Lockport Aug 4th 1866.

Maj Genl O. O. Howard.

My Dear Sir:

I desire to call your attention to the case of Capt George H. Cook on your special list. Put there at my request. I learn that you are now appointing agents to go to Texas. He wants to go there very much, as he has been there in the service.

He is a superior man and I want him appointed very much. It will aid me very much. Please appoint him and send his appointment to me at this place.

A friend of his Mr Harris of Phil.a has just been appointed Cop to Texas by you and writes him that you spoke of Cooke Con. Dont fail to appoint him and oby much obleg

Yours
Robt Ranstone
M.C. 29th
N.Y.

Lockport, N.Y.
Aug 4th 1862

Hon. R. Van -

Recommend
Capt. George
Cook -

Recd Aug. 6 - 1862

Savannah August 4th 1866

Maj Genl O O Howard
Comm B Freedman &c

Dear Sir,

The Pardon for the Six Men confined in fort Pulaski to Wit, Eliza Bright, Addam Bright, Centre Bull, Peter Johnson, Will Murray, and Ned Brisben, Endorsed By you Was handed to the, Presidents Secretary, Who Informed me that the President Would Lay the matter Befor the Secretary of War at the cabinet Meeting on the the 19th of June, I Being compelled By circumstances to Leave Washington on that Date, I Called again on the 19th at Three Oclock, to enquire What action would Be Taken, upon the application for Pardon, and I Was only Informed By the Secretary

that the President had tak
no action upon the Petition, an
I could not then obtain an
Interview;- Being compelled I le
Washington, With the Hope tha
Some order Would Be given fr
the Sec of War Relative to the
Release But So far nothing ha
Been done, and as Three of the
Men have Suffering Families,
Write to Implore you general
if you Cannot Try and do some-
thing for them in Some quarter,
They have Been Tried and Sentenced
By A Military Tribunal, and
I have thought they May Be
Released under the Late orde
of the Secretary of War, Relea
Prisoners that Served Six
Months, imprisonment,-

I Also
Take this opportunity of Congratulating

you general upon the Passage
of our New Freedmans Bill
The Execution of which I take
for granted will continue
in your Hands, for the
New Term; This Bill is not
as good as it was hoped it
might be by us, yet we thank
God it is some help and Protection
to us and your Policy of executing
it I Beleive will make it
efficient for all intents and
Purposes Required, to Bring
us through the Wilderness of
existing Prejudice and Perplexity,
I do Trust Sir that you will
See the Necessity of employing
sufficient of our Best Colored
Men to Positions in the Bureau
to look after the Interest of our
People, for I think they will
surely be as effectual for your
Purposes as the Lower Classes

of Whites who will Apply for these Positions in Numbers,

With Sincere Desire and Humble Prayer to god that he Will Stand By you Ever Strengthen and Support you in your great Work and Heavy Responsibility

I am Most Respectfully your Humble Servt

James. M. Simms

War Department,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Washington, Aug 4th 1866

Sir.

Has Colonel J. W. Osborn - 1st Ky. Artillery been mustered out of the service yet - He was commd his state on since the 30th of September - He has been on hard & constant duty - I would like a chance to settle the papers for civil life - Reply

O. O. Howard
Maj. Genl.
Commissioner

Lieut Thos Wilkinson
Adjt.

Over

Please turn over

Memo.

He was mustered out by S.O. No 332, par 2, of July 12th from this office (copy sent Yr M.S. Rs.) but has not yet applied to this office for his discharge papers, as the said order directs.

Respfully
Thomas Vincent
aag

Mr Dept
A.G. Office
Aug 4/65

Clinton. De-Witt County. Texas.
August. 4th. 1866.

Major General. O. O. Howard.

