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Springfield Mass
18th April 1867

Maj Gen Howard

Dear Sir:

To day I send you per
Express (Express Paid) 100 Abridged Works
Ordered by Mrs L. J. Macey of Batavia N.Y.
who wished me to forward to you when
ready to be distributed as you may think
best. There has been considerable delay in
getting them up owing to alterations & additions
which have been made. I will now be fully
prepared to fill all orders as fast as sent,
I trust these books
will prove a boon to the Freedmen.

Yours Respectfully
W. J. Holland
WJH

Springfield Mass

April 19th 67

Holland W. J.

State that we
desire for \$2000
(Expenses paid) for
Christy's Wardship
ordered by me.

I J. May of
Putnam N.Y. do
wishes to put all
orders as follows sent.

Wm. J. May 19th 67

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Branch Office
Freedman's Savings & Trust Co.
Charleston S.C.
April 18, 1867

Major Genl
O. O. Howard
Commissioner.

Genl.

Your esteemed

favor of the 4th has been received.

The authority for my communication to you was the published statement which I believe first appeared in the New Orleans Times a paper of wide circulation — Emanating from such a source, greater character was of course given to the slanderous statement.

The article purported to be an epitome of the reports of your Officers.

Had I have first seen it in any other paper in the West, I should not probably have thought it worth calling your attention to — but finding

it in the Times, it looked to me like a serious matter. I certainly could not understand it.

I did not doubt the colored man, but felt anxious to have some official refutation of the slanderous report.

Having passed three times across the country and visited many portions of each State, with peculiar facilities and opportunities for reaching the people, - I have had a very favorable opinion respecting the condition and prospects of the people, abundantly confirmed.

My recent tour through five States has very much encouraged me.

Thanking you for the retract from your Inspector General's Report

I have the honor to be Genl

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

Wm L Harris

Pittsburgh Apr. 18. 1867
Maj. Gen Howard
Washington D.C.
Dear Sir,

On my recent journey through the South I spent some days at & near Sumter S.C.

where we sustain a fine school among the Freedmen.

I found there a community of people who are in a starving condition.

There are about 500 families in that condition now living about ten miles from Sumter. I enclose to you a copy of a letter written by a Presbyterian minister of the region to my friend Mr. Knapp by which you

will learn that the suffering
is daily increasing. I
beg you to send relief
to that community if it
is in your power. If
it is not and you will
give me authority, I
will make a special
appeal here for help
for them.

Mr. J. J. Knox who lives
seven miles from Senator
was a union man throughout
the rebellion. An excellent
Christian Gentleman. He
has built a Church & school
house on his plantation for
the Freedmen & boards our
teachers gratis. - He offers
to take charge of the dis-
tribution of rations to
these perishing neighbors

of his. If you will send corn
& bacon to Sumter he will
use his own weapons to
transport it & distribute
it rendering a strict
account to you or any
officer you may appoint.

I would further sug-
gest that it would be a
help to Mr. Knox to allow him
to do this as it would
reinstale him in the affec-
tions of these people who
have sought to destroy his
influence 1st because he
was a Union man. and
2nd because as soon as
the war ended he established
a school for Freedmen.

You can receive any
farther light you desire
as to the condition of the

people supposed to be
writing to J. J. Knox esq
Sumter S.C. He has divi-
ded with the people until
he is scarcely able to
support his own fam-
ily & I saw his work
while with him. Old
women walked ten miles
to get from him a peck of
meal while I was at
his house.

With warmest desires
for your Christian welfare
I am dear sir

Yours respectfully

S. Le. Logan

Sec. Gen. Ass. Co. F.

Box 224. Pittsburgh

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Mr. J. J. Knox,

Dear Sir:

Since I saw you I have taken pains to enquire into the condition of my neighbors in regard to provisions. & I find their destitution greater than I supposed. Some are plowing their crops with their animals feeding on cane, cut in the swamp, & brought to them. Some are turning off their laborers in consequence of their inability to feed them. Mules & Horses are dying, & some persons are begging from house to house for daily provision. The suffering is very great. Children eating all sorts of things they can get hold of, & their appearance betokens great destitution. One boy, 18 yrs. of age, Addison Logan, lately died of absolute starvation. Within 5 or 6 miles of me, the population is fully 500. Of this number at least one

half are now suffering severely,
& within a month from this
date the whole population will
have nothing to eat.

