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Baltimore, June 4 186 8

~~Mr~~ Rev E. W. Robinson

Dear Sir,

I hope to get most of the Cushions for Sabbath completed and in the church by Saturday eve - I shall send all done tomorrow eve by Express, and they will be delivered sat forenoon. I intend to be there to see them put in right slips, but it will be a hard job for me to carry them up stairs, and into the slips - Would Lord Hound let some colored man connected with his Office assist me an hour or two, or if that is not expedient, will you engage one and have him at Church at 10 o'clock promptly to await my coming which will be about that time - I want some man very much that day, and afte

I get through placing them shall come up, hoping to see Lent H. and get a little in a/c – Any that I don't get done ~~to send~~ Friday eve, will ~~come~~ so come out Sat in 4 P.M. train, and they (the Express) promises to deliver them at the Church same evening; but I shall try to get off in 4.30 train if possible, and must arrange with some one to be at Church about 7 P.M. to receive and place the cushions sent there –

Yours truly & sincerely

N. Noyes

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Lincoln University
Station, Phila. & Balt.
Central R. Road
June 4. 1868

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

I write to give you notice of the meeting of the Trustees of Lincoln University on Wednesday the 17th Inst. Commencement day — A class will graduate — May we not hope to see you at commencement? your presence would greatly

help us & I think you would be gratified & encouraged seeing some of the fruits of your great labors. Hon. Wm E. Dodge will most probably be in Phila. the Evening before & come out in the morning —

Very respectfully yours &c

John M. Dickey

for F. B. Hodge

Sec'y.

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Lincoln University Station
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Meeting of the Trustees of Lincoln University on the 17th inst – Commencement day. The General invited to be present, etc etc.

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Nashville, Tenn.
June 4th. 1868.

Gen. O. O. Howard. U.S.A.
Washington, D.C.

Dear General -

There are some things connected with my service here, not referring to Gen. Carlin in any manner, which make me desirous of the increase of rank you were kind enough to interest yourself about some time since - Gen. Schofield was my friend in by-gone days & would perhaps render some assistance -

I do not expect an answer to this, but with much gratitude for past favors, I shall, under Providence, be content in any event -

Very truly yours -
James Thompson -
Bt. Maj. U.S.A.

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By Telegraph from Tallahassee Fla 6 1868

To

Gen. O. O. Howard.

Genl Meade declines recognize meeting legislature eighth and without positive. Members here without money ready to convene Monday. Can cannot get them together again till January. Consult Genl Grant and Senator Wilson. What shall we do? Answer

T. W. Osborn

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Philadelphia June 6. 1868

My dear Howard

The mantles have been shipped by Steamer of Express line. they are in five boxes. Please send a careful man with furniture car to the vessel on Monday morning and remove the boxes to your house. tell him to handle them carefully and not turn them over. let them be placed in a dry place as the Marble may get stained if wet. I have forgotten whether you want me to send a workman to set them or that you will get one in Washington to do it. if you want me to attend to it, I will send a careful man to put them up. Mr Arnold has sent the State Mantles in same vessel.

Sallie regretted very much that she did not see you, the child was benefitted, probably saved by her care and attendance.

We feel confident of being able to elect Gen Grant & Colfax. My love with family to all

Very truly Your friend
Cauvin Stable

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Portsmouth. Va. June the 6th 1868

Mr. Genl. O. O. Howard Sir.

a second time have I met Bayne the disorganizer, this time I have met him. in the midst of his friends. in spite of threats from the Bayneites. and conservatives I made my speach. in the midst of interuptions. caused Mainly by the efforts. of the Local corespondents of the Virginian. Day. Book. and journal, these Gents tooke great pleasure. in hounding. on the Bayneites. before I commenced. to speak. one Bayneite. shook. a rope in my face. another showed me his raisor. another said he would introduce me to his hammer. and one Kind Gentelmanly white. said he was a friend of mine and kindly informed me that the air. of Norfolk. was not good for my health he said he would give. 1. hundred dollars. not to speak in the second Congressional Distric. and 1. hundred if I would stay out of this distric only until after the Election. I respectfully declined. and. I invited. him to hear my speach. and to come to church Sunday. and hear 3. sermons. upon the incomprehensible. judgements. of God. his maledictions. and anathemas. agains. traitors to heaven. and to these country, the Gent left me, I. then made a 3 hour speach. they would not

