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Norwich, Conn. June, 26. 1866

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,
and Others —

Gentlemen —

Your Circular respecting the "Congregational Church" at the Capital has been received. I approve of the enterprize contemplated in the permanent establishment of a Congregational Church in Washington. I regret that in my present circumstances as an ex-pastor, I am unable to become personally responsible for any pecuniary aid. But I will call the attention of my successor, Rev. Mr. Dana, to the subject. Perhaps he may have been addressed, as he should be, as the organ of communication with the church of my late pastoral charge. It is not long since he made of forcible appeal in behalf of the "Am. Cong. Union", and the response was uncommonly liberal. This effort being of

recent date, and it being understood, that
was for church-building, and that a gene-
rous appropriation was to be made in favor
of the church at Washington, it will not, I
think, be judged advisable at present to make
a special appeal in behalf of the object proposed
in your circular. Mr. Dana, however,
may be relied upon to act in the premises
as the claims of this cause shall indicate.

With sentiments of Christian fellowship

Yours Very Truly

Albert Bond

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Tract House, 28 Cornhill,

Boston, June 26 1866

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My dear Gen Howard

At the congregational reunion in Brooklyn in May I subscribed $10 in aid of your Church enterprise which I inclose herewith. I wish I could make it a thousand times greater but the salary of a poor Secretary is not very large and a son in College and other home expenses take what little I have. I send with it my best wishes & prayers. My subscription was "28 Cornhill Boston" which Mr Beecher, you remember, thought a funny name for a mother to christen her son by.

I am most truly yrs

I. P. Warren.

Boston June 26 1864

Warren D.P.

Ludwig Contribution for Cong. Church,

Send to Walker

Recd June 28th 1864

Washington D. C.
June 26th 1866

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

Permit me to ask your aid and influence in obtaining from the Christian Publication societies of the north, one hundred small assorted Sunday School Libraries for the uneducated poor of Cherokee Georgia, to be distributed equally to the colored and white. This section of the state is on and near the Rail Road running from Atlanta Ga, to Chattanooga Tenn. and which was the scene of all the desperate and bloody Battles of Genl Sherman for the possession of Atlanta, as also the Battle of Chickamauga, from this fact the people were deprived of all their property and are unable to provide for the necessary

or purchase School and Religious Books for the education of the ignorant. If any Society will send to my address, Leatersville Ga the small Libraries requested, I pledge myself to see them placed in the care of good and proper persons in each Village and District where they are most needed and will be properly applied. The reception of such Libraries will stimulate the desire for Education (which is already very great and increasing rapidly) as well as afford the means to lay the foundation. I respectfully refer the Societies to Maj. Genl Thomas, Hon W. D. Heally; and to Gov. Clerkins of Ga, for any information they may desire as to my honesty and sincerity. Very Respectfully

your obedient Servant.

Wm. T. Wofford

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Washington June 26 1866

Stafford Ct.

Asks Sent. Stewart's aid in obtaining Sunday-school libraries for the destitute people of Northern La.

Recd. June 27. 1866

WAR DEPARTMENT,

BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN & ABANDONED LANDS,

Washington, June 27th 1866.

Respectfully referred to

Rev. J. R. Alvord
School Inspector R. F. & A. L. for reply.

June 27. 1866
Refer to the Abn. Tr. for Boston, with request that they furnish the library herein asked for
Howard
O. O. H.

By order of Maj. Gen'l O. O. HOWARD,
Commissioner.

W. Allen Parker.
Lieut. and Aid-de-Camp,
Private Secretary.

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HEADQUARTERS,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

STATE OF TEXAS,

Galveston, June 26, 1866.

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Maj Gen O. O. Howard

Dear Gen:

In reply to your personal communication with regard to Lt McClermot, I would state that he had been assigned to duty by Gen Gregory at Millican, a very important point. He immediately began "overhauling things" and, in candor, acted more like an insane than sane man. He went on a lecturing tour, and all of his actions were in the exclusive interest of the planter, and former master. He in several instances tied freedmen up by the thumbs for violating contracts, took all their fire arms from them – told them that they were not allowed to

Col Sinclair has sufficiently been unable his own kind regards – he is a good Officer

him (Gen Grant) private letters on the inside workings of the Bureau. I relieved him and ordered him to report to me in person and in a ten minutes conversation with him I saw that it was rather the fault of his head than his heart that he was not adapted to such duty as I required of him.

