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3634 6/15/1866 *From:* S.V. Merrick

*To:* My dear Sir [OO Howard]

OOH-3574

*Source:* Bowdoin

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My dear Sir

I received your letter 11th June by Mr Porter. There will be no difficulty in raising a fair share of the money he requires here if we can get the proper <machinery to work>.

I have applied to the Freedmens aid to <evaluate> it, but while they individually favor it, they hesitate as to the propriety of a General association as theirs, sending special aid to a sectarian work. I have sent for Mr Porter to have a face talk with them on Wednesday after noon at their office and if you can write to any of your friends in that Soc. so as to reach Monday morning it will help <him ?>. I shall do what I can to aid <him>.

I shall be pleased to hear that Mrs H. is well thru' her trouble. [Lizzie gave birth to their fifth child John Howard on June 15 1866.]

Yours truly  
S.V. Merrick

15 June [1866]

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3626 6/13/1866 *From:* Wm T. Wofford

*To:* Maj. Genl O.O. Howard

OOH-3575

Washington D.C.

Comr. Bu F. R & A Lands

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Washington D.C.  
June 13th 1866

Maj. Genl O.O. Howard  
Comr. Bu F. R & A Lands  
Sir

Enclosed I send you a slip taken from the Rome Courier, a paper published in the city of Rome Ga. for two purposes; first as an evidence of a gratifying change of public sentiments, and secondly to ask your assistance in obtaining for the colored people in the District I am from, some forty or fifty sunday school libraries to be distributed in the Counties of DeKalb, Fealtre, Cobb, Cass, Cherokee, Gordon, Roth, Floyd, Chattooga, Walker, Dade, Catoosa, Whitfield and Henry. It the Bureau over which you preside do not furnish such Books, will you aid me in obtaining them from Christian Publication societies? The colored people have not the means to pay for Libraries, neither have their white friends in the Counties named, this being the section of Georgia so completely devastated by the armies of Sharman and Johnson in the many and bloody Battles for the possession of Atlanta.

Very respectfully your  
obedient servant  
Wm T. Wofford

[Attached newspaper clipping]

Sunday School for Freedmen. On last Sabbath a Sunday school for the Freedmen was organized at the Baptist church in this place, with over eighty scholars. Some of our best citizens and first ladies of the place are teachers in it. We understand that similar movements are contemplated by the other churches of the city.

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3627 6/13/1866

*From:* Benj. C. Cook

*To:* Major Gen O O Howard

OOH-3576

Bureau R F and A  
Lands  
Richmond VA

Commissioner BRF and AL  
Washington D.C.

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*Source:* Bowdoin

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Bureau R F and A Lands  
Richmond VA  
13th June 1866

Major Gen O O Howard  
Commissioner BRF and AL  
Washington D.C.  
General

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your communication of the 21st ult., and in compliance with your instructions I respectfully forward you the papers pertaining to my Brevet appointment with the Endorsement of Bvt Brig Gen O Brown, which I trust will meet with your favorable consideration

Very Respectfully  
Your Obt Servant  
Benj. C. Cook  
1nd Lt 24th V.R.C.  
And Asst Supt 5 Dist Va  
Bureau R.F. and A.L.

[Summary written sideways on the back page, in a different hand.]  
Richmond, June 13th 1866  
Cook, Benj, C.  
2nd Lieut & Asst. Supt. 70  
Transmits papers relative to his Brevet appointment.  
Lt. Sr.  
(1 enclosure)  
[STAMP] BUREAU R.F.& A.L. REC'D JUN 14 1866]

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3628 6/13/1866 *From:* MC Meigs

*To:* Major Genl. O.O. Howard

OOH-3577

Washington

Commissioner of the Bureau  
of  
Refugees, Freedmen &  
Abandoned Lands

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*Source:* Bowdoin

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Washington, 13th June, 1866.

Major Genl. O.O. Howard,  
Commissioner of the Bureau of  
Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands

Dear Sir:

I enclose a petition for the establishment of a Public Park near the cities of Washington and Georgetown.

If you approve the object, please cause it to be placed where it may be signed by those whom you know, and cause it to be presented to Congress by some member of the House or Senate; or return it to me to be transmitted to the Chairman of the Committee on the District of Columbia.

I am, very respectfully

Your obt. servant,

/s/ MC Meigs [Bvt Major General Montgomery C. Meigs, USMA Class of 1836.]

Unofficial

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Washington D.C.

June 13th 1866.

Meigs, M.C.

<QrMrGenl

Encloses petition for a public Park

Recd June 13th 1866

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3629 6/13/1866 *From:* Nathan Kimball

*To:* Maj Genl O O Howard

OOH-3578

Livonia Ind

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Livonia Ind June 13 1866

Maj Genl O O Howard  
General

Rev John H Aughey Pastor of our church (OS Presbyterian) was at the beginning of the late rebellion a citizen of Mississippi a Minister & Teacher – for his devoted loyalty to our government he was arrested imprisoned & otherwise persecuted by the <masked> Traitors of that State until he escaped & came into our lines at Rienzi.

Mr Aughey is a gentleman and Christian, entirely worthy of a ll confidence and any favor you may be able to do for him. He will write you on business pertaining to himself and General presuming upon my acquaintance with you, formed while under your command I write to you in his behalf & bespeak for him in favorable considerations & action.

