Augusta July 4th 1866.
6 o'clock. P. M.

Dear General

The celebration of the day by the colored people passed off in the most satisfactory manner. They cheered the Major as passing his office in the heartiest manner and paid the undersigned a similar compliment. They had an oration by one of their own number after which I spoke to them briefly. My presence seemed to gratify them very much and my remarks were received with great enthusiasm I loaned them flags - fired a salute for them - got them sabres &c the Major also exerted himself in their behalf. We defeated Mr Bryant's schemes and have succeeded in creating a kindlier state of feeling between the races

The Major said he would not take a thousand dollars for the complement the colored people paid him. I start this evening for Savannah on my way to make a tour of inspection of the quarantine Stations on the coast. I shall visit St Catherine's Island where, I regret to say, some of the freedpeople who are planting on their own land are out of food. I encouraged last spring to show them that this result would probably follow their attempts at planting by themselves but they would not be convinced and as they were on their own grounds I did not feel authorized to compel a compliance with my advice. I shall try and arrange it in some way to aid them without putting the Bureau to further expense.

I am very Truly
Davis Tillson
Bvt Maj Genl Vol
Asst Comr

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

Augusta Ga
July 4th 1866

Gillson Davis
Brt. Maj. Genl. N. C.

Celebration of the 4th of July by the freedpeople in Ga. Everything passed off most pleasantly

Washington, Jan 4/66.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir,

Herewith is a copy of the Bill I have prepared in regard to Freedman's Bureau. The 5th Sec. simply confirms the possessory titles granted under Gen. Sherman's order.

Armed with this confirmation by act of congress, would you not have the means of bringing the former owners to such terms as would in the end secure to the settlers some of the land in fee?

Yours truly

Lyman Trumbull

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Whitesboro, Oneida Co. N.Y. 4th July 1866

Dear General,

Your favor came some time since in my absence. The places I had in view, are Gloversville & Johnstown, in Fulton County; Little Falls, & Mohawk & perhaps Ilion, in Herkimer County; Utica, Rome & Oneida, in Oneida County; Owego & Moravia in Onondaga County, & one or two places elsewhere. I am in the employment of the American Freedmen's Union Commission the avails of all our lectures goes right into the treasury for the cause of Popular Education at the South. For this cause, we wish to make our expenses only as little as possible. It gives me great pleasure to feel that the Commission

will allow me by & by when it shall be convenient to yourself, to invite your address to our County Ladies Reading Aid Society. In the fall as you propose I think we shall be happy to correspond with you more particularly about this whole matter. In the meantime allow me to be & to remain very truly & sincerely

Your Obedient Servant

Augustine Root.

Washington,
July 5. 1866.

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To.
Genl. Howard —
Superintt. Freedmen's
Bureau —

Sir,

I am about to return to Switzerland, after a visit of three months to my home at Washington — Mr. Pennington, my husband, has the honor of presenting his country at Berne, the capital of the Swiss Confederation. My object in addressing you, is to beg you to give me any Reports or Documents, in relation to the State of the Freedmen, as the Swiss are very much interested in the question, and have little or no information.

I believe, several of the principal tribes of Made Indians in the form of clothing &c to your Museum, but there are many private individuals who are anxious to be informed upon the subject, as well as the members of the Government.

If this request meets with your approbation, anything sent care of me, Dr Malcolm Sears, 123 E. Street, addressed to Mr Lemington, would be forwarded to you.

I am Sir, yr obt Servant
Mary Sears Lemington

St Louis Mo July 5th 66

Maj Genl Howard.

My Dear General I am at present doing a small business which does not pay alone, haven't you something in this vicinity connected with the Bureau that I could do, or if you could give me something considerable better so that else would be pleased to receive it. My wife is East, and I well recolect being with three year yesterday at Gettysburg. Allow me to wish you a continuance of good health & prosperity.

J B Thompson

76 N 3rd St.

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Newbern July 5 1866

General

I would most respectfully inquire whether in case of the favorable termination of my Court martial, I may expect to be continued in the service of the Bureau R. F. & A. Lands. It is important to me to know as early as possible whether I am to be shortly mustered out of service to make my preparations accordingly –

Permit me to say that whatever the result of my trial may be, should I leave the service so soon after it as to appear to be a result of it, it will be difficult to convince the public that some fault has not been proven against me, and this stigma a life time cannot eradicate – It would attach itself to my children after me.

