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Canterbury (Conn) Aug/65

Dear General. O. O. Howard
Washington D.C.

Please find enclosed ($8.25/100) Eight 25/100 Dollars, the Am't of the Contribution of the First (Cong'l) Chh & Soc'y in this place for the Cong'l Chh at Washington — We are few & not strong pecuniarily but want "a nail in the Temple of our God" in the Capital of the Nation May God bless the enterprise & all connected with it — & you my dear sir specially is the prayer of Yours in Christian bond,

Chas. P. Gravenor
Pastor of 1st Chh

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Dear Gen. Howard,

Can you do anything to procure the release of a soldier on West Point who is too ill to do military duty.

He was a soldier nine years ago & was treated by the Surgeon for the consumption, & was released from the service as unfit for duty.

This time his wife urged him to enlist on West Point lest he should be taken away leaving her, a poor sickly frail creature, with seven children.

His health is very wretched, and she

is dying with her burden of care and anxiety!

Anything you can do will be an act of humanity!

Please let me hear from you soon? and greatly oblige

Very gratefully

Your friend

Jennie Spring

"His name is John Cook:

Friendly letter

[Aug. 1866?]

Private

My Dear Sue

I have had a conversation with Sir Rowland & am clearly of the opinion that he should remain here some days, & indeed until definite action be had upon the proposition of Egypt. about which he has sent me word he will be here shortly -

Yours truly

Your Imperial Mil
Cream with milk,
Ever
Truly Yrs
A Dennison
Mentor.

Genl Howard.
Care ...

Rochester. N. Y.
Aug. 1st 1866.

Maj. Gen'l. O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir: Your letter of July 27th in reply to mine is rec'd.

I was not very sanguine when I wrote you, that you could be obtained to lecture, at least while Congress was in session, yet were in hopes, that you could leave Washington, sometime in Sept. October, or November.

Your terms are perfectly satisfactory.

Please inform me early, the time when, you can be with us (if at all) & also the number of evenings, you can lecture. My prayer to God is,

that your life & health, may be pre-
cious in his sight, & Also your brave
companions in Arms, who stood
between us, & danger, during the war.

May God bless you & them.

Respectfully Yours
W M B Holt.
Pastor of Corn Hill M. E. C.
Rochester, N.Y.

Rochester N. Y. Aug 1/66

Revd. Revo. H. B.

Concerning Lecture.

Recd. Aug 3. 1866.

Raleigh Aug. 4. 1866

Dear General

I wrote for a leave of absence, but it would be a great favor, if I could get an order to proceed to my home and there await the result of my trial. The expenses of my trial are so large, that I shall find it difficult to raise money enough to get home.

There are many reasons why I ought leave at once. My trouble has worn upon me, and at this hot & unhealthy season I need a change of climate & scene. Then my family need my presence.

But whatever be the orders, I shall try to be patient. It would be a great pleasure to carry with me my acquittal, but probably some weeks will pass before I shall know the verdict.

The proceedings are merely com-

pleted, I will be forwarded to you.

The case of Gloris is finished also. Only those of Seely & Wickersham remain.

Yours truly

E. Whitney

Raleigh N. C. Aug 1 '66

Whitney E

Friendly letter

Boston, Mass.
August 1st 1866

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Washington D. C.

My dear General

At the request of Rev. A. D. White who is now in this section, operating in behalf of Lincoln University of which you & I are Trustees, I address you in order to obtain from you a written endorsement of that Institution. Its claims upon the prayers & patronage of Christian people in all parts of our Country, & your opinion of its promise to perform effectively - if suitably endowed & thoroughly equipped the important work needed to elevate the poor African & fit him for citizenship & the new duties incumbent upon him in his new relations.

I feel the more free to make this request - because I am aware of the deep interest you manifested in the good of the enterprize at the Closing exercises of the last session & your avowed willingness to aid the Cause in any way in your power.

Brother White is a most excellent Man for the position he now occupies & has found decided favor in the Ministry & Christian people of this City - but he thinks - because of your official relations to the Freedmen & because of the fact that you are a New England Man - your certificate of the Institution will greatly aid him in the securement of funds. You have met personally the Men in Charge of the University both the Trustees & the Faculty, & can therefore speak intelligently of the promise the institution holds out for practical & effective service.

Many of the giving people are now away from home, but they will return in a few weeks & he desires to be prepared to push his agency with vigor.

