

Troy, N.Y. Dec 8 1866

J. Alton Sladen
Lieut USA, ADC
Washington

Dear Sir

I accept the
date proposed by Genl Howard for
his lecture — Saturday Feb'y 9th.

I would be pleased to
have the Genl accept an invitation
to be my guest during his stay
in Troy.

If convenient please send me
the Genl's subject so that I can
announce same.

Yours truly
James W. Greene

Troy N. Y. Dec. 7th 1846

Greene Jas W.

The date which Genl Howard
has appointed for his
lecture there is acceptable
with to know subject,

ansd to subject

Dec. 11th 46 Reed

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Richmond Va. Dec 8th 1866

Majr General O. Howard
Commissioner
etc. etc. etc.

General,

Will you allow me to
make myself known to you through
the enclosed letter of introduction?

I have charge of an Industrial
School in this place, in which no
salaries are paid, and no money
solicited from any but private
sources. I have learned that
you would perhaps sometimes
hermit the issue of Material
to such Industrial or Sewing =



Major General
Commissary

= schools.

My work is certainly not without its difficulties. A word of authorization or recommendation, if such a thing is within your power and judgment, would be exceedingly valuable to me in this Department.

I beg you to pardon me if I intrude on your heavy cares, or ask too much of your consideration.

I am, General

Very respectfully

Jane Stuart Woolsey.

Sup. Indust School

Lock Box 22

Richmond Va.

at Howard

Admiral

Etc etc etc

Washington
D.C.

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Columbus Miss Dec 8th 1866.

Dear Genl.

This will be handed to you by
Judge Joseph W. Field, an old and respected
Citizen of this place -

The Judge is a gentleman and Scholar,
whose character is abroad reproach.

He is thoroughly radical & goes to Washington
to represent - not in an official capacity - the various
men of this State -

I heartily recommend him to your kind
consideration & request for him an introduction to
Genl Howard for whom he entertains the highest
regard.

Truly Yours
Geo. S. Smith

Brig Genl L. D. Sewall
Bureau R. H. M.
Washington
D. C.

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Washington, D.C. Dec 2nd 1888

My dear Sir,

This will be handed to you by
 Messrs. J. W. B. & Co. and requested
 to give it to you in person.

The Bureau is a gentleman and scholar
 whose character is above reproach.

He is thoroughly versed in all matters
 of the Bureau - in an official capacity - the manner
 of the Bureau is to be recommended to you.

Very respectfully,
 J. W. B. & Co.

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Very yours
J. W. B. & Co.

Original B. B. Smith
 Boston, 12th St
 Washington
 D.C.

New York Dec. 8th 1866

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

I have the honor to inform you that I followed your advice, and had a talk with General Comstock. He told me - that in case the Sec. of War asked for another list of recommendations for appointments in the Army, my papers would be called up - I would esteem it a great favor, if you would see Genl Comstock and speak to him of my case. I am fearful that he might forget to have my records examined. Please let me be informed of your receipt of this, and of your action in the matter.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servant
Charles M. Rockefeller
No. 18 Lafayette Place
New York

Houlton Maine

Dec. 10th 1866

Genl.

I am making an effort to obtain an appointment in the Army viz that of Captain to fill one of the original vacancies. I write to you for advice or assistance according as you may be willing or able to give. You may perhaps remember me. I am a graduate of Bowd College Class of '67 I entered the Army in 1861 as 1st Lieut. 16th U.S. Inf. was promoted to Capt in May 1864 and resigned in April 1866. I simply made a mistake when I resigned. I had been constantly in the field from May 1862 till the time I resigned with the exception of 20 days after the fall of Atlanta.

I was never sick a day to be
absent from my command and
was constantly on duty of the
line. I was in all the battles
from Chancellorsville to Gettysburg
in which last action I was
brevetted Major. I never failed
in a single instance to discharge
my duty acceptably to my superior
officers. At the time I resigned
I was worn out weary and
sick. I have applied to be
appointed to fill an original
vacancy. I have forwarded
the recommendation of all
the officers of my regiment whom
I could find who would gladly
have me return.

