Washington, D.C.
March 29th, 1868

Gall. O.O. Howard

Dear Sir:

I would most respectfully ask you to give me a few days to prepare myself so that I can be able to work. I am now feeling a little sick, and think by taking some medicine I will be able to attend to my duty in a few days.

Hope you will allow me this time as a favor, trusting to considerations as in all matters.

Yours, O.B. Servt.

Samuel W. Jones.
Washington D.C., March 31, 1868

Gen. Wm. A. Public

N. C. Howard

Gentleman,

Unintended the operations of the Second Ward, 1st to 4th, impartially and intelligently to place me under great obligations. I now respectfully take this opportunity to request that you will use your influence so often employed in the good cause to obtain for her some government position, so that her services may be retained here from emergency next winter.

Have the honor, to be, General, with great regard,
your obedient servant,

John J. Hau

Salisbury Postmaster, for Common Council Second Ward.
Dear Sir:

At the request of Mr. Walker Lewis (ed.)* I write to recommend him as an excellent man for the stewardship of the White House, now vacant. He is one of the trustees of the Freedmen's Sav. bank and well known. I think he is your brother. He has means, is perfectly trustworthy and honest, and very gentlemanly in manner. He has
has now some position in the near ... and is known to me in the capacity of Collier of the Rugby House, as an excellent man in every respect.

I do not know that aid he hopes to obtain from you in the matter of his application for the White House ... and help; but he was so urgent that I should do so, that I venture to ... your time for a moment or two will their note.

I am, General, very truly,

A. P. Custis.
Washington, March 30, 1868

Dear Brother Howard,

I could not be out yesterday, on account of my health, and as I did not know about the meeting of tomorrow evening called at Mr. Rodger's room and found that he was sick and not at the office today. I do not know now to say that I met a few minutes ago Mr. Breuste who asked me if I was coming to the meeting tomorrow evening. I was glad to know of it. I asked him what was going to be done. "Why," said he, "we are going to pass a vote to request those out of town who have come in to disturb us to try to make a volunteer to leave us." So far warned, forearmed. I presume you know all about it. I did not, but I thought it well write you a few lines, that if you did not you might be ready, &c.
Can mention it if you choose privately as he knew I did not sympathize with the spirit of it openly.

I called to see Mr. Dane a few moments since. He did not know of this project, but he says he believes it. B. means to try and get the Ch. to choose two or three more deacons to get a majority in his favor. Let us pray much that God may guide all to the best good of his Church which now seems to be under a cloud. I am very sad to day having heard by telegram on Saturday the death of a very dear Cousin of the late Prof. Goodrich himself a minister of the Gospel and a deacon of Tr. Bacon's at the Central Church in New Haven. This is the 4th death of relatives or connections of mine. Kindred all old acquaintances, esteemed and beloved and whose loss falls very heavy upon the families and friends. They have left a hole.
Columbia College  
Washington D.C.  
Gen. Howard  Mar. 30, 1868  
My Dear Sir  

Please be present at our lecture if possible. A fine gathering will be assembled.

Dr. Gillette has the honor to me of your company. If I can serve you in any way, privately or publicly, you will find my heart and hand with you.

I have from the hour at first met delighted to speak of you as a true man, philanthropist and Christian among men of all nations.

Ever yours,

G. W. Homer
Prink, March 30th 68.

Mr. O'Connell

Dear Sir,

I regret to bring to your attention the fact that a great number of women and their families of sick and aged - are suffering for food and there seems to be no relief for them.

13th Chairman of

day it was instructed that there
women old & sick crippled blind
as well as those able to labor (but men
slaves) should be relieved from the
last appropriation.

Can any thing be done in this direction? I assure you something should be found to relief their very suffering people.

Faithfully, J. Griffis
Washington, D.C.
March 30th, 1863

S. H. J.

States that there are a great many women and their families, suffering for
food.

Can not something be done for these persons, some of whom are
sick, aged, crippled, blind, etc.
Dear Israel,

A colored woman who talks of buying a lot of land on the 'Island' in 49th Street, New Jersey Avenue and 1st Street wants me to tell her whether it is safe for her to do so. It is owned by several persons. I don't know what shall I say to her? Can she buy safely? What title does she get? En 4 to be.

T. D. Elliot

Us of Mrs.
March 30, 1868
March 31, 1868

Dear General Howard,

Some days after I met you, my son sent me a letter saying the
Adjudant had misprisoned him his name
had been taken from the detail for the
Kromer's Riman. I knew how it was.
I felt very grateful to you, Major, for
not another letter saying, 'General Howard made
application for Mr. Kromer to go as my aide
and I was asked by my friends, the Kromer in
me.' I felt there must be some mistake and
with little hope to go personally to you. Will
you dear General Howard help him. Not only
he is my boy but his brother as my own
especially attached friend.

Mary Acheson
Do not use any other hand. This has
so much paper work in your painful
gibson is not willing to let me go; some controversies arise if there is any delay in the way of attaining
a conclusion, and greatly three persons may add up until today morning
will not.

Postal, Delaware.
New Castle, Delaware
March 31st 1868

[Signature]

Arthur wrote some time past
that his name had been
taken from the list of those
detailed in the Bureau, and
that General Howard had made
application for Mr. Heenon
for which she returns
thanks to the General.

But now Arthur writes that
his order has come.

She presumes there is
some mistake, etc., etc.,
Will leave Heenon next
Friday (next) 3° of April.
My Dear [illegible].

This disclosure does not surprise me. Nothing surprises me now in this matter.

We are afflicted, but let us pray that we be not cast down. I am sincerely touched with the tone of this good man's letter and it does grieve my heart, that an aged disciple, just on the boundary of the spiritual land, should been thus—by giving us—depriving of that peace and Christian comfort he so needs.

Yrs in Truth. [illegible]
Washington, D.C.
March 31st, 1868

Eater, O.S.: 

I am not surprised at the recent disclosures in (Church) matters.

Expresses his sympathy that aged man's account of the trouble caused him "by joining in our (the Church), etc.,"
Private

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

Head Qrs. Assistant Commissioner, District of Virginia.

Richmond, Va., March 31st 1868.

Maj' Gen'l O.O. Howard
Dear General

I wish to call your attention to an important matter connected with the subject of my communication of to day in reply to your official letter of the 28th inst.

You will doubtless remember that some time ago I called your attention to the fact that the Commanding General of this District did not consider that the power conferred by the Bureau Bill upon officers of the Bureau could be exercised
By Civilians—Thinking
that your communication
before mentioned might have
reference to the bill now
before Congress I wish
again to call your at-
tention to this fact.
You will see by my
official communication of
today that Bureau Office
exercised none of the judicial
power conferred by the bill
except through their in-
fluence with the Civil
and Military Authorities.

I remain yours,
O. T. Brown.
Richmond, Va.
March 31st 1868

Brown O.,

States that by decision of the Commanding General of that District, none of the judicial powers conferred upon officers of the bureau can be exercised by civilians, etc., etc.