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My dear General -

The bearer is my
friend Dr. Cheney, ~~president~~
Pres. of the Bates College
at Lewiston, Maine -

Dr. Cheney wishes to consult
you on an important
matter, & I commended
him to you as a
gentleman in every true
sense of the word

Yours very truly

W. P. Hepburn

Thos Howard -

My dear friend -
The reason is only
because of the heavy rain
and of the better weather
at present, because -
the heavy rain is now
over and the weather
is better, and the
rain is over it is
better than in the
beginning of the year
when it was very
bad. I hope you
will be satisfied.

Rockwell - Mun -
[May, 1867?]

May. Genl. A. C. Howard:

Dear Brother in Christ:

We have heard with
glad hearts of your great &
good work in establishing a
memorial church in W-
& are glad to add our brick
to it. Wish we could make
it a hundred times ~~as~~ larger
but as we are ourselves still
seeking aid from others - We
can only express ^{by a small gift} our sympathy
in the cause you so nobly uphold.
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May the Lord Bless the First
Cong Ch - in Washingt is the prayer
of many hearts here -

Much love to Charles -

Very truly yours Born in Christ
A. Fuller

Bellevue - Mass.

Prof. Jas. A. D. Howard.

Dear Doctor in Christ:

We have heard with
glad heart of your great &
good work in establishing a
seminary at Lowell. We
are glad to add our voice
to it. We are sure that
it is a blessed time for you
but as we are separated still
seeking aid from others - we
can only express our sympathy
in the cause you so nobly uphold.

May the Lord bless the work
and that in Providence is the prop-
er way for it to be.
I am ever to Christ
your truly
A. A. M.

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Genl Howard, is laboring to
secure a building for
a Congregational Church
in Washington D.C.

The enterprise is soundly
based, & will be judiciously
conducted -

It has not only my approval
but, I most earnestly and
feverently commend it to
all friends of Civil &
religious liberty in the
North.

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to know, is laboring to
and a building for
Corporate and Church
Meeting in D.C.

the building is done
and, it will be finished
soon.

When not out of office
I most earnestly and
earnestly earnestly to
the friends of Civil &
Liberation Movement in the
North.

It is not right that
there should ^{be} not a single
Church in the National
Capital that represents
the faith of the founders
of free institutions on
this Continent!

Wm Lloyd Garrison

Beecher - Rev H. W.

Recommends General
Howard's Church enterprize to
favorable consideration.

Secretaries:

GEORGE WHIPPLE, } New York.
 MICHAEL E. STRIEBY, }
 JACOB R. SHIPHERD, Chicago.

AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION:

29, Lombard Block;

Chicago, May 16/7

My dear O. Howard

Dear General

I enclose my check for
 the \$200 subscribed by my friends
 from Rockford. 132

Please send me official
 copy of the peremptory & final
 order disposing of Wheelock. It will
 be worth \$25,000 to the work in
 Texas. I enclose copy of last
 advice from our State Agent
 there. I greatly regret that I was
 able to do so little for you during
 your stay. You have all my
 heart - if that be any consolation!

Very faithfully yours
 Shipherd.

Chicago Ill,
May 1st 1869.

Stephen J. D.

Enclosed check for
\$200 subscribed by his
friends at Rockford.
I feel much obliged to you to
send it to my territory and
final order, showing
of Woodstock, and state that
it will be worth \$25,000 to
the work on the road.

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Montgomery, Ala.
May 14. 1867

May 15th

Dear Genl:

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 Truly
Wm. Conway

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Montgomery, Ala.
Sept. 14. 1867

Dear General:
I am glad to find
after relating to me
and good things through all
the south that I have thus far
visited. I have some confidential
information the conduct of civil
affairs in the South is in the
hands, but the general refusal
to enter them I had expected.
I am also glad to say that
the officers of the Union are
mostly devoted to the service
and of our League, there
are more in N. and A.
than in any other. There will
be a day when the League
will speak with a voice.
Very truly yours
Wm. L. Chapin

Private.

Scranton, May 4, 1867.

Dear General—

I send the enclosed note which I have addressed to you, and which if your answer to the same is favorable, I desire your assent 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 have the man here who will go—his name

is John W. Dwyer, the former
slave of Ex. Gov. Gregory of Va.
is about a halfblood - his
name you will find in the
Seminary catalogue I send
you - is a talented young
man - quite well educated -
devotedly pious - preaches in
these ^{parts} nearly ^{every} Sabbath. He is
ready to take an agency
and from his extensive
knowledge of the South,
I have no doubt of his suc-
cess - The Professorship we
desire to call with your
permission the "Howard
Professorship".

