Richmond Va. May 18th 1867.

O. O. Howard

Maj. Gen. & Commr

Dear General: This has been a "busy day" — not favorable for the transaction of business. All has been absorbed in the Davis trial — I have learned however from the disbursing officer that there remains on hand of last year's appropriation for rental, repairs &c. about $8,000. On the 28th of Feby last the accounts stood as follows —

Of Appropriation Fund. on hand — —	$12,799.59
Ref. & Freedmens Fund.	3,657.24
School Fund.	1,365.16
This last fund, however, had borrowed from the R.V.F. fund the sum of	1,384.32.

Assuming that the share of the State of Virginia of the $500,000 fund directed by Congress to be 1/10 or 50,000
and adding the amt. on hand for sch. purposes 8,000
There will be a grand total of $58,000

Hon. R. M. Manly Supt. Edn estimates the total outlay for buildings, rents &c to Jan 1, 1869 at 20,000

Leaving an unexpended bal: " " of $38,000 which may be used in aid of Normal Schools, or after Jan. 1, next

How shall this sum be used?

The first point considered was the Richmond Normal School. For this Institution a lot has been purchased at a cost of $500 by the Am. F. A. Com. A building has been erected on it by S. Comm^n under Supt. Manly at an outlay of 2.500 together with an appropriation from the Bureau of 1,000 Making a total cost of building $3.500

I would further add that

The old "Winder building has been removed to a lot near by and fitted up for schools & teachers' quarters at a cost of 3.000

The lots on which it stands cost, with grading, about 1.150

Total cost of the two buildings at Commission's expense 6.000

It was then proposed to purchase other lots adjoining the Normal School building at a cost of $2.000

That the Bureau pay that amount to the Comm^n on a/c of Const^n

that the Comm^n buy the lots aforesaid for Normal site.

Further, that the Bureau appropriate from the Construction Fund for erection of Normal School $12.000

Making the total additional app^ns by Bureau for Const^n $14.000

Deducting from the unprovided for bal. of 38.000

the above total estimate of construction 14.000

There would then remain for other Negro Schools $24.000

Supt. Manly cordially approved the above disposition of funds. On presenting the subject to

Gen. Brown, Apt. Comm^r; he also expressed himself favorably disposed towards the measure, but desired time for considering it before giving it his final approval.

In my opinion the expenditure would be judicious and the claims of other portions of the State would not be infringed upon by it.

Gen. Brown desires me to say that he thinks the expenditure of the $10,000 from Ref. Fund should be made at Ripon Hall instead of at Richmond. The friends of an Industrial School seem anxious to have another experiment of that kind tried in the hope that good may result from it. Hitherto they have not succeeded.

Should Virginia's proportion of the $500,000 be more or less than $50,000 of course the amount still remaining unprovided for after above outlay would be more or less than $24,000 —

With a Normal School at Portsmouth and one at Richmond it seems to me that, in case of the establishment of a third, it should be at Lynchburg or Danville — as that portion of the State is far the most populous of freedmen.

Respectfully Submitted

Yr Obt Svt

R. Thurston Chase
Spl. Agt.

Richmond Va
May 13th 67

Chase E Thurston

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New York, May 13. 1867

Major Gen. O. O. Howard
Commissioner &c.
Dear Sir

Permit me to introduce to you our friend and brother, Rev. J. G. Fee of Berea Ky., President of the Board of Trustees, of "Berea College" Kentucky. You will find him well posted in relation to education in Ky; and I trust you will find pleasure in directing the use of the $10.000. for that state, in connection with his institution. Yours, Truly

G. Whipple
Cor. Sec.

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,

STATE OF TENNESSEE.

Private

Assistant Commissioner's Office,

Nashville, Tenn., May 13th 1867

Dear Genl.

When I reached here (and before in fact) while at Memphis I found that there was some difficulty in regard to the action of a Mr. Lawrence Bureau agent, at this place, and some others in the country, touching the nomination for Member of Congress in this Dist. Some prominent gentlemen spoke to me about it, and I feared trouble might grow out of it, both to the Bureau and the prospects of the loyal cause, but I am glad to inform you that the matter has been settled so far as the Bureau is concerned.