I am here on business connected with our own Education operations & am happy to aid & encourage Bro. White in his good work. The Chief obstacle in his way is the want of acquaintance on the part of the people with the Institution. This he is now diligently laboring to remove. Could you designate a time when you could visit Boston, the last of this or the early part of next Month when with others you might address the people here on the Claims of Lincoln University?

Dr Kirk & all agree that such a meeting would be greatly beneficial.

You will much oblige all concerned by sending your written approval of the University - at your earliest convenience - to the

Rev. A. D. White
Agt. Lincoln University
No. 20 Ashland Place
Boston
Mass.

Pardon this intrusion upon your valuable time.

Praying God to bless you & prosper the noble work in which you are engaged — I am fraternally yours in

toil & hope

Thomas McCauley
Apt. Secy.
Board Education
Old School Pres. Ch.
Education Rooms
907 Arch Street
Philadelphia

20, Ashland Place
Boston Aug 1st 1869

Maj. Gen. Howard

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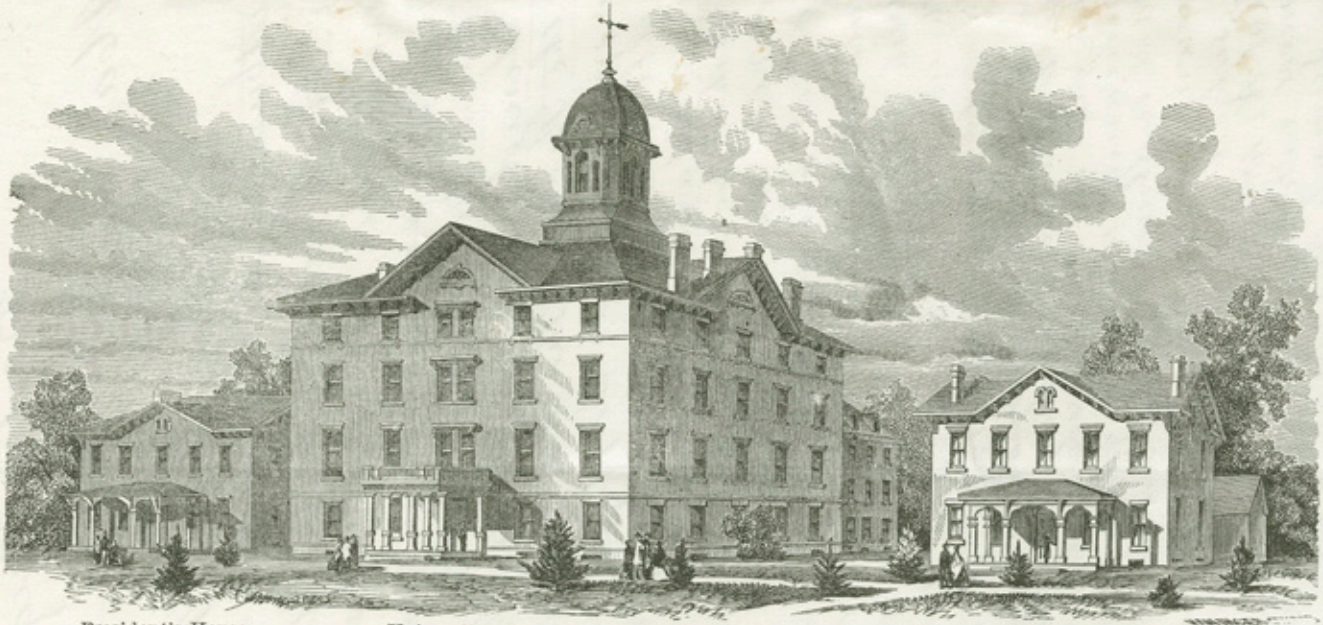
Dear Sir, — Bishop Eastburn of the P. Episcopal Church, Dr. Hill Pres. Cambridge University & several other influential persons in this place & vicinity have given me written Testimonials Cordially Commending "Lincoln University" to the Patronage of the Public. The Congregational Pastors here generally favor the project, & advise me by all means to secure your written recommendation & then have these Certificates published in Circular form that Strangers here may know the estimate it is held in by others who are worthy of Confidence. Please write me as soon as convenient as I wish to prepare my Circular & publish with as little delay as possible. —

The Rev. Dr. Kirk of this City says if we were to publish that you would come to Boston & address a meeting it would draw out the wealthy & benevolent men of the Community who would gladly assist in the liberal endowment of the Institution. There is no one who could draw an audience on this subject & in this place so well as yourself. About the 10th of September would be the best time to meet citizens here on their return home from Summer vacations. Hoping to hear from you soon as your convenience will permit. I am very respectfully, &c. A. D. White



President's House. University. Ashmun Institute. Professor's House.

