Cambridge Vt. July 8. 1867

Maj. Genl Howard

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Dear Sir—

Your kind & very justly urgent note inviting us to contribute a small amount to the noble object of building a Congl. Church in the city of Washington is received—

Last year, we sent ten dollars to help forward the great enterprise. The amount was small, for the Congl. Soc. of Cambridge is one of the feeble & struggling societies of Vermont, & this year it is straining every nerve to refit its own dilapidated house of worship. We feel a deep interest in your enterprise & it would give us great pleasure to contribute a large sum to its success, but we shall have to adjourn the effort over until another year.—

Maj. Genl O. O. Howard

Very truly yours
Edwin Wheelock, Pastor

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Barrington
July 8th 1867.
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Gen. O. O. Howard.
My Dr. Sir.
Enclosed finds $11. from our S. School to aid in erecting a Colony Church edifice. We are glad to invest our money in such stock and have sent the amount suggested in order that thousands of Churches may have the same privilege. We pray for God's special blessing on your work and we shall now take a deeper interest in its welfare.

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Very Sincerely
Your friend in
our Country's and
Serious Service.

J. W. Bickness
Supt.

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Barrington Ct
July 8th 1867

Bicknell J. W.
Supt. Sunday School

Encloses $11,00 to aid in erecting a Cong. Church in Washington D.C. donated by the Sabbath School of the Cong. Ch. Barrington Ct.

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Riverhead, Suffolk Co. N.Y.
July 8, 1867.

Maj. Gen. Howard

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Dear Sir

Enclosed please find $15 (fifteen) of which $10 is from the Congregational Church in this place, and $5 from the Sunday School. There were 101 scholars present at the collection, so that each pupil gave one an average five cents.

Ours is a small ~~and~~ church in number, and means, but we feel a warm interest in your enterprise and send our mite cheerfully and with sincere prayers for your entire success.

Truly Yours

C. Hoover
Pastor

Washington City D.C.
July 8th 1867.

Maj Gen O. O. Howard
Commissioner Bureau R.F.&A.L.
Washington City D.C.

Sir:

I have declined your proposed final settlement promptly with the Bureau, with hope of service extended to the 10th inst. for the simple reason that no money account can arrange certain matters unsettled between myself and the Bureau.

During the month of my active service under your orders, I devoted such energy and interest to the work of the Bureau as was in my power—

and such as I have rarely given to other work — and this from the fact that the service was one which entitled my entire sympathy.
Had I received no pecuniary compensation, I should consider myself amply repaid by the reminiscences. Your liberality, however, has more than repaid me for work actually performed, — and if I may be considered a debtor to the Department to the amount of salary for the month of May, when I performed but little service I am prepared ~~to give~~ for such acknowledgment.

But what remains is this, that although I received from you an appointment

upon the most honorable recommendations, and although I was placed on trial and my work pronounced by yourself satisfactory, I received an order of recall to Washington before the expiration of twenty days' service, and it is now proposed to sunder my connection with the Bureau without statement of cause!

I had already suffered sufficiently by remaining a month in the Bureau service, under the ban of your unfavorable impressions of my integrity, gained from I know not what nameless or nondescript sources — as you never honored me even, at request, with names of

charges or parties against me – unless
that of one whom you yourself pro-
fessed to believe 'bloated with liquor'
This reason without the aid of other
would have induced me to make
a voluntary withdrawal from
your service, but this 'privilege' has
been not been proposed to have me.

I do not now come to reassert
what I ~~have~~ repeatedly proposed
to you – my readiness to refute what-
ever charges, of dishonorable acts,
that might be brought against
me – or to explain whatever might
possibly seem to any one to need
explanation, in any part of my

conduct either before or since my connection with the Bureau. My sensitiveness hitherto has arisen wholly from the circumstance that I acted for you rather than for myself, and in no sense from unconsciousness that I deserved ill opinions from yourself or others. For the first time in my life I was accused of dishonor in your service. I confess the humiliation of having already too much attempted to meet charges and impressions which were made palpable. My only dishonor has been the want of money and the attempt to meet and overcome the hard necessities which poverty

imposes upon a man whatever his integrity or capacity.

