

NATIONAL METROPOLITAN BANK.

WASHINGTON, 28 Jan 1868

My Dear General,

If you will be kind enough to give the name of the party, in whose favor the deed for the lots south of the Capitol is to be made, I will have it prepared and executed. I am expecting in about a week to leave for a brief respite and should be glad if agreeable to arrange this before that time. I should also

Be glad to confer with  
you or to me or two  
other interests if convenient  
and I will try to call on  
you for that purpose unless  
you drop in here for a  
moment when passing  
this way,

Yours very truly,  
Moses Kelly,

Gen. O. C. Howard  
Supt. v. v. v.

Propry Sanford Dist. S.C.  
July 28<sup>th</sup> 68

My Dear Sir  
Since I met you a year  
ago times have sadly changed Cotton  
planting last year was a ruinous business  
I sunk several thousand dollars in  
it as I employed a large number of  
freedmen My failure was partly  
owing to their indolent habits

On 1st July summing up all my  
losses I discharged all save three hands  
to make a small crop of bread stuffs  
on my home place I can scarcely  
feed these I have abandoned the  
plan of working gangs of hands here  
and have made tenants out of two  
families of freedmen I have also  
white tenants all on the same terms  
I taking part of the crop as rent  
The freedmen I have as tenants were  
formerly my slaves

The largest plantation I have is in  
Richland Dist. This year I will have  
to abandon all gear not having  
the means at my command to cultivate  
it. I have permitted the freedmen  
mostly an former slaves, to remain  
it - offered to submit to them for  
a low price in money or  $\frac{1}{4}$  in kind  
of the crop but they say which is true  
that they are unable to cultivate it for  
the want of means and beg me to  
employ them and work it. But no  
planters here can purchase supplies on  
credit the repayment being based on  
freedmen's labor. I went to Columbia and  
had an interview with Maj. H. K. S. and  
our agent of game bureau there to see  
if he could aid either the freedmen  
or any employer of mine. He informed  
me that Gen. Scott hoped to be able  
to do something to aid planters but  
from the resources on hand which he  
knew of I fear planting a crop this

for aid from this source would be  
a precarious business.

From some articles I saw in the papers  
I was led to believe that you had aided  
some planter at the South last year  
& would know if such is the fact & to  
ask if you have any power or  
funds that you could advance me  
from \$500 to \$1000 in money or supplies  
This would enable me to produce from  
6 to 8000 Bushels of Corn as my water  
place is one of the best grain plantations  
in the state I rented it out last  
year to a cotton planter & hence it is  
I am without the means to cultivate it.  
By the fall in price & failure of crop I lost  
my rent I am the care of planting  
Cotton & going into grain almost  
exclusively. If I could carry on  
this place I could give employment  
to nearly all my freedmen. Provided  
I could secure a certain promise  
of supplies by the 10th or 15th of July

My letter to you. Received & private it  
is from Sep 1 Black to Sep Howard  
former clapsnote I can do  
any thing for me I will do all  
good I can with your aid  
The only best I preach political come  
from is to let bye Jones go to the devil  
lets try to do right, and do good to  
all men in the future I have tried  
to follow this rule ever since the war  
I fear many in this country will act  
stare without aid before harvest  
In my opinion over half of the laboring  
population in the country are out of  
employment.

I met John McCleary & Layelle  
sately They are both on duty in this  
state If you have leisure let

me hear from you

Your clapsnote  
friend

J. Black

Headquarters Department of the Missouri,

FORT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS,

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January 28<sup>th</sup> 1868.

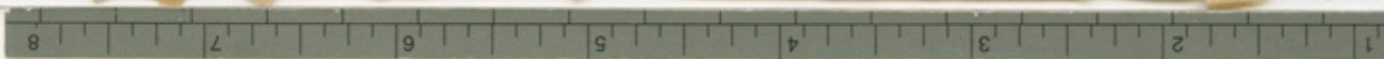
My dear General:

I see by this  
Morning's Telegrams in the  
"Leavenworth Conservative"  
dated Jan 27<sup>th</sup> (Yesterday)  
that in accordance with your  
Circular of December. All  
Officers and Agents - with  
the exception of Superintendents  
of Education. are to be discharged  
with after the 1<sup>st</sup> of next month  
and Officers of the Regular Army  
substituted, in certain States.

Closing of the Mail - With respects & Mrs  
Howard & kind regards to your Mother & her Sister.  
I remain Very Respectfully & Sincerely,

M. Dubé & c  
Capt etc

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If you consider that my  
services would be satisfactory,  
and I can be designated as  
one to be detailed for this  
duty. I should be very glad.  
I think with the experience  
I have had in the Bureau  
and the interest I feel in  
its successful operations  
I could do probably better than  
most officers of my rank who  
feel less interest.