I regret to be obliged to state that I could not trust him again in any portion of the State. I am working pretty hard just now, and my health is good much better than when I arrived here. I am preparing a detailed report — could not report sooner for the reason that I had to learn the workings of things I am becoming very much interested in the work, get along finely with the Military, and am

a horse, cow or pig, or any kind of property without written permission of their employers — entirely overlooked and failed to arrest parties who committed flagrant outrages against freedmen, and in one instance took no official notice of a brutal murder of a freedman which was reported to him by the friends of the murdered negro. In a word he completely sold himself to the bad people of the community who used him to continue a form of slavery more revolting than that which formerly had the sanction of the government.

I further have to state that he represented himself to several officers on duty with me, and also some of the regular army on duty under the Dept Commander, that he had been sent here by Gen Grant who was a "personal friend" of his to look quietly around, and see "what was the matter" and write

I fear too popular with the citizens for my own good Worth. I have no serious apprehensions of its lasting very long. Two orders, Circulars Nos 14 & 17 appear to have given the rebel papers and citizens such general satisfaction as to have made me the subject of an immense amount of news paper commendation. The orders I deem just & proper and would be glad to have your sanction or approval of them. Again Genl Gregory was so thoroughly odious to the people as to make any change popular. I must say, however, that Genl Gregory's course, with a few slight exceptions, merits my most hearty approval. Will you be kind enough to say to Col Easton & Mr Doane that you have heard from me. Be pleased to give me full information as to my whole duty, and I will endeavor to perform it — Respectfully — J. B. Riddle Pr Rec

Helena Ark. June 26th 1866.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

Com. U.

I have been shown an anonymous letter to you, written from this place, making grave charges & reflecting upon Capt Swerny, Supt of Freedmen's Bureau at this place. I am persuaded that you (knowing I can have no earthly motive to address you in his vindication - other than a regard for truth & justice) If there is any officer of the Bureau, whose administration of its affairs, has been just - kind to the Freedmen - protecting him in all his rights - scrupulous and exacting from the white race to the very verge of justice, but not pushing that point - it is in my judgement Capt Swerny is that officer.

No one, as far as I have knowledge, has ever questioned his integrity of character.

In this District the Freedmen are working better - are more orderly and are, in all things doing better, and there is a better feeling existing between the White & Black Races, than in any other part of the whole South. and this

I am satisfied is owing to the wise and just administration of Capt Sweeny. If there was nothing else to be said in his favour, this important result - known to the whole country - is in itself - an unanswerable vindication of his character. I have, as you are well aware, had the management of Large Plantations in this neighbourhood - I have had a good deal of official intercourse with Capt Sweeny - have never asked or received from him, any personal favour - originally entertained prejudices against him, but have long since been satisfied that he is incapable to corrupt motives of action - that his discharge of the difficult and embarrassing duties of his position, has given as general satisfaction to the Freedmen, & the whole race, as it was possible for any man to have done. & as long as it is deemed necessary by the Government to retain the Bureau, I should regret exceedingly his displacement, - not on my own account, but on account of the interest I feel in the success of the great experiment of Free Labour proving a success. To aid you and

the Government, in bring about this great result, I have been, as you are well aware, an earnest believer 220
co-worker. My own success is placed beyond all doubt so far as I am personally concerned & it gives me pleasure to acknowledge the personal obligations I shall ever feel to you. for your kind help to me in my first efforts to restore my shattered fortunes.

With assurances of great respect & personal regard

I am General

Your ob Serv.

Geo. J. Pillow

Helena Ark
June 26/66

Pillow Gideon J

Commending the administration of Capt. Sweeney agent of the Bureau at Helena.

Recd. July 5. 1866.

Norfolk Va
Dec. 27th 1861

Dear Isaac —

Several months have elapsed since I have had the pleasure of hearing from you. I altogether have been for many months in the South Florida overseeing my negroes & getting them in a contented condition — none of my negroes left me. all remained. and I have settled them on my land upon the English System. give the yr. & I take 1/3 — or 1 for every one expenses. of cultivation —

you recall Capt Hamilton, who is a nice gentleman. when he left gave in the stockage of my House — write me me if any change should take place in your business — I am laboring collonizing my negroes. &c &c in the best manner —

Ever

My book will be out in a month or so. I hope from you some complaint as you will see —

Hoping to hear from London &c

Yr Frd.

