

OFFICE OF
ANCHOR IRON WORKS,
No. 53 Vine Street,

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Cincinnati, Dec 5th 1866

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My Lieut O O Howard

Washington D C

My Dear Bro

I learn by Chaplain
Bravath Secy. of A M Association that they have
invited you to visit our city during the
winter to ~~adv~~deep our people in behalf of
the freed men. I trust you will accept. and
I write you at this time to again extend to
you the hospitalities of my house. I trust
you will decide upon a time early in January
and so arrange your plans as to remain with
us a week or more. Mrs Chamberlain unites
with me in this request & we would both be delighted
to have Mrs Howard with you. We leave here
~~to-morrow~~ for a flying trip down into Georgia expect to be
home about the 25. of the month. and hope
to find your acceptance of our invitation awaiting
our return

Very truly your Bro

A E Chamberlain

Unnatural Thus
Dec. 21/1846

Chamberlain A. C.

Respect his invitation that
Wm. Howard visit his home
at his house during
his contemplated stay in that
city.

and
delight if one
come

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~~United States Sanitary Commission.~~ 86

American Freedmans Union Commission,

No. 76 John Street. — P. O. Box 5,733.

LYMAN ABBOTT, Gen. Sec.

J. M. McKIM, Cor. Sec.

New York, Dec 5th 1864

May. Gen. O. O. Howard

My dear Sir:

Our English
Coadjutors in their gene-
rous efforts to aid the
Freedmen's Movement are
met with the common
inquiry: "Why does not the
American Government,
which boasts of its great
financial resources, meet
the necessities of the Freed-
men & Refugees, instead
of leaving the work to
the voluntary benevolence

not refuse attention.

Now the case stands with our
friends in England, and I am asked
to procure from you data for a
future work. Can you not by seeing
General without paying with the matter in
England give me a few General figures
which will form an answer to their
objections? May so & oblige
Yours truly Wm. C. C.

of its citizens & others in
foreign lands?"

It thus it is answer-
ed that the "American
Government does much to-
ward relieving the destitute
him of the Freedmen & Afri-
can, & does not leave the
work wholly to ^{the} voluntary
benevolence. It is believed
"that millions of dollars
have been expended in
the last two years in
providing ration, fuel, &
or supplies, shelter &
clothing by the Govern-
ment at Washington,
through the Bureau &
others for the benefit
of the Freedmen."

"Where is your proof?"
it is retorted. "What are

No 46 John St. New York
Decr. 5. 1860

McKim J. W.
Cor. Secy

Desires the figures & data to
show the amount expended
by the Government in aid
of the freedmen.

find out
and

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so often identified with some
benevolent mission, or enterprise,
I, who am one of "Gods heritage"
feel, that I might have a claim
also, upon your sympathy. Feeling
thus, without any grand introduction
or, distinguished patronage, I take the
liberty of soliciting a personal interview
at your very earliest convenience, and
give as an apology for so doing, that I am
a house-d invalid, unable to leave home
I am very desirous of conversing with
you "face to face" - believing that
you may be able to render me a
very important service - at all events,
a visit will trespass but little upon
leisure - detract nothing from your
rank or position as a christian
gentleman, so say nothing of courtes-
y & kindness - while at the same

time, it would gratify exceedingly, and perhaps essentially aid, the aged "daughter of affliction" - who can only in the present return beg leave to subscribe herself very respectfully your friend.

Mrs Maria M. D. Orme.

Residence.

C Street. Between 12 & 13th
120. Island.

Dear Sir,
I am old fashioned & early
in the afternoon will be acceptable
to me.

Yours
atc

Washington D.C.
Dec 6th 1866.

O. O. Howard
Maj Gen Usa.

Sir

From
the favorable consideration you
have been pleased to bestow
upon me through Mr. Monette
I am induced with your permission
to lay my exact position personally
before you, hoping and trusting
in your christian inclination to
help one who desires to do well
for the future and retrieve what
ever he can of the past.

When I left home to enlist
in the Dryden Gals office I was and had
been for several years in business

on my own account as a Druggist
and had I not lost most of my
stock by fire in 1863. Should have
have been comfortably off

During my first three months
of service in the Dry Goods Office I
judge from the fact that I was
promoted to a more important
duty than the one I first entered
on that I proved diligent & efficient.

My friend Mr Moulthrop has told
you how I came to be discharged
and the bitter consequence follow
me to this day and probably will
to the end of life unless it is
placed within my power to regain
the position I then lost.

My Father is a good religious man
but he is a very strict one and
I can never think of his favor
as I once enjoyed it, or indeed
of any of my relatives & friends
unless I can return home as

honorably as I left it. So I ⁹⁹ pray
you will forgive my earnestness
in endeavouring to resume the
position which can alone assure
me of a welcome home.

