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Major General O. O. Howard
Commissioner D.R.F.A.L.
Washington. D.C.

General. I

again respectfully request of you the name
of the person who was said to have
gone with Reverdy Johnson, to the President.

I at your suggestion wrote to
General Gregory asking him for information
and have received no written reply from
him, but was informed verbally, through
a third party, that he would give no
names, if you wished me to have them, you
could give them if you choose. and
though I have sent several times to him,
this is all I can get.

Now, General, fair play is
a jewel - You have heard a one-sided
statement and notwithstanding my inferior
record, and good behaviour, you

believed the reports - without saying a word to me - or giving me a chance to defend myself.

I was thrown out of position in Mid-Winter, without one dollar in the world, and a large family depending on me. Had it not been for the noble heart of my old chief, (General Butler) who sent me money to live on, (God Bless him) I might have starved. I can get nothing to do here, and I have no money to go away with.

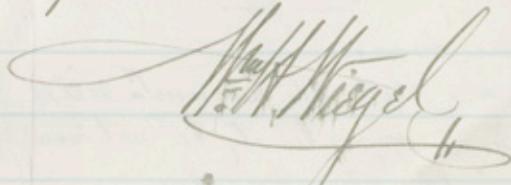
I now desire to have a chance to put myself right. I have been most unjustly dealt with. I do not blame you - but you can give me the chance to put myself straight - without the name of this self appointed Visitor to Washington. & the names of those who maligned me I can do nothing. Will you not give me the chance? I pray you to do so, and I will convince you, how unjustly I have been treated. You

Certainly can not desire one to remain under
this cloud. Your sense of Justice &
Your honor forbids.

What I have suffered
in the last 6 Weeks. I would not wish
my worst enemy to undergo. And as I
can get nothing to do, and can not expect
Genl Butler to feed me and mine much
longer. You certainly should give me
a chance to prove to you that I have
always been a consistent, upright and
square man. And if I can prove this, I
certainly should have employment.

Excuse my writing, and apparent
impostures, ~~for~~ I am unwell &
nervous.

Very truly & sincerely
Your obedient Servant



174 Druid Hill Avenue.

No 174 Oriole Hill Ave
Baltimore Md.
March 11th 1868

Wiegel Wm H.

Again respectfully request the name of the person who was said to have gone with Reverdy Johnson to the President. Genl Gregory refuses to give it.

Hopes that the Committee will give him a chance to prove his innocence. He can get nothing to do till this matter is settled. Would have starved this winter, had not Genl Butler furnished him (Wiegel) money to live on.

Hopes that the Committee will give him opportunity to set himself right. etc, etc, etc

Rec March 12th 1868 - Private

Hanover, Del. Co. N. Y.
March 11th 1868.

Major Genl. O. O. Howard.

My Dear Genl & Brother

Doubtless, you will remember that last fall, when our Sabbath School sent you their "mite," \$10.00, for the "Howard School & Home," you were on the eve of departure for the South or West and couldn't write them.

then, the letter you proposed, but simply acknowledged the receipt of it, stating you would send the letter, or to that effect, at a more favorable opportunity. I know the multiplicity of cares that engross you & simply remind you of this, that when an opportunity affords, you can give us an autograph letter, which would be highly prized by our S. S. & the people of this community. We want to frame it & hang it in the School room. We are well & succeeding slowly in Church matters. The field was a

"Mission Station," where we came here, without Church or home for the pastor. Now we have secured a Church & bargained for a parsonage, although it leaves us about \$3,000 in debt. We hope through God's grace to meet it, though it may oblige us to call for help from our Church Societies &c. Several have been hopefully counted since I saw you last fall. We hope to conquer, only through Christ. Well, you have at last "bearded the lion in his den," & if right, may he be certain, especially shown of his official locks. How we rejoice that this bad man, ~~bad~~ led by so much accidental power, has not been able to prostitute the noble offices of our loyal Army! Praise God, do we answer prayer! May our laws be truly vindicated in the "impeachment," and the want of the nation fully met by

cleansing the "White house," & raising
the dignity of the Presidency to its
~~exacted~~ former glory & power - I am
anxious to know your opinion of Genl.
Grant, relative to temperance. If he
has or will sign the pledge, we shall
gladly support him for the next
President. Please give me your view
on this point. I need your Brothers
reports, for which give him my grateful
acknowledgements. Please remember
me in kindness to all the officers
of your Staff. My wife joins me in
Christian love to yourself & Lady.

