Washington Feb 3. 1868

Maj Gen O. O. Howard

Dr Sir.

If you do not think the sermon itself a sufficient answer to such letters as you refer to, would it not be well to refer the writers to my statement in the Chronicle of Jany 30, or to the propositions submitted to the Church last Tuesday, or you can give them my verbal statements of yesterday

You might at least say that the article in the Recorder is an entire perversion of the sermon & misrepresentation of my opinions

Very Truly
Yr obt
A. B. Burgess

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4 Market Square
February 3d 1868.

General.

Yours (per A.D.C), of 31st ult, in reply to mine of 27th ult, is at hand. The initiative is taken.

A Bill passed City Council, and was approved, last May, to drain the Ponds around Lincoln Square and to fill in north B thereabout. But the Mayor fails to have the work done, — saying the plan ordered is ephemeral and impracticable. We have repeatedly asked him to have Surveys and Report made thereon to him; and that he report same to Council with better plan for amended action, else to execute the Bill as passed. He does not appear to act. Cannot you ask him to do so?

Genl Michler has been asked to grade all avenues &c across and about said Ponds, and to extend Lincoln Square to the two A streets prolonged. Cannot you reinforce such requests?

General Michler has also been asked to ask of Congress the relocatio of that part of North C street which li east of east 15th st so as to allign wit that part west thereof. And, sinc the objections to opening this much needed great thoroughfare of travel, eas to the County road to Rennings Bridge, i first the offsett complained of, and see the deeper cuttings for grade on the prese line, Alderman McCleaveran, of 6th Wa introduced, last Monday evg, a resolut of instruction to the Committee before le to seek to obtain from Congress the desir relocation, and at an early day. Thi Resolution, together with Maps, arguments and Bill, is probably now in hands of Mr Richards the Chairman of said Commi

Cannot you assist us herein before Genl Michler, Mr Richards, said Commi and Congress?

As to the matter of appropriating adorning Lincoln Square with the proposed Monumental Statute o President Lincoln, I know not wha is being done. Mr Thomas M

Plowman, of the "Philadelphia Building Company" most probably knows, and would at your request impart to you the requisite information. Alderman McCallman is also operating to that end, but calls for assistance. Cannot you help us in this matter also?

Respectfully Yours

A. L. Hales

Major Genl O. O. Howard
Bureau Refugees &c
Washington D.C.

No 4 Market Space
Washington Feb. 3d 1863

Haley, A. G.

Mentions receipt of Generals communication (per A. Wiles) in reply to his concerning improvements. Again details the improvements to be made, and says initiative steps have been taken before the Mayor, Gen Meigs & Congress, etc, now requests the General's coöperation in influencing each of these parties.

Mr Thomas, & Mr Newman of Phila Building Co can give information as to Lincoln monument to be placed in Lincoln square, etc etc

Penfield Mo. 94

February 3d 1868

Dear Ned:

Allow me to trouble you again for a few moments.

I took your advice and went and saw Genl Grant the next morning after I was at your house. He said they were going to reduce the Army the first thing in the Spring and he could not do any-thing untill after the West Point Cadets graduated. He thought that I could have a situation about the first of July.

I see that Congress has reported adversely to reducing the army, and also that all Officers holding positions from other Dept.s must resign their Commissions in the Army and the vacancies filled by promotion.

And this will make many vacancies, and as Lic Stanton is now in the War Office. Don't you think I might receive an appointment sooner than Genl Grant could then

Please address

L. M. Fish Esq.
Penfield
Monroe Co. N.Y.

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

P.S. Ask one of "A.P.'s" Postmaster
through! Excuse this paper, as
is all I have in the house

Could you do anything for me in yo
Bureau?

promise me?

As you are at the War Dept every day, would it be asking too much for you to state my case to the Secretary and get his views?

As you may have forgotten, in the press of your other business, about me, I will briefly state the case. I am 26 yrs old - entered service as a private June 1st/61 - have been wounded seven times. worked my way from private to Capt & Bvt Major, am strongly recd by Genl Cox whose Staff I was on as Ord Officer & Actg Asst Genl. Endorsed by Govr Fenton - Genl Sherman and yourself Senator's Trable & Morgan - also by McCarthy & Lalye, Members of Congress, & am 4 yrs 2 mos & seven days active service.

I desire a position in the Cavalry if possible. I was the only Scout Genl Burnside had when we first went to the Carolinas. and was wounded twice while performing those duties. But was never taken prisoner.

