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Friday Morning  
April 17. 1868.

Genl Howard

My Good Friend:

Through  
the influence of yourself,  
your friend - Mr. Conness, and  
Dr. Lincoln - my physician, I  
am again in the enjoyment  
of my office.

The noble consideration  
which I have ever received  
from your hands has been  
the strong support of the  
one great object of my life;  
and while my gratitude to  
you, and to Him who put  
good thoughts in your heart,  
permeates every day of my  
existence, I find no words  
whereby to interpret or make





vocal the thanks of my soul.

No want of appreciation seals my lips, but instead, intense gratitude. And most especially do I thank you for your faith in, and understanding of my integrity: I know it is out of the fullness of your own it is recognized; yet, for this I only prize it the higher, and reverence you the more thoroughly. All things else—society, ease, friends, pride I can sacrifice for my father's peace and comfort: your comprehension of this is both pleasant and strengthening. And again I thank you: while believe the love and faithfulness of your own children will not be lessened for the kindness bestowed upon a stranger's child.

Very Sincerely,

C. A. Anderson.

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Friday Morning

April 17<sup>th</sup> 1868

Anderson A. A.

Thanks the General  
for favors etc  
etc,





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Sup O G Howard

Dear Sir,

Our Mutual friend handed you  
a letter several days ago, in  
the interest of Miss E O Kilham  
a friend of mine, a lady with  
accomplishments whose mother  
has made many sacrifices  
to educate her, she and  
her mother are poor, but  
have pride and ambition  
the young girl is most desir-  
ous to occupy some position  
that will raise an eleva-  
ting influence on the class  
with which she is identified.  
Believing that you can assist her  
and that you would do so,  
It was suggested to address you,  
I was to have endorsed the  
letter and therefore found  
this note, I feel confident





in saying that she will so far  
any position you may be  
pleased to obtain for her  
as I shall make you glad  
that you shall have instructed  
yourself in her behalf

Yours Respectfully

J. L. Downing



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Washington 1868

April 1868

Downing Geo. T.

Writes, recommending  
Miss E. J. Ketchum for  
position. Her papers have  
already been presented.

Very truly  
yours  
G. T. Downing

Recd of the  
Bureau of the  
Army  
Nothing in the





Treasury Department, 144

First Auditor's Office,

April 18, 1868.

Gen. Howard

Dear Sir,

Mr. Baxter, the Secy.  
herof. desires to see you in regard to the  
materials for our Church cushions: and  
I ask for him a full hearing, as he ap-  
pears to be well informed on the subject:  
and as well-considered steps should  
be taken in this enterprise. I of course do  
not venture or presume to interfere with  
your committee, but make the suggestion  
of an interview with the aim and hope  
of the highest good.

Very Truly

D. M. Fiske



1<sup>st</sup> Aud. Office  
April 15<sup>th</sup> 1868

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Kelsey D. M.

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Introducing Mr Pax-  
ter, to confer with the  
General concerning  
the Church cushions etc,

Paxter<sup>9<sup>th</sup></sup>  
bet 10<sup>th</sup> & 11 NY Avenue

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March 10<sup>th</sup> 1868  
Paxter  
Kelsey  
(cushions)



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Washington D.C.  
1847 '68

Gen. O. O. Howard  
President Y. M. C. C.

Dear Sir.

The  
Regular meeting Managers  
Y. M. C. C. occurs this  
evening 7/20 next.

There  
is still a vacancy in the  
Chairmanship of the Com.  
on Bener. & Comp.

Yours Truly  
P. B. Johnson  
R. S.

Washington D.C.,  
April 18<sup>th</sup> 1865

Johnson J. R.  
R. S. Y. M. C. A.

Managers of the Y. M. C. A. <sup>held</sup>  
their regular meeting this  
evening at 7 1/2 o'clock

Vacancy still in the  
Chairmanship of the Com.  
on Benevolence and Em-  
ployment.



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175 Saratoga Street  
Baltimore Md  
April 18<sup>th</sup> 1868.

Dear General

Thank God, I was not mistaken  
I was sure you were right at heart <sup>and</sup>  
it was at your heart that I hoped to  
arrive at last. I am sorry that  
I am forced to answer so hurriedly as I am  
all packed up, and on the eve of  
my departure North. I do not desire  
any further action taken, as I never  
acted in my own interest, and expected  
from the first to be discharged, but  
I feel that I have done my work,  
the part I cannot help. The poor  
fellows must ~~lose~~ lose their  
money, but my action has had  
the effect to bring this to light  
and place such drunks and  
guards, that no one will dare  
hereafter to do wrong. I leave



Baltimore with the blessing of  
many a poor Colored "Auntie" and  
"Uncle" whose money I got from  
the Pension Office by my  
persistent personal application.  
My last official act being to obtain a  
pension for life of 25 dollars a month  
+ a thousand dollars back money  
for a poor blind man, whose case  
had been given up, by the party  
presenting it, and the hearty  
thanks and "God bless you" of such  
men are my ~~the~~ sweetest reward.