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY,

Oxford, Chester Co., Penna.

Rev. J. M. DICKEY, D. D.
" W. R. BINGHAM,
" THOS. M'CAULEY.
} *Ex. Com.*

Rev. A. D. WHITE,
Ag't for New England

Expressly for the Liberal Education & Improvement of the Colored Man. — *Over*

Office of the Auditor of the Treasury
For the Post Office Department,

Aug 1 1866.

Deacon Howard

Dear Sir

Will you please furnish my ~~dau~~ daughter Mary E. & myself passbooks with authority over your "sign manual" to collect for our Congregational church

Truly yours
Geo F. Needham

P.S. I have not rec'd from the Acting Commissioner that list of goods furnished Mrs Barnard's Industrial School N.

Treas. [illegible]

Aug. 1. 1866

Needham - Geo. F.

Asks for authority to collect funds for the congregational church.

Referred informally

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Thos Hill Asst Comm

Recd Aug 2d. 1866

CENTRAL OHI

Columbus,

Maj. Geo. O.

Washi

☞ The telegraph announces that General Fullerton, who is notorious chiefly in connection with the pretended inspection of the Freedmen's Bureau at the South, has has been made private Secretary to President Johnson in place of Colonel Cooper who has just got his seat in Congress. We know whereof we speak when we say that this man Fullerton is unfitted by his habits to associate with gentlemen—much less to be official usher and private counsellor of a Chief Magistrate. Mr. Johnson is peculiarly unfortunate in choosing secretaries—their capacity for fluids being usually much greater than their capacity for business.

closed scrap I cut from the "Columbus Morning Journal of this date,

The many personal friends of Geo. Fullerton in Ohio will feel under deep and lasting obligations to you if you will be at the trouble of refuting what we believe to be a gross calumny upon his character,

Pardon the liberty I take in proffering such a request, but we believe that no one can more readily clear him of such imputations than can you with whom he was so intimately and for so long a time associated,

Yours very truly

Hugh S. Fullerton

Asst Physician O. O. L. a.

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Columbus, O., Aug 1st 1866

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

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Columbus. O. Aug 1. 66

Fullerton. Hughes.

Ask a Gen Hoover
and to deny the
Calumnies against
Gen Fullerton

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Polo Ills Aug 2, 1866

Gen. O O Howard

Dr Sir

I have received a circular from you appealing for aid in behalf of the Colored church in Washington.

Feeling an interest in the success of the enterprise I enclose you five dolls as a small donation for the same

Yours truly
R M Pearson

Cedar Cliff
Tarrytown
2 Aug 1866

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My Dear Gen.

Mrs Dodge is much obliged by your conversation with the young man and has decided to assist him but has forgotten his name May I trouble you to enclose the letters from him & Dr Dixey.

The late riot in N.C. creates much excitement nor do matters South appear to improve at all –

Truly Yours
W. E. Dodge

Augusta August 2nd 1866

Dear General

Enclosed please find Daniel Pike Cashier's chk for - $250.- Two hundred fifty dollars, on the National Exchange Bank of Boston it being 50 % of your guarantee to the New Granite Church which was voted to be paid to the guarantors on sale of Pews which took place the 12th ultimo I hasten to remit you the amount feeling that at this time you would like it, and only regret it is not more, but our people generally feel well satisfied as all we can do is paid at once, a large proportion of the Pews sold at once and at small premiums over valuation. Some have been taken since the sale, at the appraisal and we hope to sell every Pew in the Church at that. The Structure inside and out is very satisfactory to the Society, it is carpeted throughout, every Pew cushioned, all alike, and the Organ is one of the best in New England. we are very much pleased and thankful we have so fine a Church and that it is all completed, harmoniously and I think without any debt at all. we may be a few thousand dollars behind, but we shall not if every pew sells at valuation. With this is your Gas Bill which I fully intended to have enclosed in my last letter, but omitted it in my haste, also the difference of .88c You sent me 5.00 this Bill being $4.12 please send me your receipt in full for the $250. as above. Hoping you and all your little family are well with kindest regards to Mrs Howard & the Children with much love from Mrs Mulliken to your wife. I am very truly Your friend C. A. Mulliken

Shall we not see you this summer? or any of your family? should like to much C.A.M.

