Alexandria Va
March 17. 1867

Maj. Genl O. O. Howard USV
& Comr Freedmens Bureau &c

General

The bearer hereof Addison Chapman is personally known to me to be a truthful industrious man His statements you may confidently receive as reliable. Mr Chapman has just returned from Memphis Tenn & his treatment there by his employer is another of the many instances of the measure of justice or rather injustice that is being practiced on "freedmen, in spite of the laws of Congress & the vigilance of the Bureau — what would be their condition without it needs no vivid imagination to conceive

Addisons Mother is now & has for a longtime been a servant in my family

& I am able to speak from personal knowledge of the individual merit & credibility of the Son.

I enclose herewith a copy of an argument prepared in support of the House Bill that passed the House a few days ago by a vote of one hundred & Eleven (111) to twenty Eight (28). & is now in the hands of the Senate Judiciary Committee "repealing the act of 1862 by which Virginia in violation of the constitution & in the interests of Slavery & treason reclaimed one half of the District of Columbia. I hope you will send the enclosed "Synopsis" & I will procure & send to you a copy of the bill.

Thirteen Hundred & Seventy three (1373) of the loyal citizens of this city & county have by petition asked Congress to pass this bill & there is no opposition to the bill except from "reconstructed" & unreconstructed rebels — Besides immensely enhancing the

Security of the Capital & Congre
& would at once bring with
the reach & benefit of the munif
School system. Congress is now in
rating for the Dist of Columbia.
of poor children both white & bl
that can never hope for its bless
under the rule of Nigrico

I have reason to believe that
senate will pass the bill if
Committee on the judiciary who
have it in custody will report
Senators Johnson & Henderson are
that Committee & are opposed to
I hope you will aid this impor
measure with your potent influ
I have the honor to be with high
very Respectfully your Most obt

W D Stewart MD
Brvt Lt Col & late Surgeon
U S

To Major General O. O. Howard,
U. S. A.

"9" St. Cor 19th. Washington.

My Jenny J. Leaman presents to Major General Howard, U. S. A., Miss Eliza Aksmith, daughter of Hon John Aksmith, of Lowell, Mass. who in her visit to the National Capitol wishes to see and learn all she can of the Great Work doing for the Freedmen. If General Howard will instruct her where to go, & what to see, he will do her a great kindness.

My Leaman has sent her to Miss Mann's & to Miss Walker's Industrial School.

March 18th

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Maj Gen Genl Howard.
19th St, S "I".

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~~United States Sanitary Commission.~~

**American Freedmans Union Commission,**

No. 76 John Street.— P. O. Box 5,733.

LYMAN ABBOTT, Gen. Sec. J. M. McKIM, Cor. Sec.

*New York,* March 18 1869

Maj. Gen O. O. Howard
Bureau &c Washington

My dear Sir

You will be doing a favor to me and to the Cause if you will give the Rev D. C. Haynes D.D. a good letter of recommendation to the people of California & of the Pacific Coast. Dr Haynes has a good standing as a man & a Christian all over this Country & has made himself eminently useful

Since writing the foregoing a letter has come to me from Mr Kennedy of the Commercial Advertiser

vating broaching a scheme which I fancy will not receive your approval. It is that a delegation be sent from this country to the anti-slavery Conference at Paris in a fast vessel to be procured for the purpose by Ben Wright: Dana; the delegation to consist of Jay, Lewis, Howard, Fish, Winthrop, Ely &c and Civilian Garrison, McCune &c &c. I have written to Mr Kennedy that the scheme does not at first blush commend itself to my sense of propriety.

as an advocate of the Freedman at home and abroad.

You will see by the enclosed copy of Chief Justice Chase's letter that the Doctor's character is such, in his address as it is in any, to entitle him to hearty commendation.

Yours truly

J. M. McKim

The Doctor is to speak in all of next month, but would like to have the letter now. If you write one please send it to me

J. M. McK.

New York
Mch 18. 1867.

Mr. Kind J. W.

Wishes Genl. Howard to give the Rev. S. B. Haynes, D.D. a letter of recommendation to the people of California and the Pacific Coast.

Encloses copy of a letter from Chief Justice S. P. Chase.



Recd Mch 20. 67.

Copy.

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Washington, D. C. Feb. 8th, 1867.

