

Oct. 23^d 1866-

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,
Freedman's Bureau,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

The "Needham Army
& Navy Union" of this city
does itself the honor to invite
you to deliver a lecture
before this organization the
present season -

We should prefer
one of the following evenings
Nov. 5th 19th Dec. 3^d - 17th 31st -
Jan 9th 1867 -

Be it inconvenient
for you to thus favor us
will you have the kindness
to name yr earliest time -
price & if possible yr

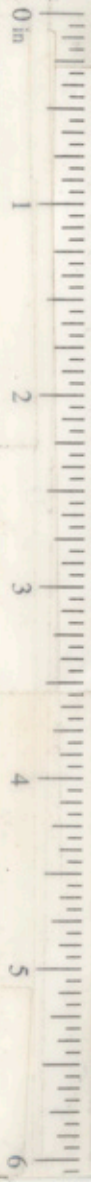
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My dear Mr. C. C. Brown
Washington D.C.

The "Kedron Army"
I have been "fighting" since
last night the house to which
you to deliver a lecture
before this organization the
present season.

The student paper
one of the following evenings
Nov 2nd 1861 Nov 3rd 1861
Jan 2nd 1862

For it is necessary
for you to have some
with you from the students
to whom to deliver them
and if possible for



Subject.

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As we are anxious to
complete arrangements for
the course an early reply
is very desirable -

Very Respectfully & Truly
Yr. obt. servt.

Geo. W. Targent M. D.

Corresponding Sec.

Lawrence,

Box 144.

Mass.

Lawrence, Mass. Oct. 23. 1866.

Sargent, Wm.
Mrs.

Amelia Bent. Sheward
to believe before the
Bedham Army and
Army Union.

Admitted.

Lawrence, Mass. Oct. 26. 1866

Gen Howard,

Dear Sir,

Being very desirous of an interview with you during your visit to Savannah, I will esteem it a favor if you could call on me at my house at the N E Corner of Bull & Jones Streets at any time named as convenient for you to us so; As the Head of the Department of the Freedmen's Bureau, I am anxious to obtain from you a definite knowledge of my case (which is a peculiar one) in regard to my rights in the plantation of which I am Administrator, & other points connected with the Freedmen now residing on them. This being a subject of the most serious importance to myself & family, I earnestly solicit your attention.

Hearing much of you from our friends Mr & Mrs Mackland, I would also be happy to hear and

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opportunity of making your acquaintance,
I should be much disappointed should
you leave Vicksburg, without my doing
so. —

I have the honor to remain

Very respectfully Yours &c.

Charlotte L. Cheves.

Mrs. Susan Cheves to
M. Gen. C. B. Howard.

Oct 23 Vicksburg.

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Savannah Ga.
Oct. 23rd 1866.

Bellevue, Mrs. L.

Desires Gen. Howard
and to call upon
her during his
stay in Savannah.

St Louis Mo Oct 23rd 66

Major Genl O. O. Howard

U. S. Army - Washington D. C.

General

The Re-union of the "Society of the Army of the Tennessee" will be held at Cincinnati Ohio November 14th and 15th - Banquet on the evening of the 15th - As Secretary I have the pleasure of extending for a special invitation, as one of the Commanders of the "Army of the Tennessee", the officers of which compose this society to be present wish - hoping it will be practicable for you to attend the pleasure of your acceptance is requested.

I am with respect

Yours truly

St Col W. S. A.

Genl S. A. T.

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Wash^g D.C.

Oct 23. 1866

Dear General.

We have been
talking about getting up
some lectures for benefit
of our Society, and for this
have reconstituted the Lec-
-ture Com. appointed last
winter consisting of your-
self Mrs Morris &c. &c.

Cushman and Tyler have
been informally requested to
serve on this Com by Morris
and myself.

My point now is to

ask permission to
use your name in the
requests sent out to
lecturers - as one of
this Committee.

