WAR DEPARTMENT,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Washington City, July 2nd 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 renew 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

(Sd.) 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 R F & C
Washington D.C.

My dear General,

I see by the newspapers that under the recent law 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 my dear father's necessities and misfortunes to you that I will not weary you by renewed reference 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 earn 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, I fear she will 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 true kindness 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, as 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 renew 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 mutual friend Mrs. Collier and her family, in the loss of her son Tom, who died about ten days ago at Salt Lake City, while en route with his brother Dwight for San Francisco and thence for a two years' tour around the world. The family were all widely scattered at their different summer resorts when the sad news reached them, and Mrs. Collier is now here awaiting the return of Dwight, 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 kindness, believe me

Yours very truly, L. Ellison Jacobs.

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Pat. Off.

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 say 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.
Washn. D.C.

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, & 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 Messrs Beechers & Storr's chambers of Brooklyn, Thompson of New York, Wolcott of Cleveland, Stillhook of Storm, Moore of Cincinnati, Deuint of New Bedford, Strong of Pittsfield, Post of St Louis & Staves of Phila. The letter missive 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

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U. S. MILITARY TELEGRAPH.

11,15 am

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July 23rd 1865

By Telegraph from New York 23 1865

To

Maj Gen O. O. Howard
Chief -
Freedmens 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 53 Cedar St

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U. S. MILITARY TELEGRAPH.

Received from

New York July 23 1863

To Gen. O. O. Howard
Cor Cliff -

Treasurer Sanitary
Commission

Dear General -

Having your
answer to defeat the
nomination of Moses Thompson
Treasurer of the Sanitary
Com. The present
incumbent is a christian
gentleman, and the new
nominee is "Nothing"

Send your distinguishing
No 63 Cedar St
N.Y. Post 136

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Blank No. 1.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

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The rules of this Company require that all messages received for transmission, shall be written on the message blanks of the Company, under and subject to the conditions printed thereon, which conditions have been agreed to by the sender of the following message.

O. H. PALMER, Sec'y. 117 cu 8 6 WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't.

Dated, Cleveland July 25 186 8

Received at Williams July 25

To Lewis O. Howard

Will you address National Temperance Convention Tuesday evening with buyler —

L. Pe Mellon

10 H 14 paid

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

Philad.a July 28 1861

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My dear Otis

I see by the papers that Genl Rosecrans has been confirmed as Minister to Mexico. Being interested with some other Phila gentlemen in a Silver Mining Co in Lower California, we are anxious to have an interview with the Genl 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 Mexn Govt has recently laid a heavy duty 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 —

Anxious to hear from you soon & that you are all well

I am

Very Sincerely Yrs

C O H Merrick

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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 regard for Mrs Howard & the children

I am
Very truly
yr friend
Sally Randall

Genl Howard -

East Winsted July 29. '68

Maj. Gen. O. 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 nicely 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

Flemming 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 improving in health, and this cool weather is delightful here in the country.

Hoping that you and yours are all well and full of enjoyment —

I am yours &c

Very affectionately

J. W. Alvord

P.S. I see the Bureau Bill has passed; and all, I presume, is in accordance with your fond anticipations

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

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

The order appointing me Superintendent of Education in the Bureau Refugees, Freedmen 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 Savior's smile, far brighter than the most glorious sunlight, to cheer me, an unworthy disciple,

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

Gen O O Howard

Sir

Mr Grebe Jr was just in to ask concerning the receipt of Draft in my favor for the amt of bill rendered $194.00 I have received no Draft nor advice from you and cannot account for its miscarriage If it was upon one of our Philad houses please advise me and I will have its payment stopped

Respy Yours
W A Arnold
per Hooke

Philad
July 30th 1868

1305 Chestnut St

Personal

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New York 30 July 1868

Maj. Genl O. O. Howard
Bureau Ref. Freed. & A. L.
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

E. R. Robert

Box 5616

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7/30. 1868

Dear Friend
Genl O.O. Howard.

Thomas James, a cold 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 states that Genl Howard addressed the meeting and favored the undertaking: but he J.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 minutes

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 to place the school~~ in a pretty populous 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^a

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.

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Headquarters Military Division of the Missouri,

ENGINEER OFFICE,

St. Louis, Mo., July 30 1868.

Bvt. Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Comm'r Freedmen's Bureau
Washington D.C.

General,

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

not yet received

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 duplication of issues.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. Merrill
Maj. Engrs & Bvt. Col.

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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 sufficent clothes, even in this hot weather.

Mr. Logun said I must, write and I would reseve 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 truely J. H. Cole address

Address Gaston N.C. J. H. Cole

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Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Brother

I found Rawlins here & he will draw my coming a great piece of good fortune if all goes well at Washington. I shall see the President rapidly deported at Williamsburgh next Monday P.M., return here Tuesday – Spend a day in Boston and be at Washington on Friday or Saturday – Telegram Rawlins care Army & Navy Boston No 38 Franklin St.

I may be able to effect

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— Rowland goes
home tomorrow—

Affectionately
O. O. Howard

Bangor Maine
July 31 1868

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Mr Lee Oct 1, 1868

Cairo, Ills. 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. Schenck 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. I thought that while I was writing 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. I close by invoking the blessings of heaven upon you and yours, for your kindness to ~~me~~ our race.

We are doing what we can on our new building.

I am your humble servt.
Thomas Strother.

To Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard.

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