Columbus O. June 29, 1867

Genl. O. O. Howard

My dear General

I wrote you some days since and have heard nothing. I this morning wrote to the Hon. Wm Pressinden at Washington asking him to make application for me in person to the Secretary. As I am out of business you will not think it strange that I am very impatient. Doubly so now that Congress is about to assemble. Fearing that members may urge strongly some of their constituents. And in case Mr Stanton should forget his promise to me

render my prospects still
more doubtful.
I believe there is a place
for me in the Army and
that my friends never
will regret the efforts they
have made in my behalf.
Will you be kind enough
to telegraph me at my
expense. Any information
you may have. Especially
if you think I had
better come to Washington
I am
Very Respectfully
Your Ob. Servt.
Royal E. Whitman
Late 30th Maine

Columbus Ohio
June 29th 1867

Whitman Royal E.

States that he wrote some time ago but has received no answer to his letter. Thinks that there is a place for him in the army and his friends will never regret any assistance they may give him.

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Balto June 27th
[1867]

Gen O. O. Howard,
Dr Sir

Can you possibly deliver a Lecture, within the next 60 days, under the auspices of "The United Board of Control" of the Temperance Organizations of Md. & if so when an early answer will oblige

Yours Truly
J. A. Applegarth, Ch
A. Hyams
L. Lynch
C. S. Bohart
} Committee

H. J. Bonner Sec
13 W Lexington
St

Baltimore Md.
June 27th 67

Applegarth J. A.
Ch. Comm.

Desires to know whether Genl. Howard can deliver a lecture within the next sixty days, under the auspices of "the United Board of Control" of the Fem. Organizations of Md. and if so when.

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Maj. Gen. Howard;

Sir;

Our Division passed a motion last evening to join in the celebration on the 4th of July, and the members were urged to turn out in their strength. Action would have been taken sooner, but notice failed to reach us, in regard to this matter.

Yours in L., P. & F.
Thos. H. Bremerman
R. S. Potomac Div. No. 5 S. of T.

Georgetown D.C.
June 27th 67.

Georgetown D.C.

June 27 1867

Brineman Jno. A.

States that the R. S. Potomac Div. S. of T. passed a resolution at their last meeting to join in the celebration on the 4th of July.

No 28 West 20th Street
New York June 27th 1867

General,

Your letter of 25th instant was received by me last Evening, and I lose no time in replying.

I am as much opposed as you are to the principle and practices of lotteries; and should have withheld my assent to the request of Mr Thomas, had I not been satisfied from facts within my own knowledge, that he would conduct his business in a manner to justify public confidence and to ensure the preservation of good morals.

He proposes to give full value for the certificates he disposes of, and after appropriating the larger share to the relief of the South, then to return the surplus to those who had created the fund, in such manner as should be determined on by the parties in interest. He contemplates no lottery and will not sanction the use of any means that can offend the judgment or the conscience of the most particulars.

No

No honester man lives than George W. Thomas, and I am confident that you will find in the progress of this business that no danger has been incurred by any public interest or private sense of duty.

Mr Thomas has just performed a princely act in giving nearly one hundred thousand dollars to the fund for the support and education of the children of our volunteer soldiers, and not a word of reproach has followed his action, but on the contrary he has received universal commendation.

I cannot for a moment doubt that the result of his present movement will be equally beneficent in character and irreproachable in execution.

I remain, General,
With the highest respect
Most truly yours,
Prosper M. Wetmore

Major General O. O. Howard, U.S.A.
Commissioner
&c &c &c

P.S. Private business will call me to Washington during the ensuing week, when I will do myself the honor to wait upon you.

Resp'y

P. H. Wetmore

Genl Howard.

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No. 28 West 20th St.
New York
June 27th/67

Wetmore - Prosper M.