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hear Chandler. or Wilson. nor Baker last-week. but they had to hear me. I told them the only way to prevent me, was to spill every drop of my Blood, on the court house steps. and my voice would yet cry from Blood. Bayne the Black impostor. spoke after me. his whole force was there he is the president of the Eureka association. it numbers. over 700. members. all Bayneites. he is the president. of Republican council No 11. and they number 800 members. all Bayneites. but we have heavier metal than Bayne to contend against hear it is our White Republicans. that endorses Bayne for Congress. and are canvassing. this distric for him and spending money also. in his intrest. Bayne himself is nothing but a mean. mercenary. avericious. deceitful. hypocritical liar. he has spread a fatal discord hear. the people has become. blind and disordinate. through his corrupting poison. he is unstable as water but he shall be deceived in his guile. the people, are agitated hear. by the intrigues. of this ambitious. Monkey. but. Sir I must say that this Black Brigand. splits. our party with some dexterity too. he flatters the vanity of one. excites the jealousy. of another. favors. the avarice of this one. and inflames. the Resentment of that one

and iritates the passions. of all. keep up there prejudices. he sowes. divisions. and hatreds. ah but I know the secret. of his strength. is in the ignorance of the Blacks. he is indefatigable. in consummating his purpose. he is intoxicated with confidence. but sir his day has. come. I am on the war-path. a reverse shall overturn and confound him. I shall remove the bandage from the eyes of my people. and dissolve the fatal chain he has rivetted upon them. and we must have the bureau. Remove it and you bring woe upon us. you leave the freedman at the mercy of his employer. who will compell him to vote. as he wishes him to. even now they say to these Black men you must vote for Bayne. and against the constitution. take the bureau from us. and there will generate a continued series of calamities. assuming a thousand new forms. yes sir. yes. take the Bureau from us. and the freedmen. will be plunged in a labyrinth of errors. and calamities. but I must stop. I have got 3 sermons. to preach tomorow. I will be in Norfolk on tuesday. if I live please answer this. from your obedient and Humble ser.

John V. Given.

and invalids, the prisoners, of all. Feel for those
who endure, the hunger, distress, and fatigue,
that I have. The secret, of his strength, is his
ignorance, of the Obstacles, he is overcoming.
He is accomplishing his purpose. He is indefatigable
in his confidence. And his day has come, I am
the man that, a person shall not
and confounded him. I shall possess the knowledge
in the eyes, of my people. And disabuse the
total character he has misled, upon them. and
I must have the treasure. Remember it and your
my dear wife, let your love, the foundation of
Theory of this conflict. We will conquer him &
it, as he wishes being to seem man. They say to
[illegible] must hold the Papers, and
Provost, the [illegible] to him. Take the treasure from
it, and there will prevail a continued scene
of calamities & sufferings a thousand more from
his Rio. Pro. Take the treasure from us, and
the freedom will be lost and
the world of peace and enjoyment, but
I must, say, I have put 3 [illegible] to prevent
the treasure. I will be in Mobile on Wednesday. I shall
there endeavor this. From your obedient
and humble son

Tyler T. Pierce.

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OBERLIN COLLEGE,

Oberlin, Ohio.

June 6th 1868.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir,

After having fully consid-
ered the question of accepting a Professor-
ship in Howard University, and having
consulted the Faculty of this College, I
have come to the conclusion that a
younger man would probably meet
your wants better than I could, and
my engagements here are such that
I ought not to leave without a mani-
fest call of Providence

Your work is great and important,
and I should be greatly interested in it.
If I were ten or twelve years younger
I should be strongly inclined to under-
take it.

When I received your invitation I
thought I would visit Washington in
May. But it was impossible for me
to leave home at that time; and now, after

more mature reflection, it seems to me unnecessary to go at all.

I have a call from another college, to a position, which, in my estimation, I am better qualified to fill, than the place offered to me in Ha and University. If I should conclude to leave Oberlin, I should probably accept that call.

