New York, May 23, 1867.

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

Dear Sir:

I thank you for your favor of the 21st. Were it not for the confident belief that there is a divine Providence, overruling all the affairs of men, and certainly no less all Christian efforts for the elevation and salvation of men, I should be much cast down by the certainty of our being deprived of your presence and participation at our meeting. But God rules, and will bring good out of adversity, as well as
Prosperous events. We are much gratified at your offer to write a letter for the occasion, and will look forward to it, with pleasure.

I believe you have visited our schools at Chattanooga, Atlanta, Montgomery, and some other places, and seen their operations; that you approve of our efforts to establish Normal Schools for the training of teachers, and know what we are doing at Charleston, Hampton, and other points; that you agree with me in the necessity of earnest, direct, labor, to promote the cause of temperance among the colored people of the South, and will cooperate with our efforts to gain their signatures to pledges of entire abstinence from all that intoxication.

That you rejoice in our purpose to place a Bible or Testament in the
hand of every man, woman and child that can read, whom we can reach, aided as we are by the gratuitous supplies from the Am.
Bible Society; - That we have your sympathy in our efforts to prepare them for the wise exercise of their equal privileges as citizens of this free republic, and more than all, in our endeavors to win them to Christ, and the exercise of practical godliness, as the only sure ground of hope for this life, and hereafter.

It is, with me, a matter of devout thanksgiving that we were permitted to be the first to engage in this work, and that we have been so prospered that we have now in the field a larger number of teachers and missionary laborers than any
other organization. The liberality of Christians and philanthropists has been gratifying, but there is, just now, where the demand for this kind of labor, and its promise of good results are greater than usual, danger that, in the business arrangements of the country, the cause may be left to suffer. Even now, it is embarrassed by the falling off of receipts, and we shall greatly rejoice if, by a word upon the importance of the work, its necessity for the good of the country, and its value as a cooperative means of reconstruction, you can arrest the falling off of contributions, and inspire an increasing liberality. May God guide your thoughts, and direct your pen.

Very respectfully yours,

[Signature]

Lebanon Springs, N.Y.
May 28, 1867

My Dearest O.C. Howard,

I have this moment finished reading your letter to Mr. Delton of the Independent and I cannot withstand your appeal for "Material Aid" to help on the building of the Congregational Church in Washington. Please find enclosed five $5.00 dollars for that purpose. Hoping that you may be successful in raising all the funds you need.

I am very truly yours,

P. C.

Please acknowledge receipt of this note.
Lebanon Springs
May 25, 1867
Carpenter Pardee
Encloses $3.00
for Cong. Church

RECEIVED:

MAY 25 1867
"Williams," Washington, D.C.,
May 25, 1867.

General: I returned from Philadelphia two days ago after the visit I intended with my family. I have been already sick for a week and two until recently until today to report myself since my return. I am cut off impatient to get off South as you can possibly with me, and yet I have been detained by the embarrassment.

I told you of, connected with the enterprise of the Leader. These are fortunately over for the present, and I am now in communication with the Committee and the press.
relating to the interest — outside of the Bureau — for which I go South. I shall work these up as soon as possible and hope to be then able to atone for my delay and to repay the indulgence of the Bureau. I will report soon in person at the office.

Found very busy,

Wm. J. Armstrong

[Signature]

Gentlemen: O. Howard,
Commissioner, Superintendent Bureau,
Washington D.C.
May 23, 1867

Armstrong Wm.

States that he returned from Philadelphia two days ago. He states that sickness is the cause for his not reporting before today. He will report soon in person at this office.
Cincinnati, Ohio.

May 23, 1862.

O. O. Howard.

Maj. Gen. Com'd.

My dear Barker.

I have a box

at the Post Office, still, by

reason of my being a new

comer. There is some delay in

my letter finding their way to

my box. So give late kind
letter came to my hand some days after it was due.

I thank you for the receipt of your kind invitation to visit Washington, & I cannot tell you how pleased I should be to spend the next Sabbath with you, if it were in any sense in my power to do so.

I am quite unwell, & have passed into oneFromm disease...
I came here. And hope your letter came, I was "bought" for
him forever next Thursday to
my people. I regret to hear
that Dr. Thompson is still in
poor health, from which I pray
this be may cure. Deliverance;
hope in his health. Shuld still
keep him out of the pulpit for
any length of time. I shuld hope
for a first time to visit you
to preach for you. When I can't
say more.
They had been gone six or seven weeks. If I could only be a delegate to the Democratic Convention, I should feel it to be my duty, in doing but your name as the Country's Old and Second Candidate for the Presidency.

May love to your sister, &c.

Dame, &c. &c.

Pardon me for my own family's foregone & yours.

Mrs. Mary [Signature]

Nora.
Dear General:

I enclose an article which is "going the rounds" of the Southern press to which I call your careful attention.

I do not know what your opinion may be, but I think that a man who will teach the colored people that "the God who set them free was now actually taking the food from their mouths, and the clothes from their backs", is scarcely a fit person to be an agent of this Bureau.

