

New England Freedmen's Aid Society,

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8, Studio Building, Tremont Street,

Boston, May 29, 1867.

L. J. Bowen, Esq.,

Dear Sir,

We have just been informed that the Bureau will pay the transportation home of our teachers in Va. 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 Capt. in Va. writes that application should be made immediately. —

An early answer will greatly oblige

Yours very truly

Edward D. Cheney

Sec. Com. Teachers

by C. L. H.

Washington D.C.
June 4th 1867

Bowen S. J.

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

Respectfully
S. J. Bowen

Will Ken, Howard please
inform me on this subject
whether the teaching col-
lege have been employed here in
Colored schools the past year
will be provided by the Bureau
with transportation to their
homes? Please are, I believe,

June 11, 1867

W. O. Washington D.C.

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National Farm School
May 29th 1867

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 F. W. Burghdoff

National Farm School
May 29th 1867

Burghdruff Jas. W.

States that as he
intends to leave here
~~soon~~ the last of June.
He wish to obtain an
position somewhere
in Genl. Howards
Department, to fill
up his time until
the commencement
of the next school year

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THE INDEPENDENT.

Publisher's Office,

No. 5 Beekman Street, N. Y.

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May 29 1866
Maj Gen. G. O. Howard
Washington D. C.
Dear Sir

Enclosed is
one dollar from Henry W. Krin-
dle Charlotte Vt. for towards
the erection of a church in
Washington

Yours Resp
J. C. Bowen
per Seal

Office N.Y. Independent
New York
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Bowen H. Co.

Encloses one dollar
for Cong. Church
sent by Henry W. Prindle
Charlotte St.

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Daily Morning Chronicle Office,

456 NINTH STREET,

Washington, D. C., May 30 1866

Dear General

I trust you will excuse my solicitude for Mr Reinhardt's employment, 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 my sympathies very much. I hope you will do the best you can

May Gen O O Howard Your truly
D. C. Horner

United States Sanitary Commission.

Historical Bureau, 21 West 12th Street.

New York, May 30th 1867.

May. Genl. O. O. Howard.

Wash^g: My dear Sir

The Sanitary Commission has had, for a considerable period, in its employ a very estimable young man - a Prussian by birth - who served honorably in our Navy during two years of the war, and was discharged for disability. He is now in exceedingly 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 German, and is an honest reliable man.

I am, dear Sir,

Very truly yours

Wm. S. Blatchford.

General Secretary

I Enclose a specimen of his penmanship

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New Orleans, La
May 30th 1867,

Major General O. O. Howard
Commissioner of F. B. I.,
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 No. 9 current
series.

My reasons for issuing the order referred
to are these:

I received information from differ-
ent parts of the State to the effect that some
of the Bureau 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 in

(over)

Catchpole Parish and Lieut Ellis who was stationed in the Parish of Assumption. I have had both of these officers relieved and ordered to this City, and am getting affidavits against them.

One of them, Captain Clark is interested in a plantation, and has misapplied some rations sent him for distribution to the destitute, by feeding them out 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 negro are in the same category with the gentlemen referred to above.

I thought it ^{the} best and quickest method in order to prevent the freedmen being thus influenced to issue an order forbidding all interference in political matters as 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, - where I find they are not a willing tool in the hands of the Planter or rebel. (for these terms are generally synonymous) they are instructed to teach the negro in political

matter, 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.

Lieutenant
De Laess has made a short tour of Inspection and
I am about to send him on another; and I know
he will carry out his instructions faithfully.

I fought General in this war, and I assure
you I am the last person who would desire
to see our enemies gain political ascendancy.

It is with regret that I have to add that I fear
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 obt. servt.,
J. A. Howe,
M. S. A.

Wm. L. L. L.

May 30th 1867

Wm. L. L.
Wm. L.

Stated his reasons for
receiving his last order prohibit-
ing Agents of the Bureau
from attending political
meetings. He has retained but
a few officers for appropriating
national funds for the purchase
of tobacco employed by them
to work on plantations they are
interested in. Also three
Agents are attending the
freedmen to see for one detained
by their old friends too &c.