I would therefore ask that you
would simply recommend me
to the War Dept. for the appointment of Captain
if you would think it proper
to do so.

I was for nearly one year and
 a half with the Army of the
 Tennessee on the Mississippi
 River from which I was ordered to
 join the Army of the Cumberland
 If you should be willing
 to recommend me for a appointment
 I would like to have you send
 the application to Senator Morrill
 of Maine (Sgt M. Morrill US Senate)
 unless you would be willing to forward
 it direct to Sec. of War.

I am very respectfully
 your S^t Serv^t -

Dyman S. Strickland
 Brig-Gen. U.S.A.
 Col. Capt. 16th U.S. Inf.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
 U.S. Army
 Washington
 D.C.

Houlton Maine
December 10th 1866

Stickland Lyman
Brig Major U.S.A., Late Capt. 11th Regt. Infy
Wishes Genl. Howard to recommend
him for an appointment as Capt.
in the Regular Army

ansd

Recd Dec 15th 66

Major Gen Howard

Marquette Jan 10 Dec 1861

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My dear Sir

Allow me to trouble you with a little of my own private business. Our losses have been very severe by the War and some under peculiarly aggravating circumstances; so much so that it behooves me to make active efforts to receive payment. May I ask the favor of you bearing the enclosed letter to the War Jt Rice Mr. C. from the State of Maine, and delivering the same to him, and sending him such information and aid ^{as may be} and your power to understand and facilitate the collection of our claims. I think I can furnish all the proofs of loss which may be required, and no less ^{so} of my loyalty to the Federal Government during the War, as that is abundant to a painful excess to me, from the odium I incurred from my position and resolute opposition to the War & the Federalists. To have lost the most of my friends and the most of ~~our~~ property, by a War so strongly opposed by me, seems hardly indeed. I say nothing about the Freedmen, nor have I written to you for near a year past, not knowing how generally that subject may be, although I witness many instances of sufferings arising from misuse of that management. I have to morrow for the Low Country, to be absent about 6 weeks, in passing through Augusta, I will try to see Gen Tilton. My address while in the Low Country will be "May's Station N.E. of Abbeville, Bryan County Geo". If I can render you any service it will afford me much pleasure to do so.

Yours very truly
J. H. King

Manella Theresa

December 10th 1888

King R.

Enclosed letter to Sen. Rice
and asks Sen. Nevada's aid in
procuring compensation for dam-
age done's property seized by
Genl. Sherman's Army in the
State that he has always been
a Union man

Genl Thomas

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Hon W. D. Kellogg.

Dear Sir.

I ought to apologise for intruding upon your time just now when you must be very busy; but I wish to ask advice and, if possible, co-operation in a matter which your fidelity to the Freedmen this good will report, assures me that you will not refuse. You know my history, and I need not repeat the story of my work in S.C. during the last five years -

after much patient waiting for justice, I find myself in possession solely under military authority, of two estates, and in charge of about 200 negroes old & young, who have clung to the wreck with me, in the hope - thus far deferred - of being at last

allowed homesteads on the
land now dearer than ever
to them all. While all around
them have bought land at
Govt Sales, and scattered
far and wide from their
landmarks, they have held
together, as a community,
under my protection, and
patiently waited & toiled.
I have done my best to bring
the question of title to a legal
decision, and find myself
now, at the end of another
year, compelled to contract
anew, with no security that
I can keep my faith by hold-
ing possession thro the making
of another crop. To me per-
sonally as a speculation
cotton growing is of no moment.
My only desire has been, while
protecting the claims of others,

holding possession, to secure
to the resident negroes motives
to industry and a just reward
for their labour. - In this spirit
I have toiled with them and
for them, and it is with the
deepest concern that I now
feel impelled to ask if there
is no way that the U.S. Govt
can protect me in possession
for their sakes -

and that the question may
not appear to you puerile,
- as to any legal mind it
must of itself appear -
allow me to remind you
of facts in the case, which
seem to place it peculiarly
under the protection of said Govt.
The property in question was
captured in war, was set
up, with the rest of Fort Royal,
for sale by order of Congress, -
was not sold, only because
I, a loyal citizen of the U.S.,

whose rights had, in consequence of my loyalty, been confiscated by the Confederate Govt, came forward, with the consent of the commissioners, and by advice from Washington, and paid the tax, penalty & costs.