I have written to Colonel Forney strongly denying representations made in your presence, that I have stultified myself by making — in private — expressions, concerning him, at variance with those which not four months ago I gave to the public, and received therefor the Col's cordially expressed thanks — though they were unsought —

Col. Ketchum of your Office has heard from me a statement of opinion concerning Col. Forney's conduction of the Chronicle as

strong as that which I might have made elsewhere — even in the Colonel's presence.

As the confidential relations between us have been broken, I must decline to make an additional report of Bureau Inspection; as out of deference to your own opinion that the Bureau needs no further inspection, I refrain from laying before you certain statements of matters borne to me from South Carolina.

Enclosing official papers, in my possession, I hereby tender, most respectfully, to the Bureau my resignation — to take ~~on and after~~ from, and to take place on, the 30th ~~ultimo~~ inst.

Your obedient Servant
Wm J. Armstrong

Ordnance Office,

War Department.

Washington, July 8th 1867.

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard.
Com. Freedmen's Bureau &c
Washington City.

Sir:-

I have the honor to inform you that the report of E. K. Harding, Acting Quartermaster General, State of Maine, which has been referred to this Department, shows that Ordnance and Ordnance Stores were issued to you on the 4th of June 1861, as Colonel Comdg. the 3d Maine Infantry, for which no return has been rendered for the 2d or any subsequent Quarter in 1861. If practicable, at this late date, you will be pleased to render such return, showing the disposition made of the property. If unable to do so, a statement setting forth the facts in the case, and such inability will be considered satisfactory. A list of the stores is enclosed.

Respectfully &c

By order:

John R Edie
Brt. Maj. Asst. to Chief of Ord.

* See 108th page

List of Ordnance and Ordnance Stores issued to Col. O. O. Howard, 3d Maine Infantry, June 4th 1861, by E. K. Harding Acting Quartermaster General of the State of Maine.

200 Rifled Muskets.
32. Revolvers and Appendages.
32. " Holsters.
30.000. Musket Ball Cartridges.
1000 Blank Cartridges.
2000. Revolver do.
4. Percussion Caps for Revolvers.
40.000. Percussion Caps for Muskets.

Ordnance Office.
War Department.
Washington July 8th 1861.

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Ordnance Office

List of Ordnance Stores issued to Col. O. O. Howard, while commanding 3d Maine Infantry.

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Cincinnati 8th July 1867

O. O. Howard
Maj Genl U.S.A
Washington D.C

Dr Sir

Your esteemed favor of the 2nd inst is before us and we regret exceedingly that you cannot make a positive engagement to lecture before our association.

We hope however that circumstances will permit of your coming west sometime during the fall or winter and that you will find it convenient at that time to comply with our request.

Should you do so please advise us at least a week before you arrive that we may be enabled to secure you a good audience.

Very Respectfully Yours

C. H. Clough } Lecture Committee
W. Morse } Y.M.C.A.
John Eaton } Lock box #843.

Springfield Ohio
July 8th 1867

Clough A. R.

Regrets that Genl. Howard cannot make a positive engagement with them to lecture; but hope it may be convenient for him to come sometime in the fall.

Engineer Department,

Washington, D.C. July 8th 1867

Brt. Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard U.S.A.

General:

Will you please inform me whether you have need of any more officers in your Bureau, and if so what is necessary in order secure a detail for a friend who is believed to be in every way worthy of such a position?

The officer referred to is Brt. Maj. Wm. H. Male 1st Lt. 36th U.S. Infantry. When I became acquainted with him he was in the volunteer service but he has since received his present commission and finding the inactivity of Camp life rather unpleasant he desires more active employment.

Being an intimate

acquaintance of more than two years I have found him a strictly temperate and conscientious as well as efficient and energetic officer and I have no doubt he will give perfect satisfaction in any station to which you might assign him.

One other qualification and a most important one, I believe, in your estimation, is <u>uncompromising loyalty</u>.

Should you desire any further information in regard to him I would be pleased to furnish it.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
W. R. King
Capt. of King's Bat. Mo.

Geo. M. Bartholomew, Pres.
Rowland Swift, Cashr.
CAPITAL $600,000.
American National Bank,
Hartford, Conn.

July 8th 1869

Edward.

I can say conscious about you today - every body I see makes me think of you & other things that suggest - I know that Our precious Young Jennie will care for you. I have felt a little oppressed by the idea that I am here - & you there - I have just been interrupted & must now stop - Guy is well cared with Mr Clark to his place this am. Give much love to all his friends & more to yourself -

Affectionately yours
in haste
Otis