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Dated, Washington 22 1868

Received at Vicksburg Aug 22

To Gen O. O. Howard

Care Gen Gillem

Can I go home September first, leaving Lewell in charge

E. Whittlesey

aaaG.

Paid 525

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Washington DC

To Rev Aug 22d 68

J Walond.

Sir I propose to put on an additional story (or attic story composed of a French Roof and to divide the space off in 14 large size Rooms well ventilated with a large size Belfry on front 8x8 ft and 20 ft High with cornices all around including 25 window Frames complete and 20 Doors and all necessary trimming to do all Ceiling & Plastering stairway leading from front door using all material now on hand and the Buyer to furnish me with the following items

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260 joist 2 x 12 - 16 ft long
3500 ft in Ceiling
260 Pieces 2 x 6 - 18 ft long
150 " 2 x 4 or 3 x 4 18 ft long
7000 ft in Flooring
4 Pieces 6 x 6 30 ft long
10 Cast Iron Post 16 ft or 17½ ft long
28000 laths
2000 ft 4/4 seconds
all other Materials and labor
of every Discription to be
furnished by myself
for the sum of $2500 —
Credit Present Roof 500
Amt $2,000 —

Very Respectfully Submitted
Robt Fleming
Builder

To
Rev J Walord
agent & Supt

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For President: **U. S. GRANT.** For Vice President: **SCHUYLER COLFAX.**

Printers' Grant and Colfax Club,

Washington, D. C.,

Aug. 24th, 1868.

Gen. O. O. Howard

Washington, D.C.

Sir.

In accordance with instructions I take great pleasure in notifying you that on Saturday evening last you were elected an **HONORARY MEMBER** of the **PRINTERS' GRANT AND COLFAX CLUB**, of this city.

Herewith please find inclosed copy of Constitution and our Address to the craft.

We should be pleased to hear from you; and any hints or assistance in regard to carrying on the good work will be gratefully received.

I have the honor to remain,

Very respectfully,

Your most obd't serv't,

G. W. SCRIVER,
Corresponding Secretary.

[Address Government Printing Office.]

Headquarters Fourth Military District, 707
(DEPARTMENT OF MISSISSIPPI,)

Vicksburg, Miss., Aug 2 d 1868.

Dear wife,

I am now sitting in Gen. Gillem's office - After disembarking my reception & visit here I will then take you back about the time of March -
We arrived day before yesterday evening about 6 - Gen. Gillem met us at the depot with Dr Duncan - I went with the General - Gen Reynolds & Gen. Geo. H. Smith of Arkansas accompanied Dr Duncan - Affairs are with active white horses such as you don't like. We stop short hills & around sudden turns - we came to Col. Scully's quarters where Mrs Col. & Gen. G. were - were together charming the temporary absence of their wives, health; almost all wives & children are

absent. Poor Willie, I think is an excellent officer. Having hard to do his duty. He has just got a letter from his wife in Texas. at his home. The rebels declare no such man shall be allowed to remain there. She has armed her servants & has driven men away who were prowling about the place (5 miles from Nashville) She & her little children" slept on the porches ready for safety. I suppose to be safe from sudden fire — Mr. Gen-Sr. is not likely to be much of a rebel. Mr. forrest lives in a high knoll overlooking much of the city & three leagues of the country. When the sun is in the West just setting, the view is beautiful. The hills & dales, the river winds apparently - the wooded ridges - the farmhouses are looking like

terraces – the road winding up thro' a copse of chaparral, another waste of land & another copse – till sometimes stepping or ~~terraces~~ appear – hunting the distance like the side of a terraced field covered with green bushes or turf ... such was the scene we turned & gazed upon as soon as we had reached the house .. We sat upon the porch & looked upon the beauties ~~that~~ God had spread before us & chatted upon that, perhaps pleasantest time like the early siege of an charming month in the sunny south had disappeared; then a bachelor tea – Dr Seymour came in with Dr Rheffourcie in the evening .. He is active, strong – specific prostatic surgeon, Mayor of the city &c. &c. always at work, always cheerful, his stories are ~~never~~ interesting with age

