactions.

I voluntarily and without his knowledge make this explanation which I regard as due a worthy officer, but at the same time do not admit that the course I advised would not have been better and more productive of good. I do claim that his administration has been eminently successful, that it would have been difficult for you to have found a man who would have done better and few who would have done as well and who that any accusation of fraud speculation or wrong motive such as his enemies have charged him with are in my opinion entirely without foundation.

I sincerely hope his successor will accomplish as much for the colored race.

For the reasons before mentioned I write this which please regard as strictly private in its character.

I have the honor to be sir very respy
Your Obt Svt
Loren Kent [Brig. General, Provost Marshal]

Major Genl O.O. Howard
Commissioner &c

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

Galveston Texas
May 22 1866

Kent, L-

Gives an account of affairs in Texas

Recd May 31st 1866

3572 5/22/1866

From: A.E. Barstow

To: A.L Barnes & Co.

OOH-3520

Office of the Barstow
Stove Company,
Providence

Source: Bowdoin

[Letterhead]

Office of the Barstow Stove Company,
Providence,
May 22d 1866

Mess. A.L Barnes & Co.
Gent.

I have your note of 21st Inst. and note contents.

I have not remitted the Amt. of my subscription for church in Washington, because I supposed there was to be a special appeal here; and if so I preferred to wait –and secondly because I supposed there was no haste for the money.

If I am mistaken in either of these matters, you will advise me. I gave \$500. to the general church building fund, and will give this \$250. - when really needed.

Yours &c
A.E. Barstow

3573 5/22/1866

From: John H. Aughey

To: Major Gen. O.O. Howard

OOH-3521

Livonia, Washington
Co., Indiana

Source: Bowdoin

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Livonia, Washington Co., Ind.
22nd May / 66

Major Gen. O.O. Howard
Dear Sir,

I am engaged in writing the life and services of Gen. Nathan Kimball. Would you be so kind as to give me your views of Gen. Kimball for the forthcoming volume. Gen K. is a candidate for State treasurer on the republican ticket. The friends of the Gen think 50,000 copies of the work may be sold before the close of the present campaign in this state alone.

Gen. Kimball is a member of my church, The Livonia O.S. Presbyterian Church. With your permission I shall dedicate this work to you.

Be so kind as to reply at your earliest convenience and oblige
Yours truly

John H. Aughey
Livonia
Washington Co.
Ind.

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

Livonia Wash. Co. Ind,
May 22nd 1866
Aughey, John H.

Is writing a life of Gen Nathan Kimball – asks Gen Howard for contribution to the work.
Recd May 25th 1866

3574 5/23/1866

From: Andrew J Graham

To: Maj Gen. [OO] Howard

OOH-3522

544 Broadway, New
York

Source: Bowdoin

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544 Broadway, New York
May 23d 1866

Maj Gen. Howard

I have a plan of teaching reading which I believe would save years in the education of the Freedmen.

If you have time to read a short communication presenting the plan, I will write one, and send you books exhibiting the method.

Please give me the address of Gen. C.B. Fisk (my classmate in College), in order that the plan may be brought to his attention.

You will perhaps remember my brother, Rev. Dr. Graham, a graduate of Oberlin.

Earnestly hoping that the real Moses of the Freedmen may be successful in bringing them from Egypt to the Promised Land.

I am very Resp'y Yours
Andrew J Graham

3575 5/23/1866 *From:* S.S. Carroll

To: My dear Gen. [OO
Howard]

OOH-3523

Cor F. & 18th St.
Washington D.C.

Source: Bowdoin

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My dear Gen

I have a young friend (Bvt Maj F. C. Von Shirach) who is very desirous of getting a position on your staff. I can recommend him to you as a good religious young gentleman, and believe he will give you much comfort if you will take him. He lost a leg at the second Bull Run, and has suffered a great deal since. He has the highest recommendation from Hon Simon Cowen, who takes the greatest interest in him. Excuse me if I trouble you Gen., but believing you to be a true friend, I appeal to you without hesitation.

I hope your family are all well. If I ever went to see a living being, I should have gone to see your wife when she was here. Give her my love when you write, and do not let my little pet forget me.

Very truly your friend

S.S. Carroll [Sally Sprigg Carroll, Wife of Hon. William T. Carroll, Clerk of Supreme Court]

Cor F. & 18th St.

My 23rd 1866

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

Washington D.C.

May 23 / 66

Carroll, Mrs S.S.

Introducing Maj. F.C. Von Shirach

Recd. May 23, 1866

3576 5/23/1866 *From:* Albert D. Richardson *To:* Dear General [OO]
Howard

OOH-3524

'Tribune' Office
New York

Source: Bowdoin

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'Tribune' Office
New York May 23, 1866.

Dear General Howard:

I dont believe it was a Tribune reporter to whom your MS. was given. I am unable to find any traces of it in the office. I was vexed & mortified that you were treated so shabbily about your speech. But it was after I heard the proper orders given by the Managing Editor; so it was neither my fault nor his.

Faithfully yours
Albert D. Richardson

3548 5/12/1866

From: A.C. Sommers

To: Gen [OO] Howard

OOH-3525

Washington City D.C.

Source: Bowdoin

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Washington City D.C.

May 12d /66

Gen Howard

Sir

I am compelled to trouble you with this note, as I did not catch the name this morning, of the gentleman you have selected to view the farm in Va.

Col Randolph I am sorry to say cannot go, as he could not leave the Office for so long a time. Mr Samuel Cutts will go. You will please say to the parties who are going over, that Mr Cutts will or ca go tomorrow (24th) at any hour after 12 o'clock. He belongs to Sec. Office treasury Dept. & says, if they will call at his office when they are ready, he will go. If tomorrow does not suit the other gentleman, Mr Cutts will go he says, any day this <week> except Saturday, but cannot leave <any> day earlier than 12 oclock. If convenient I would like to hear by the bearer whether they will go tomorrow.

Very Respectfully

A.C. Sommers

3577 5/23/1866

From: A.N. Rankin

To: Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard

OOH-3526

76 John Street
P.O. Box 5, 733
New York

Source: Bowdoin

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76 John Street
P.O. Box 5, 733
New York, May 23 / 66

Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard
Dear Sir:

At the request of the Rev. Lyman Abbott, who is still very sick, I write to ask you to please answer to him the points in the enclosed printed matter which he has marked.

The document was issued at Boston and the meeting is to transpire next week.

Since writing the foregoing, I have received a letter from Jonathan A. Lane, 43 Franklin Street, Boston, saying, among other things, that you are expected to address the good people of that city to-morrow night; so I will send a duplicate of this letter –or at least its substance –to you there in his care.

Respectfully
A.N. Rankin