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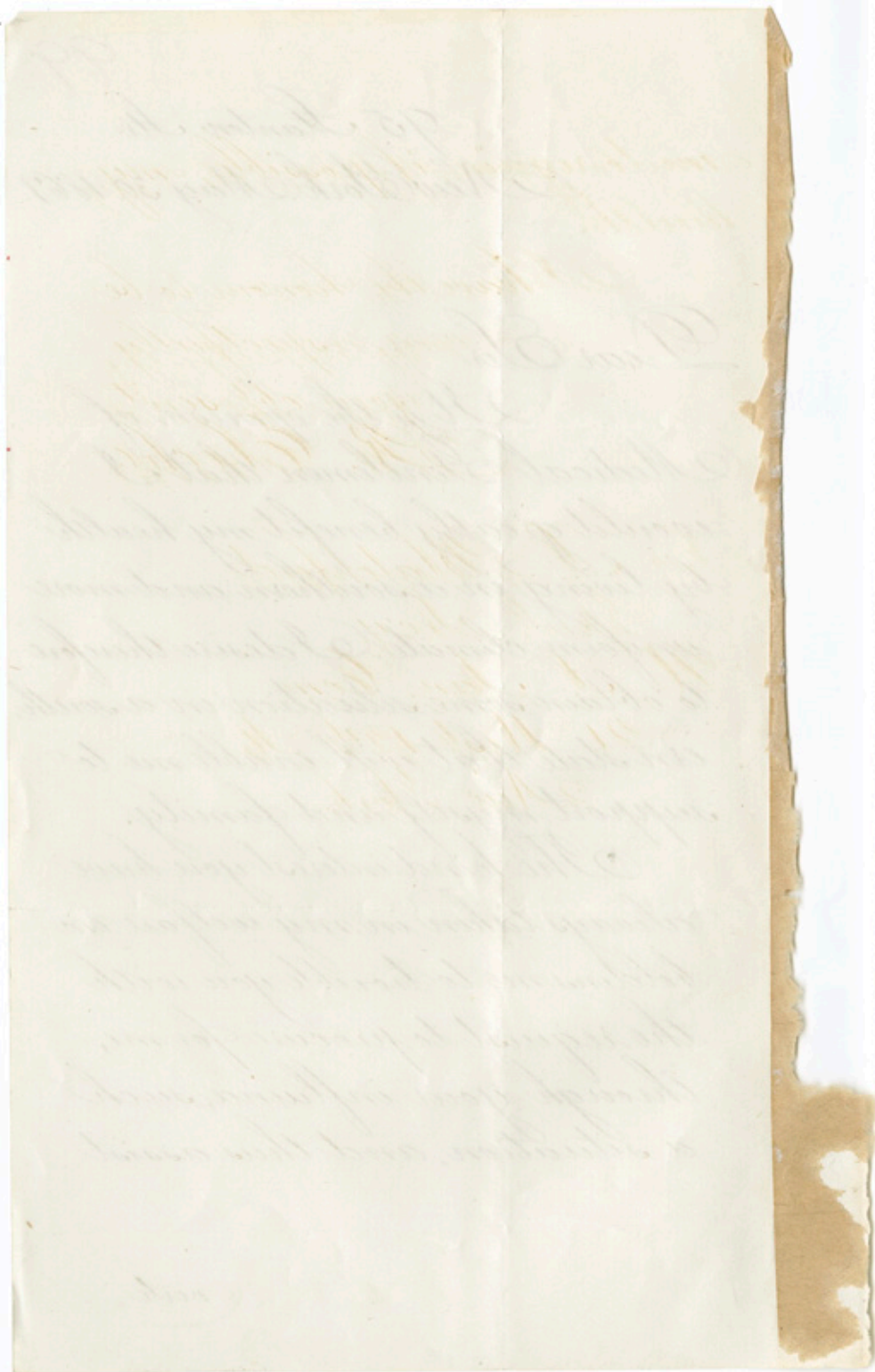
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95 Stanton St.
New York May 30. 1867.

