Boston, May 29, 1867.

S. J. Bowen, Esq.,

Dear Sir,

We have just been informed that the Bureau will pay the transportation home of one teacher in [illegible]. Will you have the kindness to ascertain whether the same thing will be done for those in Washington? Please let us know as soon as possible, that we may notify the teachers. Our list in both [illegible] application should be made known.

An early answer will greatly oblige.

Yours very truly,

Edwin D. Kelner
Sec. Conn. Teachers

[Signature]
Washington D.C.
June 14th 1867

Bowen S. J.

Desires to learn whether
Teachers employed
in Wash. will be
allowed free transpor-
tation to their homes.

Attended to.

S. O. Washington D.C.

Received

Jun 5th
1867
National Farm School
May 29th, 1857

General

As I intend to leave here the last of June, I wish to get a position somewhere in your department to fill up my time till the commencement of the next school year. If you can give me employment you will greatly oblige.

Your obedient servant,

James W. Blakely
National Farm School  
May 29th 1867  

Burghdreff J. W.  

States that as he intends to leave here soon the last of June. He wishes to obtain a position somewhere in Genl. Howard's Department to fill up his time until the commencement of the next school year.
May 29

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

Dear Sir,

Enclosed is one dollar from Henry W. Prindle, Charlotte, Vt., for towards the erection of a church in Washington.

Yours truly,

E. M. Bowen

New York
office N. Y. Independent
New York
May 29th 61

Brown 

Encloses one dollar for Cong. Church sent by Henry W. Prindle
Charlotte U. T.
Daily Morning Chronicle Office,
456 Ninth Street,

Washington, D.C., May 29 1862

Dear General,

I trust you will excuse my solicitude for Mr. Reinhard, employed by the gentleman, for whom I spoke to you about a few days ago. His case is one of actual necessity, and but for this, I would not urge it as I do. Please endeavor to give him something to do if only to relieve his immediate wants, which I assure you touch his sympathy very much. I hope you will do the best you can.

May God & O. Howard your Friend,

D. G. Horner
United States Sanitary Commission:

Historical Bureau, 21 West 12th Street.

New York, May 30th 1867.

My dear sir,

The Sanitary Commission has had, for a considerable period, in its employ a very estimable young man—a Pennsian by birth—who served honorably in our Navy during two years of the war, and was discharged for disability. He is now in extremely delicate health—indeed, quite feeble—and the only prospect for his recovery, in the opinion of his medical adviser, is to remove to such an equable climate as may be found in Florida.

The individual members of the Commission in this city feel much interested in his welfare, and on their behalf, as well as my own, I write to ascertain whether any position which he may be competent to fill, can be obtained for him in connection with the Freedmen's Bureau, in the locality named.

He is competent to perform any clerical duties, understands French and German, and is an honest, reliable man.

I am, dear Sir,

Very truly yours,

Miss Bladeford.

Rural Secretary.
New Orleans, La.,
May 30th, 1867,

Major General O.O. Howard,
Commissioner of R.D. & A.
Washington D.C.,

Dear General:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt today of your letter of the 24th inst., referring to my order of the 9th current.

My reasons for issuing the order referred to are these:

Received information from different parts of the State to the effect that some of the Federal Agents were addressing the freedmen and advising them to vote for their "old friends" and explaining to them that their old friends were their former masters. The most prominent amongst this class of agents were Captain Clark, who was stationed at...
Catched a Paish and Paish Ellis who was stationed in the Paish of Assumption. They had both of these officers relieved and ordered to this City, and are getting affidavits against them. One of them, Captain Clark is interested in a plantation, and had misapplied some cotton seed lamps for distribution to the destitute, by feeding them over to the employees on his plantation. The other, Lieut. Ellis, has sold clothing sent him for issue to the destitute, and I have no doubt that all those Agents who are much interested in behalf of the "old friends" of the poor are in the same category with the gentlemen referred to above.

I thought it best and quickest method in order to prevent the freedmen being thus influenced to issue an order forbidding all interference in political matters by it. I could not of course, in a public order direct the Agents to advocate the views of either party, but where I find that the Agents are all right, when I find they are not a polling tool in the hands of the planters or rebel (for these terms are generally synonymous), they are instructed to teach the negro in political
matters, and to impress upon him the fact that he owes his freedom to the Government of the United States, and that that Government represents the great Union Party, the Party now in power.

In short, he made a short tour of inspection and came about to send him on another, and I know he will carry out his instructions faithfully.

I thought General in this way, and I assure you I am the last person who would desire to see our enemies gain political ascendency.

It is with regret that I have to add that then it will be found necessary to relieve a few more agents and employees for the same reasons that induced me to remove Captain Clark and Lieut. Ellis.

