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New Bedford  
Mar 28. 67

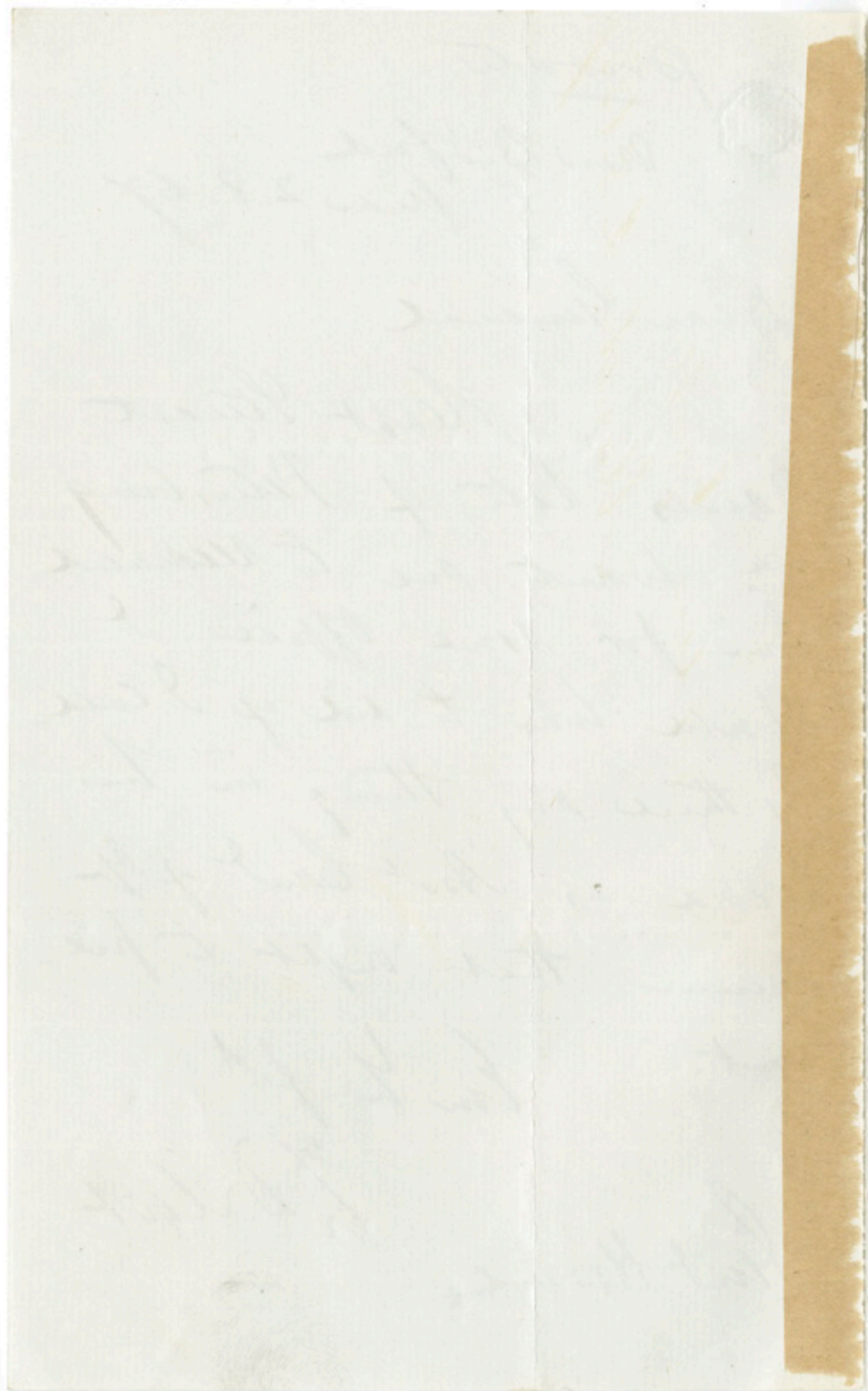
Dear General

Capt Stuart  
Bain's late of Petersburg  
wants me to recommend  
him for some office. I  
should like to do if I could.  
Is there any thing in his  
view as Asst Comd of Y-  
Bureau that ought to pre-  
vent.