It is thought the a
few lectures from such
men as Gough, Beecher
Agassiz &c will bring
a very handsome return
to our treasury.

Your friend
Deane

Gen Howard
Providence
R.I.

77. Chintan Place
New York Oct 24th 1866
Wednesday Evening

My Dear General -

I have been expecting
to see you this evening: but am
really too unwell to be out in
the night air with my hoarse
throat - Can't you call on me
to morrow at the Metropolitan
Insurance Company 108. Broadway
I want to see you very much
before you return to Washington
- am thinking some of making
New York my home - would like
to advise with you - so come
and see me to morrow if you
can

Yours Sincerely

Chintan B. Dork

Genl O.O. Howard

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W. C. Little
 1880 Oct 24
 New York

My dear General -
 I have been expecting
 to see you this evening but
 really too much to see and
 the night is not yet
 over - Can you call on me
 to morrow at the Westchester
 house (108 Broadway)
 I want to see you very much
 before you return to New York
 and thinking some of what
 I have said to you - do come
 and see me to morrow if you
 can

Yours faithfully
 W. C. Little
 Genl. O. O. Brown

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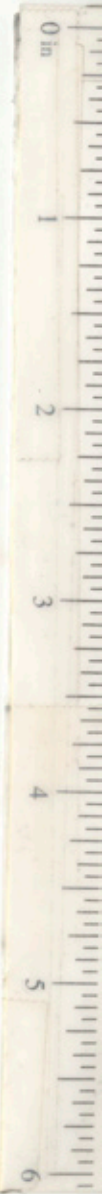
Dear Col

Yours of 15th inst
date rec'd. Please inform
me when Gen Howard
will be at Washing^{ton}.

I wish to communicate with
him ~~personally~~ on private
matters.

I am Your Truly
Davis Gillson
Per my S^r

Lt Col Staders
Washing^{ton} D.C.



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C. A. B. / Oct 24, 1880

Dear Sir,
I have the pleasure to inform
you that the day of the
meeting at Washington
of the National Convention
of the American Society
of Naturalists.

I am very
truly
yours,
C. A. B.

At the
Washington D.C.

HEADQUARTERS

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

Galveston, October 25th, 1866.

Brig-Gen Sidney Burbank
President Board of Examination
Chicago Ill - General:

I have the honor to submit the following statement of my services as a soldier and officer during the late war and up to the present time:

I entered the service as a private soldier in the three months service (12th Pa Vols) on the 19th of April 1861. At the expiration of my enlistment I was provisionally appointed Major of a regiment to be raised at Pittsburgh Pa my home, said appointment contingent on the raising of the regiment. Owing to difficulties that arose between the Colonel & Governor of the State

the regt was never completed. I then
re-enlisted in the 13th P. Vols as a private
Soldier - and served in that Regiment
through all the Peninsular Campaign
the Regiment having been connected
with the 3rd Army Corps, and partici-
pated in all the battles in which
corps was engaged. When the Army
arrived at Harrisburg Landing, I
advanced to 1st Serg't of my Company.
On the second call for troops in 1862
the Governor of my State communi-
cating my misfortune when I was
provisionally appointed a Major
gave me a Commission as Lieut
Colonel in one of the new regiments
the 137th P. Vols (nine months). I led
this Regiment from the State mili-
tary into the field and comman-
ded it at the battles of South Mountain
and Antietam, and on the resig-
nation of the Colonel was shortly
after the battle of Chancellorsville
promoted to full Colonel in which

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action I commanded my regi-
ment and received the commen-
dations of my Brigade & Division
commanders, Gen's Paul and
Wardsworth. This regiment was
mustered out shortly after the ex-
pirations battle of Chancellorsville by
reason of expiration of term of ser-
vice. In the month of August 1863 I pre-
sented myself before the Examining
Board of which Maj Gen Silas Lacey was
president for the examination of
officers for Colored Troops and passed
a "Major 1st Class", was assigned to the
6th U.S. Col Troops and took the regi-
ment into the field. Some three
months afterwards I was reexam-
ined by order of the Secy of War
and passed before the same Board
as a full Colonel, and was assigned
to the 22nd U.S. Col Troops with which
regiment I joined the Army
of the James and participated
in all the campaigning around

