

Washington D.C.
Aug. 10th 1866.

General

In my last interview with you, you were kind enough to intimate that you would aid me to secure a position in the Regular Army.

At that time I was not prepared to reply to your question as to whether I desired to enter the Army, but upon further consideration I have decided that should it be your pleasure to aid me, I will accept the favor with great thankfulness.

I entered the volunteer service in the Spring of 1861 as Private Co. A. 13th Mass. Vols. in which capacity I served until January 3rd 1863 when I was discharged and re-enlisted as Hospital Steward in the Regular Army. I remained in service until May 21st 1865.

Since my final discharge from service I have been employed as Clerk of the

first and second class in the Office of
Internal Revenue.

I have the testimonials of
my officers while in service, and of others
who have known me since my discharge,
if you desire I will send them to you.

Grateful for past favors
I am Your Obedt Servt.

L. Edwin Dudley
Office Int. Revenue

Major General O. O. Howard
Commissioner of Freedmans Bureau

Philad. 10. Aug. 1866

Major Genl. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

I send you the enclosed letter from Genl. Scott which I had hoped to have delivered to you personally. I was in Washington in Jan^y last & had a letter to you from Genl. Meade, which you kindly endorsed over to your Adjutant Capt. Kitchum in Charleston. I came now with the twofold purpose of seeing you & getting advice as to my health. My physician has ordered me at once to Sharon Springs. It is with regret I leave without seeing you -

With a few exceptions all the contracts with the Freedmen give them a portion of the cotton. I give all the Provisions & one half the cotton. Each family plants by itself. The cotton differing in quality & quantity. My first idea was to divide every day as fast as picked, this would have secured me, but I have since considered would be disastrous to the Freedmen. They have no place to any place their cotton or any place to store it. It would be liable to be stolen by those who had made nothing - or to be traded out of them for one fourth its value by the sharks who have opened shops all over the country -

My plan is that they deliver up all the

cotton, and keep each family bulk distinct
At the end of the season it can be divided
& by putting a large quantity ^{that} will be more apt
to take care of proceeds - an order issued would be
of great benefit. It should of course restrict
the proprietor from removing any cotton until
a division took place

I hope & trust nothing will be done to interfere
with the action of the Bureau this year, my
contracts are made & based upon it & would be
a distraction to me & others - Before my return to
the South I shall do myself the pleasure to
call on you & Bile Tre with Rep. A. W. M.
I am H. H. Kinsman

Please address EDWIN LEE BROWN,

Cor. Sec. "Associated Western Literary Societies,"

46 RIVER STREET, UP STAIRS,

CHICAGO, ILL.

See CIRCULAR of objects and aims of this Association on the OTHER SIDE.

Chicago, Ill., August 10 1866.

Gen. L. O. Howard,

Dear Sir,

Some time next week I will send you the List of Applicants for your Services as a Lecturer from the "A. W. L. S. S." It has taken me longer than I expected when I wrote before. I have quite a large number of Applications for you, and expect two or three more.

In the meantime, believe me,
Yours Most Respectfully —

Edwin Lee Brown.

EDWIN LEE BROWN

(Post. P. M. 10/10/66)

Cor. Sec. "A. W. L. S. S."

See other side.

Associated Western Literary Societies.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, CHICAGO, ILL.

The "A. W. L. S." is an association of about thirty of the leading Literary and Lecture Societies of the West, formed for the purpose of joint action and mutual benefit (both to themselves and the Lecturers) in the matter of obtaining Lecturers, &c., &c. By this combined action they trust to become enabled to obtain the *very best talent*, by offering to the Lecturers regular *routes*, of greater or less extent, thereby making it more of an object for them to come "out West" than has been previously the case, when only detached engagements could be offered to them, and those very often widely apart. We hope, also, to be of benefit to the smaller and "weaker" Societies among us, by enabling them to obtain Lecturers whom they otherwise could not hope to obtain, as many Lecturers will lecture for them in an extended *course*, at somewhat reduced figures, when else they could not afford to do so.

