Dear General,

I now write you several times and feel very great delay amounting almost to reluctance in addressing you again upon the same subject. I know you are hurried and pressed, by this constant appeal from other sources, and I do not wish to add to your many annoyances. Yet I am exceedingly embarrassed in my own judgment as to
Efficiency of the changes in the organization of the Bureau and removal of the 4th Div. to Galveston. The interests and efficiency of the Bureau will be seriously damaged by this change beyond any effort for close connection with men we can possibly prevent.

Raleigh is the center. New papers from all points of the State. The facilities of the Bureau can, as effective never be at Galveston. There is no Bank through which its business can be transacted. The correspondence of all of its branches, particularly the Educational, must be seriously
...deranged. And the actual cost of this change will not be less than one thousand dollars...

[Hand not clear, likely meaning: had put that money better used on the erection of a school house?] What good is derived from this change? Nothing but on the contrary defeats delay and embarrassment. The contemplated changes have already damaged the entire appropriation of the Bureau. What would you say if Greene Grant had ordered you to command the 2nd Military District with Holden at Charleston, S.C., and appointed me next? Come, why you fool and...
confidence in, when the Country holds you responsible for the proper administration of the Bureau. In your letter to me you say, "I was on when you are if you are," that Bureau is not devoted "any way with me. The origin of these charges must be traced to your office, and you alone can, by prompt action, check the evil. I trust as long as you have the power in your hands, you will exercise it. Have appealed to him County but in vain. Now no doubt he means will work. I think fails to appreciate the circumstances in this.
I am so glad after the Bureau, direct that the system which have listened to perfection, the assistant, or of such time, then since we received from my military duty, in order that I may devote myself entirely and attention to the enterprise.

In regard to the continuance of the Bureau, it does not seem much of a perfect defense that by the end of June next the agents of the Bureau will have all they can do to
issue returns to the people who by that time will be in a
starving condition.
Please inform me if money
exerts any change or modification
in the contemplated movement.
As Gen. Canby orders admits
no delay, and shall the
abjured back within a very
few days. Again I ask
what shall I do?

Have the honor to remain

With the utmost respect

Your obedient

Nelson W. Miles

Assistant
To Major General A.H. Snoward
Commissioner
Washington D.C.
Dear Mr. Charlotte Achobin,

25 Dec [1864]

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir,

According to your request I have made inquiry about the lands of Mr. Lincoln's mother, Mrs. Tripp, of Georgia. I understand they were not sold for taxes. Furthermore, she had placed them in the hands of a relation for 3 years, for repayment of rent. Of course, the interest is due. During this time Mrs. Tripp disposed of her lands. Property distributed the proceeds into Confederate bonds—which are worthless. The Real or Personal Property of the county, both in money and means, depend upon labor, much aid, and they would otherwise derive no considerable interest at this. They have raised a great deal from the kindness of neighbors. I send you the family of Mrs. Lee as eating increases of sufficient supplies and assistance. Their duties are truly objects of charitable concern, and I trust their esteem are the object they be strongly worthy to receive faithfully.

J. H. Lidborne.
Whitehall,
Prince Edward C. H., Va.,
Dec. 26th 1867.

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard,
Chief of P.R.O. U.S.
General.

Knowing that you
would have noticed the resolution
offered by myself on the last day of
the State Convention, prior to recess,
and thinking you might not fully
understand the cause of the fate that
resolution met, I thought it advisable
to drop you a line on the subject, with
a view of eradicating any erroneous
impression the vote on the subject
might have caused.

You may have noticed that my
resolution contemplated retaining all
the Officers in the Bureau now on duty
in the State, and, presuming that
if the resolution were adopted, that
retention would be obligatory; and
knowing that many of the Officers on
duty in connection with the Bureau
are utterly opposed to the government
from which they derive their power and
support, many gentlemen voted against
the measure who would otherwise have
supported it, and who desire the
protection which should come from
that source as much as I do myself.
At the suggestion of my friends I have
prepared the same subject in another
form and intend presenting it as soon
as possible after our re-assembling.
I should feel obliged for any suggestion
in connection with the subject which
you might favor me with.

I am General
Very Res'd yours,

Edgar Allan

Address:
Member of Convention
Richmond Va.
Germantown 27 1866.