I have only time to send  
this to the Office before the

Headquarters Dept of Missouri.  
Fort Leonard, Kansas  
Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> 1868

Recd Wm M.  
Capt, etc.

Leams that, in accordance  
with a circular from the  
Commissioner, all officers  
and agents, except Dept of Ed-  
ucation, are to be dispensed  
with after the 15<sup>th</sup> of next March.

If so, he would like to be  
designated as one to be de-  
tailed for duty in the Bu-  
reau.

Thinks that, from past ex-  
perience in the Bureau and  
sympathy therefor, he could do  
better than most officers  
of his rank. etc, etc.



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No. 15 Cornhill, Boston,

28 Aug. 1868.

Dear General,

Your note was duly received and surprised me as much - though not perhaps as painfully - as mine did you. And the more I have reflected upon the whole matter, the more puzzled I am. The only thing which is clear to me, is that there is a radical misunderstanding between yourself, Mr. Boynton, and the functionaries of the American Cong<sup>l</sup>-Union.

The only course which seemed open to me was to address Rev. Dr. Palmer, the New York Secy. of the Union, and convey to him your understanding of the case. I accordingly forwarded to him (to be used confidentially) a copy of your note to me.

Again begging pardon for troubling you, but seeing  
no other way of emergence from the perplexity.

I am,

with great respect,

Faithfully yours,

Henry Medeter.

W.B. Leland \$ 10.00 left here for you.

prefaced by a copy of mine to  
you which you answered.

Please find within (1) a copy of  
my note to him, (2) a copy of  
his reply to me.

I do not know how to explain  
Dr. Palmer's statements herein, into  
consistency with Christian integrity  
and fair dealing on the part of  
Dr. Boynton. And I do not see how  
to explain the attitude of your mind  
toward the subject except on the  
theory that Dr. Boynton has entirely  
misled you, as to the prominent facts.

I feel that I ought to lay all  
this before you, and hear from you,  
before taking any further step in  
the matter of public appeal. There  
can be no govt in further public  
appeal, until all that is unpleas-  
ant between the enterprise and the  
"Union" has been explained and  
settled.

No 15 Cornhill, Boston.

January 28<sup>th</sup> 1868.

Dear Henry M.

I am still completely puzzled  
over the matter in corre-  
spondence. Only see one  
thing clearly, that there is a  
radical misunderstanding  
between Mr Boycott, Comin,  
and Officers of "Unions."

Enclose copy of his note  
to Rev. Ray Palmer, and Mr  
Palmer's reply. Does not  
know how to explain the Dr.  
statements.

Thinks that this whole  
unpleasant matter should  
be settled before further  
appeal is made to the pub-  
lic. &c, &c,



(no. 1.)

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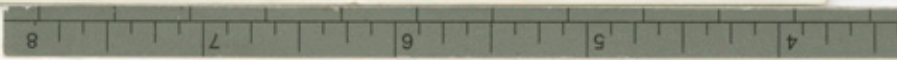
Rev. Wm. Palmer, D. D.

Dear Brother,

The correspondence which I enclose will mainly explain itself, and will indicate the reason of my sending it to you.

Please find, first, a copy of a letter addressed by me, on the 15<sup>th</sup> inst, to Gen. C. C. Howard making statements of facts which stand in the way of my endorsing to the public an appeal recently received from him for renewed aid to the Washington enterprise, and asking for his explanation of the same.

Please find, second, a copy of his confidential reply to my



letter.

Hearing read these in their connection, will you be good enough to answer these questions from <sup>the</sup> your stand-point which you occupy, as it is my earnest desire to comprehend the subject in all its details, exactly as it is.

1. Were any of my impressions in regard to the action, or feeling, of the "Union" in the premises, as gathered from Mr. Cushing and related to Gen. Howard, incorrect?

2. From the tenor of Gen. Howard's reply is it obvious to you that there is, at the present time, any radical misunderstanding between Gen. Howard and the Trustees of the "Union", in regard to the matters under consideration?

3. Are the Trustees of the



"Union" now prepared to  
indorse to the public Gen. Howard's  
fresh appeal, a copy of which  
I also enclose (marked no. 3) and  
if not, why not?

An early answer will much  
oblige,

faithfully yours,

W. W.

per G. M. S.

W. W. Please return my copy of  
my letter to Gen. Howard (No. 1)  
and the "appeal" (No. 3.)



(No. 2)

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49 Bible House, N. Y.

Jan. 27, 1868.

