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Headquarters Department of the Arkansas,

Little Rock, Ark., July 12th - 1867

Genl O O Howard

Com^d V^t

Your note in regard to
the 14th Section of the
bill of 16th July - is rec^d.
I think it probable the
matter can be arranged
as far as concerns
adjudicating for the
claims for share of
Cotton Cultivated - but
no case of action by a
Commission of officers or
white citizens accused of
Crime - is pending, and
now this State having
conferred all civil rights
save that of Ruffians or
Fodmen such cases can
not be tried under the
law referred to - because

the law states that
judicial action of Bureau
offices shall occur under
Rank regulations as the
President may prescribe
and the President under
Circular No 5 limits
an action to States where
prisoners are denied the
rights conferred upon
this State -

I am withdrawing
Superintendents from districts
in this State where I can
not support them with
troops - and I am recom-
ending the appointment
of regular Officers, Command-
ing troops, when they have
rank and experience, as
Superintendents of the Bureau.
The case which I think
I can get carried up

was adjudicated before
the passage of the civil
rights bill for freedom
in this State - I have
sent you a copy of the
Bill -

Do you think I could
do any good by going
to Washington -
Williams Bill is much
the best - but troops -
and the right to
transport freedom
by wholesale from
prisons when they are
maltreated to tropical
regions - say Florida -
will bring evil disposed
whites to terms at once

I have tried it
your truly V V V
E. O. Clark -

Letter Recd. Ark.
Feb. 12, 1867.

Ork, E. I. B.
Maj. General.

Letter upon general
matters connected
with the Bureau
in Arkansas.

Recd. Feb. 19. 67.

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Santa Fe N.M.
Feb'y 12th 1867

To Maj Genl.

O. O. Howard USA

Dear Sir,

In a conversation to day with Br. Maj. Genl. Jas. H. Carlton - Lt Col 4th Cavalry, now commanding this district, whom you may know as he is a Maine man, the subject of the bill lately read in Congress, relative to appointing for the Territory of New Mexico an Asst. Commissioner of the Freedman's Bureau was brought up - the Genl. saying that he wished he could have such an appointment. On this I have taken the liberty of writing to you on the subject without farther mentioning the matter to him, I have received many great kindnesses from him since my service in the territory & I thought by expressing to you his wish, I might have the opportunity of showing my appreciation of them -

The Genl. has served in this country for a long time of years and is thoroughly acquainted with

the people, both Mexican and Indian, and
has really been the instrument of much good
to both races - I think too his services here are
most highly esteemed and appreciated by
the thinking part of the population & by those who
have the welfare of the country at heart -

It is probable that during the coming year
will be relieved of the Comd of this Dist, but for
long service here & on acct. of his health he would
like much to remain, & in such a position I believe
he would be found to be a most valuable &
intelligent officer in this very peculiar country -

I trust, General, that I have not acted
imprudently in thus speaking, but from my most
pleasant experience with you in times past I have
felt that you would allow me to do so -

I believe that I have never thanked you
for the recommendation you sent to me for the
Prov. board. It was more than I expected &
I believe, the cause of my further advancement &
will now allow me to express my warmest thanks.

I am, Genl, most respectfully
Your obt. servant



D. L. Huntington
Asst. Surg. & Prof. of Medicine



Santha fee N. M.
July 12, 67.

Frankington D. D.

Acct. Long. M. M. St. A. Co. inc

Commenced the
Appointments of Genl.
Cuthbert as acct.
Commissioner for
Santa fee

Acct. Mch 2, 67

New York. Feb 13, 1867.

Rw. J. M. Alvord
 Washington
 Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your brief note of yesterday. Since I saw you I have carefully considered the matter in relation to the Freedmen's S. & F. Co. and have reached the following conclusions -

That, it is very desirable the Institution should be continued in its present efficiency for the benefit of the colored people - and if continued will be an instrument of great influence to promote their elevation.

That, if a sufficient number of persons in Washington, who are competent and who will give time to the duties, will become Trustees, it will be desirable to have them elected, and the principal office of the Company transferred from this city to Washington, as soon as practicable.