Under the protection of the Freedman's Bureau I have continued my administration until now - Last year an attempt was made to dispossess me by the disloyal Executors, who abandoned the trust under the stress of war, - and I was reinstated in possession by the special order of the Secy of War. In Feby last, by order of Maj Genl Sickles, I was also placed in possession of another estate on the main, claimed under a lien to pay legacies, but sold during the war illegally without just respect to the rights of myself

and of other loyal parties. 112
Genl. Sickles assumed that
the U.S. Govt would not tolerate
any claim based on Seque-
stration proceedings, and to
his order the purchaser has
thus far been obliged to defer.
Meantime, the question of
title is not yet settled, and
the negroes - who had left
me here only to be under
my care upon the other
place, which was their real
home - are anxiously look-
ing into the future to know
whether they are once more
to flee, as before, from the face
of a Rebel owner. To the
sacrifices that they have
made and the penalties
they have already paid
for adhering to me under
the authority of the U.S. Govt,
I should be sorry to add the

saddest of all, the condition
of house-less and landless
wanderers -

Is not this a fair case
for Govt interference? It is
not probable that if a decree
of sale could be obtained
in the S.C. Courts, I should
be allowed to buy in the
property at its fair value,
and if not, what is to become
of the people? Can you not
get me under the special
protection of the Freedman's
Bureau, or from the War
Dept at once, such exemption
from legal molestation in
the premises, as will give
me reasonable security for
providing & caring for these
people another year. or
better still - can you devise
any way, by act of Congress

or otherwise, by which I can
get or buy the fee of these
family estates, so as to lay
off homesteads to these patient
Suppliants - I once was
advised to memorialize
Congress on the subject -

While the fate of the Nation
was in the scales against
Executive assumptions, I had
no heart to bring my small
grievances before that public
tribunal - But now, thanks
God! the heart of this
nation has spoken, and
treason is odious, and
justice recognises no colour -
If my loyalty has robbed
me of my rights, let it now
restore them to me, and
vindicate the majesty of
a Govt, which will not
allow the humblest of its
citizens to suffer for fidelity
to itself - I ask it not for myself,
but in justice to those so long

dependent upon me -
You will pardon me for
intruding this matter upon
you - I do it in the faith
that you will know much
better than I to whom to refer
it and how to secure the
result I wish to accomplish.

Whatever is done must be
done at once - The first of
Jan'y is near, and then the
fate of these people must be
settled for a year at least,
if not forever. I am ready
to do my part -

You have kindly sent me
in times past documents of
interest from the Capitol - Be
so good as to send me the
President's message and any
speeches of your own that
may be called out by the
occasion

very truly yr friend

Beaufort S.C. Dec 10. 66. F. A. Eustis

[Dec. 11, 1866]

Union Valley Cortland Co. N. Y.

To Gen. Howard - Agent of the build-
ing Committee for Congregation Church Wash-
ington D. C.

Dear Sir, Enclosed is Fifteen
Dollars to assist in building the Church. It
is but a small sum. But will be some aid.
Please send a receipt for the same to
Wm. Angel Cortland Co. N. Y. who gave
\$5.00 and S. Carver gave \$10.

Yours Obedient Servant
Shubael Carver

Spencer Valley Vermont 1884
Dec 19th

Dear Samuel

Enclosing check for 10 \$
contribution to Congregational
Church

and

Recd Dec 14 "11

New York Dec 11th 1866

O. O. Howard Maj Gen
Dear Sir,

I write to inform you
that in a few days I hope to have
two or three thousand copies of "Abridgment
of Worship in the School Room" ready
for the Freedmens Schools. & in
a short time to be put 10,000 at
your disposal.

I write to ask how I shall direct
them & whether they can be sent at
expense of the Bureau.

I hope the book may meet your ideas
& when you see it, I will esteem it a
special favor if you will let me
know how you like it. I shall send
you a copy by mail as soon as out.

