Dear Sarah

Enclosed I send you slips cut from the Savannah Republican. If you wish, notice that, as a freeuntanned citizen of the United States, I have made use of my recently obtained from official restrictions, to defend myself in a manner which seemed desirable. Let those be my fellow countrymen who read the enclosed, judge between the two situations and your humble correspondent. From such statements as Bradleys, with no more foundation in fact coming from Bryan and others, if possible, less reliable than Bradleys. Surely, how much up their minds and deliberately published me to the county as false to my honor and person, dishonorable. It was
only necessary that my accuser should be a person of color for one pretending to so high a sense of love for the races - and his statements were accepted without investigation; as then they have the sanction of inspiration. As I have no expectation or desire ever again to enter public life, the opinions which Lucy Stone, George Washington, Tourneur & Co. have determined that can do me no harm. As a matter of fact, some adverse criticism with no desire whatever for revenge, I pursue the course of chance having shown in my way an opportunity to show up a couple of the illusory firm above mentioned. With a feeling of indifference bordering closely on contempt for men who if honest are the harshest critics of them are blind philanthropic preachers and fanatics. I dismiss the subject and cease to bore you with this.
forever.

I am Yon very Tn

Lani Tillo

Waja 1st C. O. Steward

Ann WASHINGTON D.C.
List of Articles on Board Steamer Port Royal to Savannah and Carried to
Tulane Plantation on Medway River, Alabama:

- One Shuck Salt
- 1 Ptl Molasses
- 8 Bottles of Vinegar
- 2 Bottles of Sugar
- 2 Breastards
- 1 Ambulance
- 1 Baggage
- 1 Pkt Flour
- 2 casks of Furniture
- 3 Big Boxes
- 1 cask of Bacon
- 4 Mattresses
- 1 Btl Pitcher
- 1 Stone
- 1 Box Stone Sash
- 175 lbs Bacon
- 2 Trenchers
- 1 Btl Coarse Tea
- 4 casks of Potatoes
- 1 Box Harnesses
- 1 Box Paint
- 1 Btl Oil
- 2 Hogshead

Bryan Co. Dec 21 1861

I hereby certify that I am in the habit of Carrying freight from Savannah to Bryan Co. and would be willing to carry the above articles as freight for twenty dollars demurrage that accounts a full and fair price for services.

J.R. Johnson.
Sulphur Springs
Jan 25th 1864

Dear Sir:

Your kind letter returning
my cistern with explanation post c'd - I was not pick or New Orleans
arrived there at 40 clock A.M. - saw
Gen. Sheridan on business before he
was out of bed, and left at 9 aclock
the same morning for Sulphur Springs.
Your information was incorrect.

I suffered all the way from Washington
with my wound, and was on my back
two weeks after my return - I have
no feeling about Gen. Bragg being
appointed Adj. Gen. - I take a
soldiers view of all such matters.

Your friend - J.B. Kodder
York, Penn'a., Jan. 25, 1867

Waj' Gen. O. O. Howard

Sir,

We are anxious you should deliver a Lecture before our society during this season. We need all the funds we can possibly raise to carry on our operations in this vicinity. We have engaged Speaker Ogles and other gentlemen and should be much pleased if you could name an early date upon which you would favor us upon any appropriate subject. Please name an early date or time to us.

Your Truly,

F. P. Jacobs

[Signature]
Providence Jan 26, 1867

Capt. Geo. O. Howard
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

Enclose herefor you C.P. Robt's Cash, Check upon National Bk. Comm. N.Y., for fifty dollars, amount of my Subscription in aid of the Cong. Church in Washington, receipt of which please acknowledge to.