Your friend

A John Sellwood

Recd. June 30th 1866 —

Norfolk Va
June 24th 1866

Dr Maquieb Jorbr

Friend & brother

Atlanta June 27th 1866

Maj Gen O. O. Howard &c

Dear General &c

I received the efficient help of your officers. And in justice to Capt Wallbridge, and myself allow me to say that I did not call upon them for Rations. From the fact, that I learned, there was none here to give until lately.

My last effort to get any supplies was in the Spring. I obtained from Capt Beckwith, who was then in Command of this District, some food for some Colored people. Who at that time, was in great distress. The Officers, of the Government have always responded promptly to any Call I had made for the Suffering.

Gen Winslow, Much Lady, consoled with me last Summer. And he was very kind to all the poor people for whom I solicited his.

I have now in one family Six little orphans. in
an aged grandmother. that I have been asking out
of my own little store. but the Demand, is too great
upon my limited supplies.
I saw Maj Leonard, this morning. he is now in
command of this District, and kindly promis
assistance. to these helpless little ones.
I am aware, that there, has been, many calls
upon the Government. that should not have been
both, by the Blacks, and the Whites. and that
it is difficult among times. to do justice in
all cases. I am very grateful to you, for forwarding
the testimony. of the officers. thus giving me
an opportunity of explaining. the true spirit
and preventing the cause, for which I feel a
deep interest, in from suffering.
The Society here from Pennsylvania, are doing
for our poor Whites, and Blacks, and I understand
will continue, their labors of love amongst us
I am very anxious, that a Home, should be built
for the orphans of our State. where the children
would not only be educated, but be trained
to labor. One great cause of Misery of the

suffusing with the people is indolence, that with them ignorance. Done much in the Rebellion. The poor class, were thought, for themselves. Not allowed the leading men to think, for them

I cannot close without expressing my gratitude, for your prompt reply to my request, for the Bibles and I still urge your influence in their behalf.

With many wishes that you may be spared to a long life of usefulness.

I remain very respectfully

Celina Dorsey.

Atlanta Ga
27th June 1866

Dorsey, Helena

Detailing suffering in Atlanta

Recd July 2. 1866

Assessor's Office
United States Internal Revenue
Third District of Georgia
Augusta June 28th 1866

(Copy)

General Davis Tillson

Dear Sir

I am constrained to write you this because of the malicious misrepresentations of you by the Loyal Georgian and its editor in public and private.

A respectable Colrd man in whose integrity and veracity I have great confidence told me that "the proposition of the mayor of the City of Augusta (on the occasion of the Colored people seeking an entrance to the grave yard) to allow as many of the Colrd people to enter as the White leaders thought necessary to carry in the flowers &c" would have been accepted willingly only for the interference of Bryant who advocated that all should go in peaceably if they could, forcibly if they must. He stated to me further that "Bryant had repeatedly said that "he (Bryant) was strictly the Colored man's friend and consequently made

no pretentions to be the white man's friend, as
he could not be friendly to both races" (I w
not aware that there was such bitter hostili
existing between the two races here as that lan
guage would indicate) "Bryant had also a
that a sum of money be raised among th
Colored people to defray the expense of his
when arrested by the City Authorities for sw
dling the Colored people" and that he (the
Colored man) had been urged to give for that
purpose" I know of my own personal knowledge
(said he) that Capt Bryant has swindled la
Colored men very recently out of large sum
of money" and in answer to my question wh
he did not inform on him or give you the
benefit of what he knew he said, I shou
be killed if I did, for I know the black
people are organized and would do any
thing Bryant said "with any Colored person
who turned against him" He had I know lo
much of his power with the Colored people t
say any thing about this matter" It seems
that the Inferior Court have determined to
establish free schools for the blacks and th

Mayor had accordingly notified the leading colored men to meet him at a certain time in order to get at the number of Col.d Children &c and before the time appointed to meet the Mayor Bryant has a meeting of the Col.d people and sends a man from his office to advise the Colored people "not to accept the offer of free schools for the Col.d Children" "We prefer to select our own teachers and pay them ourselves". He further states that Bryant has circulated a report (which is strictly believed by the Col.d people) that you had informed parties in the country (who were getting up large subscription lists for the Loyal Georgian) that you had suppressed the paper and that the money had better be returned to the subscribers" and on that account the paper must be supported by private subscription and that now the Colld men were required to pay 25¢ per week and those who could not do that must work it out.