I have retained all the letters  
& papers in this case, and I  
should be most pleased to close  
them with a note from you  
stating that whatever else you  
think, you are willing to exonerate me  
from any intentional wrong or willful  
malignant misrepresentation  
of others. I have acted from  
the highest sense of duty and



I could not do otherwise in  
a similar re-currence, I  
do not wish to say anything unpleasant  
in this letter so I will not refer to your  
staff &c, but I knew your unkind re-  
marks to me (which were precisely as I stated)  
were the result of my being forced into  
your room when you did not want  
to see me. I am sorry any unpleasant-  
ness should have occurred, but I am  
ready to forget all the past. I go from  
Baltimore with a clear good conscience  
and a feeling that I have done my duty  
to the oppressed and friendless blacks,  
and I hope I have had some influence  
in improving this office. Capt Knorr  
who has the Supervisory Control  
is a good, active, honest man, who will  
neither do wrong, nor allow any body  
else to, and I hope for the good of the  
Cause that he will be kept here. I  
am sorry that I am so hurried, I  
am rushing around making arrangements



to move in a few hours, a day at farthest  
I should like to have a personal interview,  
but I cannot possibly come to Wash.,  
and I cannot think of asking you to come  
here on personal affairs. I hope you will  
see and appreciate my situation. I shall  
always feel an interest in the cause I  
have tried to labor in, and nothing  
I hope will again happen to hinder  
the usefulness of the Bureau to the  
extent it has been in this city. I could  
say nothing in an interview, that has not been  
set forth in my charges, and subsequent letters,  
as they are not considered evidence enough, I must content  
myself. I have not the slightest ill-feeling in the  
matter. I have done my plain duty, and though it  
has cost me the ill-feeling of most everybody, I  
could bear it. I hope you will be able to state  
that you do not entertain the idea that I have  
been derelict or remiss, and I should be glad  
to receive such a statement (if possible in your own hand)  
if you cannot conscientiously state so, I must  
do without, though with many regrets.

Very truly

C. W. Aldrich

Baybrook Agency  
Connecticut



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Wash, April. 16<sup>th</sup> /68

Genl. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

The woman Lucy Robinson  
is a woman of uncommon thrift, and truthfulness.  
She has taken a small piece of land at Sandy  
Point. That herself and daughter both widows intend  
to cultivate. But she finds it necessary to have a  
team - and says a pair of Oxen are to be bought  
at a low price if she can pay twenty dollars down.  
— She holds a note (due, tenth of May) of forty dollars  
against a Capt. of a Boat for whom her Son is now  
at work - and has ten dollars in hand. She  
wishes to borrow ten dollars - and give such security  
as she can, either in the note, or her Son's discharge  
Papers. She thinks she will be safe, in the purchase.  
— She has forage, that <sup>she</sup> raised last year. She is a farmer  
— and I hope it may be in your power, to lend her this,  
from some funds for relief, of such worthy true people.  
Of course - this may all be impracticable but I hope not.  
Very Respectfully Yours O. O. Howard



Washington D.C. April 18<sup>th</sup> 1861  
Rec<sup>d</sup> of Gen. C. C. Howard ten dollars

her  
Lucy + Robinson  
mark

\$10.00  
100



382 St. Sabbath Morning  
April 19, 1868.

My dear Christian Brother,

I hoped to be able to go & see you this morning; but as I can not will you at the close of the Sabbath School see W. Smith for a few moments, & through him inform me as to what I wished to know.

Deacon White told me the last week that the Committee will report this week (Tuesday I suppose) and that it would probably be such a one as would satisfy you in the rescinding of the resolutions of July. - Is it so? - and what action do you propose?

I shall go with you, for I feel that under God the welfare of the Ch. greatly depends upon you. May the Lord ever bless you & yours in the Church in your great office of good to millions. Most sincerely yours  
May Pearl D. Norton, Brother in Christ. Edward Smith

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Washington D.C.

April 19 1865

Smith E. G.

Writes in regard to  
the church difficulty.

