

Little  
Magazine  
has been  
concerning  
the South  
players as  
your daughter  
uncovers.  
Wells  
to receive her.  
Dunhampton  
March 1<sup>st</sup>  
[1868]

The term dear  
Sir, seems to me to apply  
only to business letters, but  
as I do not intend to write  
one of that form, you will  
excuse me if I call you  
dear friend, although the  
war is over. I believe general  
you still conceive wherever  
you go, that is, high esteem  
admiration and love, and  
we are quite ready to enroll  
ourselves under your banner,  
and all orders will be most  
faithfully discharged. We  
consider ourselves most highly  
favored in having you stay  
with us for a short time, we are

reminded Genl. Howard  
of your visit by the sweet  
flowers which I kept fresh  
as long as possible, but they  
are fast fading, and so your  
visit to us, that will long  
remain fresh in our memories  
the thoughts of it bring up  
pleasant recollections.

I only wish I had been feeling  
sicker like myself, I am glad  
to be able to say that I am  
much better however, although  
my cold hangs round me  
still. - I took great pleasure  
in pressing the little flowers  
for you, but they did not  
like to leave their beauty  
shut up in a book, they  
became quite rebellious at  
such treatment, and withered  
up. but I will send them at



your request, and for an  
excuse for writing to you  
generous Howard. —

Dear little May  
such Anna illustrations as  
you did, the ones you  
were so patiently teaching  
them, May will take off a  
chain, and start off with it  
saying now Anna and I  
"Hurry Lachd," yes, when I  
put on paper and such as  
they <sup>little</sup> own things and get into  
a regular frolic. I am glad  
to be able to say they have  
their verses perfectly at last.  
and said them nicely at Sunday  
School yesterday. The children  
seem to remember with  
pleasure your visit. I think  
you fully gained their love.  
I hope you found

your family all well  
on your return to  
Washington, when winter  
weather comes, and you  
want to escape from the  
city, cannot we prevail  
upon you to bring Mrs  
Thomson, and see how  
pretty our hills are round  
Bridgman's house? - Well, Mr  
Taylor delivered a very fine  
lecture last week on  
"Constantinople and Athens"  
it was very interesting as well  
as instructive. His subject is to be "Egypt"

But I am trespassing  
on your time and valuable  
notes, I always have the  
feeling of writing too long  
a letter. With kindest  
regards to dear  
cousinments whom I write,  
and the Capt. of course wishes  
to be remembered, -

Hoping I may soon have  
the pleasure of seeing you  
again, I am your sincere friend  
and admirer. Anna B. Coulter.



Wardance, Bedford Co, Tenn.  
March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1868

Maj Gen<sup>l</sup> D Howard, Comm<sup>r</sup> Bureau S M & L Lands  
Sir,

I would respectfully call your attention to the following statement, and ask an investigation not merely by referring this to apt Com<sup>r</sup> Gen Carlin, but by enquiring through his Staff.

I was a Soldier of the Federat Army as apt Surgeon and Surgeon from April 1861 to May 1864 going into Service from Illinois in the Black Hawk Cavalry afterwards consolidated and made 7th Illinois Cavalry and leaving the service at Summit Hill on Gen<sup>l</sup> Sherman's advance 51 years of age on leaving the Army I settled here, and enclose papers to more fully show my position, and refer to Hon<sup>l</sup> J<sup>r</sup> Mullins M C of this district with whom I am personally known and to whom I write by same Mail that no question may arise as to credit.

Having taken great interest in the welfare of the Freedmen and a schoolhouse being erected for their use I was requested by the Supt of Education S D Burt to superintend the matter in his absence on its completion the question of a Teacher came up and where she could board which from the antagonism was difficult to obtain, when my Wife sooner than they should be deprived of a competent White Teacher, consents to Dora Burt to take her if a respectable person was sent, S D Burt left Nashville for West Tennessee and before his return I received the



