Washington, D.C., May 24, 1867

General,

As chairman of a committee appointed by the Committee of arrangements for the Grand Procession and Mass Meeting of the various Temperance organizations to be held in this City on the 7th PROXIMA, to procure speakers I have the honor to address you and request in behalf of the Temperance cause that you will favor us by delivering an address on that occasion. Soliciting an early and favorable response

I am Sir,

Very Respectfully,

Wm. G. O. Howard
Your Ob't Servant,

John G. T. Bulger

Washington, D.C.
P.S. The Committee of arrangements hold another meeting to-morrow evening when it is expected that we will report.

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Washington D.C.,
May 21st 1867

Surgor John C.

Wishes to engage Gen. Howard to deliver an address on the occasion of the Grand Procession and Mass Meeting of the various Temperance organizations to be held in this city on the 11th Proximo. An early ans. is requested.

Fear others have him to prepare an address.
New York, May 24, 1867

My dear Friend,

I attended a Freedman's meeting on Monday at Morris, and the agent of others wanted me to go to Washington from there and have a brief interview with you on a matter of business. If I were to come stay at your house Thursday, should I find you there?

Please answer me either tomorrow by telegraph here or on Monday or Tuesday by letter (or telegraph), do you accept Care of R. P. Corson.
New York
May 22, '64

M. K. Kim J. M.

Deere is an invalid with Dr. Howard and will
Wednesday and will
Come in, if he can see the Dr.
Please answer by telegraph
care of R. R. Wilson
711 Sansom St., Phila., Pa
or by letter to-day.
New York May 24/63

Dear Sir,

I am here I owe a debt to Rev W & Turner of your city. I can pay this debt only by extending if possible your appreciation of him. I have simply known him longer than you have. I have known him only to appreciate the depth of his piety, the extent of his knowledge, and the justice of his discriminations. Also my observation is that men work best when they believe God has led them. They work with a "just" measure of endurance and religious enthusiasm which they do not manifest in other places.

At the close of the war led, as he believed, by the providence of God he plunged into the seas of society and now seeks to be construct for God; and I do not believe men in Boston can judge for them. Rev Turner is a good man.

Yours,

John J Fee

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Dear President,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the current political climate and its impact on the government's ability to effectively address the needs of our citizens. As a concerned citizen, I believe that the current administration is failing to fulfill its responsibilities in a manner that is transparent and accountable to the public.

The recent events have raised serious questions about the integrity and efficacy of the government. It is essential that we work towards a solution that prioritizes the well-being of our nation. The current situation is fraught with uncertainty and instability, and it is crucial that we take immediate action to address these issues.

I urge you to consider alternative approaches that may provide a more stable and effective framework for governance. It is essential that we prioritize the interests of the American people and work towards a future that is characterized by prosperity, unity, and progress.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
The "Kentucky Statesman" at Lexington, Ky., has invited me to write for its columns. He has said to me: "You cannot write anything to indicate in one of my articles I say: The noblest act of God in Howard's life is in calling for a house at Washington, where man shall be known according to merit, and not according to color.

Be it yours to cleanse the sanctuary, as Christ upon Nazion did; and "let no man take the good crown." The bent of the spirit of peace in Washington will give you a fight; and for the sake of another victory, you can afford to take another shot.

Our churches form public sentiment and public sentiment law.

God and the world will look to you for the conduct of that church. They will look to you more than to any other man—more than to any pastor. They will regard you as its founder and as having the right to command.

May there be a metropolitan influence for impartial love that shall flow down to the millions. Such a manifestation—such a practice—is vital to the religion of Christ and the well-being of society.

Yours with much esteem,

John E. Foster
Dubuque, Iowa, May 24, 1867

Laclede Howard,
Washington, D.C.—My Dear Sir,

I wish you would write for some of our Anniversaries next season. We are much disappointed in not seeing you last winter. Many friends will welcome you to the West. Mr. Edmund Leachman is no longer connected with the "Associated Western Literary Societies" but may write to write me at your earliest convenience. Come out if you can.

Yours very truly,

G. L. Torbert
Sec. A. W. L. S.
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE

"Associated Western Literary Societies,"

DUBUQUE, IOWA, MAY 15, 1867.