I have hoped all along
that the time might come when
some one who had the influence
necessary for success might
lend an ear to my appeal &
judge that of sufficient moment
which is to me of the greatest
earthly importance to further
my desire for a good name
among my fellows. It is for
no less a purpose I take the
liberty of addressing you trusting
in your good feeling for one
who has deeply erred but by
the grace of God has he hopes
earnestly repented.

Should my fervent aspiration
be realised of being enabled to

place my wife & children in
a life of honor & comfort by
my exertions, and that through
your benign instrumentality
a new life will be opened
before me, and the grateful
remembrance of my dear Mother
& father wife & children will
be yours together with the
heartfelt gratitude of

Yours Respectfully & truly
Wm. F. Telling

Washington D.C. Dec. 6/66.

Maj Genl. O. O. Howard
Sir;

Having been dismissed from Office because of my non-concurrence with certain measures of the President, I most respectfully apply to you for a Situation as a Clerk. - In case there is no vacancy in your Bureau, I would, in like respectful manner, solicit your influence to secure for me a situation in some other department.

I am, Sir, Most Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
John S. Poler



1890-1891

My dear Mr. [unclear]

I have been thinking of you very much lately
and wondering how you are getting on.
I hope you are well and happy.
I have been very busy lately
but I have managed to find some time
to write you a few lines.
I am very much interested in
the progress of the [unclear] movement
and hope to see it flourish.
I am, dear Mr. [unclear],
very truly,
Your friend,
[unclear]

Washington D.C. Dec. 6th 1866.

Brig. Genl. O. O. Howard

Sir;

I have deferred filing my application for several days, hoping, that the Secretary would, after reflection and becoming convinced, as he admits himself, fully, to be, of the falsity of the charges made against me, revoke his decision and reinstate me again. But I am sure there is no longer any room for hope. In fact, three more men have been dismissed, who were soldiers, against whom there is no charge. They refused to endorse the monstrous measures of the President, and gave their reasons for not accepting them. For this they are removed, to open places for the enemies of the Country.

If I remember correctly, I stated to you the grounds of my dismissal. They are that "I was habitually in the use of cursing and swearing language against the President and the Secretary of the Interior."

Several christian men and a minister of the Gospel have called upon Mr. Browning and assured him the allegations were false in every particular, and, not only so, but they informed him that I was

actively and constantly identified with the prominent reforms of the day. They, also, informed him, that, during all the sad-dark years of the war ~~that~~ I devoted all my energies and resources to the maintenance of the Union Cause & for the comfort of the soldiers. Hundreds of citizens and thousands ^{of soldiers} are familiar with my labors at 2nd Bull Run - Antietam, Fredericksburg, Culpeper, Gettysburg, Spots. Court House & the Wilderness. And for no cause, other, than the exercise of the rights of an American, to speak in defense of, or against measures that affect every citizen of the land both for the present & the future, I am displaced, at midwinter, with a family to feed, clothe and educate - Providence saw fit to deprive me of one limb in my childhood and hence I am illly fitted to earn my bread amid the rough and taxing hardships of active-physical occupations.

I ask pardon for troubling you, General; but my necessity is great and a helpless family look to me for support.

Most Respectfully
John S. Ples.

Memphis - Tenn.,
Dec. 7th 1865

Maj. Genl. Howard -

Dear Sir -

One of the occasions
which we here - have for Thanks-
-giving + Praise to God - is the
Recent visit of Genl Fisk to this
city. + the good work he accom-
-plished before leaving + I refer to
his removal of Genl Dudley + his
corrupt accomplice Col Thurston -
along with the stop - he put - to the
tyrannies + abominations ^{practiced} - by -
under these men + I am of us
were anxious to lay open this
matter to you. - but you had come
+ gone before I knew of your
visitation + If you had known the
half this Genl Fisk was guilty
of these things - you would not have

Left us as you did in this
City of Memphis is to dry - the
heart & fangs of the rebel spirit.

It has been a 'sink' of treason
& iniquity all through the war - my
fear of our Federal Officers who had
~~escaped~~ been here - have escaped
Corruption or Contamination in some
form - & how many times have I
wished that these 'Angerous Studies'
might be cleaned!

Of course you will have a
full report of this work of Genl
Fisk in due time. But I want
you to be prepared for any 'howl'
which may come from the biggest
& unprincipled view of this case
against Genl Fisk. & Rever behold
that Genl Fisk is right - & and and
but and and - we should have
cried aloud & exposed the whole
thing to the Country in Albany
- one of the miserable rebel shots

here - calls for the removal of
 Genl F. - It is such persons & their
 supporters who are the friends of Genl
 Butler - This - of itself - is enough to
 condemn him - But when you
 think of his granting Old Rebel
 -patrols - to go round our streets &
 pick up quiet - & well-disposed colored
 people - (as they did my own servant girl
 in one instance) - & this - in order
 that such Old Criminals might ^{get} help
 to pick their Cotton - & the blood is
 now stirred with a just indignation.
 But this is not the halcyon.

