Knoxville Tenn. April 16th 1867

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 Emmanuel's Army.

Our object is to create a greater spirit & interest among the children, and to enlist the sympathy & 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 ones in the village)

meet in the Hall of the "Sons of Temperance"
During the summer last past our school
numbered 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 comfort
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
Gov't you know; of their suffering & distress you are
not ignorant. If you can assist us with a
small sum, do so; and at any rate we b
you to allow us to use your name as before
stated, & give us a word of encouragement
to the children. We are greatly in need
of general Library books, "Musical Leaves," &
picture cards, rewards & prizes for the Infant
class. Whatever you may feel disposed to do
assist & encourage will be thankfully rec
& faithfully applied.

Very Sincerely Yours

J. J. Manker

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Phila. April 16 1867

Maj Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

Yours of the 6th inst. with one from Rev C. M. Blake have been rec'd.

I regret that numerous losses within the past year together with other obligations now resting on me, will not permit my responding to your solicitations for aid as my inclinations would prompt. Home demands at present take all and more than I can well spare

Yours Very truly

C. Frey

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Rutgers Female College,
187, 489, 491 Fifth Av.
New York, Ap 16th 1867.

Dear Sir;

The Legislature of the State of New York having recently conferred the powers 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 receive 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 sphere 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 ever depend so many of the greatest interests even of society itself.

Under these circumstances it is our earnest desire that through the present reorganization and extension, 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 eminently useful in the higher education of women. These departments are, one of Fine Arts, under the supervision of able and prominent artists; one of mercantile and banking business, with the general features of our young men's commercial colleges; and one of what might be called Home Philosophy, in which the principles of science should 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 289 Fifth Avenue, on Thursday evening, April 26th at 7½ o'clock. They

have arranged to provide for the expenses of all gentlemen, who may comply with this 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 secure any suggestions that may occur to you as important on the subject of female education.

H. McPierce LL.D.
President

Rev. S. H. Tyng Jr.
" H. G. Weston D.D.
" H. H. VanDyck

Committee of Bd of Trustees.

New York
April 16. '67.

Pierce H. M. D. D.

Letter in reference to "Rutgers Female College." States that the College is to be Enlarged, and that a meeting will be held at the College on the 25th inst. to consider the best way of conducting it. Wishes the pres. to be present.

Rec'd. Apl. 18. '67.

great pleasure

St Louis, Mo. April 17th/67.

General.

It appears that Craig expected me to raise sufficient means in Washington to enable me to reach here with atleast three or four hundred dollars in pocket, and then 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 Genls Pelouze & Tompkins for transportation over the Balt & 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 Craigs' 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 devoured & digested the idea (like a sagacious, clever fellow that he is) and immediately indited the following proposition— ~~which~~, with his permission, I most respectfully submit— Viz— "I will receive on my Ranchs 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~~ and is already cleared, the climate is the most salubrious on this continent, the mineral resources are incomparable, and the means of speedy transportation will soon be there.

Should this meet with your favorable consideration you will of course communicate with Col Craige and obtain more definite particulars. As for my humble self, I regard

the enterprise as being desirable & commen-
-dable in many other respect 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
F. P. Garesché, St Louis University, St Louis, Mo.

Most Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
C. D. Anderson.

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

St. Louis Mo
April 17. '67.

Anderson C.D.

Letter in reference to his personal difficulties – States that Col. Craig will take 50 families of colored people or lease on his ranch in Colorado, and give them a deed of 25 acres of land. Wishes the Genl. to communicate with Col. Craig.

Recd. Apl. 22. 67.

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Page & Sprague,
12 & 14 Dearborn St.
Chicago, April 17 1867

Gen O. O. Howard
Washington

My Dear Sir

Your favor of last fall was duly rec^d & I have been intending to answer it ever since. I hope you will excuse my negligence. We are ourselves talking of building a church & our numbers are very small. 3 or 4 of us are also running as far as finances are concerned a mission school. My opportunities are too numerous for me to send you any large amount but I enclose herewith draft on N.Y. for 50 $ with my best wishes

Very truly Yours
Benj. V. Page

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Chicago Ills.
April 17. '67.

Page Benj. F.

Encloses check for $50. to assist in building 1st Cong. Church. Sends best wishes.

Recd. Apl. 20. '67.

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Treasy Dept Register Office
Washington D.C.
April 17 1867

Gen 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 Y.M.C.A. which occurs in May on Wednesday of the second week, and consequently before the next business meeting

I suppose it will be necessary to call a business meeting - say 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 mere form of being authorized to do so.

