

Hamilton, Mass.. Dec. 17. 1866

Gen. Howard

Dear Sir:

I have become much interested in Major Edward F. O'Brien, late 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. 28<sup>th</sup> Mass. Volunteers. I have never seen him but he has the highest recommendation from Gen. Hancock and Mr. Barlow Secretary of State of New York. But what recommends him chiefly to me is that he lost a leg at the battle of Cold Harbor and has been seven times wounded in his country's service. No letters can be stronger than such testimonials. He is now First Lieutenant of the old Veteran

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Reserve Corps. His regiment has  
been mustered out for a year  
and he has been retained for  
duty in the Freedmen's Bureau.  
But he will be mustered out  
the first of January unless he  
can get a new appointment.  
What he wants is an appoint-  
ment as First Lieutenant in  
one of the new Regiments of  
Veteran Reserve Corps, now  
organizing. Mr. Alley has been  
written to and I thought it  
might perhaps be in your  
power to aid him. I don't sup-  
pose you have much of anything  
to do! I assure you if he were  
an able bodied man, you would



not find me interfering in his  
behalf - but for one who has  
spent himself for the common  
weal, I can beg with the most  
unblushing effrontery. If it is  
not possible for him to have  
what he wants, is there no other  
position of honor and profit  
which he can have. I am  
confident from what I hear  
that he will fill it creditably.  
If more comes to most couldn't  
you shoot off a dozen or two of  
citizens and put disabled  
soldiers into their place - and  
if they don't like it ask them  
if they would like it any  
better to lie out on the field  
three or four days after they

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were shot. But I am not  
particular as to your means  
if only the Soldier can be  
put into a good way of  
earning his bread - and butter  
and roast beef.

Yours Very truly  
Mary A. Sadge



Rochester N.Y.

December 17 1866

Dear General

You will doubtless be astonished on receiving a letter from me when you have not seen nor heard from me in more than two years. But having a little spare time I thought I could not improve it better than by dropping you a few lines.

We are as you will see by the heading of this in the pleasant little city of Rochester.

My Father came here as soon as he left the army, & bought a pleasant little place where we have located since.

He immediately settled down to his old business & still continues it

although he is largely interested in the Lead business in Missouri.

He owns several large tracts of valuable Mineral lands near St Louis & has erected a furnace on one of them & is now engaged in smelting the ore.

He talks some of moving there in the Spring.

I have been engaged in the drug business nearly all the time but I had to give it up on account of my health.

I have a situation offered me in St Louis which I shall accept & will leave during the first part of next month.

Enclosed you will find a picture which you will doubtless recognize.

I intended to have sent you a copy before but it slipped my



mind. It is not a very good  
picture but the best I have.

My Father & Mother send  
regards.

Hoping to hear from you soon  
I remain

Your Obed Servt

Frank. H. Hovey.

Maj Genl O O Howard  
Washington  
D.C.

Address

F. H. Hovey

Box 546

Rochester

N.Y.

P.S. My Compliments to your Mother

Rochester N. Y.  
December 17<sup>th</sup> 46

Henry T. A.

Writes friendly letter  
enclosing Photograph



Philadelphia Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> 1886  
 Major Gen'l O. O. Howard

Dear Sir -

The letter of your  
 "Post Sec'y" of the 11<sup>th</sup> inst. in answer to my  
 letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> inst. relative to the time &  
 subject of your lecture to be given before our  
 assn. is before me.

Although you did not find  
 it in your power to come in Jan'y at  
 the time we named, we were glad to learn  
 that you propose to be with us in Feb'y.  
 Now I will propose the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs-  
 -day evening in February.

We had designed our course to  
 close with the second Thursday in February,  
 but in order to suit the convenience of yourself  
 and one other of gentlemen who is to lecture  
 in our course, we are led to extend the time.

If either of the evenings I have named  
 will not suit you, please designate  
 one yourself and we shall be most  
 happy to arrange our programme to suit.

I have this moment received a letter  
 from Gen'l Puttner, who is to lecture in  
 our course, in February. As we may have



You both in the same month.