We organized an
Association or Provisional Com-
mittee last week at Har-
rington, Pa. on my return
home; and not only for
the reason that ~~we~~ agent

and good work will be done if we
can open our school this fall; but ^{because}
life and office are uncertain,
I am directed to ask if you ^{will} ~~can~~ ^{make} this change —
in other words, our friends feel
that if you should die, or be
removed from office, all
our hopes would be blasted.

I cannot describe to you
the joy that would go through
the land if you would give
us \$10,000 now; for with
this I can go and take \$10,000
from Mr. Storey, and we
can put the \$20,000 at
interest as a means of starting
our school in the fall. — \$20,000
would be a nest 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. Storer at once,
shall publish our corres-
pondence, and have agents
appointed to solicit funds
North and South. You
know our means are
small, as 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 the Howard
Professorship. What you
write me as "private," will
be strictly confidential. I
thank you for ~~your~~ ^{to me} kindness, and
interested in the cause I represent. I
left your office the other day shedding
tears of joy. God bless you, General, you
the man millions of Christians men love,
as they have cause to love you.

Yours

Gen. Howard,

O. B. C.



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Bates College,

Louiston, Me., May 1, 1867.

Dear General -

You will
recollect that in our con-
versation the other day in
Washington you gave me
the assurance that we
should not "lose" the ten
thousand dollars conditionally
donated by Mr. Storer, as you
should be authorized to aid us from
your department of the government.
Afterwards you thought best to
change the condition of your sub-
scription to the form indicated in
your note to me of the 16th ult.

I now drop 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 Mrs. 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 receive \$10,000 from Mrs. 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 hon-
or 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 peo-
ple of the United States, and have
been for thirty five years. Our la-
bors 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 ex-
pected of us; and the making of
your donation from your depart-
ment 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 com-
mittee" through which we can take
legal possession of funds or estates. We
propose to be incorporated as a
College or University, with a Nor-
mal School, Seminary &c. at-
tached. Pardon this freedom
of mine. My regard for the
cause we in common love
is my only apology. I saw
your honored mother Fri-
day. She was in good health.

Very kindly,

O. V. Cheney

O. V. Howard,

Major General,

Commissioner &c.

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Washington, May, 2nd, 1867,
Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard -

Dear Sir -

The plans & Specifications
for your house are complete, and
Messrs. Hepburn - Panell - Entwistle &
Barron - Job 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. Searle

Washington D.C.

May 20th 1867

Dear Henry J.

Inform Genl. Howard
that the plans and
specifications for building
two houses are complete, and
send a list of names of those
he has invited to make
proposals for building.

Respectfully,
May 30th
1867

Washington, May 2nd, 1867

Maj. Gen. O. O. 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 facts
are that there has been some bricks delivered
which are not suitable - 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 specimens

in my office - for a building for myself -
it having 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 bricks at the same price as agreed
for all, viz \$11.00 pr m - and will
charge \$15.00 pr m for all red bricks -
The claims are except to the present time
of 90 m red bricks for which he proposes
to charge the extra \$4.00 pr m - I do
not think there is this except but it
can be ascertained by referring to Mr Harvey
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 their Contract with Mr Ford
that they get together as soon as possible
and decide what they will do -

Very Respectfully Yours -

Henry R. Searle Archt.

OFFICE OF
S. P. BROWN & SON,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,

DEALERS IN ANTHRACITE & BITUMINOUS COAL, LUMBER, &c.

No. 465 Ninth Street, bet. E and F Sts.

Washington, D. C. May 4th 1867

Dear Genl

Permit me to
introduce to you Capt C. M. Campbell
of New York.

I have known him
for some time and regard him
as an honest upright man,
and reliable in every respect.

The Capt has matters connected
with your Bureau which he wish
to handle over with you.

By giving him as favorable
hearing as the case will warrant
you will oblige.

Yours Obedt Servt

S. P. Brown

My Genl A. A. Howard

Washington D. C.

Washington D.C.

May 21st 1867

Brown J. I.

Introduces to Genl. Howard

Capt. E. A. Kimball of

New York, who has business

connected with the Bureau,

and would like to have

a hearing with the Genl.

Recd May 21st 67



S.M. MOORE.

J.H. MOORE.

OFFICE OF
S.M. MOORE & CO.
GENERAL INSURANCE AGENTS,

NO 49 LA SALLE STREET.