Mr. Lawrence has resigned as agent, and Genl. Carlin has issued a circular calling the attention of officers and agents to the impropriety of using their <u>official</u> position to influence nominations in conventions. This seems to be satisfactory to all.

I assured Genl. Carlin, that it was your desire to aid the freedmen in every way, especially

in protecting them from imposition by disloyal men in the exercise of the elective franchise, but that you must not permit your office to be used office to disorganize the republican party or to control nominations in that party.

I think Mr. Lawrence an honest man, and believe that he has not prostituted his influence or official position. But as he is a candidate upon the constitution I think it well that he has resigned. I fear that he is supported by some bad men. However the matter will not now affect the Bureau.

Yours very truly
F. D. Swaim
Col. &c.

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Nashville Tenn.
May 13th 1867

Swaim F. D.

Informs Genl Howard of the resignation of Mr. Lawrence as Bureau agent in Nashville Tenn and about matters pertaining thereto.

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Georgetown D.C.
May 13th

General:

Will you be so kind as to give me a letter of introduction to Col. Chas. H Smith of the 28th U.S. Infty I go to my Regt. an entire stranger to all of the officers of the Regt. and I think that a word from you to the Col. would do me some good I think that you will remember me as I have been to you several times: I am a nephew of ~~Mr.~~ N. Abbott of Belfast and of W.A.P. Dillingham,

Your Obedt Servt,

Asa T. Abbott
Lt. 28th N.J. Infty

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Office of the Messager Franco-Americain,

51 Liberty Street, corner of Nassau.

New-York, May 13th 1867

To the Major General O. O. Howard
Washington
D. C.

One of my friends is going to pay me a visit on Wednesday next; this will hinder me to reach Washington before Thursday in the morning.

If you agree for this day, I will be much grateful for it

Yours respectfully

H. de Morval

New York
May 18th 1867

Manil H. de

States that he will be prevented from reaching Washington before Thursday on account of the visit of a friend. If you agree for this day he will be grateful &c.

General:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, at Vicksburg, of your kind letter of the 2nd instant:

It was laid before Genl. Gillem, I regret to state, without result. He evidently gave it no favorable consideration, - took it for a few moments, to Genl. Ord (whom I did not see) and returned it to me, saying he would recommend no advance of provisions, or anything else, as it would be a sort of Commission business on the part of Government,

I attempted to explain my situation - he replied that the inability of Southern men to get pecuniary aid from the North, was their own fault, and that with the present demand for labour here, there was no danger of my employees being thrown upon the Bureau for support,

I told him I had received back my old Slaves in families, including all ages &c, and that a large proportion of them, could not provide themselves with quarters & subsistence,

He walked on, and left me, without further comment, or reply. My interview with him was very brief, and his words & manner were so discouraging, I made no other efforts in that direction. —

I regret to say I could not succeed in obtaining any loan, North, but I have succeeded in engaging corn to sustain me until the growing crop, can be used,

My difficulty now is, to procure, meat shoes - clothing, groceries, and a very little money, for distribution, among my laborers.

How I can hold up through the season I cannot now foresee, unless I can collect some thing of the large debts due me, of which I must confess. I ~~do not~~ now, see but little prospect, before the present crop shall be matured and sold.

If I could obtain the use of only Five Thousand Dollars, I could succeed in making my crop. and would next year be able to support my Freedmen, in carrying out my cherished plan of dividing and leasing out my land among them, they becoming the owners of the stock &c. as soon as able, and paying, for rent a share of the crops. until they can accumulate by their industry and economy, the means to purchase their farms.

I think in my rich country they could and would soon do this, under the stimulating and inspiring hope of owning property and homes,

I believe this condition of affairs

will promote the advantage of both races.