Oblige
Greeting

R. C. Map.

2/15 85
Washington
January 26th, 1867

Maj. genl. co howland

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Dear Sir,

I hope you will pardon me for the liberty I take to remind you of the interview I had with you in the first part of last month about something that I could do. I would not trouble you sir indeed but pure necessity compels me to appeal to your generosity. I know that a favour able line from you would place me at the medical museum or the patent office or machinist or messenger or something of that sort. I would be glad of anything if my compensation were not more than eighteen or twenty dollars per month. I would be thankful. Your most

humble servant &c

F. Gyrnes

339 St. New York avenue

let 9th of 10 there.
Washington D.C.
Jan 2 1867
Grover C.
Request
Nineteen assistance in
securing any position
under Gov.
Chicago, Jan 27th, 1867

General:

Permit me to invite your attention to the "Address of the Illinois State Convention of Colored Men to the American People," which appears on pages 19 to 37 of the proceedings of that body, recently transmitted, and to solicit your kind of favor in the support and dissemination of its plea. Its sentiments are believed to be in accord with opinions entertained by yourself, as a soldier, a patriot and a Christian. May I ask to what extent you coincide with the views presented in it?

Yours Respectfully,

P. T. Stokes.

P.S. Allow me further to ask, in what way can I serve under your Bureau, as to promote the cause of freedom and progress? I am led to propose this into consideration from the fact that I am not a的颜色, never have been, and do not know my proper element, while I am fully sensible that there are tenants within me, undeveloped energies that have only, but receive their legitimate unfolding for want of the proper conditions. P.T.S.
Zanesville, Ohio
Jan 29th 1867

Dear Sir,

I have been home some days but found it impossible to write before this present time, owing to the effect of cold on my arm from which I have been suffering for some time. On my arrival at New York I found it was necessary for me to go somewhere to answer my affairs, and as home was my final destination I came on without returning to Washington. I regret not having the opportunity of talking with you about affairs before I left the city. I presented the subject of which you spoke twice to Mr. Whipple while in N.Y. He promised to write to me fall on the subject.

I have just commenced my new work and amidst the clutter of wheels and the hum of the machinery of our Iron Mills, I must say I feel more like a man than I have for some time.
Dubs perfectly independent, and at the same time engaged in some business actually creating something necessary to the progress of the country, is my ideal of my own duty.

I do not know how to thank you for your many kindnesses to me and hope I may some day make a payment on the debt by voting for you as candidate for President.

You have my earnest wishes for your success in your arduous and delicate duties.

With sincere respect I am,
Your friend,

[Signature]
Nashville Tenn. January 28th 1867

To Major General Howard

Dear Sir,

I have delivered this day your letter to General Carter, accompanied by letters of introduction from Governor Brownlow and leading Senators and Representatives from East Tennessee.

Tomorrow I am to have five minutes in East Tennessee assigned to me at my field of labor and on Wednesday I expect to return. For East Tennessee, I am entering upon this field under the most favorable auspices. I have nothing but good will to expect from all whom I may meet, and as far as I can see if I do not succeed, the fault has to be laid altogether at my door. You are aware that the Legislature of Ten-
justice is taking thorough measures to protect her loyal citizens and that they will pass a bill among the Militia. Black and White and giving the right of voting to the negro.

The disloyal part of the population are in a terrible rage on account of it, and I have felt the need of a great deal of discretion in order to prevent my being brought into unpleasant contact with Confederate Generals, Congressmen and various other high and low dignitaries. I have recoiled

however in moving amongst them in a spirit of kindness, and this far not the least difficulty has occurred.

May I ask you in what manner you have disposed of the reasons which my wife sent me to your care? My address will be:
Fitchburg Jan. 15, 1867

Mr. E. H. Dole

Sir,

You will find enclosed a money order for ten dollars which you will please use for the 1st Congregational Church Building at Washington, D.C., and much obliged.

Mrs. P. W. Dole
Fitchburg
Mass.

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Fitchburg, Mass
Jan 25th, 1867

Dale, Mrs. J. W.

Sends Contribution
of $10.00

Pea Feb 11, 1867.
Poughkeepsie, N.Y., 25th Jan'y 18-

My Dear Howard,

Dear Sir!

