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Washington D.C.  
21 March 1868

Bro O. O. Howard  
President J. M. C. A.  
Dear Sir.

I am instructed  
by the Board of Officers of the  
Association, to inform you that  
your nominations for the Chair-  
manship of the following commit-  
tees were approved viz

Finance,  
Meetings & Lectures, Churches,  
Mission Schools, Entertainments  
& Building.

Bro Merwin declined on Lib. & Rooms  
Bro Wormsley " " Benev. & Emp.  
The nominations on Evangeliza-  
tion & Boarding Houses were  
laid over for consultation at

3 4 5 6 7 8  
The next meeting supposing  
it would be held one week  
from this evening.

Yours Truly  
B. B. Johnson  
Rec. Sec.



Personal

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Bureau of P. F. V. A. B  
Office 2<sup>d</sup> Div 108. D. Va  
Manassas Va March 21/86

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 where to apply  
except to you for said information

If you could refer me to the proper  
persons I would feel very much  
gratified

I am Very Respectfully  
Yours Obedt Servt

W. S. Chace asw

My friend Mr. [unclear]

Dear Sir,

Referring to my letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> inst.

in which I requested the return of my papers  
 and the investigation of the charges on account  
 against me by three members of my staff  
 and demanding a Court of Inquiry I have  
 to inform you that the report was sent me  
 in accordance with that first desired and  
 against me. On the 15<sup>th</sup> instant I learned  
 however that it was not sent then and  
 now to make a satisfactory report.  
 The two members of the staff who were  
 in failing to carry out my orders and  
 against me in consequence of my  
 conduct with them occurred and  
 of course has become thoroughly convinced  
 that not the charges were made  
 it appears now that the report was  
 not satisfactory from which I learn



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Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

STATE OF TENNESSEE,  
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,

Nashville, Tenn. March 22<sup>d</sup> 1868

Major General O. O. Howard, Commissioner,

General:

Referring to my letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> 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 Genl Sewall was prejudiced against me. On the 16<sup>th</sup> 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.





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I wish to thank General Sewall for  
his great patience and impartiality  
in carrying on this investigation.

Though his lenient recommendation  
concerning the parties who trumped up  
these accusations is not in accordance  
with military usage, I acquiesce  
in it for the sake of peace, and to  
avoid newspaper notoriety for myself and  
the Bureau. I hope, General, you  
are satisfied with General Sewall's  
report.

I am, General, very respectfully  
Your obt. servt

W. F. Garrison

Rev. May Gene

Ant. Lane

Dr. R. M. S. S. S.  
Nashville Jan 22/88  
Tennessee

Major Gen W. O. Carlin  
Asst Com

Referring to his letter of 10<sup>th</sup>  
inst. states the reasons for refus-  
ing an informal investigation  
of the charges against him by  
three members of his Staff and  
demanding a Court of Inquiry-

Thought Gen Sewall was prejudiced  
against him but was finally con-  
vinced to the contrary & aided in making  
the investigation after which he  
(Sewall) became satisfied that the charges  
were groundless.

Hopes the Com<sup>r</sup> is satisfied  
with the report of Gen Sewall  
on the matter.

Copy of answer  
enclosed

file

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HEADQUARTERS,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,  
(189 JULIA STREET,)

Office General Superintendent of Education,  
STATE OF LOUISIANA.

New Orleans, La., March 23 1868.

General  
Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard  
Commissioner

Dear General

I know not how  
to express my thanks for your  
kindness in extending my leave  
10 days. Thus permitting me (an only  
child) to remain with my dear dy-  
ing Mother until God in infinite  
mercy saw fit to take her from her  
bed of indissoluble suffering to  
himself

Please accept my heart's  
warmest thanks for the greatest  
favor I ever received.

I am Genl

Most respectfully  
& Affectionately Yours  
Frank A. Chase



A vertical ruler with markings from 3 to 8. The markings are in inches, with major ticks at every integer and minor ticks at every half-inch. The ruler is oriented vertically, with the numbers 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 visible from top to bottom.

