Washington Oct 1st 1861

My Dear Sir:

I am as I told you yesterday, ordered on brief official duty to Cincinnati. I have been so pressed with work, getting my papers ready to leave, that I have not as I promised myself I would, seen you. And after the following matter:

I was looking at Mr. Leech’s Specifications for one church wall, and found them to be but 14 inches in thickness. This struck me as inadequate. But having little confidence in my own judgment in such matters I have taken careful advice of those whom I know are versed in such matters.

I saw Mr. Grant, the Architect. In his estimate for the smaller church, contemplated at first,
the walls where they join the foundation are 23 inches, decreasing to 18 at the eaves. Capt. G. gives it as his opinion that a fourteen-inch wall, 150 feet long, or thereabout, 33 feet high, will be absolutely unsafe. He has so stated or to that effect, to Mr. Scarle himself. Capt. Grant has refused to put in an estimate on the basis of a 14-inch wall, as he does not think he could make such a wall stand up.

The small Romanish Church now building nearly opposite on foundation has an 18 inch wall at the bottom. Dr. Gibbey's Church is, as I was informed by Mr. Laughery, bricklayer, cornice 10th Mass at 27 inches at bottom going to 18 at eaves.

I asked Mr. L. what should be the thickness of a wall like ours and he said not less than 20 or 21 at base. Mr. Watson of one Committee who has experience as a builder...
to some extent agrees with the authorities quoted.

I am well aware that a row of pillars, “anties” or whatever is the architectural phrase, runs along the sides of the church—built into or against the wall. Flues for ventilation however run up through them (and, as I am informed properly so believe) which detract from their strength very materially. Even with these, it is the opinion of builders whom I have consulted, that the walls are not strong enough at a 14 inch thickness. Besides, they are nearly cut down at each of the large windows which are calculated to add to the nature of things.

Now, it will not do to risk any thing in a building like this, for the purpose of keeping within the estimates. We must have a safe substantial edifice. I beg you therefore to consult persons outside of our Committee.
Ask disinterested parties who have no preconceived ideas and no plans in this connection. But the simple case is some one or some in whose judgment you confide that is what I have done and hence this letter. I pray you be satisfied before you let the last go on. Capt. Grant said he would be happy to meet Mr. Scoble before the committee if no one had any objection and give his views. I do not know if this is necessary or advisable. I only beg that before one so me in so vital a matter be one of the sound in which I stand.

Of course more I to be with the committee on Tuesday see. I would pay to them what I have written. As I cannot be there, you may state for me of you desire it necessary what I think as herein written.

Love my dear friend

[Signature]
Washington, D.C. Oct 21st 1866
Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard,

Sir,

The different Temperance Organizations of the District of Columbia have made arrangements for having a "grand Temperance Mass Meeting" on the 15th inst. At a meeting of the joint committee from the different Organizations held last Saturday evening a committee of six of the most influential Temperance men was appointed to write on the Heads of the various Departments to endeavor to obtain permission for the Temperance Men employed, to bear this distinction in the various Departments at 12 o'clock on the day of the Mass Meeting, requesting the members of the
Committee to report to the Joint Committee on Just Saturday Evening at the Yaw 481-9th as 9 o'clock. Knowing of your devotion to the cause the Joint Committee took the liberty of placing your name on the above named committee, feeling confident that you would exert your influence in your respective branches, be that in your own or other Departments.

Yours Very Truly,

E. W. Pack Dietz
Feb. 9th
Buffalo. Oct 1, 1866.

Br. Majr General
A. O. Howard
U. S. Army
Washington D.C.

General:
I have pleasure in forwarding you, a copy of my "Manuel"
with the hope that it may interest you and with
courtesy if you are disposed to repay

Yours very respectfully,

Albert J. Myer
Lowell, Mass., October 1st, 1866.

Maj. Gen. Howard:

The evening you have named for your lecture in this city (Jan. 30th, 1867), meets the convenience of the lecture committee, and you are therefore entered on the list for that evening.

