Head-Quarters, District of Alabama,

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 31st——1867.

My dear General,

I crave to say you answer to my application for three months permission to delay, and it gratifies me as much in evincing still the marked kindness for which I have been so much indebted to you, as by what it expressly states.

The only feeling of regret I have in leaving here is that of leaving one's command before the fight is over. And yet I do not know but that it is the best for them. It has been for so long my duty to deal with the weak points of this people, that I fear they regard me with something of what I do in their newspapers and associated press.

Hence I think that a man may come who will do just what I would have thought of my duty to do.
and yet not invoke half conceit of angry feeling.

This view would have hardly the least importance were it not for the danger that threatens the public peace.

Those who were here in '61 tell me that public feeling now is just what it was then, while the commercial and economic future is infinitely worse. Instances that are afforded daily. I don't suppose the view bearing trially upon any question except, if he comes right.

Brig. Gen. Julius Hayden, now commanding at Hantenville, seems to me the fittest officer of any in the State to take my place. He is past 50 years of age, judicious, dignified, industrious and good-natured. He would take an interest in reconstruction but would not be indiscreet as I perhaps have been, in favoring it with zeal. He will take kindly interest in the freedmen. He is Lieutenant Colonel of the 15th Infantry, and is the ranking officer after Gen. Stephens and myself. I hope that...
will replace in charge when I hear.

Hope you fully understand how false are the Associated Press reports. They are prepared by one of the editors of the Mail. That is the paper that rejoices over the prospective coming of the yellow fever because Northern men would probably be early victims. There has been no “Bureau Agent tarred and varnished.” No great commotion has been made on Christmas, nor any such thing as any of the crowd of incidents reported. As for the difficulty at Petersburg, it was not very strange that men who all their lives as slaves had been whipped from vigilance committees, should not face that freedom gone through to the same.

I am preparing to report beyond the prospect for next year, and hope to be able to do so this week.

Respectfully and truly yours,

Wager Swayne

Major General C. O. Howard

Commissioner, Washington, D.C.
Headquarters Fourth Military District,
(MISSISSIPPI AND ARKANSAS)
Kally Springs, Miss., Dec. 30th 1867

My dear Sir:

I received some time since, through [illegible], information that [illegible] had nominated me to the Senate for the term of 1867. You are probably aware that up to this time there was no contest. My trouble has been personal enmity in the War Dept. prior to the accession of [illegible]. But the truth has done me justice. Of course I am anxious that defeat shall not mistake the while victory is almost
Second - As an old-time friend & classmate, I appeal to you for your assistance. Yesterday I received a letter from an old & influential friend of my family, offering to endeavor to secure for me the action of influence of Senator Morgan & Carpenter of my state in case of personal enmity should pursue me into the Senate and endeavor to prevent my confirmation. Want of any friend to defend me in absence - I do actual fear exactly this truth at the hands of two men.
in the War Dept building. With whom I have had personal & official unpleasantness, & who I fear may influence
some of the Senators on future
general Charges & to object
to my Confirmation when
as you an honor
without a friend, my
Chances would be "nil"
My friend wrote me to know to whom Senator
Morgan & Cuykendall can
apply in Washington on my behalf for in-
formation about the Case
which would enable them
to defend me in Case of
attack. I have taken
the liberty of mentioning
your name in connection
into HON. Porter & Court.
I beg of your Sense of Justice, fair play & Kindness to accept the proposition and in case there be further need you should call upon me or any one that you think I might be helpful. I know, from your nature, that you consider the part of the great reform influence attaching to your name & functions as being the opportunity of aiding in fighting wrongs and my case. I am sure you will understand into it all the appeal to you from that point of view. I know the great labor & responsibility of your office & I do not ask of you to seek out or accept any trouble in the matter that if opportunity should offer you I will speak of me as a friend. Trusting I have not asked you that you will cheerfully accede.
Drumsville, Maine, Dec. 30 1867

Gent: O. P. Howard, Mayor of the Building Com. of Cong. Ch. Washington, D.C., Dear Sir

Please find enclosed, eight dollars, ($8) collection in Corp.soc. Drumsville, to aid in building the Corp. Church in Washington.

Yours yours

Charles Whitter
Pastor.
Danbyville MA
30th Dec 1861

Whittier Rev Charles

Enclosed 8th donative
Cong. Society $10
Cong. A. H. Water

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Arlington, Va., Nov. 30, 1863

My dear:,

Griswold is quite a dear old man, and his services as the Adjutant General are of great value to the army. He is very efficient and well liked by the officers and men. I understand he is rather old and has been in the service a long time, and he is very much respected by the men.

I do not know of any other officers who are so well liked and trusted. I think he has made many enemies by his strictness, but he is a good man.

I hope to see you soon and to have the pleasure of your society again.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
Capt. the Captain. He has been serving on the Anti-Staff, A.R.E. but is retired and will join his regiment, and take command of a small detachment, at Jackson in a few days.

It seems to me that there is no more available officer for you, and I hope that you may be able to secure him. If not, I will be very grateful to you.

Maj. Gen.cor [Rehe]

F. F. [Lucas]

A. P. C. G.
Cincinnati
December 30, 1867

General O. O. Howard
General.