(Sunday morning 23 Aug) Bright morning
slept late - a good bath - Jerrat comes
to my window & talks to me - says
Sally Sally. talks softly, cries down like
a child - asks what did you buy &
he carry all sorts of nonsense ...
Visited colored Sunday school, addressed the
children - told the story of the Pear tree
to Chauncey - Went to a Freeste Ch
(white) - thence to dinner but dinner
was postponed till evening, so we
go through the Penitentiary (to unemi
hospital - Oh. how can it be, to see
old infirm, sick, lame, without e
arms, idiots - deranged people - all
in good external order, but bod
minds & hearts all upset — Then
to Oakland church (a second methodist
a large audience of well dressed white
negroes - spoke to them on home
on the absolute necessity of religion
in these hours of transition & trial -
again in the evening spoke to a
full house on the two topics - urgi
the sowing of good seed - (Monday
morning Aug. 24) Another breakfast
day - Visit Gen. Gillem's office spend the
day in hearing complaints of poor
people - Gen. Gillem very attentive
& careful to a poor man as to any
other - In the evening dine at 5 with

Jenkins – As soon as dinner
was over we rode to the Garrison
(the stable hrs. just as we got near
we met an officer, who says "Lieut
Warren (brother of the Gen. whom you
know) is very low" – taken with
congestion about an hour before.
I found the officers of the garrison
gathered at his bedside. A strong
man in the bloom of health instantly
struck down – entirely unconscious,
apparently dying – (he is partially
recovered, better this morning, having
become conscious & able to speak)
In the evening I addressed the
colored people in the Baptist Ch.
on the subject of education – close
attention, room the whole command.
This letter is being written in Gen.
Williams office – & shall leave
by the boat for N. Orleans this P.M.
stopping a little while at Natchez
also at Baton Rouge – & not
long at the city of N. Orleans.

At Atlanta, after the interment with Gen. Meade Gen. Sheridan picked me up & took me home - to a little cottage - we stayed all night & the next day.. Mrs Sheridan paid a hospitable - she & the General insisting "home" in a cottage, like ours at West Point gate - Sunday morning - attended the colored Sunday School of the Col'd Cong. Church - Mr Talbot's Brackenridge - the singing, the recitations & deportment of children struck them as usual on such occasions.. made an opportunity for the singers at the same place & the "Stowe School House" -- for the morning full attendance. -- The next day (after a good night at Gen. Sears house for we have changed abode) visited office of the Bureau - then the legislature - Hon. Mendi Bishop. the Orphan Asylum where a nice lady works hard to do the maestro service - [My letter must go so I will stop here or Gen Davis who lost his right arm at the shoulder, has a wife almost as beautiful as mine, yet she now holds out the olive branch to him]

Lovingly yours
husband
Otis —

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Vicksburg Miss. aug 25 1868
Aug 25, 1868

Genl. Howard

Onerable sir,

I now take my pen in hand to write you a few lines of complemence my tounge is not able to express the gratitude of my heart for your kind Benevolent care over the nation that has just been emancipated of which I am one I am sorry that I am not able to show the gratitude of my heart in some other way than writing it I hope that you will not be disgusted but will except of my thanks to you and be gratified for I am only twelve years old and only have part of three years

Schooling and I am
not capable of writing
such a letter as I desire
as you would be pleased
read but sir you may
sure that I am gratefu
for what little know
that I have already
also my parents health a
so bad that they are not
able to send me to school
so I am compel to stop
work for a living and
them that they may not
come to Starvation
this cause I am not as
a scholar as I might
been so sir I hope you
will excuse the mistake
that you may find in
the letter if I live and
be successful I am gr

To School again and
learn all I can if not
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Believe me to be
yours most sincerely
Elbis Perkins Col.

UNITED STATES CLAIM AGENCY
—AND—
GENERAL COLLECTING OFFICE.

MOYERS & DEDRICK, Attorneys and Agents,

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Vicksburg, Miss., Aug. 25 1868

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard
Genl.

In compliance with your request of this date to furnish you with schedule of our rates of discount in advancing moneys upon the bounty claims of colored soldiers we have the honor to state that we have never had a particular standard of rates. Our general rule at present and our almost invariable rule all the time has been to make cash advances to meet the necessities of our clients at 5 11 per cent on amount advanced or a discount of 38½ per cent, payable by the parties on receipt of their money at the hands of your disbursing officers after the settlement of their claims.

