My Dear General:

We arrived here safely yesterday morning, having had a pleasant trip. My wife is feeling much better, and I hope will avoid a fit of sickness.

I expect to address our audience in this village on Sunday evening, and shall set forth upon my journey on Monday morning.

I write you more particularly at this time...
to request a change in the transportation given
me.

I did not discover until after I left Washington
that the enclosed transportation is by rail to
Newport R.I. and thence by steamer to N.Y. on
Long Island Sound. Now it was my intention to
go by rail entirely through Worcester and
Springfield, Mass., and Hartford and New Haven
Conn. If convenient, will you have the necessary
change made and forward the papers to me at
"West Troy, N.Y. Care of Mr. R.H. Sabies."
I should also like to have the copy of your
answer to Mapleton's letter sent to me at 12.
time and place.

Will you also request Mr. Douglas' son to
drop a line to his father immediately concerning
me and my situation.

Yours truly,

A.S. Barker.
Portland, 11 July 1868

Genl. C. C. Howard

Dear Sir,

This to inform you that I have collected Bank dividends for your wife. Shall I forward the amount by mail as usual?

Respectfully Yours,

Obt. Penn.
Private and Personal
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands
Head-Quarters, Assistant Commissioner, District of Virginia.


Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard
Dear General,

Capt. Weber informs me that you sympathized with some doubt in regard to the passage of Senator Howard's bill. I wish to briefly state the substance of a remark made to me the other day by General Stoneman. He said he saw the bill for the continuance of the Bureau in the hands of the President and did not think he would veto it. But would allow it to become a law. He then added the Republicans are smart enough to introduce another bill to keep Genl. Howard in his place and unless they hap in the President will turn him out as soon as Congress adjourns.

As General Stoneman need evidently been in conversation with the President in regard to the Bureau I felt that his opinion on this subject was entitled to some weight.

Yrtrs,

Of course
Lehrona, N.Y. July 17th.

Major Genl. Howard

Dear Sir

Judge Harris, who is Chairman of our College Committee, will write to you, to endeavor to have the term of an interview between you and the Committee. But this may not preclude me from the privilege of promptly acknowledging your letter.

Truly Christianly, 

[Signature]
which please accept my thanks.

I hope you will be able willing to arrange with Mr. Harris for an interview with some one, if not before many days.

It will be possible for us, (God willing), to show you how important the proposal of one is. I have full promise to you of very strong influence for good in our Western States, & now certainly some success with the Divine Blessing. There must result in a peacefulness of our ability to promote the interests towards good above love at least for the freedmen, and it is my belief.
That a place is practicable to which
you can not be even felt from
the army, (except in unexpected
mode of taking it,) thus must
be to advantage particularly that
the objection in this respect will
be more than obviated. Believe
me, dear General, I would not
prettise to interpret the Lord's
word for ever, or forsuch which
left cruel to hope ever to take
nothing they which will not seem
to be of Heavenly leading.
If you are to come less I shall
fully hope that it is to be as a
great Christian advance for you
and for us. Your letter enabled
since the more confidently to induce this hope, if it possible for you to visit this place, to look at the quarters thoroughly, prospects on the ground. I am sure I shall truly be satisfy to welcome you & my house will be cordially at your service. You can then question me of these to your entire content of this is impracticable, if you cannot arrange to meet one Commit the town, it here or place this side of Washington which I can be of service for a talk, a place, I mean to which duty of Hear of the Bureau will call you. If you will favor to and if
Providence permit, I must try to see you before long.

Meanwhile permit me to be very sincerely a respectfully
your friend

J. Hennibell Backus

P.S. I cannot tell how such a report got into the papers. But the Trustees only appointed a Committee to inquire for a suitable person for the Residency. We did not feel at liberty to make any public movement from you, before you had encouraged us to make use of your name.
Albany July 11, 1868

My dear General

Our friend Dr. Backus has sent me your letter to him of the 8th inst. It is a noble letter — just like yourself — we cannot give you up entirely. At one meeting I stated to the trustees as faithfully as I could the substance of what had been said between you and me. The remembrance of what Dr. Backus has doubtless written you, a most emphatic and cutting unanimous expression of a desire to procure you. And while I did not feel at liberty to give them much encouragement, all agreed that we should not give up the hope of abduction was futile. By the same effort.

I now write more especially to ask whether you cannot find it convenient to meet a few of the friends of the
College in New York before a very great while. We have four months remaining there and if we could see you there, Dr. Backus. Judy Carrol will with myself and perhaps some others would be glad to meet you and have a more complete understanding of our views on the subject than can be had by correspondence. Therefore now or hereafter you can advise me when we can meet you in New York. I assure you of the fullest arrangements for the interviews.

Yours sincerely,

Ha Harris

Major General Howard
My dear General,

Had this day forwarded an application for a 30 days leave which I trust you will favorably consider.

Considering my recent marriage, and the very natural desire to know my new relative, I regard my request as perfectly moderate. Should the same be granted I shall do myself the honor of calling upon you at your office.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

J. Murray Strong

O. Capt. U.S.A. a.f.s.c.

To

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard

Washington, D.C.
Headquarters, Third Military District,
(Department of Georgia, Florida & Alabama)

Judge Advocate’s Office,

Atlanta, Ga. July 14th 1868

Major Genl. D. Howard
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

I have understood from some parties that you may have made an officer to des-

ign A.A.S. at Washington, and I desire to call your attention to

the line. Messrs. Gallagher 16th

Infantry, now 2nd S. S. to come

under the care of the Bureau here.

Gallagher is a young man

of much promise, faithful in

the discharge of his duties in

every respect, capable of performing

whatever you might wish to

assign him to.

Yours Truly,
of your staff. Knows how very
poor & in need I think he was.
What & pay in regard to him?

Lt. Gallagher served with distinction
as a Major & Colonel of a Michigan
Cavalry Regt. During the war
he was severely wounded.

We are along very slowly
here with the idea of the storm
continuing or though Dame
conspiring. We have the gouty plagues &
fever, we shall never bring them
to justice in accordance of the laws
coming in and putting a stop
to the time. Congress made a
great mistake in not allowing
cases commenced before admission
of the states, by the bill, to be finished
without having admission. Of course
these cases can never be tried by
any civil authority.

Very Respectfully,

WM. Smith

[Signature]
Washington

July 14, 68

Major, Col. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir:

Learning you were to attend the examinations at Seale on Monday next, I would thank you very much for a few introductory lines to Prof. Washburn, one of the faculty, as a testimonial.

Possessed of Christian activity and ability, his acquaintance would no doubt prove of service to me during my college course, and is
know if no one through whom I could better prefer to become known than yours self. My address is Secretary's Office, Superint. Very truly yours, C.M. Rawlins.
The text on the page is not clearly legible due to the handwriting and condition of the paper. It appears to be a letter or note, but the content is not discernible.
Philadelphia, July 14th, 1868.

My Dear Sir,

Remembering the deep interest you take in my painting when at your studio of late years & having from the pleasure in looking at & receiving their expression by Carte from my family, I trust you will please acknowledge and give me as strong an endorsement as you can, of the picture as a painting, and addressee, and present.

With great respect,

[Signature]

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