Petersburg and Richmond from the
4th of May 1864 till the 24th of October
1864 when I received the wound from
which I am at present suffering
in a charge upon the enemies
left flank near Fair Oaks - I have
participated in all the actions of my
corps or the Army while in the
Army of the Potomac while I was con-
nected with it, and in all in which
the Army of the James was engaged
except Newmarket Heights, during
my connection with it - I rec'd
the rank of Brig-Gen for the
action in which I was wounded
and the rank of Maj Gen by Brv
for "gallant and meritorious
services during the war" - I com-
manded the Post of Harrisburg Pa
during the summer of 1865, and
after awaiting orders during
most of the winter, was in April
of 1866 ordered to relieve Bvt
Brig-Gen S. M. Gregory as Asst

Commissioner Bureau R. F. & S. for the State of Texas and am in the discharge of such duties at the present time. I offered my resignation in April 1865 at the close of the war on account of my disability, but my resignation was very flatteringly refused, and when my regiment was mustered out of service I was again without my services retained in the service by order of the Secy of War.

I beg leave further to add that I was a member of the Bar of the City of Pittsburg Pa when the war broke out, and that I left my profession and entered the ranks. I have received a classical and mathematical education, passing through almost the entire course, though am not a graduate. I left College late in the junior year

and afterwards completed most of the
course by private study.

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully yours, &c.

J. B. Stoddard,

Bot. Maj Gen Sol

Asst Commissioner

Bureau of

R. F. and A. L.

State of Texas

HEADQUARTERS

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

Galveston, Oct 25th, 1866.

Dear General:

I wrote you officially yesterday asking that my time for reporting for examination might be, and now feel it my duty to write you privately on the same subject - I feel at this time that I would as soon leave my appointment in the regular army as leave my duties in the State at this time - I say to you privately that there is an evident purpose on the part of some planters and other "sharpers" in the State to get possession of the Freedmen's Cotton ostensibly to put it into market for them, but really to swindle them out of it - There will, as I reported in my last official report, also be great trouble in getting an equitable division made be-

from the planters and freedmen, and
still greater trouble in getting a proper
division made between the freedmen
themselves of their own portion. I am
sorry to say that the planters are so
short-sighted to their own interests
that they will in many ~~not~~ instances deli-
berately cheat the freedmen in their final
settlement and will thereby most
certainly deprive themselves of the
next year. The negroes are so short
and suspicious in most cases that one
may lose \$50000 in attempting to
cheat one of them out of \$50. There
is an effort being made to absorb the
portion of the crop by charging against
it bills for articles ~~now~~ in many in-
stances unnecessarily furnished to
during the season, and such as have
not been specified in the contract.
Aside from the fact that such action
is flagrantly unjust, it will have
effect to prevent the freedmen from
contracting next year, will inter-

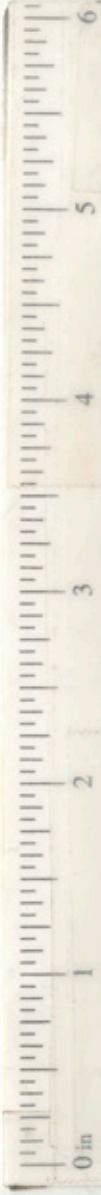
upst the industrial habits that the 3
Bureau has been trying to instill
into them, interfere with the agri-
cultural prosperity of the State; and
these disasters will finally be charged
against the "d — d Bureau"

