

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,Washington City, July 2^d 1868.

Hon. Ira Harris

Albany, N.Y.

My dear Sir,

Your letter was received some days since. I think it better that I should delay accepting any position, even contingently, till my work in the Freedmen's Bureau shall be finished. I would rather you would not wait for me to fill the place of President of your worthy Institution. However, should the position be still vacant at the end of this year I shall then be most happy to receive correspondence on the subject with your Board, or to meet them in

a private interview. It hardly
seems proper for me to put you to the
expense and trouble of meeting me when
I must necessarily delay my decision.

With the highest regard, I remain

Very truly Yours

(A. M.)
O. O. Howard

Major General

Private

UNION PACIFIC RAILWAY, E. D.

OFFICE, NORTH-WEST CORNER OF FIFTH AND ELM STREETS,

St. Louis,

July 21st

1868.



Maj: Gen: O. O. Howard,
Commissioner Bureau of War
Washington. D.C.

My dear General,

I see by the newspapers that, under the recent laws for continuing the Bureau during the present year, and since the restoration of so many of the Southern States to representation in Congress that you have materially contracted the organization of the Bureau, and am naturally solicitous lest a further reduction may jeopardize my father's retention of his situation. I have already so fully confided in my dear father's necessities and misfortunes to you that I will not weary you by remarks referred thereto, further than to say that those necessities remain unchanged, and the importance of his retaining even the small salary he has been able to save in your Department is still further enhanced by the extremely precarious health of my mother, who for four months past has

been constantly confined to her bed, and if a kind Providence do not soon strengthen her, will I fear not live much longer. I trust, and feel sure that my father has established a reputation with you and your officers for faithful, conscientious and efficient discharge of all duties intrusted to him. And now dear General, as an additional favor and great obligation to those I already feel for your most kind and practical sympathy for our family misfortunes, let me beg of you to keep my father in employment, during the further continuance of your Russian, and I cannot foresee the consequences should he lose his place. I feel that I have said enough to secure whatever you can do for us, and will only send the heartfelt expression of deep gratitude which we all feel for your kindness to myself, my father and our whole family by giving him the employment so vitally necessary in our extreme want.

You have doubtless heard of the sad bereavement which has fallen upon our most friend Mrs. Waller and her family, in the loss of her good Tom, who died about ten days ago at Salt Lake City, while en route with his Dr. Wright for San Francisco and thence for a two years' tour around the world. The family were all suddenly scattered at their different summer resorts when the sad news reached them, and Mrs. Waller is now here awaiting the return of Dr. Wright, and greatly crushed by the sudden bereavement. All their friends and acquaintances are greatly shocked and deeply sympathize with the bereaved family. Trusting that you will pardon my thus trespassing upon your kind attention, with many thanks for past kindnesses and
I believe me
Yours very truly,
L. Oliver Jacobs.

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July 21. 1868

Dear Gen.

Yours at hand.
I shall be pleased
to accompany you
to-day as you suggest.

I attributed your
not calling yesterday to
official engagements,
and should have
called at your house
in a day or two to
day as much.

You appoint my
house as place of meeting
that is 212 F. St. bet-
14th & 15th Sts.

Very truly yours
L. Deane.

Maj Gen Howard,
Wash. D.C.

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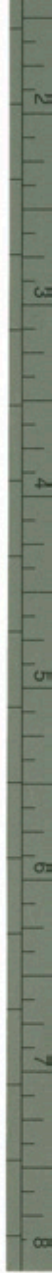
Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure to accompany you to-day as your support. I attended you not without your interest & official experiments. and should have called at your rooms if I had a two or three or more.

Your official report has been in place of meeting that is 212 N. 80. St. N. 12th St.

Very truly yours,
 J. B. Brown

Prof. Geo. Hayward
 N. 12th St.



Office of the Auditor of the Treasury
For the Post Office Department,

Washington July 22, 1868.

Maj: Gen Howard.

My dear Sir,

The Committee to call a Council met last evening, I, Dr Boynton being absent, was perfectly harmonious. The first action was to revoke the decision of the previous meeting in appointing 6 chambers for the majority to 4 for the minority. And we then unanimously agreed upon Mess^{rs} Beecher & Storrs chambers of Brooklyn, Thompson of New York, Wolcott of Cleveland, Stollbrook of Haver, Moon of Cincinnati, Devint of New Bedford, Strong of Pittsfield, Post of St Louis & Haves of Phila. The latter nussine is not yet agreed upon & there is danger of disagreement there. But I trust God will continue

to grant us the unanimity that has
thus far prevailed.

