

Cincinnati, Ohio.

Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> 1867.

My Dear General -

In accordance with your suggestion I send my Military history. I was appointed by the President a Bt. Major - date May 4<sup>th</sup> 62 - and Bt. Lieut. Col., date May 6<sup>th</sup> 1862, but not confirmed - with others named at same time - When I left the Army of the Cumberland I was deceived by Gen. Grant Clay Smith - in reference to the command of an Artillery Regt. which he said would be completed in 30 days - And in regard to my losing the position of Mustering & Disb. at this place, I had lost my position in the 4<sup>th</sup> Army Corps by coming here to take command of the Art. Regt, and was much disheartened about promotion - I had little faith compared to what I now have, but I refer to D. Price - that I redeemed the position of the Army in regard to that duty in this City. I turned over to the U.S. more than \$90,000 - collected from Recruiting officers, and I feel that my integrity had much influence in this, and I am willing to rest upon the testimony of those who under the greatest efforts to corrupt me -

There is an order in the morning paper which breaks up all the Rac. & Reus. except four - I would like

San Francisco, Cal.

Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1874

My dear General  
In accordance with your suggestion I  
have the pleasure to inform you that I have  
the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> inst.  
and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the  
proper authorities for their consideration. I am, however, unable to  
give you any definite answer at this time, as the matter is still  
under consideration. I will, however, endeavor to give you a  
definite answer as soon as possible. I am, very respectfully,  
Yours, etc.



to remain here until we can manage our Church  
financial affairs, as I am largely responsible  
for funds used in its erection - May I ask you to  
write to Gen. Butterfield, or to speak to Gen. Townsend  
in my behalf?

Since you made us a visit - so fleeting and  
happy that we number it as a delightful dream - I  
have prayed that my footsteps may be so guided that I  
may attain the greatest spiritual development - for  
my own personal salvation and to aid others - and  
if this will be accomplished by my going to California,  
or by promotion through your kindness & brotherly love -  
I shall not waver in my faith that My Heavenly  
Father knows and will direct to be done what will  
be ultimately for the best -

I did not intend writing you a long letter  
but please remember us in your prayers - Mrs Thompson  
joins me in love to yourself & family & May God  
bless you all -

Truly Yours -

James Thompson -

May Gen. O. O. Howard -

Br. May, U.S.A.

U. S. A. -



Cincinnati, Ohio  
Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> 1864

Thompson, Bot. Maj. Thomas

Enclosure to General  
Howard's Military  
History, by request of the Genl.

Call Yeals after

letter to Sec of War

extract letters & record him  
to be brought - send  
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Ans by Sec of War



P.L.R. Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 64

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Cincinnati, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> 1867

Genl O. O. Howard, Cambr &c,

Friend Howard I want to publish  
the enclosed address in our next  
"Freedmen's Reporter." And as there  
are some inaccuracies in this enclosed  
printed "Report" I send it to you  
for correction. You will please add  
or subtract as may seem good in  
your sight.

Permit me to add that, in view of  
the proposed change in the Bureau, you  
will keep me "posted." Remember  
we are a long distance from the  
seat of Slavery. Our views agree  
and I will depend on you to keep watch  
and will be ready at a moment's notice to do  
whatever will be for the interests of God & Humanity.  
Thos. Remond



Cincinnati Ohio  
Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> 1867

Kennedy Thos.

States that he wants to  
publish the enclosed  
address of Genl. Howard,  
in the "Freightmen's Reporter"  
and as there are some  
inaccuracies in this enclosed  
printed Report, he returns  
it to the Genl. for correction

and back encloses



Ans'd Sec. P. L. B. Dec. 3<sup>d</sup> 1867

Boston, Nov. 29, 1867.

Major Gen'l C. O. Howard,  
General.

I send by to days Express, copies  
of "The Negro in the Rebellion," "The  
Black Man," and "Sketches of places  
and people Abroad."

Please accept them from a  
Negro author. After you have  
looked them over, if you feel  
satisfied that I am competent  
to fill a situation, I shall be  
glad of an appointment.

If I had my choice I would  
prefer one in which I could  
have an occasional opportunity  
to speak to the Freedmen on  
temperance and self education.  
I had the honor of giving one  
of the lectures in the Philadelphia  
course, in which you spoke.  
I am known to Senators Sumner  
and Wilson of this State, Mr. A. E. Newton,  
Superintendent of Schools in



Washington, Mr. Wm. J. Wilson, Cashier  
in the Freedman's Bank, and  
Mr. John M. Langston.