I am, very truly yours,

[Handwritten signature]

J.S. Oberhard
Superintendent for Ga.

Bureau R.R. Mrds.
Boston, May 23, 1867

Genl. Howard
Washington
D.C.

I see by the papers this morning that you are to speak at one of our meetings next week and I want to ask that you will fulfill a previous engagement by speaking at my house, and also I want you to speak for us at our Temple Association meeting Tuesday evening. Dr. Chichester has already written you on this subject. If you can't come, and can write a note that I can read at the meeting, I should be pleased to receive it.

Very truly yours,

C. Farnsworth
Week Point May 23 67

Dear General Howard:

I am fearful you will wish you had never heard of me! but there is a great privilege in your power, may God long retain power in the hands of one who, I believe, discharge it so conscientiously!

I would like to gain your help. His mother is the eldest of our large family & one who has almost literally been nursed in tears, from a baby. Having under adverse circumstances, she has lived a life of toil, reared as she was, like a tender blossom. She has succeeded in bringing up her family & giving a home to sisters & brothers, all in turn, and all this by a life of heroic self-denial & toil now she is
far advances in life & this Millie is the loving tender one of the family. Her idol, & her prayer is that your dear friend in whose example & precepts we have such great confidence may keep the young man under that loving influence. I. She does not care in what capacity only let him remain with you. 7:27!

They think your brother is so good too--his sister calls him Nathaniel & keeps his picture & yours! Oh! love our dear Millie & keep him near you & pour the power of evil to our Saviour's sake! Ask it with these My friend my child's friend, my husband's friend! May God forever bless our dear friends!

In haste

[Signature]
West Point, N.Y.
May 23rd, 1867

Gray Mrs.

Friendly letter


May I ask your assistance, under an appalling pressure? When I came to Washington last June, I expected to be able to collect man, enough, left behind me, in order to support my family for a couple of years, until I could become settled farming here. I have not, in the last year, collected 100.

Excluded from the Court here, from official position, by the "Oath," I was left to an irregular, unprofessional, personal service alone. Deceptive promise of people from Alabama to pay me for service, in attaining them. May Contract, etc. Such irregular work as, I would do for me, kept me endeavoring to educate my 3 little boys, at a cost of $1000 per annum. Keeping from putting my family to work induces me to decline the office of Solicitor of
the Bureau, in Maryland which alone would not have supported my family of 7.

and reduced me to the secondary press, sure of having to pawn my family clothes, for a little money for which Dan payments 10 per cent per month.

I mean so that the one salvation for me is to put all my family, all to work, at work abandoning the hope of being paid for service rendered people in Alabama and find a paying job in the east states with the view for I have secured my armament to the court of claims and propose to do so in the district court. Than fortunately became recently connected with some labor case from California I propose the 1st of June, to rent a furnished 3 room and let my wife make her service available taking boarders.

I have four bright intelligent boys 13-15 years of age the eldest writes an excellent hand. I wish to get their employment. If I had 500 I could
Take the 

Hemp, and commence 1st June 2nd. I have $1700 in addition. I earned $600 on the coals of family. The money will not being earned. In addition to the heavy percentage. To secure the $1200, I have the Jewellery and about $2500 of debt, due me from Alabama which I think certainly I will get between this and next January. Making about $3500. These Southern debt, are selected from several thousand, the most of which I do not expect to get.

As long as I am a Stranger, and wanted by men of credit, here, I am at the mercy of Pawnbrokers. With the help of some influential friends I can get a little money at reasonable rates, but my family are to work and come eventually from my present. Without some such interposition in my behalf I see no means of escaping actual want and suffering. Can you aid me to raise the $500 at least, at once, and to get my three boys in employment? My experience is that appeal
to sympathy and humanity, go for naught. This application is made to you after long realizing fresh evidence, after and are based upon your reputation for humanity and sympathy. Your assistance will bring comfort to a family never subjected to many privations and will be deeply appreciated.

Very truly and respectfully,

Wm. J. Saffold
39 36 St.
New York, May 23, 1867.

Gentlemen: C. G. Howard.

Dear Sir:

Capt. R. Whitmore, who was formerly with me in the 30th Maine Vols., and is at present in Columbus, Ohio, is desirous of going into the regular service, and writes and that he would like to apply for the Commission of Captain in one of
The colored argument of

Thus is a fair chance

of success under such ap

proach. I believe you

know better. Quite as

well as I do, so it will

not be necessary for me
to say anything as this

ment. Further that I

know kind Bess a very

competent officer, fully

qualified to exercise in

higher command than that

which he asks. It would

gradually owe any much
If the Cud. could have what he asks. Third and a great many more of less ability and soldierly fitness, who have or P. much more. This would oblige me by advising what course it is best for the Cud. to take, and whether you can render him any assistance. Anything that I can do in this matter I will, but I have very little prospect influence, and