We look for great results from  
this season's cause. In the main time  
we will rejoice over the good  
work going on in Congress.

Please name your Evening  
as soon as possible & Oblige

Yours very Respectfully  
Comptrol

Chairman & -



Pittsburgh: Penn.

Dec. 17, 1866.

Dear General.

Yours of the 15<sup>th</sup> was received to-day. The letter you speak of, enclosing me to Mr. Thaw, has not come to hand. I saw Mr. Thaw, some days ago, & he said he was expecting to hear from you, & intimated his readiness to respond. Your letter may come to hand yet; if it does, I shall be happy to attend to any

matter, its contents may suggest

We held a church fair,  
during four days of last week; I  
have not heard the result; but from  
current receipts, should judge the total  
amount will net about \$2000.

Your own interests (I mean  
the interests of the Washington Ch.) are  
not forgotten.



We, at our house, remember your  
visit with a great deal of pleasure.

Florence plays with her "Arab's Ark",  
with most refreshing emphasis upon  
the statement that Gen. Howard gave  
it to her.

We all send loving remem-  
brances to you, & regards & prayers for all  
your household.

Yrs truly  
Margd. Moore.

Pittsburg Penn  
Decr. 17<sup>th</sup> 1866

Moore Henry S. Pres

States that the former  
letter of Isaac Howard  
was not received

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Maj. Gen. Howard,  
Washington City,

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Dear Sir,

On my way to this city I met an Agent of your Bureau, Lieut. A. Doane of E. Baton Rouge. If his view of his position and labors is not exaggerated, he is one of the few faithful and capable. I intend to try to see his Col. Edgerton, to whom he referred me.

If I should fail of this I recommend your inquiring into the facts of the case. He represented himself as having made the impressions on blacks and whites, that all he intends to do, is to secure the rights of all ~~parties~~ parties. He represents himself as desiring, from personal considerations, to leave the Service, and yet so impressed with the possibility of accomplishing great good, that he will remain in the Service, if appointed.

All I see, encourages me in regard to the country. If Congress acts wisely and firmly, the country will settle down to the work of reconstruction at once. God grant it.

Yours affectionately,

New Orleans, Dec. 17, 1866.

Edw. M. Kirk



New Orleans La

Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> 1855

Friend Geo. A.

Comments generally acknowledge  
a storm of E. R. R. George  
discouraged by what the  
view of the state of the  
country

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Sturden

May: Gen. J. C. Howard,  
Bedford Bureau  
Washington City,  
D. C.

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Cincinnati Ohio Dec. 17-1866

Major Genl, O. Howard  
Washington

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Dear General

There is a vacancy in the office of collector of Internal Revenue in my dist. (17- of Ohio) I should like to have the appointment. I can be confirmed by the Senate if I can get the Executive approval. I have never held a civil office. I am no politician but Radical when I vote. Will you be kind enough to assist me by calling on the President or the Secy of the Treasury. Confer with Hon John Sherman and Hon John A. Bingham. I shall be grateful to you for any support you may give. If Genl Blair is in the city please confer with him.

I am dear Genl - your friend and obedient  
B. F. Potts

Sate Brig Genl - H. S. 27706



Carrollton Ohio  
December 17 1888

John D. A  
late Cong. Soud. Ohio

That has the office of collector  
of Salt Res. in his vicinity  
recent and wishes to send you  
copies of his. Sherman's description  
with the Secy. Secretary who he  
ident in order that he (Soud R.)  
may be apprized

Ans

Rev Dec 19 1888



**American Missionary Association :**

Secretaries :

No. 53 JOHN STREET,

REV. GEO. WHIPPLE, }  
REV. M. E. STRIEBY, } *New-York.*  
REV. J. R. SHIPHERD, *Chicago.*

*New York, Dec. 7. 1866*

*Maj. Gen. Howard*  
*Washington, D.C.*  
*Dear Sir*

*You inquired;  
sometime since, the grounds  
of my unfavorable impress-  
ions of Dr. Cantrill. I wrote  
to our friend Straight, whose  
letter I enclose. Please  
return it to me. The  
letter from M<sup>r</sup>. Chase, I  
do not care for.*

*Yours truly*  
*Geo. Whipple*  
*cc, &c*

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W. E. HAYES, 61 JAMES STREET, NEW YORK.

