Dear Sir,

I have your letter of the 14th, announcing the result of the emancipation, which has been made into the scheme for purchasing the Farrar farm. I regret very much that it has been found unpracticable, though I cannot say that this result has disappointed me, for it coincides with what I feared.

Yours very truly,

Charles Sumner

Major Gen. O.O. Howard
War Department
Atlanta, Georgia, Feb. 5—1868.

Major General O.O. Howard
Commanding Bureau of R.F. & A.L.
Washington D.C.

Dear General,

Inclosed herewith please find my photograph as requested per letter of Captain Clodius of the 16th ult.

I should be much pleased, General, if convenient, to receive a photograph of yourself.

I am very truly yours,

C.C. Sibley
Capt. 16th N.Y. Vol. Brig. 1st Sect.
Adjt. 1st Sect.
Sibley G. C.
capt 16th Inf. U.S. Army
head cook.

Enclosed photograph of himself. Would be pleased to receive one of the Commissioner.

Atlanta, Georgia
Feb 6th, 1863
Washington, D. C. 5th 1868

Maj. Gen. & C. O. Howard
Respected Friend

I take the liberty to send thee my thoughts, upon the accompanying sheet, without attempting to condense them, in regard to the subject alluded to, some time since, and as first presented to me; and if approved by thee, I will endeavor to write out the plan, as it suggests itself to my mind in a more concise form.

Respectfully,
C. H. Valentine
Augusta Ga
Feb 5th 1868

General O.O. Howard
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir,

I avail myself of this method to request your assistance in a matter which I am satisfied you & all fair minded & unprejudiced men are in sympathy with & desire to see eradicated from the hearts & minds of the heads of our Government. I mean prejudice. I desire to "break the ice of prejudice" & enter one of the Colored Regiments of our Army as a 2nd Lieutenant if found after examination qualified. I do not think race or color should preclude my entrance into the Service as an Officer when so many colored men are required to serve as Enlisted men.
I desire not the position if I am not capable of performing the duties that would be required of me. I deem it unnecessary to refer to my record as a Soldier in the late war, as you are well acquainted with the history of my Regiment (73rd Penn Volts). Numbers of my old Brigade have been commissioned &c., among them Col. Lorenzo Chambers McKibbin (formerly Private of Co. B 73rd Pa Volts) Col. R.H. Jackson 134th Pa. &c. I merely ask for the position as a man (as my Bible teach me I am one) and a former Soldier of the Union Army. I think if Col. J.B. Taft was living to day he could testify to my conduct as a Soldier. I deem it inexpedient General to prolong this letter as I think you are sufficiently advised as to my status, history &c. I desire if you should be pleased to
aid me that you will do so as soon as practicable. As I see that there is a Bill before Congress to prevent the appointment of any man and Lieutenant. And I do not think there is a Colored Officer in the Army tough quite a number of Colored Soldiers. I respectfully call your attention to my application forwarded to you by Maj J.R. Lewis and also refer you to Rev Mr Watts, Kent, Congo Rice, Turner, White, &c other Divines in this State.

Please reply as early as possible and let me know if I can secure the desired position.

I am General

Very Respectfully,

Your Old Servant

Edwin Belcher

Late Capt 73 Ind P.V.I

Place Box No 35
Pelham Edeira
(Late Capt 73rd N.Y. Volts)
(30 June 1861)

Wishes to secure the cooperation of the generals in obtaining the position, if possible, of Lt. Lieut in one of Col's regiments, and thus breaking up prejudice on the part of the Government. Seems it unnecessary to refer to his record in late war.

Gives name of several of his comrades who have been commissioned, etc., etc., etc.

Requests an early reply.
West Medway
February 5, 1868

Gen. O.O. Howard

Dear Sir,

I hereby transmit the enclosed twenty-eight dollars, contributed by the Congregational Church & Society in this place, in aid of building the house of worship for the Congregational Church in Washington, now being erected. Please accept and appropriate it to that purpose and may God's blessing be your great reward for your self-denying labors in His cause.

Anson Daniels.
P.S. I once heard Mr. Gray, but he was not here. I don't know how you regard it but his friends in Baltimore may think he has rendered good service to the cause in Maryland in Carolina. I am active in the Bureau.

The Judge is poor. He is reduced in dependence on his professional services. It will take time to labor for him to get a place. Has the Bureau any occasion for the services of a lawyer whose and very much needed by the Judge? I would greatly hear him in mind.
New York.

Mr. Kirse, J. W.

(Ask size of efficient letter)

Thanks that Judge Board has done to cause good service in Maryland and elsewhere.

The Judge is a poor man and would like to get a position in the Bureau, etc.
Senate Chamber
Febry 5 1868.

