Washington Arsenal,

Washington, D.C. March 12th, 1868.

Dear General,

I duly received yesterday p.m., your note and in reply thereto that the greater part of the laborers, white and colored, are now engaged cleaning bricks precisely on the same footing at $1.00 per thousand.

The colored men from your Bureau were too late to commence work on yesterday. I recommend with a chart thirty-two white men; but as they were near at the business of cleaning brick I hardly consider the result of the day as a criterion.

One man cleaned during working hours fifteen hundred = the $1.50.

Another from 1/4 to 1/2 the time until sunset 1200. The balance...
cleaned about one three, and a little habit conformed with proper industrious, I think, greatly increased the average, when working by the day and at $1.50 per day—some men did not average eight hundred a day, and the coat to the top, over little less than $3. per thousand. I am convinced that I have taken the only possible course and if men are really disposed to work their reward will entirely depend upon their own industry. I can get a number of men at the price offered and am besiged by applicants. The demolition of the buildings is accomplished pretty much as far as the obstruction of the bricks thrown down will admit of.
To secure my disposition to employ the colored men, I called at your office on Friday to engage hands, and subsequently called on your brother and requested him to employ the men. My desire is to give the work as equitably as I can to white and colored.

The colored men who left me and who have as understood to make some difficulty were then inclined to believe that astray by the bad counsel of some of the party I commenced the work earlier than my judgment sanctioned, or account of the inclement weather with no other view than to afford employment to the suffering poor who were espered.
to read your humanity led me into the error of giving at first too much wages, and which I heard I could not carry out. I can only hope that these people may get better wages elsewhere—last week I hear much about.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

[Address]

[Stamp: RECEIVED MAR. 10, 1863 WASHINGTON]

Maj. Gen. D. C. Harwood
Washington D.C.
March 13th 1868

Major Gen. O.O. Howard

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The building now on the first Congregational Church of Washington D.C. repines the 18th instant.

Shall I renew it, if so for what time.

Yours etc.
R.H. Marsh

Capt.
Washington D.C.
March 12th, 1866

March 1, R. H.

States that the builder's risk on the 1st Cong. Church expires on the 15th inst.

Shall it be renewed and for what time?
General

I have the honor to enclose letter of Way from Schrrack with the request that the same may be returned to me as I prize it very highly, considering from so good a friend & fine gentleman. May I also request that the latter letter from Genl. Dodge at H. Knee. W. O. to be returned to me, I would like to show them to my son in after years. Hoping that I have established a Character for honesty, I would most earnestly ask that my pray may be allowed me, as I am greatly in need of it.

Very respectfully,

Your 04 Swenct Servant

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Gael D. Howard

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clerk
March 13th, 1865

Nielorth C. W.
Clk.

Enclosed letter from Maj. Don Schirr, asking for the character of Nielorth while Chief Clerk of the Claims Division.

Trust that he has established a character of honesty, and earnestly asks that his pay be allowed him.

Requests the return of the enclosed letters, also those of the C. Dodge and Wm. Price, M. C.'s, etc.
Dear Lucilla,

I received your letter yesterday, and I am glad to hear from you. The weather here is quite mild, but I do not think it will last long. The sky is cloudy, and I hope it will clear up soon. But it seems as though this is the norm for the recent weather. The trees are beginning to turn green, and I hope they will remain that way for a while.

I have been quite busy lately, helping my mother with her garden. She has been spending a lot of time there, and I try to help her whenever I can. She is growing a variety of vegetables, and I think she is doing a good job. I am proud of her, and I hope she will continue to do so.

I have been thinking about you a lot lately. I hope you are doing well and that everything is going smoothly for you. I miss you, and I hope to see you soon. I look forward to hearing from you again soon.

Your love,

[Signature]
I have made her plans pretty often and now think her health too poor to visit Valleymell and Marlville. I think the more we come to see each other the better it will suit and I like the idea of boarding (no time to hire her board) I will pay my stay a few days here now.