That, the President go to Washington for a sufficient time to explain all that is needful to his Successor in charge, and then resign, and a resident of Washington be elected in his place.

That, the only present difficulty in the way of the success of the Institution, is the too large expense for the amount of the deposits. This could be remedied by the aid of the friends in Washington, who are connected with the Freedmen's Bureau, & who could at Washington & in other places, have charge of the Depositories and at the same time perform services for the Bureau for a compensation.

That, an addition of \$100,000. to the deposits, with the saving of the Expense referred to, would enable the Institution to live & pay dividends, & that if then it can be sustained for two years, there is a good prospect of

its becoming permanently established, & from a great blessing to the people for whom it is designed -

That, so far it has been as much of a success as its projectors had reason to expect.

That, the Freedmen's Bureau should give it all the aid & support in its power, and with such, it may, if placed in good hands, continue to increase in importance & usefulness.

That, it should be, in its operations, free from alliance with the Bureau except so far as the Bureau may properly use it, as do other institutions for safe keeping & transfer of money -

That, all the colored people & all their friends should do what can be continued & sustain the Institution.

Such are my views. I have not time to state them more fully. Urgent my engagements here forbid my going to Washington, & meeting the wishes of yourself. Gen Howard Lottin is returned from

I hope you may all have wisdom from above to guide you aright

Yours very truly
Wm W Lottin

New York, 207th Maiden Lane
 July 13th 9.

Dear General

I have read your kind response
 to my last letter, & beg that you will accept
 my thanks for the same. It gives me
 delightfully my dear friend, and I
 shall preserve it all my life, as
 one of the dearest mementos of the past.

With the kindest regards

I remain truly yours

Max. Woodhull

Yr. Howard
 W. A.

Wm. D. 2000
Feb 13 49

Dear Friend

I have been thinking of you
very much lately. I hope you are
very happy for the time. I hope
delightfully my dear friend, and I
hope you are all very well, as
one of the best of friends.

With the kindest regards
I remain your
Wm. D. 2000

Wm. D. 2000

Private.

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Headquarters, District of Alabama,

Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 14 = 1867.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

Commissioner of

Washington D. C.

Dear General

I wrote you officially to day of the passage of two bills, drawn at my instance, and which I have been hammering for some time.

To night I go to Mobile, by appointment with the Collector, to make another drive at the Marine Hospital. Perhaps I'll get it.

I have sent Mr. Kipp, who is very good at such matters, to thoroughly examine Col. Callis' agencies and affairs. It is just possible that on his return I shall recommend that Col. C. and Maj. Jones be mustered out of service. And in any case, perhaps there is no valid reason why

if Gen. Ruge is made Assistant Commissioner, his jurisdiction should not be concurrent with his Military command. I only suggest this because I feel bound to, owing to his being so hard to get from here to Hunterville, about 500 miles. I propose however to be there on the 4th of Nov. a convenient season, when there will also be a great meeting of loyal men from all parts of the State. They say they want the "moral effect".

The Southern Relief Commission is sending some corn into the State which will be very useful, as destitution increases daily. Arthur and Beecher write me that owing to the Greenback in the Ohio, the markets at Nashville, Louisville & Cincinnati were almost bare of Corn. They must however have supplies on the road, by this time.

I went to work in hot haste to prepare a "Report of Murders" but found the material in hand entirely inadequate, so I was obliged to

send out a circular. The returns are coming in, and consolidated as they are received. The cases are numerous, but unsubstantiated and are not sufficiently in detail. It may however be asserted that there is no punishment for Murder in this State, either of white or black men, as a rule.

The other reports which were behind have been forwarded. The delay was unknown to me. It originated in my absence, and when the Clerical force was overworked, the A. C. F. instead of advising me, let it remain continue. It will not occur again.

About Schools. Funds raised under the 10th section have no restriction so far as concerns you, except to "purposes of Education". There is enough means of that class to buy the Baptist College and pay our teachers a long time.

