Washington D.C.,
21st March 1868

Bro O.O. Howard
President J. M. E.A.

Dear Sir,

I am instructed by the Board of Officers of the Association, to inform you that your nominations for the Chairmanship of the following committees were approved:

- Finance
- Meetings & Lectures
- Church
- Mission Schools
- Entertainments
- Building

Bro McElrion declined on Lit. Room
Bro Wormald on Benev. & Emp.

The nominations on Evangelization & Boarding Homes were laid over for consideration at
The next meeting supposing it would be held one week from this evening.

Yours truly,

B. B. Johnson
Rec. Sec.
Personal

Bureau of R.T. A.B
Office 2 a Div 108 D. Va
Manassas Va March 21 1868

Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard
Dear Sir,

You will pardon me for addressing you this note but I am very anxious to organize a colored temperance society here.

The colored people want a lodge of Good Templars and the reason I write is for information whether I could get a charter to organize such a lodge. I do not know whom to apply except to you for said information. If you could refer me to the proper persons I would be very much grateful.

I am Very Respectfully,
Your Obed. Serv-
W. S. Johnson
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
STATE OF TENNESSEE,
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,

Nashville, Tenn., March 22, 1865

Major General O.O. Howard, Commissioner.

General:

Referring to my letter of the 18th inst. wherein I expressed the intention of refusing an informal investigation of the charges or accusations against me by three members of my staff, and demanding a Court of Inquiry. I wish to explain that this refusal was based on the impression that such a course was prejudicial against me. On the 16th however I became convinced that he was not and then aided him to make his investigation thorough.

He has manifested the greatest patience in listening to every accusation and suspicion against me, in investigating everything connected with these accusations, and of course has become thoroughly convinced that all the charges were groundless. He assured me that his report exculpated me completely from all blame.
I wish to thank General Lewall for his great patience and interest in carrying on this investigation. Though his recent recommendation concerning the parties who trusted us these accusations is not in accordance with military usage, I acquiesce in it for the sake of peace, and to avoid unnecessary notoriety for myself and the Bureau. I hope, General, you are satisfied with General Lewall's report.

I am, General, very well.

[Handwritten signature]

[Handwritten date]
Referring to his letter of 10th inst. states the reasons for referring an informal investigation of the charges against him by three members of his staff and demanding a Court of Inquiry. Thought the Senate was prejudiced against him but was finally convinced to the contrary and aided in setting the investigation after which he became satisfied that the charges were groundless.

Noted the Senate is satisfied with the report of Sen. Sewall on the matter.

Copy of answer enclosed.
Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard, Commissioner

Dear General,

I know not how to express my thanks for your kindness in extending my leave to-day, thus permitting me (among other children) to remain with my dear dying mother until God in infinite mercy saw fit to take her from her bed of indescribable suffering to himself.

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for the greatest favor I ever received.

I am very respectfully,

Frank H. Chase
Chase, Frank E
189 Julia Street

Expressed sincere thanks to the Committee for extending his leave of absence, thereby permitting him to be with his mother during the last moments of her life.
American Missionary Association:
No. 53 John Street.
Rev. George Whipple, N. Y.
Rev. M. E. Strieby, N. Y.
Rev. J. R. Shepherd, Chicago.
E. Ketchum, Esq., Treasurer, N. Y.
W. E. Whiting, Esq., Asst. Treas., N. Y.
Rev. E. P. Smith, Gen. Field Agent, N. Y.

New York, March 24, 1868

Sen. O. G. Howard

Dr. Sir,

I enclose a

Check for $10—

It comes to us from

Mr. Amesbury, Mass.

"Care S. Sch. for Sen. Howard."

Very Truly,

Mr. W. Whiting

Ch. S.
21 March 1865

Dear Sir,

I enclose a copy of a vote appointed to be read last evening by the Committee appointed by the Church this 17 inst. I came now to see you in pursuance of it. Will you let me know where I can interview with you on the subject? It should be before long, as you will readily perceive. We meet at 8 o'clock.

Very truly,

Yours

J. H. Hodges

Major Gen. O. O. Howard.

"Resolved that Gen. Hodges be requested to take Gen. O. O. Howard's communication of the 21 inst. to this committee, and visit Gen. Howard and consult with him as to a basis of a settlement of the difficulties in the Church, and then visit Rev. Boynton for the same purpose, and report to the committee at its next meeting."

Resorted
Hodges S. W.

States that he is appointed a committee to visit Rev. Howard and consult as to a basis of settlement in regard to the church difficulty, etc., etc.
Washington, Mar. 23, 1861

Maj. Genl C. W. Howard

Dear Sir,

This will introduce Mr. John H. King, the gentleman I was speaking to you about to do the grading & C at your house as far as I can learn he understands the business and will be glad to look for you.

Very respectfully yours,

Jefferson R. Seals
March 25th 1868

Sen. O. C. Howard

Dear Sir,

Pardon me for writing, but I dislike to annoy you with business calls at your home and still my necessity makes me importunate, and off this morning in my only hope of getting among to relieve our want and immediate necessity. I am only hope that you will grant this. I understand there is a chance of getting employment in the Post Office.
Dear, and if not asking too much wish you would give me a letter of introduction to Mr. Farfield who has some influence with Mr. Bowen. If you have any influence with him if you will see it for me it will be a kindness greatly appreciated. I hope that this is not taking too much liberty in applying in my trouble to you. I will, but you know that Mr. B has been sick and hardly has had no pay since August from the Bureau, which indeed
we suffered so much, I have had our trunks at the Union (Adams) office for this week and still lie there because I have no (as has Mr Benson had) the money to take them away, I only men - this to show you didn't know extremely six weeks I have been and are still, beside and a card to pay a little board bill, only some little statement or order from you I could have borrowed fifty dollars this morning, and I wish only to be patient and am willing to work if I can only get a situation
I am with Great Respect
Mr. J. E. Benson
Washington D.C., Mar 28th

Benedict Mrs. S. E.