I take pleasure in commending the Rev. J. C. Haynes, D. D., to the friends of Christian civilization on the Pacific Coast who may think my commendation entitled to consideration.

Dr. Haynes has been appointed to represent the American Freedmans Union Commission in an Agency on the Pacific Coast. He is held in high respect by all who know him as a man of ability, integrity and devotion to the cause and work which he represents.

Hardly anything seems now worthier of the active sympathy and support of Christians and Patriots than the cause of Education among the Freedmen, and the poor of all classes at the South, whether regarded in its relation to the Union, to Restoration, to Renovation, or to permanent Peace and Prosperity.

(Signed) S. P. Chase.

Jonesboro Washington Co: March 18. 1869

To Major General O. O. Howard

Dear Sir,

I enclose an address which I delivered the other day. When I had done a lawyer who is a sympathiser with the rebellion rose endorsed it and asked me to repeat it at the next County Court in order to advance the interests of this region of country. I can express the conviction that a Bureau Agent who can enlist the kind feelings of the sympathisers with the rebellion and who at the same time so conducts himself, that he secures for himself the approval of the loyalists fills well his position. I desire that you should know that I am endeavoring to do my duty in this respect and I have reason to believe that Gen'l Carlin is satisfied with my service.

I have sent a copy of this address to Mr. Greeley I should like to have it printed in some Northern paper because it is likely to do good here.

My wife and daughters arrived safely on the 6th of March.

Yours very truly

Hermann Bokum

P.S. Owing I suppose to the freshet we have been for some time without mail facilities, and I have not yet received my Salary for February. I feel the more deeply the non-arrival of my shaving apparatus. Sorry I am to trouble you about it

Jonesboro Ills.
March 18. '67

Bo Kum Hermann.
Bureau agent

Encloses copy of an address delivered by him, wishes him to have it printed. States that he has not received his Salary for February.

Recd. March 21st '67.

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Providence March 18th 1867.

General O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find Three Dollars towards the fund for the destitute poor of the South. This is contributed by three brothers, one thinking the other two, too strongly tainted with the Black Man. This, therefore, if it can be so applied, is for the poor White of the South.

Most Respectfully Your Obt Servant

H. R. Barker.

1419. Chouteau ave
Saint Louis Mar 18/87

My Dear General Howard

Your reminder under date of 25th ult. followed me in my journeyings through the North-West & caught up with me on the 16th inst at my home in this City –

I did not send you the other $50.00, but I do now – I have had rather a close winter in meeting many moneyed engagements: but have fifty ahead just now and give it to you. I was sorry not to see you in New York when you last called at the Office –

My family yet remain in St Louis – excepting Mary who is in New York at school –

When I get out west again I find my heart quite at home - & I am not a little dissatisfied with myself for ever going eastward at all - and I may yet come back to my old stamping ground and "fight it out on this line" -

I am more encouraged for the South - since Congress does a sensible thing in inaugurating a Government of bayonets for them. I hope it will now be demonstrated that killing negroes is rather an expensive luxury -

My good wife wishes me to send her love to the Bro "Lizzie" and the brancher - She prays that your church enterprise may be a grand success - and so do I -

I shall be making a reciprocal draft upon you for our Methodist Metropolitan Mass

church: one these days when I take the field for them –

I would be very glad if Bro Alvord would keep me supplied with whatever of his educational documents that may be published –

With sincere Respect
Your obt. Servant

Clinton B. Fisk

Maj Genl McDowell
Jno &c –

I hope to be in N.Y. next week
F.

St. Louis Mo.
Mch. 18. '67.

Seth Clinton B.

Encloses balance of subscription to 1st Cong. Church.
Friendly letter.



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Colombia Burke Co. Ga.
March 18th 1867

Maj. Genl. Howard
Washington
D.C.

Dear Sir

At the urgent request of a Lady (A Miss Belt who resides near here) I take the liberty of addressing you to obtain if possible the P.O. Address of the Gents whose name I herewith inclose.

You will probably remember me when I inform you that during the war I belonged to the 1st Mo. Engineers Army of the Tennessee & accompanied you through these last campaigns in charge of the Pontoon train for the light wing of the Army.

