Newark, Dec. 23-1866.

My dear Lincoln,

I have been prevented by various circum-
stances from acknowledging
before the present time,
the receipt of the presidential
brevet-appointment. Than
allow me to again thank
you for the kind interest
you evinced for and rece-
curing them. They form
an honour which I shall
ever appreciate, while, at
the same time, it is appar-
ently a matter of sincere
congratulation to my finds,
that they have been thus
bestowed.

I was not fortunate
dough to see Mr. Lincoln
during the several times I sought him, until within a few days since. At that time he informed me that he intended writing you in relation to the Church Subscription. I urge sincerely, that he is not able to return you a more favorable answer. Besides Mr. Brown I have conversed with several from eminent liberal principles and have learned from them that so many of our own churches are still in debt that they feel that their contributions must be made in their assistance. If your Brother, whom I understand has his 70th ps. Somewhere in the Middle
District has ever any occasion to visit New York, please tell him that it would give us great pleasure if he would be our guest during his stay. Our family desire this kind regards to you. Hope they will have the pleasure of again having you write us at no distant day.

With very kind regards believe me,

Very truly yours,

Huntington W. Jack

May: Genl. O. O. Howard.
Fitchburg, Dec. 24, 1864

May 215

I want to send ten dollars for the

Gen. Edward Dole

will gratefully accept the

be glad, I and Mr. Dole

Mrs. J. M. Dale

Fitchburg

Major
Fitchburg, Mass.
Dec. 24th 1866

Dole Mrs. S. W.

Wishes to know how to send a contribution for the 1st Congr Church

Answers—December 26, 1866.

Brief

She can send it to Mr. C. H. Bliss.

Yours, 1st Congr. Society address is Room No. 3, P. S. Department, Washington D.C.
American Freedmen's Union Commission,
No. 76 John Street.—P. O. Box 5733.

New-York, Dec 21st, 1864

My dear Friend,

A thousand thanks for your letter of the 10th. It is just the thing I wanted, and I shall be able to send it to England, where it will be accepted by our friends as a real God-send, which it is.

Wishing you a happy new year, I am a

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[Signature]

Martin 0:0. 5:0. B. W. [illegible]
New York -
Dec 24, 1866

McKinn - J.W.,

Acknowledges receipt of
Yule Howard's communication
of the 20th.

Received - December 26, 1866.
Galveston, Texas
Dec 24th 1846

My Dear General:

On my arrival here I rec'd your kind letter of the 24th ult.

The kind tone do not dispel my mortification, nothing could do that, but

menace my sorrow and grief in wartime.

I have no

palliation for what occurred in Washington — An effort at such would

be offensive to God. My mortification has been & is still so poignant

as to almost break me down. This I am glad of, as it gives me the

satisfaction of knowing that I have

some moral sense, if not smooth

and flawless grace. This is the

third time in my life peace &
have been a member of the Church that I have been whipped back to God by adversity. I am of a sanguine temperament—dangerous by impulse and full of intrigue all of which are dangerously susceptible to temptation & vice. As a restraint to these I have high self-pride and a thorough religious training from my childhood to say nothing of my religious principles and profession that should have been my restraint—If I engaged in profanity which according to the testimony of moral gentlemen of high standing can scarcely be doubted, this is the greatest crime of the two and made the deepest impression. The bad effects of liquor induced me to indulge in a habit of my early life which is so pernicious in its effects as to only be restrained by self-respect and grace both of which
appear to have been overcome in my case. You are very much mistaken about my having a "diseased appetite." Such a thing is not the case; nor am I easily overcome with drink. I have not been drinking long enough for that. I have no appetite for it at all in that sense, but for the last two years it has been a constant prescription and my system, not my stomach, made demand for it at times the gratification of which has resulted badly. I, however, was never overcome before—and to be plain with you, the mortification of the tirade of misrepresentations I met with while at Washington had together with a slight chill war which threw me in the way of his reel—I was true when I told you I had not been
Drinking for several months, but I do not remember that you asked me to promise, or that I did promise not to drink any more— I have never yet broken a promise in this matter and do not intend to do so— Some such a miscalculation was just, and necessary in order to Interrupt me in a muddled career, and I do look upon it as a gracious scourge of Christ— I have prayed and wept, and prayed and today although my mortification is still very poignant, yet I have some assurance that I have been forgiven and that I will forever be by the grace of God, never again be guilty of the same offence— The pledge pledge I gave you is the first I ever gave to myself or any one and I feel assured that I can an
will keep it—In fact twice me to have placed myself so near on the level with the common miscreants as to be compelled to plead my own cause and give written pledges that I will restrain myself hereafter—You were very kind in not relieving me under the circumstances—it would have made my misfortune public and I fear I could not have survived the humiliation—the vexation and trouble I have given you in this matter I deeply regret, the disgrace I have brought upon myself I trust will result in good, and the offense I have given to my Savior I do sincerely trust I have repented of and ask for forgiveness—the only resort I have is to acknowledge my error, repent of it, ask God and my friends to forgive me, and religiously eschew the world
The flesh & the devil in the future.
My personal regard for you
formally, formerly has now become
a strong friendship as the result of
profound obligation.