Very truly Yours

William R. Hooper

U. S. MILITARY TELEGRAPH.

11.15 a.m

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July 23rd 1865

By Telegraph from

New York 23 1865

To

Maj Gen O. O. Howard

Chief -

Freedmen Bureau,

Dear General -

I desire your influence to defeat the confirmation of Moses Flannigan as assessor of the 32nd District New York. The present incumbent is a Christian gentleman, and the new appointee is "Nothing"



Genl Jos Dickinson

no 83 Cedar St

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U. S. MILITARY TELEGRAPH

11.13 AM

Telegraph from New York 23 1863
July 23 1863

Gen. O. O. Howard
Chief - Freedmen Bureau

General -
I desire your
advice to defeat the
ambition of Messrs Thompson
of the District
The present
is a character
and the
"Working"

Gen. J. G. Dickinson
No 83 Coler St
New York 136

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THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

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O. H. PALMER, Sec'y.

WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't.

Dated,

Cleveland July 25 1868

Received at

Milliana July 25

To

Genl O. A. Howard

Will you address
National Temperance
Convention Tuesday
evening with
Cuyler

L. B. Mellon

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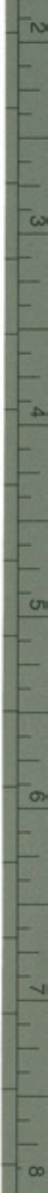
WILLIAM OGDON, New York

Received of Mr. H. H. ...
the sum of \$100.00
for ...

Attest our address
at New York
this 21st day of July
1868

J. P. Ballou

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JUL 21
1868
PRIVATE



J. Vaughan Merrick.
W. H. Merrick.
John C. Cope.

Philad. July 28 1861

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My dear Otis

I see by the papers that Gen. Rosecrans
has been confirmed as minister to Mexico.
Being interested with some other Philad
gentlemen in a Silver Mining Co in
Lower California, we are anxious to have
an interview with the Gen^l before he leaves
and I now write to ask if you cannot
give me a letter of introduction to him
which will induce him to listen to what
we have to say with more patience than
he might otherwise do

The Mex^{an} Gov^t has recently laid a heavy
tax on the export of bullion and if not
altered we shall have to stop operations
which would be unfortunate for the District
in which we are located as our company
is the life of the peninsula -
I wish to hear from you soon & that you
are all well

I am

Very sincerely Yrs

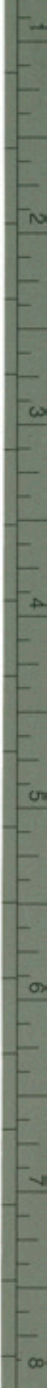
W H Merrick

London. 17th
17th

My dear Sir
17th

I see by the papers that your opinion
has been confirmed as regards the
uninterrupted work done since the
restoration in a better manner than
in the last year. We are anxious to do
our best with the few papers in hand
and we wish to see you in London
one or two days of next week if you
can. We will be glad to hear from
you. I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
John Galt
The Secretary of the Society

Yours
John Galt



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Washington July 29. 1868.



My dear General

As we never meet now, and I have been waiting an opportunity to consult you about a matter of business I will resort to the pen although it is not always the best plan of making oneself understood -

I have between seven & eight hundred acres of land in the immediate vicinity of this city which is beautifully located with reference to sites for houses -

There is nothing comparable to it in the market that I know of - a Rail Road is being constructed to the Point of Rocks which runs within a few hundred yards of one of my farms containing 260 acres of land & laying

near the Soldiers Home -

I have thought it possible you
might have some trust or other
funds at hand for investment, and
if it is so will you not let Doctor
Mercer take you out to look at
my property as I would like to
dispose of some of it on far
more reasonable terms than
real estate in the neighborhood
of the City seems now to command -