Genl. please give this your attention and let me hear from you, if only a line. And your kindness will ever be appreciated by Yours Respectfully

J. M. Fish

Penfield Monroe Co N.Y.
February 3rd 1868

Fish J. H.
Post Master

States that (at the suggestion of the Commissioner, when last at his house) he saw Gen Grant who, on account of expected reduction of the Army, could not give definite answer as to position till the 1st of July

Notices that there will be no reduction, but many vacancies. Requests that the Commr, if not too much trouble state his case to the Secty of War and get the Secty's views

Lest the Comr may have forgotten, reiterates briefly his war record together with name of Generals, Senators, and members of Congress. Would like position in cavalry etc etc, etc,

Call at

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Dear Gail:-

Credit yourself with $1042.50. on your private account with this bank.

In accordance with your order of Saturday I have taken one one thousand 10-40 bond at that price - market value cash.

Yours truly

D. L. Eaton
Actuary.

July 3, 1868.

Please send me Gen. Boynton's article on amalgamation

Washington Feb. 3d 1868

Eaton Col. D.L.

States that General's private account is to be credited with $1042.50

In accordance with order, he has taken one more, one thousand 10-40 bond.

FROM THE

Law Office of Edwin H. Darling,

36 & 37 Old State House.

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Boston, Mass., Feb. 3d 1868

My dear Sir,

I have been intending to write to you for some time past, but thought I would defer trespassing upon your attention until in my judgement it became unavoidable. For the past six months I have been practising law in Boston, and during the whole of that time I have not made one cent. This is both discouraging and demoralizing, now especially as I can conscientiously say that I have attended closely to my business, and tried very hard to work into a practice. Although I am surrounded by wealthy relatives, I don't want to accept any pecuniary assistance while I am able and willing to work. But having been engaged for some time past in seeking something to do, and not finding anything whatever, and having pretty nearly run out of money, the future commences to look very black. My wife and child I sent

to Nassau last December, though I expe
will return in the Spring. After all th
good father has done for me, especially
view of his recent even pecuniary b
I could not and would not ask any a
from him. It has occurred to me that i
vast ramifications of your business, yo
might find something for me to do. I
well-educated as you know, can spea
pretty well both French and Spanish, an
am steady and willing to work hard
My father deliberately and from princip
sacrificed a large, in fact an enormou
fortune during the war in support of t
cause of the Union, and as he has n
asked any thing from the government i
think they might do something for
especially as I propose to render them
a "quid pro quo". I dislike to give up
my profession even temporarily, but unless
I get something to do speedily, I sha
starvation staring me in the face. I
hope our former acquaintance as well

your knowledge of my family may plead an excuse for encroaching upon your time, and with the hope that I may hear from you at your leisure, believe me,

Yours very truly,

E. H. Darling

Should Percy Lee be at H., please remember me kindly to him.

36 & 37 Old State House
Boston Mass.
Feb. 3d 1868

Darling E. H.
Atty at Law.

States that he has been practicing law for six months, and has not made one cent.

Is ready and willing to work, and is well educated. Hopes that the Commissioner may see something for him to do, to prevent himself and family from starving &c, etc, etc,

H - no civil

Boston, Feb. 3rd, 1868

Maj Genl O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find $18.50 Eighteen dollars and fifty cents. a contribution from the Mt Vernon S.S. (Dr Kirks) to be appropriated by you for the purpose of aiding in the erection of a church edifice for congl worship in Washington

Be so kind as to acknowledge rect of the same as early as possible Wishing you success in your noble enterprise

I have the honor to remain

Your Obt Servt

S. C. Merrill

No 1 Marble Court
Boston

Collinsville Conn

Gen O O Howard Feb 4 1868

Dear Sir

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Enclosed find a PO Money Order $13,75 to aid in completing the Congregl Church in Washington. It is a small contribution for so worthy an object, & so able a Church as ours.

Very Truly Yours

A Hall

O O Howard Pastor Congl Ch Collinsville Conn

Collinsville Conn.
Feb. 4th 1868

Hall A.
Paxton, etc.

Encloses P.O. order for $13.75. from Cong. Church of Collinsville to Cong. Church at Washgn.

