

Providence March 9th 1867.

Maj: Genl. R. O. Howard

My dear Sir

Yours of 4th. Postmarked

& Inst. Calling for my subscription to Cong.
Church, is at hand this morning.

I am expecting to be in Washington
the middle or last 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 Agents of your
Bureau in Richmond and Petersburg?

If Rev. Mr Almond is with you, he can
help me to a peep behind the dark curtain
in the "old dominion".

I Am, dear Sir

Very truly yours R. O. Howard.

corded N.Y.

Baileys A.T.

Acknowledges receipt of letter asking
for subscription due
Aug. Church states
that he will be in
Washington next
month and will hand
it to you Howard
etc. etc.

W.M.C.

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Sparta, Miss. March 7. 63

Gen. Howard -

Please excuse the liberty I take in writing to you - it is not for myself that I would trouble you but for my children -

On the first of Dec 1864 - your wings of Gen Sherman's Army camped on my property in Leo - left on the 4th. The larger portion of the supplies your men got while there for the use of the Army belonged to me - I was the largest planter in that portion 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 & two small children. Dr Carleton Bell died in May 1862. I have three children to be educated - by never having been accustomed to hard ships

or privations of any kind my health
is failing - I am not able to work
I would like to do & educate them
but ^{no} I would not write to you if
I had a refusal of my demands
the United States Government -
Commissioners know they are just
I have heard you spoken of as a
minded & conscientious man therefore
to you I have written to ask you
if you will not assist me in my
claims. Any favor you show me you
shall never regret. A kindness you
much farther in conquering a
Southerner than any thing else
does to who I am I could assure you
Gen Charles L. Jenkins. Mr. D. Stephen
& many other prominent men in S.
But you know Gen I am no imp
If I have done wrong in writing to
attribute it entirely to a Mother
for her children -

I would be pleased to
from you at your earliest convenience
Direct to Mrs. Calista Rebs
Charleston. Yallaatchie
Mississippi

My place out here was burnt & everything
destroyed by the expedition through
the Lazoo pass in '62 I am truly one of
the unfortunate of this sad war.
My only crime being a native of the
South:

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Mar 9. 67.

Belt Mrs Carlton.

ANSWERED

wishes General
Howard to aid
her in prosecuting
her claims against
H. S. for property
destroyed by our
Army.

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Newton 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 thro' 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 poorer
than when I went into it - I was compelled
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 Master out, found my little Maw
so tied up that I was compelled to
leave a fresh and make a farm from the
Wild Prairie - this I felt as a great hardship
and was inclined to expire at my lot,
regret that I had not used the influence of
friends to get some lucrative appointment
but God in his wisdom knew better what I
needed, and it was while laboring alone in
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, (an unpenitent soul)
through so many dangers forcibly impressed
upon me, and I then prayed, 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 Christs words and acts while in the flesh.

He had said, "if ye love me keep my com-
mandments," 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.

Friendly letter to
Genl. Howard on
religious matters.

Recd. 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 any one 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 persevere and to resist all temptation -

My wife joins me in thanks for the interest you have shown in our welfare, and with kind remembrances 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. O. O. Howard
Washington 3

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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 1867

May, Sent. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

I understand

Peterfield Trent. M. D. of Richmond
Va - has been mentioned as a
suitable man to be appointed to
minister to the Freedmen there -

I take pleasure in saying that
I hope you can appoint him to
~~the~~ place, believing him a sound
& able - He has done it
without pay for a long time

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were all right.

so now I am

to take care of him

at another time

he is not well at

all now.

He is a Member of our National Division
Sons of Temperance & War of Montreal.
last June to our Session -

We all hope you can
take Genl. Grant into the
Order in your City - it would
have a powerful influence for
good all over our land -
Also Senator Galt & others -
The Cause is every where
advancing -

Sincerely

J. N. Green
M. W. P.

New York

March 9. 67.

Sterling J. W.

Letter in relation
to the appointment
of Peterfield Lewis
M. S. to minister
to the Freedmen at
Richmond Va.

Mar 15 -
1867
Mr. George M.

