Knoxville Tenn. April 16th 1869

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

The East Knoxville Sunday School of the M. E. Church is being reorganized, and the different departments named after prominent Christian persons. With a high appreciation of your devotion to, and services in the cause of Liberty and Religion we desire to call the Infant class after your name—thus, "Howard Battalion" of Emmanuels Army.

Our object is to create a greater spirit of interest among the children, and to enlist the sympathy and material aid of those whose names are sought to be connected with the school. Our village numbers about 500 inhabitants mostly very poor. We have no church edifice in the place; the congregation of which I am Pastor, & the school in behalf of which you are addressed (the only one in the village)
meet in the hall of the "Fons of Temperance."
During the summer last past our school numbers were over 200, but during the winter our numbers fell to about 60. The main reason for which was that the children were without clothing to keep them comfortable. Our numbers are again rapidly increasing, but still many are kept away because they have not decent clothes to hide their nakedness. The devotion of this people to the Lord you know of their suffering and distress, you are not ignorant. If you can assist us with a small sum, do so; and at any rate we beg you to allow us to use your name as before stated, and give us a word of encouragement to the children. We are greatly in need of general library books, "Musical Decks," picture cards, rewards and prizes for the infant class. Whatever you may feel disposed to do will assist and encourage will be thankfully received and faithfully applied.

Very Sincerely Yours,

J. J. Hankey
Philadelphia, April 16, 1861

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard

Dear Sir,

Your of the 6th instant with one from Rev. C.W. Blake have been received. I regret that numerous losses within the last year together with other obligations now resting on me will not permit my responding to your solicitation for aid as my inclinations would prompt. Home demands at present take all and more than I can well spare yours very truly,

E. F. Ulysses
Dear Sir:

The Legislature of the State of New York having recently conferred the power and privileges of a College upon the Rutgers Female Institute, a seminary which has for twenty-eight years past held a leading position in this city, the Trustees are desirous to present their new plans of organization to friends of education from various parts of the country, in the hope of receiving their encouragement and approval. They have therefore decided to hold a meeting of gentlemen prominent in religious and literary circles, to mark the transition in the character of the institution, to inaugurate its new and enlarged course, and to secure suggestions for its advancement.

The Trustees feel convinced, on many grounds, that the time for such a forward step in the education of women, has now fully come. Not only does the public sentiment of the community demand it, but the whole nation is stirred by the many questions that arise as to the higher and influence of woman. The Board, therefore, feel that, at this formative period, it is of the utmost importance that the steps taken and the methods adopted
should be such as to influence in the right direction, and in
the best and highest manner, the whole system of training for
American women, upon whom must our depend so many of
the greatest interests men of society itself.

Under these circumstances
it is our earnest desire that through the present reorganization
and enlargement, this College may be made adequate both to
the greatness of its prospective work, and to the wide scope
of its influence in the commercial metropolis of the nation.

With this design, we
propose not only to enlarge and improve the present curriculum
but at the same time to establish a series of new departments
in which full instruction shall be given in several branches
which would be commonly useful in the higher education of
women. These departments are one of Fine Arts, under the
supervision of able and experienced artists; one of music, 
and Banking Business, with the general features of our young
men’s commercial college; and one of what might be called
Home Philosophy, in which the principles of economy shall
be clearly and carefully applied to a variety of elegant and
important uses in the sphere of domestic life. The Trustees
would be grateful for your coöperation in this movement, and
earnestly desire your presence at the meeting, which will
take place in the Chapel of the College, No. 189 Fifth
Avenue, on Thursday evening, April 28th, at 7½ o’clock. They
have arranged to provide for the expenses of all gentlemen, who may comply with their invitation, both in the city and on the way.

The favor of an answer is requested, and should you be unable to attend in person, the Board will be gratified to receive any suggestions that may occur to you as important on the subject of female education.

H. M. Pierce, L.L.D.
President

Rt. Rev. J. Tong Jr., Chairman

A. T. Weston, L.L.D.

H. H. Van Dyck, Secretary
St Louis, Mo. April 17th, 87

General,

It appears that Craig expected me to raise sufficient means in Washington to enable me to reach here with at least three or four hundred dollars in pocket, and thus to supply the deficiency in some way and help me on to Colorado. But you know the result of my efforts in Washington; and as the application of Gould, Rice, & Tompkins for transportation over the Belt & Ohio Railroad failed, except in my individual case, I was compelled to pay through fare for my family, and for myself from Parkersburg. This with other necessary deductions left me beyond Craig's reach for the present, and consequently I may not be permitted to view the promised land for some time to come. I have therefore made the most economical arrangements practicable under the circumstances for a sojourn in St Louis, and am casting about vigorously for something to do.