The particular advantages we offer to *Lecturers* consists in the fact that, instead of dealing with *several* persons in making their engagements, they deal in this case with only *one*, (the Cor. Sec. of the "A. W. L. S.") who will arrange their *routes*, so that they may give the greatest number of lectures with the least possible loss of time, &c., &c., thus saving them a very great amount of trouble in the shape of correspondence, or the expense of employing an *Agent*, if they have been in the habit of doing so.

Of course, some Lecturers receive more applications from the Association than others, and the Cor. Sec. is instructed to apply only for those Lecturers receiving *few* applications or upwards: although he will, *by particular request*, apply for any of those receiving a less number.

It is understood, that in applying for Lecturers, they are to come, if at all, some time during the *regular Lecture Season*, or between the first of November and the fifteenth of March. When Lecturers *cannot* come within that period, but *can* come at a *different time*, they will please say so distinctly, in which case their propositions will be submitted to the different constituent Societies.

Lecturers, in their answers, will please give their *lowest terms*, stating also whether there will be any *additional expenses* in the shape of traveling or hotel bills, &c., and if so, exactly what, and how much; they will also state the *exact time* they can come, the *whole number* of Lectures they can deliver, also give the *titles*, in full, of their different Lectures:—in short, they will please make their answers as concise and definite as possible, so to save time and trouble to the Corresponding Secretary.

Each Lecturer will be paid the price agreed upon by the Cor. Sec. of the "A. W. L. S." at the close of his Lecture, by the Society before which he lectures.

There is a wide field for improvement, both intellectually and physically, in the Great West, and its people are ready and anxious to hear *first rate* Lectures, and are willing to pay for them; such can do *good* here, and we sincerely hope that *all* of those to whom we apply will consent to come, even at the sacrifice of a little personal ease and comfort.

Respectfully,

EDWIN LEE BROWN,

(Pres't. Y. M. A., Chicago,)

Cor. Sec. "A. W. L. S."

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New Preston Conn.

August 10th 1866

Maj Genl O. O. Howard }
Compromiser &c }

Dear General

I left
Virginia Wednesday night for
a few days leave (the first in
more than three years) on landing
in New York this morning I saw
by the papers that Maj Genl Leroy
had been relieved from the command
of the Department of Virginia by
Maj Genl Sampson.

How I am to be affected
by this I do not know. but
I believe that I can yet do the
Bureau some service in Virginia if
I am wanted there.

Please inform me whether I
am to be relieved and if so. whether
the order now in force to "Report
to Maj Genl Howard when my services
can be dispensed with in Virginia" can
stand as it is. It is of vital
importance to me to settle my
accounts with the Government while

in the service -

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Will you also please
inform me when Gen Skiff
is to take command at Richmond: as it
is important for me to return in
time to arrange the transfer of Bureau
affairs - if this is to be done

My address is New Preston
Connecticut

Asking pardon for troubling
you and for an early reply. I am
Yours with sincere respect

Yours Truly
O. Brown

Proctor & Co.

18 August 1866

Dear O.

After receiving the news-
-let of Sir Henry James command of
the Earl of Salisbury's regiment. We discuss
it & know it will affect him.

I will come to meetings
at once, if necessary.
Yours
A. Brown

Boston Aug. 11. '66

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My Dear Carl

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I find the enclosed
on my table, as I return from
a trip into the country - I
do not ^{know} Mr. Peabody at all. But
if you or some one who may
know him could get his
ear for a little, it seems to
me that the Washington
Cong. Ch. might receive a
succor gift from him.

Father Keep is an eminently
good man, & this suggestion
of his, may have come from
a Power infinitely above
ours - I transmit it

to a new assurance of my
most sympathetic

Wm. A. S.
P. Langworthy

Boston Aug 11. 1864

Langworthy, L.P.

