March 11th

Gen. Thornton

The term here

Sir, seems to me to apply

only to written letters. But

all I do not intend to write

one of that genre, you will

expire me if I call you

your friend, although the

wise is over, I believe General

you will conquer whenever

you go. That is high esteem

admirable and love, and

we are quite ready to enable

ourselves under your patronage,

and all orders will be most

faithfully discharged. I do

consider ourselves most highly

favored in having your letter

with us for a short time, before
reminded you! Remember of your visit by the sweet flowers which I kept as long as possible, but they are fast fading, and so your visit to me, which will long remain fond in our recollection. The thoughts of it bring me pleasant recollections.

I only wish I had been feeling better, but I am glad to be able to say that I am much better. However, although my cold bounds around one still. I took great pleasure in pressing the little flowers for you, and they shall not be lost to you. Now their beauty shall rise in a book, they become quite embellished at much consideration and with love. But I will send them at
your request and for an excuse for writing to you.

General Howard.

Dear little May
and Anne illustraste as you did, the rest your sisiter so patiently
reading them, they will take the article, and start off with it
saying now Annam am I

I think back, yet when I
just a child I read book and so
they read them and get into
2 regular story. I am glad
to be able to say they have
their story perfectly at last.

and said them quickly at Sunday
School yesterday. The children
isseeme to remember with
pleasure your word. I think
you fully gained their love.
I hope you found
your family all well
on your return to
Washington, where warm
weather comes, and you
want to escape from the
city connect the railroad
from your to King Coal
Town, and can then
reach our hills are round
Mount Vernon. I've
Taylor delivered a very fine
picture lecture. He has
"Constantineople" and Athens.
It was very interesting as well
as instructive. This stick of
"Egypt"
and I am respecting
on your time and good
nature I always love the
practice of writing too long
a letter. Paddy McSillie
Connelly desired the
compliments when I wrote
and the leaf of course wishes
to be remembered.

Hoping I may soon have
the pleasure of seeing you
again. I send you sincere
and affecion. Yours.

A. Connelly
Wartime, Bedford Co., Ten.
March 2nd 1863

My Dear Colonel, Hon. Jas. Bessey, Sec. of War.

I would respectfully call your attention to the following statement and ask an investigation of it. By adhering to this, I am to say you are a hero, but by going through your facts.

I served in the State of the Federal Army as a surgeon and surgeon from April 1862 to this date, going into service from Illinois in the Black Hawk War, then in the consolidated and Dakota, finally leaving and leaving the service at Fort Halleck on April 1863 and never again seeing your diploma on leaving. I am the hero, to the best of my knowledge, and I am not so sure that my name is not on the list of persons known and to whom credit by some I have that speaks once more as to credit.

Having taken great interest in the education of the Freedmen and a schoolhouse being erected for their use I was requested by the State Education S. A. Bank to superintend the erection in my absence on the completion the question of a teacher came up and where the county board

I received from the antebellum and difficulty to obtain a teacher. My name then should be preferred to a competent teacher. I sent to S. A. Bank to obtain. Then if I become a teacher the

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

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according, hearing, letter, from, Ben, Earlin, and
applied, stating, the, arrangement, made, with, A.B.,
and, the, view, would, be, ready, the, following
week, for, school, that, if, she, came, to, Topeka, to
meet, her, we, the, Friday, ought, have, the, copy
has, been, to, the, father, father, going, to, the
be, the, Sunday, ought, have, on, the, arrival.
To, a, word, to, show, and, on, the, Tuesday, or
home, she, help, for, to, go, the, in, the, A.
the, Great, at, Topeka, and, from, her, father.
the, next, day, she, quandary,
the, one, with, the, ocean,
the, not, been, to, Topeka,
the, beach,
the, have, seen, before, coming, to, Tennessee
the, she, she, her, in, her, her, the, the, at
all, times, in, her, her, the, she, the, states,
and, her, correspondence, very, large, that, this
cheer, her, been, in, Topeka, Bar, the, check,
the, St, Louis, Hotel, St. Louis, and, she,
will, and, the, the, the, the, she, the
and, when, in, St. Louis,
the, the, St.
and, for, all, she, the, she,
that, she, became, acquainted, with, Ben, Earlin,
at, Lexington, to, the, been, the, she, marched, there
days that she remains in her tent and ride all the