Chicago, May 4th 1867

May Genl O Howard
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

Enclosed please
find New York Exchange for \$100 being subscription
of J.H. Pearson Esq to your new Church—

Wishes Army and Navy I expect back before
long and I hope them to send you some more money

Yours Respectfully

S.M. Moore

Hayes

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May 1st 1867

Mrs. D. M.

Enclosed \$100 J. H.
I have beg. subscription
to the Cong. Church, also state
that Mrs. D. M. and
Culver will attend soon
and he hopes soon to send
you some interesting

Recd. May 4th 1867

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

Major Genl. O. O. Howard,
Ch^{man} Building Committee Congl Church.

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.

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Kalamazoo

May 4, 1887

May Gen Howard

General

To the suggestions
 offered in my letter the other
 day, permit me to add that ~~at~~
 by the or before the early part of
 June would be a very desirable
 time for the lecture or lectures
 of which ~~you~~ write. The students
 propose to have an address or
 lecture toward the close of the
 term & the lecture now
 alluded to ought to come early
 enough to be avoid any inter-
 ference of the one with the other.

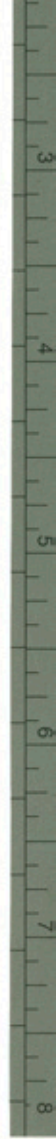
Trusting for a favorable reply
 from you, I remain

Truly yours

H. L. Mayhew

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May 4 1867

Maj Gen O. O. Howard
St. 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 proceed-
ings of last night, from which Gen C. H. H. 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

Wm. L. O. Howard

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For 12 1887

of Jan 100. Thomas
Moses

As I have the copy of the
to be given a copy of the - 4 on December 1887
to him as I have been the owner of the property
copy of last night for which the C. M. H. on

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Thomas and I return

For 12 1887
Jan 100. Thomas
Moses

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B. Record

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Esteemed Miss Blanche.

Having a desire
to go "South" as a teacher
of "Freedmen", and thinking
that a line from you to
Genl Howard (who must
needs know better than any
else the wants of the "Bureau"
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
him in my behalf.

I've never
taught, yet I feel fully
competent & capable of teaching
the rudiments of English, and
entertain no doubt that so
soon as I had become

^{initiated}
Thoroughly initiated in the manner
& method of teaching would
be deemed every way efficient
by any society under whose
auspices I might be laboring.

I am perfectly willing
to go to any interior country
in any of the Southern States
yet could I be allowed
a preference I do prefer
some district in Southern
Alabama, Miss or Florida.

But mayhap it would
be better that I have a
personal interview with you
then I can tell you just
what I desire, and if you
will please tell your mother
or brother when it would
be agreeable to grant it they
could inform me when I
go for my mail.

John D. Simpson

West Point N.Y.

May 6th 1847.

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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 thorough English Education. Judging from his course and character here, I should think he would do well and faithfully whatever he might find 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 the
father's Bathing, Boot-Blacking and
Barber establishment affords.

If you can help him to do
anything better, I have every reason
to think that he will prove
self worthy and not give you
any reason to regret it.

To save a double letter I have
cut off the $\frac{1}{2}$ sheet of John's letter, but
it contains nothing material, only
expressing ~~the~~ the hope that
his "heart's desire" may meet with
a "favourable consideration" &c.

Your busy life gives you but
very little opportunity for visiting,
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 remem-
ber you have some main friends
at West Point who would be ever
so glad to see you and Mrs. How-
ard and the children. I have
a claim upon your little Grace,
you know, and when she attains
a letter-writing age, I think I
shall introduce myself to her; - it
would be very grateful to me if
I might hope^{to} shed however small
an influence for good over my
little god-child's character.

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

affectionate old friend
Blanche Bernard.

West Point N.Y.
May 6th 1867

Brard Blanche

Recommending
Wm Simpson to Genl.
Howard for a position as
teacher in the South,
and enclosing a letter
from Wm Simpson to
herself asking her
influence, she being a
friend of the Genl.

