CONGRESS LIBRARY

~~Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,~~
~~Office Assistant Commissioner, State of Georgia,~~

Savannah, Ga., Jany 25 1867.

Dear General

Enclosed I send you slips cut from the Savannah Republican. ~~With~~ You will notice that, as a free untrammelled citizen of the United States, I have made use of my recently obtained freedom from official restraint, to defend myself in a manner which seemed to me desirable. Let those of my fellow countrymen who read the enclosed, judge between the Hon Senator and ~~the~~ your humble correspondent. From such statements as Bradleys — with no more foundation in fact coming from Bryant and others of, if possible, less reliability than Bradley. Surely Wade & Co have made up their minds and deliberately published me to the country as false & my truth and personally dishonest. It was

Savannah Ga.
Jany. 27, 1864

Tillson, Davis

Concerning reports
that he used Govt.
transportation for his
own private use.

Recd Jany 30. 1864

only necessary that my accuser should be a person of color, for one pretending to so teaching love for the race - and ~~their~~ his statements were accepted without investigation, as then they bore the sanction of inspiration. As I have no expectation or desire ever again to enter public life. the opinions which Surly Wade Bryant Bracey & Co have disseminated ~~about me~~ can do me no harm - As a matter of ~~fun~~ sport and with no desire whatever for revenge. I publish the enclosed. chance having thrown in my way an opportunity to show up a ~~c~~ couple of the illustrious firm above mentioned - With a feeling of indifference bordering closely on contempt for men who if honest, are the helpless victims of their own blind pharisaical prejudices and fanaticism. I dismiss the subject and cease to bore you about it

~~Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,~~
~~Office Assistant Commissioner, State of Georgia,~~

Savannah, Ga., 18

forever.

I am Your Very Truly
Davis Tillson

Major Genl O. O. Howard
Comr
Washington D.C.

List of Articles rec'd on Board Steamer Port Royal from Savannah and carried by Gen Filson to his Plantation on Medway River Bryan Co

One Sack Salt.	1 Bbl Molasses
8 Bbls Lime	2 Bbls Sugar
2 Bedsteads	1 Ambulance
1 Buggy	1 Bbl Flour
2 sets Furniture	3 big Boxes
1 tierce Bacon	4 Mattrasses
1 Bbl Crockery	1 Stove
1 Box Stove furniture	175 lbs Bacon
2 Trunks	1 Bbl coal tar
4 Bbls potatoes	1 Box Harnesses
1 Box paint	1 Bbl Oil
2 Kegs lead.	

Bryan Co – Dec 31 1866

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 deeming that amounts a full and fair price for ~~same~~ same

J. R. Johnson.

Galveston Texas
Jan 25th 1867

Dear Gen:

Your kind letter returning my sisters with explanation just rec'd — I was not sick or New Orleans arrived there at 4 o'clock A.M. — Saw Gen Sheridan on business before he was out of bed, and left at 9 o'clock the same morning for Galveston — 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 Griffin being appointed Asst Com — I take a soldiers view of all such matters.

Your friend — J. B. Kiddoo

Galveston Texas.
Jany 25, '67.

Kiddoo J. B

Brt. Maj. Genl

Friendly letter.

P. A. & S. Small,

MERCHANTS.

75

York, Penn'a., Jany. 25. 1867

Maj 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 Colfax and other gentlemen and should be much pleased if you could name an early day upon which you would favor us upon any appropriate subject. Please name an early date & terms &c &c Yours Truly

R. R. Jacobs

Secty Meth. E. S. School Society of York Pa

York Pa.
Jany 25, 1867.

Jacobs M. D.
Sec. Me. S. of S.

Requests Genl Howard to lecture before the Society.

Mulford & Guernsey Geneseo N.Y.

Recd. Jany 26th 1867.

Recd. Jany 26. 67.

85

Providence Jany 26. 1867

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

Enclosed I send you C. P. Robbins Cash Check upon National Bk of Commerce N.Y. for fifty dollars, amount of my Subscription in aid of the Cong'l Church in Washington, receipt of which please acknowledge & Oblige

Yours

R. C. Pash

$15 85

Washington
January 26th 1867

Maj Genl O O Howard

78

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. as watchman or messenger or something of that sort. I would be glad of anything if my compensation were not more than eighteen or twenty dollars pr month I would be thankful Your most humble servant C H Grymes

339 Pennsylvania avenue
bet 9th & 10 streets

Washington D.C.
Jan 21 1867

Gryner C. J.

Request Genl
Howards assistance in
securing any position
under Govt.

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", of which on pages 19 to 37 of the proceedings of that body, herewith transmitted, and to solicit your kind offices 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

R. W. Stokes.

P.S. Allow me farther to ask, in what way can I serve under your Bureau, so as to promote the cause of freedom and progress? I am led to propound this interrogatory from the fact that I am not, never have been in, and do not know my proper element; while I am fully sensible that there are resident within me, undeveloped energies that have only not received their legitimate unfolding for want of the proper conditions. R. W. S.

Zanesville Ohio
Jan 29th 1869

Dear Sml

I have been home some days but found it impossible to write before the present time, owing to the effect of cold on my jaw & teeth 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 nurse my aches, 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 ~~to me~~, to Mr Whipple while in N.Y. He promised to write to you fully on the subject.

I have just commenced my new work and amidst the clatter of wheels and the dumb of the machinery of our Iron Mills, I must say I feel more like a man than I have for some time.