Mr. Barber seems to me well qualified for the position which he now occupies and as the school grows he will grow with it. I wish you most excellent success in obtaining additional teachers as they are needed.

Yours respectfully, and truly
E. H. Fairchild.

Brooklyn, N.Y.
June 6th 1868

My dear Sir –

I have received – as have I suppose the Pastors of other churches summoned to your proposed Ex-Parte Council – a Protest against its assembling, signed on behalf of your church by the Pastor and Deacons. In this they object to the Council, not on the ground that their action as a church has been taken, and they are not willing to have it reviewed; but on the ground that their

action is still incomplete, their processes unfinished, and that they do not wish it to be interpreted until their final action has been taken. Then they intimated a willingness to listen to it in calling a Mutual Council or have an Ex-Parte Council convened by the minority. The matter, as they presented, involves some difficulties. It is unquestionably the right of a Congregational Church to finish its action, before it can be called upon to submit that action to the review of a Council. Such a Council you desire convened now only

Lose as a kind of advisory Committee, to give you their opinion as to your best course of procedure; and I do not see that the merits of it could do any thing more than advise you to be patient and discreet, and await the further and final action of the Church. Than what I have been taken, you will have of course the right to a Council, for trial of it.

Under these circumstances I rather think it would be better to withdraw your letters for the present, and to renew them - if necessary - later in the season; say in February or March.

I know that delays are often disagreeable, and are sometimes dangerous. But the delay in this case seems to me to be necessary, in order that the Commander when commissioned may be able to get hold of the matter at the right end, and to do any thing effectual for you relief or that of the Church.

We have not yet acted in the matter of your letter. Write, advise me, as early as possible, what your decision about it is. I fear that it will not be in my power, at any rate, to visit you in the 77th.

With highest Respect and regard, Yours in Christ

Gen. Howard

R. L. Stevens

Washington D.C. June 6th 1868

My Dear Brother:

We understand that a singular protest has been sent to your Church against our call for an ex-parte council. The writers are mistaken as to our numbers. We have nearly one half, certainly two fifths of the membership, who will join in asking for a council. Four of the deacons, who sign the protest, are those lately elected at the instance of the pastor.

Sixty four of us have earnestly petitioned for a mutual council. The request was laid on the table, and instead a committee of the deacons and of those opposed to us was appointed to settle the difficulties. They brought in resolutions which were good in themselves, and were passed. The effect was nullified, however, by the pastor immediately afterwards challenging us to show wherein he had been wrong, which led to a revival of the difficulties. The committee was afterwards virtually dissolved by the removal of the old deacons. There was then another distinct refusal to give us a mutual council by tabling a motion for one, and adjourning without day. The church were then publicly notified

that an ex-parte council would be called.

No measures of discipline are pending before the church, though we learn that some steps have been taken by the pastor, looking to discipline, which are aimed exclusively at members of the minority.

The minority, who so earnestly desire a complete settlement of all our differences, see no hope of its being secured by a committee appointed by the pastor, because they persistently ignore the cause, which is the pastor himself and his pastoral ~~relations~~ course.

We earnestly desire the council, and know we have acted conscientiously and prayerfully in calling one, and we see no other way of saving the church. And we shall surely acquiesce in whatever they advise.

This is written in the presence and by direction of the committee which sent the letter-missive

Sincerely yours,

O. O. Howard

Major General.

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Headquarters Army of the United States,

Washington, D. C., June 6 1868

Gen O. O. Howard

Dear General

I beg to introduce to you Rev. J. H. Caldwell of Georgia, who is visiting Washington on business connected with your bureau, and in the behalf of a Normal School. His propositions are for you to determine, but I beg you will give them consideration, and do in the matter what your best judgment may dictate

Very truly yours

Adam Badeau

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A.R. Monday Morning
June 8/68

Genl O O Howard
Dear Genl
Mr Cook tells me that his Court will meet this morning I would be glad if you could come down, the Connecticut Bridge case will not be in the way

Truly Your friend
Green B Raum

Raum J. B.
Dr. le

Boston June 8. 1868.

