Roxbury, Mass.
Feby 18-67.

Dear Sir,

As a consequence of the battle of "Fair Oaks". May 31, 62, a young officer of Georgia, Lt Col. Bull, 35th inf^y of that State, fell into my hands. He was mortally wounded and died, on the following day, in the house occupied by Gen. Sumner as H^d Qrs. During the night of May 31st, Lt. Col. Bull entrusted to me, for communication to his family, some last tender messages to his father and sisters,

which I was permitted to
send in to the enemy's lines
in a note, under cover to
Gen. Lee - after the operations
of June 1st had terminated I
procured from a hospital steward
precise information of the
place of interment, and some
facts, which would enable
me to identify the remains,
in order to fulfill a promise
to the deceased officer, that,
if possible, his family should
recover them. I have now
arranged to meet Judge
Bull, - the father, - in Rich-
-mond, to search for and
recover the body of his son.

Of course, I do not care to make so long a winter journey, without reasonable confidence, that my efforts will be fruitful of success; and it is most important, that I should know whether the graves around the hospital building referred to, have been disturbed.

Therefore, I take the liberty of writing you, to ask the name of the officer of your Bureau who was charged with the duty of disintering the dead of "Fair Oaks", in order that I may obtain the desired information.

Col. Bull interested

me very much - he was young - 25 -
an only son of great promise as
a lawyer and man; he was
a christian man. I forgot, that
he was a public enemy, as,
together, we uttered prayers
suited to the dying. I am
most anxious to perform my
promise to the dying soldier;
and beg you, therefore, to
excuse this narrative and
application.

ANSWERED
MAR
11
1867

very respfy,
Your obt servant,
W. Raymond Lee

Mark. 9. F. 8.

Address -

Gen. W. Raymond Lee,
Box 123,
Roxbury, Mass.

Bk. 70. No. 60.

HEADQUARTERS,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

STATE OF TEXAS.

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Galveston, Feby: 18th, 1867.

My dear General:

Although I send you an official reply to your letter referring to a despatch that appeared in the New York, I wish to enlighten you privately how the article appeared — I wrote you that Gnl Reddod did not show himself friendly & I found it necessary to relieve him — Report says & I have no doubt of the truth of the statement, that Gnl Reddod gave to Mr Whildin the local editor of the Bulletin $70 00/100 under the cloak of a loan taking W's note — It is the understanding that this Editor is to defend Gnl R and of course he will take every opportunity to find fault with my orders — I do not intend having any trouble with Gnl R and I wish to state privately that there are some things look bad with which he was connected —

So far from having given up any power I am preparing to enforce all laws for the protection of Freedmen — I have never spent so much time & hard study over any orders in my life and I do hope you will feel perfectly

assured that nothing shall be left undone in this state for the protection of the Freedmen - I am not experimenting, but will hold things, whilst I shall try see impartial justice administered, with a strong hand - I feel confident that I can improve matters here greatly in the course of two or three months, indeed I think I see a change already for the better -

Yours truly -

Chas Griffin.

See what the Freedmen say

Flake'

CALLING NAMES.

The Galveston correspondent of the New Orleans Tribune, in commenting upon the Labor Order of General Griffin, says:

Now, instead of being cheated and robbed of his hard earnings, the freedman will have a show for justice, inasmuch as the power of ratifying contracts and enforcing payments—upon delinquent—is taken from the sub-assistant commissioner and agent of the Bureau, who have been almost invariably, in the country counties, bought up by the planters.

For Rent.

TO RENT,

ear the business part of the City, a COMFORT-
LE ROOM, to one or two single gentlemen, fur-
ed or unfurnished. feb8-d3t*

OFFICES OR SLEEPING ROOMS,

ill be Rented Low until September 1st.

Personal

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HEAD QUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE POTOMAC,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

Richmond, Va. February 19th 1867.

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Major General O. O. Howard
Commissioner,
General,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 14th inst in regard to a school or college for Freedmen.