I am now over run with people who say "we have every thing, but money," "we'll build the house and board the teacher, if you'll send

him along and pay him." Now I think that if we were to increase our force to one or two hundred energetic young men, that by the first of next year they would be able to support themselves and would keep up the business on their own account. Would this do? I incline to it very strongly.

The press, the Legislature, and apparently the people have made up their mind they will do nothing towards reconstruction, except "stand and take it". I think they'll have a liberal experience in that line. The Parsons programme has not yet arrived. It will accomplish nothing.

My father wrote me that you had made a kind and flattering mention of my name to him in connection with Indian Affairs. Thank you.

Very truly Yours
Wages Swayne

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Vicksburg Miss Feb 14th
1867

My Dear General,

I see by the morning papers that little Guy has been hurt by the assault of an ungrateful negro. and my wife and self are anxious to learn if any thing serious results therefrom. as you remember. Master Guy became quite a favorite both with Mrs Duncan and my self. for the short acquaintance we had. My kindest regards to Mrs Howard also to Guy, and little "Sammi" My wife wishes to be remembered to you also sends her love to Mrs Howard and the children trusting this will find you as always your life will be blessed and blessing.

Remain as ever my dear
General. Respectfully
O A Duncan

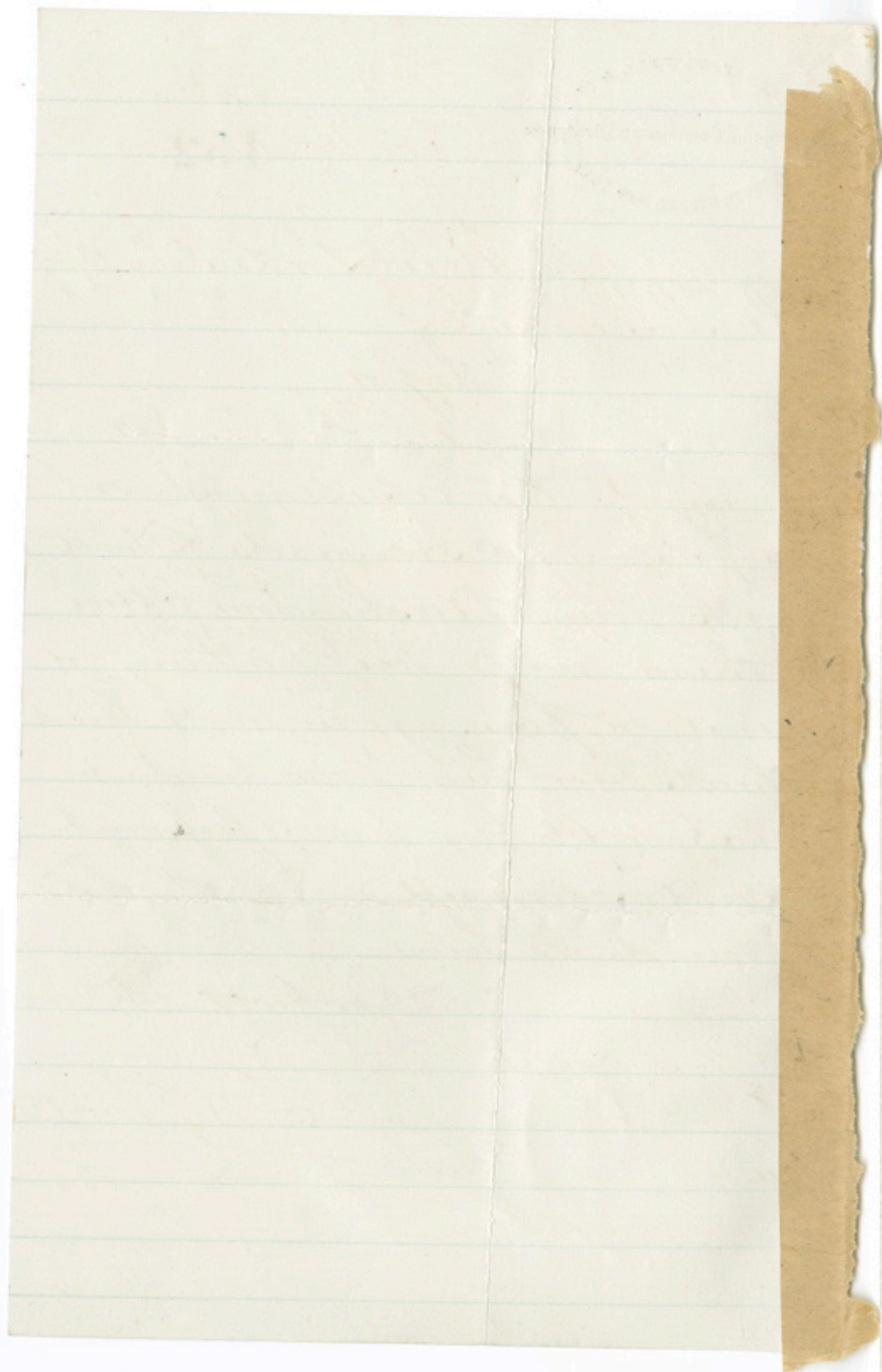
at a 844. St. St.