Very truly yrs-

W. L. Burges

April 8 - 1867

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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, *Apr 19* 186*7*

My dear General

The enclosed
letter from England asks
for "material" for reply to
an article in the enclosed
paper. Have you not in
your Bureau facts in
regard to Texas, and
some men who will
put together these facts,
to meet the call from
our English friends? If
so, please, for the sake
of the cause let the
"Material for a reply"
be sent either direct or

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United States Sanitary Commission



American Freedmen's Union Commission

No. 10 John Street - New York City

J. B. McKim, Esq.

NEW YORK, N. Y.

New York, N. Y. July 17, 1864

My dear General

The enclosed letter from the "American Freedmen's Union Commission" is for the purpose of the United States Sanitary Commission. It is a copy of the report of the Commission for the year 1863, and is intended to be sent to the various branches of the Commission in the different States. It is a very interesting and valuable document, and I hope it will be of great service to the Commission.

through me to the Rev
Mr Phillips, as he
requests.

I have sent a
part of General Answer
to the allegations of
the article and have
told Mr Phillips that
I have sent his
letter to you for further
thing further.

Trusting that I
am not troubling
you over much. I
am dear Sir

Yours very truly
J. M. McKim
— " —
Cor. Sec.

New York

April 19. '67.

McKim, J. M.

Encloses a letter
from Rev. Mr. Phillips
of England, who sends
a paper the Liberator
Herald which contains
an article on the
Freedom of Texas.

Mr. McKim wishes
Paul Howard to reply
to it or furnish ma-
terial for a reply.

Recd. Apr. 20. '67.

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(Private.)

March 30, 1867.

Dear Mr Wm 'Kini,

I send to you by the same
post with this letter a number of
"The Leisure Hour" containing an article,
with an illustration, respecting the State
of things among the Freed coloured People
in Texas. "The Leisure Hour" has a cir-
culation of 70,000. It appears to me to
be very desirable that we should be
able to furnish an article to "The Leisure
Hour" containing as much reliable matter
as to the real state of the Freedmen
— particularly in Texas — and as to
what is doing for them educationally
and otherwise:— this information to be
as new as possible. Our Committee

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will meet next Friday; but, having
the article refined to placed before me
last night, I felt that no time should
be lost in taking steps to counteract
at the earliest possible period any
influence which the circulation of
the Lumsden-Horn article may exert.
Will you kindly furnish materials
us to work up - that is, if agreeable
you to do so with that view?

I do not know on what day of
the month "The American Freedman"
is really published; but, as a rule,
get it long after I received "The American
Magazine."

In a letter of yours received some
time ago you spoke of the emphasis
of under-statement - a capital phrase

phrase - the value of which can scarcely
be over-estimated. Its application must
in the long run, entirely beat the over-
praised and sensational. In dealing
with the article in 'The Leisure Hour -
in relation to Texas and generally - we shall
have respect to that excellent phrase.

I perceive that Mr Garrison and
Mr Douglass are both coming over - I heard
both of them when they were individually
last in this country - supping with Mr
D at the house of a friend after one of
his lectures

Feeling a profound interest in all which
regards the past, present, and future of the
coloured people; and with great respect for
all who are honestly and earnestly
working for their true elevation and
comfort,

I am, Yrs very truly

Thos Phillips

J. Muller M'Kinnon, Esq

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Office Secy - in Chief Dist Col,
 Bn - R F. & A. L. -

Apr - 19th 1867

Dear General,

Mr Roberts and myself
 have just returned from a visit to
 the Berry Estate near Union Town,
 of which I spoke to you -

We find the estate far more val-
 uable than we had before con-
 jectured. - Mrs. Berry the Proprietress
 claims to ask fifty thousand for
 it, - which would be a most
 valuable purchase thus I suppose
 it was at last getting nearer before
 we visited it -
 Another party - I believe

Hall. Real Estate Broker
is negotiating for it - We
conjecture. At your request.

But Mr. Roberts can purchase
it for less than Hall, or any
other broker can -

We will meet you at
any time you may wish
to consider this business.

Yours very respectfully
W. H. Howan

Washington D.C.
April 19. '87.

Howard W. W.

Letter in relation
to the Gray Estate -
will sent ahead
soon. Howard at
any time when you
desire to hear.

Recd Apr. 19. '87.

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Quartermaster General's Office,

Washington, D. C., April 19th 1867

Maj Genl O. O. Howard

Commissioner Bureau R. F. ^{Genl} A. L.

Washington. D. C.

