Walton N.Y. Sept 14 1864

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General Howard

Dear Brother. I received your circular in behalf of the Congl. Ch at Washington and enclosed I remit 16 dollars for that enterprise — for which please return your receipt ✠ 45

Rebels The cause of liberty is looking up since the Rebs took his stampeding tour. And be the biggest dunce in the nation with the exception of the demagogue Buchanan Seward. It is humiliating to the nation to have such a head. Stick to your post my dear General — is the wish of every true man.

Yours &c S. H. Pettengill.

✠ pour P. Congl. Ch Walton N.Y.

Walton N. Y.
Sept 14th 1866

Nottingill J. S.

Contributes $15.00 to
Congregational Church.

Rec'd Sept. 14. 1866

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Wells, Me. Sept. 14th 1866.

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Maj. Gen'l O. O. Howard,

Honored Sir,

Sometime since I received an appeal in behalf of the Congregational Church in Washington. It has not been convenient for me to lay the matter before my people - and may not at least for the present. Feeling an interest in the enterprise, I enclose Two Dollars, which I hope will be of some service in helping it onward.

Sincerely Yours,

J. B. Cook

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Dixie Wave

September 14th 1866

Cook J. B

Contributes $. 2.00
for Congregational Church.

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Boston Mass.
Sept. 14. 1866

To Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Freedmen's Bureau,

Dear Sir,

Henry Dix Hutton of Dublin, author of an essay on the Relations of England with uncivilized Communities (7th essay in "International Policy") desires such reports and publications as throw light on the conduct, character and management of our Freedmen.

He is studying the subject carefully, with a view to a new edition, and it is a pleasant duty to enlighten an intelligent Englishman on such a subject.

It will be a favor, if you will direct one of your Clerks to send me such documents as you have - Thomas Russell, Court House, Boston, or to mail them

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To Henry Dix Hutton, 10
Lower Mountjoy Street
Dublin.

Allow me to add my thanks
to the thanks of all loyal
men, black and white, for
your course in these trying
times. God bless you is the
prayer of millions – among
them of

Yours very truly

Thomas Russell

Boston Mass
Sept 14th. 1865

Russell, Thos

Asks for
printed docu-
ments concern-
ing freedmen

Recd Sept 17. 1865.

St Joseph Mo
Sept 14th 1866.

Sir:

Your communication per your A DC is recd. and contents noted. I am not aware that there was ever an order issued for the issue of Govt Clothing to citizen employees. I issued on my own responsibility such articles as the men absolutely required, well knowing that there was no other source from which it could be had, and on the principle that, if Govt rations were issued why not Govt Clothing? I am well satisfied that Col Conklin or Genl Reese would have given me such an order if I had applied for one at the time. The men of my train were too busily employed to hunt up clothing in the vicinity of Atlanta or whilst on the march to Savannah.

Enclosed I have the honor to send a Statement of Clothing issued.

I trust it is all that is required and will meet with your approval. Please accept the gratitude of an old soldier for the kindness you have shown in instructing me how to proceed.

Most Respectfully your Obedient Servant

W. W. Morrow

St Joseph
Mo

To
Maj Genl O O Howard
Old Point Comfort
Va

Saint Joseph Mo.
September 14th 1866.

Morton Wm. A.

Notes concerning the issue of Government Clothing

Recd. Sept. 18th. 1866.

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Lincoln University Pa
Sept 14th 1866

Rev. O. O. Howard
Dear Sir
Your favor of the 12th has been received, and we are much pleased to fix Thursday October the 18th as the day & evening for our meeting in Phila. The Trustees to meet at 3 P.M. at 907 Education rooms Arch Street, and we will make arrangements for you at the Continental Hotel and your escort if you have any with you.