I do 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
J. M. Thomas

Nashville Tenn. January 28 1867

To Major General Howard

83

Dear Sir

I have delivered to day your letter to General Carlin, accompanied by letters of Introduction from Governor Brownlow and leading Senators and Representatives from East Tennessee. To morrow I am to have five counties in East Tennessee assigned to me as my field of labor and on Wednesday I expect to leave 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-

nessee is taking thorough measures
to protect her loyal citizens and
that they will pass a Bill arming
the Militia black and white and
giving the right of voting to the ne
The disloyal part of the populat
are in a terrible rage on accoun
of it, and I have felt the nec
of a great deal of discretion i
order to prevent my being brought
into unpleasant contact with t
Confederate Generals, Congressmen
and various other high and lo
dignitaries. I have succeeded
however in moving amongst them
in a spirit of kindness, and thus
far not the least difficulty ha
occurred.

May I ask you in what
manner you have disposed of the
razors which my wife sent me to
your care? My address will be:

Lieut. Commanding Gunboat,
Headquarters Gunboats,
Upper Mississippi River

86

Fitchburg Jan. 25th 1867

Mr C. H. Bliss

Sir

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

Mrs. S. W. Dole
Fitchburg
Mass.

86

Fitchburg. Mass
Jan 25th. 1867

Dole. Mrs. D. H.

Sends contribution
of $10.00

Recd Feb. 11. 1867.

34

Poughkeepsie N.Y. 28th January 67

Maj Gen Howard.

Dear Sir!

Could your services be procured to speak in this City this Winter? You could choose any subject you saw fit. for I know you would make it interesting. I represent a society composed of students in attendance at "Eastman Business College", who represent every part of this grand old Union. John G. Saxe and others have spoken for us. Please answer soon and obge

Yours Respfly
D. T. Morgan

O. O. Howard
Maj Gen. U.S.A

Philadelphia Jan 28th 1867

Major Gen'l O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir:

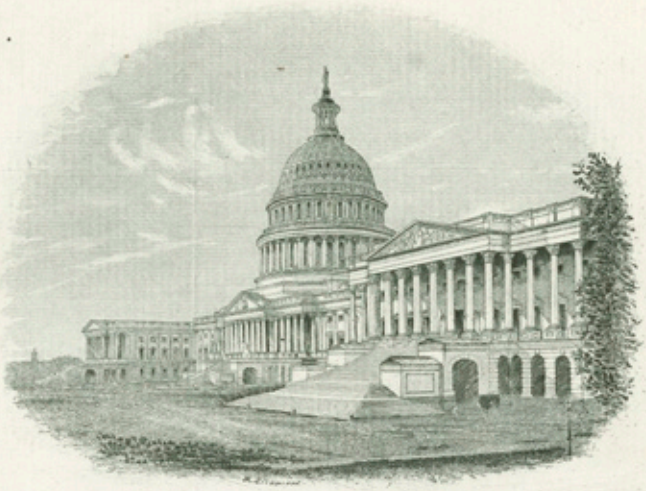
Your dispatch on the 26th inst. was rec'd and it gladdened our hearts greatly to learn that you have decided to lecture for us on the 28th of Feb. (Thursday Evening) We have since made sure of the Hall and shall have all things ready for a full house.

Yours Obt Serv't

W. Still

Chairman &c

85



UNITED STATES SENATE CHAMBER

Washington 28 January 186[illegible]

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

Wm. Morris.

Washington D. C
January 28. 1867

General:

In order to lay my qualifications fairly before you allow me to add in this way that perhaps my peculiar experience, arising 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 scribe or reporter, but have had long experience as a soldier, a Judge Advocate and Provost Marshall in the South, have travelled through that country through-

Washington D. C
July 28-07

Henstreet William

States qualification

oughly as a citizen — am thoroughly familiar with that country and have had a legal education.

I am, Sir, very respectfully
Your obt Servt

William Henstreet.

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

Having partial employment in the House of Representatives temporary sittings as an experiment would be acceptable.

90

West Point 28 Jan 1890

Dear Gen Howard

I sent as you directed, the papers of John Cooke 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 weary in well doing!

Perhaps J. J. 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 acknowledgements

I am very truly & always

In haste

J. G. K.

West Point
Jany 28.

J. G. K.

Letter relating to
papers of John Cook

West Point 28 Jan 67

Dear Gen. Howard!

I scribbled off a line to you & sent it in Cousin Willie Beebe's letter of to-day but fearing he might possibly not be there, as I have written them twice to him & have not heard from him, I resolved to address you again, regarding the soldier - John Cook -

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

I am aware it was not very favorably endorsed but then I could but try - now dear General Howard, the man is sick, & a very pious good man & we are commanded to do good to the house hold of Faith!

I cannot bear the thought that he is to tramp all the stormy months through the deep snow & bitter weather!

If thou canst - help him! and God will pity those that pity him.

With kindest regards from my mother & my husband & thanks a thousand times to "E.K.K." for the documents sent Mamma & praying always that you have heaven's choicest blessings forever —

Believe me ever

Your grateful friend

Jeanie Grey Kent

Unofficial

Headquarters, District of Alabama,

Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 28th 1867.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Commissioner &c.
Washington D.C.

Dear General

I received this morning your kind and forbearing note of 22d inst. touching a Report upon the prevalence of murders in this State. The notice first sent out (Sept. 24) 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 I 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.

For several weeks I have been, from a dumb dull headache, more like a dead man than a live one. This Monday Morning I begin to feel as if I was myself again and hope to furnish you with ample fruits.

The fruits of carelessness, embodied in my 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

Wager Swayne

Montgomery - Ala.
Jan. 28th - 1867.

George Frazer
Crai. Sen -

Friendly letter -

Recd. Feb. 2nd 1867.