I have issued one order on
the subject which I enclose — but fear
I will be obliged to issue another placing
the division & contrall of the producers
cotton absolutely ~~not~~ under my Agents
This I do not wish to do if I can pos-
sibly avoid it — I will, however, de-
termine the necessity of during my tour
through the State — The crop is now about
half picked and I feel assured that
my presence among Agents, Planters
and producers will have a good effect
The negroes in some localities have be-
come somewhat discouraged at
the loss of ^{part of} their crop by the worm and
need some encouragement, viz. to
see the "Bureau," in order to induce
them to pick what is left that they

may have some means to support
their families and begin on new
year - I am not writing much to
you officially - but I and my Agent
are working hard to prove the ex-
periment, i.e. of free labor in its first
year a success -

Again, by the time
the crop is picked, (which may be
last of November), and in fact before
that time, new contracts will have
to be made - This will need some
special and personal supervision
I get reports from many quarters
that the Freedmen will not contract
for an other year - If this be the
case I will be obliged to be among
them as Ben Gregory was last
winter and without whom work
could have been done - Again
the legislature of the State have
passed a "Labor Law" which defines
the nature of ~~and~~ character and
provisions of a contract for labor

I would not have you
think I fear an excess
inaction but only all



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some of the provisions of which I will be obliged to disregard on account of their palpable injustice. This will require my presence here until late in January at least.

My object in stating these facts is to ask if you cannot have my examination postponed until I can be spared without detriment to my duties; or to know if by sending forward a full statement of my whole Army career with a Surgeon's certificate as to my present physical condition, the Board will not pass me on them. The Communication I will send will give the Board some idea of my efficiency in the Common English branches, and I will certify to the extent of my general education. The fact that I passed Mr. Casey's Board twice - once

as "Major first class," and some
three months after as full Colonel
ought to be evidence that I had
some knowledge of Tactics - Es-
pecially as I was properly examined
in every volume of Casey's Tactics
As to my moral character the Board
now know more about that by my going
before them in person than they will by
statement going before them - I will
leave the matter with you and will be
pleased to hear from you -

I read with great pleasure your
late address - You (pardon me) gave the
proper analysis of the present condition
of the Southern people - Your four classifica-
tions were in my opinion most perfect
and very justly portray the present state
of the moral and political conditions and
sentiments of the South - Those of us who have
mingled with them can fully testify to it
worth - Civilization and religion must
possess this people before they will be
either financially or politically prosperous
Pardon the length of this letter

Respectfully
Your friend

J. B. Hudson

Washington, D.C., October 25th 1866.

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard,

Chief of Bureau of Prisons, R. & A. S.

Sir

I have received your communication of 23^d inst enclosing replies to my statement of September last. Ordinarily it would be deemed necessary in order to fully understand, why I made my statement that some knowledge of the parties and their relations to each other should be made known. I do not concede, however, at this time (since my object has been accomplished through your kindness) it, my duty to enter into those details of domestic affairs, which induced me to seek your counsel. I made my statement to you formally and in general terms; that it has elicited a reply, and a remittance of funds you are already acquainted. While I should have been willing and prepared, in case of a different reply, to make good and prove fully my deliberate statements, I am now forced, as you can readily imagine from a natural delicacy, respecting the disclosures of private feelings, affections and dispositions of man and wife who have lived harmoniously & affectionately together, until my husband's sudden and unaccountable change, after his entering upon duty at New Berne, N.C. to appear under his statements and the very disinterested(?) statement of Lieut. Col. Stephen Moore, at a disadvantage. I prefer the present conclusion, rather than enter into details private, & which for reasons, entirely sufficient in my opinion to justify me, would best effect my purpose, to induce my husband to bestow upon me that attention and love, which was mine, and still should be, by right. Lest I might appear, however, in the character of a gross prevaricator I must reiterate my statement, my statement, made in September, that my husband "for the past three months has failed to provide in any way for my support": certainly I am unaware of it to that extent, that none reached

while his letters indicated a purpose to neglect me, that I would be forced to grant or
obtain a legal separation. What should I gain by this? I have everything to lose and nothing
gain by encouragement of such a careless course. As I was convinced from my intimate knowledge
of him and which I consider obtained from better and more favorable sources than could be made by
this gallant(?) Moore, that distance and other and coarser society had changed him and to a degree
alienated his affections, I had no other recourse than, in as delicate manner as possible, obtain your counsel.