Augusta

August 2nd 1866

Mulliken C. H.

Encloses check for

$250.00

Rev. Wm Cox, Sec'y
Amer. Baptist Missionary Convention
208 Spruce St. Phila
August 2nd 1866.

Major Genl O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir.

The "American Baptist Missionary Convention" an organized body of Colored Ministers and delegates. whose anniversary last year at Alexandria, Col. Eaton visited and addressed, proposed to hold its next meeting in the city of "Richmond" on Friday Aug 17th next. But owing to the state of affairs there now, as per reports, and considering the state of feeling in that Community relative to the great Philadelphia Community, with the late Riot Outrous barbarity before us. we are doubtful about the propriety of our meeting there fearing it may be attended with some unpleasant demonstrations

Will you be kind enough to give us your advice: and whether if we do meet there. your bureau will or

can afford us protection? or whether you would advise us, knowing the state of affairs better than we do, to change it to Washington, or some other Northern locality?

Please favor me with an immediate reply, as we shall act on your advice, and if you deem a change essential to our quiet. I shall need to leave at once, so as to assist notices to make effect, to our various churches throughout the States, being a little over three weeks only before the time of meeting.

I am, with great respect
Your obedient servant
Theo. Doughty Miller
Corresponding Secretary

Phila. Aug 2. 1866

Miller, J. D.

Colored men are to hold a convention - asks if it would be advisable to hold it in Richmond, Va.

Refer to

Strongly in favor of the

Recd Aug 3 1866 -

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Macon Geo. Aug 3rd 1866

Maj. Genl Howard

My Dear Bro.

Our continued & warm friendship allows me from this point to present again our Colonization effort for the good of the colored people.

There is a class of independent colored men here & elsewhere, who fret at the idea of dependence on white men north or south. They must be thus dependent if they remain in this country. A company here, at Sparta Geo., at Newberry S. Car., perhaps elsewhere is to be made up to go next Nov. to Liberia.

The Colonization Soc. give them passage out; chartering a vessel at several thousand dollars expense, furnishing provision, medicines & medical attendance for the voyage & six months after landing. What more could any reasonable man expect of a benevolent Institution? The Colony give them lands, but they must have from some source tools & a general outfit. All this must come from private or public sources.

Let me ask now, my dear Boy, how could Government aid be better bestowed on these needy people

ple, whose old masters are impoverished & cannot aid them, than to assist them in this latter necessity?

Would you not at least give these people transportation to the port of embarkation, either Savannah or Charleston?

Rev. Wm. McLain D.D. the Financial Secretary of the Society, would, I have no doubt, be glad to confer with you. With Pres. Lincoln I had many interviews. We must unite all sincere men in aiding these people.

Yours Yr Friend & Bro
G. W. Samson

Macon. Ga. Aug 3/66

Samson, G. W.

Concerning
the Colonization
of the freed people.

Philad.a 9.th mo. 8.th 1866

[3 Aug 1866 ?]

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

Washington D.C.

Esteemed Friend

I regret that my absence from home should have prevented me from receiving thy letter of 24.th Feb. till yesterday. I shall lay it before our Freedmen's Association at its next meeting & hope it may induce some of our friends to think more highly of the work than they have yet done. Most of our members are in favor of it; but while seeking to strengthen our cause by new alliances, we have desired to do nothing as not to disturb the cordial relations existing among ourselves.

A short visit to our schools in Virginia from which I have just returned has confirmed me in the opinion that if we conduct our work on Christian principles, "with malice toward none, charity for all," we shall succeed before long in securing the cooperation of good men &

women in different parts of the South; which will not only increase the efficiency & probable permanency of our schools, but will, as much as anything tend to the reestablishment of friendly relations between the sections of our country & hasten the reconstruction of the whole on a sound basis. For "unless the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it" & if we wish to know "that our labor is not in vain in the Lord" we must work as in His sight & in spirit "who causeth his sun to shine on the evil & the good & sendeth rain on the just & the unjust"

Very truly thine

Francis R. Cope