New York, Feb'y 15/67
R. P. Ducks, Esq
Sir,

I have
arranged the assignment on
Major Genl N. O. Howard's Stock
with the "Washington" office
& there will be nothing for
him to pay. you will find
checks for his Dividends &
a Receipt for his assignment
paid enclosed. My kind
regards to him.

Respectfully Yours
Jas M. Swell



1329 Vine St. Philad.^{ca}

Febry 15th 1867

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

Dear Sir

Allow me to
Place in your hands the accom-
panying "Appeal" and to solicit
for the subject it presents your
careful consideration.

A Convention will be held in
behalf of this cause in Philad.^{ca}
on the 5th and 6th of March
ensuing assembling at 7 1/2
P.M. on Tuesday the 5th

I am directed by the Com.
of Arrang'm'ts to request you
to be present and take part
in the deliberations of the meeting
and to allow us to announce
an address from you at some

1857 Jan 2. 1857

John R. 1857

Mr. Wm. W. W. W.

Dear Sir

Very much

There is your hand the account
of the subject of your paper
and which

to be considered not to be in
the hands of the public
and to be of much

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stage of the proceedings.

It is earnestly hoped that your duties will allow you to comply with this request.

Please favor us with an immediate reply, addressing as above.

On behalf of the Committee
A. Stevenson
Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Washington D.C.

1329 Vine, St. Phila.
July 15, '67.

J. D. Stevenson
On behalf of Com.

Encloses copies of
'Appeal' to Congress
relative to changing
Constitution of U.S.

States that a meeting will be held
at Phila. on the 5
and 6th of March
and requests Genl
Howard's presence

Answered July 21, '67.

Recd. July 18, '67.

Wm Massachusetts
Feb. 15. 1867

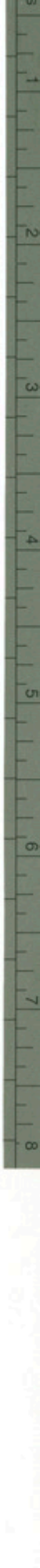
Major Genl O. O. Howard
(Com. B. R. E. & A. L.)

General

I have the honor
to acknowledge the receipt
of your communication of
the 11th inst. saying that
you would appoint me
an Agent of the Bureau
in Georgia.

I will come
to Washington at once.

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Very Respectfully
Your att. servant
C. H. Howard

Frank, Mead,

July 15th 1867.

Howard A. H.

Westmountain W.
Gift of Commem-
oration from West.
Howard, stating that
he will appoint him
an Agent of the
Bureau for Kansas.
Will come to Phil-
adelphia as soon as

Decd. July 15th 67

E. HOWEN

95 Front-Street.
Feb 16. 1867.

My dear Sir,

I much regret that I had not the pleasure of seeing when you called at my office yesterday, and that your stay is in Brooklyn & so that as to preclude my having a sight of you. I do not know that I could express more in relation to the Freedmen's S. & F. Co. than was said in my note to Mr. Alvord. ~~Except~~ Except perhaps in regard to some details.

If I should see occasion to further allude to these I will write again.