With kind regards for Mrs Howard
& the children

I am

Very truly

your friend

Sally Leonard

Genl Howard



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East Winton July 29. '68

Maj. Gen. C. O. Howard

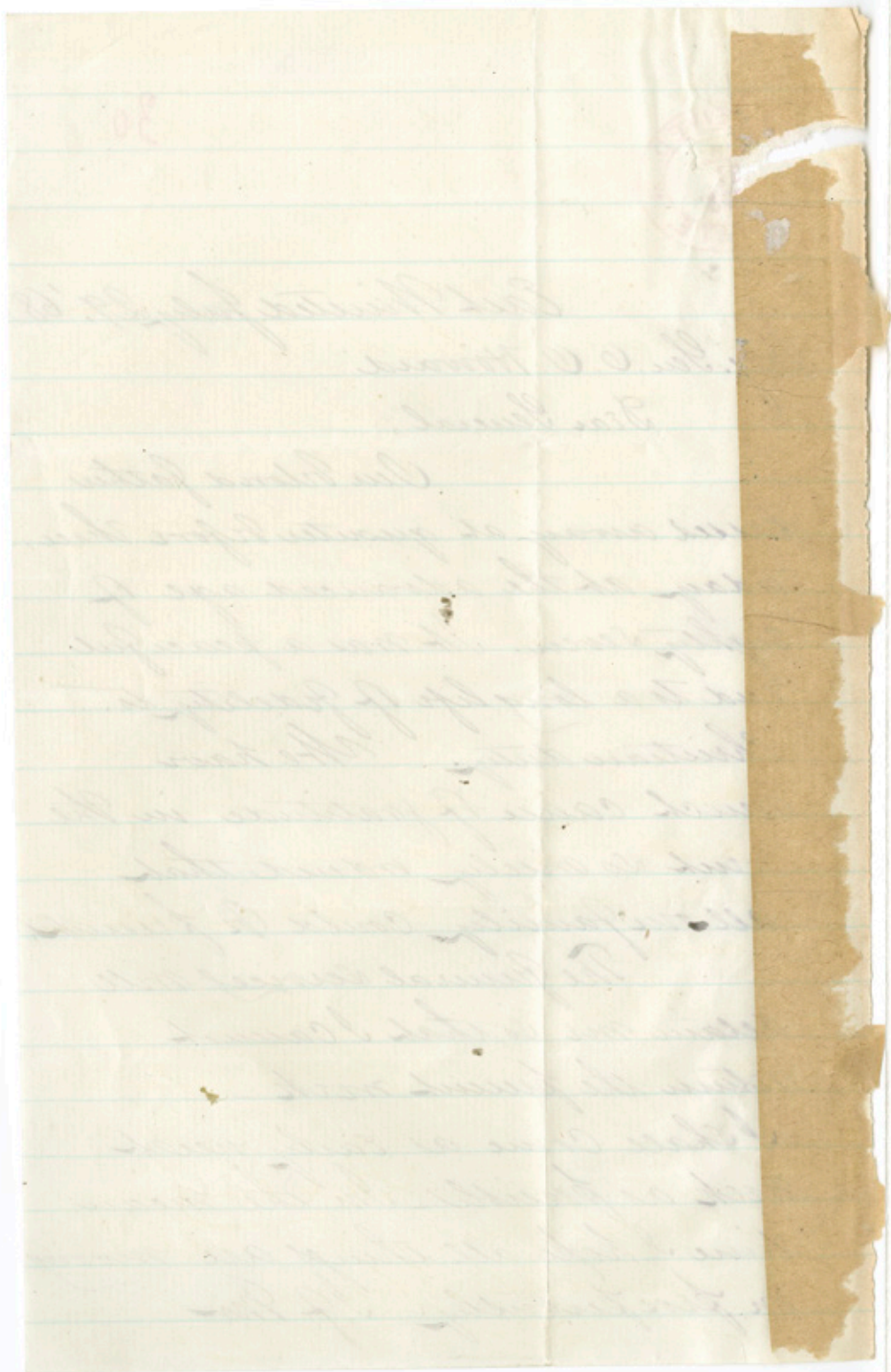
Dear General;

Our beloved father passed away at quarter before three, today at the advanced age of eighty seven. It was a peaceful end to a long life of fidelity to Christian duty. We have

much cause of gratitude in the event so wisely ordered that all our family could be present.

The funeral services will detain me so that I cannot return the present week -

I shall come as early next week as possible. In the mean time I hope all things are moving on prosperously. If Mr-



Permaning should want a
payment on the school-house,
Could you order it and let me
fill out the estimate on my
return? I think from five
hundred to a thousand dollars
will be due on Saturday, that
is, if the work has been going
on as when I left.

My family are all im-
proving in health, and this
cool weather is delightful here
in the country.

Hoping that you and yours
are all well and full of enjoy-
ment.

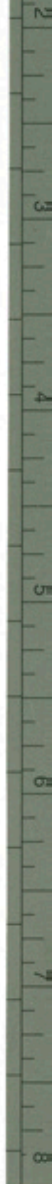
I am yours &c.