There are, I understand, soon to be prosecuted further experimental surveys in the direction of Colorado, and a situation on one of them is already pledged to me. So there is
still a prospect of my having an opportunity of developing myself in that locality.
In a conversation with Craig to day, with reference to the utility of introducing colored labor into Colorado, he hastily denounced & digested the idea (like a sagacious, clever fellow that he is) and immediately indicted the following proposition. With his permission, I most respectfully submit: viz., “I will receive on my Rancho at Hermosilla, Colorado, fifty (50) families or less of negroes, and make to each a deed to twenty five acres of tillable land under my irrigating ditch each family to establish itself there.” (Signed) W Craig.
The “irrigating ditch” alone has cost Craig thirty thousand dollars, the land yields sixty bushels of corn per acre, the land is already cleared, the climate is the most salubrious on this continent, the mineral resources are incomparable, and the means of speedy transpotation will soon be there.
Should this meet with your favorable consideration you will of course communicate with Col. Craig and obtain more definite particulars. As for my humble self, I regard
the enterprise as being desirable & commensurable with many aspects unnecessary for me to dilate upon at present, but which will not fail to suggest themselves at once to your mind.
Whenever convenient, I shall esteem it a favor to hear from you, and request that you will address me to the care of Rev.
J. P. Garsee, St. Louis University, St. Louis, Mo.
Most Respectfully,
Your old friend,
C. D. Anderson.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,
Washington,
D.C.
Page & Sprague,
12 & 14 Dearborn St.
Chicago, April 17, 1867

My dear Sir,

Some time of last fall was due to and I have been intending to answer it ever since. I hope you will excuse my negligence. We are anxious to build a church and our numbers are very small. So far as we are aware, as far as I am aware, as far as anyone is concerned, we are a little ahead of the times. My opportunities are very numerous for me to send you any large amount but I send him with all my heart for 50 or miles. With my best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Billy N. Page

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Chicago, Ills.
April 17, '67

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Enclosed check
for $50. to assist
in building 1st Cong.
Church. Send best
carbons.

Rc'd. April 20, '67.
Treasury Dept. Register Office  
Washington, D.C.  
April 17, 1867

O O Howard Dear Sir:

It has been suggested to me that at our meeting on Monday evening we omitted to make any preparation for the public anniversary of the U.M.A., which occurs May 2nd Wednesday of the second week, and consequently before the next business meeting I suppose it will be necessary to call a business meeting day to meet after one of the Saturday evening prayer meetings unless you will appoint a committee to make the necessary arrangements without going through the above form of being authorized to do so.

Yours sincerely,

C. Lee Merriam
Nezahote April 1769

Major Genl O.O. Howard

Dear Sir,

Permit me to introduce to you the bearer of this my Son-in-law Gardner Greene Hubbard of Cambridge Mass. He printed last winter in Cuba & Jamaica & on his return published a work on the condition of the colored population and the causes of their troubles, hoping thereby to prevent similar troubles among Southern States.
He now proposes to visit some of those States, with his wife, chiefly for health, locomotion, but at the same time would like to see something of the country. The Hudson, the Poconos, and if you will be good enough to give him a letter or two to some of your agents you will greatly help both him and your friend, D.S.

R.M. Curley

No. 10 East 14th St.
New York
New York, Apl. 17. 17.

W. Cundy post.

Letter introducing his son-in-law, Mr. Hubbard.

Acc'd upon.

Rev. Apl. 23 '67.
Office of State Secretary of<br>Sabbath School Association<br>Mr. Douglas, Apr 17, 1867

May Gen Howard

Dear Brother

Your national reputation, as a supporter and promoter of all that is great and good, will perhaps be sufficient apology for me, in behalf of our State S.S. Association, in writing you, of our approaching Annual Convention.

It would be especially gratifying to many Christian hearts, to have you present at that of our state, which convenes at Davenport on the 4th day of June next. We are just starting out in this great enterprise, having held our first State Convention last year. And “As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.”
May we not confidently expect you on the occasion referred to? We shall hopefully await your early and favorable reply.