time, eating with and usually leaving dinner with
at my house besides she would write letters every
week or occasion a ride and alternate, she had
inpector to letter home and sometimes she was
the reading room in a clock in case of school, she states
the Blumen moving notably clocks but he had
made up his mind to give her $50 to buy a
watch or anything she pleased an order for
he came to Rigidton on Illusion Saturday, the end
of first month school and it would give me a box
of candy, she broke free of her influence one
the occasion that she can get all the money
she need from home, and on he continued taking
notes she had been given for $30 and began
for a gold watch seeing a portion of the money
and would pay the balance out of the next
months pay if she election to have but $10
she would to pay. While a portion of the letter written by
an old sister in regard with following it is
usual to greet a sister have as an slave done
for the of or strange addres see that she will
presented or letter, the a letter from home to
they at Lexington in which she expected him to come
to Richmond and suppose it would not get her
a teacher place she could just been in his office
as a copying clerk,
Abt the 12 of July 5 & 5 Butt came here an
riding to the Freedmen that evening after
the lecture the school house was turned to some
 Secondary, any what the next afternoon Thinking
of a post there for the reason of non-

bark on time some of there seats to 5 Butt
which on the profession of his arrival from the
prison had been to come here to Canada but
failed to her leaving the states to the other
lyric friend of your's, that if he could not
find there, on one else should ever be your
friend, on your slender to present him
Speckler homesteading. A hot place can be rented
for the convenience of the school, but in the
refuses to, about the great Steel in an injury to
the following editions here as they have shown
a most: writing circulation in their years come
to establish the school, as Jeff 3 Bart knows.
My Nellie in my previous going to Fidaland
at end of now. The contract for a house from
one of the roommates to land, and take the
then declines to buy it, but took to something to
got a piece on return here wrote the letters to
know of Sam, the circumstances when she left
the last time the man selected I would send it
but ideas to write J Bart as I meeting it when
the watch was sent after being gone two weeks
also the once the girl who washed for her $5
over to see she would send the other out her
$5 in her pocket, but say over sent it
Then informed your's father on your's for began.
My Nellie done out J Bessam and for
the case of school. She stated in another here
We gave it out hid the pocket and to someone
or other, stating his statement to be correct, she would join it, as on one sent
can be known in school case and the great
knowing it, this matter can be passed over forever
the Council at Sandy's Office both show
at least until they are of legal age. She bought clothes for school and for purchases with money sent on the same day. She made at least $20 from some other source. She kept track of her check account in the office.

A bank to store can be set up.

I want to inform you of an incident last night. I cannot go to see her but I want to advise you that she has

enrolled at the University of Wisconsin. She is enrolled to see the best by and by. She expressed an interest to me to have her become a teacher.

You have informed me that sometime with Mr. Bates and in full knowledge of the anxious effort for the welfare of the United States. You come to me with the request that you

be released from his own desires to return to the United States, and to be away from here. I have been the case since you are one but only to be sure that the matter has been kept out. I would suggest sending some

additional news to make the family if you deem it necessary to investigate the whole case.

I feel it is important to send anyone of the unhappy characters these unhappy will serve as a reminder to any family, especially to be a deterrent where there is a bitter antagonism. Feeling to the Bureau and its efforts in the education of the Freedmen, I urge you to

encourage teachers and community to settle down on these who are willing to help.
Sarted hearing to trouble you but that it is duty. Your Excellency allow justice to the enemy into attempts to discredit your beneficent efforts for their good.

Respectfully yours,

John Murray

Nashville Tenn. Dec 27th 1864

Dr. Murray:
I am told
a good teacher of young boys
in Nashville, if she can get
a respectable place to board.
She will be an agreeable company in any family. She is white. She has been teaching
at Winchester, but the hostility
of the rebels to the school prevents
her from getting permanent board
in the only family of respectable
that would take her. Please
inform me if the can get board
in a white family as soon
as possible.

Very respectfully,
Jane B. Scott
W. Harbison M.D.
Galesburg Ill. March 2d 1868

Hon. A. O. Howard

Dear Sir,

Enclosed I send you draft for $31.00. The amount of the contribution of our Church to the Church of Christ in Cong. to go to the aid of your Cong. Church in Washington. We are sorry the amount is not larger, but trust this amount will be thankfully received. Wishing you success and prosperity in your great undertaking

I am yours truly,

A. O. Howard

A. W. Bancroft

P.S. Please receipts
Galesburg, Ill. Mar. 24, 1868

Pencroft A. N.

Enclosed draft for $37.25,
contribution from 1st
Church of Christ (Chap.) of that
city to 1st Chap. Ch. of
Washington.

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PRIVATE.
Atlanta, March 2d, 1868,

Maj. Gen., O.O. Howard,
Comt. Bureau P. T. V. A. P.
Washington, D.C.

Dear General,

You will find herewith an invitation from Mr. Rockwell, to be present at the dedication of the new Schoolhouse at Oran.

I sincerely hope you will find it possible to do so. The occasion will be one of great interest, and I need not say that this visit would be greatly viewed by your people.

I hope you will not only be present at that time, but that you will remain some time in our State, visiting the more important points where we have schools, and becoming personally acquainted with the work which is being done in Georgia. You will be very welcome.
to our Atlanta "Home," and, I am sure also, to all the
W.M., A.M. & W Sat. in the State,

With sentiments of high regard and esteem, I am
your very humble,
Cc T. Baer
Atlanta, Ga. Mar. 26, 1868

Dr. W. E. A.,
Sup't Ed., Ga.