The coarse allusion to "mutual inconstancy" has redoubled that conviction. I am surprised that ^S Mrs. has
sent me in the time of late and wonder why I had no funds when so much was sent. I must presume
it lost in transportation in the absence of other proof. My Aunt has written no letter, she tells me
"the sly" nor ever intimated any desire to effect reconciliation in that manner. She wrote for me, at my husband's
particular request and no such expression as above quoted was contained in her letter. The reply was implicitly
made for a purpose. The expression must have been a happy afterthought of the respectable Col. Moore.

I do not concede to any person a more intimate knowledge of the private affairs of my husband and
myself than I myself have, nor am I willing to admit that a person merely associated with
another in a business character of the nature of that in which my husband is engaged, can be so well informed
of my private affairs, my feelings, and intimate relations with my husband, as to speak so coarsely and
boldly of "mutual inconstancy" in a public letter of one whom he knows not. The man who
so confidently and even flippantly, speak, must be of that character, from whom I would, if possible, guard
my husband, and from whose influence, I am, no doubt, now suffering in the manifest obli-
tion of a kind husband & father. I am pleased to learn so good a report of my husband's character
as an officer and a gentleman, I feel proud of him and prouder still that even he in his reply to my
just complaint, has sustained that character, and I have no need to refer to Col. Moore's report to
be

(Col. Moore)
convinced of this. His expression of a "mutual inconstancy" and "domestic difficulty" must have been
the result of an extra effort of his prolific brain & his information derived from the same source

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The greater wrong could have been imputed to me, or my husband, nor
a grosser falsehood uttered. I did not intend, however to answer specifically the
several replies to my statement but merely to confine myself to answering those portions where I have been
placed in an equivocal light, or where a gross wrong has been imputed to me and my husband, by
a man calling himself an officer and a gentleman. I presume that it is not necessary to return
the several documents - they can be of no further use. I have received from my husband fifty
dollars (on 18th Oct-) and a letter of an improved tone. I have, however to thank you, truly
for your delicate efforts in my behalf, and feel that my husband will justify my course upon reflec-
tion. I have one request to make in conclusion, which I trust you will comply with, without
injury to the service and that is that you may order my husband on duty in the district
or vicinity, and allow some other officer, who has no family to support to go there.

As I have confidence in the good intentions of my husband to support me I have to request
that the matter may here be dropped, and you will do me the kindness not to make this
letter a matter of record, but either destroy or return to me.

I remain, Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servant,

Mrs. Andrew Coats.

Address, with Mrs. H. A. Putney
corner M & 13 streets
Washington

Boals, Mrs. Andrew

Friendly letter

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Hale

Norwalk Count
Oct 25 1841

Genl C. J. Howard

General You

are now getting up a
course of lectures for the
season & are very desirous
of having you lecture before
our association.

If agreeable, please
advise, stating subject
terms & also about what
time would best suit
your convenience. The
following have been engaged
& will speak during the
season; Geo. W. Curtis,
Schuyler Colfax. Miss Anna

E. Dickinson, Fred Douglass ¹⁰
Hoping to get a
favorable reply I am

Very Truly Yours

Chas. L. Rockwell

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Norwalk, Conn
Oct 25. 1866

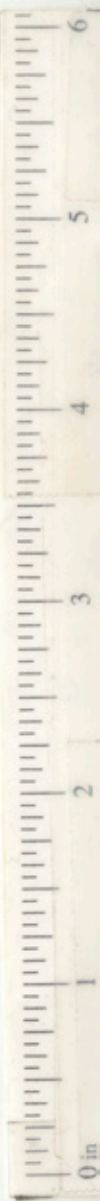
Rockwell, Chas. L.