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J. D. Elliot

Gen Howard





Youngstown March 20<sup>th</sup>

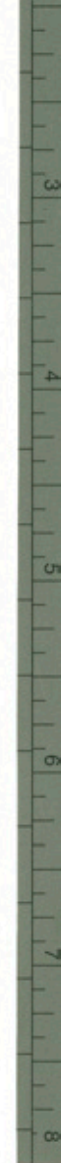
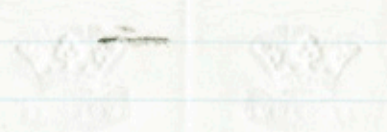
General Howard.

Respected Sir  
I saw by yesterday's paper, a very  
sad account of the destitution of  
some Southern children, children  
crazy with hunger. I spoke of it last  
evening and some one handed me  
a five dollar whist I double and  
send to you for the poor starving  
children.

Yours respectfully  
Francis W. Harper.

Post office #13 Lombard St  
Philadelphia care of Mrs Still.

*[Faint, illegible handwriting on lined paper]*





89. Thompson St

New York

March. 28. 1867

My. Genl. O. O. Howard.

Sir. I write in behalf of  
Mrs Harris of this city, who called  
<sup>upon</sup> you, a few weeks ago, asking  
your advice concerning her husband  
who enlisted as a single man, without  
her knowledge, and joined the 40<sup>th</sup>  
U. S. Regt, commanded by Col Myers.  
Genl Howard may possibly remember  
that he kindly gave her money to pay  
her fare home, and otherwise inter-  
ceded for her. Her husband's name  
is Mr H Harris of New York, formerly  
a slave in Virginia - he is therefore  
a Freedman. His <sup>is</sup> a respectable  
Christian woman, and his lawful  
wife - I have her certificate. She  
desires to obtain a small support from  
his wages, or as she has been informed  
to get an allowance that belongs to her.

Will Genl Howard, have the kindness  
to advise me in the matter, so that  
I may be rightly directed.

I am Genl. Your obedient servant

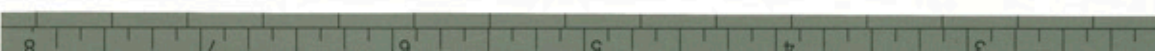
Wm. Highland Garnet





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Washington city  
28<sup>th</sup> March 67

Genl Howard.

This will  
introduce Genl Norton  
& Col Whittmore as the good  
men & true and in whom  
you may place implicit  
confidence. My prayer  
you can show them on  
any relief you can  
give them people  
will be as a favor  
done to mercy & justice  
to me -

Truly

Robt. W. Taylor

Washington  
24 March 1917

Dear Howard

This will

be a pleasure for me to

write you and to show

you my very best wishes

and hope they will

be of some service to you

and I am sure you will

be very glad to hear

from me and I am sure

you will be very glad to

hear from me and I am

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Thursday evening  
Pekskill March 28<sup>o</sup>/67

Dear Howard,

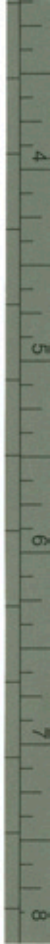
I have just received your letter of yesterday, and thank you sincerely for the same. I will be in Washington next Thursday if you will be there and can go with me to see the Mexican Minister; if not convenient for you then, on any other day you will be at leisure. If then I do not hear otherwise from you, I shall come on Thursday

Very sincerely yours  
C. H. Randall

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Penn<sup>a</sup> College  
Gettysburg, Md 29/64

Gen. O. O. Howard S. S.

My worthy friend:

I had hoped before this to have had a visit from you at my own home but your time, I know, is very much occupied. Next summer I trust you will be able to get off for a few days, and rest with me in the country. As long as you remain, you shall do just as you please without any restrictions.

But I write more particularly to inquire whether at this time, during my Spring vacation in the College, I could make a tour of inquiry on the field covered by

Dear Mr Tarrin, Geo. H. Stuart, Rev. E. T.  
Smith, mutual friends, would be gratified  
to have me make this tour of inspection.  
I have had letters from all of them, and  
others, on the subject.

M. L. S.



Your Bureau. I am deeply  
interested in the work claim-  
ing your special attention and  
I should be glad, if I could  
render the cause any service.  
I would be pleased to prepare  
an article containing facts,  
the result of personal observation  
for a Quarterly of which I  
am Editor. Perhaps one  
of your brothers could accompany  
me. The clergyman I know  
very well. He labored together  
after the battle of Gettysburg and  
he has written some several  
times since.

I would want nothing but  
more expenses. Transportation,  
I presume, your department  
could furnish. My object is  
to make myself useful.

Very sincerely yours  
M. L. Hoover.

Jeddyburg  
March 29<sup>th</sup> 87

Storer M. S.