General,

after months of silence, I have come to the conclusion to write you a letter; as I think I promised to do, before leaving Washington circumstances have been such, that I have delayed so long. Having been summarily removed from your department, I have been expecting a letter of interrogation from you; but not receiving any such, I have concluded that my affairs have been quietly settled as regards my official conduct during my short stay in the Bureau. I was only eighteen days in Office, and ten of those I was in the saddle visiting the different Plantations to obtain practical information, to assist me in my duties. I had no well defined district to supervise, so it seems I went beyond my jurisdiction during that ten days tour: but I went no farther than my predecessor

W. H. Farner Esq: had previously gone. I have no person in your department to blame for my removal: owing to ignorance on some points, and indiscretion on others I was wholly to blame. Mrs. Mc. Clermont has informed me, that you have kindly covered my faults with the mantle charity; therefore I write you this, as a letter of thanks, and I do heartily thank you, for your past and continued kindness to myself and Mrs. Mc. Clermont and I shall always remember you with grateful feelings for it. I joined my regiment on the 8th of June, and met with a cordial reception from my brother officers. Since the 23d of June I have been detached from the regt. with my Company "G." and I have a nice station here on the Guadaloupe River, with good water, plenty of wood & shade, and country produce cheap. The desperadoes of the Country have a wholesome fear of the Yankee Cavalry

with

their eight shooting Spencer Carbines; Keep well out of our reach, consequently everything goes on quietly. This is a small Village, but called a Town. There are no Rail road, Telegraph Printing, nor Express Offices in this place nor even a Barber shop: therefore News is scarce and old when received here. Our Company is thirty odd strong, and at present we have no sick, there has been two or three cases of Billious Fever, but now the whole command is remarkably healthy. The weather has been rather warm of late, but I have heard of no case of Sun-stroke in the state. At present I am enjoying excellent good health, and I sincerely hope that you and yours may be blessed with, and continue in, the choice Blessings of good Health, full strength and unexampled Prosperity. With this I shall close, and subscribe myself your sincere Well Wisher, and most obedient servant.

Robert McClermont.

P.S. Should you at any time have leisure and inclination to write me, I shall be extremely happy to hear from you. And my address is as follows

Lieut. R. McC. Clermont.
"G" Comp: 4th U. S. Cavalry.
Clinton, Texas.

Recd May 17, 1866

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Your Obt Servt.

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Geo L. Garland
for Cor Secy
"Gloucester Lyceum"

Gloucester Augt 4. 1866.

Major Genl O. O. Howard

Dear Sir,

Can you engage to lecture before this Institution (36th Course); if so; please state terms & time most convenient.

An early reply will greatly oblige

Your Obt Servt,

Geo L. Garland

for Bd Secy

"Gloucester Lyceum"

Worcester Mass Aug 6th 1866

My Dear General

Being a Candidate for the Office of Collector of Revenue 8th Mass District I feel the liberty of asking a letter from you recommending me for that position should you think me worthy such a recommendation.

Having served under you & knowing well as you do my standing with Genl Sedgwick prompts me to ask this favor of you as I have done from other with whom I served.

With Much Respect
believe me General
Your Obt Servt
Church Howe

Maj Genl Howard

Maj. Gen. Leeds Aug 6 1866
O. O. Howard

Dear Brother

I had thought of deferring my application for appt in the Army till my return but perhaps it would be for my advantage to make it now. If you think it better, and you would like to take any step in the matter for me I send for use a modest application. This at least shows what I desire – I would not mind about the rank or pay, as much less would be all I deserve but I do wish the control of the Regiment so as to form its character and benefit the men and their families and thereby the race the most possible.

Suppose, for instance, I were
Lt. Col. or Major under such
a man as Henry Thomas
who undoubtedly will apply
for the place. (You know he
was Capt. in 5th Maine) I
would ~~Prob~~ not only find it
not agreeable but I should be
comparatively powerless for good.

Perhaps it would be
better to apply for a field
officer's position and then
get the Colonelcy if possible.
If you think so it may be de-
=ferred till my return.

Now as to the course of
procedure - Would Gen. Grant
go to the Secretary and ask
for my appointment? I suppose
not - If he would I would
consider it sure - If not, would
you be willing to lay Gen.
Thomas' recommendation to

him and ask him to write me - one - I would like much to get a separate paper from Gen. Grant. And then would it be best for you to go to the Secretary or get Mr. Fessenden to do so? Marble will hand you copies from my desk of my papers - one from Gen. Thomas, one from Gen. Sherman and one from Saxton - I will send ~~[illegible]~~ one from Gen. Chamberlain which might have weight as the incoming Governor - I have it but think I will get Gov. Gorey's endorsement. I have felt great hesitancy in putting all this work upon you but Col. Rogers says that those who do not get new appointments will be mustered out and now I have decided to apply

I do not wish to lose by being dilatory. Please write me what you decide to do. It is the vital part of my temporal life & prosperity — the turning point. If I fail in this I go in another direction.