accompanying letter from Genl Carlin and  
replied stating the arrangement made with S B  
and as the house would be ready the following  
week for school, that if she came by the Saturday  
evening train someone should be at depot to  
meet her, on the Friday night train the young  
lady referred to in letter passed going South and  
by the Saturday night train North, arrived,  
7.40 a.m. going to Tavern and on Sunday morning  
came to my house, stating she passed South  
to visit the Rev Mr Green at Winchester, but  
from her stating the next day, she must write  
Mr Green a suspicion crossed my Wife's mind  
she had not been to Winchester, and which  
proved correct, as it was publicly stated by conductors  
and Besheemen that she went to Chattanooga  
with a Railroad Conductor remaining there  
with him and returning next night with  
him, and he almost a stranger, as Miss Martha  
is from Lexington South Carolina and only left  
her home on Dec 5<sup>th</sup> last, and stated she had  
never seen him before coming to Tennessee, and  
further that he passed her over the cond free at  
all times, in her conversation here she states  
[and her correspondence is very large] that she  
receives letters from a Major Bayles Clark at  
the St Cloud Hotel Nashville and that he  
will supply her all the money she wants  
and that when in Nashville she stays at St  
Cloud free of all charge, she further states  
that she became acquainted with Genl Carlin  
at Lexington S.C. on Genl Sherman's advance  
to the coast Genl C was encamped there there



days that she remained in his tent nearly all the time, eating with and scarcely leaving him, while at any home weeks she would write him every other day receiving a reply each alternate, she read or pretended to, letters from him and soon after writing him for a clock for use of school, he states the Bureau does not supply clocks but he had made up his mind to give her \$100. to buy a watch or anything she pleased and wished her to come to Muskwater on following Saturday, the end of first months school and he would give her a box of candy, she boasts here of her influence over the General that she can get all the money she needs from him, and on her return from Muskwater states the Genl had given her \$50. and bargains for a gold watch paying a portion of the money and would pay the balance out of the next months pay, as she represented to have lost \$20 she reads to my Wife a portion of a letter written by an elder Sister in which is the following, it is cruel to treat a Sisters love as you have done, for that of a stranger, whose friendship you have never tried or tested, she <sup>showed</sup> a letter from Genl to her at Lexington in which he requested her to come to Muskwater and promised if he could not get her a Teachers place he could put her in his office as a copying Clerk.

About the 12<sup>th</sup> of Feb. D. S. Burt came here and lectured to the Freedmen that evening after the lecture the School house was burned by some incendiary. my Wife the next morning thinking it a propitious time for the removal of Miss Harth mentioned some of these facts to D. S. Burt



which with impressions on his mind from other  
causes led him to send her to Nashville but  
previous to her leaving she stated to the colored  
girl hired at my house, that if she could not  
teach here, no one else should, as she had sufficient  
influence over Genl Barlin to prevent it, and  
I fear she has, from the fact a house can be rented  
for the continuance of the school but Genl  
refuses to accept, which I feel is an injustice  
to the colored people here as they have shown  
a most worthy emulation in their endeavor  
to establish a school, as Iott & Burt knows.  
Miss Harth in Jan previous to going to Nashville  
at end of month contracted for a silver watch  
from one of Freedman to pay \$8. and broke it  
then declined to buy it, but took to Nashville to  
get repaired, on return here wrote the jeweler  
to know if done, he answered yes, when she left  
the last time the man expected she would send it  
but I had to write I Burt respecting it when  
the watch was sent, after being gone two weeks,  
also she owed the girl who washed for her \$1  
and told her she would send it her yet had  
\$39 in her pocket, but has never sent it  
I am informed Genl Barlin says the \$50 he gave  
Miss Harth was out of Bureau fund and for  
the use of school, she stated on return here  
he gave it out of his pocket and for purpose  
as above stated, assuming his statement to  
be correct she misapplied it, as not one cent  
can be shown for school use and he must  
know it, this matter can be easily ascertained  
the vouchers at Disbursing Office will show



what for, unless they are fictitious bills, she brought  
here her check for salary and her purchases  
with money paid on bargain for Gold watch  
made up a \$50 from some other source  
My Wife got her check cashed in Shelbyville  
at bank so there can be no mistake

Dr Burt intimated here on sending Miss Harth  
to Nashville that he should advise Genl Barlin  
to send her home as the reputation of Bureau  
was jeopardised to say the least by such indecent  
conduct, and doubt not did so, but I am informed  
Genl B has sent her to Knoxville as a teacher.

An acquaintance of some time with Dr Burt  
and a full knowledge of his arduous efforts  
for the welfare of the colored people induce me  
to request you to make enquiry of that gentleman  
I fully believe from his moral character and integrity  
he will do full justice to all parties, and is not  
aware of any laying the case before you or any  
one but my Wife, and as the matter has been  
kept very quiet, I would suggest sending some  
confidential person to Nashville if you deem  
it necessary to investigate the whole case.