Evening
lecture.

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Salem Oct 25th 1866.

My dear Sir,

I notice your name
is announced to deliver a lecture in
this my native city.

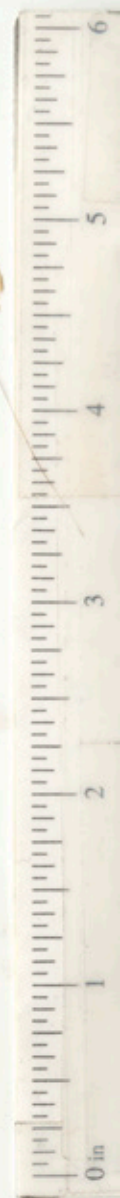
When you are here it would give me
pleasure to have you partake of the
hospitalities of my humble little home,
and to manifest in a slight degree
the respect in which you are held by

Yours truly

Alfred Brown,

Majr Genl A. C. Howard,

Major Genl D. A. Russell
My dear Sir
I received your letter
of the 10th inst. and in
reply to inform you
that the same has been
forwarded to the
proper authorities for
their consideration.
Very respectfully,
D. A. Russell



Banking House of

JAY COOKE & CO.,

COR. WALL AND NASSAU STS.,

NEW YORK,

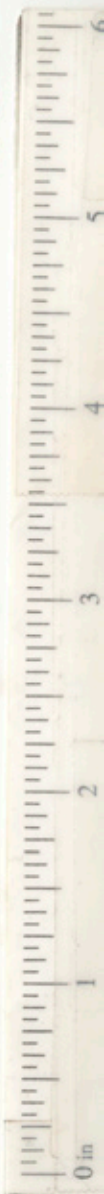
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Dear Wad

The old town ⁶⁴ does need
Christianizing as badly as
any place I know, but
having some pretty large
Episcopal investments there
I don't care to quite match
you who are a bluestocking
Put me down \$250 -

Shall I send it now -
or call for it when you want
Yr. Fatherlock



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Banking House of
JAY COOKE & CO.,
COR. WALL AND NASSAU STS.
New York

New Haven, 25, Oct., 1866.

Genl. Howard,

Dear Sir,

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The necessity of some consultation made an immediate answer to Mr. Alford's note impracticable. I have telegraphed to request a postponement of your visit. Collectors are now canvassing our town in behalf of a proposed normal school at Hampton, Virginia, for the training of freedman teachers. The present time therefore seems unfavorable. Another object, kindred in some respects to that which is now before us, could hardly be presented just now without disadvantage to both. I hope we shall see you here at no distant day, and that New Haven will

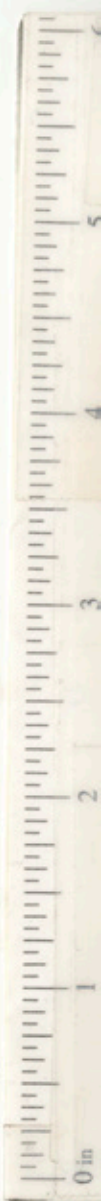
Washington 25 Oct 1862

Dear Sir

Yours

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The necessity of some condition
your friends are immediately referred to the
the importance of the subject to be
a question of the propriety of your visit to
before we have any conversation with
the staff of the President's personal staff at
Washington, Virginia, for the training of
freedom teachers. The President has been
for some time, and it is probable that
the President is now in the city which is
now before us and will be published
not only without delay but to the
I hope we shall see you here at some
time, and that Washington will



do something in behalf of the Congrega-
tional Church at Washington, for your
sake as well as for the sake of the
cause in which you take so deep an
interest.

Very respectfully, Yours,
Leonard Bacon.

New Haven Conn
Oct, 25, 1844

Bacon Leonard

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Thinks the present an unfavorable
time for collection for Congr. Chmbr
at Washington & suggests a post-
ponement.

