Office of the Loyal Georgian,

Augusta, Ga., June 16, 1866

Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard
Commissioner

Sir,

I have the honor to call upon you as a Loyal Georgian of this week. I am sorry that it is my duty to oppose Genl. Tillson and his late State, but he has not done his duty. He is and has been trying to ruin my character, but I shall not stand to assail him in that way. I have been a soldier. I feel that Genl. Tillson is a traitor to Southern prejudice against the teachers who desired to honor the memory of the Union dead in our city cemetery. I was incensed at his conduct and if I had yielded to my feelings I should have denounced him, but the account I gave was very mild as you will see by referring...
To the Loyal Georgian of May 5th,
I hope he true to freedom & I am
and have been conservative all
my course since I came to this city
as I can prove by reference to my
printed speeches and letters.
The following communication was
in the first issue of this week's paper.
It was put in without my knowledge
and I then saw after I discovered it.
I was the paper I read you will show
I mention this thinking that perhaps
it may be sent to you so observe

Communicated.

LET US RALLY AROUND THE
FLAG.

Captain Bryant, (our good and faithful
friend,) is attacked by a lion, and the
threat is made that he shall be driven
from this city, because of his kindness
to us. Boys! the Captain befriended
us in our hour of great need. Now is
the chance to return our gratitude. Let
us do it. A general desire is manifested
to make up a purse for him. To put
the ball in motion, it is proposed that all
who wish to make him a present in cash,
will call at Wm Hale's store, and leave
their one, five or ten dollars. Come up
boys! the time for talk is over. Let us
prove to the world that we are a grateful
people. Go to William Hale's store.

WILLIAM TELL
To the Loyal Ecoinian of May 6th.
I shall be true to freedom but I am and have been conservative in my course since I came to this city. As I can prove by reference to my printed sheets and letters.
The following communication was in the first issue of this week paper. It was just in without my knowledge and taken out after it discovered. I am sure, when I send you will show this thinking not perhaps may be read of yours in June.

With much esteem,

[Signature]

[Address]

Late Capt. 8th McL. Vol. Infantry.
May 31st, O.C. Howard,

My dear Sir,

I had the pleasure to receive your

return of G’s.

Since the few days we spent so pleasantly together, I have been in St. Louis attending the Meeting of the New Assembly of the W.

A. Presbyterian Church, and on returning, proceeded to Boston to attend the Anniversary of the American Society. My family are now preparing to return to our Summer home at Dedford during the next week. When I get there, I hope to take more comfortably.

I beg to say that I am,

I should have been pleased if you put into execution your thought of coming up to see us on your last visit to the city, you would be interested to have a start at Bible work among the minority schools, doing what I am doing for our underprivileged population in the way of religious instruction.

I have no doubt you have done much good by your opening, so as to have enough for your wants, I think I could raise for you the amount you desire to pay for it, but I cannot.

If Dr. Bryant and W. A. Brand come here to make an effort for the same, I will cancel them as far as I can. The press

in my town is too weak for me to effect it, do not. It is a good work, I should think. I enclosed a check in your name

for $200, which please appropriate to the object.
My family, as well as everyone here, remembers your brief visit with them with much satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,
M. W. Rob.

[Signature]
Bellefonte, Me.
June 16, 1866

Superintendent of Freedmen's Bureau

Dear Sir,

I write out now to ascertain whether this will join Gen. Howard in Washington. I simply wish to learn if Gen. Howard will be in Washington during the next few fifteen days. Have been illness to see him on matters of some importance. If he will not be in Washington at the time mentioned, when will he or when can he be seen in any place in the North? An answer to this directive to one at 56 Court St., Boston, Mass. will be a special favor.
Very truly yours,

S. B. Bowker
Bedford M.E.
June 16 '11

Towker S. D.

Inquire whether Scoul Howard will be in Washington during the next 10 or 15 days.
June 16, 1866

Dear Cousin,

Please find the papers enclosed relating to Ray due me as of Jan 21st. And here to request that you will forward them at the shortest time for Collection.

I could not ask this of you if I was acquainted with any reliable Agent in the place from whom I have never heard anything more than to ask Mr. Merrill to send a letter of inquiry. The reason the matter was not attended...
at the proper time
was owing to delay in
getting receipt of return,
turned over by my Gen.

I have now notice
of receipt of return,
I think there will
be no delay in paying
my pay, if you can
secure it. Collections
wish you to attain
your hundred dollars

I have always
felt indicate when
had I not expected to ut
in Maine that I had the pleasure
saying her I wish you
money before
I hope you

family and will
Sarah pins me on sending much love to our children.