I do not believe that with the possession of all civil and political rights any race can be kept perpetually as mere time-laborers, having nothing but the limited annual savings from their wages in money. The pleasure and independence of proprietorship of property, is indispensable, to encourage effort, and inculcate thrift. Man must have something to aspire to, and hope for, to sustain continuous exertion. Therefore, not believing that the large planters of the Cotton region can successfully work large numbers together of mere hirelings, for mere money wages, (so easily squandered) with satisfaction or profit, - and believing that with the changed condition of this Country, its old systems must undergo remodeling, I have been trying to get ready to govern myself accordingly.

In all other Countries, laborers with ~~the~~ families, are either tenants, or small proprietors, and this Country cannot continue an exception, and perhaps ought not (even if it could) be, made one.

To have the laborers of a Country, mere birds of passage - roaming about seeking a

a precarious support, by desultory employments - without family relations, or home ties, must be equally prejudicial to domestic peace, to morality - to social enjoyment and to national advancement & prosperity.

I would rejoice to see it, if philosophy could be planted - and confidence and hope, be reinspired in the hearts of the ~~people~~ people of the South and if all the better - the best - stimuli, of individual benefit, could be brought to bear upon all its inhabitants, so as to work out, at an early day - the general restoration of their, now, unhappy Country.

Pardon me General, for having indulged in these reflections & this digression, and permit me again, to express my sincere and profound sense of obligation to you, for your many, and marked, kindnesses.

Believing you will give me any advice or other aid, in your power, I beg leave to advise you that my address here, will be Greenwood, Carroll County, Miss.

I have the honor, General, to be with great Respect,

Your my obt. Servt

Edwd. P. Jones.

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

May 13th. 1867

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Boston May 14. 1867

Dear Son

When you
was at Somerville a
year ago and he stated
upon your desire you
thought you could
at some future time
give us a history of
your opinion on the
great march of Sherman
or your opinion on
some of the battles —

We are
living now in Prospect
Street but stand the
stable we have
room to furnish an
church. (Baptist)

which was burned
down the time you
were in Springfield —
It would
be convenient for
you to be present in
our church when
you come to more
Christian we will
warrant you a full
house of attentive
hearers — and
as good pay as
a religious society
can give to build a
new house. Can
you — we wish
you to speak to
the people of
Springfield for two
sessions — on
to hear you

on the subject
mentioning — another
to assist us to
compel our debtors

Can you con-
sistently come up
to Pleasant Hill
your firm price
for subject as
we wish to
circulate the
notices on the
town — seriously —

Yours truly

D. H. Crane

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Boston Mass
May 14th 1867

Crane D.D.

Wishes Genl. Howard
to lecture in Somerville
Mass, Please answer stating time subject
and terms.

23 Court St.
Boston

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New York, May 15, 1867.

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

Dear Sir:

We trust nothing stands in the way of your being able to fulfil the appointment for you, as one of the speakers at our meeting in Boston; but if anything has occurred to change your plans, or prevent your presence there, will you have the goodness to telegraph immediately. We are about making out our programme

for the meeting, which occurs on Wednesday the 29th of May.

Very respectfully,
Geo. Whipple
Cor. Sec

I hope, Dear General, that you will not be hindered from being with us, at Boston. Unless I hear from you to the contrary, we shall insert your name in the order of exercises.

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

Head Quarters Assistant Commissioner, State of Virginia.

Richmond, Va., May 15 1867.

Maj Genl O O Howard
Commnr

Dear General

Maj Cunningham has been appointed Registrar for Prince William County

Yours truly
O N Brown

Richmond Va.

May 15th 1867

Brown O.

Reports that Major Kavanaugh has been appointed Registrar for Prince William County

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Washington, D.C.,
May 15, 1867

Major Gen. Howard, Commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau, &c.

Dear Sir

The undersigned and Messrs J. C. Lewis and C. H. Morse acting under appointment of the Ex. Com. of the National Theological Institute and University as a Committee to obtain funds for the purposes of the corporation within the District of Columbia and directed to invest the same, for the present, in U.S. bonds, have agreeably to their instruction so invested the $10,000 recently received through the treasurer from yourself, and have deposited the same in the National Bank of this city, to

be drawn for the purposes stated above. The report of the transaction was made by them to the Ex. Com. on the 26th ult., and was by the same unanimously accepted.

