President, March 9, 1867.

Maj. Genl. O. O'Keeffe

My dear Sir,

Upon receipt of your letter marked 7th inst. calling for my subscription to your Church, I am at hand this morning.

I am expecting to be in Washington the middle of next week, and will hand you the amount of my subscription.

I expect to go from Washington to Richmond, on a matter of business, and as I have not been there since 1860, I shall desire to see "the sights." Will it be asking too much of you to give me a letter or two to Agent of Company I mean in Richmond and Petersburg.

If Rev. Mr. Alford is with you, he can help me to a peek behind the dark curtain in the "old dominions."

I am, dear Sir,

Very truly yours,

A. B. Pitman.
Loco polo, Miss. March 17th, 1862

Gen. Howard,

Sir: In excuse the little I take in writing to you it is not for myself that I would trouble you but for my children.

On the 17th Dec. 1864 your army, under Sherman, camped on my property in Geo. left on the 4th. The larger part of the supplies your men got while there for the use of the army belonged to me. I was the largest planter in that part of the county. It was my own property (inherited). The supplies used by your army were not captured for there was no resistance made. The only white persons on the place were my self and two small children. In Carleton Bell died in May 1862 I have three children to be educated—never having been accustomed to hard work.
I have written to ask you, if you will not receive one in your claim, any favor you show me you shall never regret. A kindness done for thee in conquering a Son thinner than any thing else, to who I am I could repel you. 

I am Charles C. Linkins. Mr. X. 

I many other prominent men in Gen. But, you know Sen. I am so in Gen. 

If I have done wrong in writing this, attribute it entirely to a Mother for her children. 

I would be pleased to hear from you at your earliest convenience. 

Truly to Mrs. Charles F. 

Charleston, Dalla Rhett to Mississip.
My plan was that my army was turned aside and everything destroyed by the Expedition through the Zouave lines. I am truly one of the unfortunate of this last war. My only crime being a native of the South.
Lempolis Hill.
March 9, 67.

Belk Mrs. Calhoun.

Wishes General Howard to and her in presenting her claims against U. S. for provision discharged by our
Army.

Answered

Mar 19 1867

Recd March 19, 67
Milton March 9th 1867

My Dear General,

Your kind note of the 1st Inst. is received— I had intended to write to you shortly after my first communion with the church knowing that you would rejoice to learn that God in his mercy had seen fit to snatch me from the imminent peril in which I stood, and to give me the hope of eternal salvation through his Son our Saviour.

This change has not occurred under any religious excitement, but has been the result of calm and deliberate thought. I came out of the army sooner than when I went into it. I was compell'd while in the service to sell my farm from an inability to get hands to work it, and fearing to leave my family alone on the prairie during the winter; and on returning here,
after my return, found my little money so tied up that I was compelled to con-
mence a farm and make a farm from the
wild Prairie— this I felt as a great hardship
and was inclined to repine at my lot, and
prayed that I had not used the influence of my
friends to get some lucrative appointment.
but God in his wisdom knew better what I
needed, and it was while laboring about on
the woods and on the Prairie that he made
his presence manifest to me— I began to
review my course for the past few years
and the infinite mercy of God in sparing
me, and guarding me, (as an important lesson)
that so many dangers possibly misrepresented
upon me, and I then prayer, thanking
him for keeping me in safety and allowing
me to return once more to my family.
This state of feeling led me to consider my
duties to God— I believed him to be my
Lord and Creator, and Jesus Christ to be his
Son— The New Testament to contain a record
of Christ's words and acts while in the flesh.
He had said "if ye love me, keep my commandments," also, "he that is not for me is against me," and what went more forcibly home to my heart, this passage, "Whosoever confesseth me before men, him will I also confess before my father which is in heaven, and whosoever denieth me before men, him will I also deny before my father which is in Heaven." I knew and felt that Christ was the embodiment of truth and could not lie. I had listened to these passages of Scripture often, and had put them aside without further thought or consideration, but now their import was overwhelming. I knew my duty, and I dared not evade it, but casting myself at the feet of Jesus in humility and penitence acknowledged my sins, and asked for forgiveness, and for strength to continue on in His service unto the end. He has answered my prayers and has given me strength to confess him before men, and to prepare me to be received as one of his
Newton
Mch. 9. 67.

Wilson James

Secondly letter to
Genl. Harvord on
Religious Matters.

Read Mch. 14. 67.
disciples into his visible Church on earth.

This is a brief history of the most important event of my life, and I have written more fully upon the subject to you, than I feel I could to anyone else, knowing that in the kindness of your heart you will sympathize with me, and aid me by your prayers, that I may have strength to preserve and to resist all temptation.

My wife joins me in thanking for the interest you have shown in our welfare, and with kind remembrance to any of the old staff who may be with you, and many good wishes for your prosperity and happiness.

I remain, Yours sincerely,

James Wilson

To Major Genl. Col. Howard,

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

Office of the Most Worthy Patriarch,
(J. N. Stearns, M. W. P.)