Dear Sir,

This will present to your Col. Chad St. Marland of St Louis. Col. Stare a pioneer in the Antislavery cause in Missouri and is one of our most active and enterprising citizens. He was for some years a most valuable member of the State Senate of Mo.

He wishes to see you on some business which he
Will present to you, and I beg to ask for kind consideration.

Yours truly,

J. J. Henderson

Gen. J. D. Howard
Senate Chamber
Feb 13th 1863

Henderson by J.B.

Introduces Col.
Chat. H. Hamland
March 7th, 1899

Mayor and Council

Dr. Siri

I first want to

uninformed influence to the passage of the

Bill for Relief of Employment. I was in the House

at eleven o'clock and called to have action taken

upon it yesterday. I feared that it could have

without going to the first com, as I have always

found it dangerous to act against the Mayor

(who uses good liquor). A man came to own

office close to the dinner who said that the Bill had

passed was a stranger, but should have known

the difference. I will do all I can to urge it

through the House Com. now.

Rushly

J.S. Griffiths.
Griffing, H. J. S.

We are mistaken as to the passage of the bill for relief and employment. Will urge it forward, etc., etc.
United States Senate Chamber.

Washington, Feb. 5, 1868

My Dear General,

You may remember having interested yourself, at my request, in the restoration to his parents of a colored boy. I enclose a grateful letter from them, which will show you how your kindness is appreciated, and with the thanks of the happy parents accept those of

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Major General O.O. Howard,

[Signature]
"The Captain's Report 1st. Part"

Hon. Wm B. Anthony

Dear Sir,

My son David arrived safe in Providence on the 26th of this month, will you please accept the thanks of this almost distracted parent for the kind and timely assistance rendered in the restoration of our long lost son will you. Dear Sir present my thanks to Genl. Howard for his kindness in the matter all the language that I can command is inadequate to express the gratitude I feel to you, dear Sir for your kindness for the fulness of your kindness with great respect I am your obedient servant, Thomas H. Greene

Providence January 29th 1868
F. S. 6th & Market

Phil 2 Feb 1868

Major Genl. O.O. Howard

Dr Sir

In your acceptance of the invitation to the dedication of our Mission building — great interest is felt throughout the city. This great event many are anticipating with great pleasure. Seeing and hearing you — in answer to your inquiry as to the character of the Service, Gen Howard needs no prompting — but if information will serve I would gladly state that the building, built especially for Sabbath School purposes & Missionarz work will be dedicated on the 10th Anniversary of the founding of the Mission.

[Signature]
It is located on the outskirts of our city began with 24 children now number between 9 to 1000. During the revival of '58 the school was held and continued religious services in a tent at one of the neighboring lots. Since then it occupied a small chapel and through the friends of City Mission we have completed this the largest and best arranged school hall on this continent and we go up to "Pentac" near the city for help to give all to Jesus and endeavor ourselves to the missionary work. The neighborhood is a poor one and we work by night schools, cottage meetings, mother meetings, improvement society and preaching the gospel.
in the building & from hand to hand—God help you in your coming to do great good for our city stirring many hearts. 

Please advise me of the time of your departure so that I may meet you with Carriage.

Yours Very Truly,

[Signature]

The leaflet enclosed will give you an idea of our dinner.
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
Feb. 3rd, 1868

Sir:

I would most respectfully ask the Commissioner, if any funds under his control (whether derived from a private or public source), may be applied to the cultivation of any plantation where great advantage will accrue to the freedmen who may be worthy of such assistance? The same to be secured by mortgage on the growing crop.

I see by your report that in a few particular instances this has been done in South Carolina and that you regard it as safe and practical.

I make this inquiry sincerely in a spirit of early friendship—there is great your ability and from I will their detail a join the office I have in mind.

I have the honor to remain

Very truly yours,

O. O. Howard, Major Gen.,

Commissioner.
Quartermaster General’s Office,
Washington, D. C. February 6, 1863.

(To Gen. O. C. Howard)

Chairman of the Committee, Gen. R. T. & C. L,
Washington, D. C.

General:

I desire respectfully to state, in behalf of Rev. Mr. D. Harper, A. M., of Virginia, Ohio, whose name has been suggested to you as a suitable fender for the position of Inspector of Education in the State of Kentucky, that I have known Rev. Mr. D. personally for the past twenty years. He has for many years been the efficient secretary of the Board of Home Missions of the United Presbyterian Church, and Pastor of the First Church of Virginia. He is a gentleman of superior education and culture, of excellent judgment, of great purse, and of high ad-
ministrative ability. His character is above approach. I can safely commend him to you as a gentleman eminently qualified for the position above mentioned. And if you should be pleased to appoint him, as I earnestly hope you may, I am satisfied you will find him to be the right man in the right place.