Respectfully,

Wm. Wells Brown

## The Press.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1867.

### LITERATURE.

"The Negro in the American Revolution: His Heroism and his Fidelity," by William Wells Brown, author of "Sketches of Places and People Abroad," etc., is a volume published by Lee & Shepard, Boston, and got up in their usual neat manner. The author is colored, has been a slave, and is self-educated. He has written a most instructive book, vindicatory of his race, in which he contrasts their former with their liberated condition, and shows how well and how faithfully they fought on the side of humanity and freedom, when their status, as Men, was once acknowledged. There is much good humor in this volume, and the account of a Fourth-of-July celebration at the Home of Jeff Davis is particularly amusing. Mr. Brown will, this evening, deliver the fifth lecture of the course under the auspices of the Social, Civil, and Statistical Association of the Colored People of Pennsylvania. If he speaks as well as he writes, his auditors will be well satisfied.

## Daily Chronicle.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1867.

LECTURES LAST EVENING.—The lecture At the Fifteenth-street Presbyterian Church, a very respectable audience listened to a highly interesting lecture by Mr. Wm. Wells Brown, before the Freedmen's Relief Association. We noticed several members of Congress who had honored the lecturer with their presence, and many were the words spoken in his praise by the crowd, as they dispersed after the audience were dismissed. Mr. Brown is a finished scholar, and displays much of the orator as he waxes warm on his subject. We learn that he has been requested to deliver another lecture before leaving the city, which he has consented to do.

## The American Baptist.

NEW YORK, TUESDAY, AUG. 13, 1867

### The Colored Heroine

CEOTELLE, or the Colored Heroine, a Tale of the Southern States, by Wm. Wells Brown, is one of the most graphic as well as faithful portrayments of slavery that have been written. It is a truthful description of scenes which actually occurred, and the characters are real personages. It is well worthy to stand side by side with Uncle Tom's Cabin. Lee and Shepard, Boston.



Personal

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

Head Quarters Assistant Commissioner, District of Virginia,

Richmond, Va.,

November 29, 1867.

Major Genl. O. O. Howard

Dear General,

I wish you could arrange matters so as to visit Richmond about the time of the meeting of the Convention -

I think a few quiet words from you to some of the members might be productive of good.

I have sent out a private note to the Bureau Officers urging them not to relax their efforts in behalf of the freedmen on account of recent orders. - I trust the matter will be so arranged that the Officers will remain in the service. Their influence would be greatly diminished if deprived of their Military authority.

The season of the year is most unfortunate. The contracts for the old year will have to be settled at that time, and new engagements entered into.

Thousands will without doubt have to seek new homes in consequence of having voted contrary to the wishes of their employers.

It will be impossible for civilians to be effective agents of the Bureau while Military government exists in the State. The civilian



Journal

Bureau of Agriculture, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,  
Head Quarters Assistant Commissioner, District of Virginia

Richmond, Va., November 29, 1867.

My dear Mr. V. V. Brown

Dear General,

I wish you could see  
some matter as to visit Richmond about  
the time of the meeting of the Convention -  
I think a few good words from you to some  
of the members might be productive of good.  
I have sent out a printed note to the same  
officers asking them not to relax their efforts in  
behalf of the freedmen on account of recent  
events. I think the matter will be so arranged  
that the officers will remain in the service.  
Your influence would be greatly diminished  
if you were to leave military territory.  
The success of the work is most important  
the contracts for the old year will have to  
be settled at that time, and our engagements  
entered into.  
There are still without doubt many  
good men here in companies of companies  
noted contrary to the wishes of the captives.  
It will be impossible for them to be  
effective agents of the cause until military  
government ends in the State.



Agents we now have are of necessity subor-  
-dinate to their more fortunate neighbors who  
hold a commission, having to refer all cases  
which involve litigation to the nearest Military  
officer.

I hope the matter will be arranged for  
the best.

Yours truly  
O. Brown



Richmond Va.  
Apr. 29<sup>th</sup> 1867

Brown Gen. C.

Wishes Gen. Ward  
could arrange matters  
so as to visit Richmond  
about the meeting of  
the Convention

Thinks a few quiet words  
from him to some of the  
delegates would do some  
good

If possible will come



Ans in RLB Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> 67



Baltimore Nov 29<sup>1867</sup> 63

My dear Genl,

I hardly know how to write  
you but your Christian heart will  
respond if not your official -  
You always help me so much  
in my great-public matters I  
hardly know how to tell my  
private wants.