Concerning
Cong. Church

Recd. Aug 14th 1864

Minersville Schuylkill Co Pa
Aug. 11 1866

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

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Sir:

The Sons of Temperance of Schuylkill
County intend to have a Grand Parade and Pic Nic in
Minersville on Tuesday, the eleventh day of September next.
It is expected that this will be the greatest temperance
demonstration ever held in this part of the State.
The pleasure of your company is requested at the Parade and Pic Nic.

Fraternally Yours
in S. P. T.

Luther S. Kauffman Chairman
Committee of Arrangements

New York, Aug 11, 1864

Rauflman Esq.

Charles Paul
Newman is the
present at a
conference follows

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New York, Aug 14, 1864

Galveston Texas
August 11th 1864

May Gen Howard
Dear Sir:

I see by the papers, and learn by private correspondence that all the Volunteer officers are to be mustered out - I had thought that the provisions of the 4th Sec of the new Bureau Bill would retain such as are connected with the Bureau for a time but in this I appear to be mistaken. I therefore respectfully request in this communication that, if it is left to your discussion, to recommend officers for retention, you place my name on such a list - I have become deeply interested in this work, and would like very much to see the end of it. I feel assured that I can a good work here

both for the freedmen and the govern-
ment. I have the confidence of the
freedmen, and, I believe, the respect of
the people. The Asst Comdr and other
military officers co-operate with me
most heartily. I have made myself
acquainted with the rights and inter-
ests of the freedmen as to their portion
of the crop of cotton, and am maturing
plans to keep them from being cheated.
I have also in consultation with ~~Mr~~
Mr Whilock formed a plan for new
schools, and a limited number of
normal schools to fit proper freed-
men for teachers - since when the
Bureau is withdrawn this will be
their only resort - and am very
reluctant to be obliged to abandon
these plans.

I have no claims on
the Government further than that
my health is in such condition
from wounds as to completely
unfit me for the active duties

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of my profession - Secy Stanton
knows of my circumstances so well
that I feel assured that if his atten-
tion were called to the matter there
would be no difficulty in having me
retained. The late order from the
war dept reorganizing departments
will probably ~~not~~ result in making
the State of Texas a district, but I am
certain that such a district and
the Bureau cannot be put in the
same hands without serious
detriment to the latter - I asked
you by telegraph and also by mail
for permission to come to Wash-
ington, and think that if it is
your desire to have me remain
here, that I could have it arra-
nged if then. The cholera is now
raging here, and the Yellow fever
is expected which are additional
reasons for wanting to go North
for a short time -

Very Respectfully (over)

Your obt Servant
J. B. Kildar

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Aug 11th 1886

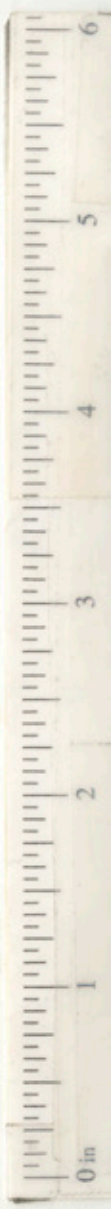
Kildar, J B

Post-Maj. Gen.

Reservist in

Militia in Service

Recd Aug 21. 1886



Columbus

Aug. 11. 1866

Dear Sir

Will you be pleased to send me copies
of any Reports of your own or Agents
in regard to the Freedmen's Bureau operations.
It has been and is being affirmed daily that
the Bureau has been disappointing to friends
of the colored people. I am preparing a
reply to the declaration of a certain Senator of
Indiana on this subject - and therefore desire
to be correctly informed - There is one fact upon
which I desire accurate information and
that is the proportion of poor whites who have
been employed in the Southern States

I have early attention to the request in I believe
If you have any copies of speeches of Fremont
and others upon this subject - I will thank
you for the favor of copies

Yours
Am. Galloway

Wm. Gen. O. Howard

Aug. 11th 1866.

Yellowing, dead.

Stillis and
British goods -
Mounts the British
mug heart.

Recd. Aug. 14th 1866

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Stamwich (Greenwich) Ct

- Aug 12th 1866 -

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Genl. G. C. Howard

Dr Sir

Not long since I
recd a circular from Messrs. Pomroy
Brewster & yourself as Com. of Mass. & means
of the Congl. Ch. of Washington D.C.