In view of this I would respectfully urge, that simple justice to me who is unconscious of having neglected any interest committed to him, or violated any order or regulation of the Bureau or the War Dept. demands that after his innocence is shown such public action should be taken as

will show that he has not forfeited the confidence of his superiors. I would therefore request to be assigned to duty if the exigencies of the service permit in a position not inferior to that I have lately held. I have no interests in this State which would induce me to remain here, and would prefer to be assigned elsewhere.

I feel no doubt as to the result of a Court-martial on the charges preferred against me, but the interest & welfare of my children requires that I should know as early as possible what I am to expect.

I would respectfully request that if you consistently can you will give me an answer to this in any way that seems proper to you.

I have the honor to remain
General, with great respect
Your Obt Servt
G. A. Seely
Brt Maj & A.A.G.

Maj Gen. O. O. Howard U.S.A.
Comdg Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Newberne N.C.

Seely. F. A.

Brt. Maj. & A.G.M.

Desires to know if he is to be retained in the service of the B. R. F. & A.L. if he is cleared by the Court Martial.

Recd. July 9th 1866.

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Post Office, New Haven, Conn.,

July 8th 1866

My Genl Howard

Dear Sir

Mr Coan has just called upon me relative to collg money for a Congl Church in Washington D.C. Mr C. comes to our City at a very unfavorable time to collect money. We have here two Churches without Pastors, and a third is raising an annuity for its pastor besides they have been building a large Lecture Room at a cost of some $20,000. The Church to which I belong the Rev Mr Eustis, has just been paying a debt of some $4,000. To take our position upon these matters and you will see that the present is not a very good time for us in New Haven to do much. I think if you were to come here sometime in the fall with Mr C. it would be a better time to operate than now, and I have no doubt at that time some money could be collected

Very Respectfully

A D Sperry

New Haven Conn
July 5th 1866

Sperry N. D.

Concerning collections to be raised by Mr Lt. L. Coan

New Haven Conn
July 5th/66

Genl

I am quite unwell to day (have been so since Friday last) and feel unable to write to the home fully as I design doing soon. In all enterprises there are favorable (or otherwise) times for a given movement in aid thereof. However unpleasant it may be to myself the fact is apparent - we had better, withdraw or to use a military term, "Retreat in good order," & reorganize somewhat for a future movement, than to push now. Dr Barber and others advise in harmony with Mr Sperry letter. Mr S is Postmaster here has great discernment, a large influence - is liberal himself

and can do more for us than
any doubt he will. And you are
in the point. He has just given
$1000 to pay off a debt on Mr Eustis'
Church. His advice - in which
Dr Bacon and others concur - is
that - in Sept. or Oct. you spend
an evening here in conference
with - say 100 (more or less) picked
men called together by a short
printed Circular, and at that
gathering call for pledges. He
Mr S will aid in selecting and
calling the friends

Now Gent. my conviction favors
such a change of Policy.

You had better have the
chances of such a movement by far
than to pursue the matter now
Many are away from home. It is hot
weather. Men dont feel good natured
I cannot regard it as a failure but
as an indication of Providence that
He will smile upon and bless in his
own good time! Yours truly

W. L. Coan

July 5 [1866]

My dear General

I learned yesterday that our Feather men had been, by mistake, referred to the Com. on Claims instead of the Military Com. to whom Senator Sherman designed it to go. We have lost time by this. I saw Sen. Sherman

yesterday & he promised to rectify the mistake. Mr. Senator Wilson has been interested in the case & he says if Sherman will take half of it in earnest he can carry it through the Senate. I have no doubt if the Mil

stay can. have
it referred to them
they will report fa-
vorably.

Now what I ask
you to do is to
write a note to
Genl. Sherman so
that he may be
reminded of the
case & in it you
can urge him to

put it thro'.

Pray excuse me for asking you to do this engaged as you are, but I feel it will be of so much service that I do not hesitate. Give your note (<u>let it be urgent</u>) to the bearer & I will send it to the Capitol with some other things I have. Truly Yours

L. Schurz

Recd July 5. 1866.

~~U. S. Sanitary Commission,~~

~~Historical Bureau, No. 21 West 12th Street,~~

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~~New York,~~ Walpole N.H. July 6 1865

Major General Howard
Washington D.C.

My Dear Sir

I write to ask a personal favor of you. I have taken charge of "Eaglewood Military Academy", Perth Amboy N.J. The methods and tone of the Institution are indicated by the Enclosed circular, of last year.