All well — Lud Major & Sarra were just here. They attend the wedding —

Yours affectionately brother

O. O. Howard

P.S. I think Gen. Thomas the only person that need be shown to Gen. Grant and that upon that and his personal knowledge of me & yourself he will do all I could expect —

O. O. H.

Personal.

Charleston S.C.
Aug. 6th 1866.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard. U. S. A.
General.

Your kind consideration of my brother's request, in my behalf, induces me to state to you, privately, my principal reason for desiring a change of station. From exposure, & fatigue in the field I contracted a disease of the kidneys, for which I found no alleviation until under the charge of Dr. Antisell, formerly of the Army now practicing in Georgetown. I have found the climate here, & the work, consequently on filling three or four positions greatly aggravating the disease, & I desired once more to place myself in charge of Dr. A.

My position here, officially is most

Pleasant, & the feeling that I possess the entire confidence of both the Ant. Com. Gen Scott, & the Act. Ant. Com. Maj. Ry, is to me one of great gratification & pride. In fact my official relations with all here are of the most friendly kind. No consideration save that of health could make me desire a change.

Of course I regret that its impossible for me to be placed on duty in Washington

With my sincere thanks for your kindness, General, & trusting you will excuse the liberty I am taking

I am
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
A. McL. Crawford.
Lt. U.R.C. C.S. S.A.C.
A.A.A. Gen. B.D. of C.

Charleston S.C.
Aug 6th 1866

Crawford, J. M.
Lieut. U.S.C.

Concerning
his transfer to
Washington D.C.

Refer to

Recd. Aug 14th 1866

Wallingford, Con. Aug 6th 1866.

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard,

My dear General,

Thanks for your kind reply! If you will see Mr. Seward in my behalf, I shall feel very grateful to you. – I asked for the appointment not on account of my political opinions; but on the strength of my services in the field.

In the fulfillment of any duties abroad, I cannot conceive that the adherence to either party would be necessary or essential. – A representative abroad should stand upon a national & not a sectional platform. Then only can he expect to serve his country advantageously & to the full extent of his abilities. – I am opposed to violence from whatever source it might proceed. I heartily condemn the feelings & the spirit that prompted the N. Orleans or Memphis riots. I believe that the nation should not be deprived of the fruits of its hard won victory.

My desire to go to Germany has a double reason. In the first place, I wish to superintend the engraving of my maps, which cannot be done in N. York for want of engravers (particularly topographical engr.) & secondly I have made an arrangement with a prominent German publisher to prepare a history of our war (purely tactical & strategical). – I have made the necessary collections of material & think I can lay before my countrymen on the other side of the Atlantic (the educated Officers) a military history of our great struggle.

Moreover I want to look into the institutions for

military education in Prussia & write out the a full & detailed description. — I think the marvelous success of the Prussian army is above all owing to the thorough training of the officers in the different branches of military art & science. — On this subject I shall write to you more fully hereafter. It is one of great interest. —

My wife desires me to thank you in her name for your instructions to Mr. Sladen. — The arrival of a few freedwomen, will be a real God-send to our household. — If you have more to send, several could be placed here. — But my dear General don't forget us! — Remind Sladen every day of this.

My last letter, I am afraid was written rather somber. The fact is that the solitude of my home or perhaps some other as yet unaccounted for cause has rendered me subject to an altogether uncontrollable melancholy. The gloom that surrounds me at times & under existence almost unbearable is horrid. I pray to God not to send such affliction. To day I feel lighter.

Please present my hommage to Mrs. Howard, who I suppose is with you & believe me always

Very truly yours

A. v. Steinwehr

Washington Aug 6, 1866

Maj Genl O. O. Howard

Dear General

I find on consultation with Col C. W. Foster that I am excluded from Army appointment, not having served two years. It only remains therefore to thank you for your kind assistance and advice.

