Dear Gen.

My Esteemed Friend A. Howard Colt the Cuy of the firm of Brown Brother. He has visited Washington in reference to the recent Massacre in N.Y. Tied the Suffering Poor in the South. and in particular...
amplious to consult with you, and I
intend to ask you to send for Geo. Thomas
of his return to the city. The
letter arrived at his office
day at 9 of my return.
Tomoro. W. Potter
must return to the
City at the earliest
day possible.

Fondly yours,

W.E. Davis
Washington, D.C.
Feb 3. 1867.

Dodge how N. E.
M. C.

Wishes to meet Conk
Howard at 9 am
on the 24th inst.
Monday Feb. 4, 1867

Major Genl. A. A. Hiram
Dear Brother,

I looked over the Bill this morning. It gives large power to the President. I think it absolutely necessary. The object was to meet the Committee at Washington Wednesday morning next. I think you and other friends of the measure would do well to present it.

I understand to have seen you two in regard to the Church Bill. There is an obvious much small feeling about it. If some one could inform the Church or Society will not reserve it, or consent to any such end as in the present the plan. There is danger of misunderstanding there. I think however, you can easily settle it then.

There is, supposed to frequently desire a law of Congress for this district by which the Church and other Trustees appointed by the Council Court, have all the powers of a Corporation. But the property, is substantial.

This is very simple, and I hope the best result. By of the Corporation named in the Bill will, after the election of officers, bring in as a Corporation, the present members.
of the society in its present form as it would be a
probably satisfactory. My friends decide unanimously
that the society in any form is a strong advocate
and to the Church. And if it is the organized
true and why it is not be harmoniously done
as my indication.
I make these suggestions in
the hope that difficulty may be avoided.
Our Church and friends, will not safely
have a dawn shen

Rev John T. Benton

Charles H. Benton
Personal

August 4, 1867

Genl. Arnold:

Health.

I have lately since I received a letter from my friend, the Rev. J. Beebe, enclosing one from yourself directed to Genl. Libby, to which you desired him to transmit to me a document therein mentioned, and which letter I immediately sent to Genl. I. accompanied by a note for myself in which I informed him to write to the most prominent citizen of the town of which he desired to know the names and my position in society. Since then I have not heard from Genl. and am at a loss to know the reason of his silence. At all events, I believe it to be my duty to advise you of this facts at the same time to make my acknowledgment to you for

...
Augusta, Mo. Sept. 4, 1867

William Jr.

Government has asked
as citizen for the
Bureau of Augusta, Mo.

Frank. Sept. 10, 1867
The flattering flattering you not
received to make any influence in
myself and to assume that it will be my grateful time
to receive a line from you in
regard to the subject matter of
the correspondence.

With great respect,
 Remainprostrat,

=Mr. Mullins.
Atlanta, Georgia
Feb'y 3rd. 1867

Gen'l. O. O. Howard

My dear Sir:

I beg leave to introduce myself as the Rector of the Episcopal Church in this City, formerly Chaplain H. S. Navy and author of "West Coast of Africa," "The Slave Trade," etc.

July 4th, Jackson, N.J. 1860.

I refer you to Admiral's Stelling, L. Studwick and Chamberlain of Cincinnati.

So soon as I saw your name on the Hotel Auster of our City I called on you but you had gone.

The object of my call was to pay you my respects and to call your attention to the crying injustice done to the freed men in this section by agents seeking
labours for the West and the abuse of Government transportation by the same parties, and one at least of our Bureau Rents.

At present I write to ask you for transportation to Baltimore for Horace Fowler, freedman, his wife and one or two children.

The case is this: Horace was sold in Baltimore some 25 years since as a manumitted slave having eight years to serve—was brought to Georgia and held as a slave until emancipation. The second of all this is in Baltimore, bills of sale etc. etc. He wishes to go there to prosecute his claim for the recovery of eighteen years wages. Withal he has the strong local attachments of his sake and wishes to return to the home of his youth. I have known him and his wife for years.
and have now believed them honest, deserving, and annually intelligent. A case more deserving of "transportation" in the American sense has hardly come before your department. With profound respect, I am, truly yours,

Chas. W. Thomas

Genl. O. C. Howard
Washington, D.C.
Atlanta, Ga.
Feb. 5th, 1867

Thomas A. H.

Wes for transportation
for a freeman from Atlanta
to Baltimore.

Rec'd. Feb. 9th, 1867.
Mrs. Howard,

Sir: Would it not be a good idea to have a lot of farming implements purchased and deposited at Little Rock, to be given to Aranians who are disposed to go onto Farms of their own any where in the State. Appoint some person who will act as agent for distribution.

Yours truly,

John Kirkwood
No. 215 N E Street
Washington.

Should he please to hear from you before I go to Little Rock Ark.
Hi, John,

Well, I'm a little confused by your note. I was surprised to hear from you, and I'm not sure what you're asking. Are you interested in working with me on the project? I'm still revising my draft and would be happy to discuss it with you.

Best,

[Signature]
Jacksonville, Feb. 16th - Fla.

Maj. Gen. N. Hume

General, I may respectfully ask your attention to the condition of the very large number of Freedmen arrived and arriving in this State from South Carolina & Georgia, especially those under the care of Gen. Ely at & near New Smyrna.

He has already taken up for the people and paid the necessary entrance fees on a large number of Homestead Lots & has located them with a great deal of energy & apparent success.