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Charlotte N. C. April 19<sup>th</sup> 1868

My dear friend

Pardon me for my seeming ingratitude and procrastination, in not replying to Capt. Adams letter informing me for you of the ship ment of the barrel of flour, should have written long since but had no paper or stamps to do so with. The fl. arrived safely, and <sup>at</sup> good time for we have been entirely without food and I have not had a coffee in six weeks, and owing I suppose to the mountain state of the country, they refuse credit to the poor, so you see we have to endure and wait until some kind friend has compassion for us and helps us. I have been (also Mother) busy and am active, with some sewing for the Ladies Society of Baltimore. They were kind enough to send us sewing work, which, altho it has made me work very hard, may be of great service to me in my support. So I think I am inclined to work hard if I could only make one a day bread, but in the past three weeks we have worked when we were actually hungry and nothing at all to eat once not a stick of wood to cook or warm with, so not think my kind friend that I am complaining but I must tell



you to let you see how very very acceptable the plan was.  
Two persons in this town who have professed a great friend-  
ship for me and told me when I needed assistance  
to call on them, I was forced to do so two weeks  
ago, and they promised but now sent me a month  
fall, but I know I cannot exist on promises. I got some  
grain seeds from Lt McAlpin of the Bureau at  
this place and have planted them and I hope to  
have vegetables. I am indebted to Prince Major Morse  
for his kindness in recommending me to the Prince  
of Baltimore and thus obtaining work for me he gave  
me one money enough to buy a washing machine, which  
will help me a great deal, also to Capt Benet for sending  
me five dollars, I never stand when it not for my kind  
friends at the North, I only wish I could move North, the  
politicians are turning the country up side down and  
in its already decayed state. I fear will prove an  
action to the wellbeing of many yet all, I long to  
see a better state of things, Give my best love to  
Mrs Howard and to your brother Roland when you  
see him and to my dear friend when you put up your  
prayers to God remember me and mind, and pray  
that he will help me, for were it not for my friends  
here I would become almost desperate, Again I must thank



you for all your kindness. Where is Linc? I thank you  
I have not heard of him for many a long day.  
Is Mrs Howard in Washington with you? This the little  
children for me. My I suppose is quite a big boy now  
Grace is the age of my Annie, Annie is my small  
delicate child. there is not much strength in her. I must  
not worry you with my troubles. but beg you to write  
sometimes to me and let me hear from you  
all;

I am ever yours truly  
Annie Lee



Charlotte H.C.  
April 19<sup>th</sup> 1868

See, Annie P.

Friendly letter.

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Sunderland Mass Apr 20<sup>th</sup> 68

Worshipful Gen - O B Howard -  
Chairman of Building  
Comm - of the Congregational  
Church at - Washington

I in response to your  
request - the Sabbath School of  
the First Congreg Church in  
Sunderland send you ten dol  
lars to aid in your noble  
work - of establishing a church  
of our denomination in  
that city

Yours Truly

H. G. Sanderson -

Superintendent



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Sunderland Mass

April 20<sup>th</sup> 1868

Sunderland N. E.

Bath<sup>Sabbath</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> Cong church  
of that city contribute \$10  
to 1<sup>st</sup> Cong ch of Washington  
D.C.



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Ho. of Reps

Apr 21. 1868

Gen. O. O. Howard

General

Will you  
please not have Worcester Bar-  
acks (3<sup>d</sup> Ward) removed until  
I can see you? I am told  
orders have been made to that ef-  
fect. Registration is going on; and  
I much fear that harm will come  
and injury be done if action is  
taken now. Please delay  
action until I can see you.

Yours ever

W. D. Eliot



Ho. of Reps  
Apr 11. 1868

Genl. C. C. Johnson  
General

My dear Sir

I have not had Western Bar  
books (3d book) answered with  
I can see you? I am the  
order has been made to this ef-  
fect. Repetition is going on, and  
I think for that have no case  
as being in line of action is  
tation in. Please delay  
action with I can see you  
Yours  
J. D. Bush



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A.R. Washington D.C. Apr. 21<sup>st</sup> 1868

Maj Gen O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir

The Committee on Roads & Canals  
will meet tomorrow (Wednesday) morning  
at 10 1/2 O'Clock, And the International  
Pacific R.R. bill will be considered

Please make your arrangements &  
appear before the Committee. —

Yours Truly  
Guerr B. Raum

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Washington, D.C.

April 21<sup>st</sup> 1868

Raun, Green B.  
M.C.

The Committee on 'Roads  
and canals' meet to-  
morrow Wednesday at 10<sup>1/2</sup> A.  
m. to consider the In-  
ternational Pacific R.R.  
Bill. The Commissioners  
will please make arrange-  
ments to appear before  
that committee.





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Headquarters Military Division of the Missouri.

St. Louis Apr 22 1868

Genl O. O. Howard  
Washington D.C.

My Dear General

I have seen you  
on many occasions when you  
delighted me, as you well know,  
and now I hope to have that  
pleasure again by your being  
present at my wedding.

I regretted not seeing you  
the other day when I called  
so as to mention it then.

I am to be married to a  
Miss Phillips in Cincinnati on  
the evening of the 5<sup>th</sup> of May  
and I can assure you it  
will give me much pleasure  
if you can respond to this

special invitation. It  
will be church service  
at 8 p. with an evening  
entertainment and I trust  
General you can come  
out.

I am with respect  
Yours truly  
L. M. Dayton  
U. S. A.