As soon as I was mustered out in July 65 I came down here & took a Contract repairing the Ga. Central Rail Road (which was so effectually destroyed) & since completing that I have been raising Cotton with free labor & have no reason to complain at the success I have met with.

Hoping you will favor me with the address of those men if you can do so at your earliest convenience.

I have the hon to be
Your Obdt. Servt
E. M. Gill
Late Col. 1st Mo Engineers U.S. Vol.

Allegany Co. Md.

March 18, '67.

Hill, E. W.

Late Col. 17 Md. Engrs.

Writes asking of Capt. Duncan, and Benjamin R. Raines.



Rec'd. Mch 23 '67

Captain — Duncan Capt of Scouts A. Sem-
Benjamin R. Raines Clerk at Genl. Howard's Hd Qrs-

Are they alive & where is their Post Office address
I believe they protected this Widow Family & saved some
property for doing the Grant this Co. & she is anxious
to make them some pecuniary reward — hence her
anxiety to obtain their address —

Address
Col E. M. Hill
Holcombe Burke Co-
Georgia

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Seaton House D.C.
March 18th 1867

Dear General:

What evening and at what time and place will it be agreeable for me to meet you to become a member of the "Temperance organization you spoke of"?

Respectfully
Your friend
J. B. Reddoo

Washington D.C.
Mch 18. 67

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American Freedmans Union Commission,

No. 76 John Street.— P. O. Box 5,733.

LYMAN ABBOTT, Gen. Sec. J. M. McKIM, Cor. Sec.

New York, 19 March, 1867

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir:

I am sorry to see, by the morning papers, that Dr. Boynton has resigned the pastorate of your Church. I guess we will have to spare you Mr. Beecher to take the Doctor's place and help build up a strong Church in Washington.

But, seriously speaking, some strong man must be found to take Dr. Boynton's place; for, after him, no common man could fill the position with satifaction to the hearers of Dr. B.

I told Mr. McKim and Mr. Abbott, quietly, the substance of our conversation. They now understand the case fully and will know how to act in the future.

If leave of absence can be obtained — without your doing anything in the matter; or, rather, if sent, by order of the Secretary of War, for that purpose — When would it suit you to attend a meeting in Paterson, New Jersey?

An early answer will greatly oblige

Yours most truly
A. N. Rankin
Genl. Bus. Agt.
Am. Fr. N. Com.

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Washington D.C. Mch 19, 1867

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
President Y. M. C. A. Association

Dear Brother:-

Permit me to congratulate you on your election last evening as President of our Association. I also congratulate myself on having such a successor. You have a great ~~an~~ noble and blessed work before you.

My object in addressing you this note is to request your approval of my resignation as first Vice President of the Association. While I would feel highly honored in serving under you as your "right hand man" in the Association yet I do most sincerely believe my duty to my family to my professional business and to the Association demands my resignation.

I am certain another can be elected

who will be of more service to you and to the Association and while I would not wish to take such a step without your approbation yet I earnestly hope you will consider it in the same light I do and cheerfully yield your assent.

Awaiting your reply I have the honor to be,

Very Truly & Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
A K Browne

Bridgeport, Ct., March 19.
[1867]

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir:

I have resigned my position as a correspondent of the New York Herald. For eight years I was an attaché of that establishment.

When I was with your corps (the Eleventh) at Catlet Station and people were asking "Who is General Howard? Is he a graduate of West Point," &c, I wrote a letter that appeared in the Herald which produced a good effect. After that those who did not know Gen. Howard personally had very little, which was unkind, to say about him.

I think of going to Canada. Possibly I may go to Europe. Will you favor me with a letter merely setting forth that

was with your Corps in Virginia and
lh it in battles in Tennessee &
orgia? You may remember
was at Wahatchie, Missionary
idge, & near Ringgold. I
erely want something to
ow that, while only a citizen,
behaved like a soldier &
s fearless and enterprising.
am seeking for similar
ters from all my "General"
ends and acquaintances.

Yours Truly,
Theodore C. Wilson.

P.S. — Address. —
("Atlantic Hotel"
Bridgeport, Conn.)

Bridgeport Ct.
Mch 19th '67

Wilson Theodore C
late Col. N.Y. Heavy

States that he is
going to Europe,
wishes a letter
from Genl. Howard
showing that he
was with the Genl
in Battle &c

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