Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
Hd. Q’trs, Supt. 5th District, Va.

Fort Monroe, Va., May 16, 1867.

Dear Sir,

I have pleasant...
May 16, 1861

Mr. Kent A. C. Howard
Dear Bro.

The Order of the Sons of Temperance for the State of New York propose a grand celebration or jubilee at Saratoga Springs, July 24th, on the occasion of our 2nd anniversary. We expect a procession of hundreds of thousands in regalia at a large public meeting on a pavilion on grade in the afternoon, and a mass meeting in the evening. We desire very much that you should be with us on this occasion and extend to you a cordial and hearty invitation. I hope you can manage to come and join us at that time. It will be delightful to see you again.

I have formed 57 new divisions in these months. I hope to do well as well.

In fraternal love,

J. N. Stearns

M. W. P.
Dear Sir:

I mentioned the fact that you had kindly consented to address our Division at its meeting last evening, and I am determined to invite you to do so on Wednesday evening next (23d inst.). Will you be kind enough to signify if it will be quite convenient for you to oblige us on that occasion. The meeting in the Hall on Missouri Avenue at 7.30 P.M. I am, gentlemen, yours,

Very Respectfully,

[Signature]

Mark Douglas
Chaplain
Fed. City Dist. 37

Major Gen. C. C. Howard.

P.S. Please send me an address.

Dr. W. C. Summers.
Philadelphia, May 16, 1867,

Gen. O.O. Howard,

My Dear Sir,

I notice your effort to spread the cause of Temperance among the Freedmen. Perhaps it may be of interest to you to know that there is an Order of Temperance, that does not recognise the distinction in color, which is so great a bugbear among some societies. It is the “Independent Order of Good Templars” Armour Numbers 21 Grand Lodges and over 300,000 members. In this State we have 200 Lodges. At the last session of the Right-Worthing Grand
Lodge held in Boston in May 1866. It was decided that
this order knew no more
distinction in color than in the color of eyes or
hair.

Our next Annual Session
will be held on the 28th inst.
at Detroit—Mich. at
which I expect to attend
if health permits. I should
be glad to have some expression
of thought or wish from you
on subject of the great work
of temperance labor in that
field or whatever you
please, to present there, as
this subject will, I believe
be brought up.

Yours for the increase of
Temperance and Intelligence,

J. Newton Peirce

R.G. Peirce to leave here on the 24th
Philadelphia Pa.
May 16th 1869

Dear J. Newton

Wishing with the regard to
the different Temperance
organizations, and
states that they have
an organization that
makes no distinction on
account of color. He
would like a letter from
Genl. Howard touching
on the Temperance Cause
and giving some thoughts
for their guidance.
Office of the Auditor of the Treasury
For the Post Office Department,
Washington, May 10, 1867.

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Dear Sir,

I would like to receive an appointment from the "Bureau" for the month of June, for such duty in the Southern States as you may please to assign to me. I cannot get a furlough for that period, and I have decided to visit our Southern territory and also to earn some money in addition to my present salary. I would like better to tell you why in a personal interview.

Yours truly,

Geo. F. Reedham
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
Head Quarters Assistant Commissioner, State of Virginia.

Richmond, Va., May 1st, 1867.

Major Genl. O.O. Howard
Commissioner,

General,

I would respectfully request that the decision of the Commissioners respecting the appropriation of the "Refugee Fund" for school purposes in this State, be delayed until after I have the opportunity for a personal interview in regard to the matter.

I am, General

Yours respectfully,

O. Brown

Charleston, S.C., May 17, 1867

My dear Mr. Howard,

I hope you will not deem me ungrateful, when I tell you that we want more money in South Carolina. We need more than our present. This is a hard field yet one of great importance. The islands are to be more thickly settled with freedmen than other portions, so there are to be less whites among them than in other places. The friends of the freedmen will have opportunities to educate them, if the care than facilities for doing, which will not be enjoyed elsewhere.
The people themselves are to be land holders on their islands. The possess weath, after a short time in a greater degree than can be expected of them elsewhere. If therefore they be not educated they will in their ignorance be a greater power to do harm. We must plant schools on many of these islands which are home to one million to five or six thousand people on each. Here we must have the lighthouses of education to light up the dark interior back as far as the mountains. Nathan Christian teachers can never be shared from the
Shores on the coast. The people here will have a business connection with the outside world, that will aid much in their elevation. If Christian schools are kept up among them, if we take care of the coast, the coast will take care of the interior, in a great degree.

It is important that permanent foundations, and on a larger scale, too, be laid for all the schools here, and if a few can be started with liberal aid from the Government, all future ones will be started on a corresponding scale.

I think therefore, you will
I have for so long been all you
from the past applica-
mations, so that you had
the knife in very deep, when
you slice off from the loaf
of next year's apprehensions
Emil Scott is disposed to
device "liberal thing" for the
future of this state, if he can
be backed up with means,
the future will show the
wisdom of his plan.

Yours very truly,
M. French
Georgetown D.C. May 17. 67

Gen O. O. Howard,

General,

This will introduce to you Mr Geo A. French, late 1st Maj. in the Veteran Reserve Corps, a personal friend of the writer. He desires to be reappointed to the Army and any influence you can bring to bear in his favor will be worthily bestowed, and the grateful acknowledged both by himself and by your Obt. Servant

A. A. E. Taylor
STATE OF TENNESSEE,
Office Secretary of State,
Nashville, May 17, 1867.

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard
Bureau of R.R. & N.

General: Having called your attention to the political aspirations of the aspect of the Bureau for this County, I know you to say a city paper containing what I regard as the most accurate account of the Cons. Convention alluded to in my first letter. I enclose the paper to show you I was not mistaken in my apprehensions of trouble. In point of number the majority of the vast assembly clamored for Lawrence with fervor exceeding, with but half a dozen excepting the White union men were for Limitle. Mr. Lawrence has reconsidered his acceptance and declined the position assigned him at the Market House by his excited followers. By this he has done much to re-
pail. The mischief he has done and to prevent still more deplorable consequences which would have resulted if he had insisted on being a Candidate. If he had continued there would have been a division of parties upon color. Indeed we have almost reached that point heretofore I need not point out to you The deplorable consequences of such a state of things as would follow the formation of white and Black parties in Tennessee. Every true friend of the freedman must desire to avoid such a state of affairs. I allotted to now, not to prejudice Mr. Lawrence. For I have strong hopes that he will do for instead of evil hereafter, but to ventured a hope that no community in the state will ever be brought so near such a calamity as this has been. I am so much impressed with the importance of guarding against such dangers as have just threatened us that I cannot but feel it a duty to call attention to them.

I am Grande with the
I trust you and your family are well.

A. J. Holloway

P.S. The Governor is absent and very ill, but I express my sentiments.

A. J. L.
A bill of materials and specifications of the equipment are enclosed. The bill of materials contains full particulars of the equipment.

Date: May 20, 1867

Alton, A. P.

 forwarded to the

office day date.