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 south-
ern state that will enable me to
support myself and family.

The kind interest you have
always taken in my welfare em-
boldens me to trouble you with
the request to procure for me,
through your influence, such
a situation, and thus assist

Yours
vete.



me to regain, if possible, my
health.

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

Inc. S. Blatchford
Genl. Secy
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.

Encloses a letter of
recommendation from
Jno. S. Blatchford

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PAINE & CO.,
Attorneys at Law,

Nos. 104 and 106 Wisconsin Street.

JAMES H. PAINE.
BYRON PAINE.
HERBERT E. PAINE. }

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Milwaukee, May 30 1867

My dear General I have no doubt that
Mr O'Keaw whose papers I enclose is qualified
by education to teach the "rudiments" to the
Indians as he certainly is ~~as~~ so far as zeal
and sympathy go and I recommend him
for any duty of that kind which you may
have for him to perform.

Most Respectfully Yours
H. E. Paine.

Yours Obedient

Michigan Rev. Mr.

May 30th 1869

Dear Mr. W. W. Kim.

Enclosed are a photo-
carbon from a sketch
of the building, requesting an
apportionment contribution
in the South, and
fully enclosing the
same

With the A. M. 2000, or
thereabouts and some
small New York publications
as also a copy of the
L. A. Review

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1843. North 13th St.

Philada May 31. 1867.

May Gen. O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir: In reply
to my former letter requesting
a colored woman sent me
for a house servant, I
rec^d a note from your
agent Mr. Disbrow, in which
he informed me that one
could probably be furnished
for that purpose, & 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: viz: \$10. 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

Now 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 desire one
sent from your Bureau

With Great Respect

Yours Truly

Moses Ballou

Pastor F. W. Church

Philad Pa

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Washington May 31, 67

P. O. Howard

Major General Commissioner

Washington. D. C.

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 Mothers 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

my 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 circumstances.
It has now been three years since these occurrences
and I had long since dropped them from my
mind. If my past views had been questioned, I should
have answered the same 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.

Rev. N. H. Schenck, St. Anns Church - Brooklyn
New York, Rev. W. B. Bodine, Baltimore
Saml. Richardson & Geo. R. Kelso &c.

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 Respect

Your Obedt. Servt

Thos. Gassaway

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Richmond Va. May 31st 1867.

General:

I shall probably be solicited to address, with others, a meeting, of colored men, to be held in this city, on Tuesday evening, the 4th proximo. If there is nothing inconsistent with your desire or with my service to the Bureau in speaking on the occasion, I will not refuse to do so. The intention of the meeting is to harmonize elements here and to instruct the colored men as to their ~~rights~~ privileges and duties. What I should say would be in accordance, I think, with the interests & subservience to the Freedmen. I shall await with expectation the expression of your will in this matter. - Meanwhile I am gathering 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 my purpose.

in Virginia and further South.

Very respectfully

Yours ob^{ly} serv^t

Wm. F. Armstrong.

Major General O. Howard.
Commissioner of Bureau for Freedmen
Washington City D.C.

P.S. As this letter is "Confidential" I will remark that the orthography of my letter of instruction is somewhat problematical. I find in it the following words in the following form "Assembly's", "Occasioned", "Discriptions"! The man who is hurt may take his revenge upon my Chirography.

Wm. F. A.

P.S. No. 2. Please find inclosed the Editorial of the morning Times upon Genl. Schofield's order. It is considerably written, and I have thought might interest you.

W. F. A.

Richardson & Co

May 31st 1867

Stonington, Conn.

The anticipation of being
addressed at the address a
meeting of colored men
has done so since whether
it would be inconsistent
with Rev. Howard's views
or with his service to the
cause in speaking on
the occasion, if not he
will not refuse to speak if
addressed. Therefore we
estimate speaking from the time
in New Bedford order