Yours sincerely
C Hle Merrion

Newport April 17/67

Major Genl O. O. Howard 79

Dear Sir

Permit me to introduce to you the bearer of this my Son in Law Gardner Greene Hubbard of Cambridge Mass. — Mr H passed last winter in Cuba & Jamaica & on his return published a work on the condition of the colored population & the causes of their troubles, hoping thereby to prevent similar troubles in our Southern States —

He now purposes to visit some of these States, with his wife, chiefly for health & recreation, but at the same time would like to see something of the working the Freedmans Bureau, and if you will be good enough to give him a letter or two to some of your agents you will greatly oblige both him & your friend & ob't S'v't

R. H. McCurdy

No 10 East 14th
New York

Newport R.I.
Apl. 17. 67.

W. Cordy R.H.

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

acted upon

Rec'd. Apl. 20 '67

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Office of State Secretary of
Iowa Sabbath School Association
Mt. Pleasant Io Apr 17th 1867

Maj 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 uniting with three of other Northwestern States, in inviting, and urging, you to attend 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, Sec'y

Respectfully
Grant
Rollins
Brown
Clear
Honor Prophetic

"W." Surgeon Genl.
April 17. '67.

Genl Robert.
Sir—

Inclose Genl. Howard & be present at a meeting of the S. C. association, & be heard at Cincinnati Saturday on the 4th of June

Rec'd. Apl. 22. '67.

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University of Vermont,
Burlington April 17th 1867.

Gen O. 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 takes place on Tuesday A. M. of Commencement week, August 6th 1867.

We have usually listened at our previous anniversaries to discourses of a religious or moral character. Such in fact as would please a well cultivated audience composed of Alumni Citizens & 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 Northern Vermont will have the pleasure of hearing from you at the time already stated, I remain

Yours truly
L. E. Chittick,
Cor Sec S. C. A.

Gen O. O. Howard,

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London 17-4-67

To
General O. O. Howard
Washington.

Sir,

The accompanying Circular will inform you that on the 28th of August next & following days, there will be held in Paris an inter-national 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 very

highest importance; I am instructed
by our Committee to ask you
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 Conference, a complete
report thereupon. In asking this
favor, the Committee would take
the opportunity of expressing their
satisfaction to find how admirably
under your guidance, the Freedmen's
Bureau has performed the onerous
duties which suddenly devolved
upon it, & their conviction that

its success is mainly attributable to the personal activity & energy ~~not less than to the earnestness of~~ its Chief.

I am
Sir
Yours very truly
L. A. Chamerovzow

London
April 14th 1867

Chamerovzow L. A.

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

Monday

Recd. May 4th 67

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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 fully about the matter. She did however send me word that she desired more than $40,000, that she would sell for $50,000 – Her business manager is to see me this eve, and to-morrow I can say more surely what can be done. I am sorry nothing is definite to night. Be assured I will cause no unnecessary delay.

Very Respfly

R M Hall

Major Genl,
O O Howard

Washington D.C.
April 17th 1867

Hall R.M.

States that he intended to have seen Genl Kinan this afternoon with regard to the purchase of the land. The lady was sick and hence no definite answer could be had

Rooms Am. Corp. Union N.Y.
49. Bible House April 17th 1867.

My dear Genl 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, & understood Mr. Langworthy that he wrote to you the result, or I should have done so after my return. I fear, from what Mr Alvord has told me that Bro. Langworthy failed to write.

I have now again talked over the matter to which that paper referred with Mr. Alvord & your brother, Genl Charles

A. Howard. The simple truth is, as regards the lot. We have not the money, & are not likely to have, without to purchase it, as we should like to do. The special pr[illegible] applied to the Churches last year has been followed, as was natural by a reaction, & the result is small contributions this year. Meantime new applications from feeble Churches in new regions are pressing us more & more. Today we have not over five thousand dolls. not appropriated, in our treasury. However much therefore, we desire to possess the whole of the lot at Washington it seems, at present wholly out of our power to purchase it.

In relation to the future of our enterprise, let me say

confidentially that I feel some concern. If the Washington Church becomes not a regular, well-organized, & healthful Church of the true Congregational type but a kind of Cave of Adullam 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 Presbyterial Power & to make the Pastor & deacons a section. The true thing is to give the Congregation a due power, & to have that power exercised, not ad libitum but according to the established usages in our churches. As you have been the chief instrument in raising the funds, your counsels & influence should have weight enough to regulate all these

things, & I trust they will.
I have had some fears that
Dr Boynton's views were not
all sound & that he may
not prove to have the prac-
-tical wisdom you need.
But this time will show.
I know you will do every
thing you can to give a right
direction to affairs & to prevent
this great undertaking from
proving 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 any
of the brethren here. We must
live by faith a good deal.
With all best wishes I am,
My dear General,
Very truly Yours,
Ray Palmer.

To
Maj Genl. O. O. Howard.