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Headquarters, Assistant Commissioner,

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
SOUTH CAROLINA

Charleston, S. C., Mar 2nd 1867.

May Genl O. O. Hawson
Commissioner

Dear Genl

I am very
gratefull for your confidence
in my ability to discharge the
additional duties of an other
State - And if in your judgment
you think best to extend my juris-
diction to include South Carolina
I can only assure you that I
will use everything in my power
to meet your expectations in
making the Bureau efficient and
respectable - I have had a talk
with Genl Sikes and find
that he clings to his old policy
of being just Camp himself; and

leave the ~~stetards~~ to a Staff Officer
The Result is my opinion, of which
wonder he, to hold the Burean out
of existence in a very short time.

The addition of North Carolina
to my duties would call for another
Officer to be assigned to that duty
who one in sympathy with
the views of the Burean who
have sufficient character to resist
the influences that are continually
being brought to bear on those
who can be controlled. I find
even in this State my greatest
trouble is in preventing Officers
from forgetting their duties to
the General people.

I have no choice as to my
2nd Quarters but think Charleston
most suitable. General Sikes
will undoubtedly remain here
as Quarters cannot be sent.

in Columbia - I have thought
best to send Mr. French to
Washington to lay before you
certain matters of interest
~~before you~~; And hope my action
will meet your approval
With high regards I have the
Honor to be

Very respectfully
Yours obedt Servt

NK Seate
But my friend
Asst Comm

Wed. Apr. 24. '67.

Charlotte S.C.

April 2 '67

Dearest D. H.

Dear Mary: I received

So very grateful for
the confidence placed
in him by General
Howard. I hope that
of North Carolina
is added to his pre-
vious distinction. He will
undoubtedly fill the
expectations of the South
and our men turned to
Washington to say against
General H. C. Howard's
successors.

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[23]-March 2, 1867

Maj-Gen. A. C. Howard

Sir:

The Corporators of the
First Congregational Soc-
iety will meet at your
office on Monday evening
March 4th at half
past seven.

L. L. Eaton
Secy.

Washington D.C.
March 2. 1867.

Eaton, S. S.

Notifus General
Howard that a
meeting of the
Corporators of 1st Cong
Church, will meet
at Genl. Howards office
on the 4th inst

Recd. mch. 2. 67.



National Division, S. of T., N. A.

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Office of the Most Worthy Patriarch,

(J. N. STEARNS, M. W. P.)

172 William Street,

New York, March 2 1867

My Serv. O. O. Howard
Dear Sir -

I have just returned from the
Gen. State Imp. Convention held in Haverhill
- we had about 600 delegates & a stirring time - Gen. Henry
Emery Chairman -

I had the pleasure of instituting a
new Division - Sons of Imp. - Wednesday being
- when Gen. J. W. Henry - My Serv. Collis - John Burns
the new of Seth Gay men initiated - Gen. Henry is the
Most Worthy Patriarch - We have formed 20 new
divisions in Eastern New York the last month -

I hope you will initiate Gen. Grant
or Howard - if he has not already been -
it would thrill the County and help the rising tide
of Imp. very much - from all quarters come
tidings of cheer - the good cause moves rapidly on -
and our new hope the great and good of our land will
identify themselves with our noble cause -

Yours faithfully

J. N. Stearns
M. W. P.

New York

March 2, 1867.

Stearns N. W.
W. H. D.

Letter relating to
disappearance now
want, in D. & W.

Albany
MAR 15
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Ans. March. 5-67.

Seaton House

Washington D.C.

March 2nd 1867

May Gen Howard

Dear Sir:

I have reason to know that Gen Griffin has written you a communication charging me with having left money in the hands of the Editors of the Galveston Bulletin to defend my course as Asst Com, or something to that effect, and taken his note for it as though it were a loan. What Gen Griffin's object could have been in making this statement & without any just or truthful ground on which to base it. I cannot imagine, but it is certainly my right to show you its utter ~~falsehood~~ fallaciousness. For this purpose I enclose you three papers marked "A" "B" & "C." Yrs

one marked "C," will show you that Mr
Whitlaine Editor, but not Proprietor of the
paper mentioned, asked me as far
back as Aug 20 to loan May Plumley's
son \$50, which I did, not knowing that
he & his father were so dishonorable. The
one marked "B," will show his receipt
for the same, as ^{of} the same date of Mr
Whitlaine's note. Subsequent to that
^{about a month} I loaned Mr Whitlaine himself \$20. The
time, place and circumstances under
which it ~~was~~ ^{was} done are known to ~~me~~
~~known~~ to several of my staff as well as to
May Plumley himself - When I was
about to leave Galveston I asked May
Plumley for the \$50 loaned his son,
the son having long before absconded
leaving many similar debts, and on
his refusing to pay, I procured the
enclosed clean bill from Mr Whitlaine
who felt it a duty to become respon-
sible for the amount on account
of the note marked "C." This one