Hoping to hear from you as soon as
practicable. I remain

Your obedt Servt
W. H. Mickle.

Pastor M. E. Church.

Hamden, Oct. Co.,
New York.

Hudson Del Co N. York.
March 11th 1868

Mickle, W. H.
Pastor M. E. Church

states that the S. School of his
church contributed, last fall,
\$10 for the "Howard School
and Home", for which the
General promised to write
an autograph letter.

Trust that the General
will find time to write said
letter ere long. It is proposed
to frame it and hang it in
the sabbath school.

Request information - whether
Gen Grant has or will sign the
pledge, etc, etc,



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Beatrice - Gage County - Nebraska

March 11th 1868

Major Gen. O. O. Howard

Sir

Altho an utter
stranger I take the liberty of writing
you in order to make a request which
you will regard strange and one which
nothing but the direst necessity
could force me to make. I have
reason to believe that we are related
and it is on that ground I base my
plea. My Father Nathan Howard
was born in Winthrop - Maine in
1805. He went South at an early
age - settled in Grenada - Mississippi
married and raised a family there.
He accumulated property and at the
beginning of the war was accounted
wealthy. I joined the army of
Tennessee - commanded successively

by

A. S. Johnston Beauregard - Bragg
Poe Johnston and Hood and went
through all the bloody battles which
make up its history up to the fight at
New Hope Church, west of Marietta
Geo, and there on the evening of
the 25th of May 1864 received a bullet
through the right shoulder, which
disables me so much that I can
not perform manual labor.
I went back to Mississippi and remain-
ed until just before the surrender and
returned to army and was surren-
dered by Dick Taylor at Meridian
Miss. At the termination of the war
I commenced the study of Law and
graduated at the Cumberland Uni-
versity in June 1868 and then came
West and have settled at this
place (Beatrice, Nebraska) to en-
deavor to make a living by my
profession. I am confident of
success after awhile, but I have

not the means to await for
it on, and my right arm is such
that I cannot labor with it.

My father lost his all at the close of
the war and is an old man, and tho'
he might assist me yet, in view of his
age I dislike to apply. I hope sir
I have made plain my history
and condition. If you can assist
me in any way, the kindness will
be remembered with a Soldier's
gratitude, and some day be returned
(God willing) with a Soldier's boun-
tleness. If you could spare me
the means (\$100⁰⁰) until I can
establish a business the money shall
be returned, with interest and a
thankfulness which will always
be glad to serve you.

If you cannot help me any I
should be glad to receive a letter
from you anyhow just to know
that this was recd.

This will be forwarded to
you from Washington as I
not know your address. I
hope you will pardon the
boldness I have been guilty of
in thus addressing you. Here
the necessity which forces me
to make the request will furnish
my excuse. It is very mortifying
to me I assure you to be thus
forced to make it and surely it
is not in the blood of a Howard
to refuse. It may be "bread cast
on the waters" for who can tell
what a day may bring forth.

My Father's family are still residing
in and around Wethersfield
and you doubtless must know some
of them. Very Respectfully

Nathan Howard
Major Genl O. Beatrice - Lape County

United States Senate Chamber. 99

Washington, March 11, 1868

Dear General

Yr note of
yesterday is recd.

I met Mr.

Stibbins last evening. He
tells me he rec'd. the statement
from Mrs. Griffing who
is connected with Mr.
Fraud's Bus.

He called me
out of my seat at 1
p.m. of the 9th morning
this eve "important",
I went out; he told me that
he had it directly from
"Genl Howard" that Mr.
Johnson contemplated in-
troducing, to assist Genl
Grant & Mr. Stanton
(not gone). I asked him

If he has thus given General Howard himself. He does, "from Genl Howard himself." Knowing the importance of it, I repeated my question emphatically & earnestly. He made privately the same answer, & adds that he should make it known only to me & 1 or 2 other trusty persons, as an important secret. He mentioned no intermediate person, but I understand him to say he had it directly from "Genl Howard" in person. — He now says Mrs G. told him & Mrs She said she had it from you. — Most women relate conversations inaccurately, & their statements

are of little value as
evidence - think
you had better be a
little circumloque in
what you say to Mr.
G. I shall not again
place any confidence
in Stibbin.

