
Major General Emory,

My dear General,

I have reluctantly come to the conclusion to leave for my family, inasmuch as I am not getting better here. I expect to leave at 12 N. today. Please excuse me with Gen. O.O. Howard, on whom I will be happy to call as soon as I am able to return.

Thanking you for the kindness shown to me, and wishing you happy holidays.

I am, dear Sir, very truly yours,

C. W. Peetle
Dear Sir,

I am very sorry the enclosure that Mr. Reade has been asked to leave us will return. He is the gentleman we asked for. I spoke to him some time before my trip to New York.
Raleigh, N.C.,
December 20, 1867

Major Gen. T. A. Howard
Washington, D.C.

Dear General,

My mission to Charleston I fear will prove a
fruitless one. As the question
is strictly between yourself
and General Canby. His order note
is in direct opposition to your
orders and instructions. I would
only request in the strongest
terms that he revoke that
portion of the order appointing.
Past Commanders of the Assistant Com.

I am responsible for the proper administration of the Bureau in this State. Yet the act and the commission appointed against my wishes and in such a way as to make them independent and irresponsible for the agents appointed. Yet a Past Commander can appoint any officer or soldier agent of the Bureau without consulting the act. With all due respect to Gen. C. I am unable to understand the exact position of Supervising Commissioner.
it is not defined by any law that I have received. Neither do I understand how Emory Scott can be authorized to give direction in regard to Bureau affairs in this State, unless I am held responsible for the Bureau. Emory says distinctly that "one acre corn shall be allotted for each estate." I am not aware how matters are going in South Carolina, but I am of the opinion that it never will remain better if you once returned the control of matters to your assistant. I forewarn the evils and endeavored to warn...
you of what is now quite apparent. I have no doubt that. Congress matters are good and seem well for the advantage. He takes it for granted that the Reconstruction Bills have accomplished the Bureau Bill. I think this was not so understood by Congress. I think his order exist now stands a great misfortune at this time. and regret that it was ever issued. Still I shall endeavor as a soldier to elevate it although it appears almost impracticable. I regret that ladies and men may. God willing I must have passed

Jim en route to Charleston.
I write you regarding the position of Inspector. If you desire my services, I should be happy to serve you to the best of my ability. I have accomplished nearly all that is possible in this state.

I have the honor to remain
With the highest respect,
Your humble servant,

Walter A. Miles
Bd. Major Infantry
Burrconn
St. Louis, Mo., Dec 20th, 1867

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard,
Washington, D.C.,

My Dear Sir,

We send each you from time to time the documents issued by the Executive Committee of the Commission, showing the object and work of the organization. The Executive Committee having entire confidence in the work committed to them by the Commissioners, have borne the entire expense thus far by their personal subscriptions. In as much as the Commission have demonstrated its practical value by its work, the Committee, after having again obligated themselves for a portion of the expenses of 1868, appeal to the members of the Commission to aid them to raise the amount desired.

In behalf of the Committee, I present this cause to your sympathy, hoping you will aid by an annual subscription of such amount as the Lord may fit you to give. Please send your subscription to Capt. R. W. McElroy, Chairman Finance Committee, 144 South 8th St., St. Louis, Mo.

Yours truly,

O. O. Howard
Philad. Dec. 21, 1867

My Dear Mr. and Mrs. Brother,

Being on a Committee of the American Sunday School Union, to select a Corresponding Secretary, to direct and superintend the rapidly growing work of this great National Society, I venture to enquire of you whether you would consider formally a proposition to take such a position—provided every thing was made just right? The Society is National in its character, and its mission is to the children of every class and race in our entire land. It offers a precious agency for the Christianizing of the North by the aid of voluntary religious teachers, and its work in the growing West was never greater than at present. From my knowledge of you, and of your sympathies and tastes, as well as from my appreciation of your abilities, I am confident if you consider this call you will find it happy. Before you a field of rare usefulness in which you will have enjoyment, and receive God's special blessing. If you are disposed to entertain the subject formally, I shall be delighted to have an interview, and if you cannot come to Philad. I will try and see you in Washington. Early in January the Commissioners will have an opportunity to secure if possible your services, and to offer...
Brooklyn Dec 20 1867

General

Janes of 1861 was in last summer. Mat. of 1865 has not yet come to hand

I return enclosed the check with the inadequate added and must conclude my carful of in the matter to be proof that I am losing my business habits. We are just now winding up a successful Fair which will yield more or less up to our Better Mission Sabbath School for which a new building is being erected.

