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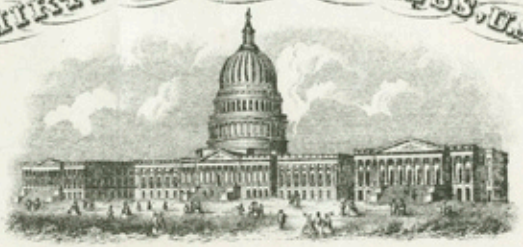

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Washington, D.C. 3d Feby 1867

Dear Gen

My Esteemed friend Howard Potter Esq of the firm of Brown Brothers & Co has visited Washington in reference to the recent murder in N.Y. and the suffering poor in the South and is particularly

anxious to consult
with you, and I
venture to ask you
to send for Gen Thomas
if room the City bond
papers at your office
say at ½ past 9 o'c
tomorrow. as Mr Potter
must return to the
City at the earliest
day possible —

Truly Yours
W C Dawes

Washington D.C.
Feby 3. 1867.

Dodge Hon. W. E.
M. C.

Wishes to meet Genl
Howard at 9 a.m.
on the 4th inst

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Monday Feb. 4. 1867

Major Genl. O. O. Howard

Dear Brother

I looked over the Bill this morning. It gives large powers to the Trustees, & this is probably necessary. The objectors are to meet the Committee at 10½ o'clock Wednesday morning next. I think you & other friends of the measure would do well to be present.

I intended to have seen you on this in regard to the Church Bill. There is your an anon, much suffering about it. If I am rightly informed, the church or society will not receive it, or consent to organize under it, in its present shape. There is danger of very serious trouble – I think however, you can easily obviate it, & have the matter harmoniously settled.

There is, though so frequently denied, a law of Congress for this District by which the church Corporate Trustees appointed by the Circuit Court, & these Trustees have all the powers of a corporate body to hold property, sue & be sued.

This is very simple, & is perhaps the best & easiest.

Or, if the corporators named in the Bill, will, before the election of officers, bring in as corporators the present members

of the Society & then elect Trustees &c. it would be far
& probably satisfactory. My private opinion however is,
that the society in any form is a source of weakness
& danger to the Church. But if it is to be organized
I see not why it shd not be harmoniously done
in the way indicated.

I make these suggestions in
the hope that difficulty may be avoided.
Our Church at present, will not safely
bear a severe strain.

Very Truly & Fraternally
Yr obt
Charles P. Bigelow

Personal -

Augusta Feby 4th 1867 -

Genl Howard.

Dear Sir -

A few weeks since I received a letter from my friend, the Hon Joshua Hill, enclosing one from yourself directed to Genl Libby Sam in which you desired him to appoint me to a position therein mentioned, and which letter I immediately sent to Genl S, accompanied by a note from myself in which I referred him to some of our most prominent citizens if he desired to know who I was and my position in society - Since then I have not heard from Genl S - 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 the fact, at the same time to make my acknowledgements to you for

Augusta - Me. Feb. 14. 1867

Chicago, Ills.

Government Ins. Agts.
as solicitors for the
Bureau of Augusta - Me -

Recd. Feb. 16. 1867

the flattering opinion you must
permit to make in reference to
myself, and to assure you that
it will be my great pleasure to
receive a line from you in
regard to the subject matter of
our correspondence —

With great Respect
I remain yr obt. Svt
=Mr. Millard=

Personal –

Glen Benard
Washington
City –

Atlanta Georgia
Feby. 5th. 1867

Genl. O. O. Howard

My dear Sir:

I by leave to introduce myself as the Rector of the Episcopal Church in this City, formerly Chaplain R. S. Navy and author of "West Coast of Africa" "The slave trade" &c. Derby & Jackson N.Y. 1860.

I refer you to Admirals Stribling & Shubrick and Chamberlain of Cincinatti.

So soon as I saw your name on the Hotel register 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

laborers for the West and the abuse
of Government transportation by the
same parties, and one at least of
our Bureau Agents.
At present I write to ask you
transportation to Baltimore for
Horace Fowler, freedman, his wife
and one or two children
The case is this Horace was born
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 records
of all this are in Baltimore, bills
of sale &c. &c. He wishes to
go there to prosecute his suit
for the recovery of eighteen years
wages. Withal he has the strong
local attachments of his race
and wishes to return to the home
of his youth. I have known
him and his wife for years

and have ever believed them honest, deserving, and unusually intelligent. A case more deserving of "transportation" in the American sense has hardly come before your Department

With profound respect dear Sir
I am truly yours
Chas. W. Thomas

Genl. O. O. Howard
Washington D. C.

Atlanta. Ga.
Feb. 5th. 1867

Thomas. Chas. H.

Asks for transportation
for a freedman from Atlanta
to Baltimore

Ans. Feb. 9th 1867.

Washington Feby 6th 1867

Gen Howard

Sir Would it not be a good idea to have a lot of farming implements purchased & deposited at Little Rock, to be given to Freedmen who are disposed to go ~~unto~~ on farms of their own any where in the State. Appoint some person who will do justice as agent for distribution

Yours truly
John Kirkwood
No 415 N E Street
Washington

Should be pleased to hear from you before I go to Little Rock Ark.