Respectfully yours,

ob. servt.

E. C. Stone
Cor. Lect. Lect. Com.
Kalamazoo College
Kalamazoo, Mich
Oct 1, 1866

Major General Howard
General

I am just in the receipt of the favor of Lieut._____, dated Sept. 13th, indicating your consent to lecture before the Soldiers' Memorial Society of Kalamazoo College as early as Wed. July 20th, 1867. To this announcement, I gladly accede, on behalf of the Society, and will report it as definitely settled.

In regard to our previous correspondence, on the subject of six lectures to be given by you, I shall hope to write them fully as soon as circumstances shall so far mature as to enable me to make
a satisfactory proposal. I mean

it, if and anticipate, the Society
shall be sufficiently informed to
put it in their power to fulfill an
engagement and for a

consideration, providing any
contingency, they will

and into an engagement
in the course

This has of course only to do
with the safe return. Post all

ared 17, where we may again

sitting when

than the honor to remain,

General,

Best luck,

Respectfully yours,

H.E. Wayland

Late Captain 7th Infantry

Sec. U.S. So. of Kalama

to Colaps.
HEADQUARTERS
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
STATE OF TEXAS.

Galveston, [date], 186[6].

My dear O.O. Howard,
Commissioneer
General!

I learn through Col. Kinsman that it is reported in the Northern Copperhead papers that I have recommended an apprenticeship law to the Governor for this State and that it is being used against the Bureau child (you) MC. Such a report is untrue. I saw the subject of guardianship, apprenticeship and vagrancy was before the Legislature and I wrote the bill to the effect that any orders from your bed or mine to recognize the lands of this State on this subject...
P.S. I have nil an appointment at Lt. Col. in the 43rd. V.S. Inf'y (U.S. C) for which honor I have reason to believe I am indebted to you, as neither myself or any friends to my knowledge made any application for such an appointment.
They made no distinction of color, and strongly urged me to recommend to the legislature to make no such distinction so that when such laws were passed I could co-operate with them instead of being obliged to ignore them as colored people.

I have thought it best to make this statement to you knowing how much embarrassment of a similar kind you are subjected to in the discharge of your responsible duties.

Respectfully yours,
J. B. Maddox

Fort Myer, Va.
Galveston Texas

October 9th 1866.

Kiddoo J. B.

Desires the report circulated in Southern papers that he

recommends an Apprenticeship Law

by the Governor of Texas.

Recd Oct. 9th 1866.
Dear General Howard,

I send you herewith a copy of a letter I received from Georgia. The writer is the Rev. J. M. Caldwell, an old minister of the Methodist Church South. I know him very well as a reliable and good man. I think he is now acting as a missionary of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He tells a sorrowful yet true story— I hope you will be able to do something for his section. I advise him of this reference of his letter to you— all kept well during the
Invalence of the Cholera. Many of our neighbors have died. Our church has suffered severely by the death of several members. We are now in the noon time of our joyous centenary jubilee, and are enjoying a refreshing season from the presence of the Lord with us. I have not yet determined when my business for the future many good friends in New York are pulling me in that direction.

Is there any truth in the rumor that you are seriously contemplating a signum in Kansas? We would give you a loving welcome at west of the Mississippi. My love to the family.

Mary Faithfully, Clinton B. Hink
Personal

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
Head Quarters Assistant Commissioner Department of Virginia,

Richmond, Va., Oct 2nd, 1866.

Maj Genl. C. Howard
General

On the receipt of your note I immediately called on the Governor who promised to write you at once in relation to the matter of Rations.

"The case is urgent. I am not made of 'ten stuff' enough to stand the appeals that are continually being made from peace and hungry lips"

Yours Truly

O'Brien
Richmond Va.
Oct 5th 1860

Brow. O.

