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

My dear Genl.

I have written to Mr Mattoon by this mail, but would submit for your consideration, the main question proposed, that you may consider it even before meeting other members of your Committee.

Mr Eustis asks why not let the entire property be owned by the Cong'l Union.

He would have all funds raised given to said Union, specifying of course for Washington Club

Dr Bacon favoring the idea suggests that I learn from the Committee the objections if any, to this suggestion

They feel that a large amount must be raised out of W. The present Trustees are fully satisfactory but changes liable to occur lead them to these suggestions

If you can, I wish you would address a Note to Dr Bacon immediately on the subject.

Yours truly
W L Coan

Office of the Loyal Georgian,

AUGUSTA, GA., June 23 1866

Maj Genl O. O. Howard
Com Bureau R.F.&A.L.

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 19th has been received I was more than pleased to receive these few words from you If I know my own heart General I am governed by pure motives Genl Tillson being from our State I wanted to like him and approve of his course I strengthened his hands as much as I could But I knew long before the "cemetery affair" that ~~the~~ the freedmens affairs were not properly managed in his office. I was censured by a friend of mine, a Christian man because I did not oppose the officers of the Bureau here I gave my reasons for not doing so, reasons satisfactory to me. After the unsuccessful attempt of the rebels to decorate the graves of the Union dead in our city cemetery I gave a

mild account of the course pursued by Genls Brannan and Tillson. But General I was incensed by their course

After witnessing the parade attending the ceremony of decorating the graves of the Confederate Dead to think that the friends of our brave boys who died in defending their country could not in a quiet way strew flowers on their graves and to think that Union Generals should yield to rebel clamor incensed me and yet I did not wish to increase the excitement although I considered it my duty to give the facts. I intended to publish nothing but the truth.

Genl Tillson sent for me immediately after the paper of the 5th of May was issued and cursed and swore at me in a brutal manner accusing me of being a traitor &c &c. On account of my position in the army, I could do nothing but leave his office.

I did not again allude

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to the cemetery affair for several weeks But General Tillson commenced a system of persecution against me which was unexpected by me.

Previous to the "cemetery affair" Mrs Bryant and myself were upon friendly terms with the family of Genl Tillson Mrs Tillson and Mrs Bryant frequently called upon each other. The General forbid his wife to call at my house after this. I was upon intimate terms with several gentlemen connected with the Generals staff and they were ordered not only not to call upon me but not even to speak to me. Mr Eberhart Superintendent of Schools who had frequently used the Loyal Georgian as a medium through which he could reach the colored people in different parts of the State was instructed not to write for the paper under any circumstances. I had been ~~with~~ practicing upon the freedmens courts by permission of General

Tillson and by his permission charged the colored men a fee. But immediately after the account of the "cemetery affair" was published he gave orders not to allow me to practice longer. Not satisfied he charged me with deceiving the freedmen; with having illicit connection with colored women and indeed with almost every crime known among men. And he even repeated lies that had been told about my father.

I wrote a letter to him asking that he would appoint a committee, he choosing a Northern man and a colored man, and I was charged with committing crimes against colored people, and I proposed to do the same and they should choose a third and I would go before this committee and meet any charge he should bring against my character with the understanding that the report of the committee should be made public if he or myself desired it. This he refused to do. But nevertheless he continues to repeat the charges.

The result of his course is that I am in constant danger of being

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insulted or perhaps killed.

During all of this time I have never assailed his private character. When General Steadman and Fullerton were here General Tillson on the Lobby talk discussed the "cemetery affair" of one of the colored churches and attempted to have the colored people endorse his course. I thought that the time had come when it was my duty to discuss his policy in the Loyal Georgian. I have attempted to do so in a dignified manner and in a proper spirit, and if your brother Charles or any officer as upright as he should come here I think that I can satisfy him that I am doing my duty. I shall not assail General Tillson's character. There are many things that I like in him but I fear that he has no sympathy with those who are laboring to improve the condition of the freedmen. Without

cause he called the teachers damned old maids and damned whores. Mr Russel a Congregational clergyman sent here by the American Missionary Association he called old Russel These things may seem small but when you remember that they are said in the presence of men hostile to those who are laboring for the freedmen you can understand why it is that the Southern people here are more ready insult them.