States that he is referred to letters; but does not understand the enterprise that Mr. Thomas is engaged in as being a lottery or in any way calculated to injure good moral. Mr. Lamotte confirms Mr Thomas as being a thoroughly honest man, and that he is satisfied he will conduct his business in a way to justify public confidence

Washington D. C. June 27th 1867.

Hon. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir.

The following Statements are my reasons for addressing you = I have recently read of a proposition or an attempt to form a Temperance Association among the colored people (among themselves) because they were shut out from every Order in the Dist. - Also that Intemperance is rapidly increasing among them. These facts united with my deep Interest in the Temperance Cause - made me fully determined to organize a Colored Lodge of "Good Templars" to be Officered by white members the first term I made some plans. and selected some Associate Officers - but now learn that a Charter has been refused by the Grand Lodge of this District = I am not easily discouraged in any laudable work I undertake and am fully decided to persevere and obtain a Charter - and form the Lodge = As you are the

Universally Acknowledged Friend, Protector
and reformer of the Colored Race - I
May say. Christian Teacher - Your Influence
might bring about, or hasten this desired
Object. and for this Purpose I address you
To inquire if you would be willing. to
aid me. by asking or requesting - of the
Grand Lodge. of the District of Charles -
I cannot see how it could refuse you any
favor. I cannot think of having the
Colored people shut out from the temperance
Circle - The Lodge Room - and all the
Privileges to which I am sure they are
Entitled - for they are surrounded by -
Intemperance - and Enemies which
lead daily and hourly - thereto -
Please grant me a reply. and
Oblige Very Respy -
Yr Obt Servant
Mrs M. B. Greene
P. W. Vice Templar Rising Sun Lodge I. O. G. T.
Please Address. Mrs. M. B. Greene
Room 53 - Dead Letter Office P. O. Dept -

325 North B. St. Washington,
June 22. 1867.

Genl O. O. Howard,
Bowr, &c.,

Dear Sir:

Just previous to my late call suddenly West I heard from a friend that you had denominated me a "swindler." It was further explained that it was in connection with $200 which Mr. Anastong and I borrowed the last day of the Leader's existence, with which we expected to save that journal, &c. I could not think that you would thus decide upon the character of any man on ex parte statements. It is said "judge not lest ye be judged." The statements made to you are erronious in particular and false in conclusion. If agreable to you, I should like to briefly explain some matters, and would prefer calling at your residence some evening. I should not despoil much of your valuable time.

My friend, General C. B. Fisk, writes me

325 North B St
Washington DC
June 27th 1867

Thompson J. D.

States that he has learned, that General Howard denominated him a swindler, and requests an interview with Genl. Howard at his house, that he may explain matters

from St. Louis, to call on you relative to some papers sent you by him making a request respecting myself. In contemplation of the crushing misfortunes which have of late come upon me, and the great losses, pecuniarily, in reputation by reason of failure, and in my family circle, a kindness such as Genl Fish asked would have saved untold heart-ache and much sadness and suffering of at least one little family composed of a husband, wife and two bright young souls. But nothing can be asked after the existence of such determined prejudice; and may I ask, General, that you please mail to me the valuable papers placed in your hands by Genl Fish? I can use them to aid me to employment, which I have been unable to get for three month and my family is suffering. Very respectfully,

J. A. Thompson

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Excelsior Division No. 4 S. of T.
Washington D. C.
June 20/67

General,

I am authorized and directed, by a vote of this Division, to inform you that owing to arrangements previously made by members of this Division, it will be impossible for us, as a Division, to take part in the celebration of the 4th proximo and to express our regrets that the Division will not be represented.

Fraternally
Chas. Eckhard
R. S.

To Major Genl O. O. Howard
Chief Marshal
Washington D. C.

EXCELSIOR DIVISION, No. 4, S. of T., Washington, D. C.
Inst. Dec. 21, 1863.