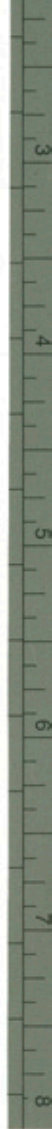
I rejoice, & would give thanks, that you are continuing at the head of the "Banner", and also that the noble effort of yours in establishing a Congregational Church in Washington is to be crowned with success.

With kind remembrance from all my family & with much Esteem, I am, Yours Sincerely,
Wm. A. Booth,
Maj Genl O. O. Howard.

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NEW YORK

Sept 11/27
Oct 1/27



New Orleans July 16/67

May. Genl. D. S. Howard

Dear General

owing to my absence from home I am only now in receipt of your letter. The Mission of Mr McCay has failed in my view, from the moment it was made an occasion for suspicion & reproach.

When upon my visit to N. O. I proffered you the cooperation of the P. Epis. Ch. I had carefully weighed all the difficulties which existed to impede the general purposes of the General Convention, Chief among them was the odium attached to the office of teacher of the Negro race, & the most necessary was accept the position. So that they being the evil was growing more formidable & more fatal. My brief sojourn in the State had already convinced me, that the

earnest cooperation of all good men
was required to sustain the occupation
with a new dignity & to hasten by
every prudent means to rescue
apprehended from ignorance & error
& make them rightly to understand
the all-wise design.

The sympathy & aid which I received
at your hands were all that I could
have desired. I can never forget
claiming my assistance. My feelings
with silent thankfulness, that the
pulse of Christian sympathy & brother-
hood, had not in the conflict of
liberal opinion, lost its healthful ac-
tion in the heart of the Church.

Eagerly desirous to select an
agent who should sustain for Ch.
Lord, Unity & Peace, I made choice
of the Rev A. McCay, a clergyman
of Northern birth & education,

had never owned a slave, and had devoted
the best years of his life to the Melan
of the Negro Race, who loved them & was
beloved by them with an adoration approach
ing enthusiasm. Upon this recom men
dation he receives from you, his appoint
ment, and from me the most urgent
instructions, to establish schools in
every neighborhood, appoint teachers re
gardless of color & of ability
when they can be found competent
to the task, and to make his influ
ence welcome to all honest minds
who were concerned in his holy
mission. He did more than this,
visiting the quarters of the Citizens
in behalf of worthy ~~persons~~ ^{persons} from
the North, and worthy Agent of
the Bureau with their families so
journing in the midst of stran
gers. I have letters collected by

by his friends alleging that speech. Exposed
in the Liberator referred to in your letter
of which I doubt nothing, his mission
was attended with extraordinary success.
Returning, he was confronted by ^{these} ~~the~~
arrangement to an accusation against
his honor & good faith emanating
from authority. The effect has been
to prostrate his nervous system, &
leaving him nearly too much excited, and he
is now in a condition to disavow
the prejudices of his most cheering
much more of those who are "lab-
orers together with him" in the
same cause. Under no circum-
stances could I expect to be
responsible for him in future,
or for any one else in his ca-
pacity, until it shall please God
to soften the hearts of all men
engaged in this cause, which is
acceptable to him as it is from
every earthly man.

I remain very truly Yours

J. P. P. Wilson

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Department of Public Instruction

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

146 GRAND ST.

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New York, Feb. 16, 1867

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard -

Dear Sir - 96

I regret exceedingly that my engagements will not permit me to meet you to-day at 11 o'clock - However, the entire balance of the money in my hands, specially contributed for the Congl. Church at Washington, I send herewith - \$561⁴⁴ - Also a ticket from Rev. J. P. Langworthy, of Boston Mass, for \$100 - This he requested me to send to you - Beside, I inclose a Subscription for A Furnace, by Messrs Richardson, Boynton & Co. - Mr. A. S. Barnes, has the balance of the tickets, or the

money, if it has been paid.
I then acknowledge the
receipt, for the Washington
Congl. Church, of the
\$561 ⁴⁴ sent herewith —
and oblige

Yours very truly,
N. A. Collins
Treas

Am. Congl. Union