I feel it a gross insult to send anyone of the  
implied character this simple girl gives  
herself into any family, especially so in a  
district where there is a bitter antagonistic  
feeling to the Bureau and its efforts in the  
education of the Freedmen, by good moral  
teachers much may be effected, but this course  
increases its violence, and brings odium on  
those who are willing to assist



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
I regret having to trouble you but feel it  
a duty I owe myself as also justice to the many  
poor creatures dependant on your beneficent  
efforts for their good

Yours

Respectfully Yours  
John Murray

P.S. I would feel obliged by return of enclosed  
circular Head Quarters S.F. N.Y. & R.R.

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Northville Tenn

Dec 27<sup>th</sup> 1864

Dr Murray:

Dear Sir:

I can send  
a good teacher - a young lady -  
to Wartrace. if she can get  
a respectable place to board.  
she will be an agreeable com-  
panion in any family. she is  
white. she has been teaching  
at Winchester, but the hostility  
of the rebels to the school prevented  
her from getting permanent board  
in the only family of respectability  
that would take her. Please  
inform me if she can get board  
in a white family as soon  
as possible. -

Very respectfully  
Yours Obedient

W. Martin A. M. C.







Galesburg Ill March 2<sup>d</sup> 1868

Hon O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

Enclosed I send you draft  
for \$37.<sup>25</sup> The amt of the contri-  
bution of our Church to wit  
"Mt Church of Christ (Cong)" to go to  
the aid of your Cong, Church in  
Washington - We are sorry that  
the amt is not larger - but trust  
this amt will be thankfully rec<sup>d</sup>.  
Wishing you Success and Prosperity  
in your great undertaking

I am yours

Truly

O. O. Howard

A. N. Bancroft

P.S. Please Rec<sup>d</sup> -



Galesburg, Ill. Mar 2<sup>d</sup> 1868

Pancroft - A. N.

Enclose draft for \$37.<sup>24</sup>/<sub>100</sub>,  
contribution from 1<sup>st</sup>  
Church of Christ (Cong.) of that  
city to 1<sup>st</sup> Cong. Ch. of  
Washington.

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Atlanta, Ga. March 2<sup>d</sup> 1868.

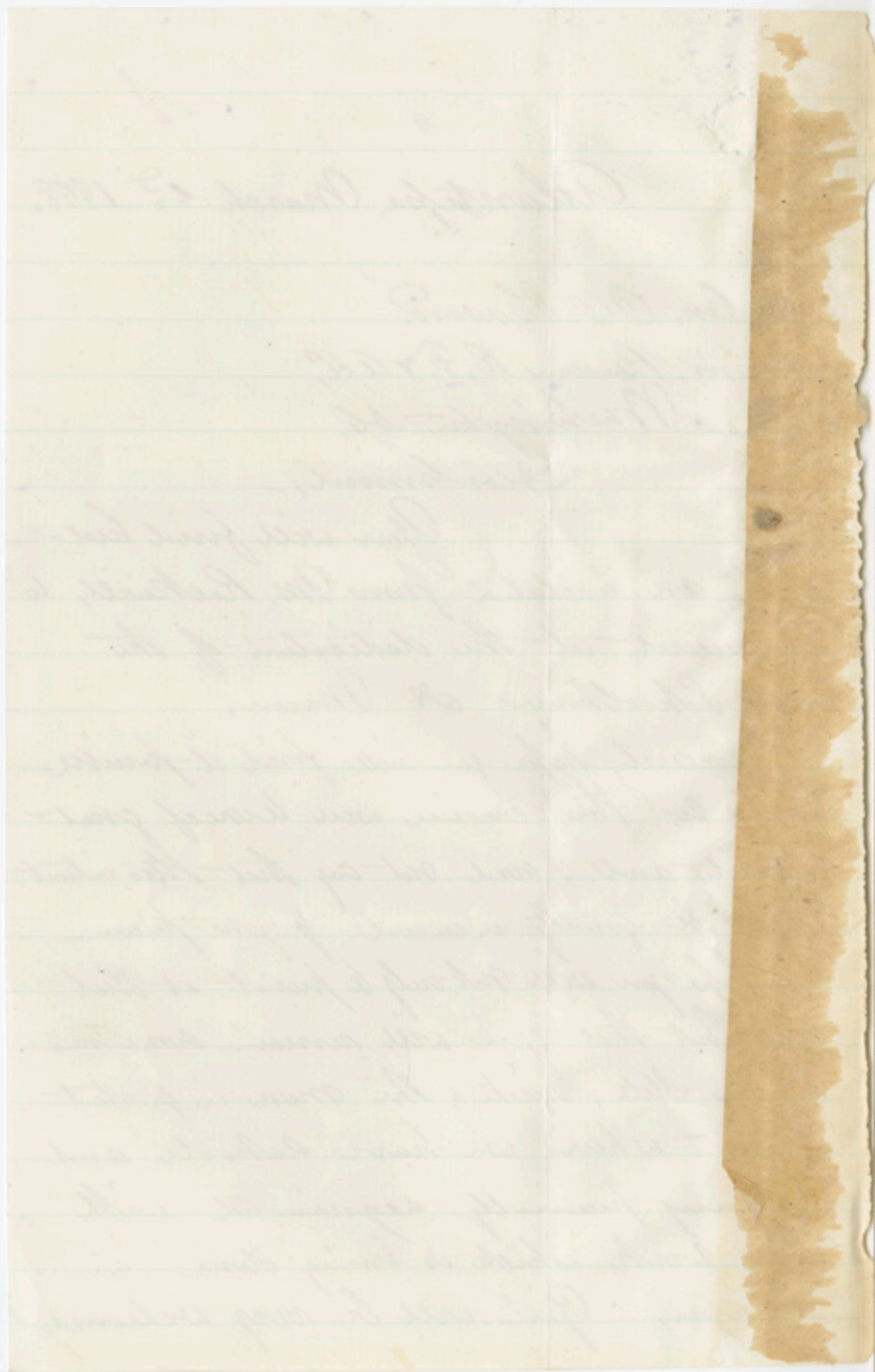
Major Gen. O. O. Howard,  
Comr. Bureau R. F. & A. L.,  
Washington, D. C.,  
Dear General, -

