Major General O.C. Howard
Washington, D.C.

Dear General,

I see by the Army and Navy Journal that a bill has packed Congress, which if I am rightly informed will of itself confer on me permanent heretofore rank.

You will perhaps remember that my appointment to be Major General of Volunteers did not seem to me to be altogether fit; and now that it can be discontinued without detriment to my position or authority, it seems to me an obvious distinction that I should continue to hold a full rank which has been taken away from those whose performing like duties all around me. I do not
want to be governed by a fancy, but what I mean to ask of you is, that if it seems to you that I am clearly right in this matter, you will at the first time suggest that I be mustered out, and put on an equality with others similarly situated.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Wage Swain
Major General.
Washington, D.C. 14 March 1867

Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard

Sir: Please permit me to introduce the bearer of this letter, Capt. D.H. Burghman of Alabama, a gentleman of high character.

Very truly your friend,

M. A. Burghman
Andover, Mass.
March 14, 1887

Dear Sir,

Your favor of March 6 is just received — having been forwarded home from the Internal Revenue Office, Washington, D.C. I am rejoiced to learn that the work on our Central Building is again commenced — and take pleasure in forwarding the balance of my subscription — $12.50. I regret that I cannot at present largely increase it.

Yours Respectfully,

[Signature]

Major General
O.O. Howard
Treasure By Ct. Building Fund
War Department,
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,
Office of Solicitors, 415 Seventh Street,

Washington, D.C., March 17th, 1867.

Major Gen. O. C. Howard
Commander Bureau R. F. & I.
Washington, D.C.

General:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your card of the 12th inst. calling for an official account of the present status of the "Guardian Society" and would inform you that I am making the required investigation.

In consequence of an adjournment of the Criminal Court of this District for the present week, I am unable to obtain a report of the Grand Jury recently made in regard to this Society, its buildings, etc., which I consider important to my reply. I therefore ask that a delay of a few days be given me in which to comply with your request.

Very Respectfully,
Your Ob't Serv.

A. H. Brown
Solicitor, etc.
Oberlin March 14th

General O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

Since receiving your last letter informing us of the impossibility of your coming here on the previous arrangement, it has been suggested by Mrs. Jno. A. Langford, that you might be able to come at some time during the approaching summer months. We now have no engagements which will interfere with any that may suit your convenience and if we could prevail on you to favor us, we could only be too happy to hear you at whatever time or in whatever manner you could desire.
If by that means we could make your visit here, any more probable, we could willingly arrive the regularly prepared lecture of which you speak, and consider ourselves fortunate in hearing any remarks from you, in any manner that most perfectly suited your convenience.

Pray forgive our importunity, but at all events give our request as favorable a consideration as feasible.

Yours

[Signature]

Cor Sec. C.P.A.
Selma, Ala. March 15, 1865.

My Dear General:

When in January you invited me to apply to you for the restoration of your influence with Congress, for the removal of my disabilities, I had little thoughts of so soon putting your kindly feelings to a practical test - the Sherman Military Rule, now a law, brings the good men of the South to action. It must be up and doing, or the negro and the poor white man - poor in principle as well as in pocket - one by agreement and due respect legislation makes us the unenviable objects of the contempt and pity of the North and of the world. The old corrupt politicians have overthrown the seats of their former friends, taken away from us, and it is to be hoped, forever more must control the destinies of the South - the secession heads, at the North, and the elected among ourselves, let us to work our hands in dignified silence and set events to take their course. No member of what is now our common country, we must not, cannot remain inert, when injustice can exist but in the ruin of all we hold most dear. You know much of my past life - my extreme youth, when habits were commenced, and the motives that impelled me to draw my sword in defense of my home and my blood. You know that I accept the "situation" under my present faith. I will carry into my oath of allegiance, and do
all in my power to close the scars made by
four long years of war and bloodshed. Hence-
forth as a citizen of the United States all
my energies shall be displayed in cementing the
union of the States, and in restoring the ruined
and impoverished South to its former pro-
spertity and peace. Will you, therefore, use your
influence with Congress, and have one re-
strict all my rights of censure, violate under
the Constitution and the laws, as though I had
never, hence, honestly taken up arms on the
"wrong side."

Please remember me kindly to
Honest, your brother, and the children.
Believing, that as your patron it, you will
not consider this application illtimed or un-
true, I am, my dear General,
Your truly,

To

SIR W. M. \( \) STUBS


[Signature]

Washington
Quartermaster General’s Office,
Washington, D. C. March 15th, 1867

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Brother,

I enclose a letter to Senator Gates, which, if you approve, please endorse & mail to him.

If you do not approve it, please return to me, & I prefer that you do not convey it to the is [illegible] on the question - think it might make trouble,

(Or was a few months ago)

Very truly,

[Signature]

J. A. Johnson
Rust week 15.67

In a narrative & involving
such practice & especially
of the General
in December

due to circumstances
of Congress & necessity of
performing & distributing
an order by the
Congress & Senate

December 8

Mar. 15 67

Regretful to

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Headquarters, Department of the South,
Charleston, S. C., March 16, 1864.

My dear General—

As I shall probably leave here in a few days to return to North Carolina, I desire to say that I think of applying to be relieved from duty there and if you have any officer in mind whom you would like to have there I am willing to make room for him at once. It is no object for me to remain in this part of the country when I come of the North line with my family. I am more comfortably and pleasantly situated when I return upon the duties of Rest. Comr. I hope I come...
at least retain the rank of Brig.

General of Bde. but all reposing

the Command of a General Officer

I was mustered out of the Army in

the pay of Colone while other Officers

having less claim to Consideration

were retained—Dicket's & Queen were

still retained as Majors Generals

but I was not & I did not remain a Major

I was exasperated to me to have this

gentlemen deprived of their rank & I should

regret to have it done. They have

been severely wounded & are just

entitled to all the Government can

give them, but I have suffered the

suffered as much as either knowing

that the times are long, &

enduring of as much from any

Consideration. Altho' more excusable.
to the rank of Maj. Genl. than they all. Ask is to attain those of Majr. We all hold the same rank in regiment. At the commencement of the war by the threatening attitude I assumed against Baltimore I kept the state of Maryland in the Union and from that day to this, I have been constantly on duty with the exception of that time or four months. I was confined with my wounds for two or three short weeks of absence. I think the order mustering me out of the army ought not to be revoked, but as that is not probable, it is better for me to return where I can be with my family. Since my return I have made no effort to be returned as the time because I supposed the war was general and not mention it now but for the unjust determination.

If it is your desire to have me
remain in North Carolina. I will make no application before May. I have written to you freely to express my feeling with our hesitation. I request how long you will consider this confirmation, believing me

Very truly,
Your friend

M. C. Robinson

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