Gill N. Whittier dated the 1st of Jan
although it was given about the
last of that month. It is true that
I hold a note ~~now~~ given by the Editor of
the paper mentioned, but the above
are the circumstances under which
it was given, and not as stated by
Gen Griffin. May I humbly know the
giving of this note, and undoubtedly to
cover up his own rascality - in not
paying it, and for other purposes
made the representation to Gen
Griffin, which he very ~~very~~ improv-
perly makes to you Officially without
any conclusive ground upon which
to found the grave charge. This I
am obliged to consider unofficerly
and almost unmanly. The Bul-
letin never volunteered any support
to my ~~couse~~ official actions, I pub-
lished my orders & regulations without
comment always. The other dis-
loyal papers gave me about are
(over)

equal share of censure and commendation.
I knew before I left Galveston that Mr.
Plumley & Mr. Honey, the latter of whom
Griffin appointed an Agent immediately
on taking charge, on the representations
& recommendation of the former, were
making up a tirade against me for publica-
tion, and the publication of which the former
says is the low & vicious trash of these
two men. It is true that I asked Mr. Whillson
not to publish this thing, knowing that Plum-
ley would use his paper as he had in
the & tirades he published against Chief
Justice Leake, Gen. Canby, Quarrey &
Mr. Conway - but it is totally false that
I offered him money, or that he asked
any - The untruthfulness of this state-
ment will be a proper criterion for all
similar ones - and all originating in
the minds of Plumley, Honey (of whom I spoke
to you) and Gen. Leake who took offense at
my ~~assessing~~ ^{abusing} him, and withdrawing
the public money from the Bank of which
he is & Cashier, on his making dishon-
orable propositions to me with regard to the
control of cotton. To cover up his own
rascality, and as an offset to my de-

denunciations of him, he circulated the
 report before I left that he and other
 "loyal" men had had me relieved because
 I controlled the cotton market in the
 interest of disloyal houses. This, how-
 ever gives me no trouble. It was not
 in my power, if I had had the discre-
 sition, to control a thread of cotton
 nor did I make any effort to do so.
 All the orders I issued for the pro-
 tection of the freedmen, or in con-
 trol of their cotton are on file in
 your office. Any similar charges
 to the above that come to my knowledge
~~will be~~ will compel me to demand
 the proof. I am not in fit con-
 dition physically at this time to
 endure such injustice and would
 rather not know of it, but this
 fact came to my knowledge with-
 out any agency of mine.

I was

hard in Texas, and to endeavor
to do my duty; and with the ex-
ception of the unfortunate affair
that you know of have nothing
to regret.

I wish in had joined
because I cannot sit up long
at one time, and hope you
will excuse it, with high
respect & much gratitude
I remain

Yours obt Servt

J. B. Kiddoo

Sgt at U. S. A.

I will put this statement in an
official form for your use if
you so desire it.

J. B. K.

Boston March 4th / 64.

Prof. Dr. C. O. Howard;

Gen.;

I would
have been in Washington by this
time had I not been still with
the neuralgia. My time has been
extended six weeks longer. However
I hope to be in Washington about
the 20th inst. I presume you
have at your Bureau, several let-
ters for me:— if so, please for-
ward them to me at New Bedford
Mass., Care of Mrs. Mathew
Howland. I am now intending
to leave here on the 7th inst.

With great regard, I have the
honor to be very truly
your obt. servt.
Lucius P. North.

Gen. Howard.

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Springfield Mass Mch 4 1867
 Genl O. Stewart
 Washington D.C.
 My dear Sir

At request of our Executive
 Committee for Sabbath Schools. I write you asking
 you to be present with us at our State Sabbath
 School Convention to be held at Decatur in June
 next to assist us in our noble work, by your
 counsel and aid. The following State held conventions
 in connection forming the "Chain" as follows

Michigan	May 28.	at Coldwater
Iowa	June 4	Decorah. (I think)
Illinois	" 11	Decatur
Wisconsin	" 18	De Pere
Minnesota	" 25	Rochester

and I suppose you will receive invitations from
 other states. I trust you can be with us in company
 with others we have invited.

Please let me hear from you soon

Truly Yours
 A Post
 State Secretary

Springfield Mo.

Feb. 11. 67.

Dear Mr.

State Secretary.

Levies Grant. Howard
to attend the State
School School Com-
mission, to be held in
Creations Mo. June
11th 1867.

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Recd March 7. 67.

Roxbury March 4-67

Dear Sir,

I am greatly obliged to you for your note and reference of my communication to the appropriate office. - Mayor Folsom has communicated with me on the subject of my letter to you.

Thinking men, hereabouts, feel great solicitude for our national future. I am glad to hear ~~from~~ all quarters, that you, for whom I feel great

regard and respect as an old
commander, have a just
sense of our national and
individual responsibility in
reestablishing government
upon a safe and just basis -
that of impartial liberty in
all things rightfully belonging
to a citizen.

I am,
very resptlly

W. Raymond Lee

Gen. O O Howard
Washington
DC

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Merrill's Dr.
Nov. 1, 1861

1 copy of the notes of the first meeting
of the Corporation of the Congregational Society
of Portland - Nov. 1 - Sunday 11th - 1861.
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C. A. Mearns

Harvard, Mass.
Feb 21st 67

Stevens C. L.

Acknowledges the
rec^d: of notice to
attend a meeting
of the Irish Cong. Church
Society

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Washington, D. C. March 4. 1867.

Dr. H. C. Keep 74. Boylston St
Boston Mass.

Dear Sir

The work on our church building has again commenced. In order to meet the contracts for continuing it, we are in need of money.

Your subscription of \$50.00 would be thankfully received at this time.

Very respectfully yours,

O. D. Howard

Treasurer Cong. Ch. Building Fund.

Dr. General Please find cashing
 check to your order for the above \$50 =
 Very truly yours W. C. Keep M. D.

Boston Mass.
April — 1897

Wm. H. C. M.D.

Enclosed check
for \$50. being amt.
of his Sub. to the
1st Cong. Church

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