Recd. May 8th 67

Philadelphia May 6th 1867. 143

Genl. O. 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. Alex. Cummell, B. A. Queens 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 this book. If you are not already acquainted with Mr Cummell 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 hue, - 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 ^{has been} devoted to that object, - and he will be willing I doubt not to labor in any field where his Services 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. But

at the present time, under the peculiar circumstances, in which we are placed, I am firmly of the opinion that such a man as Mr. Crummell, 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 & black,) than he can effect in the same time, if he remains in his adopted Country - Liberia, 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 our black population should be established in the District of Columbia, or in any of the Southern States - some College, University, or Normal School of high order - that the services of such a man as Rev. Alexander Crummell 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 our Classes. - Stimulating ^{the black,} the increased efforts, & creating a 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 Superior Race - While the educated portion of the white race will be forced to recognize the fact that a black man with equal advantage may raise himself to the same plane with themselves, and

They will then be induced to discard the prejudice of Centuries & regard
Man as man, without the distinction of Color or Caste - and allow
Merit alone to make the distinction in Society: either must this
arise from the new order of things, - or a gradual emigration of the
Black to the Tropics, to Mexico, the West Indies, & South America, with
perhaps not an inconsiderable portion towards their fatherland, taking
with them the English language, Protestant Christianity, & Republican
Government. - If such men as Rev. Abner Croom of the Episcopal
Church, and Rev. Henry Highland Garnett, of the Presbyterian Church, -
both pure Negroes - both men of decided ability, - personal friends,
equally interested in the elevation of their race, ^{could be engaged to} (the whole race, in
to lecture in the Southern States, they
America, & in Africa) - could do much, very much, in enlightening
the masses of the South in regard to the future of America, and the
future of Africa. - Perhaps I should say, ^{in this connection,} that I received a letter
from Mr. Croom 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 of usefulness here, with a
comfortable support for his family, I think it probable that he
would be induced to come here for a few years at least. Such
would be my advice to him, and my Liberia 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, on

both Continents (America & Africa) is my only apology for
inflicting so long a letter on one, whose heart I know
is equally warm in the Cause. -

Trusting that the way
may be opened to make the best use of the talents committed
to us all. - I am with sincere regards very truly

Yours Benjamin Coates

X. Ex-president Roberts, the President of Liberia College is
particular friend of mine - & I am acquainted with personally
only reputation with most of the Trustees. But knowing both
President Roberts, & Mr. Greenmold as well as I do - and
esteeming them both as sincere Christians, & men
of marked ability - & whom their whole race owe a
debt of gratitude for their successful labors for their
elevation - I do not mean to charge any intentional error
on the part of either of them - but I could explain to you
had I a few minutes interview, why they should differ
in opinion on subjects pertaining to the proper working
of the College. Mr. Greenmold thinks the difficulty arises from
Complexion, or race feeling. Mr. Roberts being a light Malatto
& himself a pure Negro. - there may be something of this feeling
but I think not to the extent that Mr. C. supposes. B. C.

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207 Pa. av.

May 6 67

General,

The testimony is all in
in the case of ^{Boyle} the reference & I
shall sum it up & present a
written argument to the referees
tomorrow - Meantime Mr.
Bowen says he would like very
much to see & converse with
you on the subject -

Respectfully
Wm H. Owen

Wm. L. Woodworth.

Com'ee. &c.

207 Pa Ave
May 6th 67

Queen Spitz

In reference to
Coyle, etc,

Tallahassee Florida

May 6th 1867

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard

Comd. H. M.

General

After the passage of the
U.S. Bankrupt Act. I was recommended
by J. P. Hosier Judge U.S. Dist. Court for
the appointment of Register under the
law to the Chief Justice. Judge Hosier
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 indorsement. I should
very much like to have the ap-
pointment. and if it would not
be asking too much of you I would
like you to interest yourself in my
behalf. I have already been warmly
indorsed by many of the most prominent
men in the State & letter to Judge Chase.

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 friendlly
Keep youm attenti.
J. M. Osborn

out of place here, and which you may not excuse. You may not enter into all my feelings, but, I can feel a chain of sympathy established between my feelings and the ideas which you are carrying out; and I feel it extending beyond me, to the millions of freemen in this Country. Pardon me for this effusion of feeling and this digression.

Be kind enough to receive, personally, assurances of my
High Respect and Esteem.

Yours Truly

Lambert L. Wickes

Address
Care of
John L. Kenney
Flushing, Long Island, N.Y.

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Flushing May 6th 1867
E. M. Cushman, Esq.:

Secretary Bd. of Trustees
Harvard University:

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 3rd 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 or-
ganization and opening of that

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, benevolent hearts
that are willing to give time, labor,
influence, money - everything - to
assist in the mental, moral

and physical development, Education
and Elevation of the Colored people.
Never, Sir, never was a nobler 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 hopes
and wishes, humble though they be.

Rely upon it, Sir, Howard
University will unearth a species
of black Diamonds, hitherto hidden
under negro craniums, 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