Wishes Genl. Howard  
to pay him a visit.

States that he  
would like very  
much to make a  
tour of inspection  
through the South,  
and would like  
to be furnished  
with transportation.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,  
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Washington, Mar. 29 - 1867.

Dear General.

The seeds  
which you spoke  
some days ago, are  
now informed by  
the clerk, - now in  
the Register's office;  
and have been put  
on the record in  
proper order.

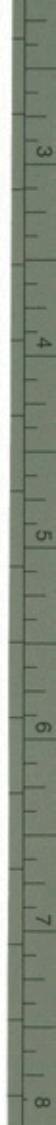
Very truly yours  
L. Watson,

By Gen. C. C. Howard,  
present.

WAR DEPARTMENT

Bureau of Military Instruction and Inspection

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Personal  
NATIONAL HOTEL,

J. M. WALTERS, Proprietor.

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Norfolk, Va., Nov 29 1867  
Maj Genl C C Howard

Dear General

I arrived here last night and think I have the Taylor farm question in the way of settlement.

Before I left Richmond I approved the application of Lieut Cook "to be ordered to another State"; Hor is mixed up in the ~~Starr~~ Staunton quarrel and had better leave. Please send me a good Officer at once to take his place.

It is time for me to take the Richmond train.

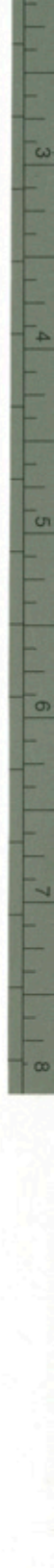
Yours  
O. Brown

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# NATIONAL HOTEL,

J. M. WATKINS, Proprietor.

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Wash<sup>n</sup>. Dec 20 1867

Dear General

Allow me to intro-  
duce to you my son-in-law  
Major E. Totten of this City  
who desires to see you  
on business which he  
will explain to you but  
has not explained to me

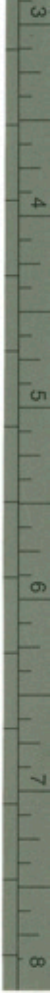
Very truly  
Yours

T. Sherman

Major E. Totten  
Present



The following is a list of the  
 names of the persons who  
 were present at the meeting  
 held at the residence of  
 Mr. J. H. [unclear] on  
 the [unclear] day of [unclear]  
 18[unclear]





Personal

~~HEAD QUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE POTOMAC,~~

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,  
Ad. Quarters Assistant Commissioner, State of Virginia.

Richmond, Va., March 30<sup>th</sup> 1867.

Major General O. O. Howard,  
Commissioner &c.

Dear General,

On my return from Norfolk last night I found your communication of the 28<sup>th</sup> inst in regard to Lieut G. T. Cook - I had written you a brief note on the subject while in Norfolk which I presume you have received.

The whole matter can be best arranged by assigning Lieut Cook to duty in another State.

If he remains here, I shall be compelled to take notice of certain charges, which might result seriously to him but which I think will not prevent his being a valuable Bureau officer in another field.

I received a communication from General Whittlesey this morning, asking for certain information in regard to the purchase & distribution of rations for the indigent whites - I beg leave to submit whether the whole system of purchase and distribution should not be the same as



HEAD QUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE ROTARY

Bureau of Rotarians, Teachers and Abandoned Lands

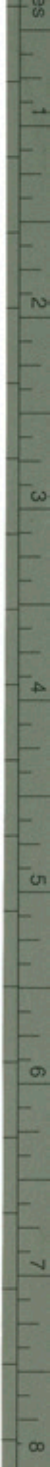
Richmond, Va.

My dear Mr. [Name]

Dear Sir,

I have just received your letter of the 15th inst. regarding the matter of the [Name] and I am glad to hear that you are interested in the work of the Department. The Department is currently engaged in a study of the [Name] and the results of this study will be published in the near future. I am sure that you will find the results of this study very interesting and I am sure that you will be able to use the information in your work.

Yours truly,  
[Signature]





that already in operation for the Freedmen.

I have consulted General Schofield, who  
concurs in this view of the subject.

Yours, General

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt

O. J. Brown

Fort. Bragg. Genl. Vols.

Asst. Comd.



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March 27<sup>th</sup> 17.

Brown D.

But. Brig. Genl. State

Acknowledges receipt of

letter in relation to Lieut.

H. J. Bond, States that

the matter can be best as-

surgant by accompanying

him to duty in another

State, for if he remains in

Ill. the Genl. will have to take

notice of certain changes which

might affect personally to him.