My Dear Brother,

Let me state by way of reply to your inquiries the entire facts in relation <sup>to</sup> the Washington Church so far as the Am. Cong. Union is concerned.

1. The Union advanced \$13,000. in payment for the lot.

2. It gave up its anniversary meeting a year ago last May to an effort for that Church which gave it \$5,871.44. almost \$6,000. more.

3. A year ago the present winter Genl. Howard came on and with the hearty concurrence of the Union and its friends raised in Brooklyn - I think, some six or eight thousand more. I have not the figures. A large part of this was virtually taken from us; as but few of those who gave it

would contribute again last year to  
our treasury to any considerable amount.

The Union have therefore  
helped this church directly to the  
amount of nearly \$19,000. and  
indirectly to the other amounts  
collected as above; so that they  
really have from us and through  
our influence from twenty to  
twenty-five thousand dolls. at a  
moderate estimate.

4. Then they asked the Trustees  
to transfer to them the title to  
the lot; and the Trustees distinctly  
understood that if this were  
done they would be able to raise  
the money to complete the  
house; and so consented to give  
them the title taking a lien on  
the property for their own  
security. It was supposed we had  
done with the matter.

5. But in a short time Dr. Boynton

came on and saw the treasurer  
and myself and said they must go  
to the Church for \$20,000 and desired  
our endorsement. He told him the  
views of the Board and stated  
that this endorsement was impossible,  
that as we had or were certain to  
have this year, from seventy-five to  
one hundred churches asking us  
to help them, we could not ask  
the churches to divert a sum equal  
to all they were likely to give in  
the whole year, from our treasury.  
Dr. B. afterward wrote me from  
Washington and the matter was  
laid before the Board and they  
decided that they had done all  
that they could for the Washington  
Church and could not allow it to  
go to the churches in their name.  
Dr. Boynton then wrote me saying  
they would not press the point.  
But he immediately prepared his

circulars, and took an endorsement  
of Mr. Langworthy's given to help  
the enterprise some three years ago,  
or more, and no vote to give such  
is on the records of the Board  
a paper which we had explicitly  
told him the Board would not  
consent to his using - and had gone  
with this to the churches in  
name. We think this is sharp practice  
to say the least, for a Christian man  
in aid of a Christian enterprise.

This is the whole matter. We  
have no controversy and intend not  
to have any with any body in  
Washington.

But the question to be decided is  
simply this. There are nearly a  
hundred churches, which have  
received nothing, appealing for aid  
in erecting houses of worship. These  
houses are, many of them, in  
different stages of progress. The

churches appealed to will not probably give this year in all to church-building more than \$30,000. Shall the churches give this whole sum to one church that has already received so much, and deny the rest the aid which would secure the building of seventy-five or eighty churches at very important points? I am sure there can be but one answer to this. We cannot as churches at the East leave our struggling brethren in so many places without assistance, by giving the money which they are suffering for, to finish a hundred thousand dollar church in Washington. We think we here ought not to do it and that we cannot ask the churches to do it. We earnestly hope that you will not give your influence, or that of your paper to such an effort.

We deeply sympathize with Dr. Howard and the other good men who are interested in the Washington Church. We would help them if we could justly. But I am fully persuaded that the \$30,000. they want should be obtained from wealthy individuals, or at least in some way that does not involve a fatal embarrassment to the Union as the Churches whose applications are before the Board - fatal to mean to our success, if the churches do what Dr. B. desires.

I believe I have fully answered your inquiries and placed all the facts before you. That these are the exact facts of the case, the documents are all here to show. You will know what course to take. It is not for us to say that Dr. B. shall not ask anybody he pleases to give to the Washington

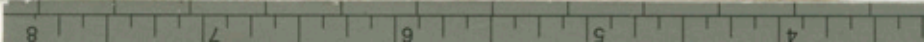


Church, but we have a right to  
say, most certainly, that he must  
not go to the churches in our  
name and so take their contribu-  
tions from us and the churches  
whose pressing wants we know.

Very truly yours  
Ray Palmer.

per 6. m. 1.

*[Faint, illegible handwriting on aged paper, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side. The text is mirrored across a vertical center fold.]*



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Melrose Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1868.

Maj. Gen. C. C. Howard

Dear Sir.

It has just occurred to me that I have been remiss in the common civilities of life, and that I have failed in my ordinary routine of duty. Be pleased at this late day to accept the sincere and hearty acknowledgments of the "Melrose Independent Army and Navy Association" for the very generous and acceptable records sent by you, in response to our solicitation for "War Records", and I beg that your kind forbearance be extended to me for this very evident breach of courtesy.

With sincere regards  
I am, very truly your obt. Servt.,  
Wm. N. Tyler  
Cor. Sec.