In these proceedings the committee supposed that it was your intention to make the appropriation to the corporation on the ground of its charter and its amendments, that it was to be expended solely for the education and improvement of the Freedmen, and in connection with the Institute and University as located in the District of Columbia.

Allow me, being the chairman of the said committee, to inquire whether we are correct in these impressions.

You will doubtless recollect that in several interviews with myself, reference was made

to the wants and work of the Institute at this point, and that several localities in the city and vicinity were suggested by yourself where property might possibly be secured with reference to permanent operations — nor is it within my recollection that allusion was made at any time to the expenditure of the contribution for any other purpose than that for which it has been temporarily deposited.

It has been our aim to meet your wishes and purposes in the case, as understood in the light of the conversation had at the interviews referred to. Allow me to inquire whether our understanding of the matter as expressed above accords with your own.

Yours most respectfully

E. Turney

Washington D.C.
May 15th 1867

Turney E.

Reports that the undersigned acting under appointment of the Ex. Com. to obtain funds for the purposes of the Corporation within the Dist. of Columbia and directed to invest the same in U.S. Bonds have agreably to their instruction so invested the $14,000 recently recd. through the treasurer from yourself and have deposited it in the 1st National Bank of this city.

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Quartermaster General's Office,

Washington, D. C. May 15th, 1867

Major General, O. O. Howard,

Dear General,

I propose, with your permission to ask, Bro Nichols, Gen Pallock, Rev John Kimbal and one or two others to meet at your office on Saturday at 3 P. M for the purpose of consulting about Temperance & the colored people,

Please let me know if you can attend to it at that time,

Very ~~Dear~~

J. B. Johnson

Washington D.C.
May 13th 1867

Johnson J. B.

Proposes to have an interview with Genl. Howard Saturday afternoon at 3 O'clock if convenient, for the purpose of consulting about temperance and the colored people. He will be accompanied by Bro. Nichols, Gen. Balloch, Bro. John Kimbal, and one or two others.

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88 Chestnut Sqt.
Boston Mass.

Mr. Adams

I have to re-
turn the "transportation"
from N.Y. to Boston.
As we came by an-
other route — and
I paid for the same.
I am
Very Truly Yr.
S. C. Pomeroy

88 Chester St.
Boston Mass.

Pomeroy S. C.

Returns the transportation from N. Y. to Boston having gone another route for which he paid.

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Demopolis Ala May 15. 1867
May

Col L Cadle Jr
Montgomery Ala
Colonel

Last Sunday I saw Mr Boyd & he consented to accept the office of Sheriff of Sumter Co. He can take the registering oath, and has been a loyal man ever since I have known him. Agreeable with the conversation I had with you before leaving Montgomery, I telegraphed you recommending his appointment, I have as yet received no answer. Please inform me if he will be appointed. I received your kind invitation to attend your entertainment but regret that my business prevents my attendance accept my thanks for the invitation.

Yours Respectfully Yours &c
(sgd) C. W. Pierce
Bvt Maj Sub Asst Comm.

Copy

Telegram

Dated Demopolis May 12. 1867
Received at Montgomery May 12. 1867
To
Colonel Cadle
Hdqrs.

Appoint Thos. L.
Bivill Sheriff Sumter Co. answer.

Sd. C. H. Pierce
Bt. maj. Gen.

Official copy

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ROOMS OF THE

Union Republican Congressional Executive Committee,

Washington, D. C., May 15 1867

Major Gen. O. O. Howard
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the "lists" you caused to be sent to me.

Many thanks for the favor.

I have mailed to you, one copy of the "Manual" and will furnish you additional copies if desired.

Yours very Respectfully
Thomas L. Tullock
Sec'y

Rooms of the Union Rep.
Congressional Committe
Washington D.C.
May 15th 67

Pullock Thos L.

Acknowledges the receipt of the "list" of officers &c. of this Bureau, with many thanks for the same, and ~~will send~~ will furnish additional copies of the "Manual" if desired