Acknowledges receipt of letter  
from Genl. Whittier - services  
to honor of the distribution and purchase  
of funds required and in the same are



1867  
 Milwaukee 30<sup>th</sup> March 1867

My dear Genl Howard

Dear Sir Pardon me for obtruding myself upon your notice - I have from the first felt a deep interest in your efforts to establish a Church of pure and holy polity in Washington, and that its pulpit should be filled by an able minister - I see by the papers Congregationalists that Dr Bayington is to retire from the pastorate of yr. Church the first of June, in view of which I take the liberty to bring to your notice the Rev John Allison of Plymouth Church of this City as eminently qualified to succeed Dr. B. Mr Allison possesses a polished address is highly educated, a ready, fluent, & attractive speaker / seldom preaching a written sermon / and above all is a warm hearted whole soul'd & devoted Christian, in my judgment there are but few men in the country as well adapted as he is to your circumstances - He is an indefatigable

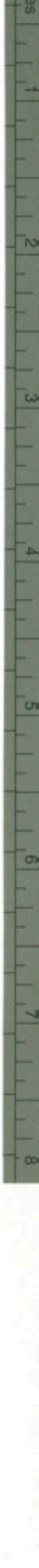




W. B. ...

Dear ...

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worker & the whole aim of his preaching & personal labor  
seems to be to save souls; - He possesses a great deal  
of unction & is powerfully persuasive in his  
preaching & exhortations - He draws to him a great  
many who are almost persuaded to be Christians  
and commands the respect of all classes; I think  
he possesses the gift of uniting the discordant materials  
from which your church is to be built up; - You  
however may not think so; when you come to  
know him - It is possible your pulpit is already  
provided for; if no harm will come from this  
letter - Mrs Allmon is an accomplished liberally  
educated lady possessing a deep tone of piety &  
a worker; - They have one child a lad aged 14 or  
16 years; - I write this without the knowledge  
of any one & trust you to regard it as confiden-  
tial; for if my name were used, in connection with  
it my motives might not be appreciated - Oulton  
of the Independent has heard him, <sup>preach</sup> but I do not know  
what his views are of him - You may know of me  
by referring to Senator Hone from this State  
most truly yours A. Sturck



Ms

Nov 27. 17

Check 21.

I pleased to hear  
of the establishing  
of the Cong. Church's

I am that Dr. Orin  
is going to retire from

the pastorage of the  
Church on the 1<sup>st</sup> of  
Jan<sup>y</sup> - in view of  
that he very highly  
recommends Rev.

John Allens for  
Pastor.

Recd. April 6. '69

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Private letter  
Gretna Farm Pike Co. Miss, March 30/67  
Genl. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

I took the liberty last year of sending you an account ~~of~~ my operations with the Freedmen, and I again trespass upon your patience in the same particular. As you may never have received my last years letter I will briefly refer to some of its contents. I owned <sup>in</sup> this Farm prior to the War and owned 6 slaves up to the date of emancipation. My Slaves remained at home until the whole sad drama was over but in July 1865 (they went with my full consent) to seek their fortunes out in the broad world. Like the Confederates they ascertained that an independent existence was very hard to maintain and they returned to the plantation on 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. 1866. I hired one more and employed a family of about 8 others which made me 15 in all. - They all worked with me as servants and remained through the entire year and made for themselves a very good support and almost bread enough to take them through this season. The year was a bad one but we were successful to some extent so far at least as a support was concerned.

This year the same hands have remained, & I have purchased another Farm and have located thereon another family, and have now 31 under my charge and supervision. And who are all dependent on me for their support. They behave very well are not saucy nor impudent, and are not as in Slave Times disposed to claim everything I have.

They are very slow in their work, and work to very great disadvantage, losing far more from misdirected effort than from loss of time. They are not provident and will not work any on Saturday afternoons.



In morals they are not very corrupt and will compare well with any other people of similar advantages. They manifest much desire to learn to read, but have no facilities whatever.

I could form a very good school here if the movement were not in advance of the times, but without a better protective guarantee than I now see I could not think of such a thing.

There is very little destitution here among either color. There are many quite poor indeed but not more than 2 per cent of the population can be said to be actually destitute. Our curse is the desire to accumulate. It and politics are the great absorbing questions that now engross the public mind. — Very great fear is felt here in regard to Confiscation. It is the real scare-crow of the day. The public mind would like to have more tranquility, but it is frightened by terrible newspaper stories that are afloat through the land.