After I had accepted an invitation to spend a few days in Washington I was asked by Ella to decide whether or not I would go to Washington. If it were not convenient for you to have us go at that time Ella would have to go by herself and I can take the rest of my vacation then. If you think it would be better for the Council to have our and I decided to go with her and write.

Your mother accompanying us.

I am sure I wish her formally and the beg to plan to go. She needs any care en the journey and thinks the way be behind I going will be fine now. Our puts are Ella's and mine but you will be in overman with all of you that you will wish us in the bottom of the sea. So I have written to try if for any reason we had better postpone again. We will do so the Blue hill. I hope James arrives safely. He meant here has had a chance of getting sick and it being a little in motion was during this stormy interregnum at Leeds.

Mr. Eaton has been there for two or three weeks.
Treasury Department,
Fourth Auditor's Office,
March 13th, 1868.

Sir:

A letter from the Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Howard University of March 12th, 1868, states that Genl. Whitley informed the holders of lots in Block No. 4 that the alley had been taken away from said block before the bonds were issued, and the holders were at liberty to give up the lots if they should choose to do so. Now in my case, as well as in six others who hold lots in that block, I state that no such information was ever given to any of us, and we are willing to take oath to the same, as well as to the letter forwarded to the committee bearing date January 4th, 1868, Genl. Whitley may have intended to have done what was right, but he has most certainly fallen short of his duty, as well as intimating that our statements in this matter are false. Now we desire to know what evidence is necessary to have simple justice done. This Block is the only one that the alley has been taken out in the re-survey, while in other blocks, alleys have been made; while this needs an alley full as much as any in the whole plot and was represented as having a 15 foot alley in the plot from which we purchased of Mr. Hall. your own house is in the same block and if not too much trouble I wish you would personally investigate this matter. Awaiting a reply before taking further action.

Yours very respectfully,

F. J. Gasb
May 22nd, 1868

States that General Whittley claims to have informed the holders of lots in Block 4 (Howard University) that the alley had been taken away before the bonds were issued. The new holders holding lots in said blocks will take oath that they never read any such information. Respectfully requests that the bonds involving the matter, etc., etc., etc.
Dearest Son,

M. Stevens, complaining of poor health, asked for your visit. He is a good man, this morning.

Yours Ever,

J. W. Long

[Signature]

June 14

1863
Boston, May 16, 1868

Genl. C. C. Howard,
Washington, Dear Sir,

I inclose draft on New York for $100 - being part appropriated from penny contributions the year past for Shavmut Sabbath School (Rev. Mr. Kelbo) to assist in your Church enterprise. It should have been forwarded sooner but the accounts of last year have just been turned over to me by the previous Treasurer. Please return indorsed receipt. I am

Yours truly,

C. F. Alwood

Address No. 92 State St.
Abroad E. S.

Enclosed, draft for $100,
amount appropriated from
penny contributions, during
last past year, in Shunmoti
School, to assist Cong.
Church in Washington, etc.

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[Red stamp: Privy 13th
Mar. 1863]
Washington March 16th 18---

my dear General

Allow me to solicit your attention and usual phlegm therapy to the so called Anti Indian of which I spoke to you some time ago.

I have tried it with invariable good success. With a little exertion on the part of the unfortunate drunkard to cast off that horrible vice, the remedy will help him much in obtaining the desired object. Of course a certain determination to take the remedy instead of liquor is absolutely required.

The Agent will present you with a few bottles of the extract which you may give a fair trial

P.S. Confidential) Respectfully

Ciro G. Verdi
Registrar of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
Office Superintendent of Education, State of Georgia.

Atlanta, Georgia, March 16th 1868.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,
Commander, Bureau R. F. V. S.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

Rev. P. W. Potter of the place formerly of New York has made application to the Secretary of War for appointment as Chaplain of this post. I think him an excellent man, and if a word from you would aid in securing his appointment I would be much obliged if you would speak for him.