We are on a plantation.

Oor letter boy is now 3 yollar in good health except this trouble.
I cannot say we like this plantation life, but time may consider us to do.

Craps not look like very well coming to too much rain.

Hope you will put these papers in prompt hands.

Very yours,

M. Mitchell
Woodman of Mr.
Late 1st. Maine Vols.

Friendly letter.

Reed. June 27. 1863.
Washington, D.C.,
May 16, 1866

My dear Col. Howard,

I address these few lines to you to inform you that I have had an interview with the Secretary Melville, and he has not yet
much patience and comprehensive view
and information, but I can still not satisfie
he referred to 5 & 6 the secter of the contents of the Bankg's compt.

Beging to me that in those secters a
prohibition was entered against all cutting in
change at the Bank.
After that while
The person of the
Act or Section calls
for I wish to me
and would like to
have decided and
a question of interest
to thousands of the
Representatives
men of
My race who have
just been presented
for to secure is The
latter in emphatic
expressed as to may
be interpreted in any
other frame now
I hope that you
will give me
an opportunity to
have a talk
with you and
when I do I think
each will be
Benefit by N. I am under great obligations to you. I wish you good health.

Address to:
William Bowen
618 G St., N.W. 5th and 6th Sts., Washington, D.C.,
In. I'll be pleased to receive an answer and I would like to see you. I wish to know if this matter can be done without the trouble or some one of the official tells the individual. Responsibility I hope this can be done some way.
Effect... You please answer to address...
J. M. Power
Washington, D.C., June 7th

Mr. Howard,
Mr. Hower &
Brothers,

Dear Sirs,

From a circular requesting aid for the erection of a Congregational Meeting House in Washington it is believed that the object commands itself to be as eminently laudable. Hon. Mr. J. H. Hoge - well known & honored in this region - has exposed a bill upon Mr. Hovey & the friends of Mr. Hovey for 1000 dollars. During his summer vacation he made collections for this object & probably more will be secured from than in any other
June 17, 1866

Major Gen. O. O. Howard
Com. Bu R.F. & A. L.
Washington D.C.

General

In reply to your letter of the 11th, calling my attention to a letter written by the Rev. James Shewton to a Member of Congress, complaining of irregular action on the part of the Bureau in this District. I have to say that I have seen Mr. Shewton and accorded with the suggestion contained in your letter, and he informed me that in his letter he made no reference to any acts as Superintendent of this District, except as such acts had been changed or reversed by the Assistant Clerk of the State (Genl. Ruger). He stated that he was absolved from the cause they had already
preferred that the officer at Raleigh, now at the head of the Bureau in this State, may be seeking to render it painless for good. I avail myself of the opportunity of replying to your unofficial letter to call your attention to some facts in regard to Bureau affairs in this State, which I could not have brought to your attention in any other way under other circumstances, without expounding myself to charges of disrespect towards my superior officer, and I must say, also officially, that the opinion also expressed by Mr. Hunter is also my opinion on the relief of Gen. McPherson as A.G. Con and Gen. M. O. Gardner A.G. U. States was placed in duty as A.G. of the Bureau and Gen. M. O. Gardner A.D.M. was placed in duty as Bureau Quartermaster. The report of Gen. Scott of your staff in regard to Col. Ells method of conducting the Bureau while he was in duty as Superintendent of the Western District of this State, may explain why the action of the Bureau should be a subject of complaint from their friends who
do not wish to be it made "an instrument for
the suppression of the Freedmen".
In the District of which I am Superintendant,
Major's Mann and Wickesham have until
lately been on duty, one as Quartermaster
and Financial Agent, and the other as A.P.'s 3d
of this Sub-Dist, and they now each authorized
to employ one Clerk. I also had ten Clerks
employed in my office. Since the ten
officials named have been relieved from duty,
I am only allowed one officer to fill both
positions, and have been compelled to discharge
all except one clerk in my own office. The
result of this is, that my time is now so com-
pletely taken up in performing a Clerk's
duty, that I cannot devote the attention
of other business which it requires.
Colonel Gardin's hostility to the Bureau is
well known, and he apparently avails himself
of his official position to place every obstacle
in the way of its officers, both in regard to
the transaction of public business and in
regard to any personal business that may
necessarily pass through his office.
Lieut. Means, 8th U.S. Infantry - Post Quartermaster - stated to one of my employees that Colonel Carter had paid to them "not to take any trouble to accommodate the Office of the Quartermaster," Col. Carter refused to pay my accounts for mileage on your order assigning me to duty in this State, until ordered to do so by the Quartermaster General. On the 9th ult., I was ordered to turn over all Government's transportation used by the Bureau in this District, to the Post Quartermaster hereafter it had been issued for the use of the Bureau by order of the Secretary of War, and is necessary for the proper transaction of its business. Immediately on Col. Carter assuming the duties of Bureau Quartermaster - after ordering Bvt. Maj. Johnston - he refused to issue Forage, to supply the Pulbic Animals used by one - declaring that there was no authority for its issue, and from the 1st to the 10th of this month (when the Transportation was turned over) the
Public Animals not only kept from starving by borrowing the Forage necessary for their use. In regard to Genl. Gardner's yearly efforts to embarrass the operations of the Bureau while he was Chief Quartermaster of the Department of North Carolina, I can only refer you to Genl. Whiting and the Officers who were on duty in the Bureau at the time.