I certify on honor the above is a correct statement of what was told me and that I believe it to be

Rec'd.

a Statement of facts

Very Respectfully
Sol J. Bowles
U.S. Assessor

P.S.

I do not feel at liberty to give the name of the Colored man because if by an accident it should be made public I verily believe his life would be endangered.

J. B.

Respectfully forwarded for the information of Gen Howard Commr. I scarcely need say that the statement about my sending word to parties getting subscriptions to Bryant's Bureau is simply false. Bryant's interference about the schools will prove a misfortune to the colored people of this State unless it can be overcome.

Davis Tillson
Bvt Maj Genl

Col Bowles served throughout the war in our Army
D.T.

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Peekskill June 28th 1866

Maj Genl O. O. Howard

Genl

I suppose you will be somewhat surprised to receive a letter from me; but I trust you have not altogether forgotten me. As you are aware I was in the Southern Army during the war, though in no very prominent position, my service being mostly west of the Miss. and in a Staff Department. The close of the war left me, as many others, penniless; what little my wife brought me was used up during the struggle. During the past year I have been at home with my mother, and in very poor health. My health being now somewhat established, I take the liberty of writing to you, to ask you, if you have not among the employes of your Bureau, some position vacant, that you can give me by which I may be able to make an honest respectable living. Allow me to congratulate you upon your promotion; it afforded me great satisfac-

tion to hear of it. My mother desires me to present to you her kind regards, and hopes should you ever come this way, she may have the pleasure of seeing you.

Very sincerely yours
C. H. Rundle

Direct Peekskill
New York.

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Sandy Gate
July 1 1866
June 28

Major General O. O. Howard

Sir

Mr Holman Pay Master has this morning paid me the sum of eighty dollars being due two months twenty days — I suppose reasonable to all concerned notwithstanding my appeals to Dept, nevertheless it is possible my pay has been cut to fifty dollars nevertheless you will please to pardon me for saying any thing at this time I hope it to continue in your favor for many years & should like to see you much but it will be impossible at this time

I am, very respectfully
Yours with the highest
Respect & esteem
T. E. Simmons

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Wilberforce University June 28th 1866

Major Gen O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir

I beg leave to inform you that you were elected a Trustee of Wilberforce University by a unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees June 28th, which we hope you will accept.

In behalf of the Board of Trustees of W. U.

I am yours very respectfully

J. T. Jenifer

P.S. My Dear General.

I hope you will accept our election of yourself to a Trusteeship of Wilberforce University.

We are conscious of our poverty, obscurity and want of prestige, but we are nobly struggling to build up a great Institution of Learning, which we hope under God will become a great power in the land to bless all the races dwelling beneath the broad aegis of the Republic. With the best wishes for your future,

I am dear General
Yours fraternally
Daniel A. Payne

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Raleigh June 29. '66

Dear Sir

If you have retained the letter written to you about the 2d of May by Gen. Howard & published in the N. Y. Tribune, will you have the kindness to send me the original or a certified copy. I may need to use it as evidence for my defence. It having been made public, Gen. H— will not object to my making such use of it.

Yours truly,
E. P. Hollesley

Rev. Geo. Whipple

Westerly June 29, 1866

Rev Howard -

Dear Sir, My heart is in full sympathy with the object presented in your circular, but I am now without a pastoral charge, or a pastor's salary, and of consequence can do for benevolent objects very little, but what I can do, I do most cheerfully. Within please find five dollars, for your Ch's building fund - & may the blessing of the great Head of the Ch. rest upon the enterprise.

Yours in Christian love -

A. L. Whitman

P.S. I shall try to get your cause before the members of the Ch. in this place.

Whitman, A. L.

Sends contribution of 5 dollars

acknowledged

Coventry, Vermont
29 June 1866

Dear Sir,

Herewith I send $5 as my contribution towards building a Congregational house of Worship in Washington.

Yours truly,
Perry H. White.

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Coventry [illegible]
29 June 1861.

White, Phineas Jr.

Lends counti
Bution of 5 dollars.

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Recd. July 3rd 1861

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New Orleans La
June 29 1861

Maj Gen O. O. Howard

General

Permit me
to introduce to your acquaintance
Capt. W. S. Miner an extensive
planter both in this State and in
Miss. who is about to visit
Washington for the purpose of
pressing a claim which he

has against the Govt. The
Bureau has nothing to do with
the business involved but from
what I know of the claim I
consider it an unmerciful just
one. Capt Moore was thoroughly
conversant with the system of labor
formerly prevailing and no one
takes hold of the new system with
greater energy & practical good
sense. I have had much
intercourse with him both persona

and Official which has been highly satisfactory and pleasant. And I feel assured that you will be gratified to talk to him upon the condition of things in this State.