Yours respectfully,

E. C. Ware
Super Ed.
War E. A. W.
Supt, etc.

States that Rev. R. M. Wadd has applied to the Secretary of War for appointment as Chaplain of that post.

Thinks Mr. Wadd an excellent man, and would like to have the Commissioner speak a word in his (Wadd) favor.
Omaha, Nebraska
March 16, 1868

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am informed that my friend, Allen P. Huggins, one of the Bureau Agts. stationed at Jackson, Miss., is likely to get into some trouble owing to his having brought charges against certain officers for drunkenness.

He is an honest, truthful, and conscientious Christian man, therefore hope that the Command will carefully investigate any matters that may come up.

Yours Truly,

[Signature]
Drunkenness. Now I do not know who Mr. R. has accused, but am confident that he would make no charge against persons unless satisfied of their guilt.

Knowing that any man who takes a bold stand against the vices and corruptions of men, either in or out of the Army, meets with strong opposition, I fear that his enemies may years too strong for him to contend against neighbors.

I have known Mr. Heggie for a number of years—served in the same regiment with him, and was intimate with him, until he went into the employ...

of the Friedman Carson and I am satisfied that he is an honest, truthful & conscientious Christian Young Man.

The holding up of wrongs and corruption is apt to lead him into Trouble.

I only ask General, that you will carefully examine into any matters in which he may possibly become involved. Being convinced that he will ever be able to indicate his course of action.

Trust you will pardon me, a stranger to you, in addressing you. I am with much respect,

W.T. Smith
La Crosse, March 17th, 1868

Major Gen. C. A. Howard
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir,

Allow a former fellow soldier to trespass upon your valuable time for a few moments.

A brother officer, Brevet Brig. Gen. Milton Longstreet, late of the 25th Wisconsin Volunteers and as I believe a brave and meritorious officer who lost his right arm at the battle of Leetown, Va., on the 22nd day of July, 1864, and was taken prisoner in consequence, has been very recently assailed by some unscrupulous personal enemies who publicly accuse him of cowardice. I have no earthly doubt of the falsity of the statement—but still would feel highly gratified with an endorsement from his Army Commander. If you can consistently state to me the facts as to his character as an officer while under your command, you...
will enquire a favor upon a Patriotic
brave man one who suffered at Morcon and
Charleston with one in rebel prisons and
vindicate the character of the brave men who
had the honor to belong to that Regiment as well
through their Colonel.

I have the honor to be

Respectfully yours of this

John H. Hollings

Major for Late Col 6th N.C. Regt.
General

Pardon me if I trouble you too much? I notice today that the water in the ponds on Lynnhurst 1011–12, and 1009 is very stagnant. Ours. As frost sets in, it will soon again ricken the neighborhood—especially your new settlement. Now is the best time to abate such nuisances. After a year's hard work I got through the Council the Act of May 31, 1867, authorizing the Mayor to drain these ponds. But it appears to be a matter of mixed jurisdiction: for Mass., Tenn., and N.C. Avenues, as also the way on north edge of Lincoln Square belongs to the U.S. Coast; and because it was the act of filling in said Lynnhurst last year which closed the downwards which the large pond leads thither—drained itself, and which causes the water to back up our...
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The desiderata now therefore are to bring about joint action of Gen. Mehl and the Mayor, and to get them to act immediately. Of course either party should work in advance of the other, it is, I think, best that Gen. Mehl should lead the way; but am not sure. I learn to say Gen. the Mayor and I will at his request Call on to consult with Gen. Mehl. "A long pull, a strong pull and a pull altogether" may prove successful. May I therefore hope that you too will lend a hand.

Some of your $15,000, and some of the Generals $8,000 for Lincoln Square might be thus advantageously invested. Then, too.

General, Cannot you join me in pressing an extension of Lincoln Square to a State produced?

Respectfully Yours,

O.O. Howard

Bureau of Refugees