Recd. March 12. 67.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands.

OFFICE SUB ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER.

Augusta, Ga., March 9th 1867.

Genl.

Dear Sir

How will render me
for addressing you at this time,
But for its importance, and
that immediate & certainly would
not - We have in Georgia
Thousands of good men and
true, loyal in every sense of
the word, who were in affluent
at the breakin^g out of The War,
who are now almost destitute.
They have their lands, but
no means of working it, the
great and probably the only
difficulty, is their inability
to feed their stock and hanta.

The country yields all
that can be produced on the
lands. But unless these

people can be assisted.
I assure you their land
must remain idle.

The government can (if it
would) assist all such
with perfect safety taking
a leon on their crops.

Is it not due these loyal
people who have ~~will~~
~~had~~ their all located in
this County? - I mean
none other than loyal
citizens.

Those who begged
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 coming winter.

for addressing you. Here
it not to avoid suffering
I certainly would not
take the liberty to address
you -.

Some thing of this kind
should have been done
a month or six weeks
since. But as it is now
too late to do good, I
respectfully ask of our
kind electioneer in its
behalf.

I am Rube always
Yours truly
Jacob R Davis

Mo. Genl. b b Howard
Wm. H. C. G.
D. C.

Augusta Ga.
March 9. 67

Savis Jacob S

Tedder is refused
to Royal men of
Georgia who have
land, but no
means to carry
on their plantations.

I think the Govt. ought
to assist them. Will
Govt. now not
take an interest in
the matter.

Acc. March 23-67

Schodack Landing,
Rensselaer Co

New York Mar/67

Maj Genl. L. C. Howard

Dear Sir

When you
Embarked your Brigade from
Alexandria Va in 1862, you
Selected my steamer the Invader
for your Flag Ship. 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
procure it. I informed you
it was not for sale. You
complimented me on my Honesty
and said you were pleased

to make my acquaintance, as
you had found every Body on
the market, and you supposed
that to be my Object in refusing
your Request, and that you
would be pleased to meet me
anywhere. you Subsequently
took Murray in the Spaulding
my Object 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 Christian Soldier
of the country.

I am Dear
yours Truly
J. A. Dumont

Lowell Mass. Mar. 9th /67
Gen. C. O. Howard, Jr.