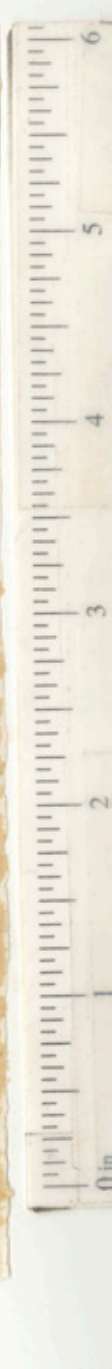
I have felt an interest in that movement
& should be glad to give you substantial
proof of this interest. Had I the means at
my Command. As it is I could only present
your cause to a people not remarkable
for their liberality. I send the following
from Congl. Ch. Stamwich \$9.25

- Mr Wm. Brush 5.00 -

Regretting that I was not able to do more for
you & wishing the enterprise in wh. you are engaged
all possible success I am, Sir

With great respect
P. H. Hoffsta
J. M. M. Congl. Ch. Stamwich

Handwritten text on lined paper, mostly illegible due to fading and bleed-through. The text appears to be a letter or a report, possibly dated "May 12, 1894" in the upper left. The right edge of the paper is torn and irregular.



Lockport Aug 12th 1866

May Genl. O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir.

Permit me to prop^{ose} to
you the request before made by me to
aid this Young Gentleman. His name is on your
special list by my request. He is a superior
Young man, and I do hope you will
write a strong letter and see that it
goes on file at the War Dep^t with his
other papers referred to. Any personal
influence you can exert to secure
him the place he desires in the army
will be appreciated by me.

Very Respectfully

Burt Van Horn

M.C. 29th Oct 1866

John W. Smith
July 1864

Book. Beach.

Series a. 1st
Vol. 1 - 1864.

New. Aug. 15th 1864.

Salisbury N.C.

Aug. 13th, 1866.

My dear General.

I take advantage of an opportunity for sending this letter by Genl. Whittier. to thank you for the kind interest you have taken in seeking to procure for me an appointment to the Army.

I received a letter from my dear friend, your brother, this morning in which he informed me that you had recommended me for an app't. as "Field Officer" but thought that a Captaincy would be all that I could receive - This, dear General exceeds my expectations, - as a first step was all I had hoped for. at best.

I have felt a hesitation about asking you to do anything for me in this matter - Not because I doubted your entire willingness to do any thing for me. But because I am fully aware how your time must be all occupied with the arduous duties of your Office

and because I have already received
many favors.

I have thought best to enclose
some papers which I have secured at
different times during my term of service
making up to some extent a military record -
I send certified copies of some - as I
wish to preserve the Originals. Among them
is a letter written by Mr Spaulding in 1864
which perhaps coming to his notice - will influence
him to sever it - At the time this was written
my friends in Cleveland were his firm supporters
and altho I am sure that they did not
oppose his late nomination. I believe they
did nothing to secure it - A letter also
written by Maj. Genl. Talum may be useful.

I have thought that since these endorse-
ments & recommendations are in themselves a
'record' it would be as well to say nothing
myself. For myself. but let them speak.

I should you think it advisable however - that
more should be said - and you can say it
for me without trouble or inconvenience -
I will state briefly: I entered the

the Volunteer Service as Junior 2^d Lt. in 66
the 41st Ohio. in October 1861. serving as
2^d & 1st Lt. in my Regiments and on the
Staff of my Brigade Commander. Genl. Hagen
until July. 1864. when I was promoted to be
Captain and detailed for duty upon your
Staff. Since that time my military history
is known to you.

Since you have had the kindness
to recommend me for App't. I take the liberty
of forwarding these Documents to you. hoping
that you will not allow them to inconvenience
you in the least. I am delighted to hear
that Genl. Hagen is likely to have one of the
new Regiments. and should I be appointed & be
his Regiment I should feel that nothing could be
better for me.