My desire to enter the army arose from a profound conviction that that part of the public service must be the chief reliance in the stormy future that is before us. So fixed is this conviction that I shall not fail to find among the duties of civil life, opportunities for cultivating the qualities and extending the knowledge available in the severe service of active military life; trusting the future to that Providence that has carried us through great

perils in the past, and can save us from even greater in the future I have only to point the path of immediate duty,

I desire to add a word or two in regard to the prospect of a pacific settlement of the many points of difference between the whites and the blacks of the South. Though feeling deep interest and sympathy with the freedmen I have more been unmindfull of the fact that like all other races of men they are liable to have their history obscured with dark passions. The disordered condition of Southern society gives me no hope that the natural tendencies of immediate and I may add armed emancipation will be averted by a wise and careful administration of justice the only means in my judgment of holding them in check,

Should formidable collisions arise between these great masses, we will be likely to forget the causes producing it, and look only to the conduct of the parties, I am afraid that in such a contingency the black man will lose many of his friends whose enthusiasm

was stimulated by hope of immediate success, and that it will be so easy matter to stem the tide of feeling that will drive on towards ~~their~~ his extermination as a race,

If I can repay your kindness by any service in your behalf I hope you will give me the opportunity, My address will be New York, 34 Pine St,

I am very respectfully
Your friend & obdt Servt
A. S. Millard

Washington, Aug 6th. 1864.

Willard. A.S.

States that he is exempted from entering the Army as he has served two years.

Recd. Aug 8th 1864

Head Quarter Post
Fort Wallace Kansas
Aug 6 1866

Maj Genl O O Howard

Dear Sir

I was greatly disappointed, when I arrived at Carlile Barracks, P.A. to receive an order to overtake a detachment of recruits, which had just been forwarded to my Regt. for I was under the impression, when I left Washington, I would remain there a short time; When I arrived at Fort Ellsworth, Genl Palmer assigned me to Co. M. 2nd Cav by, now at this Post. Two hundred miles further away from civilized City town or Villidge. & on the Plains where you scarcely can find even a tree, by 20 miles travel, The worst of all is we have no Chaplin, Bibles or any religious reading matter of any kind, & no one at the Post who takes an interest in such things, The County offices, have a Genl Order Posted up at the sutlers stating that each & every man may have

three drinks of whiskey a day. & most of the men seem to take quite an interest, in the order & comply with it, daily. I have been invited by the officers to join in, & take a little a number of times, & on every occasion refused, & ~~have~~ finally told them, I belonged to your Div. & that it was not a [illegible]ble, to be bribed in to any habit, that was against good principles. Since then I have got along very well, & am as good a friend, as if I joined in, & got drunk twice a day. If you can make it convenient you will greatly oblige me, by sending to me a Bible or some religious reading matter to this Post. Temperance Papers &c. for there is not of the kind is here. I hope you will excuse me for imposing upon your time &c. I feel it my duty both as a soldier & a christian, to take some means of [illegible] those who are going to utter distruction for the want of some, one to make a [illegible] I am truly & full Cous. for the letter you gave me, just before I left working

I have already found it to be of great advantage to me, in the ordinary duties of camp life, &c. I am determined to take a firm stand to do what is right, no matter where I am situated, when any thing tempts me, my mind is called to you, Genl. Havelock & other who have prospered, by doing what is right both in the sight of God & man. I am sorry to trouble you, knowing that your time is so spread, & your cares so great, but to receive a letter of advice in answer to this will ever be remembered.

By your Most
Obt Servt.
Geo. A. Innes.
2nd Lieut. 2d W. S. Cavy.
Post Adjt.
Ft. Wallace Pond Creek
Kansas, via St Jos
Mo.

Fort Wallace Kansas
Aug. 6th 1864.

Geo. A. Ames -
2nd Lieut 2nd Lt. Heavy.

Friendly letter -

Recd. Aug. 20th 1864 -

Headquarters, Assistant Commissioner,
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
SOUTH CAROLINA.

Charleston, S. C., July 6th 1866.

Maj Genl O. O. Howard

Genl

The Bearer Mr Haskinson a Planter on the Sea Islands, and very largely interested in the Crop's of the present year is about to visit Washington City and is desirous of an interview with you; in relation to Matters of General interest in this State Mr Haskinson's opportunity to judge correctly of affairs here; is equal if not better than that of any other planter in the State. Having Plantations on both the Main Land and

Islands Anne in addition is
a Gentleman of liberal Views
with the highest Regard
I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
R S C Scott
Brvt Maj Genl
Asst Comr