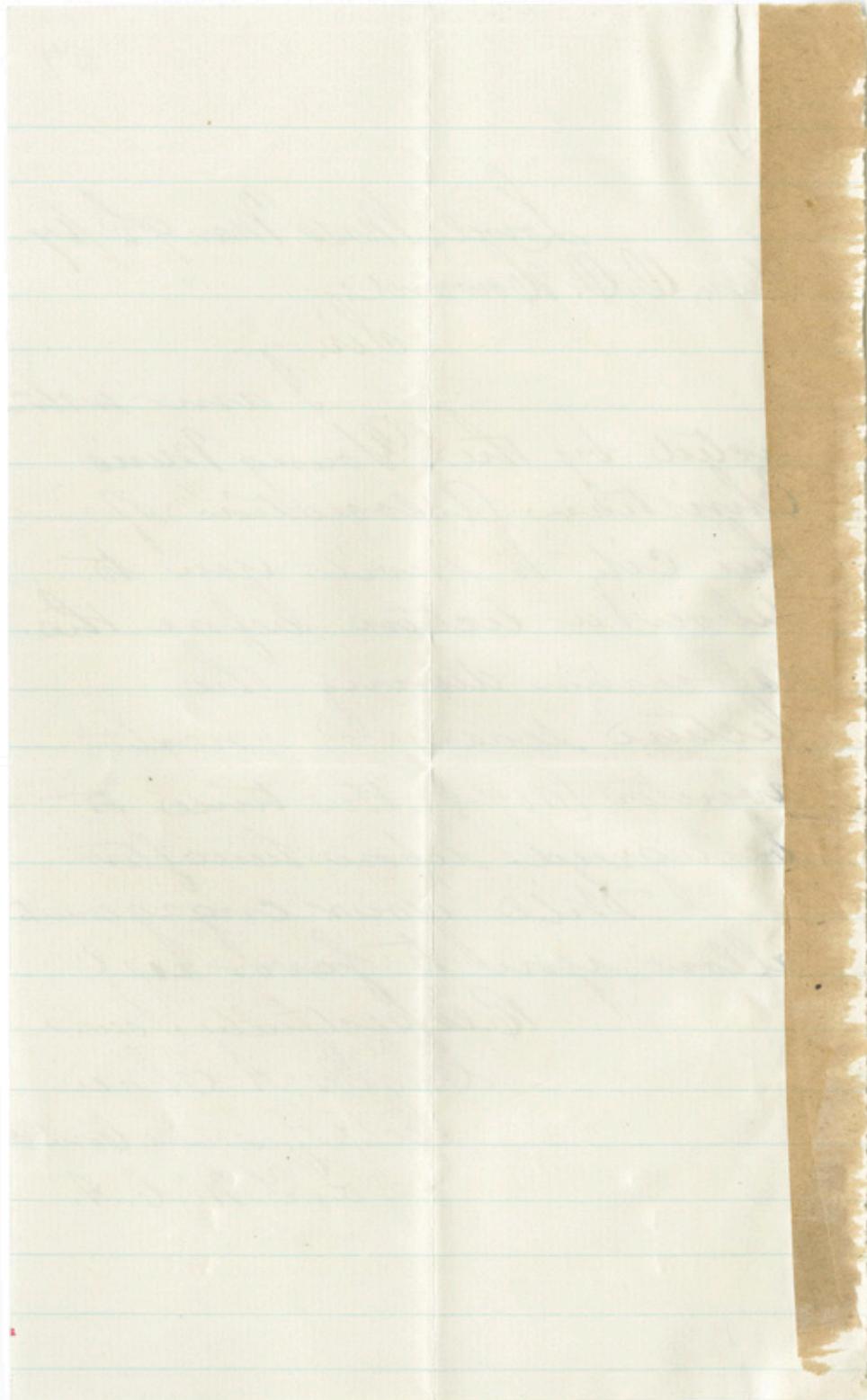
Sir,

I am instr-
ucted 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. Chase

Secy of Lecture Com^{tee}
of L. Y. M. C. A.



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Charleston, S.C.

of Charleston March 9th

Genl. Howard 1867

Dear Sir

You will perhaps remember me
as having spent some very agreeable
hours with you last October in
Pittsburg, Penn. We then conversed
quite at length about the School
for Colored Children to be organized
~~here in the~~ ^{old} Maine Hospital
under the auspices of several of
the leading Clergy & laymen of
the P. E. Church, & to be supplied
with teachers from the North by

the P. E. Freedmen's Commission
of whose Executive Committee
am a member. 80

Have been spending
a few days here as a representa-
-tive of our Commission. The
Building for the School all ready to
commence operation, with the
-view of the necessary desks,
-spiders. It is every way an ad-
-mirable structure. It could not be
better for the purpose. The rep-
have been thoroughly made.
Our Commission are ready to
-furnish & to support the
teachers - as soon as the building

Can be opened & closed as well
as the ~~rest~~ Mr. Pater in
behalf of the local Board here
has I understand sent forward
an application for an appropriation
to provide the pictures for 300 children
which I have seen Govt. Soc'ty - the
opinion of the Bureau here who feels
a deep solicitude in this movement
will I am persuaded heartily endorse
Mr. Pater's application

It is at some respects the
most important educational move-
ment yet attempted anywhere
in the South. It has drawn out of
the best native minds in this City

They are profoundly interested in
success - They will give it no more
formal sanction - but a cordial
They wish it to be in all respects
a model school for the whole
State. I confess, I am surprised
at length to find so advanced
a spirit prevailing among these
gentlemen. It augurs well for
the future.

In view of these facts
I hope that you may have
means at hand to carry out,
I know & do, your good wishes
concerning with this important
With great respect

(of Brooklyn N.Y.)

Very truly yours A. M. Collier