I am, General,

Very respectfully,

Your old servant,

James A. Bub

Deputy Quartermaster General

Post, Bury, Etc. U. S. A.
New York, Feb r, 1868.

Gen. C. P. Theron,

My dear friend.

In conversation about your church, Mr. S. Tappan says he has a letter from Rev. B. B., Bryenton which says you are now yourself an amalgamationist and say, if the church will not sustain you in that doctrine, you will go and your friends will leave. So he [B. B.] has been informed. He thinks the church will not sustain you.

Does he correctly report you?

A Brooklyn paper accuses you as an amalgamationist. Please let me know the truth. Yours truly, G. Whipple.
S. M. Association
New York, Feb. 6th, 1868

Wipple, Rev. Geo.

States that Mr. Tappan has a letter from Rev. Dr. Pauaitarn, who says that General Howard (if report be true) is an amalgamation and will leave the church unless it sustains him in that doctrine etc. etc., a Brooklyn paper abuse the General.

Writes for information.
Washington, D.C. Feb. 6, 1868

Dear Brother,

Your enumeration last Sabbath of the Creed to Which you subscribed, “Love to God with all the heart, might, mind and strength and to love our neighbor as ourself.” In the Creed I have endorsed for years, and for many years I hesitated to join any Church here, desiring not to compromise those cherished doctrines of the New Testament. I am not recently become a member of the first Congregational Church of Washington. I think there is not a member of the Church but what heartily subscribes to that doctrine & I would that that was the extent of its formula, not that I have any objection to the remainder of the Article of Faith & Practice of few Young Converts. Can Comprehend fully the deduction which older Christians have determined by study of the Scriptures until they have become settled & grounded in the Truth. I think it was the extent of the “Apostle Creed” instance Philip & the Eunuch, but enough on that head. What is the ground of difference? So far as I have been able to learn there is not a member that has any objection to receiving Colored persons when the same criterion is other.
As I understand it, all the matter of difference arises out of an
irrelevant matter, which has no legitimate connection with the sub-
ject matter of the reception of Bro. Wall and Cook. And brother,
I mean to be honest toward God, and with fidelity to the Church.
If it had not been for the unadvised presentation of that
sermon, we would today be walking together in love and
fellowship, building each other up in the faith of the gospel,
this I believe is the cause of offence. Now as to the sentiment of
the sermon. It is an abstract question which was not
and is not pertinent to the duties of the present hour or even
to the present generation. Our present duty is to receive them
as the Redeemed of the Lord, throwing around them the
warm arms of Christian love, encouraging them to active deeds
of love for Christ in winning souls to him, and if need be
in my advanced years I could have associated myself
with one such. Colored brother I should have gladly
gone for the two by two as of old to the destitute either of
white or black and broke to the Bread of Life.
I have said enough on that point of the impulses of my
own heart. As to the real question of African Civilization
I agree with Dr. Boynton that the Colored man of this land
is by nature whose sanctified by the Holy Spirit better adapted
for the evangelization of Africa than the White race. So
whom there is a glorious field held in reserve for
occupation. These views are not worthy of a moment's considera-
whither for or against the R's views and is really of no prac-
tical importance and the presentation of them has only produced aid
and lead to much. The representation and the Christian Spirit
The R. disclaims any intention of repelling those brothers or any
other. How shall we accept of his disclaimers and forgive
his indiscretion and continue to foster him with our
prayers and Christian fellowship, trusting that he may
be an efficient minister of Our Lord and Saviour,
Jesus Christ in winning souls to Christ, or shall we
agitute this question (which does not consist of hot deny of
any fundamental principles of the Church) but an opinion
on an abstract question of the future. I have come to the
conclusion that we should bear and forbear and with
shoulder to shoulder go forward to avoid the ill effects it has
had or may have on others beyond our reach or control.
It is far better that we should occupy an unfinished
stone or remain as we are, than to have the Church sur-
dered and the evil due to slow discord among us.
Your brother in the fellowship
of a precious Saviour
R. B. Cropper

May
O. C. Howard
Washington D.C.
Believes with the generality of the congregation, last Sabbath, that "Love to God," etc., is the fulfillment of the law. Thinks that every member of the Church subscribes to that doctrine; and as far as he knows, not a member has objection to receiving mill, or cake, or other cold persons. Unfortunately the persons, (and abstract question for future generations) have caused all the trouble. But the Dr. disclaims any intention of repelling the idea, or any cold brethren. Thinks, therefore, that his disclaimer should be accepted, if he should be forgiven, etc., etc.