On special inquiry I learn that in consequence of the tedious & expensive mode of getting them here, most of them have spent their little in subsisting their families on the long trek one half of them have now exhausted at least six months rations & in less than one month more they will be at starvation point without the possibility, as far as I can see, of self-sufficiency for several months to come. Gen. Ely is doing the work of two
or three men in effort in their behalf, but he confesses he cannot see how it will be possible to carry them through without aid to enable them to bridge over the gap, until they bring things from the lands on which they can subsist at the end of from three to six months.

A moment's reflection must make it apparent to all that much greater obstacles are to be overcome here than in Virginia. These lands were ready for the plow; the how.

Here lands must be cleared up. Cabins erected, wells dug, fences put up &c. This is slow work without teams, tools, lads, &c, beyond a temporary supply for one month, fully one half of which Gen. Ely assures me is already consumed. There are next to no supplies within one hundred miles or more, when any are found, cannot be got for less, or an average than one hundred per cent above cost.

A large number of Northern families are expected to settle in that vicinity, the coming spring. We are arranging to start lumbering &c.
Branches of business as soon as possible & then have
be able to give employment to most of the men.
A part of the time, this with the employment
Naturally wanted by settlers clearing lands &
with a little aid from the government until
that can be realized, will supply them with
comfortable homes, an object the people seem
most anxious to secure, & which will contrib-
ute very rapidly towards making Florida a
Gorner State.

Gen. Ely has informed me that he has
made application to Col. Sprague for immedi-
ate relief, but supposing he will refer it to
you, the General has requested me to ask
your attention to these facts & ask your favor-
able consideration, at your earliest conve-
ience.

I should advise making an
effort to get homes & employment for them else-
where but for the facts that most of them are
delighted with their homes, the lands are
entitled & paid for. It is getting late in the
season & the expense & delay incidental to
to finding them places, getting transportation to will cost as much or more than it will to help them a little when they are
Another important consideration is of establishing a testing one place at least equally sufficient in lands & cattle & employment for all that may not be pro-
duced for otherwise.
It also seems to me desirable that genius & the Colony should be connected with your Bureau.

N.B. The State of Florida has just passed an act appropriating 70,000 acres of the S
State lands to defray the expense of completing by short canals the water of the S. St. Johns
River, St. Augustine, New Smyrna and
Indian River which will open inland steam navigation from Fernandina along
the entire eastern coast between three and
four hundred miles. Judge Stichman informs me that 10 to 1500 Men
will be required to perform the labor. The
present rage of fever you will see him now getting them. They expect to pay good wages. This will keep
the Col. people to work, yours truly
C.B. Wilcox
Washington, Feb. 6, 1867.

Major and Col. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir,

I am making every exertion to start work on the Church immediately. Have notified the brick makers in writing that we grant the proportion of the front bricks now and told Mr. Harvey, the Contractor to wait for nothing— if the brick were not furnished by Pardy & Ford by morning to get them where he could.

He did not feel authorized to buy brick elsewhere on my order, and I have made an appointment to meet you at your Office at 9 O'clock tomorrow morning. Mr. Rawlee was in afterwards and I said he would be at your Office also.

Very Respectfully,

Yours,

[Signature]

R. T. Pearl Presh
Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will deliver an address at a public meeting, to be held under the auspices of the "Washington Temperance Society of Washington City," next Sunday Evening, 10th inst. at half past seven o'clock — "Odd Fellows Hall," Seventh street.

This Society, since its incorporation last session of Congress, has been actively at work in the cause of Temperance, and we earnestly desire your co-operation. Hon. Henry Wilson, U.S.S. Sydney Perham and H. Price U.S. N. of R. have consented to address the meeting. Please inform me if we may expect you.

Very Respectfully Yours,

John J. Wellingshead
January 11, 1863

And Othman

Commissions to

My Dear Sir

Will you please favor us by the C. L. to have your testimony that the American Freedmen's Union Commission is a safe and efficient channel for benevolent contributions for supplying relief and schools South.

Most truly,

Your obt. Son

J. H. Longley
Doughboy - 20

2021 - 2022

[Handwritten text not legible]
War Department,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,
Washington, D.C., Feb. 6th, 1867

Dear Sir:

In conformity with the provisions of an act of Congress to entitle an act to incorporate the First Congregational Society of Washington, you are hereby notified that the first meeting of said Society will be held at my office (Old quarters of Freedmen's Bureau) on the 19th of January in the city of Washington at 3 o'clock P.M., and I request that you will be present.

Please acknowledge the receipt of this notice at the time of receiving this.

On behalf of the Corporation of the First Congregational Society of Washington,

Yours respectfully,

Oliver O. Howard

First Congregational Church of Washington
War Department,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,
Washington, Feb. 6th—1867.

Corporators meeting for Church at my office Feb. 12th. 3 P.M. Notice also sent by mail. Answer. Acknowledge due service.

O.O. Howard
Corporator 1st. Corps O.R.
Washington, D.C., February 6, 1867.

Dear Sir,

In conformity with the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled "An Act to incorporate the First Congregational Society of Washington," you are hereby notified that the first meeting of said Society will be held at my office (Head Quarters of the Freedmen's Bureau), corner of 19th & I streets, in the City of Washington D.C., on Tuesday next, the twelfth day of February instant, at three o'clock P.M.

Please acknowledge due service of this notice at the time of receiving it.

On behalf of the first Congregational Society of Washington,

[Signature]

To

Daniel S. Eaton,

Chairman 1st Congregational Church.