I will make
the request of you that you will
write me a short letter in answer
to this one, and that you will
make me the subject of your
special prayer to God for such
strength as I may need and faith
to put all my reliance & resolu-
tions in Him.

You may throw
this letter to Rev. Mr. Abroad if you
think best — I know he is
interested in me.

I am getting
along well in my duties. You may
have it still on the Rio Grande. The
mission will not get full justice in
the division of the Gettysburg task I can for them.

Your friend, J. B. Kennedy.
Alfred Center, N.Y.
Dec. 21, 1866

Gen. Howard:

Dear Sir:

I write to inquire if you can deliver the Annual Address, before the Literary Society of Alfred University, on the eve of July 3, 1867.

If you can do so, will you please send an early reply, stating your terms.

Yours &
Daniel Lewis
Sec. of Univ.
Claremont N. H.
December 25th 1866

General,

If you visit New England this Winter can you come to this place and give us a lecture on Temperance, or some other subject? There are many of the old members of the 5th Regt N. H. Vol in this County who would give you a hearty welcome, besides there is many others who wish you to come here and lecture. I was a soldier in the old "fifth" and stood near you when you was wounded at Fair Oaks, at the battle of Chancellorsville. I also gave one arm to the cause of Freedom. Knowing that you so "heart and hand" with the Temperance movement, and as we are making the Temperance reform a Christian and popular work, and are going to fight interdependence as we fought rebels and traitors, and we are going to fight until we conquer and drive the monster from our land.
Cannot you give us a lift, and at the same time visit one of the most pleasant towns in New Hampshire? Please let me know at an early date if you can come - when you can come and frame price for a lecture. Hoping soon to receive a favorable answer from you.

Yours truly,

Jared Davis

To:

Mr. C.P. Howard
Washington, D.C.
P. H. F. and A. L.
Office Sup't Dep. Gen.
Nashville, Dec. 25th, 1866

Major Gen. Howard

My De Sir,

I take the liberty of enclosing to you the "Prep'd Times," report of your address at the Capitol last evening, also, a notice of the address by the "Republican Banner"—our most influential conservative journal.

The colored people who had an opportunity of seeing and hearing you will most assuredly remember your brief visit. The regard in which the Chief of the Bureau is held in Texas, is second only to that entertained for the Memory of Lincoln.

Yours Very Truly,

John Lawrence
Mount Vernon Iowa
Dec 26th 1866

Genl. O.O. Howard
Washington, D.C.
Dear Sir,

At the request of the Adelphian Society of Cornell College I take the liberty of addressing you at this time.

It is the desire of that Society if by any means possible that you be secured to do me the great favor of delivering a public address to the assembled Society, friends and patrons of the Institution during our next Commencement week between 26th & 28th of June.
You are our first choice, and if it be possible for you to speak to us on that occasion, not only ourselves but all will be greatly pleased.

If you will be so kind as to inform us please address

Your Very Respectfully,

Ed. P. Heath

Gen. Sec., Adelphi Society

Mt. Vernon House
Newark, N. J. Dec 21, 1866

Maj. Gen. C. S. Howard,

My dear General,

May I ask of you the favor of a brief note of introduction for a gentleman of high respectability, Mr. John De Bruyn Kops, to the Head of the Freedman's Bureau at Galveston?

Mr. Kops is a Hollander by birth, and he and his family have been very favourably received in this country.

A few words from yourself or from one of your staff would be much appreciated by him.

I am, very
with a note from Mr. Whitehead, counsellor at law in New York city, residing in Newark, whom you met in the evening company at our house. My Brother and Sister desire their kind regards to be conveyed to you, in which my Uncle (now at Boston) under their influence is of present. Yours very truly,

John O. Jackson Jr.
No. 6 Race Sheet.

New York Dec. 24, 1866,

John P. Jackson Esq.

My dear Sir,

Our old friend John Be-

Bryan Kops is going to

Galveston Texas, on

business for the house of

Clason & Co. of this City.

He wants a letter of

introduction to the head

of the Freedmen's Bureau

at Galveston, and asked

me this afternoon if

I could get him a

note of introduction from

Genl. C. O. Howard.
In a week or 10 days, I suppose Genl. Howard is at Washington though I have no knowledge of his movements.

Very truly yours,

A. C. Mitchelhead
I have no acquaintance with Genl. Howard, but it occurred to me that the Genl. would willingly give Hops a letter at your request. He is as we all know a young man of great respectability. I merely wish to have an introduction from the Genl.

If you can obtain it, you will confer a favor on Mr. Hops & on me personally. He hears for Salisbury
Belvidere, Illinois
Dec 26th, 1866

Major General C.C. Howard

Dear Sir,

I am informed by Mr. Talbot of Rockford that there is some prospect of your coming west to give a few lectures this winter. Should you do so, it will be very gratifying to the people of this place. If God will allow (while so near us as Rockford) you to visit, I am sure we would be very gratified. I understand that your terms are one hundred dollars, which I am sure is I will guarantee. The amount, providing you can inform me a few days in advance of your coming, myself and wife shall be most happy to entertain you at my house should your conclusion to come.

Yours truly respectfully,

W. Fuller