Chase, Frank R.  
189 Julia Street,

Expresses sincere thanks  
to the Commissioner for  
extending his (Chas's)  
leave of absence, there-  
by permitting him to be  
with his mother during  
the last moments of her  
life.



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**American Missionary Association:**

No. 53 JOHN STREET.

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REV. E. P. SMITH, Gen. Field Agent, N. Y.

New York, March 24 1868

Gen. G. B. Howard

or Sir

I enclose a

check for \$10=

It comes to us from

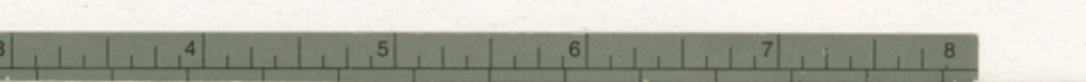
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"Cong. S. Sch. for Gen  
Howard."

Very Respy

W. E. Whiting

Asst. Sec.



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24<sup>th</sup> March 1845.

Dear Sir;

Enclosed is a copy of a vote ~~appointed~~  
passed last evening by the Committee appointed by  
the Church the 17<sup>th</sup> inst. I came now to see  
you in pursuance of it. Will you let me  
know <sup>when &</sup> ~~where~~ <sup>how or</sup> I can interview with you on the  
subject? It should be before long, as you will  
nearly perceive. We meet on Sat. evg.

Very truly &amp;c

Yours &amp;c

Maj Gen. O. O. Howard.

J. H. Hodges

"Resolved that Dea. Hodges be requested to take Gen.  
O. O. Howard's communication of the 21<sup>st</sup> 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 Dr Boynton for the  
same purpose, and report to the Committee at its  
next meeting."

Nov. 1st 1841

Hodges S. R.

States that he is appointed  
a committee to visit Gen  
Howard and consult as to  
a basis of settlement in  
regard to the church dif-  
ficulties, etc, etc,



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Washington, Mar, 25, 1868  
Maj Genl O. O. 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 work  
for you

Very respectfully yours  
J. R. Seash

March 28<sup>th</sup> 1868

March 28<sup>th</sup> 1868

David Henry R.

Introduces John A.  
Henry. do



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March 25<sup>th</sup> 1868

Genl O. O. 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 money to relieve our sore and immediate necessity, I can only hope that you will grant this, I understand there is a chance of getting employment in the Post Office

4 5 6 7 8  
Deft, and if not asking too  
much wish you would give  
me a letter of introduction to  
Levi Farfield who has some  
influence with Mr Bowen<sup>or</sup> if  
you have any influence with  
him if you will use 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 Levi, but you know that  
Mr B has been sick and has  
has had no pay since August  
from the Bureau, which indeed



4 5 6 7 8  
we suffered to earn, I have  
had two trunks at the Express  
(Adams) office for two week and  
still lie there because I have not  
(nor has Mr Benson had) the money  
to take them away, I only men-  
-tion this to show you I will how  
extremely in want we have been  
and are still, beside not a cent  
to pay a little board bill, only  
some little statement or order from  
you I could have borrowed fifty-  
dollars this morning, but 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 23/68

Benson Mrs S. E.

States that she is in very  
needy circumstances,  
and requests the Com-  
missioner's assistance  
in obtaining work, or  
otherwise.





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Chambersburg, March 25, 1868.

My Gen A O Howard -

Dear Sir -

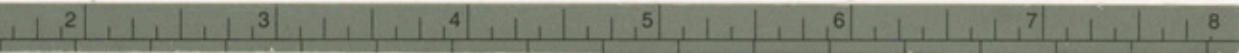
Rev Mr Melgee, Pastor  
of the Lutheran Congregation of this place,  
and President of the Young Men's Christian  
Association, will herewith address you an in-  
vitation to deliver an Address here, at such  
time as you can, in aid of the Christian  
Association.

Mr Melgee has organized the asso-  
ciation, 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 great gratification to our people gen-  
erally.