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The people are peaceably disposed, but can be led by the leaders just like the ocean waves are driven by the winds. — When the Freedmen can meet with good employes they get along very well, but you cannot conceive <sup>what</sup> ~~how~~ helpless ~~to~~ creatures they are.

When Reconstruction shall have <sup>been</sup> fully accomplished and the States are restored to their old status, I am at an entire loss to solve the problem of how the Negro will be shielded.

I am a Southerner, born reared and educated here and never was beyond the limits of the Slave States. I was and am and can be nothing but a Unionist and had no participation or sympathy with the rebellion. I would like to see the freedmen educated and see the blessings of Religion expanded among them.



There is one feature here to which I will allude, There is a far greater demand for labor this year than last. Many persons last year refused to hire or have "free Niggers" around them, but this year this class of persons have been quite active in securing laborers, and consequently labor, which was only worth from 8 to 12 then with cotton at 3<sup>4</sup> cents, is now worth from 12 to 15, with cotton at 2<sup>4</sup>.

The Agricultural Journals are profuse in their denunciations of Southern Farmers who do not raise their own supplies at home, I too once echoed that sentiment, but with our soil unadapted to the production of Cereals and well adapted to the production of Cotton we cannot afford to pay hands here to grow bread-stuffs. An acre here that will not produce over 15 Bushels Corn, will yield half a Bale of Cotton. My great fear is now that cotton may drop below the cost of production, It is not in the power of our wisest men to foretell what would be the suffering of the Blacks here if Cotton should recede to 16 cents and Corn and meat advance correspondingly. We could not afford them to supply the hands on their thin upland soils, and they would all be driven to the rich Bayou's and alluvial bottoms & such suffering would ensue as is beyond all calculation. — I was one of a Committee last year appointed by the Agricultural Club of Washington Parish La, to prepare a report in regard to the minimum rate at which cotton could be produced, allowing \$12 per month for labor and last year's prices for provisions, The result was set down at 18 cents as the entire cost of raising a pound of cotton.



The cost of support including rations and tobacco  
last year of all my people was about  $4\frac{00}{100}$  per head  
per month, large and small, But I bought the  
supplies in City Market and charged them only  
a reasonable advance.

In politics there is the same difference in opinion  
here that existed during the war, The Union men  
here side with Congress - the others with the President  
though none of us have ever understood what was the  
President's plan for protecting the Freedmen after  
Reconstruction was an accomplished fact, more  
assuredly he never contemplated leaving the entire matter  
to the States?

The Ballot placed in the Freedman's hands in his  
present rude and helpless state will not raise him  
much above his present level, In towns and  
cities organized Committees might secure a portion  
of their supporters, but in the interior, the Freedman  
will have to vote just as his employer does, and his  
ballot will be but a new machine to him of oppression.

The white masses here have been so grossly deluded  
by the Press as to support themselves led into a war  
to oppress themselves, and the Blacks are far  
more easily deluded and will be easier led off  
after the same illusive lights.

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Very truly yours,

Y. E. Tate

Osyka

Miss



Chicago March 31, 1867.

My dear General & Mrs. Howard.

My daughter is to be married on the evening of the 25<sup>th</sup> of April, to Mr. Wm. E. Strong, late General in the Volunteer Service. Her General is desirous that you should be present, if possible, on that, to him and to us, interesting occasion.

We try to assure you that it would afford Mrs. Cadman and myself great pleasure to have you present at the Ceremony.

The recent loss of a sweet, precious child—a daughter of scarcely four years—constrains us to make the wedding quiet and of entire informality, nevertheless we bid you a cordial & heartfelt welcome.

Major Genl.  
& Mrs. C. C. Howard  
Washington  
D. C.

Very Faithfully & sincerely  
Your Friend  
Morton D. Cadman





Chicago, March 23, 1853.

My dear General Wm. Howard

The daughter is the  
married on the evening of the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April  
to Mr. Wm. E. Howard, late General in  
the German War. The General is this  
evening that you should be present  
or that you should be present  
to the bride and her friends  
at the residence of the  
General.

The General had a letter  
from you which I have  
just read and I am  
glad to hear that you  
will be present at the  
wedding. I am  
very truly  
Yours  
Wm. E. Howard



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No. 408 <sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> St, Washington D.C.  
March 31<sup>st</sup> 1867.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find  
ten dolls for building the  
1<sup>st</sup> Cong Church in this city.

Yours Truly  
Edward Spalding

To  
Maj. Genl O Howard  
Chairman of Building Committee

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