The truly Loyal here are
 devoutly thankful to - that our Pres-
 -ident has got his ^{eyes} open - & that Con-
 -gress refuses to admit the professed
 Representatives of this Southern region -

Now is the time to bring the Rebellion
 South to your own terms - & I pray
 that it may be done - before one of
 them gets into Congress - It is well

known here - that Horne designed
was to be used as a kind of
lever to pry open the Congressional
door for all the others.

The rebuff thus far received by the
Southern Representatives - is operating
well. It is salutary - bringing down
the 'high look' - & making these rebel
spirits here feel that they are no
longer 'Masters of the Situation'.

But I must write no more now.
I dine to day at the Freedmen Teaching
House.

Should be happy to hear
from you & your Ministerial Brethren.

Very truly - yours -

F. E. Blif - pastor of

The Union (Congregational) Church of Memphis

Recd. Dec. 12th 1865.

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Mount Vernon Hotel Phila. Dec. 7. 1866
Major General O. O. Howard
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir,

I expect to be in Washington
on Tuesday next in order to converse with
you about going to Tennessee in connec-
tion with your Bureau. I do not
think it is necessary to answer
this note unless you are absent
at that time.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours very truly

Abraham Pickens

Philadelphia Pa
Dec. 7th 66

Beloved Brother Herman

Will be in Washington
on Tuesday next

no ans

file

Pd Dec 8/66

Providence Dec 7th 1866

Gen C. C. Howard,
Dear Sir,

In a letter recently received from my son, Mr H. Smyth, he mentions, incidentally, that "you may want him to come to Washington to take charge of the Dept. of Elections and abandoned lands". I am very desirous that he should be engaged more usefully than in mere Garrison duty. I think him admirably qualified for service in your department, and have no doubt he would fill the place named to your entire satisfaction.

Should any ~~infl~~ political influence be wanted to secure the details, Senators Fessenden, or Morrill, or Pomroy of Kansas if still in the Senate, would, I

have no doubt very cordially recommend
him,

You know, my dear Sir, how often I
have wished him to be associated with you.

The election of Prof Harris to the Presiden-
cy here gives very general satisfaction.
It is considered by all, I believe, as emi-
nently judicious. The only drawback
is that it elevates Brainerd of their
most important men. I cannot but sym-
pathize very deeply with the sorrow of
Prof Shepard at their loss.

Most truly,

Yours Wm Smyth

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
United States Internal Revenue,

Second District of Illinois.

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Rockford, Dec 7 1866

Maj. Genl O. O. Howard
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir;

I am in
rec^d of Yours naming the evening of
the 2^d of March as the time when you
will be here to lecture to our people.

We should have been gratified to have
seen you earlier, as Jan'y or Feb'y are
more favorable for large audiences, on
account of the weather in our climate.

Still our people are all anxious to
hear you, & I have no doubt we shall
have a very good Audience. Many of
our Citizens will be most happy to make
even a short acquaintance with one who
has been so identified with the great in-
terests that are stirring our country. Please
advise us in time if any thing should create
a necessity for a change.

P.S. Mr Emerson will expect to en-
tertain you at his House

Very Respectfully
Wm Talcott

Stokford Illinois
December 7th 1874

Dearest Mr. Hunt

State names by land Mass
(Met. 2.) for his lecture is
acceptable

Yours

Res Dear Mr

Oberlin, Ohio, Dec^r. 11th. 1864.

Gen. J. Howard
Freedman's Bureau,
Washington
D.C.

Dear Sir:

You

can greatly oblige by sending me copies of
the Reports of your Department.

Very Respectfully
H. W. Wheat.

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Cincinnati, Dec 7th 1866

Major Genl C C Howard

General

Excuse the trouble

I give in asking for an opinion of my conduct as a soldier while I served with you.

It is my intention to use it in the senate to aid in procuring my confirmation as Collector of the 2nd District of Ohio to which I have been appointed on my military record. I have the honor to enclose a copy of an autograph letter from Mr Geary Stanton to which I owe my appointment. Hoping that you will do me this great favor

I have the honor to be

Yours obedient servant

J. L. Grouse

Private. This
December 21st 1866

Stearns J. J.

Dear Mr. Stearns: I
am as this military
ad.

Yours
W. H.

Recd Dec 10 1866

Copy

War Department
Washington City
Oct 19th 1866

Sir

But Genl McSwartz of the Ohio
Volunteer Troops served with gallantry and
distinction during the ^{war} and has an excellent
record in this Department

Yours truly
Edwin M. Stanton

Hon H W Culloch Secy of War
Secy of Treasury

McSwartz

Brooklyn, N.Y.

7 Dec^r. 1866.

Sir

Can you oblige me
with a copy of your Annual
Report recently presented to
Congress.

Res^t? Y^{rs}
Gordon L. Ford

Commissioner of
the Bureau of Refugees &c

Brooklyn N. Y,

Ford Gordon L.

Desires copy of
Genl. Anwar's Report

Recd Dec 70 '78