Hates concerning

national.
Dear General,

I am over here visiting friends to day and though it is pleasant to spend a little time in this way, I find that my long relief from duty is becoming irksome. Could I leave Maine I would go back to N.C. live with Capt. James and make myself useful among the freed men, as well as help James in managing the big work on his hands. Can such a leave be obtained or is there a prospect of my being mustered out soon. I do not seem to
We were to keep a
half a dozen officers
in idleness so long, all
of whom are willing to
and earn their pay.

Our friends here and
in Brunswick are all
well.

My regards to your
family & to Charles.

Yours Truly,

C. Whittemore
Richmond, Va.
Oct 2nd 1864

My Major Gen. O.O. Howard
My Dear General,

I thank you for the invitation to contribute to your church and wish I could now place my figures with yours or higher but I can only at this time give the "Widow's Mite" and promise to do more in a month or two.

Please find enclosed Twenty Dollars ($20) and the request that you call on me December 1st for twenty-five more.

It will be a pleasure to me to reach the figure...
Named by you if allowed to do so by instalments. If you will send me such items as will interest our friends in a remote locality I think I can do something for the object among my friends in a quiet tour of connections.

Truly Yours

O.F. Brown
Richmond, Va. Dec. 2d, 1866

Brown, Q

Linda Contributions for church.

Dec. 3d 1866
Germantown Phil. 1866

Genl G.O. Howard

Dear Friend

The enclosed is offered to you as being indefinite, in the words "Official Channels." Friends, after of Phila. for whom I act, has been official channel for such information ever since the creation of the Bureau. The mindly want to know when and how to "adapt our operations to the exigencies" of suffering. Where we shall send clothing blankets food or teachers; thus acting as the faithful almoners of the funds committed to our trust.

The paper never could have reached Col. Gilkey, I think—he would have returned a different answer.

If the endorsement is to be taken by us as an official order declining any further offers to the suffering freedmen, we would like it to be definitely marked our in an official Channel to that we may understand it. Relying on Genl Howard's proven fidelity to the interests of humanity,

I remain,

Respectfully,

Yardley Warner.
Germantown Pa
Oct 25 1858

Warren Yardley
Freedmens Association

Returns his letter addressed to Geo. Gilley with endorsement of Geo. Brown referring to give certain information and inquiries concerning it.

Avery's General at 4

Original designation of Lt. Col. by Geo. Wright endorsement

Aged Oct 25 1858
Detroit, Mich., Oct 3 1866.


My dear General

Our mutual friend

the gallant Lt. Col. Rob. of 1st Mich. Artillery

having deceased under you think that you might feel disposed to aid him a little in getting an appointment in the New Army organization

If would be Reid.
He is a perfect gentleman + I think his desire & qualifications, if brought up would secure him an appointment in one of the new Regiments. Please do some thing in his behalf & believe me, old friend.

O.S. Allery
enough to make some personal effort on his behalf.

I should feel it as a personal favor.

I had expected to get Rop appointed to a lucrative post under the Internal Revenue Dept., in which I also lately had an office.

But having the idea that he for the Colnley of the 29th I am unable to help him in that way as he is presently dying appointed.
Detroit, Mich. Oct. 3 1866

W.H. C.B.

Recommends Dr. A.B. Ross 1st Mich. Artý. for position within Army.

Respectfully, Oct. 3, 1866, 

Capt. Wm. J. Bell
Dear Sir,

I send you from the Union Ch. $2.00 of this town a check for $257
enclosed, for the use of the Cong. Ch. in Washington D.C.
I wish it were a larger sum.

Yours truly,
Geo W. Booth
Cairo, Oct 3rd 1866

Dear Sir,

In accordance with your letter of July 2nd to Mr. Haller, we will examine you at lecture in our course during the first or second week of January. The precise date to be fixed by you in your reply to this. Should this prove agreeable to you give us day and subject as early as possible that we may arrange our course. If not state when you can come.

Yours truly,

S. B. Burchard

Ch. Com
Orchard S. 13

Owego A. 9
Oct 3rd 1866

Deares Genr Howard,
To give the day and subject of lectures as early as possible.

Missed by letter Dec 13th
 Hole addressed to John Allen.

Read Dec 6th 1866.