Truly yours

C. O. C. Ruseum

Gen. O. O. Howard
Washington
Inclos'd please with this report, data that they are patch according as successful as your report would it.

Nunez C. C.

Bowie Dec. 20th

[Handwritten notes on the page.]
St. Louis, Mo.
Dec 20th, 67

Major Genl Howard.

Dear Sir,

Your very kind letter has been received, for which I am truly grateful, and feel it my duty to express however feebly my sense of your extreme kindness in noticing the letter of a stranger. My brother was greatly pleased with the prospect held out by your letter, and unite with me in gratitude for the kindness extended to him, and says he will write his application.
at once. Hoping for a favorable termination I am most sincerely your friend,

Mrs Shannon.
My dear General,

Mr. Halfpenny has just called on me again for No. 700. I have put him off several times. Thinking I should be in Washington myself when I could see you, I sent him some weeks ago and you were absent. If you can send me your check for the amount you will confer a favor. For my help, it appears to be a worthy man, and I have no doubt needs the money.

Are you aware that I have at last been successful in obtaining the Captivate reports? This will allow me as soon as they are copied to go on with my book along

Yours truly,

W.S. [Signature]
No 39 Beckman St.
N.Y. City Dec. 21st 61

Batchelder

States that Mr. Halpin has
gained called on him for
$50.8 due for engraving
Geb. Howard's portrait. Hopes
Geb. will send check for
that amount.

[Signature]

Check sent Dec. 24th 61

R. L. B.
Mobile, Ala.
No. 4, St Michael Street
Dec. 21, 1867

May, Sir J. C. Steward.
Commodore R. F. E. D.
Washington D.C.

Gentleman:

Believing that the following statistics relating to the colored people will interest you, I have respectfully furnished:

Since my return from the North, Bank business has been active, notwithstanding the fact that the colored man is frequently discharged by his employer because of his political views and corresponding action as a freeman. The pursuits, occupations of that part of the population which usually trade at Mobile, are likely to be brought into connection with the banks if properly influenced—are cotton compasses, cotton pressmen, cotton master, carpenters, machine, draymen, balmens, barbers, hackmen, etc. I should judge that some two thirds of thr
Edged population attend the several churches which come within the circle of our influence. We ought to reach two-thirds of the people through documents, and through teachers and preachers. It is perhaps hardly necessary to say that the colored people are far from perfect that they are generally temperate and industrious. These should be the temperance societies among them as well as saving banks; and I should take pleasure in carrying out some plan of reform in the matter referred to. The average daily earnings of laborers in this district are about $1, and the cost of living among them was $25 per month. Share-takers have the liberty to give endorsement of the Bank.

Very respectfully,

C. H. Woodward.

Took 1st Aug 1871.

The Fire St. Sunday School has already sent the Contributors asked for.
I believe mere faith.
Cong. Ch. in Washington.
And here is $10 of the amount asked, from Fire St. Church, in that sum object.

With prayers for the work. Very Truly,

J. T. Means

Minutes of the St. Church.

Special regard to General L. H. Architects.

Newport Ky Dec 21st 1867

Maj Gen O.O. Howard

Dear Brother,

You may remember that I had the pleasure of meeting you a short time since at Maj Thompson's residence in this city. I write you with a line to know if you will be so kind as to use your influence with the military authorities to have Maj Thompson remain on duty in Cincinnati.

You know we are engaged in an important church enterprise and the Maj is one of our most devoted and efficient members, his removal would be a serious loss to the cause of loyal Christianity in our midst.
I have no man in the church that can fill his place, knowing you to be a lover of the cause of Christ, I feel you will appreciate my desire to have him remain among us.

Hoping you will do all in your power to obtain my request. I remain your bd in Christ.

W.F.O. Spruill
Pastor Grace M.E. Church
Newport
Kentucky.
Dear Brother O.,

Ella, Daddie, and your namesake join me in a most cordial and heart "Merry Christmas." To you, your dear wife, and children,

What are we, what need we call us here if we have been without Jesus?

May His love dwell most richly in the soul of each of you.

We are all well and getting all happy. I am very busy in my work for the Master. Pray for me.

We had a very interesting time at Mr. Bingham's.

Installation at Augusta.
Week - Ella & Addie went to stop at Mr. Earnewell's. He is trying to leave God now, and his wife joins the church at the end of January. I hope you & Charles can help train to keep good in Washington.

Mother & Jamie were well Friday when the note. We live in the North part of Sarah's home and take our meals with her. The other family are well & my hope is that we shall have the whole house for us in May!

Yours truly from

[Signature]