Ent'd

Coffeetown Feb. 4th, A. D. 1864

Gen. Howard Dear Sir — 106

I take my pen to express my surprise and sorrow at the report by the Congregationalist Boston that D. D. Poyington refused the request of two respectable colored persons to unite with the chh. under his care. Believing you are a member of that chh. and knowing you have done very much for it, you must feel some interest in this decision. Did the D. D. do it himself or by vote of consent of the chh.? Think a very important matter. I have been in the ministry 51 years in upper wuks. Most of that time I have labored and prayed for the abolition of slavery, and not wholly without success. You may remember sending some 2 years an envelope to me at East Lemon for aid in erecting a sanctuary. I done took interest, I sent the small sum asked, not that I regret it. But I now say I would not give one farthing to erect a sanctuary or support a minister whose doctrine were that against colored persons uniting with the chh. and especially at this most critical period. It also against suffrage, Congress and reconstruction, and states and liberty of the negro. And if rebels and their sympathizers are not pleased, you will certainly know. But this is not only against man, but against the Bible. See Eph. 6th & 8th and 9th. Whatsoever good thing any one doeth the same shall he receive of the Lord whether bond or free. Masters do the same things unto them, knowing that your Master's in heaven: neither is there respect of persons with him. This the uniform teaching of the Bible. Let yourself and others &c. I hope you and D. D. B. will read the Article in Cong. Boston, quoted above. If does not present feeling of the great body of Congrests, I am mistaken. The slaveites might aid your building.

Every thing about your building and church is of very peculiar interest. We wanted your church to be a model of our Puritan free congregationalism in so important a place where we are so little known. It should be a model entering wedge pointed south. We have a negro who takes care of our meeting house, and we estem him highly and very few if any are more decent or casant and interesting in prayer. several of his children are members. I hope the cause will be received where there no colored persons in any of the white churches. We rejoice in the stand you have taken, and good you have accomplished for the freed men. You have our thanks, and our prayers. Ten more, that we so many good men on important stations south. May God prosper all your efforts for elevating the down trodden.

Another thing: Have not Congress power and the right, in time of war, to prohibit turning cotton into poison to kill and not to save?

God has begun to deliver the oppressed, and He will accomplish it; if need be, by more terrible judgments; if rebels won't learn righteousness. The Lord guide and establish our loyal Congress and all good men, and abase the proud.

A trembling hand & O in March. Manning

Yours truly & for justice Abel Manning.

Confidential Washington Tuesday
July 4. 1865.
(at the Office)

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Dear Brother Howard.

God bless you! - I hoped that I might be able to go to the gathering last evening at the Columbian Law Buildings - thus Party I might perhaps meet you but I could not. I wanted to say to you how truly & deeply I sympathize with you & that my prayers in the closet at my family prayer are daily ascending for you and that in the little union week day prayer that every morning I attend you are most specially remembered, while like your blessed master, placed as you are by the Providence of God in that important you are ministering to the wants and woes of thousands and that you may be sustained you as He kept you in the heat of the fight in the day of battle he will still keep you & endure

your faith & make you a blessing
for a long time to the church & the
country & the world. Sure I am there
are many who will rise up to call
you blessed. I am not one who is ac-
customed to flatter, but even since
I first saw in the E. St. church prayer
meeting just after the battle of Bull
Run & heard you express your feeling
as a Christian soldier & you then led
us in prayer my heart has gone
to you & I have loved you. I did not
know indeed then what great things
our God had in store for you but
after we parted on the Avenue a few
weeks subsequent, all through your
glorious career of heroic service, I
followed you with my prayers & then
crowned with laurels I first saw
you at the meeting of the Christian
Commission still standing up for
Christ; and I felt as I now feel
I but gave glory to God to recognize

in you one by whom He had wrought
so great things, while you as He's own
wore your honors so meekly, I did
my dear Brother most truly feel
for you last Sabbath. It was all
strange to me, I had not heard
a word of the meetings of the week
before for I was unable to go out
but it did seem to me such an
utter perversion of the text and such
an extraordinary course for a pastor
to withhold so many longing hearts
from the ordinance where the Savior
was the all & in all to us and it
to remember Him in compliance with
His dying words, just as He was going
to Gethsemane where His soul so ex-
ceeding sorrowful even unto, to turn
off our minds from the tender touching
words so recorded to make what I
could not but view as a most un-
generous unmanly use of his position
to attack you to whom ~~our~~ and to