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

Very truly Yours

A K McClung



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Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the above mentioned matter. I am sorry to hear that you are unable to attend to the same at present, but I am sure that you will be able to do so at an early date. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours,  
J. H. [Signature]



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Chambersburg Pa Mar 26<sup>th</sup> 1868

Wm. Geo. O Howard

My dear Sir

You

perhaps will not have forgotten  
 that you met me at Mr  
 Johnsons ordination in Balto  
 & once at a S.S. anniversary  
 of his - Pardon me for addressing  
 you on so slight acquaintance  
 but in a certain sense you  
 belong to us all - because you  
 have won us, not we you - and  
 so I shall not hesitate to

We will give you a crowded house, if you will give us yourself.

ask your consideration of a  
good cause.

In Baltimore I was much  
interested in the Young Men's  
Christian association - Six  
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 wants  
We now need a public  
meeting to get the matter



well before the people, arouse  
them to the work & raise <sup>the</sup> 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 & dare not ask this  
of you unless perhaps a  
run away from your  
nightly duties might perhaps

be a pleasure to you rather than otherwise.

You know the Rebels burnt up here - my library in town was burned & there is not a book to be had by any man except they pay for it - we want to collect one for each & throw about them into the refining & Christian influences as we shall be able to - To accomplish the work well we must have a large public meeting - only a name like yours can give it to us - Will you undertake it?

Your brother Gen Chad Howard can tell you of the interest I feel in the work at this time - I had two appointments to address your Association at Washington - providentially prevented wish I might plead a return of the interest in favor. But my dear Sir will you not for the cause plead for itself & grant it the favor which we have no right to claim -

You will see that Col. A. K. McClure who has done such conspicuous service to this state & to the nation seconds my request -

The time we would like is the 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> of April or the Sunday <sup>(12<sup>th</sup>)</sup> following if it would suit you better - If neither of these could it be April 30<sup>th</sup> or the Sunday after - Or will you name any day from April 13<sup>th</sup> till 24<sup>th</sup>. Please come if you can -

Yours truly in X Irving Magee



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New Orleans March 26/68.

Dear General.

I have not written for  
in a long time not because I did not  
have the inclination so to do. but I did  
not wish to annoy you by writing when I  
had nothing of importance to communicate,  
now we have matters of great importance  
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 organized and  
watching them closely - we have large  
meetings and well attended I speak  
every evening and have large and  
enthusiastic meetings. The colored  
population are alive to their duties  
and fully understand their situation







2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
But we have a great obstacle Genl  
Homerick infund in seeing and  
now we are cursed with Buchanan  
he will refuse the Registration on us  
and Thousands of Rebs will Register  
that was decided Registration of Genl  
Sheridan. Homerick appointed 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 out  
by such bad men with John at their  
head. Let him be impeached at  
once - Give us Wade and we are all  
right - Genl John Wade is President  
may I solicit a favor from you?

Please write me as soon  
as convenient

Yours friend  
Wm. H. Fox



New Orleans, La.  
March 26<sup>th</sup> 1865

Fox, Charles A.

Writes in reference to the  
injury done to the cause  
of reconstruction. General  
Buchanan is following the  
course of Gen Hancock.  
Can not something be done?

Wishes to ask a favor  
of the General when Mr  
Wade becomes President.



Chas. A. Fox  
New Orleans, La.





San Francisco March 26<sup>th</sup>

My dear Cousin

I have just returned from a trip to Colusa, the place where Cousin Warren Woodman used to live: He left some property there & the man he left it with had had the use of it so long without any interference, that he had made himself believe that it belonged to him: The farm (1500 acres) was advertised to be sold on the 29<sup>th</sup>: It is stopped now & I hope to save the money for the benefit of the children.

Have <sup>written</sup> no other at present, Miss, who has been with the family.



also to Rowlands, at Harrolyth-

The Sum is quite valuable,  
with \$12,000. to \$15,000. =

My wife & children intend  
leaving for N.Y., apl 6<sup>th</sup> on  
a visit to her mother; her  
mother & brother live in Brooklyn,  
but George G. Brooks (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  
have you hunt her up, but  
would be glad to go where  
you might be.

I see the Whiskey War  
continues to rage in Washn;  
I think there are honest  
men enough in Washn

enough to finally put it down.

With kind regards from  
Mrs. Martin to self & family  
I am as ever very affly,  
y

A. Martin