Hoping that my explanation will prove satisfactory and that my action will meet your approval,

I remain, General

Your friend and old friend,

PhH. [Signature]

W.L.G.
95 Stanton St.

Dear Sir,

It is the opinion of Medical Gentlemen that I would greatly benefit my health by living in a southern and more uniform climate. I desire therefore to obtain some situation in a southern state that will enable me to support myself and family. The kind interest you have always taken in my welfare emboldens me to trouble you with the request to procure for me, through your influence, such a situation, and thus assist...
me to regain, if possible, my health.

I have the honour to be
very respectfully
your obt. servt.
R. Ecke

Sr. S. Blatchford
Genl. Sec'y
U. S. San. Com.
21 West 12th St.
New York
New York
May 30th. 1867

Ebecke R.

Desires to go south for the benefit of his health, and
in order to support his family at the same time, requests
an appointment of some kind under the Bureau.
Encl. a letter of recommendation from
Mrs. S. Bechford.

Received
Jun 3d.
My dear General, I have no doubt that Mr. McLean whose papers I enclose is qualified by education to teach the "sentiments" to the \( \text{kindred} \) as he entertaining is so far as your and sympathy go and I recommend him for any duty of that kind which you may have for him to perform.

Very Respectfully Yours,

H. E. Paine.
Philadelphia May 31, 1867

Messrs. O.C. Howard,

Dear Sir: In reply to my former letter requesting a colored woman sent me for a house servant, I received a note from your agent, Mr. Diston, in which he informed me that one could probably be furnished for that purpose, I wished to know the terms I could offer.

Allow me to say that I would pay the usual price now offered here for a good servant. $25.00 per month. But I have been fortunate in obtaining a woman here that I am
in hopes will answer our wishes without troubling you further. I obtained her since I wrote to you. How if you will be kind enough to let my application remain, until I can test the woman I have, I will then inform you whether I receive one sent from your Bureau.

With Great Respect,
Yours Truly,

Moses Ballon
Pastor E.K. Church

Philadelphia
Washington, May 31, 61

O. O. Howard
Major General Commissioner
Washington, U. S.

Dear Sir,

Learning the cause of your decision in my case, and fearing you might suspect me of trying to deceive you, I offer this as my explanation. Shortly after my Mother's death in 1863, I went to Richmond, remaining there with my Brother one month. At his request returned to Baltimore to attend to business for him, altogether of a private nature. After remaining there some time, and being unable to procure a situation, I again started for Richmond, in hopes of getting something to do there, by which I could make a living. Before getting many miles from Baltimore I was arrested and held in confinement until the untiring exertions of my friends effected my release. Mr. Brown has the papers in his possession, which will prove
having no connection with the Rebel Government. The oath which I then subscribed to, I have faithfully observed, and will continue to do so under any circumstance.

It has now been three years since these occurred, and I had long since dropped them from my mind. If my past views had been questioned, I might have answered them as I now do. My political views now I have told you. The colored people have my sympathies, and I am anxious if it is in my power to further their advancement.

In regard to my character, and standing, I would respectfully refer you to the following gentlemen who have known me from childhood:


Saml. Richardson Esq., New R. Kelso Co.

Hoping you will overlook my past folly, during a time of intense excitement, and consider my present hopeless situation, I have the honor to subscribe myself

Very Respectfully,

Your Obl. Sert.

The. Gassaway.
Richmond Oct. 31st, 1869.

General,

I shall probably be solicited to address, with others, a meeting of colored men, to be held in this city on Monday evening, the 4th presence. If there is nothing inconsistent with your desire or with any service to the Bureau in speaking on that occasion, I will not refuse to do so. The intention of the meeting is to harmonize elements, and to instruct the colored men as to their rights, privileges, and duties. While I should say would be in accordance, I think, with the interests & wishes to the freedom, I shall await with interest the expression of your will in this matter. Meaning to gather such information as will enable me in a very short time to render a full report to the Bureau. I already find such sources of instruction here as will greatly benefit myself.
Dear [Name],

I'm sorry to hear about your illness. Please take care and let me know if there's anything I can do to assist you. I hope you recover soon.

Best regards,

[Your Name]
in Virginia and further South.
Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
W. S. Armstrong.

Major General O. Howard,
Commissioner of Bureau for Freedmen,
Washington City, Oct. 19th,

P.S. As this letter is "Confidential," I will remark that the orthography of my letter of instruction is somewhat haphazard. I find in it the following words in the following form: "Assemblies," "Occasioned," "Discissions." The man who is harsh may take this revenge when my chirography.

W. S. A.

P.S. Have I enclosed the editorial of the morning papers where Judge Schenck (and I have room to write only once.)