Yours Respectfully
&c &c

S. Baird

New Orleans La
June 29th 1866.

Baird Maj Genl A.

Introduces Capt
H. J. Minor.

Chas. is very well
Worth - must be very kind to you -
Tell him he will not forget it

War Department,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Washington, June 8th 1866.

My dear Mother.

We are all quite well, glad to get your letter. Hippie & Nelly are doing nicely. I am very sorry to hear of poor Lester's death. He was a most promising young man - and I am particularly glad for his parents that he gave them abundant evidence of being a christian - I think some of the family will visit you this summer. My own time is beyond my control, but I may see an Ex Mty. Love to all - I only be lonely. With such beautiful surroundings, flowers & a Saviour you will not be much lonely -

Yr. son
Chas

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Headquarters, State of South Carolina,

Charleston, S. C., June 30th 1866.

Maj Genl O. O. Howard

Genl

I have thought it best in the present mixed condition of affairs in the Medical Department between Military and Bureau to order Dr DeWitt to Washington to lay before you in person the whole matter, that you might understand and settle the question as to who Dr DeWitt is to report to viz. Dr Bowen Chief Medical Officer of the Bureau or Dr Page Chief Medical Officer of this Department or whether to both. If to both Dr Bowen & Page

Should have an understanding
to prevent a conflict of orders
and an unnecessary number of Reports
I have thus far felt that it was
for the interest of the Bureau
to keep it distinct from the
Military, but have made whenever
consistent Post Commanders the
Acting Asst Comrs of the Bureau;
a more perfect co-operation of
both might be secured for the protec-
-tion of the Freedman. I have thus
far given no Rations to people
employed on Plantations, notwith-
-standing many one in great want.
My Reasons for not forwarding
a Ration Return for your approval
is that both Genl Sickles and
Governor Orr are opposed to it

on the ground that it will encourage Idleness. My own opinion is that Some Freedmen could be assisted with great advantage as it would enable them to place themselves beyond the chances of want for the next year.

Hoping my action in sending Dr De White to Washington in this matter will meet your approval. I have the honor to be very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt.

R S Scott

Brvt Maj Genl

Asst Comm

Charleston S. C.
June 30th 1865

Scott R. A.
Brt. Maj. Genl
Asst. Comm.

Concerning Dr. DewitT
asking to whom he shall
report. Patron to the
destitute &c

Recd. July 3rd 1865.

Dr Sheldon
The time
has come this letter —
A. P. K.

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Senate
June 30
[1866?]

Genl. Howard
I have rec'd
another package of
Circulars —
I am
sure we have
now enough! —
Don't send any more
I am Truly
S. C. Pomeroy

National "Freedman's Savings and Trust Company,"
AMERICAN EXCHANGE BANK BUILDING,
No. 87 CEDAR STREET,

New-York, June 30 186

To
Maj Genl O. O. Howard
General,

I have the honor to say that I have been about this City and Brooklyn these two days, finding as I feared that most of our friends were out of town, Mr Dodge did not come to N. York as I was told at Willard's. His Son gives me $100. & sends you note to his father advising him to make you a subscription. You better see him if possible as the subject will now be brought fully before him.

Other men whom I succeeded in finding are very friendly to the Church

Mr Chittenden will give - invites me
to his Counting room after the 4th
Mr Hatch (Fisk & Hatch) promises
& asks me to call after he c-
-sults with his partner. Mr R R
Graves gave $300 - in Brooklyn. a
says perhaps he will do more.
But such men as E. A. Lauch
- Hunt, Abernethy - Holmes. Roper -
Woodruff &c &c are all out of
town. I am told that after the
4th they will be apt to come
to see to their business. & as they
a general Stampede to day to the
Country for over the Sabbath & the
-ing holyday I will also make
little Excursion into the Country where
I know some men who may give
Fleck address Mr Chittenden (C.B.)
a personal Note on the back of the
Circular - Know respects to

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Mrs Howard — with Congratulations —
and all the family —

I remain
Yours &c
Very Respectfully
J.
J. W. Adams
Rev &c

New York City
June 30 '66

Alvord J. H.
Despo

Concerning subscriptions
&c

Recd. June 30. 1866