Most Respectfully Yours,

Robert Grant, Esq.
University of Vermont
Burlington April 17, 1867

Gen. C. O. Howard,

Dear Sir,

I am instructed by the Society of Religious Inquiry of the University of Vermont to invite you to deliver the address at the Annual Celebration of the Society which took place on Tuesday, June 9, Commencement week, August 5th, 1867.

We have usually selected at our previous anniversaries a discourse of a religious and moral character. Such in fact as would please a well educated audience composed of alumni, citizens, and students. I have merely made this statement to give you an idea of what you would probably
desire to know.

Hoping General that
the people of his home Vermont
will have the pleasure of hearing
from you at the time already
Stated in my letter.

Yours truly,

C. E. Shattuck
Cor Geo. S. C. I.

Gen. O. O. Howard.
London 17th June 67

To

General O.O. Howard

Washington

Sir,

The accompanying circular will inform you that on the 26th of August next and following days, there will be held in Paris an international anti-slavery conference, that the programme of proceedings embraces the consideration of the treatment, condition, prospects of the freedmen in the United States. This subject is by all who are organizing the conference deemed of the deepest
Highest importance! I am induced by our Committee to ask you to forward to me, without delay, the official reports of your department, bearing on this particular subject, so that we may be in a position to submit to the Congress, a complete report thereon. In asking this favor, the Committee would take the opportunity of expressing their satisfaction to find how admirably under your guidance, the Bureau has performed the onerous duties which suddenly devolved upon it. Their conviction that
its success is mainly attributable to the personal activity of Henry, not less than to the earnestness of the Chief.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient,

[Signature]

L. A. Chambers
London
April 19th 1867

Chamarzow L. A.

Requests the Official Report of this Bureau Department for the Paris Anti-Slavery Conference

"Munday"

Rec'd May 1st 1867
R. M. HALL'S
REAL ESTATE EXCHANGE,
No. 71 Louisiana Ave., Corner of Seventh Street,
Washington, D. C., Apr 17th, 1867

Sir:

I intended to see you without doubt this afternoon, but the owner of land, being still sick, has been unable to talk truly about the matter. She did however send me word that she desired more than $10,000, that she would sell for $30,000. Her business manager is to see me this evening, and tomorrow I can say more fully what can be done. I am sorry nothing is definite to-night. Be assured I will cause no unnecessary delay.

Very Respectfully,

R. M. HALL

[Signature]

Mrs. J. E. H. Howard
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My Dear Gen. Howard,

The paper which you left in my hands when you were here was laid before the board of trustees at their next meeting. I was myself absent from the city at the time, and understood Mr. Langworthy that he wrote to you the result, or I should have done so after my return. I fear from what Mr. Bloom has told me that Mr. Langworthy failed to write.

I have now a full account of the matter to which the paper referred with Mr. Albert and your brother. See Charles.
Mr. Howard. The simple truth is, as regards the lot, you have not the money, and are not likely to have within to purchase it, so we should like to do. The special tax applied to the churches last year has been followed, as was natural, by a reaction. The result is small contributions this year. Meanwhile new applications from feeder churches in new regions are pressing us more than today we have not over five thousand dollars not appropriated in our treasury. However much, therefore, we desire to help the whole of the lot at Washington, it seems at present best to wait out of our power todraw Chase it.

In relation to the future

Your enterprise, Cordially
Confidentially that I feel some concern. If the Washington Church becomes not a popular, well-organized, and healthful Church of the True Congregational type, but a kind of Caret system into which all restless spirits may flee, it will do no honor to our denomination. We have but little sympathy. But on the other hand, it will not do to put into the hands of the officers of the Church a despotic power to make the Pastor and Deacons a despot. The true thing is to give the Congregation a real power, to have that power exercised not at will but according to the established usage in our churches. As you have been the chief instrument in raising the funds, your counsel and influence should have weight enough to regulate all these
Things, & I trust they will.
I have had some fear that
Dr Boylton's views were not
all sound & that he may
not prove to have the prac
tical wisdom you need.

But this time will prove
I know you will do every
thing you can to give a right
direction to affairs. To prevent
this great undertaking from
moving a failure in the end.

If at any time I can aid
you in any thing, I shall be
most happy to do, as will my
brother here. We wish to
live by faith a good deal.

With all best wishes I am
My dear General,

Very truly yours,

Ray Palmer.