Since the visit of Generals Readman and Fullerton the Rebel element has become perfectly rampant and instances of injustice to the Freedman now frequent throughout. I have had considerable difficulty with the Mayor of this City A. T. Vanbokkelen, who visited in my office, in the presence of Genl. Scouel of your Staff, that he was "an original Recklessian" — in consequence of his many gross acts of tyranny and inhumanity towards the colored people, in withholding one of the passes to the Rappahannock at Raleigh for a dejected and reduced
A number of cases have been reported to me of other Union men had been murdered for
acts committed during the war, in trumped up charges of Assault & Battery, "Larceny," to wit: the express intent of custody and whipping them, as to drive them out of the County. Among such cases I will mention the following case of Stephen Elkins (white) indicted by the County Court of Columbus County for Assault and Battery, committed during the war. This case was reported to me by Lieut. E. A. M. DeRiggs, Adj. Surg. of Columbus County, and found that Elkins had been a Union man, and had lived in the swamp during several years of the war to save himself from serving in the Rebel Army that he acted in concert with other Union men and with escaped Union prisoners & colored men and had a part in a Rendezvous for escaped Union prisoners. I made a statement of the case, and endorsed the opinion of Lieut. DeRiggs that if the man Elkins was tried by a Civil Court, his verdict certainly be convicted, and recommended that he be tried by a Military Commission, if tried at all. The papers returned to
me with an endorsement, that there was no
cause to interfere with the action of the Civil
Courts. Another case is that of a man named
John Thompson, also of Columbus County,
who was tried for larceny on a charge of
larceny committed during the war, and
was convicted and publicly whipped.
I have endeavored to act consistently and to
carry out the orders I have from time to time
received, and have followed, as far as they are
applicable, the precedents of cases previously
decided. I trust General that you will
excuse any troubling you wish to bring a
letter, and that you will regard it as an
Unofficial Communication, as I am well
aware that if it ever comes to the attention
of the officers at the head of the Bureau in this
State, it is in their power to make any portion
unpleasant. I availed myself of your Un-
official letter to supply and state the ensuing
facts. I believe that you would desire to
be informed of them.
I am General
With Great Respect
Yours Truly,

Allan Rutherford
Lieut Colonel US
(Brt Colonel US V)
Supt Va Dist NC.
Washington Dec 18th 1866

Maj. Genl. O. C. Howard

Dear Sir,

By your permission we would be happy to be entertained at your residence on Wednesday evening between the hours of 12 & 11 0'clock P.M.

You will please excuse the abrupt manner of asking so much of your time which we know is passing. We earnestly hope that you will accept this as one of our expressions of appreciation of yourself as our good friend.

We are your Ef. Servants

P. Jackson

Leader of the 1st District Col

Boys Band

Washington D.C.
Dear General,

I have the honor to introduce herewith Rev. A. S. P. Green, Esq. of Nashville, whose desire to confer with you touching the refunding of rents received from his property, formerly held as abandoned,

I have no hesitation in commanding Mr. Green to your confidence, as in saying that he is entitled to the most liberal consideration in adjusting the claim he presents, which for rents receiv'd subsequent to the liable of his property. Hereupon, I shall give a full history of the case, and show the
action of the Federal Court in
the premises —
I am &
most great respect,
Your obedient servant,
Clinton B.Park
Br. Maj. Genld
Anv. Secy.
Maj. Genl. Howard
Commissioner of
Washington
20th