Sincerely Yours
Geo. H. Lee

Geo. E. Lee
Albany
Oct 14 1866

Dear Sir
Your favor of the
9th has been received, and we are
pleased to learn that the Chemistry
reaches you in the best condition.
We feel confident that our Greenbacks
will please, and we trust our
management for you at the
Centennial will prove satisfactory.
If you have any wants next year

If you wile drop me a line just
before the 18th we wile be pleased
to meet you at the Depot of the
Baltimore rail road with a carriage.
You do not say any thing of the meeting
in New York so that we wile leave
it open and if you can find an Evening
either between the Eighteenth & the
twenty third or for the twenty forth
we wile hope for a word of En-
-couragement at a meeting there-
Our Session commenced yesterday
with over 40 Students on the first
day & provision is made for the
support of near 100 — President
Rendall remarked that our best
Students Mr. Pilsbury is sending
from Charleston —

Very respectfully &c
John M. Dickey for
Ex. Com.

Buckley J. Ill.

Oxford Pa.
Sept 14. 1866

States that
Genl. Howard
is expected to
be present in
Phila. Oct. 18. 1866

Recd Sept 17. 1866

New York Sept 14/66

Maj Genl O. O. Howard

My Dear Sir

I was happy to learn from your of the 10th inst that the probabilities seemed in favor of your making one of the Addresses at the forth-coming Anniversary of our College Society — I do most earnestly hope it may be so, for I think you could do a great deal of good —

The Anniversary is generally held early in Nov & this year would come on the 6th & 7th of that month — but for

the elections - On account of these it may be necessary to deffer it till Tuesday & Wednesday the 13th & 14th of November

Could you be present then?

Respectfully
& most Truly
Yours
Theron Baldwin

FREEDMENS' AID COMMISSION,
OF
Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio & West Virginia,
AUXILIARY TO THE
AMERICAN FREEDMENS' AID COMMISSION,

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Pittsburgh, Sept. 15. 1866

Maj. Gen O. O. Howard
Com. F. R. & A. L.
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

A few days ago we had a letter from Wm. F. Mitchell, our Supt. of Schools for Freedmen in Tenn. & N. Ala., from Huntsville Ala. whither he had gone to see about the re-opening of our schools this fall.

Among other things he says "The crops in this part of the Country are almost a total failure, and if rations are withdrawn by Oct. 1. thousands must starve to death. I never saw a town of this size so dull. The drought has almost burned up every thing. There is no trade & people seem lifeless & listless"

In another communication he says - "Judge Sonneggs of the Probate Court

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expressed the opinion that the destitution in N. Alabama would be equal to, if not greater this year, than it was last". In the same letter he speaks of "the general stagnation of business, consequent upon the failure of the crops, the yield of which in this part of the state will not support the people six months. It is my deliberate opinion that in pursuance of Gen. Steuart's late order, the issue of rations ceases, on the 1st of Oct., hundreds if not thousands will starve to death."

When Mr Hare & Dr Stimson to whom I read Mr. Mitchell's letter heard it, they said "the Government ought to know this." In consequence of their suggestion I write to you.

They have & we all have entire confidence in Mr Mitchell's honesty, capacity & veracity. They themselves are among our most first citizens. If not personally acquainted with them I refer you to your friend Rev. George Whipple N.Y. who knows them well & to me. Mr. Mitchell has a few days off (3rd or 4th Sept.) in Mr Hare's office. I also refer you to Mess. Morehead & Williams our representatives in Congress. We know you

are surrounded by difficulties, but it will not do to let people starve by hundreds & thousands. As an association, we are so limited in regard to funds that I do not see that we can do anything except in the way of our Schools. The Government thro' the Bureau seems to be the only help.

Perhaps I might add that Mr Mitchell is also the Supt. of the Schools &c of the Pa. Freedmen's Relief Ass.n at Philad. with whom we are cooperating as to Schools &c.

Our entire confidence in your devotion to the interests of the Freedmen and our respect for you as a soldier and as a man is our excuse, if one be needed, for thus calling your attention to this matter.

Last year and the year before

we did what we could in the
way of supplying clothing
to the Freedmen. This year
we had fondly hoped such
would be unnecessary. But
heaven the drought has
produced extensively the
destitution here spoken of
the people throughout the
country ought to know of
your facilities for obtaining
information will, of course
enable you to arrive fully
at the real state of the case.
I take pleasure in stating that
Mr Mitchell speaks very highly
of the excellent qualities of
Col. John B. Callis, the Ass.
Com.r of the Bureau at Nash-
ville.

