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North Adams
Jan 29 - 1868

Genl O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

Enclosed find order for Nine & 00/100 Dollars sent collected in the Congregational S.S. and sent by order of Mr Geo. Perry, superintendent.

Acknowledge receipt & oblige

Yours Respectfully
N. C. Pettis
Sec & Treas
C. S. S
North Adams
Mass

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Jan 29th 1862

Settle N. C.
Sec'd Treas. Cong S.S.
North Adams Mass

Sends order for
9 $\frac{07}{100}$ dollars, contribution to Cong church at Washington.

Entered

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Strictly private and confidential.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

Head-Quarters Assistant Commissioner, District of Virginia,

Richmond, Va., January 30, 1868.

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Major Genl. O. O. Howard
Commissioner,

Dear General,

Yours of the 29th inst is received. In reply permit me to state that you have been incorrectly informed in regard to the prejudices of Chaplain Manly against the Episcopal Commission. If such a charge would justly hold against any one it would be against myself.

Two years ago teachers arrived in Richmond from the Episcopal Soc. of the North, with instructions to avoid all connection with the Bureau and receive neither aid nor assistance from it, or to make reports to it.

Notwithstanding these instructions they were forced from the inaction of their church here, to seek the aid of the Bureau, which they did under protest. In January 1866 they sent a teacher to Norfolk where the schools were organized under the district system, and the city fully

supplied with teachers by the American Miss: Asso. and the New Eng: & New York branches of the Freed: Union Com:- By Christmas trees and other similar baits they obtained a large school, four fifths of the pupils being drawn off from the excellent schools of the above named associations. This school was intrinsically one of the worst conducted in the State, and its whole influence of a disorganizing and injurious tendency.

The schools there are now very much improved and are furnished with school room at the expense of the Bureau.

About the same time schools were started by them in Petersburg which have been very well conducted, and appropriation of $2,000 has been made for the erection of school building in that place.

In Halifax Co. $500 was appropriated by the Bureau to be expended under the direction of Rev. J. T. Clark their local agent there. Also their application for a building at the C.H., was responded to by renting the best room that could be procured, and $120 was expended in repairs, in addition to the rental which was assumed by the Bureau.

During my visit North last summer, I had an interview with Rev. Dr. Smith, Cor: Sec: of the Pres: Epis: Sped: Com^n, during which he stated that all the aid required by them from the Bureau was that before mentioned. My great objection to the society has been their constant efforts to give to their school a sectarian character, and while as their efforts show they want the Freed-men educated, they want it done in a manner too much in accordance with the notions of those native Virginians that are willing that the freedmen should be educated but insist that such education should be conducted in a man-ner befitting servants and not citizens.

If the Commissioner desires that $1000 be ex-pended in the construction of a school house at Halifax C.H., it will be necessary to in-crease the appropriation for Va by that amount, as the full amount of the appropriation already made will be required to carry out the present arrangements.

It will afford me pleasure to do whatever you may wish in the matter, and perhaps from motive

of policy it is best that the school house at Halifax C. H. should be built.

Yours truly

O. Brown

Bvt. Brig: gen'l Vols

Asst Comr

Wendell Phillips touches rather a lower chord than usual this week in his never-ceasing song of wrath against Gen. Grant. Avowedly basing his demand on nothing but rumors of the street, he calls on National and State Temperance Societies to investigate the report that the General "has been seen unmistakably drunk in the streets of Washington within a few weeks," and he is especially and angrily peremptory in commanding Senator Wilson to give an account of himself for advocating the nomination of such a man. But in his closing remark, "of course, fidelity *to the negro* must be our first and decisive test of any man's fitness for the Presidency," Mr. Phillips shows *why* he considers the temperance matter of any importance at all. But we hope the temperance societies will enter on the inquiry, and let Mr. Phillips and the rest of an anxious world know the result.

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transaction to grave doubts.

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instant the offence is committed; and that all
sequent transfers by the guilty owner are void,
that therefore condemnation, to the exclusion of
intervenere, is a consequence.

he claimants insist, first, that the act of Congress
n which the proceeding is based, is unconstitu-
al and void, as it proposes to attach a penalty for
son before conviction of the party of that offence.
is then asserted that the premises were taken
-ession of by the Confederate Government with-
the consent of the owner and mortgage credit-
and it is submitted that they should not, there-
be made to suffer. The mortgages were exec-
before the property was libeled by the Govern-
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Phelps, Dodge & Co.
Cliff St. between John & Fulton,
New York 31 Jany 1867

Jan.

My Dear Genl.

I enclose a slip cut from the "Times" of this mg. May help me a line and say what you know Confidential. I am spending my time & money freely in the Election of Genl. Grant under the full conviction

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that whatever they may have been in the past that now he is a temperate & not a temperate man — such statements by Phillips will do vast injury and we should know what are the real facts —

In great haste
Truly Yours
W. E. Dodge

N. York Jany 30th 1868

Dodge Wm E.

Inquires confidentially concerning Gen Grants position in regard to Temperance.

Ans.