Dear Bro. Eaton:

With this you will receive a response to your letter inviting an Ex-Parte Council from my Ch. I presume that letters from the other Chs invited, of a similar import will also be received by you — & that those Chs which have received a remonstrance agt the Council from the Pastor & Chs will send similar letters to them.

It seemed eminently desirable that if an Ex-Parte Council was a necessity

it should be manifest
so & that one more
Effort should be made to
secure a Mutual Council -
We hope this Effort will
not fail in the 20th.
of all concerned. But
if it does & there
an Ex-Parte Council
being then beyond doubt
& palpably a necessity -
will be more fully ex-
tended & with have
more prospect of do-
ing good -
We occupy so
public & prominent position
before the whole Ecclesias-
tical & Political world
that it is very desira-
ble that if possible
the assembling of an
Ex Parte Council should

be avoided.

How heartily we sympathize with you in your peculiar difficulties — & how much we all love & honor Gen. Howard to whom the whole Emg. Empire is so indebted in Washington, I do not need to say.

~~Hard~~ Should the Council assemble as called on the 17th — the first duty would be to seek to have it recognized as a Medical Council — which would involve time & discussion, all of which may be anticipated

with more prospect of a successful issue than this method of previous correspondence — So that we hope you will feel that we are standing by you in your difficulty although this delay seems necessary —

May you be guided in all your deliberations & may the great Head of the Church guide us all!

I remain

Fraternally Yours,

E. K. Alden

A. D. Eaton Esq.

Boston June 8. 1868.

To the Long Club in Washington D.C.
represented by a Com. in behalf
of 64 Members, a Minority
calling an Ex-Parte Council:

The Phillips Club of
Boston, Mass sendeth greeting:

Dear Brethren!:

We
have received your letter
inviting us to sit with
others, as an Ex-Parte Council
on the 17th inst & sympa-
thize with you in the
unhappy difficulties which
have seemed to necessitate
your action.

We have also
heard that a remonstrance
has been received by several
of the Club's invited from

the Pastor & the Chs, objecting to the convening of the Council — although no such remonstrance has been received by this church —

After consultation with other Pastors & Brethren invited on the Council, we have felt that although you have twice endeavored to secure a Mutual Council without success, it might be that a third effort upon the recommendation of these Chs might properly be successful. At any rate this has seemed to us a conciliatory & Christian proposition.

Should an Ex Parte Council still be

a necessity which we trust will not be the case it would then convene with more prospect of an harmonious issue, & its counsels would have more weight.

We have therefore adopted the following vote:

'Voted That we recommend to the Minority of the Cong. Ch. of Washington calling an Ex-Parte Council, that another Effort be made to secure from the Pastor & Church the convening of a Mutual Council with the hope that this request may be granted as the method best adapted to secure

the permanent interests of the Church & of the cause of Christ.

Wishing you grace, mercy & peace, we subscribe ourselves in the bonds of Gospel.

In Behalf of the Phillips Ch.

E. K. Alden Pastor

J. R. Fairfield, Clerk

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

STATE OF TENNESSEE.

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Office Superintendent of Education,

Nashville, Tenn., June 8th 1868.

General John Eaton,
Supt. Public Instruction, State of Tennessee.
Nashville, Tenn.

General,

I have the honor to state that the Commissioner, Genl. Howard, and the Asst. Commissioner, Genl. Cashin, are very desirous that I should cooperate with you in advancing educational interests in this state and especially those relating to the Freedmen.

This official duty accords with my personal feelings and wishes.

As your time seems much occupied, will you have the kindness, at an early moment of leisure, to communicate to me your views respecting the method of our cooperation?

Should you desire any information concerning the schools now aided by the Bureau, it will be cheerfully reported to you, and if there be any method whereby the influence of the Bureau can be more efficiently exercised in co-operating with you to promote educational interests I shall be pleased to know it.

It is believed that a few teachers are drawing pay from the Bureau, who are also expecting a salary from the state — thus intending to secure double payment for their services. There is no objection to this if it be understood and if the combined salary be a fair one.

Please communicate your views at your earliest convenience.

Very Respectfully, General.
Your obedient servant,
(Signed) James Thompson.
Br. Maj. and Supt. of Education.