You know all my labours I have  
worked very hard at the Freedmen's  
interests - beside outside of my  
sanitary work - every thing I have  
in the world save some real estate  
is gone that is almost valueless  
When I came back to Charleston  
in 1865, I found that Genl. Hattis  
his Acolt & Mr Redpath had  
taken out every piece of furniture  
I had in the house I went round  
to the Coloured orphan home under  
the charge of an adopted or step  
son of the latter & identified some of

Address me in

Charlotte

NC



my furniture carpets chairs &c  
I tried to get them but there was  
so much confusion & ill blood I  
thought I had better give them  
up. My sister promised to give me  
\$2500 a year on the strength of  
this I bought carpets & furniture  
to the amt of \$1500, <sup>in bedding & comfort</sup> to pay as I could.  
Last year I got but \$820 for them  
this year but \$900, so this I have  
had to hire, & now my creditors are  
pressing me very hard. Is there  
no way my dear friend that  
you could help me the Bureau  
has had the use of some of my  
things, & though God knows I  
have, freely will give my labours,  
time influence & prayers to the  
freedom Yet if I could get  
released from this weight upon  
my mind I should be a great-  
deal fuller officer think of it let  
me know & if you can help me  
I know you will faithfully & affec-  
tionately, I am a former Pastor



Baltimore Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> 1867

Porter A. T.

Concerning his misfor-  
tunes etc etc, etc.



Personal.

{ Camp, Mc Dowell, N.H.,  
Nov. 30, 1867. }

My Dear Brother,

For fourteen months myself and family have been in these wilds working away as well as we could amidst many discouragements and privations. Up to 8th August I was kept at Fort Whipple (near Prescott) in this Territory. I am now here 100 miles, as the crow flies, I quit the former Post.

Why I was thus transferred I have not the remotest

"I would send something for me, but I have since changed my mind."



idea. The soldiers there  
were more active  
in the field. But  
some would think  
was the more im-  
portant Post.

In my "report"  
today I have given  
views going  
in full as to the  
"Army - Chaplaincy".  
I have asked my  
superior officers to set  
me right, if their  
views are not  
sound and correct.

I also ask for  
Grant for all Org.  
not present & future  
which are in force  
as to Post Chaplains.

The removal of  
facts no doubt  
and out of the army  
could be improved  
here. But I need

more "facilities" to enable me to do all that I think I ought to do for the service.

"Roman Catholics" (of course?) may not regret to see me here without School-Room, Chapel, or any warm sympathies around me; though I think we 'hul are: my at Ft. Whipple, and not a few take interest in a better state of things here.

If proper, I wish that you, my dear brother, (or some one you may wish I could speak a word for me to you, grant. Let me be sent back to Prescott where I was; or here let me have all the "facilities" I need. —

Not an "order" as to Chaplain's work have I been able to

How I wish I could see him after you get this. My all sorts, will reach him after you get this.



find in this Territory.

We marvel, Bro. G.  
and that you have for  
so long a time been  
kept at the head of the  
Freedmen's Bureau, & I  
never forget what you did  
at the Howard Brethren's  
in July, 1866. & May you  
preserve you and  
us all from evil, and  
bring our country out  
of darkness & rebelling.

Yours very kindly to Mrs. H.  
and three days of  
love of yours. Also to  
D. Le. Eaton & wife, Dr. V.  
Boynton, and other friends  
in the Free Church.  
with I had \$1000. to  
crowd to it. ~

Sincerely & Affectionately,

Yours in Christ

E. M. Blake

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

# Your brother, Charles, Jr.

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New York Nov 30/67

Maj Genl O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

With regard  
to the <sup>4p</sup> Plymouth Temperance Society's  
public meeting to be held the 9<sup>th</sup> of Dec  
(Monday) I would respectfully ask your final  
assent to lecture for us on that evening.  
We have made every preparation for  
the occurrence and have given preliminary  
notice that you will be with us.

We have engaged for the occasion some  
of the first musical artists of New York  
and intend to make it a grand affair.

Please give us your acceptance at  
your earliest opportunity, <sup>by return mail</sup> so we can  
advertise publicly & oblige

Yours Respy  
Wm Radell

Secy 32 Read St N.Y.