I am not a christian man but I believe that my course has met the approbation of every christian man and woman here who have been laboring for the freedmen are the true friends. But I believe in God and in prayer and if I know my heart I have done nothing and shall do nothing which I think will be displeasing to Him this I say feeling that perhaps I may at any time be killed. I shall remain and try to do my duty With great Esteem I Remain

J. B. Bryant

Head Quarters Soldiers & Sailors Unions
Cincinnati June 23. 66

Maj Gen O. O. Howard

Dear Sir,

The Soldiers & Sailors of the Great West give a grand demonstration on the 4th of July, and you are most cordially invited to be present. Many of the leading generals of the army have promised to be present, and we dont want you to fail us. Please notify us at once so we can make due preparations for you,

Truly Yours
Wm L. DeBeck
Chief Secy Soldiers & Sailors Unions
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Mrs. Mary Mellen Hunter
Care of
The Mellen Hunter Co.
Bois Brûlé Farm
Hudson, Wisconsin

Dear Mrs. Hunter:

Your letter of January 22nd came to me while I was in Washington on the 24th. I had hoped to have been able to come to Hudson before this, but I have been so busy that I have not been able to do so. I shall be there next week, however, and will then see you and talk over the matter of your son's education. I am very sorry that I did not see your son when he was here last Fall, but I was away from home at the time.

Very truly yours,

Wm. H. Allen

Percival

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
Office Act. Ass't Commissioner, State of Georgia,
Augusta, Ga., June 23d 1866.

Dear General

Your kind letter received last night. It seems to me that in advising me to pursue a course of "Masterly inactivity" you forget that so far as the public is concerned I have done this. Up to the time you wrote me last ~~to~~ January no word of justification of my course had appeared in the newspapers. I have written on short note for publication and sent it to the Tribune. It was my duty to keep you well informed. The result of my silence is, that the abuse and falsehood heaped upon me has daily increased until my friends from all parts of the country are calling upon me to defend myself. I enclose a copy of the Loyal Georgian of this week - no comment is necessary

The agent at Griffin, whose conduct Bryant attacks is one of the most bitter and determined union men in the State. Bryant last move is to get up a celebration on the 4th of July next of which he is to be the head & front. Already, so I am informed threats are made by prominent citizens that if he does this he will be shot. His object is to create such an excitement as to compel me to interfere and stop his proceedings in order to prevent riot and so make capital out of it against me. The colored people have the undoubted right to celebrate the 4th of July and I shall defend them in the exercise of that right. If Bryant chooses to provoke the white people he must be responsible for the consequences so far as they may affect himself. So long

as this fellow is allowed to remain in the State and publish wholesale lies about the Bureau and its officers and stir up strife between the races no improvement can be witnessed in the condition of the freedpeople - It seems that nothing will suit the purposes of this unscrupulous villain but that we must have bloodshed in the streets. Excuse me if I tire you on this subject, justice to myself and family makes it necessary for me to keep the record. I may need to use it. I am Yours Very Truly

Davis Tillson
Brvt Maj Genl
Asst Com

Maj Genl Howard
Comr Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Washington D. C.

Home News Office,
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Maj Gen O. O. Howard,
General,

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I am requested by the Chairman of our Committee on Speakers to invite you to be present and address the soldiers of the 15th Ohio Cong. District on the 4th of July next. As a member of the Committee, and one of your veterans, I take the liberty of presenting your name thereto with the above result. Aside from the historic interest attached to the first born child of the "Territory North West of the Ohio River" we have to extend as an inducement for you to accept our invitation, the information that you will meet many of your old troops, among which I enumerate the 115th and 73d O. V. I., Batteries K (DeBeck) and H (Huntington) of the O. V. A and Pierpoint (C, 1st W. Va St. Lt. – Hill) and many other veterans who had the honor to serve under you at Gettysburg and who will be glad to meet and greet you once again.

It has been determined to make this the celebration of the West. We do not propose to permit any of the large Western Cities compare with us in our demonstra-

tions of joy over the return of peace. Generals Cox, Hayes and others will be present.

Should you be pleased to accept this invitation it will afford me much gratification to have you make my home your home during what, I trust, may be your protracted stay among us.