Very Respectfully
Jos. S. Travels
Of Freedmen's Com Nash

Waterloo Sept. 18th 1866.

Gen O. O. Howard

My very dear Sir

For nearly four years my husband Rev J. R. Johnson, has been doing Missionary work among the Freedman about R and receiving for the same a stand Occassional Support of not more than $300.00 per year from a Missionary society. But for months, he has not had even that, and we have hoped and expected that the Bureau would provide proper support. I am in feeble health and utterly unable to maintain myself. I do not wish to weary you Sir, but I do

know that my husband
as laborious and single-minded
a man as you have in your
corps; and that you only
need to investigate for
yourself, unbiased by
unaccountable prejudice
manifested by Rev. Mr Hill
to be convinced of the worth
of Mr F's services, and
to cheerfully compensate him.
I exceedingly regret that a
brother Minister should lend his
influence (that) the object of propping
sustaining a brother Minister,
who for the past thirty years
has devoted himself to the
cause of Christ, and the
suffering bondmen and
who, now with added experience
is a consecrated and efficient
worker in the cause of Freedom.

This exhibition on the part of Ken. Mr H. is not Christ like and it should not be the means of depriving him support where it is justly deserved

I am Sir very respectfully
Mrs J. B. Jackson.

Waterloo Sept 16. 1866

Johnson J. B. (Mrs.)

Desires that her husband may obtain compensation from the Bureau.

Recd. Sept 19th. 1866

Private & Unofficial

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands,

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS OFFICE, STATE OF KENTUCKY.

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Louisville, Ky. Sept 16 1866.

My Dear General

If consistent with your wishes I would be glad to be ordered to Tennessee as Asst Comr & District Commander vice my very good friend & faithful Officer Maj Genl Fisk who has left the Service

The administration of the Bureau is now well organized in this State and is running as smoothly as the rebellious disposition of a majority of its inhabitants will permit

I have found Genl Davis a very pleasant and cooperative Officer to serve under and am quite as pleasantly situated here as I could wish, but would much like to have the opportunity of aiding you in your arduous and perplexing duties to the extent of my ability as your Asst Commissioner for the State of

Tennessee. If you decide to order me there please have me assigned to duty as of my Brevet Rank

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If so I would like to take with me Lt Lew F Bennett 7th Cl now on duty in this State

Please consider this letter confidential

With great respect I have the honor to be your friend & obt Svt

John Elder
Col 7th Cl
Brt Brig Genl
U S Vols

To
Maj Genl
O O Howard
Washington
D C

Louisville Ky.
Sept 14. 1866.

Maj. John
Bvt. Brigdn.

Asks to be appointed to the command of Tennessee vice Gen. Fisk mustered out

Recd Sept 19th 1866.

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P. S. I send you a letter of Gen. Scott giving our friends of the 6th a deal of fancy — of course not to be published — C. H. H.

Charleston S. C.
Sept. 16 1866

Dear brother

It is a rainy Sunday — I got here yesterday afternoon and was intending to visit my Regt. at Sullivan's Id. this morning with Gen. Scott but the boat proved as having spring aleak — I thought I would be present at the Sunday morning inspection of the four Companies there.

Dined with Gen. S. yesterday but stayed with Smith last night — am now at Gen. Scott's house — The latter has been telling me much about the Southern proclivities of the 6th Infantry officers —

One was tried by Ct. M. for drinking health of Jeff Davis — Court (mostly 6th Infy.) gave him easy sentence — Gen. Sickles recommended his dismissal — disapproving sentence of the Court — but the President (Johnson) confirmed sentence of the Court. At least half of those officers are of that

description.

I saw Beebe at Raleigh - still on that Commission - Has submitted to Adjt Genl as to whether his recruiting order should relieve him from the Comn.