I see no objection to "calling the rose a cabbage" provided it retains its fragrance; but without the labor system connected with the school, I do not think it would be wise to make the appropriation.

I have consulted with legal gentlemen of this city who approve the enterprise, but at the same time recommend that the question of incorporating the Institution be not brought before the Legislature at its present session, as they believe such a request would not be granted, and would do harm.

They recommend that the school be started

under trustees – a method entirely free from any legal difficulties, as no corporate powers are needed; – and the securing of a charter be deferred until the prejudices against the education of the Freedmen is abated, and experience has developed more fully the form which the Institution shall have.

This method seems to me free from objections.

Yours, General
Very respectfully
Your obt. Servant.
O. Brown

Richmond Va,
Feby 19. 67.

Brown O.
Bvt. Brig. Genl.

acknowledges receipt of letter relative to School or College for Freedmen in Richmond. Recommends that such a School be not incorporated at present.

Recd. Feby. 19. '67.

Richmond
Feby 19. 67.

Strickland G. H.

Enclosed paid receipt of $119.60/100 on life Ins. Co. states that Genl. Howard can forward same to him at his convenience. &c.

Ans. Feb 23. 67.

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Richmond, Feb. 19/67

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir.

Enclosed find a receipt for your life Insurance. It came here, & supposing you wished it continued, I paid it, and you can send it to me at your convenience.

My family is all well, we are expecting Aldrich Sargent here this week, as she was to leave Farmington on Monday last. Lina's health is better, indeed we consider her nearly well. We had a letter from Uncle Ensign yesterday. All are well at Sacs. We call Chittie in love to your Mother, with kindest regards to Mrs Howard, and all other friends.

Very truly yrs
G. H. Strickland

Philadelphia Feb. 19/67

Major Genl O. O. Howard

Dear Sir -

The Social, Civil & Statistical association of the Colored People of Penn^a have as you are doubtless aware, announced you to lecture for them on the 28th instant. Our tickets are now being circulated and we are making all the needfull arrangements for a large house. Now as we wish at once to advertise your lecture, we would be exceedingly obliged to you if you would forward us your Subject by Telegraph.

without it our notices
would seem incomplete.
Also we would thank
you to duly apprize us
of the time of your arri-
=val & where you will stop
in this City.

Your Obedient Servant
W Hill
Chairman &c

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Farmington Feb. 19, 1867

Dear Brother

You will remember the writer of the within note of introduction. Mr. A. H. Abbott, my excellent friend & brother, so long principal of the Little Blue Family School —

His brother-in-law Dr. Thompson of Canada is an Episcopal Clergyman without acquaintance in this country, seeking for the restoration of his health = Any attentions you may be able to shew him while in Washington will be gratefully received by Mr Abbott & Myself

Your aff. Brother
Rufus

589 Rodney
New York Feb 20th /67

Dear Friend

The views in my book have been prepared for exhibition by means of the Stereopticon

A short letter from you expressing approval of the views you have would be of considerable service to me, if it is not asking too much I shall be grateful for such a letter

With Respect

G. N. Ramond

Maj Gen O O Howard
Washington

State of New York
Fort Edward Feb 20th 1867

Genl O O Howard.

If you will excuse the liberty of a personal stranger, permit me to make a suggestion.

The probabilities are that Senator Sherman's Bill will become a law, and I presume some of its details, at least, will come under the administration of your department. The late U. S. Senator, Benton, used to say, if you would people & civilize a new and turbulent country you must send the pioneer in with the rifle in one hand & the hoe in the other. In the case of our southern problem it seems, by the Bill under notice, that the government is going to supply the necessary protection. Then let us say, send in the pioneer with the hoe in one hand and the

book in the other. The freedmen, (to say nothing of the ignorant whites,) need both, and, if we would succeed in reconstruction, the use of both must be fostered.