Dear Sir:

The "A. W. L. S." is an association of about one hundred of the leading Literary and Lecture Societies of the West contained in the circle embraced by Cleveland, Ohio, Pittsburgh, Pa., Cincinnati, Ohio, St. Louis, Mo., Lawrence, Kan., Des Moines, Iowa, St. Paul, Minn., Oshkosh, Wis., Saginaw and Detroit, Michigan, and Toledo, Ohio, formed for the purpose of joint action and mutual benefit (both to themselves and the Lecturers) in the matter of obtaining Lecturers, &c. &c. By this combined action, they trust to become enabled to obtain the very best talent, by offering to the Lecturers regular routes, of greater or less extent, as the case may be, thereby making it more of an object for them to come "West" than has previously been the case, when only detached engagements could be offered to them, and those often very widely apart. This association, it is hoped, will be of especial benefit to the smaller and "weaker" societies among us, by enabling them to obtain Lecturers whom they otherwise could not hope to obtain, as many Lecturers will lecture for them in an extended course, at somewhat reduced figures, when else they could not afford to do so.

The particular advantages we offer to Lecturers consist in the fact that, instead of dealing with several persons in making their arrangements, they deal in this case with only one, (the Cor. Sec. of the "A. W. L. S.") who will arrange their entire routes, giving the exact day and date for each particular lecture, laying them out so that they may give the greatest number of lectures with the least possible loss of time. &c. &c. thus saving to Lecturers a very great amount of trouble in the shape of correspondence, or the expense of employing an Agent, if they have been in the habit of doing so.

Of course, some Lecturers receive more applications from the Association than others, and the Cor. Sec. is instructed to apply only for those Lecturers receiving five applications or upwards, although he will, by particular request, apply for any of those receiving a less number.

It is understood, that in applying for Lecturers, they are to come, if at all, some time during the regular Lecture Season, or between the first of November and the fifteenth of April. When Lecturers cannot come within that period, but can come at a different time, they will please say so distinctly, in which case their propositions will be submitted to the different constituent Societies.

Lecturers, in their answers or applications, will state their lowest terms per lecture, which terms must cover their traveling and hotel expenses and every other expense connected therewith; they will also state the exact time they can start, how many weeks or months they can devote to the West, how many Lectures they can give each week, also give the titles, in full, of their different Lectures:—in short, they will please make their answers as concise and definite as possible, to save time and trouble to the Corresponding Secretary.

Each Lecturer will be paid at the close of each Lecture, by the Society before which he has lectured, the price previously agreed upon with the Cor. Sec. of the "A. W. L. S.," which price, as above stated, is to cover all expenses of whatever nature.

There is a wide field for improvement, both intellectually and physically, in the Great West, and its people are ready and anxious to hear first rate Lecturers, and are willing to pay for them; such can do good here, and we sincerely hope that all of those to whom we apply will consent to come, even at the sacrifice of a little personal ease and comfort.

The expenses of the Association are paid by assessment on the Societies. A resolution was passed at the Convention held at Chicago on the 8th inst. requesting the Secretary to inform Lecturers that he would receive a compensation equal to 5 per cent. on the gross receipts of the Lectures in all cases where this arrangement would be perfectly satisfactory. Several of the leading Lecturers of the country have signified a willingness to assist in defraying the expenses of the Society. It is optional with the Lecturer, however, as to whether he shall pay this amount or not. If convenient for you to visit the West during the coming Autumn or Winter please write me at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

G. L. TORBERT,
Cor. Sec. A. W. L. S., Dubuque, Iowa.
12th Annual Convention of the Young Men's Christian Associations of the United States and British Provinces, to be held in Montreal, 19th June, 1867.

Young Men's Christian Association Rooms,

MONTREAL, May 24th 1867.

[Signature]

Dear Sir,

The above Convention long looked forward to, will we are assured be the largest and most interesting ever held, and we sincerely hope our friends in the United States will not regret having accepted our invitation to hold the Meeting in Canada.

With a view to increasing the interest and seeing those whose names are more familiar to—
Montreal Canada
May 24th 1867

Clayton S. Mac.

States that he is instructed by his asso. A. W. Scott, Howard A. to be present at the 15th Annual Convention of the Young Men's Christian Ass's of the United States and British Possess to be held June 19th, 1867 and earnestly urges him to accept.