Truly Yours
M. Howard

U. S. Senate

Washington, March 11th 1868

Howard J. M.

Mentions receipt of note.
States that Stebbins called
at the Senate on the 9th, and
gave information, as coming
direct from "Gen. Howard", that
the President intended to oust
Gen. Grant and Secy Stanton.

Now, Stebbins says Mrs
Grieffing told him that Gen.
Howard was the author of
said information.

Will not again place confi-
dence in what Stebbins says.

Thinks that the General should
be very circumspect in what he says
to Mrs. Grieffing; women's state-
ments are not accurate and
trustworthy. etc,

Rec'd. March 12th 1868 Private

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Beaufort S.C. Mar. 11th
at
Major Gen. O'Howard.

My Dear Sir:

As much
is said in relation to a con-
tinuance of the Freedman's
Bureau, allow me to say,
that so far as my obser-
vation extends, it wd be
a calamity to all classes,
white as well as black,
to have it abolished.

There wd, doubtless
be more discrimination in
the distribution of rations &c.
rejecting all applications from
the young, & able-bodied, to
whom a little wholesome

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suffering wd be a valuable ex-
perience as a curative of laziness.

Allow me further to
say, that if your Bureau wd more
effectually give its aid to the
suppression of intemperance among
the workmen, it wd do much to
alleviate present, prevent future
suffering. I, of course, intend
no reflections upon your offices
here, bat the City Council having
just passed an ordinance re-
fusing licences for the selling of
small quantities, needs something
more than mere civil power
to enforce it.

If any apology is necessary
for thus obtruding my views upon
y^r notice, it must be found in the
fact that I have consecrated
the remainder of life to Clerical
& educational labor among

the Freedmen, & therefor
am tremblingly alive to any-
thing affecting so vitally their
best interests.

Thanking you for all
ji efforts in their behalf

I am, dear Sir,

Yrs very truly &c

M.C. Story

Loyola University,

Chicago

At the risk of being deemed un-
pertinent, I will respectfully call
ji attention to the gross outrages
perpetrated under the so-called "ap-
prentice system" in Davies, Hendon
& Union Cos. Kentucky. The colored
soldiers ^{then} are now in a worse
condition than were their fathers
in slavery.

P. S. Enclosed please find
check for Forty seven
dollars and Twenty five
cents (\$47.25). The instalment
due as before mentioned. Please
send me receipt, and inform
me as to the manner
of encashing or transferring
my claim to Rev. E. P.
Smith of New York,
I told you when I saw
you a few weeks ago.

Very respectfully
H. L. Bardogga

Charleston. S. C.

March. 11. 1868.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,
Sir,

I looked
over my "Deed" or "Contract"
for my lot in Washington,
and I found this morning
that my second instalment
was due on the 1st March.
I write now to inform
you that I will send
you the money this week,
and to express the hope
that my delay will not be
injurious to me.

You have no doubt heard
on this that Gen. Scott

has been unanimously chosen
by the Nominating convention
as the candidate for Governor.
Col. Robertson of Columbia
his opponent, declined in
his favor after the recent
ballot. The convention is
so pleased with his conduct
that they resolved to reward
his fidelity by making him
one of the U. S. Senators.
Dr. Mackey - the President
of the Constitutional party
will be the other Senator.

Judge Lemuel Boeger
^{s. b.} Lexington is the candidate
for Lieut. Governor.

The Nominating convention

has this far been very pleasant
and harmonious. You will
doubtless see from the newspaper,
before this letter reaches you,
who are the remaining candidates
for State and National offices.

The constitutional convention
adjourned to allow the Nominating
Convention to meet yesterday at
noon, the Nominating Convention
will adjourn this afternoon,
and the const. Con. will meet
again to-morrow, and adjourn
till the next Tuesday
17th inst. thus making a session
of nine weeks.

We hope our work will be
acceptable to Congress and the
country. I remain

Yours truly
F. L. Hardegen

(Turn over)