your disinterested devotion the C[illegible] and
so much — and I blessed God too [illegible] and
you so calmly & nobly vindica[illegible] and
yourself. I tried to say see you [illegible] the C[illegible]
as much at the close of the Service [illegible] wa[illegible]
but could not find you. I say it [illegible] dover
from a full heart. — You had a [illegible] true
to protest — it is a privilege never de[illegible] writte[illegible]
I do not know what I might have [illegible] this
felt best for me to do but situated [illegible] disc[illegible]
as you are you did right as I be[illegible] know
I did not hear the sermon nor wo[illegible] deep
for its publication. When I read it I [illegible]
thought as I do now — the text was [illegible] how
misapplied and the idea of an [illegible] on
Civilization in the midst was agai[illegible] Day
all the teachings of History. Only in [illegible] all
the case of antagonistic religions [illegible] and
such things been shown as in the [illegible] how
Turkish empire — Jews, Armenians — [illegible] to
Greek Ch. with Mohammedans [illegible] co[illegible]
but not in Persian, Grecian Roman [illegible] wi[illegible]
~~Empire~~ Empires, not in Europe or [illegible] wi[illegible]
Bulgaria — as you well know [illegible] wi[illegible]
It was unkind I think and unge[illegible] [illegible]
to ask you exposed as you to daily [illegible] He
attacks from the political papers [illegible] hill
answer the question as to Amalgam[illegible] Gla[illegible]

God helped you to the right reply,
and He I doubt not will give you
the cover of His broad shield of faith
to ward off the fiery darts of the
adversary in whatever shape they
come. — Now dear brother I have
written, as you see most hurriedly
this letter and I hurt it to your
direction — Its design is to let you
know particularly how most truly
deeply I sympathize with you
how earnestly you are ever borne
on my poor prayers. Again
say God you & your family and
all the great hosts committed to
and make you further as you
have so largely been a blessing
to His church & to the church of
which I am a fellow member
with you & may His Spirit be
with us all to guide us aright
in the way of all truth and after
he has in any manner wrought His
will with us or by take all the
glory to Himself and thus permit

how more than ever day by day
He is with us and gives to be
Christlike by blessing others
& so being doubly blest ourselves.
May your children under their
fathers & mothers teaching &
example grow up to make you
blessed in them & to serve the
Lord.

I do not ask any reply
we may see each other some
time, perhaps in some prayer meet-
ing - but I should be glad if you
have one to spare you would send
me one of those printed papers which
I have read over (but I may see the
whole in the Evglist and Advance
both of which I take) my address
is Box 509. P. O. -

Your brother in Christ
Goodrich Smith

Maj. Gen. O. O Howard.

Washington Feb 4th 1868

Smith E. Goodrich 635

Expresses at length his great respect for the Commissioner, who is ever remembered in his petitions to God.

Sympathizes with the Genl. in the unchristian attack made upon him at the communion last Sabbath, etc, etc, etc, etc,

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS. 97

F. C. WITHERS, SECRETARY,
110 BROADWAY.

NEW YORK,
4th February 1888.

Maj Gen: O. O. Howard

Sir:

Mr Henry R. Semle of Washington, proposing at this time to become a member of the American Institute of Architects, has referred the Trustees to you for information in regard to certain points, which are fully set forth in his application, of which a copy is enclosed

Hoping that you may find it convenient to forward a reply at an early day I remain Sir

Your respectfully
Fred. C. Withers Sec:

No. 76 Mo. Av. Washington, D.C.
4th Feb. 1868

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Major Genl. O. O. Howard
Dear Sir

This will introduce to your favorable consideration, Genl. J. W. Barnes of Tex as. He is President of one of our Texas Railroads; and he wishes to present to you some views in regard to the labor of Freedmen. I take pleasure in saying that Genl. Barnes is thoroughly reconstructed and that he has humane and liberal views. Whatever he undertakes will be done in good faith, and for the benefit of the Freedmen and the country. You can implicitly rely upon his statements.

Any facilities you may afford him will greatly oblige me. I remain with great respect

Geo. W. Paschal

No 76 Confid.

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Pascal G. W.

Introduces Genl
J. W. Barnes.

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Office of Public Buildings, Grounds & Works,
Washington, February 4, 1868

Major General O. O. Howard
Commissioner of the Freedman's Bureau,
Washington, D.C.

General:

I have the honor to enclose herewith an Indenture properly signed and witnessed, conveying to you Square south of Square 1025 in the city of Washington.

I am, Genl. Very respectfully,
Your Obt Servant,
N. Michler
Major of Engineers,
Bvt Brigr Genl U.S.A.

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C. C. WILLARD.

EBBITT HOUSE,

WASHINGTON, D. C. Feb 4th 1868

Dear General

I would like very much to remain in the city until day after tomorrow night to attend to some little private matters of importance if you are willing? I regret that I am obliged to tax your generosity as I have done. and thank you for sparing me so long. but as I am now in this city I would like to arrange all of my affairs before going South.

Hon. Geo. Comer

Drummer

With the highest resp
Your obt Servt

Nelson A. Miles

Bvt Comdr U.S.A.