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Georgetown D.C
June 28th 67

Major Genl Howard
Sir I have been ordered by "Home Division No 15 Sons of Temperance to inform you of their disapproval of the 4th of July as the day for procession &c And suggest the 12th of September instead, as it will be impossible to get more than 1/3 of the Members to participate on the 4th of July

Yours Fraternally
E. A. Shekell R.S.

To Maj Gen Howard
Chief Marshall &c

Georgetown D.C.
June 28th 1867

Shekell E. A.
R. S.

States that "Home Div" no 15 S. of T. disapprove of holding the Dem. Celebration on the fourth of July.

Cincinnati 28 June 1867

Maj Genl O O Howard
Washington D.C. Dr Sir

The Young Mens Christian Association of this city propose having a course of lectures delivered before them the ensuing winter, for the benefit of the association

Can you Lecture for us say in December or January? If so on what subject? Please advise us as speedily as possible in full in regard to the matter.

We wish to complete our arrangements thus early in order to know on whom we can rely and to get out our tickets for the course. Waiting your reply we remain

Very Respectfully Yours

H R Clough } Lecture
W V Morse } Committee
John Eaton } Y M C A

Lock Box 843.

Cincinnati Ohio

June 28th 1867

Clough A. P.

States that the Young Mens Christian Association of Cincinnati propose having a course of lectures delivered before them the ensuing winter. They desire Genl. Howard to lecture for them in December or January if he can so do.

Cant go

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Gen O. O. Howard

Sir

I have the honor to forward the enclosed letter for your information, privately. I desire the letter returned and do not want it to go upon your files or records. You know Mr Conway, I regard him as entirely reliable & he would not desire to do any injustice. Possibly he may be deceived, but he was in Miss some days, to organize the League & saw a good many men.—

Yours Truly

J M Edmunds

Edmunds J. M.

Encloses a letter, which he states is for General Howards private information, and when it has been read, he wishes it returned.

Time 130 PM

Office U. S. Military Telegraph,

Telegram received at WAR DEPARTMENT,

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Washington, D. C. June 29 1867

From Philada " , 1867

To Maj. Gen Howard Freedmans Bu.

On fourth of July morning at Independence square a great uprising of our people for temperance and the Sabbath. Of all others we "need you" Come without fail. Telegraph yes - Immediately -

Geo H. Stuart

21.95 Paid

UNION LEAGUE HOUSE. 74

Philadelphia, June 29th, 1867.

Major General O. O. Howard.

Dear General,

I heard to-day with surprize and real pain that the Rev. Herman Bokum, who held a position in the Freedmans' Bureau in the State of Tennessee, had been removed from office. Mr. Bokum lost his all by his fidelity to the Union Cause during the Rebellion, and he came to us an impoverished refugee. He served the Union League with great effect, both with his pen and voice, during all our political campaigns, and he was one of the most trusted of our employees in our more delicate negotiations.

I understand, indeed I know that he is peculiarly fitted for a post in your Bureau,

and that you might seek in vain for a more capable and devoted public servant. Throwing your sentiments as I do, I am free to say that I think Mr. Bokum is one of the last men who should have been discharged from the work which you have in hand; and I most earnestly beg that you will reconsider his case, and, if possible, restore him to his position.

With my best wishes for your health and happiness, I remain, dear General,

Yours sincerely,

Geo. H. Boker.

Philadelphia Pa
June 29th/67

Boker Gen'l.

States that he heard with surprise and great pain that the Rev. Herman Boker, who held a position in the Bureau in the State of Tennessee, had been removed. He hopes Gen'l. Howard will reinstate him as he is a man well fitted, and whose heart is in the works of the Bureau.

Confidential

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Oberlin Ohio June 29th 1867

My Dear General

I have a friend Col W W Brum of Bellefonte Centre Co Pa who is anxious to enter the Bureau He is a man of capacity and just one of the kind of persons needed in the Bureau. General Ely informs me he has asked for Brum to be assigned to duty in Kentucky. I hope you will appoint him if you have not done so already

If necessary I will set Wade and Cameron at you for his appointment but I think what I say and Genl Ely's request will be sufficient

Brums story is the old one. He was formerly the leader of our party in his District a candidate for Congress and a Lawyer with a good practice. He went to war

and lost his practice. Now he is at home miserably poor with a large family dependent upon him for support. The appointment would be a charity worthily bestowed.

