My dear Friend —

The bearer is my friend Dr. Cheney, son of the late Rev. William Cheney, of Litchfield, Maine. Dr. Cheney writes to inform you of an important matter. I commissioned him to go as a gentleman to bring you the news of the event.

Yours very truly,

W. P. French

Endowen —
May Genl. A. A. Howard:

Dear Brother in Christ:

We have heard with glad hearts of your great and good work in establishing a memorial church in W- and are glad to add a few brick to it. With we could make it a hundred times larger but as we are ourselves still seeking aid from others we can only express our sympathy in the cause you so nobly uphold.

May the Lord bless the first Cong Ch in Wochish - is the prayer of many hearts here.

Much love to Charles

Very truly yours,

A. Fuller
Dear F.D.:

I have been meaning to write for some time about the need to help a person in need of money. My friend, Mr. Smith, is in a difficult situation and has been reduced to living on a limited income. I believe he could benefit greatly from your assistance.

Please consider contributing to his cause. His financial situation has been steadily declining, and any support would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

P.S. Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to aid in this matter.
Gent. Howard, it is laboring to
become a building for
a Congregational Church
in Washington D.C.

The enterprise is sound-

based, it will be judicious

concurred.

It has not only my approval
but, I most earnestly and

sincerely commend it to

to all friends of Civil and

religious liberty in the

North.
It is not right that there should not a single Church in the national capital that represents the faith of its founder of free institutions on this continent!

Henry Ward Beecher
Beecher - Rev H. W.

Recommends General Howard's Church enterprise to favorable consideration.
Chicago, May 16th

Sir Le Elemor,

Dear Gentleman,

I enclose my check for the $200 subscribed by my friends from Rockford. Please send me official copy of the peremptory and final order disposing of Wheelock. It will be worth $25,000 to the work in Texas. I enclose copy of last advices from our State Agent there. I greatly regret that I was able to do so little for your recent stay, you have all my heart in that be any consolation!

Very faithfully yours,

Shepherd
A. M. H. W. H. M.

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Shepherd A.

Shippensburg A.
Montgomery, Ala.  
May 18, 1867

Dear Sir:

I am glad to find matters relating to the Bureau in such good shape through all parts of the South that I have thus far visited. I hear some complaints concerning the conduct of civil officers of the Bureau in the interior, but the general report is better than I had expected.

I am also glad to say that the officers of the Bureau are mostly devoted to the great work of our League, here as well as in Va. and N.C.

This is to my liking. There will be a day when these Leagues will speak with a power.

My tour thus far has been a continued success. Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
Private

Seniston, May 1867.

Dear General,

I send the enclosed note while I have any address to you, and while I have your answer to the same is favorable, I desire your consent for publication, together with your reply.

In all frankness, then, I will say that I hope you may be able to give us, from your department, at least $10,000. Then we will send a young man among the colored people to raise $10,000 more in small subscriptions, thus having $20,000 for a Professorship in our contemplated institution. We hope the man who will go, his name
is John W. Drygeese. It's not
name a halfblood, his
you will find in the
Semina. I send you
is a talented young
man quite well educated
dedicated honors. He had
teen years. He is
ready to take an agency
and from his extensive
knowledge of the South, I
have no doubt of his suc-
cess. The Professors
were able to call with your
permission to "Howard
Professors"
We organized an
Association or Provisional Com-
mittie last week at Har-
ning, Pa. on my return
home, and not only for
the reason that she a got
and good work will be done if we can open our school this fall, but life and office are uncertain. I am directed to ask you this change—
in other words, our friends feel that if you should die, or be removed from office, all our hope would be blasted. I cannot describe to you the joy that would go through the land if you would give us $14,000 now; for with this I can go and take $14,000 from Mr. Storey, and we can get the $20,000 at interest as a guarantee of starting our school in the fall. $20,000 would be a vast egg for us, and we could go to work with courage raising funds. Knowing the the thing was a "fixed fact," small as it might be in its beginning, if your answer shall
be favorable, I shall go and see Mr. Stone at once shall publish our case
 Providence and lean agents appointed to solicit funds North and South. You
 know our means are
 small and we have not
 many churches in cities. The
country is our field and
our subscriptions will be
in small sums—we shall
ask the children in our
Sunday schools to give
their dimes and dollars
for endowing Dr. Howard
Professor W. Shot that
you write me as private will
be strictly confidential to me.
Thank you for your kindness,
while out I trust it has been represent
left your office the other day to facal tears of joy. God bless you heavily.
The many millions of Christians much love
as they have cause to love you.

Gen. Howard

O.T.C.
Bates College,

 Lewiston, Me., May 1, 1867.