Very affectionately

J. W. Alvord

P.S. See the Bureau Bill has
passed, and all, I presume, is in
accordance with your best
anticipations

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Jackson Barracks, La.,
July 29th, 1868.

Major General O. O. Howard,
Commissioner,
General;

The order
Appointing me Superintendent of
Education in the Bureau Refuges,
Freedom and A. L., State of La.,
was received on the 26th inst.

Permit me to thank you
most earnestly, Sir, for your kind
interest in my behalf.

The position is of unusual importance - demanding much patient, devoted effort and excellent judgement.

I cannot hope to succeed, except by constant prayer - ever looking upward for strength with the simplicity of a little child.

Oh! Sir, if I can only do something worthy, in this new field, for my blessed Lord and Master - Who has done so much for me, a poor, miserable sinner -

May His unbounded love inspire my heart with high, noble, generous, Christian impulses - that I may execute

whatever my hands find to do honorably, profitably and, above all, to the glory of His holy name!

I shall need your counsel and support, General, at every turn.

With the Saviour's smile, far brighter than the most glorious sunlight, to cheer me, an unworthy disciple,

I am, General,
Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant,
W. H. Pierce,
Lieut. 1st Infantry.



Gen O O Howard

Sir

Mr Greble Dr was
just in to ask concerning
the receipt of Draft in
my favor for the amt of bill
rendered 194⁰⁰ I have
received no Draft not
Advice from you and
cannot account for its
miscarriage If it was
upon one of our Philad
bills please advise me
and I will have its pay-
ment stopped

Respy Yours
W A Arnold
p Hooke

Philad

July 30 1868

1305 Chestnut St



Personal

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New York 30 July 1868

Maj. Genl O. O. Howard
Bureau Def. Freed. & A. S.
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir

I expect to be at "Willards" next Tuesday evening
on my way to Lookout Mountain, and if it will not be
too much trouble I will be much obliged by your calling
After so long a ride I expect to be greatly fatigued, and
my health not being as good as usual. I venture to make
the above request

Truly Yours

C. P. Robert

Box 5616

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Journal

New York 20 July 1868

Prof. J. C. Stewart
Museum of Natural History
Washington D.C.
Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst. in relation to the "Billards" case. I have no objection to your making any use of the facts therein, and if it will not be too much trouble will be much obliged by your calling upon me here or vice versa to see the papers, and my health not being so good as usual I cannot attend to the above request.

Very truly
yours

J. C. Stewart

Accepted

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7/30. 1868

Dear Friend
Genl O. O. Howard.

Thomas
James, a col^d minister of the Gospel
& agent for the M. E. Convention
late held in Washington, & for the
purpose of soliciting aid to
sustain a Manual Labor School
in Summerville (or Somerville)
near Mobile Ala call on me
for patronage. He stated that
Genl Howard addressed the
meeting and favored the
undertaking; but he I. J.
produced no authority direct
from the Trustees or others
officially connected with the
special organization for which
he is collecting. He said
however that the ministers

were in press and that he
would forward them to us.
Please to state thy opinion
of the business.

I am against Camp
life; against housing
many pupils in a family.

The plan I am encouraging
is to locate such schools
(Manual Labor) ~~in the place~~
~~the school~~ in a pretty pop-
ular district, take the
children from around for
4 or 5 hrs a day in school
and as many in labor of
different kinds; alternating
the classes in the school
& in the work.

Thy friend

Yardley Warner
Germantown
Philad



Columbia S. C. 30th July 1868

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Major Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear sir,

I hope you will pardon the liberty I take in sending you, the circular of the Trustees of the Washington Street Church, for we are in great need of help, being utterly unable to help ourselves. In thus addressing you I have two motives, in the first place I wish to elicit your personal interest and sympathy in our behalf, and in the second place, to learn from you if you please, whether a personal application, to any persons known to you, might be attended with a hope of success—

Yours truly

Wm. Martin (Pastor
of Washington Street Church Columbia S. C.

Columbus D. C. 30th July 1852

Major Gen. G. S. Howard
Dear Sir,

I hope your will pardon the liberty I
take in sending you the circular of
the trustees of the Washington Street
School for we are in great need of
the being utterly unable to help
ourselves. As this school is your
the two notices in the first place
think to elicit your personal interest
and sympathy in our behalf and in
a second place to learn from you
your views, whether a personal
contribution to any person's
you might be interested with a hope
to help.

Yours truly
Mr. [Name]
Washington Street School



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Headquarters Military Division of the Missouri,

ENGINEER OFFICE,

St. Louis, Mo., July 30 1868.