I desire to make it a first class Educational Institution, securing to its training the advantages of Military discipline.

I wish to have an "Advisory Board", (who shall also be the Supervising Board) who once a year shall assemble, and give the benefit of their name, their presence, and their counsel. Will you allow me to place your name on that Board? In addition to a number of literary, and scientific men, I hope to obtain the kind service of some Military men who have known more or less of me as connected with the Sanitary Commission, in my four

your service there.

As member of this "Advisory Board," of course no claim would be made upon your time when business or duty rendered it inconvenient for you to be present at the annual meeting.

I enclose a circular, which Mr Spring, the Proprietor of the School, has had printed, which contains the names of some of the gentlemen who will constitute the Board above referred to.

I trust, General Howard, that you will answer my request favorably.

Yours sincerely

Your friend

Fred. N Knapp

Walpole. N. He -
July 6. 1866

Knapp. Fred N.

Asks Gen. Howard to become one of the board of visitors of the Eaglewood Mil. Institute

Recd. Aug 8th 1866.

# National "Freedman's Savings and Trust Company,"

AMERICAN EXCHANGE BANK BUILDING,

*No. 87 CEDAR STREET,*

NEW-YORK, July 6th 1866.

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To
Maj Genl O.O. Howard
General

I have the honor to report that our New York friends do not quite like your asking only for the ground money. They say — it seems like Chittenden — that the whole amount under should have been on the paper. I have had three long talks with him & he refuses to do any thing in the matter proposed. He said to me at length that if you would put a house on the lot named worth $50,000 he would give one tenth of the whole, and I was obliged to leave him only with a hearty "thank you" for this generous offer. Fisk & Hatch gave me $500 — Some others have promised, — By the way — Fisk made the same objection as above —

The sums I shall obtain will be small, as this heat has driven all — absolutely — out of town. They do not return since the 4th. But I will pick up what there is. In Autumn we shall get the whole sum needed, if you will come along. Mr Ritchie (E) says — in reply to "how shall I get $50.000 for the Washington Church?" "Put two stars on each shoulder & cut off your right arm"

Bank matters look encouraging — if we can only keep down Expence for the next 6 months — We are engaged figuring up for the Daily dividend

All here are anxious about your Business, men who want to give to the Ch. fear that some how you are to be outstrip. Such weak faith I bolster up in all possible ways. In the autumn — or after the Bill becomes a law, & the Pres.t cabal to threaten you there will be much more confidence,

Shall I be under at Washington if I stay another week? I hope in the morning to receive the Circular from Mr Slade

Kind regards to all

Yours &c

Very Respectfully

S. W. Lawrence

P.S. Please ask Mr Kimball to supply my people again on the next Sabbath & oblige

S. W. L.

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New York July 6th 1866

General.

It becomes my pleasing duty, in accordance with a resolution of the "Juvenile Home Missionary Society" of the Second M. E. Church in this City passed at its last meeting - June 24th 1866, to inform you that you were unanimously elected a member for Life of the above Society on that date. The members of our Society did this to show in some slight degree their appreciation of your patriotism, tried fidelity and loyal support of our government and people in the late struggle as well as your honest and intelligent support of the rights of man, and the interest you take in philanthropic objects. I transmit herewith the "Certificate" of such election duly authenticated. Humbly hoping that it may be acceptable, my only regret being that it is not more worthy of your great deeds.

You, General, may feel some slight interest in our

Society as you are now one of us. I will as
as possible explain. They are as follows
raise funds for the spread of the gospel
the poor and then to place those funds
the disposal of the most efficient agencies
having that object in view. Our work is
strictly "Home" and I take it that we have
in the greatly wicked City of New York ample
opportunities to show our Missionary spirit
We make no distinctions of race or color, believing
that in grace all are absolutely on an equality
as they should be before the law. We trust and
hope for success —

Hoping, General, that you may find it convenient
to acknowledge the receipt of this —

I have the honor to remain
Your Obt Serv.
Jas. D. Bell
Sec. A.M.M.S.

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard
Commdg. Dept. R.F. & A.L.

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Please address in return

Jas. H. Bell

18 Lewis Street

N. Y. City

New York

July 6th 1866

Bell James. D.

Writes concerning a life membership in the Juvenile Home Missionary Society of second St M.E. Church

Please answer

Recd Aug 18th. 1866