 Dear General,

 You will recollect that in our conversation the other day in Washington you gave me the assurance that we should not lose the ten Thousand dollars conditionally donated by Mr. Stoner, as you would be authorized to aid us from your department of the government. Afterwards you thought best to change the condition of your subscription to the form indicated in your note of one of the 16th ult.

 I now send you this note to suggest another change. I have recently as you know spent several weeks in the valley of Virginia, and
During that time I have met many of the colored people, and I know their anxiety over this question of establishing an institution of learning. They are discussing the question at their humble firesides and at the corners of the streets. The fall of 1868 was the time fixed by Mr. Storer for opening our school. But we need a normal department this very day. So all our friends feel, North and South, and I think I am safe in saying that if we can open a normal school next September, we shall have at least fifty students—young men and young women who will at once commence the work of fitting themselves for teachers.

Now, there is but one way for this to be done, and this is your making your subscription at this time. In this way we can raise $10,000 from Mr. Storer, and $20,000 in all.
The interest of which enabling us to start a school this fall.

You will understand, my dear General, that I do not ask any release, on the part of our people, from raising $10,000 and more even for the benefit of the freedmen. I pledge you the honor of our people that an amount exceeding $10,000 shall be raised. The hearts of our people are in this work of elevating the colored people of the United States, and have been for thirty-five years. Our labors are humble, our means small, and yet we intend to do a great work. I only ask time, as I have not a doubt but that within a year we can do all that can be reasonably expected of us; and the making of your donations from your department of the government at this time...
will so encourage and inspire us in our work of raising funds that our success will be sure. We cannot get incorporated until next winter; but we have organized an association or "provisional committee" through which we can take legal possession of funds or estates. The purpose to be incorporated as a college or University, with a Normal School, Seminary, etc. attached. Pardon this freedom of mine. My regard for the cause we have in common love is my only apology. I send your honored mother my best wishes. She was in good health. Very kindly,

O.W. Cheney

O.O. Howard,  
Major General,  
Commissioner, etc.
Washington, May 2nd, 1867,

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard  

Dear Sir —

The plans and specifications
for your house are complete, and
Meyers, Hipburn, Panell, Entwistle,
Barron, J. H. Angus, Myers,
and Harvey, have been invited to make
proposals for building it. The proposals
to be in next Wednesday, if there are
any other persons you would like to have
look at these plans. If you will please
send me their names I will send
them an invitation —

Very Respectfully Yours  

Henry R. Sears
Washington, May 2nd, 1867

Maj. Gen. D. C. Howard -
Chairman of the First Congregational
Church Building Committee -

Dear Sir -

There has been a desire
expressed by some of the Building Committee of
the Church that no more salmon bricks should
be delivered or used in the Church building
for the reason that it seemed next to impossible
to have such bricks as agreed upon. The fact
are that there has been some bricks delivered
which are not salable. These bricks will
not be used - they are not paid for neither
does Mr. Ford ask pay for them, but on the
contrary will deliver good bricks to make
up for these. While I should be satisfied
to use such salmon bricks as the specimen
in my office - for a building for myself - it had been desired by some of the Committee to use none but arch or red bricks. I have had conversation with Mr. Ford as to the difference in price. He will furnish arch brick at the same price as agreed for all, viz. $11.00 per m., and will charge $15.00 per m. for all red brick. He claims an excess to the present time of 90 m. red bricks for which he proposes to charge the extra $4.00 per m. I do not think there is this excess but it can be ascertained by referring to Mr. Harvey's account, and which I shall see tomorrow. He not having it with him today.

What is desired by all parties concerned is, that if the Committee propose to make any change in this contract with Mr. Ford that they get together as soon as possible and decide what they will do.

Very Respectfully Yours,

Henry R. Sears, Archt.
Washington, D. C. May 4th, 1867

Dear Sir,

Permit me to introduce to you Capt. E. H. Cumber of New York. I have known him for some time and regard him as an honest, upright man. I am sure he will be of the utmost service to you. The Capt. has matters connected with your business which he wishes to hand on over to you. By conferring on him as favorably as you can, he will turn out well.

Yours truly,

S. P. Brown

My Dear Mr. Howard,

Washington.
May 4th, 1867

May 4th O. O. Howard
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find New York Exchange for $500 being subscription of J. A. Pearson Esq. to your new Church Mission Army and other deepest thanks for long and hopeful help to send you some more money.

Yours Respectfully,

S. M. Moore

May 4th

1867
National Deaf Mute College.
Washington, May 4th, 1867.

Major Genl. O.O. Howard,

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find
a check for $100. in payment of
my subscription toward the building
fund of the Congregational Church
of Washington.

Very respectfully yours,
Edward A. Fay.