General:

I have the honor to request that
you will send me by bearer the man-
uscript report of the Building Committee
of the Board of Directors J. M. C. & Co.

I am

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt

James A. Plu
Bvt Brig Genl U. S. A
Sec of Board

Quartermaster General's Office,

Washington, D. C. April 17, 1867

My dear Colonel
Commissioner Bureau of Land &
Washington, D. C.

I have the honor to request that
you will send me by express the
report of the Building Committee
of the Board of Directors of the
Army.

I am
Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant

James A. Smith
Adjutant General
U. S. Army

Tallahassee Florida.

April 19th 1867

Genl. C. A. Howard

I wish you would make the necessary inquiry if you are not already sufficiently informed to know what is the present status of the Tallahassee Land Office. First will Stone Lake be removed? & if so when? I never knew a more consummate rascal. He has already taken hundreds if not thousands of Dollars illegally out of the negroes. & the proof is ready whenever the proper person will take hold of it. The Receiver is a good man. Mr. Morgan - & I think would not hesitate to divulge the intrigues of the Register's Office so far as he is acquainted. A bundle of affidavits can be procured of taking illegal sums and unaccounted

for money from freedmen
and other people. I intimated
in a social manner once that
I wished Col. Berbe to come here
on an inspecting tour. I wished
after I got him on the ground
to put him on the track of Stone
Lake. I don't write officially
because I have nothing officially
to do with the matter. But the
Bureau is in great fault for
letting the matter go on any
farther. An Officer who would
take hold of the matter could as
easily touch you all in the case.

Will the office remain consolidated
or be again separated? I think
with a good man as Register
it had better remain as it is.
So opened here as a consolidated
office. but the Comm. of public
Lands, ^{some week ago} ordered no more entries
be made outside of the Tallahassee

Dist. & The Receiver informs me
that the locating agents about
the state are continually sending
in applications for entries accom-
panied with the money. but the
entries cannot be made outside
this Dist. while the money remains
in Stonebanks hands for his fringing.
As moneys paid for lands do
not go to the Receivers hands
until the entries are made.

Genl. Ry called on me personally
this morn. to inquire how he could
get over six hundred dollars out
of Stonebanks hands which he placed
there several months ago for the
entry of lands which this office
cannot enter and which Stonebanks
refuses to disgorge. I have
given you only a little of what
I might if I thought best to heighten
the letter. What I now want to
know is. What is or will be the status

of the Land office, and I hope
you will write me immediately
what is consistent about it.

I will answer your letter
very soon. I go to St. Augustine
on Monday to consult with Col.
Sprague. a four days trip there
& the same to return.

Very Truly Yours
J. M. Osborn

Quartermaster General's Office,

Washington, D. C., Apr 19th 1867

Genl O. O. Howard

Commissioner Bureau R. I. & A. L.

Washington D. C.

General:

I have the honor to state, that
Genl S. L. Brown, on leaving for New
Orleans transferred to me the papers
relating to the proposed new building
enterprise now being prosecuted by
the Association.

Among these papers I have
an account of collection papers
issued by Genl Brown to certain
parties authorizing them to solicit
contributions to aid the Association
in raising \$25,000.⁰⁰.

These Committees should at once

To seen, their Chairmen should report
to you the amount subscribed -
amount paid ^{And} dates of promised
payments. You would then
know precisely what to expect &
what the Association already
has. They have had these papers about six months.

Every energy not now involved
should be at once solicited -
The matter now takes form and
tangibility - And the issue is
made with the Association.

I am ready at any time to
transfer to you, or any one designat-
ed by you to receive them, the papers
in question. Also a quantity of blank
subscription books & papers (see en-
closed samples)

I am willing to notify these

Committees by Circular letter to
report to you, me, or any one you
may name + if it be your pleasure.

It has been stated that
15,000 dollars has already been
subscribed - if this is so, it should
be paid in and it will start
the work at once.

I have also General
Brown's subscription book.

I have notified you
of the foregoing not to check work,
- for I am willing to do all in my
power when authorized by you -
but in order that you might proper-
ly understand the state of affairs.

D.S.
I will prepare a circular
letter if you so order.
And you can have it
printed at your office
for distribution to the
Collection Committees

I am General
Very Respectfully
Your Most Obedt Servt

A. J. Leech
"Clerk 1st Division"

Washington

April 14. 67

Dear Sir,

I am in reference
to sending you
of Henry Ward
Churchill's "Education".



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