You will find here  
with an invitation from Mr. Rockwell, to  
be present at the dedication of the  
new Schoolhouse at Macon.

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 interest  
would be greatly increased by your presence.

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, Homes in the State,

With sentiments of high regard  
and esteem, I am

Yours very truly,  
C. A. Ware



Atlanta. Ga. Mch. 2<sup>d</sup> 1868

Chas E. A.

Supt. Ed. Ga

Encloses, invitations of  
Joab Rockwell, requesting  
the Commissioner's presence  
at the dedication of new school  
house at Macon. The occa-  
sion will be one of great  
importance.

Trusts that the Commr. 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<sup>nd</sup> 1868.

Gen O. O. Howard.

My Dear Friend.

Please to pardon this intrusion, as I feel from the 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 I think an interesting one, the students have made rapid advancement in their studies and I believe I can <sup>say</sup> truthfully 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 germs 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 a higher  
commission given us, by this kind father of  
us all, than to work for human elevation.  
Since I have been mingling with my people  
here I have desired to realize their wants  
more fully and have resolved to make an effort  
to start a school expressly for the colored, poor  
and young ladies from twelve to twenty years  
of age; Nowhere could there be a school of this  
kind needed more than such a one is here.  
And I write this to ask if you would be  
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 make an effort  
in that direction he also promised 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 please  
to pardon what you cannot approve.

Very Respectfully, Emma Howard.



PS Direct No 405 North Fifth St  
Saint Louis  
Missouri.



St Louis Mch 2<sup>d</sup> 1868

Haward, Emma

Is 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 Gen-  
eral pay the rent of a suitable  
building for such a school?

My Morgan one of the super-  
intendents of colored schools  
approves of such a school.  
etc, etc,

General School  
Can't tell what  
funds will admit. Col.  
Seely.



Private.

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Enfaucla, Ala. March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1868.

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard, Comr. &c.

Washington, D.C.

General—

Having this day forwarded, through the regular channel, my resignation as Agt. in the Bureau R. F. & A. L., 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, & 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 & unremitting attention to business, during his connection with me in this office



Private

Confidential to the President

President  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir

During the day following the  
arrival of the President at the  
White House, I had the honor to  
be introduced to him by Mr. [Name]  
and to have the pleasure of  
conversing with him for some  
time. He is a most interesting  
man and his views on many  
of the important questions of  
the day are of great value.  
He is a most capable and  
energetic man and his  
administration has been  
marked by the most  
successful results.  
I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
[Signature]

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 <sup>00</sup> per month. I would further remark that it is quite impossible for our Agt. 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 & 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 col'd. 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 <sup>00</sup> per month.

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

I am, General,

Very respectfully,

Your Obt. Servt.

W. E. Connelly.

(Sub. Asst. Commr.)



Ernest L. McFarland  
Mar. 2<sup>n</sup> 1868

Counsell W. E.  
Sub. Asst. Commr.

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

Thinks that his District should have two agts. instead of one. Mr H. H. Benton succeeds him.

Recommends C. P. Wheeler as agt for a portion of the same Dist. etc, etc, etc.