I am Dear General with the highest regard  
Truly Your Friend and  
Most Obt Servant  
Nathan Kimball  
Late brvt Maj Genl Vol  
& Comdg 1st Divis 4 A.C.

3630 6/13/1866

*From:* I. P. Warren

*To:* Maj. Gen. [OO] Howard

OOH-3579

American Tract Society  
Tract House, 28 Cornhill  
Boston

Com. Freedmen & Bureau

*Source:* Bowdoin

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[Letterhead]

American Tract Society  
Tract House, 28 Cornhill  
Boston,  
Instituted in Boston in 1814  
Publication Department  
Rev. E.N. Kirk, D.D.  
Edward S. Rand, Esq.  
Rev. Israel P. Warren, Secretary and Editor  
June 13, 1866

Rev. S.T. Spear, D.D.  
Rev. Wm. Hague, D.D.

Maj. Gen. Howard  
Com. Freedmen & Bureau  
My dear Sir,

Have you seen the little book published by us from the pen of Gen Fisk, entitled "Plain Counsels for Freedmen" I think it admirably adapted to their use.

It has occurred to me that if you have the needed time you might also prepare something which would be of great value to those people. Your intimate knowledge of their circumstances and want would enable you to speak intelligently, and your name will carry with it more weight than probably any other living man's. We should be exceedingly pleased to publish any such work that you might prepare in such style as you would prefer, and furnish large quantities for distribution by you.

You have seen our school books I believe. We have heard intimations in a few cases that we have not done well in calling them "Freedman's Readers", that they do not like the idea of having any thing made for them as a class, but want just the Same sort of books as the white people. Now, dear Sir, please inform me how much there is in this. We can change the title if necessary. What would you think of one calling them the "Lincoln Readers", the Lincoln Spelling Book, in honor of the great & good friend of the colored people? Or can you make any other suggestions which will help us make our books more acceptable & useful?

Pardon me for troubling you in this matter & believe me

Most respectfully & cordially yours,  
I. P. Warren, <[CHECK ORIGINAL –hidden by tape]

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3631 6/13/1866 *From:* T.J. Furgerson

*To:* Gen. O.O. Howard

OOH-3580

Parkersburg W.Va

Chief of Freedmen's Bureau  
Washington D.C.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Parkersburg W.Va June 13th /66

Gen. O.O. Howard,  
Chief of Freedmen's Bureau  
Washington D.C.  
My dear Sir

I am preparing a pamphlet, - subject Negro Education, and any information as to the number of schools for freedmen, pupils in attendance, provision in the late rebellious state for the instruction of colored children and any remarks you would be pleased to make in furtherance of the subject will be thankfully received.

Hon T A. Plants of the House from Ohio is well acquainted with me.

Hoping sir to hear from you soon I am truly your ob't Serv't  
T.J. Furgerson

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3632 6/13/1866    *From:* Wm Edsall

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

OOH-3581

*Source:* Bowdoin

Lathrop, Ludington &  
Co.  
325,328 & 330  
Broadway  
New York

Washington D.C.

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[Letterhead]

Lathrop, Ludington & Co.  
325,328 & 330 Broadway  
New York  
June 13th 1866

Maj. Genl O.O. Howard, U.S.A.  
Washington D.C.  
My dear Sir

You will probably remember a few days ago when going up the river to attend the funeral of Genl [Winfield] Scott [died 29 May 1866], being spoke to by delegates of the "Brooklyn Young Men's Christian Association" en route for the Albany convention & on whose behalf I have now the honour to address you. Our association is very desirous of having a Lecture from you during the fall say in Oct. or later if more convenient for you, at the Academy of Music, as this building promises to be much in demand & we are about arranging for a course of Lectures I will esteem it a favour if you will write me as early as convenient advising me if you will find it agreeable to comply with our wishes. Be kind enough should you able to favour us with a lecture, to designate more than one date so that should our Academy be engaged fo the first Evening we may get it on some other one.

With much respectf  
Yours Very Truly  
Wm Edsall  
Cor. Secty.

Please address me New York  
R.D. Box 1444.

[Summary written sideways on the back page in a different hand.]  
New York June 13 1866  
Edsall Wm  
Desires Gen. Howard to lecture in Brooklyn in Oct.  
Recd June 14th 1866



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3633 6/14/1866    *From:* T.E. Stone

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

OOH-3582

*Source:* Bowdoin

Middlesex Mechanics  
Association  
Incorporated 1825  
Lowell, Mass.

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[Letterhead]

Middlesex Mechanics Association  
Incorporated 1825  
Lowell, Mass.  
June 14, 1866.

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

It affords me pleasure to inform you that the Lecture Committee of the Middlesex Mechanics Association have unanimously voted to instruct the Corresponding Secretary to invite you to speak in a course of Lectures to be given under the auspices of the Association, commencing about the first of November next. The Committee sincerely hope you will find it desirable and convenient to accept this invitation; and my I ask your early attention to the matter, as it is quite necessary to complete the list of speakers at an early day in the season? In communicating with me, be good enough to name terms, subject of lecture (if possible), and also in what month you will be most likely to come North, if remaining in Washington, next season.

Very respectfully yours,  
T.E. Stone, Sect.