Hoping to receive a favorable reply I have the honor to remain, General,

Most Respectfully,
Your Obed't Servt,
T. S. Field.
Late Lieut Batty C, 1st W. Va Light
("Pierpoint Battery")

I had our stated female prayer meeting at my house Thursday, Launa came had her little boy with her and brother Ensign came to tea, he seems in good health I saw them at the funeral yesterday, I hoped to see K. & H. this week but he wrote instead he has not been here since Charles was here Farmington seemed vacant enough without Ella and the Children Rowland has written you of Mrs Capt Lincoln Patten's death I suppose Ella is now stoping with her Uncle for a few weeks, since I commenced this letter I was interrupted by a short call from Mary Frances Lothrop whom I have not seen for a long time before, last evening I ~~shall~~ received a letter from Louisa Mower urging me to visit her before Laymas she writes, in good spirits says Warren has recovered his health, Roland is farming regularly his wife sells abundance of nice butter and eggs, the children go to school Mark sends his, and they go along very well with the white children, to day is our conference and some one to be baptised tomorrow, I was out yesterday in the heat, and concluded to humor my ~~strength~~ by staying at home, I received Charles letter by last night's mail which still things of Lizzie's being in a good way Charles ask me to suggest a name for boy No. 4. but as I have always stood aloof in such things I may as well, this time Edward is a good name and so are many others, remember me affectionately to all your family individually

O. O Howard

Affectionately yours

Elizabeth Howard

Leeds June 24 1866

My dear son,

Your Favor of 15th inst. I received in due time. I am very glad to hear that the general health of the family are as good as could be expected, Lizzie I hope is still doing well the little boy is healthy, I trust and will be equal to any of his older brothers, I think of you all daily, and at this time the anniversary of Grace's birth, and the many attendant circumstances connected with it are now living over again, your fathers silent kindnesses, and Mrs Waite's quietly suffering out her life here with us, seem but a day in thought, but it has been an eventful nine years to me, my sources are entirely all now, I have some fear of the hot weather on Lizzie's strength. I am much gratified to hear you, or read it, speak of each one of your family individually. they are dear to me at heart I regret to be so forgetful

Mrs Howard is not doing much, Lizzie plant his corn, and hoe his potatoes you tell Lizzie I long to see the baby, I shall write Charles very soon, in another letter I shall be glad the horse, I don't care as it brings another responsibility. let Charles forget my picture I will have it framed

Your affectionate mother

Eliza Howard

Children I am a little lonely, uncomfortably so sometimes, but not unreasonably so, twenty years this house has been my home and everything seems very natural, everything seems blooming, for two or three weeks after I reached my home vegitation almost stood still, but since then everything is beautiful the orchards were one mass of blossoms, then came flowering trees and shrubs one species after another, and have continued, the snow balls have no insects to retard their beauty this year, and the lyringa's are now just in their sweetest time; I have a great number of common flowers in my front yard, these are my pets, I have worked more than common in the front yard this year, yesterday I prepared a large wreath of flowers and sweet scented shrubs and placed on the coffin that contain'd the body of Dexter Howard, he died Wednesday evening at 8, o,clock after being a great sufferer he fell'd with water I call'd to see him a few days before his death, so Deacon Howard has laid away his last son, he died in his full reason in true belief in his Saviour, he said to his father a few days before his death he needed more grace to suffer and die thus, than to face death on the battle field, he had no rest from great bodily suffering for a long while, two or three nights before his death, his mother at parting with him for the night, said Dexter do you feel that you can rest to night, no mother but a few more such nights and I shall rest forever, yesterday I attended the funeral he was carried into the Church and from thence on the ridge to the family place of burial he was dressed in his uniform and plac'd in a handsome coffin, the services were conducted very quietly and solemnly, but affecting to me, I have been spared so far seeing my sons borne away to the silent grave, all who have come to manhood, we are generally healthy in town, Capt Turner is very feeble and I would not be surprised if he did not live much longer he keeps his bed most of the time

Portland June 25, 1865

My Dear friend Mrs Howard

How do you do to day? I expect the weather with you is very warm with you now; it is pretty warm here now. We had a cold Spring.

I think of you every day; especially when I put on the pretty Gingham dress which you bought for me in Augusta. I often think of last summer with pleasure and shall ever feel glad that I was with you at that time. How is it with your house there now? I have made for you a very pretty braided mat from those pieces you gave me, and if you are live where I can get it to you shall be happy so to do.

Susie Thwing with her children made us a visit in April, since that time she has moved into another house.

Mr Thwing will visit us again in

you with the sad tale. my heart aches for the poor child. O how hard the way of transgressors is. I hope his life will be spared to repent of all wrong doing, and become good.