Yrs with great esteem
W. J. Wythe

Address me Care Brown & Perkins 420 Broome St N.Y.

Miss Mary D. D.

Dec. 11 1845

My dear Mr. D.

Will have two or three
thousand copies of the
"Abolitionist of America"
in the School Room's
want to know what your
opinion of the work

And

send me on for

injection

Dec 11 1845

Philadelphia Decr 11th 1866
Major Genl O. O. Howard
Dear Sir

I am sorry
to be under the necessity of troubling you
again for the date & subject of your lecture
to be given in our Course, but hope you
will excuse me.

On the 1st inst. I addressed you
a note asking you to telegraph me with
regard to these particulars, but have received no
answer.

As a Colored Association we can hardly
afford in such a work as we are engaged to
leave any stone unturned, hence if we
seem in your view overly anxious, please for
a moment imagine how important it
is that we should have all our arrange-
ments thoroughly made in due time, in order
to be sure of success; It requires much labor
to arrange properly all preliminary matters.

You will therefore do us a great favor

to let us hear from you immediately
if possible.

Frederick Douglass is to speak
Thursday Evening Jan. 31st. I have
just written to Genl. B. J. Butler to know
if he will come on the 10th of Jan., and
you can make it suit to come on Thurs-
day Evening Jan. 1st we shall be
very glad.

Again permit me to request the
date & subject.

Your Obt Servt
Wm Still

Chairman &c

District of } BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN, { Mississippi.
AND ABANDONED LANDS.

OFFICE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER,

FOR THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,

Nicksburg, Miss., Nov 11, 186 .

To Major Genl O. O. Howard,
Comd. H.

My Dear Genl:

On account of the
failure of his health (he has had:
monary disease), under the labor
of public speaking, the Rev Mr
Douglas has resigned his position
of public lecturer for the Bureau,
which I have accepted to take
effect on the 18th inst. Mr
Douglas does not propose, how-
ever, to abandon the good work.

He informs me of his intention
to establish a school for colored
people in Natchez, in which

enterprise I have promised ^{him} my
cordial cooperation and assistance.

I have opened a correspondence
with the Rev. St. F. Brakeman, of the
Methodist Church North, with a
view to getting him to canvass
the State and lecture for the estab-
lishment of colored schools

generally - Mr Brakeman is a
very worthy man, and well cal-
culated, as well from physical as
mental capacity, for the work.

I have known him for more
than five years - I mustered him
into service as Chaplain of the
26th Indiana Vols in Aug^r, 1861.

During the past year, since the
muster out of his reg^t, (which
was done in this State, after I

took command here,) he has been engaged as a Missionary in establishing schools ^{in this state} and churches, chiefly among the colored people.

If I can get him to undertake the work of lecturing, (which I have little doubt,) I can not doubt but that much good will come of it.

As I have hitherto written you I do not think it best to appoint a separate Superintendent of schools, in fact really prefer, for good reasons, as I think, to perform the duty myself. At present there are not schools enough to require a separate Super to overlook them, and I can do the duty very well. In the next place, a Super should not only be an

intelligent, educated man, feel-
ing a deep interest in the matter
of educating the colored people,
but should also be a man of
good administration, business
capacity. Till I find such a
one I think it better to do the
work myself, and superintending
the schools and the disbursement
of the public funds. When the
school system is broad enough
require a separate Dept., and
when I find a person possessing
the requisite qualifications, I will
appoint him. Let me hear from
you at all times fully. I will try to
realize your views.

Truly your devoted
friend,

Wm. Lloyd Garrison

Philadelphia Decem. 11. 1866

Dear General

I have been to the Post office and had a search for your letter, the principal clerk who made the search, says that the letter has not been received at the office, he directed me to the sub-office of my district, I had no better success there, could your clerk have misdirected it or not have placed it in the mail, such might have happened and yet he may think he mailed it, as your letter which I received this morning informs me, I shall be sorry if the package is lost, especially so if duplicates cannot be had, I will make further enquiry from the Post-Master, he may be able to hunt the document up,

Remember us all to Mrs Howard and children we shall be pleased to see you and Mrs Howard at "Christmas times"

Truly yr Edwin Greble

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