133
Kalamazoo
May 4, 1857

My dear General,

To the Suggestion
offered in my letter. I have
so far to add that by
the 1st of June the usual heat of
June would be a very desirable
time for the lecture or lectures
of which I desire. The students
propose to have an address or
lecture toward the close of the
second term. The lecture room
allotted to right to come duly
enough to & avoid any undue
frequent visit & we wish the other,

Here is a favorable reply
from your. I remain

Yours truly,

[Signature]
May 24, 1869

Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard

Dr. Gal.

As I leave the city tonight to be gone a day or two, I am somewhat pressed for time. I have enclosed my record of the proceedings of last night, from which you will see they can take the "orders" adopted at our meeting.

I will ask you to be kind enough to retain the journal until I return.

Very truly,

[Signature]

John C. Fray
Esteemed Mrs. Blanche,

Having a desire to go "South" as a teacher of " Freedmen," and thinking that a line from you to Sen. Howard (who must needs know better than any else the wants of the "Blacks" in this respect) would tend to bring about a favorable result of my application, am prompted to ask this one more favor of you—to address them in my behalf. Since I've never taught, yet I feel fully competent & capable of teaching the rudiments of English and entertain no doubt that as soon as I had become...
Thoroughly intent in the means and method of teaching would be deemed extremely efficient by any society under whose auspices I might be laboring, I am perfectly willing to go to any interior county in any of the Southern States, yes, indeed I be allowed a preference I do prefer some district in Southern Alabama, New or Florida. But may be it would be better if I have a personal interview with you. Then I can tell you just what I deem and if you will please tell your mother or father when it would be agreeable to grant it they could inform me when I go for my mail.

John B. Simpson
May 6, 1867.

My dear Gen. Howard,

I rec'd the enclosed note from John Simpson on Saturday, and believing that the most effectual way, in which I can further the object of it, will be to send it to you, I now take the liberty of doing so.

John, appears to me a young man of very superior intelligence, and has received a very strong English education. Judging from his course and character here, I should think he would do well and faithfully whatever he might be asked to undertake. I never see him without thinking what a shame and pity it is that such a capable and fine young man as John Simpson seems to be...
Should not be able to develop his capacities and energies in a higher sphere of usefulness than his connection with his father's store, banking and bazaar establishment affords.

If you can help him to some thing better, I have every reason to think that he will prove himself worthy and not give for any reason to regret it.

So save a double letter I have torn off the ½ sheet of John's letter, but it contains nothing material only expressing to discourse the hope that his "hearts desire" may meet with a "favorable consideration".

Your busy life gives you but very little opportunity for reading and I suppose the only relaxation...
You ever pretend to, is a trip home to see your Maine friends. But if ever you get a chance please remember you have some Maine friends at New Point who will be ever so glad to see you and Mr. Howard and the children. I have a claim upon your little Grace, you know, and when she attains a better writing age, I think I shall introduce myself to her; it would be very grateful to me if I might hope that however small an influence you for your little girl's character.

Give much love to every member of your dear family, and believe me as ever you.

Affectionate friend,

[Signature]
New Point N. Y.
May 6th, 1864

Bernard Blanche

Recommend that Simpson be sent
award for a position
be at the South,
and enclosing a letter
from Mr. Simpson to
herself asking her
influence, she being a
friend of the Gent.
Philadelphia May 6th 1867