I hope we will have no military man for President in 68 but if we have you must be the man. You and Wade should be the ticket.

I take occasion to say that you have one of the best men in the Bureau at Lexington Ky I have yet met with in that concern. His name is Col R. E. Johnson. I know Kentucky by heart and Johnson is just one of the men for that place. I tell you he is a jewel and one of your best officers

Yours Truly

J. A. J. Bristol
USA

Genl O. O. Howard
F. B. Washington DC

East Capitol Street Barracks,
Washington D. C.
June 29, 1867.

Gen. O. O. Howard,
Dear Sir,

I am in some doubt about duty in addressing you as I now do, but still as a friend to the colored people and as I think you have proved yourself to be in your dealings with them, you will please pardon me in saying that in my judgement you cannot be too cautious about a step which I understand is to be taken in relation to which, if I understand the matter your brother C. H. made a most judicious decision and also in relation to which the Officer that charged Mrs. Wright with "Kidnaping" before hearing both

sides of the question must stand convicted in a gross wrong in the minds of all judicious and wise people if not in his own.

I have only to add, there is a power behind the Throne, in these days, which even Presidents are beginning to understand.

If that child is to be returned to a relative (not a parent) who stands ready by her brutal threats to beat it so that it will never have another chance to get away, the matter (I submit) will not be very likely to end there.

Yours Very Respectfully

Wm Bartlett.

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Leeds June 29 64

Dear Brother

I am surprised to find that I did not inclose the application of Mr. Gregory of Petersburg Va. in my letter to you hastily written in Montreal I send it herewith & also a full letter from him & Dr. Beckwith representing the destitution at P. They seemed to be excellent & reliable men. I hope you will be able to aid

Dear Brother. I have to see at home not forgetting that he does not for his wife. Sarah. Frank complains of Sarah's letter Rosland says. I do not. Sarah is keeping a good time — If I can let Spencer Brooks either go — or — Telegraph to you to send him — I will write immediately. Yours in haste

A. Beckwith

J. H. Morrill

the hour as they request, and then the funds of the Y. M. C. A. can be devoted to other specific purposes of religion.

Rowland & I came up in a wagon from Lewiston last night — from a Y. M. C. A. meeting held in Mr. Brekam's new Church after the Conclusion of the Yearly Conference (Congregational) which we had been attending there. — I left Rowland at Lewiston Tuesday P.M. & drove home with him & Chase — Found mother well & Ella & the children — The former

accompanied me back Wed.
morning arriving in time to hear
a good sermon from Mr. Field of Bangor
on preaching the Gospel to the poor.
Everybody inquired for you especially
Mr. & Mrs. Balkam (& Mr. Ayer
where we stayed). The ch. is ele-
gant – I hope ours will be in as
good taste. Sam. Benson has
been converted & appears well
in talking upon the theme new
to him. Sis Sam Hicks who
is now again in his old business
on Lewiston side in Co. with Mr.
Jones – I go to Bangor Saturday
where I expect to remain

the lumber for the houses. Clark writes that none of the papers have been executed for any of the lots at Berry Farm. I am apprehensive that we may not find so ready a disposition of some of the lots as we desire. There was a great drawing off when we came to actual allotment. Many got work under pretence of buying & then refused to buy.

Our Convention at Montreal was a perfect success. I was sorry we did not get it at Washington but it was doubtless Providential. Maj. Gen. Russell (C.B.) a man of 65 years sent his Christian regards to you with great warmth and evident sincerity & was sorry as was Sir Henry Havelock that you were not there. I wished all the time you had been. It was the conviction of all that the Lord