Owing to the preference of Miss Nurse he would have preferred a Captaincy in a white Regt - but says he would rather have the Captaincy in a Colored than a Lieutenancy in a white 128th U.S.C.T.

Maj. Davidson has received orders to recruit in my Regt. for U.S.C. - Maj. Roy 6th Infy ditto as it requires a Commissioned Officer of Regular Army to sign the papers.

I should like for you to make application to W.D. for Lt. Col. Beebe the report to you as soon as he is relieved from the Military Comn that he may take Spring in preference as Lieut Colonel in D.C. - He will, I think, do well there and Sprague expects to leave - It would save us the labor and prevent Col. Beebe's mustering out which he would regard a great favor at least until he receives his other Commission.

Then there will be Lt. Col. Burbe, Maj. Ketchum, Chaplain T. K. Noble and myself to be retained by virtue of the new Bureau Bill.

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If I could have had my Regt. filled up to maximum & then regain full complement of Officers I would have been glad to have it retained in service - But this they refused and if the character has degenerated it is largely owing to that fact - viz small no. of officers & most of them detached. So I shall not ask for its retention - though it seems poor policy for Govt. to lose both officers & men so much needed and wait for the new Regts - so hard in forming & expensive.

I intend to send an application for Maj. Davidson's name to be substituted for that of Maj. Ketchum - Perhaps it will be better to forward to you for your endorsement and then get Gen. Miles to work it out -

Gen. Scott has done nothing whatever about the Sea Islands - I shall see Mr. Fessenden today or soon & will write again - Gen. Scott did not propose to touch that

matter till after harvest – but this would put it beyond his term of service as he is to go out Dec. 1st – The people (white) here don't want him to take hold of it – I think – hoping that the law may be repealed. I think he better push it – getting surveys made and all preliminaries done at once – What do you think?

Gen. Scott says & others I conversed on the way – coming via Chester & Columbia that there will be lack of sufficient food this winter without doubt and that the authorities will do nothing for the freedpeople – but Gen. Scott proposes with your sanction to transport them ~~Western~~ freedpeople in the Western part of the State to Mississippi, Arkansas &c. as he says there is a demand for labor in those states.

Residents in Western S. C. tell me that planters will generally reduce the number of their hands this fall so that many will be thrown out of employ –

Gen. Sickles has accepted the Colonelcy of the V. R. C. Regt – having seen that Johnson stock is falling in the political market – and knowing that he was too far committed that way to make anything by going home now – Love to Lizzie & the children

Yours affectionate brother O. O. Howard

Recd Rchd 19th Feb.

Personal

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Charleston S.C. Sept 8th '66

Gniewel. A.

I enclose you an Extract from Charleston Daily News of the 7th

Do you think his # conjectures are true that the whole North may become Reconstructed on the subject of Slavery - I pity the South if you do conclude to again force them to accept Slavery - A great many men here think the institution will be disestablished - But I hope you will not begin the of Restoring Slavery while I am here; Ch

I know of one man
who enlisted in a
South Carolina Regiment
and served through
the Mexican war. was
honorably discharged
Returned to New Orleans
married a White Woman
and commenced Business
A Gentleman of this
State by the name of
Allen found him
and claimed him
as his slave brought
him here. Whipped
him until he got down
on his knees and called
him Master. He then
Branded him on the
forehead with the
word Slave. That was
the only way to prevent him
from running like

a White man - This
Same Mr Allen Ran
for Governor of this
State at the commence-
ment of the war or
Not long before but
was beaten by Pickens
a few votes - Hence
when it becomes the policy
to Reestablish Slavery
I would Rather be ab-
-sent Anee think when
Ryan's head better go
North - As it would
not be difficult to Make
a Negro out of any
Man by a Simple brand
on his face - Oh! Civili-
-ation - Oh! Christianity
What! a fiend to Make
kind Hoping you are
well - I am Truly

Remember that while I am in the Military Service of the U.S. I am not permitted to write anything for Publication of a public character that would in any way affect my duties as an Officer or connected therewith —

Senator Cowan's
at Pittsburgh Pa