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Headquarters, Sub-District of Ala.,

Montgomery, Ala. March 14 = 1867.

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

I see by the Army and Navy Journal that a bill has passed Congress, which if I am rightly informed will of itself confer on me permanent brevet 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 invidious distinction that I should continue to hold a full rank which has been taken away from those who are performing like duties all around me. I do not



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Dear General  
Respecting the 11th

Since by the Army and Navy  
formed that a bill has passed Congress  
which if I am rightly informed will of itself  
confer on no permanent benefit upon  
you will perhaps remember that my  
appointment to the Major General of Volunteers  
did not even come to the stage of a vote; and  
now that it can be discontinued without let  
or hindrance to my position or authority, it seems  
to me an excellent distinction that I  
should continue to hold a full rank which  
has been taken away from those who are  
forming like duties all around me. I do not

want to be governed by a fancy, but what I venture to ask of you is, that if it seems to you that I am clearly right in this matter, you will at the proper time suggest that I be mustered out, and put on an equality with others similarly situated.

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant  
Wager Swayne  
Major General.



Montgomery Ala.

March 11. 67

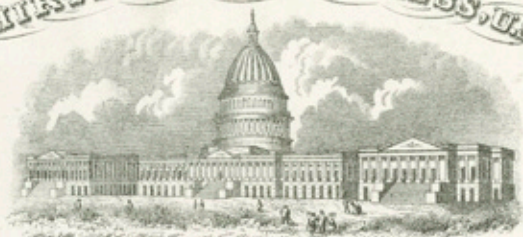
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Wm. Hunt.

Letter to Smith  
Howard with  
reference to his  
train brand.

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FIFTY-NINTH CONGRESS, D.C.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Washington, D.C. 14 March 1867  
Maj: Genl O. O. Howard

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

Very truly & faithfully  
Yrs. A. Burham



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Andover Mass.

March 14. 1887

Dear Sir,

Your favor of March 6 is just received - having been forwarded here from the "Internal Revenue Office Washington D.C." I am rejoiced then that the work on our Church 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.

Very Respectfully Yours  
Wm. A. Thompson.

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Major General  
C. O. Howard

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War Department,  
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,  
OFFICE OF SOLICITORS, 476 SEVENTH STREET,

Washington, D.C., March 14<sup>th</sup> 1867.

Major Gen. O. O. Howard  
Com. Bureau R. F. & A. L.  
Washington D.C.

General:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your card of the 12<sup>th</sup> 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  
Yours Obt. Servt.

A. K. Browne  
Solicitor etc







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Berlin March 14<sup>th</sup>  
[1867]

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 Mr Geo M Langston, 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 would only be too happy to hear you at whatever time or in whatever manner, you would 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 per-  
fectly suited your convenience.

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

Yours  
Jas. T. Hudson.  
Cor Sec. J. L. A.



Selma Ala. March 15-1867.

My Dear General =

When in January, you invited me to apply to you for the exercise of your influence with Congress, for the removal of my disabilities, I had little thought of so soon putting your kindly feelings to a practical test. The Sherman Military Bill, now a Law, forces the good men of the South to action. We must be up and doing, or the negro and the poor white man - poor in principle as well as in pocket - will by ignorant and depraved legislation make us the unwelcome objects of the contempt and pity of the South and of the world. The old corrupt politicians have now the sceptre of their power forever taken away. Younger, and it is to be hoped, purer men must control the destinies of the South - Leffer-heads at the South, and fire-eaters among ourselves. Let us to fold our hands in dignified silence and let events take their course. The members of what is now our common Country, we must not, cannot remain inert, when misdeeds can result but in the ruin of all we hold most dear. You know much of my past life - my extreme youth when hostilities were commenced, and the motives that impelled me to draw my sword in defence of my home and my blood. You know that I accept the "Situation", that in good faith I will carry out my oath of allegiance, and do



all in my power to close the chasm 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 pros-  
perity and peace. Still you, therefore, use your  
influence with Congress, and ~~have~~ <sup>be</sup> re-  
stricted to all my rights of citizenship under  
the constitution and the laws, as though I had  
never - however honestly - taken up arms on the  
"wrong side."

Please remember me kindly to Mrs.  
Howard, your brother, and the children.

Believing, that as you initiated it, you will  
not consider this application ill-timed or in-  
trusive I am, my dear General,

Very truly yours  
Richard M. Nelson

General Oliver O. Howard  
Washington



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Quartermaster General's Office,

Washington, D. C. March 15 / 1867

Maj. General 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 consult Dren, as he is tender on  
the question — "thinks it might make trouble,"  
(or was a few months ago)

Very truly  
J. B. Johnson



A. W. J. O.  
Washington D.C.  
Feb 15 '97

Richardson

Enclosed a letter  
to Senator Yates  
in regard to the  
propriety of establishing  
Colonel Vinton's  
sons of Temperance  
in Washington.  
If the letter meets  
your favor, please to approve,  
it is requested to introduce it.

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Confidential

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Headquarters, Department of the South,

Charleston, S. C. March 15<sup>th</sup> 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  
sent 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 to the North  
live with my family & be more com-  
fortably & pleasantly situated —

When I entertain upon the duties  
of Asst. Comr. I hope I could

at least retain the rank of Major  
General of Vols. but altho' exercising  
the Command of a General Officer  
I was mustered out & thrown upon  
the pay of Colonel, while other Officers  
having less claim to consideration  
were retained - Sickles & Tracy are  
still retained as Major Generals  
but I could not be allowed to  
remain a Major - It would be  
no satisfaction to me to have them  
<sup>gentlemen</sup> deprived of their rank & I should  
regret to have it done - They have  
been severely wounded & are justly  
entitled to all the government con-  
sideration, but I have suffered & sac-  
rificed as much as either & have  
served six times as long, and  
deserving of as much favor and  
consideration - Altho' more entitled



to the rank of Maj. Gen. than they  
all I ask is to attain that of Brig.  
We all hold the same rank in regard to rank  
At the very Commencement of the war  
by the threatening attitude I assumed  
against Baltimore I held the state  
of Maryland in the Union and from  
that day to this, I have been constantly  
on duty with the exception of three or  
four months I was confined with  
my wounds & one or two short  
hours of absence. I think the  
order mustering me out of the Vol.  
service ought to be revoked, but  
as that is not probable, it is better for  
me to serve where I can be with my  
family & live on my pay. I made  
no effort to be retained at the time,  
because I supposed the order was  
general & should not mention it now  
but for the unfair discrimination.  
If it is your desire to have me

remain in North Carolina, &  
will make no application before  
May. - I have written to you  
freely & expressed my feelings with  
our hesitation. I request how-  
ever that you will consider this  
Confidential & believe me -

Very truly  
Your friend  
Thos. C. Robinson

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

Washington

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