C. O. Howard

Dear Sir,

I have taken the liberty to send to you by mail a book which if you have not read it before this I must ask the favor that you will endeavour to spare time to do so. It is "The Future of Africa" by Rev. Abiel Squier, B.A. Kenyon College, Cambridge, Eng. In making this request permit me to say that I have a twofold object in view both to interest you in Africa and in the Author of the book. If you are not already acquainted with Mr. Squier either personally or by reputation perhaps you may like to know that he is a Christian gentleman in the fullest sense of that term a pure negro, of the blackest race, born in New York, his father a native African. He received his early education in his native city, completing it in England. Intensely interested in the elevation of his race, his whole life is devoted to that object and he will be willing I doubt not to labor in any field where his service may prove most available to that end whether in Africa or America. And it is with reference to this point that I desire particularly to advise with you at this time believing that you will heartily sympathize in the object that I wish to attain the elevation of the whole African race in Africa as well as in America.
as the present time, under the peculiar circumstances in which we are placed, I am firmly of the opinion that such a man as McCunnemell, with his great ability, polished manner, and superior scholarship, can effect more for his race in America, where he has numerous friends among both white and blacks, than he can effect in the same time, if he remains in his adopted country, provided that the right position can be found for him here, where his talents can be used to the best advantage. It has occurred to me after mature deliberation, that if some large institution for the education of the black population should be established in the District of Columbia, or in any of the Southern States, some College, University, or Normal School for higher orders, that the service of such a man as Rev. Alexander Greenwell as one of the professors would be invaluable. And in the meantime, until such an institution shall be established, if Mr. C. could be induced to come to the United States, to lecture in the cause of education, on behalf of such an Institution, he would exert a powerful influence among all the black classes. Normalizing an increased effort, creating confidence in themselves, by seeing one of their own race equal in all respects to those whom they have been taught to regard as the inferior race. While the educated portion of the white race will be forced to recognize the fact that a black man with equal advantages may raise himself to the same place with themselves, and
they will then be induced to discard the prejudice of Centuries, & regard
man in man, without the distinction of color or caste, and allow
merit alone to make the distinction in society; either must this
order from the new order of things, or a gradual emigration of the
blacks toward the Pacific, to Mexico, the West Indies, & South America, will
perhaps, not an inconsiderable portion throw on their fatherland, taking
with them the English language, Protestant Christianity, & Republican
government. If such men as Rev. Albert Greenwell of the Episcopal
Church, and Rev. Henry Highland Garnett, of the Presbyterian Church,
both pure Negro, both men of decided ability, and well known
could be engaged to
instruct, instruct, in the elevation of their race. The whole race, to
instruct, in the elevation of the African race. If he could do much, very much, in enlightening
the masses of the truth in regard to the future of America, and the
future of Africa. Perhaps I should say, that I receive a letter
from Mr. Greenwell lately, informing me that he had resigned
his position as a Professor in Liberia College, owing to a difficulty,
which I entirely comprehend, but he did not give the least
intimation of any desire to return to the United States. Still if
he could be assured of a greater field for usefulness here, with a
comfortable support for himself, I think it probable that he
would be induced to come here for a few year, at least. Such
would be my advice to him, and my Liberian friends generally, give more
weight to my opinion than it deserves. The great interest that
I have taken in the education & elevation of the African race, is

Ex-President Robert, the President of Liberia College is a particular friend of mine. I am acquainted with personally only his reputation with most of the freedmen. But knowing both President Robert and Mr. Commemnold a well, I do and esteem them both as sincere Christians and of marked ability. I know their whole race owe a debt of gratitude for their successful labors for their elevation. I do not mean to change any intentional views on the part of either of them, but I could explain to you how I have several interview, why they think different in opinion on subjects pertaining to the people over the College. Mr. Commemnold thinks the difficulties, arising from unconstitutional or race feeling. Mr. Robert being a light mulatto himself, a pure Negro. There may be something that feeling but I think not to the extent that Mr. C. Mufflow.
207 Pa. Av.
May 6, 1907

Sir,

The testimony is all in
in the case of the reference & I
shall sum it up & present a
written argument to the referee
tomorrow. Meantime Mr.
Borren says he would like very
much to converse with
you on the subject.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

May 7th 1907

[Signature]
In reference to Coyle, etc.
Salleiucus Florida
May 6th, 1867

Maj: Gen. C. H. Howard

Brig. Gen.

General

After the passage of the
US Bankrupt Act, I was recommended
by P. Booe, Judge U.S. Dist. Court for
the appointment of Register under the
law to the Chief Justice. Judge Booe
is now here holding a term of Court
and tells me several applications
for the same position have been made
but none other but mine have
received his endorsement. I believe
very much like to have the ap-
pointment and if it would not
be asking too much of you I would
like you to intercede in my behalf. I have already been strongly
induced if many of the Most Prominent
men in the State & I take to Judge Booe.
If you can do this for me I shall be much obliged. The appointment is for the Northern Dist. U.S. Dist Court, Florida.

I am General Assembly Rep. from Old Tampa.

J. M. Osborne
Flushing, May 15th, 1867

E. H. Cushman, Esq.
Secretary Board of Trustees
Harvard University:

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 3d inst. with enclosed circular came duly to hand, and I hasten to reply. I desire to express my thanks to you for the enclosed printed circular and also for the information which you forwarded in manuscript. I desire very much to keep acquainted with the prospects and progress of the University, most especially in regard to the organization and opening of that

Address
Care of
John J. Kenney
Flushing, Long Island, NY

[Signature]
Department of which I wish to avail myself.

At your convenience, you will please tender my thanks to Gen. O.C. Howard and the Board of Trustees for the deep interest manifested towards me.

Sir, I accept that manifestation not as an individual concern, but as a proof of their regard for the welfare of the whole Colored race. I feel glad in my soul that there are some great, grand, noble, beneficent hearts that are willing to give time, labor, influence, money—everything—assistance in the mental, moral,

and physical development. Educators and Educating of the Colored people. Never, Sir, never was a noble work undertaken; and I sincerely hope, never shall a noble undertaking be so nobly sustained. It shall not fail for any want of my best hope and wishes humble though they be.

Rely upon it, Sir, Howard University will unearth a species of black Diamonde, feathered with noble negro conceptions, that will shed a lustre upon their kind Benefactors and their Alma Mater.

But, Sir, I have been betrayed into an avowal of sentiments which may seem