Genl. Whittier will tell you all about
the Court Martial. I am very glad that I was
detailed. and exceedingly glad that Genl. Palmer was
the Presiding Officer.

Hoping that I have not troubled you
too much. and always hoping for your success &
happiness. I remain most high Esteem

You old friend & friend friend

M. M. Duke Jr

St. Louis, Mo.

Maj Genl. O. O. Howard.

St. Louis, Mo.

August 13th 1866

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Lockport, N.Y. August 13th 1866

Major Gen. O. O. Howard

Commissioner, Bureau R. F. & A. T.

General

I have the honor to in-
-close the accompanying letter to the Hon. Burt Van Horn
in reply to your requesting my appointment as a
Civil agent of the Bureau in Texas.

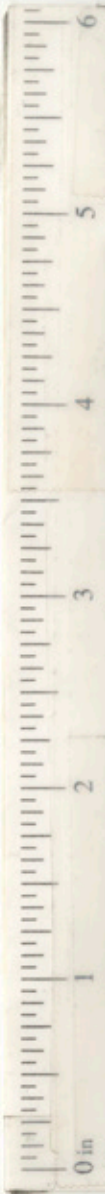
In reply I would most respect-
-fully state that I have an application on file
in the War Department for the position of Captain
in the U.S. Army. Any assistance you may
be pleased to give me, will be thankfully received,
and should I be successful in obtaining a com-
-mission it would afford me great pleasure to be
detained for service in your Bureau.

I have the honor, to be

Very respectfully Your Ob^t servant
W. H. Crook

over

Brevet Lieut. Col. U.S. Vol. later Capt. 8th U.S. I. A. R.



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Columbus Mo. Aug 13. 1866

Dear Sir. Will you be so kind as to inform me where I can direct a letter to reach Adj't and Inspector General Stone who was Chief of Staff when the troops occupied this City in Feb'y. 1865. He signed a paper for me at that time in this way "By command of O. O. Howard Maj Genl. A. S. Stone or J. E. Stone Adj't & Insp Genl and Chief of Staff" My reason for wishing to know his address is, because I unfortunately lost the paper and wish to write to him -

Very Respectfully
Thos. J. Rawls. M.D.

War Department,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Washington, 1866.

13 Aug

My dear General:

I called to see you this afternoon with Major Whiting, the father of Capt S. J. Whiting R. R. L., with reference to the appointment of Capt Whiting in one of the new regiments of R. R. L. — Young Whiting, as you are aware, is now on duty in your Bureau at Mobile, he lost an arm at on the peninsula, and is so favorably known to me personally, as a young man of unblemished, military and moral character, that I assume the right of an old friend to recommend him to your most favorable consideration, for a recommendation to the Secy of War for an appointment commensurate with his services. He has been in the Army from the beginning of the war, and to my own knowledge, has endeavored himself to all of his immediate commands.

by his bravery, energy, fidelity & morality,
I can assure you, that you will never
have cause to regret any steps you may
take in his favor.

I think where a young man of 22
years of age, who by his own merits
has risen from the position of a private
in the Vols to a Captancy in the V.R.C.
suffering in the meantime, two amputations
of the same arm, deserves a most favorable
consideration at the hands of the govt. and in
this belief, knowing your own appreciation
of worthy officers, and your kind heartedness
I commend him to you.

I will end by saying that young White
is very intelligent & well educated

Yours truly

W. Owen

Capt 5th Cav

Bth Col

Personal

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Bu. R. Y. Me & L.

H^d Qrs. Ast. Commr.

Balto. M^d Aug. 13. 1866.

Map. Genl. O. C. Howard.

Commissioner &
General.

Owing to the
absence of Map. Genl. Fessenden,
I am constrained to entrust
the enclosed request to you
and entreat that you will
kindly exert your influence in
my behalf for reasons which
my old college friend Ketchum
will explain.

With sincerest esteem

I am, Genl.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Sot.

Wm Bird Gardner

2^d Lieut. 9th U.S. Rif.