Washington D.C. Feb 7. 1867

Kirkwood, John

Thinks it would be well to have agricultural implements at Little Rock, Ark. for the freed-people who wish to carry on farms themselves.

Author keeps himself in the letter. Confusing to file.

BUREAU R.F.&A.L. WASHINGTON
RECD FEB 7 1867

Jacksonville Feb. 6/67. - Fla.

Maj. Gen. Howard

General I my respectfully ask your attention to the Condition of the very large number of Freedmen arrived & arriving in this State from South Carolina & Georgia, especially those under the Care of Gen. Ely at & near New Smyrna. He has entered & 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 enquiry I learn that in Consequence of the tedious & expensive mode of getting them here, most of them have spent their little all in subsisting their families on the way here & have now exhausted at least one half of their one 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 Support for several months to Come. Gen. Ely is doing the work of two

or three men in efforts 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 can get something from the land on which they can subsist at the end of from three to six months.

A moments reflection must make it apparent to all that much greater obstacles are to be overcome here than in Virginia. There lands were ready for the plow & the hoe. Here lands must be cleared up, Cabins erected, wells dug, fences put up &c. This is slow work without teams, tools seeds & bread 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, & where any are found, cannot be got for less, on an average than one hundred pr. 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 & other

branches of business soon as possible & then shall 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 &c 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 contribute very rapidly towards making Florida a Yankee State.

Gov. Ely has informed me that he has made application to Col. Sprague for immediate relief, but supposing he will refer it to you the General has requested me to ask your attention to these facts & ask your favorable consideration, at your earliest convenience. I should advise making an effort to get homes & employment for them elsewhere but for the facts that most of them are delighted with their homes, the lands are entered & paid for - It is getting late in the season, & the expense & delays incident to

to finding them places. getting transportation
we will cost as much or more than it will
to help them a little when they are

Another important consideration is
of establishing & testing one place at
least amply sufficient in lands & cattle
& employment for all that may not be pro-
vided for otherwise.

It also seems to me desirable that Gen'ly
& the Colony should be connected with gen'l
Bureau.

N.B. The State of Florida has just passed
an act appropriating 70,000 acres of the best
State lands to defray the expense of connecting
by Short Canals the waters of the St Johns
River, St. Augustine, New Smyrna and
Indian Rivers which will open inland
steam navigation from Fernandina along
the entire eastern coast between three and
four hundred miles.

Judge Stickney informs me that 10 to 1500 men
will be required to perform the labor this
present year & hopes you will aid him in
getting them. They expect to pay good wages & this will help
the Col.: people to work. Yours truly C. B. Wilder

Washington, Feb. 6, 1867.

Major Genl 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 want the proportion of the front bricks now and told Mr Harvey the Contractor to wait for nothing — if the brick were not furnished by Pusey & Ford by Morning to get them where he could — He did not feel authorized to buy bricks elsewhere on my order and I have made an appointment, with Mr Pusey, to meet you at your Office at 9 O'clock tomorrow Morning; Mr Ramsey was in afterwards and I said he would be at your Office also —

Very Respectfully Your

Henry R. Searle Archt

Washington D.C.
Feby 6th 1867.

Searle Henry
Architect.

Letter relative to
Cong. Church.

Recd Feby 7. 1867.

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Washington City D.C.
Feb. 6th. 1867.

Gen: O. O. Howard.

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.H. of R. have consented to address the meeting. Please inform me if we may expect you.

Very Respectfully Yours &c

John S. Hollingshead

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Canandaigua N.Y. Feb 16/65

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Genl O O Howard

Commissioner &c

My Dear Sir

Will you

please favor us, & the Cause, with your testimony that the American Freedmen's Union Commission is a safe & efficient Channel for benevolent contributions for supplying Relief & Schools South.

Most Truly

Your Obt Servt

J. G. Longley

Feb. 6. 1867

Loughry - J. H.

Desires prayer from Presy. and a statement that the Am. F. and Union Commission is a safe and efficient channel for benevolent contributions for relief and schools in the South.

Recd - Feb. 9. 1867

~~War Department,~~
~~Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,~~
Washington, D.C. Feb. 6th, 1867.

Dear Sir:

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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 holden at my office (Hd. Quarters of Freedmen's Bureau) cor. of 19th & I streets in the city of Washington, D.C. on ~~Wed.~~ Tuesday next, the 12th. day of February instant at 3 o'clock P. M.—

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

On behalf of ~~the Corporation~~ "the First Congregational Society of Washington"
Yours respectfully,
~~Oliver O. Howard~~

To
~~The~~ of the First Congregational Church of Washington

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Feb. 6th 1867

Howard O. O.

Notifies the Corporation of the First Cong. Church Society that there will be a meeting at his office Feb. 12th 67

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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 Cong. Ch.

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Copy

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 holden 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,

O. O. Howard
Corporator 1st Cong. Ch.

To

Daniel L. Eaton,

of the 1st Congregational Church &c