A. S. R. F. & A. L. 1866

New York City  
December 17. 1866

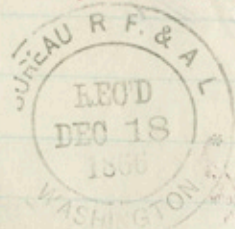
Am. Miss. Assoc.,

Rev Geo. Whipple  
Corr. Sec'y.

Encloses documents from  
Lieut Chase, Supt. Education  
for Louisiana, and from W. C.  
Straight of New Orleans, re  
probating the character and  
conduct of Dr B. P. Randolph.

Three Enclosures

Requests return of S. Straight's letter.



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file



Headquarters, Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,  
STATE OF LOUISIANA.

OFFICE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION.

New Orleans, La.,

August 27<sup>th</sup> 1866.

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(Extract)

I can give you no recommendation for Dr. P. P. Randolph. He "represents the colored people of Louisiana", but not by any appointment from them. I can furnish proof that he is not honest, and that he is an unprincipled libertine &c &c. He cannot be employed in any of the Government schools in this State, and he is considered unworthy. He is I fear doing more for Self than for the Freedmen. I hear nothing from him.

I hope Dr Randolph will succeed in raising money in large amounts, but that it may not be placed in his hands. -

I am

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servant

Frank R. Chaze

(Signed)

1<sup>st</sup> Secy & Genl. Supt of Educ

A true copy

Frank R. Chaze

1<sup>st</sup> Secy and Genl Supt of Educ



Superintendent, Bureau of Education, Washington, D.C.

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New Orleans, La., Dec 8<sup>th</sup> 1866.

To whom it may concern

Dr B. P. Randolph (Col) has  
no connection whatever with any  
of the Freedmen schools in this State  
& no man of his known character  
can have any thing to do with any  
of the schools under my charge

Very Respectfully.

Frank R. Lehasse  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. & Genl. Supt. of Ed.



Superintendent, Bureau of Education, Teachers and Examiners' Funds

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New Orleans, La. Dec. 21, 1889.

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CINCINNATI, OHIO.

New Orleans, Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 1866

Rev. Geo. Whipple Cor. Secy  
Am. Missionary Association  
New York

Dear Sir; Yours of 30<sup>th</sup>

was duly rec<sup>d</sup> and contents noted. Inclosed  
find two papers furnished by Genl Frank R.  
Chase Genl Supt of Education &c, which seem to  
me a full answer to your inquiries. I might  
doubtless secure definite items in regard to Dr.  
Randolph's course here if I had time to go  
among those who knew him best. Having no  
personal acquaintance with this man I can  
assert nothing in regard to him from my own  
knowledge. I am told that his influence upon  
the freedmen here was almost any other than  
a truly religious one, especially in regard to  
Sabbath desecration. Dr. Chaplin evidently  
thinks very badly of him, but he says his  
personal positive knowledge of him is not  
sufficient to justify any definite statement  
of said Randolph's character. He however  
suggests the idea that Genl Howard ought in  
some way to cancel the testimonials he has  
given him to guard benevolent people against  
imposition in case any effort should be  
attempted in this line. I hope to be able to  
make your Society a small donation soon. May  
your richest blessings rest upon and prosper

The great work is preventing  
respectfully to Sabrington



Commission House of the State of Ohio

No. 2 Street and 12 South Street

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Dec 10 1854

STRAIGHT, DENING & CO.  
Commission Merchants  
CINCINNATI OHIO.

Dear Sir,  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd inst. in relation to the proposed arrangement for the purchase of the land for the proposed canal. I am happy to hear that this important matter has been referred to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am sure that the interests of the State will be fully represented in the proceedings. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours truly,  
J. C. Campbell