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MAY 30
1867
Dr. Seal, I am flattered and to add a word asking your acceptance of our invitation. I am exceedingly anxious to have you with us, and hope your public duties will permit you to come. This is an indication that this will be the largest for our held, and I hope it will also be the most interesting to those who attend. I would like you also to meet Sir Henry Somers, who will be one of the speakers. Having heard those two sons frequently confined together, it would I think be interesting for you to meet with the son of our most honored Christian, and will you wish as soon as possible. Your truly,

J. Duns Claxton
us than their voices, we are inviting personally a few of those most interested in our work among these we hope you will be able to be our guest on that occasion.

I am instructed by our Association to extend this invitation on their behalf and hope for your early acceptance that we may have timely notice to make suitable preparation for your accommodation.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours Respectfully,

[Signature]

Chairman of [Committee]
Charleston S. C., May 24th 1867.

O. O. Howard -
Maj. Gen., Comn.

Dear General -

I thank you for information concerning the app. of $500,000 - as per pr. of 20th inst.
I have just concluded the business which has necessarily detained me here & proceed to-night to Florida.

If the plans for the Annual School in this city shall be executed, as I trust they will, that Institution will be ready for the reception of 300 pupils Oct. 1st next.

With kindest regards

Mr. Obir. Seitz

Thurston Chase
Dear C. Townley,

Thanks for the information on the operation of the Shenandoah. We have heard of the death of Mr. Beach and regret the loss of his business and his kindness. We have received 300 boxes of the new brand and are ready to receive 300 more.

The proceeds of more than $1,000 will be divided equally among the three children of Mr. Beach.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

July 3, 1881

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O. O. Howard

Major General.

The name of our correspondent is Joseph B. McCallagh. He will return within a few days, and I will forward your letter to him and desire him to give you the information wanted.

Mr. Haldeman
Cincinnati Ohio
May 24th 1861

Halstead M.

States that the name of their correspondent is Joseph S. Calhoun, also that he will return in a few days, and his attention will be called to Gen. Howard's letter.
Charleston May 24th 1869

My dear girl,

Since writing you I have read a telegram from the Freedmen's Commi- 
ni New York that our Teacher for Headmaster has at length been found - 
will now immediatly - we hope the 
be full operation of the 15 of June - 

With many thanks to you for your 
Great and help that you will 
continue to take interest in this 

* Thank your help, as we trust 

* Thank you very much! 

* Homer Porter
Thomas G.

May 27, 1867

Graham
Commercial Office
Cincinnati May 25 1869

May find P.O. forwarded:

In my return from the South to day, your letter of May 22nd in answer to a communication of mine from Macon Ga. was handed to me by the managing editor of the Commercial.

In reply, I have to state that the negro whose complaint I published called on one at Jacksonville, Fla., and told me precisely what I stated, or as nearly as I could recollect at the expiration of two days after receiving it. I do not know his name, but he is likely the only male negro around at a boarding house called the Grove Hotel in Jacksonville as I presume he can easily be found. He came to my room at night to make the complaint, which was in effect that it cost so much to collect a debt through the Bureau that the negro might as well let it go unpaid. He mentioned...
located at Jacksonville

the name of some Colored [not legible] but I have forgotten it; and he asked me
every time was paid by the govern or
had the right to collect fees from the surgeon.
I gave his story for what it was worth; I
should not have given it at all, if I had not
had a great many federal complaints of a
similar character throughout the south.

J. H. McNeilly
Erie, Pa May 25, 1867

Major Gen. O.O. Howard

General, 137

How strange it is that the Congregationalists at the North do not give more liberally towards their church in Washington. I am getting eight hundred a year and therefore cannot give much, but after reading your last letter and looking over my "charity act" I feel that I must give a little more to help on so good a cause. It is a disgrace that one hundred thousand dollars have not been raised long ago. God bless you for all you are doing. My relatives were enthusiastic in their thanks for your kindness in sending your autographs. Enclosed please find $5.

I remain General. Your obedient servant;

W.H. Catlin.
Erie Pa
May 28, 1864

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Encloses $5.00 for Congregational Church