Enclosed, invitation of
Jno. S. Rockwell, requesting
the commissioner's presence
at the dedication of new school-
house at Macon. The occa-
sion will be one of great
importance.

Trust that the comm. will
not only be able to be present
on that occasion, but also to
visit several of the schools
in the state. etc., etc.
St. Louis, March 2, 1868

Gen. O. O. Howard

My Dear Friend,

Please to pardon this intrusion, as I feel from this short but pleasant acquaintance I have had with you that I may take the liberty to ask one more favor: perhaps you remember that when you were here I had just commenced a school which was not then fully organized. Since that time it has grown to be a large and interesting one, the students having made rapid advancement in their studies and I believe, truly. I anticipate that my anticipations in every respect have been more than realized. I have a pleasant assistant teacher, and it has indeed been to me a real source of happiness to see the hidden streams of intellect unfolding and the latent powers that have hitherto lain dormant, being developed, and I have felt at
times that we could not have at higher
commissions given us, by the kind fail of
us all, have to work for human elevation.

Since I have been mingling with my students
here I have learned to realize their needs
more fully and have resolved to make every
prayer to start a school expressly for the colored girls
and young ladies from twelve to twenty years
of age. Nowhere could there be a school of my
kind needed more than such a one is here.

And I write this to ask if you would be
willing to furnish money to pay rent for a suitable
building.

Mr. Morgan, one of the superintendents of
colored schools, was here yesterday and approved
of my plan, and encouraged me to ask any friend
in that direction if he would also pledge to furnish
a suitable teacher for the school. I am now
engaged in. If you feel that it is proper to accede
to my suggestion, will you be kind enough to
inform me at your earliest convenience, if not pleased
to partake what you cannot appreciate.

Very Respectfully, Emma Howard.
P.S. Direct No. 1,05 North Fifth St.
Saint Louis
Missouri.
St. Louis, Feb. 2, 1868

Howard, Emma

To a teacher in one of the schools (public).

Thinks that there is very great need of a school for colored girls and young ladies from 12 to 20 years of age. Will the General pay the rent of a suitable building for such a school?

Mr. Morgan one of the superintendents of colored schools approves of such a school.

etc., etc.

Received, school

Capt. W. White

Commanding Corps

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MARCH 6, 1868
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Eufaula, Ala. March 2nd 1868.

Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard, Comr. of the

Washington, D.C.

General,

Having this day forwarded through the regular channel, my resignation as Asst. in the Bureau of Freedmen in the U.S. for reasons therein stated, I beg leave to tender you my thanks for the confidence reposed in me, by intrusting to me a position so important as the one which I have held for the last nine months. The great amount of business pertaining to the affairs of Freedmen in this Sub. Dist., which has come before me during these nine months, has forcibly impressed upon my mind the great importance to the Freedmen of having prudent, judicious and energetic agents to look after their interests. While I do not claim to have done all for them which their various necessities have demanded, yet I have reason to believe that my labors have resulted in much good to this oppressed class of people. I regret that I cannot longer continue to serve the Government in the interest of these people. I am gratified to know, however, that their interests will be well cared for, in every respect, by Mr. H.H. Burton, who will, doubtless, succeed me in this Sub. Dist. His upright conduct, and his faithful and unremitting attention to business, during his connection with me in this Office...
for the last nine months, not only justify this conclusion, but also entitle him, in my opinion, to an increase of his pay to $150.00 per month. I would further remark that it is quite impossible for one Agent to transact all the Official business of this Sub. Dist. Hence, there should be two Agents continued here, thereby dispensing with a clerk, as heretofore. And should this be done, I know of no one better fitted or more worthy of the appointment, than Mr. C. P. Wheeler, whose application I have this day endorsed and forwarded. Since he and his wife came from Mass. to this City, twelve months ago, they have devoted all their time & energies to the cause of education for the colored people, in both day & Sab. Schools. He has thus won their esteem & confidence, and become acquainted with their necessities. Should he be appointed, his pay, to sustain him at this place, should be at least $125.00 per month.

I would be glad to speak of the present condition of future prospects of the Freedmen; but I have already extended this private letter to a sufficient length. After I return to my home at Dothan, Ala., I may find time to write you on this subject, in which I feel a great interest.

I am, General,

Very respectfully,
Your Obd. Servt.

W. E. Connelly.
(Sub. Asst. Comm.)
Eugene H. Colman
Maj. 3d 1868

Connor, N. E.,
Sec. 4th General

States that he has forwarded, through regular channels, his resignation as agent in the Bureau. The General for confidence reposed in having given him as important a position.

Thinks that his subject should have two agents instead of one. Mr. E. M. B. Benton succeeds him. Recommends L. P. Wheeler as agent for a portion of the same duties, etc., etc., etc.