The committee appointed to make arrange-
ments for a meeting of the officers of the late Army
of the Cumberland called for the 6th of February, 1868,
at Cincinnati, for the purpose of effecting an organization
to be known as the Society of the Army of the Cumberland.
I intend to give a cordial and hearty invitation to meet
with me on that occasion.
We sincerely wish you may not find your engagements of such a nature, at that time as to render it impossible for you to be present with me on that occasion.

Very respectfully,
Your obd. Servt.
Henry M. Root.

Sec. Sec. of Comm. of Arrangements.
55 Chambers St
New York 30 Dec 1869

Maj. Gen. O. H. Howard
Washington

Dear Sir,

May I request that I would be glad if you would instruct my banker to the Peoria National Bank for $50 to aid the Congregational Church building at Washington.

The commencement of the country has not generally hitherto during the past two years and has been a period of critical effort to complete the work of enterprise with which you are so honorably identified.

Wishing you the compliments of the season. I am with great respect,

Very truly yours,

William Allen

[Signature]
Enfield, Massachusetts
Dec 30, 1867

Dear O. O. Howard

Chairman, Building Committee

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find ten dollars ($10) the same being a contribution from the Cong. Sabbath School in this place to the Congregational Church in Washington, D.C.

We regret that we are unable to have a larger share in your noble enterprise.

Please acknowledge receipt.

With much respect,

W. B. Kimball

Treasurer
Woonsocket, R.I., Dec 31st

Dear Sir,

I would have been glad to have answered your call long ago this year, but could not well do it.

"Better late than never!"

Wishing you success in your benevolent enter-
prise, whose object is to establish a Congregational
Semi-nary in our National Capital, I am

Your, in Christian

Respect,

R. W. Emerson

P.S. Please send a receipt acknowledging the money I send to you, directed to "Woonsocket, R.I."
Monson, Maine
Dec. 31st 1867

Emerson A. W.

Enclosed 10th July to aid in erecting public
hall. Mass. 26th.

[Signature]

[Stamp: PRIVATE]

Jan. 6 1868
Sen. O. O. Howard

Dear Bro,

Enclosed please find check for $28, 17, for contribution of the first Cong. Church Sunday School to the first Cong. Church of Washington in aid of its church erection, with prayer for God and with hope of promoting your work in the capital city of the Nation.

From fraternal,
(Rv) H. C. Hayden

Painesville, O.
Dec. 31, 1867.
Tiffin, Seneca Co. O. Decr. 31st 1867

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

Dear Sir,

Soldiers

The Ladies Aid Society of Tiffin, have chosen up their matters, and find in their hands, One hundred & twenty eight (128) dollars, which by their request, I enclose to your int. coach. They rely on your judgment, to dispose of the amount, so as to benefit the needy fucking freedmen.

Please acknowledge the receipt.

Very Respectfully,

Henry Etches
States that the Ladies Aid Society of Zephyr have ceased up their mallets, and raised a bond of $125, which sum is to be paid over to the District Attorney in consideration of the ladies' release from the charge of the debt. They rely on the court's judgment to dispose of the debt, as they have aid the needy and suffering Freedmen.
WAR DEPARTMENT,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands.

Washington City, Dec 31, 1867.

My dear Mother:

This is the last day of the year and having a few moments for myself, I thought I would write you a few lines. I wish you a Happy New Year. You will already have heard upon the news from your beloved you.

It is snowing very hard today. They are eating in the snow drifts. I hear in playing with weather very loud. And I think they are happy. They are in the dining room table when you use to eat with us. grandmother in up stairs with gone. Siggie and just come in from a short shopping expedition. She looks...
very cold. Having in still weather
us thus far come to the frontier
mornage - our guns up to thirty
power to protect them - all guns
as usual. The President visiting
and my volunteer officers. Their
sent their. Luxembourg to Adnx. I
my regiment to get their away
from West State & when arrived
their de means to allow any
reconstruction but his own
we shall draw a new President
and their days. He, to repair
may be a lengthen cause whether
hoped or preferred on some conservative so called
and must be in comfortable in
his new President's within an un-
measures firmly. He, looking
you may decide to remain on
with your position when long. At close
is very comforting with your comforter.
noon beautiful wish &tc. The mist over to am from the city, & the
following comes. I was not to smell as usual &c. I am a
staid son. thinking about our
missing citizen after a century.
I am no more a nominal citizen. Then
real calls will remain on duty
within me. I have same as before
must ask. I hope &c. &c. &c. to
der warm good day. &c. to Grandma
well every day. &c. warm can
about to go, going, and will
to school. If will only read at
home. Our new house has the windows
in which is not yet plastered & cannot
be till winter weather begins. Other
may just come in, &c. With you a happy
New year. Tell him Kitty & I know
been will spend all with us. We
department of the Interior today.
1st Jan one o'clock. We seem going
over to Mr. Barry Farm to dedicate a bell. The ceremony was performed on account of Mr. John. We all are glad of your
acceptance of a donation. Wishing tonight
your health and to our little boy
Chances just made a mistake
and found myself once in
the snow. That is Mr. Brown
of Mr. Little Laugville. You
of whom you spoke to Mr.
Black will make a good man
of good people as Mr. John
of Mr. Wishing you the
best of your blessings.

With affection,

[Signature]

[Handwritten postscript]