Col. Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Commiss. Freedmen's Bureau
Washington D. C.

General,

not
yet
received

I have the honor to forward to you this day by mail in
a separate package one copy (or two) ^{the map of} of the Marches of the
U. S. Forces under Maj. Gen. Sherman in 1863, 1864, & 1865.

Gen. Sherman has directed me to call your attention
to the fact that additional copies can be procured from the
Head Quarters of the Corps of Engineers. He requests that lists
of any issues that may be made by your order be sent to
the Engineer Office here in order to prevent duplications of
issues.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. Merritt
Maj. Engrs & Bot. Col.

Headquarters Military Division of the Postoffice

St. Paul, Minn. July 27, 1898

Dear Mr. [Name]

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th inst.

in relation to the [Name] [Address] [City] [State] [Country] [Zip]

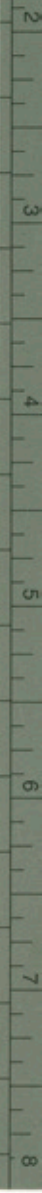
and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the [Name]

of the [Name] [Address] [City] [State] [Country] [Zip]

and that the same will be [Name] [Address] [City] [State] [Country] [Zip]

Very respectfully,
[Name]

Mr. [Name]
[Address]
[City]



Summit N. C. July 30th 1868

Gen. Howard,

Dear Sir.

I take this opportunity to say ^{after} that ^{after} two weeks going about from one place to another, I have been successful in quitting up a school near a station called the Summit between Weldon and North Carolina.

Here I find the people very kind, and very anxious for instructions, both in circular and spiritually knowledge, notwithstanding they are very poor.

I have three years yet in college, but how I am to return in Sup. or get money for clothes, books &c. the Lord only knows, for some of the people although very anxious to send their children to school, have to keep them home for the want of sufficient clothes, even in this hot weather.

Mr. Logan said I must ^{write} and I would send paper on which I was to send in a monthly report. I shall have taught one month the second of Aug. at which time I can make report. Yours truly J. H. Cole address

Summit N. H. July 30 1862

Dear Sir,

I have been successful in getting up a
collection near a station called the Summit
between Welden and North Carolina.
I see I find the people very kind and
willing for instruction both in
religion and practically knowledge
withstanding they are very poor.

I have three years yet in college but
I am to return in Sept. or get money
to buy books &c. the best one knows
some of the people although very anxious
to send their children to school have to stop
them here for the want of sufficient clothes
and in this hot weather.

Mr. Rogers has sent me 2 words
of address **W. H. C. Co.**
I shall have taught one
the amount of Aug. at which time I can make
myself. Address **W. H. C. Co.**



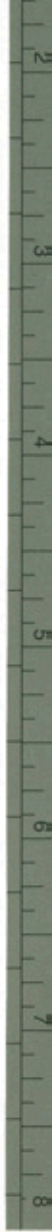
Gen. O. O. Howard



Dear Brother

I found Row
land here & shall deem
^{my coming}
~~it~~ a great piece of good
fortune if all goes well
at Washington. I shall
be the prudent reply
deported at Williamsburg
next Monday D. O., return
here Tuesday - Spend a
day in Boston and be
at Washington on Friday or
Saturday - Telegram reach
me care Albany Ho Bos-
ton no 38 Franklin St.
I may be able to effect

[Faint, illegible handwriting on aged paper, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side.]



Some more important
Changes in Agents &c in
my District on my return -
I hope no essential modi-
fications will be made
before my return - All are
well - Kitty sends love to
you & yours & expects
the promised letter from
Lizzie - Rosland goes
home tomorrow -

Affectionately
C. M. Howard

Bangor Maine
July 31 1868 }

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Cairo, Ill. July 31st 1868.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard, much esteemed
Sir, I write to inform you, that it
is my candid opinion, that your letter
to Mr. Schenk persuading him
to desist from drinking has had
a salutary effect. I have not seen
him the least in liquor since I came
home, he seems like a changed-
man altogether, so I think you have done
him a great favor, likely for all time to
come. ^{to}him, I thought that while I was writ-
ing I would mention the one cent arrangement,
for your benefit, my people are willing to
go into matter fully, and pay to a man the
one cent. I would be glad to hear from the
committee on the subject, as to what their
arrangements are, and as to when the money will
be wanted, & close by invoking the blessings
of heaven upon you and yours, for ^{your} kind-
ness to ~~me~~ our race.

We are doing what we can on our
new building.

I am your humble servant,
Thomas Strother.

To Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard.



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