Dear Sir,

This morning, upon opening a package which I had in Washington, I found the enclosed, which thy kindness must have misplaced. In a matter of civility of this sort we will not be persistent, but Genl. Howard must not ignore the fact that the distinctly protective position of the P.Bureau, and its judicious administration have given it him - the Chief of all - a place in the warm and generous sympathy of the true friend of Truth both in America & Europe. The addition to the note for C. Badbury I at least it very kind of Genl. Howard to send one to Anne Warner & Rebecca Warner in token of the principles to which he is more especially greatly to their satisfaction in the Academy of Music Philads. on the 22nd ult.

Respectfully,

Yardley Warner

P.S. Please to say to the parties wishing to rent our building on 19th St. that an answer will be sent next week.
Miss Mr. Bean
Plum set up
O'donnel
Logaфт
Send to Miss Caroline Colet's address within.

Yardley Warner
Dear Friends:

Understanding their purpose
going to Washington in a day or two. I desire that
will call when they upon John Kembelle, Supt of School
under the Bureau, and enquire about the free library
now the care of "Mrs. IB Johnson," going to see her if
possible. He has just sent up a satisfactory acct of
some testimony, to send them in the Spring task, Jr.
Caroline Cadbury, daughter of B. H. Cadbury, Hon. Sec. of the Birmingham Midland Association for Freedmen Aid Association, would like an autograph of Mrs. Howard, as she has been much interested in her work in connection with the Freedmen Bureau.

The writer thinks she would be doubly pleased, if a short paragraph annexed, addressed to her.
Melrose, Dec. 27th, 1864

Maj. Gen. C. O. Howard

Dear Sir,

In behalf of the Melrose Independent Army and Navy Association, I would solicit for their library, such documents as in any way relate to the recent rebellion, and which you may feel pleased to contribute, most especially do I desire any such notes or relatives to the momentous results of the War. The Freed Bondman and the crushed doughnut. Should you be pleased to grant our desires, may we not solicit also your autograph with the notes.

I am Sir Very Truly,
Your o.b. Servt.

Wm. N. Tyler
Cor. Sec.
General Howard.

Dear Friend.

Please accept thanks for philosophies included in the Thompson letter. They are most excellent. I shall have a chance place in our Pantheon. I shall take the long to receive the bright reflections of the little ones. Attending to promise. It is unnecessary to add that I would be pleased to have one of Mrs. Howard. As I cherish very espressible relations of our friendly intercourse in by gone days.
Dear [Name],

I am very glad to hear from you, particularly myself, as I have been feeling very anxious and uncertain as to my future. It has been the pleasant duty of my parents to bring me up in a community where I have known few persons like you, and I feel that I am indeed appreciating your kindness and friendship.

As I look to the future, I am thinking of my studies and my future career. I feel that I should take advantage of the opportunities that are available to me, and I am considering further education. I am looking forward to seeing you again, and I hope that you will come and visit me.

Yours truly,

[Your Name]
But I earnestly intreat you to make one more effort. Would it be impossible for Mr. Thompson to get a position in the Adjutant General's Department? I would be thankful for any position that would provide the necessaries of life. Any effort you may make will be remembered with the everlasting gratitude of a grateful. Sincerely and with the warmest thanks.

Please give much love to Mr. Howard & the children. And believe me,

Your sincere friend,

[Signature]

Washington Dec 29th 1867.
Newport N.Y. Dec 24th 1867

Thompson Julya

Friendly letter acknowledging receipt of photograph.

Dear Sir,

Indorsed you have a draft for $100. (two hundred dollars) donations from Lorenzo Sheldon, M.D. and Benjamin St. Blanchard, Esq., both of West Rutland, Vermont, of $100. each.

Doctor Sheldon expresses his convictions that we shall have more yet from West Rutland.

Very truly W.

Yours tr'st.

J. H. Hodge

Cincinnati, Dec 28, 1861

My dear Sir,

The accompanying photograph is at home, a great improvement upon former card. When I got a large one to take place of me on the table I will be made up, and very greatly obliged.

My family send their Christian greetings. We are all in excellent health. Wishing you the greatest success in all your noble effort for the cause of Christ and humanity.

Yours truly,

John Brown
A. E. Chamberlain
Decr 25 1864
Chamblin & Co.

Friendly letter acknowledging receipt of photographs.

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