States that she is in very needy circumstances, and requests the commissioner's assistance in obtaining work, or otherwise.
Chambersburg, March 25, 1866.

May Gen. A. A. Houdat

Dear Sir,

Rev. Mr. McGehee, Pastor of the Baptist Congregation of this place, and President of the Young Men's Christian Association, will hereafter address you an invitation to deliver an Address here, at such time as you can, in aid of the Christian Association.

Mr. McGehee has organized the association, and to his Christian zeal the community is mainly indebted for its existence. If it is in your power to comply with his request, you would not merely serve the purpose of the association, but also afford a very real satisfaction to our people generally.

Hoping that you may be able to comply, believe me,

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
Chambersburg Pa. May 26th 1868

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard

My dear Sir,

You perhaps will not have forgotten that you met me at Mr. Johnson's ordination in Balto. once at a S.S. annuity of this. Pardon me for adding you on to slight an acquaintance but in a certain sense your belong to us all because you have won us, not me you and so I shall not hesitate to
ask your consideration of a good cause.

In Baltimore I was much interested in the Young Men's Christian association. Seven months since I took charge of the Evangelical Lutheran church in this town and found here scores of young men who might be benefited by an association here. We have just organized one to meet that want. We now need a public meeting to get this matter.
well before the people, arouse them to the work & raise the funds indispensable to a successful start.

I know you are interested in the work. Could you & would you give us an evening to be with us & make an address—just a talk—your name & what you would say impromptu is all that we would need.

I know the great pressure on you & draw not ask this of you unless perhaps a run away from your weightier duties might perhaps
lie a pleasure to you rather than otherwise. You know the Reels broke up here — our Silver in town was burned. There is not a book to be had by your own means to try to get it. I do want to collect one or two or three or four about it. I wish to refine in the Christian influence as we shall be able to. To accomplish the work we must have a large public meeting — only a name like yours can give it to us. Will you undertake it? Your Brother Geo. Chad. Howard can tell you of the interest I feel in this work. At times I had two appointments to address your Association at Washington, providentially prevented wish I might plead a return of this intended favor. But my dear sir, unless you see it, the cause plead for itself. I grant if the favor which we have no right to claim —

You will see that Col. A. B. McElroy, who has done such conspicuous service in this State & to the nation second only in respect. The time we would like is the 9th or 10th of April or the Sunday following if it would suit your letter. If neither of these could be the 30th or the Sunday after — or will you come any other time from April 13th till 24th. Please come if you can. Yours truly to J. Irving Magee
New Orleans March 26/68

Dear General,

I have not written for a long time not because I did not have the inclination so to do but I did not wish to weary you of writing when I had nothing of importance to communicate, nor have matters of great importance as we are upon the eve of an important election for or against the Constitution we will have a hard struggle the Rebels, Copperheads and Democrats have united their forces against us and declare they will defeat the Constitution but we do not believe a word of it. We are at work well of minds and are watching them closely. We have large meetings and still attend as the people are very anxious and will come in large numbers to their meetings. The colored population are still to their elections and fully understand their situation.
But we have a great obstacle still. Homesteads refused in error, and so we are cursed with Buchanan. We must refuse the Registration. Some thousands of poor will refuse. But we desire Registration. Our Founding Father's Homestead Act is frustrated by a New Board of Registrars almost all Rebs. men who cannot legally register. Consequently, you can see who they will sympathize with. Cannot we get relief—must we be crushed by such bad men with Johnson at their head. Let him be impeached at once—else in Wade and see we are all right—once Buchanan Wade is President. May I solicit a favor from you? Please write me as soon as convenient.

Yours truly,

Fred. B. F. B.
New Orleans, La.
March 26, 1864

Dear, Char. N.

Written in reference to the injury done to the cause of reconstruction. General Buchanan is following the course of Gen. Stedman. Can not something be done? I wish to ask a favor of the General upon this trade, because succeeds.
San Francisco, March 26th

My dear Cousin,

I have just returned from a trip to Colusa, the place where Cousin Warner tried to live. He left some property there. The man he left it with had the use of it to buy without any interference, that he had made himself believe that it belonged to him. The farm (1000 acres) was advertised to be sold on the 29th. It is shifted now, and I hope to save the lumber for the benefit of the Children.

Have you seen us as? We are with the family.
Also to Rowland, at Saratoga.

The Linen is quite valuable, worth $13,000, $15,000.

My wife & children intend leaving for N.Y. Apr. 6th, & will visit her mother & brother live in Brooklyn, but George G. Booth (brother) is in business at 247 + 249 Water St. New York.

If you go to N.Y. be so kind as to let Mrs. Martin know your address & she will call & see you. She says she would not expect to hear from her until she's up, but would be glad to see you whenever you might be.

I see the Western War continues to rage in Nashville; I think there are honest men enough in Nashv.