Sister Waite and myself have intended to call on your friend Mr. Jewett. I hope we shall ever be able to; this Spring time has been very busy with us. Sister has now a heavy cold and cough, but I hope it will soon yield to this good warm weather. the remainder of us are well as usual. Albert's wife has taken three of her little girls, and gone to Freeport for a short time. Please give my love to your Mother, and the dear children; I think of them often.

a line from you, or your Husband as soon as convenient will be very gratefully received.

by your friend

Susan W. Jackson

about a month, if nothing prevents.
When you were here last, I think, I told you I received my last letter from Charles last October, and that was dated from Fort Pickens.
I have received letters frequently for several months past, from his half Brother Marcus R. Jackson, he heard that he was in New Orleans, and has written to him, asking him to come to Petersburg Virginia, where he is settled, and printing a Paper. he has at last received a letter from Charles, and knowing how anxious I felt on his account, sent me the letter, enclosed in his about the former desertion you already know. his letter to his Brother is dated June 8th, and he writes as follows
I was on a Boat running to Vicksburg about a month. when I left her in this place (New Orleans) and after some time, enlisted in the 1st New Orleans Volls, where I have been ever since. the Regiment is now mustered out, but I, for being absent without leave for about a week in the City, was arrested, tried, and sentenced to six months confinement at Ship Island, to which place I am waiting to be sent.
my time will be up the 28 of next November, when I will gladly come on see you if you remain there.
he writes, there are about $100 due when my time is out, and $2.75 more if I get pardoned. this is sad news of him is it not, but it might be worse he still lives, and I am thankful for that. I little thought when he passed the summer of 1862 there, that at the close of the war he would be sent there a prisoner. he and his Brother both think that if Mr Seward knew of it he could in some way get him out of it, and this is why I trouble

Augusta June 25th 1866

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Dear General.—

I notice the appropriations of Congress a large amount to the Freedmans Bureau and among the articles specified was that of Clothing. if you are not too much occupied will you write me how the Bureau of Freedmen is supplied with Clothing? who gives the Contracts? and if it is done by advertising? I supposed you would know all about it and have taken the liberty to write you. If you can consistently with your position aid me in getting a Contract for this Clothing any part or all of it you will confer a favor I am in a position that I can make an arrangement of this nature with the strongest assurances that every thing shall be perfectly satisfactory as to quality, time. &c meeting I may hear from you soon fully explaining this matter I am Very Truly Your friend. I paid a Gas Bill which I enclose say $4.12 and as I think there will no more Bills be presented I forward this to close it up — We are all very well this summer and living quietly as we have been the past few years Nothing especially new except we are to have our church dedicated one week from next thursday evening and it will then be all completed with Organ, Carpets &c and a most beautiful church inside and out. Our Sabbath School is in good flourishing condition and will be very much larger when we have a new Library and get into the new church

With kindest regards to Mrs H— & the children I am

Truly C. A. Mulliken

Milliken - C. H.

Desires information con-
cerning the Bureau -

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819 Chestnut Street
Philad. June 25th 1866

Maj. Gen O. O. Howard,
Freedmen's Bureau
Washington D.C.

My dear Sir/

Some time since I took the liberty of addressing you a letter of inquiry relative to obtaining a copy of your "Gettysburg address July 4th 1865" which you kindly had answered stating that it had not yet been published, a few weeks since I saw a copy and since then I have been endeavoring to procure one, but without success so I now dare to write you again to ask if you can direct me where it may be found

Trusting you will pardon this second intrusion

I am with much respect
Your obt. Serv.
Chas. F. Hart

United States Sanitary Commission.

Central Office 244 F. Street.

Washington D. C. June 25th 1866.

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Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard —

Commdg. Bureau Refugees Freedmen &c —

Dear Sir.

I beg to acknowledge recpt. of your note by the hand of Mrs. Wilson, of Savannah Ga., commending her case to the attention & aid of the Sanitary Commission —

It will give me pleasure to present her claim to the Standing Committee of the Commission at their next meeting — on the 29th inst. — if she will favor me with copies of the several papers in her possession, endorsing her claims; and I have reason to believe that her case will be favorably regarded.

Can you give me Mrs. Wilson's address in this city, or inform me how I may communicate with her —

I am, very truly Your —

Jno. S. Blatchford.

Genl Secretary —

Washington D.C.
June 25/66

Platchford J. F.
General Secretary
U.S. Sanitary Com.

Relative to the case of
Mrs Wilson of Savannah
Ga

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Nashville Tennessee
June 25th 1866

Genl O O Howard

We respectfully invite you to be present on the 4th July prox. and join with us in celebrating the anniversary of our National independence.

We have the honor to be
Very Respy Your friends
Jno Trimble
Horace H Hanson
R Hellery
Committee