Without taking up your time by so long a letter, I will make a proposition which will embody the plan I think ought to be pursued. For instance I have a daughter who will graduate in a few weeks, and a son, also abundantly competent to instruct. If I could have a tract of land set apart for the field of my operations capable of sustaining 30, 40, or any number of families, which might be thought best, with adequate government protection, and other gurrantees, the details of which I will not now enumerate, I would propose to go on to said land, or plantation, stock it with the necessary implements, animals &c., establish a school, or schools, for the young, encourage the adults in farming &c. &c. In that way, I think a

community could be made self sustaining, and more than that; the rising generation instructed, and a sure foundation laid for an industrial, orderly society, similar to what we have at the north.

I trace this plan on the assumption that government will be in the undisputed legal control of large amounts of land, in the shape of former plantations, and if so, I should deem the principle I have crudely sketched to be the best, if not the only one, whereby we can hope to arrive at a permanent, sound "recon-struction." A few such establishments, say in Virginia and N. Carolina would, if properly conducted, soon open the way for more, if duly encouraged by government.

If the principle should commend itself to your judgment, I beg to hear from you.

Respectfully
Wm Burling
Ft Edward
NY

Fort Edwards, N.Y.
Feby 20, 1867.

Burling, Wm

Presents a plan of his, in relation to the improvement of the South, states that if land be given sufficient for 30 or 40 families, that he will Emigrate to Virginia or N. C., stock the same, Establish Schools &c.

Recd. Feby 23. 67.

Fort Ann N. York

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Sir - Will you please send me by return mail a copy of "The Addresses" delivered by yourself & Rev. Edwin Johnson at the Laying of the Corner-Stone of the First Congregational Church in Washington D.C. together with a copy of the Annual Report of the Commissioner of the Freedmans Bureau for 1865 or 1866 & Oblige.

Hoping to hear from you at your Earliest Convenience.

I am yours Truly.

P. A. Mc Moore
Fort Ann
Washington Co. N.Y.

To Rev. O. O. Howard
Washington
D.C.

P.S. Also if Convenient please send me a Copy of the Oration delivered by yourself at Gettysburgh Pa.

Fort Ann, N. Y.
Feby 20. 57

Mr Moore & A.

Wishes to be furnished with Copy of Oration delivered by Rev. Howard at the laying of Corner Stone of 1st Cong Church. Report of Dutcher for 55, 56. &c.

Recd. Feby 22. 57.

New Haven, Ct. Feb. 22. '67

Genl. O. O. Howard,

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Dear Sir,

I have engaged the North Cong. Church for our meeting here in behalf of the Am. Freedmen's Union Commission to occur the 11th. or the 13th. March, accordingly as you will be able to be here to speak. I have also secured Rev. Geo. N. Minkins of New York, formerly of the U. S. Christian Commission.

You could arrange to lecture for your own object in Music Hall on another evening.

I should like to have our meeting during the week I named.

Waterbury is another good place for your cause. I go there to-morrow & stay again several days.

Please reply soon, care M. H. T. Gilman, New Haven, Ct.

Yours Respectfully,
Erastus Cotton, Jr.

P. S. If you should wish me to aid you in securing the Hall for you I will do it with pleasure. I expect to be back here next week by Thursday or Friday. Mr. Garman wo.d retain any letters coming to his care until I return.

The Congress adjourned

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914. West St. Georgetown D.C.
Feb: 23. 1869

Major Gen: O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

My daughter Jennie left Earth for Heaven at 3 o'clock this Afternoon.

You who have children of your own can fully appreciate what my feelings are on this occasion, & yet I know that He who has taken her, (blessed be his holy name) has done so to save Her from the Sin & Evil to come.

The Funeral will take place from our Home on Monday Feb: 25th at 3. P. M. precisely & I would be glad if myself & Family & Gen. O. O. Howard can make it convenient to attend.

Please also inform the Officers & others at Head Qrs, & I remain

Yours &c
Robert Kyshner