172 WILLIAM STREET,

New York, March 9, 1861

My dear O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

I understand Peterfield Brent, M. D., of Richmond
No.-- has been mentioned as a
suitable man to be appointed to
minister to the Freedmen there.
I wish permission in saying that
I hope you can appoint him to
the place, telling him in advance
of selecting. He has done it
without pay for a long time.
He is a Member of our National Synod since I suppose it was at Montreal last June & our Session —

We all hope you can take part, brand into it & order in your Gen'l. it would have a powerful influence for good all over our land — also Senator Gobin & others— The Cause is very near

advancing. Yours faithfully,

J. N. Hearn
M. 0. 0.
New York
March 9, 67

S. J. W.

Letter in relation to the appointment of Peterfield Scott M. D. to Minster to the Freedmen of Richmond, Va.
Augusta, Ga., March 9th, 1867.

Dear Sir,

You will pardon me for addressing you at this time, but from its importance, and that immediately, I certainly would not have written, if we have in Georgia thousands of good men and true, loyal in every sense of the word, who were in officers at the breakup out of the War, who are now almost destitute, they have their lands, but no means of support. I, the great and probably the only difference of their inability to feed their stock and families. The cowboys mainly all that can be produced on their lands. But unless there
people can be assisting. I assume you. Their land must remain idle.

The government can (if it would) assist all quickly with perfect safety by taking a lease on their land.

Is it not due these loyal people who have refused to have their soil cultivated in this country? I mean more others than loyal citizens.

Those who helped in this war, should receive its consequences to the last degree. For I have no sympathy for them.

If anything can be done, let it be done quickly, for it is already late for the corn. and

Pardon me General
for addressing you. Here it must to avoid suffering I certainly would not take the liberty to address you.

Since this of this letter should have been done a month or two weeks sooner. But as it is never too late to do good, I respectfully ask you to receive my sentiments in its behalf.

I am Rightfully

[Signature]

My dear. 6th instant 3rd

Washington C. I.

D. 0. 3.
Augusta Ga.
Nov. 9, 67

Davis Jacob

Letter is referred
to Royal men of
Guroon who have
land, but see
means to carry
on their plantations.

Think the Govt. ought
to assist them. Will
Gove. rewards real
into an interest in
the matter.

Rec'd. me 23rd 67
Schodack Landing,

Poughkeepsie Co.


Maj Genl, O. O. Howard

Dear Sir,

When you embarked your Brigade from Alexandria Va in 1862, you selected my assistance the division for your flagship. you requested me to give you the exclusive use of my Saloon for yourself & staff. I gave you reasons why I could not comply with your request you then asked how much money it would take to purchase it. I informed you it was not for sale, you complimented on my Honesty and said you were pleased.
to make my acquaintance, as you had found every body in the market, and you supposed that to be my object in replying to your request; and that you would be pleased to meet me anywhere. Subsequently I wrote you in the handwriting of your letter in writing, this is to obtain a memento over your signature, of the kind feeling, you entertained of my conduct at that time, which I shall ever cherish with gratitude, as coming from the first Christiansoldiery of the county.

I am Sir,

Yours Truly,

J. W. Dumont
Lowell Mass. Mar. 9th 1867

Gen. C. C. Howard

Sir,

I am instructed by the Young Men’s Christian Association of this city to invite you to deliver a lecture before the Association during the lecture season of next winter (1867-8) the time to be agreed upon hereafter. Will your engagements allow you to favor us?

Respectfully Yours,

Charles A. Chad
Sec'y of Lecture Committee
of C. Y. M. C. A.
Charleston March 9th
1867

Mr. Howard

Barton

You will perhaps remember me as having spent some very agreeable hours with you last October in Pittsburgh. Now, we have conversed quite at length about the School for Colored Children to be organized here in the Marine Hospital under the auspices of several of the leading clergy and laymen of the A. E. Church, to be supplied with teachers from the North.
The Freedmen's Committee of whose Executive Committee I am a member, have been spending a few days here as a representative of our Committee, and the building for the school is ready. The committee has commenced operating, with the purchase of the necessary desks, chairs, &c.

This is a very fine school, and I am not the person for the purpose. The repairs have been thoroughly made, and the committee are ready to furnish it and put the teacher in as soon as the building is finished.
Can be opened.

He asks Mr. Pater in
behalf of the local Board here.

I understand, but forward
an application for an appropriation
to provide the picture for 325 children

I have been kind to the
Office of the Bureau here... who feels
the deep indebtedness to the Movement

I am persuaded heartily ad
Mr. Pater’s Application

It is at times reflects the
most important educational move
ment yet attempted anywhere
in the South. It has proven out of
the best Native Minds in this City.
They are profoundly interested in the success. They will give it no more formal sanction but a cordial support. I wish it to be in all respects a model school for the whole state. I confess, I am surprised to find so advanced a spirit prevailing among these settlers. It augurs well for the future.

In view of these facts, I hope that you may have the means at hand to carry out your plan. I know it to be your first idea in connection with this important project. With most respect,

[Signature]

(of Brooklyn, N.Y.)