Could your services be spared to speak in this City this Winter? You could choose any subject you care for, for I know you would make it interesting.

I represent a society composed of students in attendance at Ensign Business College, who represent every part of this grand old Union. John G. Saye and others have spoken for us. Please answer soon and oblige.

Yours Respectfully,

A. T. Morgan

O. O. Howard

[Signature]
Philadelphia Jan 27th 1867

Major Gen'l O.O. Howard.

Dear Sir,

Your dispatch on the 26th inst. was received and it saddened our hearts greatly to learn that you have decided to lecture for us on the 28th of Feb. (Thursday Evening) We have lined made sure of the Hall and Shall have all things ready for a full house.

Yours truly

Chairman
Washington 28 January 186

Dear Sir:

I send you this little "hand," keep it as a Memorial of Me. and I shall write to you soon

Your most obedient Servant,

Mrs. Mann's.
Washington, D.C.
January 25, 1867

General:

In order to lay my qualifications fairly before you allow me to add in this way that perhaps my peculiar experience, drawn from the Short-hand qualification, would render me of essential usefulness to your Bureau.

That is, I do not present the ordinary qualifications simply of a police or reporter, but have had long experience as a soldier, a Judge Advocate and Postwar Marshall in the South, have travelled through that country through
noughtly as a citizen — am thoroughly familiar with that country and have had a legal education.

Dear Sir, I very respectfully your ob. serv.

William Herndon.

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

Having partial employment in the House of Representatives, temporary sitting as an experiment would be acceptable.
Dear Sir Hovese,

I sent you, as you directed, the papers of John Brooks to you, but have heard nothing from them. Now this man is sick, and a very pious member of the church — and we are commanded to do good to the household of faith! Cannot you get him released? You are not ready in well-doing!

Perhaps J. F. Davis could do something in the matter for him — tell him I want him to, & he will do what he can — I am sure.

I am very anxious to get his discharge if possible.

With kindest regards from my mother & myself.

Many many grateful acknowledgments.

Yours very truly &

Always,

[Signature]

In haste,

[Signature] J. J. R.
West Point
Jan 28

J. G. H.

Letter relative to
papers of John C...

Dear Mr. Howard:

I scribbled off a line to you last Saturday, in cousin Willie Beebe's letter of to-day, but fancy he might possibly not have been there, as I have written them twice to know if they had not heard from him. I suppose to address you again, regarding the soldier John Coats.

I sent as you directed his appeal—but have heard nothing from it.

I am aware it was not very favorably induced, but then I could not try—now dear General Howard, the man is sick, you a very pious good man, we are commanded do so good to the house-hold of faith. I cannot bear the thought that he is to Tramp all the Tommy months through the deep snow without matter!

If you can't help him! and God will pity those that pity him.
With kindest regards from my mother and myself and thanks a thousand times to Mr. B. for the documents sent. Mammy is praying always that you have become chancer. Blessings forever.

Yours grateful friend,

Jane Gray Kent
Unofficial
Headquarters, District of Alabama,
Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 28th 1867

Maj. Gen. O. R. Howard
Commissioner C.
Washington, D.C.

Dear General,

I received this morning your kind and forbearing note of 22d inst. enclosing a report upon the prevalence of murders in this State. The notice first sent out (Sept. 26th) to prepare such a report was received during my absence, and as it called for a sort of statistics we had not been in the habit of preserving, it has been left in abeyance. I was however on the point of making up a special report to you to exhibit the shameful condition that prevails here in some places, and think that in three days I can supply you with the fullest evidence, if proof be wanting.
still, that Alabama is not very fit for a free

government at all.

In several weeks I have been, from a
dumb dull head ache, more like a deadman
than a live one. This Monday morning I be-
gin to feel as if I was myself again and hope
to furnish you with ample fruit.

The fruits of carelessness, inbordinaries
last, cost me more than I shall express. I
hoped I should have had a line from you. I did
not think I had a right back for it.

Your obedient servant,

Wages Swayne