Cases when we are unwilling to risk our money at the above rate are of rare occurrence, and are only advanced upon where we cannot well withhold assistance. Our rule at present is the above rate, irrespective of the contingencies attendin

the different cases

With Great Respect
Your Obt Servants
Morgan & Deluck

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Private

Portland
Aug. 24. 1860

My dear Friend —

The reason given for extending Fessenden's leave is true and correct. No addition. I wish to say that the canvass in Maine, and especially in this District is important, and Fessenden is a Republican voter. He did not request this himself, but I ascertained the fact from him, and request it on my own account.

Yours truly

W. P. Fessenden

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

OFFICE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT SCHOOLS.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 26th 1868

y. Genl. O. O. Howard

Dear General:—

General E. K. just now
formed me that he has written you about
Industrial School Building, and requests
to write you also. I am very glad to do
as you may suppose I am hesitating
the work assigned me.
The facts are these. We went on finely up
the top of the walls, and there the Trustees
(Cole chairman) with other friends inter-
sed with the question of having the large
ace under the roof put to use by raising
to an attic story, giving largely increas
accommodations for our industrial plans
ecially for girls. The ladies I may also

say, have set in strongly for the plan. I therefore have stopped work, that there may be time to consult you. I trust you will at least sanction the delay under these circumstances.

As to the change, I at once consulted Genl. Whittlesey, who would be very glad to have it made if funds could be obtained. Genl. Charles then said he thought he could do it with your consent and so estimates were ~~obtained~~ procured and the thing has gone forward as I said.

Perhaps you would like my opinion. As an officer I have no opinion, only to obey your order and work vigorously the present contract to completion. As a private individual I confess the suggestion of these brethren strikes me most favorably, if you can see your way to do it. The finish

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l make it look very flat and barn like.
The addition will make its shape taste-
l, carrying out a fine architectural
ign.

The industrial design will also then
complete. Boys shops in the basement,
d industrial room for girls and the
lis above, with the hall for our general
rposes. — The large sabbath school we
anned for. Night schools, preaching,
mperance meetings, and other public
rposes for which these poor people
y much need such a place.

I may add in that case our in-
nded use of the hall for gathering a
urch among the colored people will
t seem to be, as it really is not, the

leading idea – that we have "only put up a congregational meeting-house under false pretences &c. &c." The building will with the proposed finish, have a unique look – not of a church or public hall, but of just what it really is a building for an Industrial Mission, and which all I think will admire and justify you in erecting. I assure you when done the thing will seem to have been very economically put up, for the funds used.

But I have said enough. You have just seen the large things they are doing in some of the southern cities and your own heart is always more enlarged with plans of extended usefulness than ours. If you give the order I will see that the work has the greatest possible dispatch, and if you

~~you~~ could telegraph your "no" or "yes" it would save our valuable time.

I have the honor to be,

Yours &c.,

Very respectfully

J. W. Alvord

P.S. The addition Mr. Lankin says, could be endorsed on the back of the present contract and so the whole would go to the Auditor as one voucher.

Your family are well, and all the children especially seem fat and doing finely. Jamie and Chauncey come around me very often as night and morning dear at work at the house. They seem to long for the caresses of ~~their~~ a father. You will be here soon we all hope. My own family are well, as hear from them.

Our house is nearly done, and the roof is going on the University. God bless you General and keep you in all your ways. Article in Independent just read. It is excellent.

Yrs. &c.,

J.W.A.

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Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Headquarters Assistant-Commissioner District Columbia,

Washington, Aug. 26, 1868.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Comd'g &c
Bureau

Inclosed I
send estimate of Mr.
Flemming on some addi-
tional work upon Colfax
School house which the
trustees and Mr. Alvord have
applied to have done —
They want a "French
roof" as you will see —
The additional expense

P.S. now —

The building will be improved in looks. It now appears low.

I submit Mr. Cole's letter with this as to the need of the rooms for boys. They desired me to order the work done but as I had had nothing to do with that building — I refer the whole matter to you.

All well —

Respectfully

C. H. Howard

Ass't Com'r

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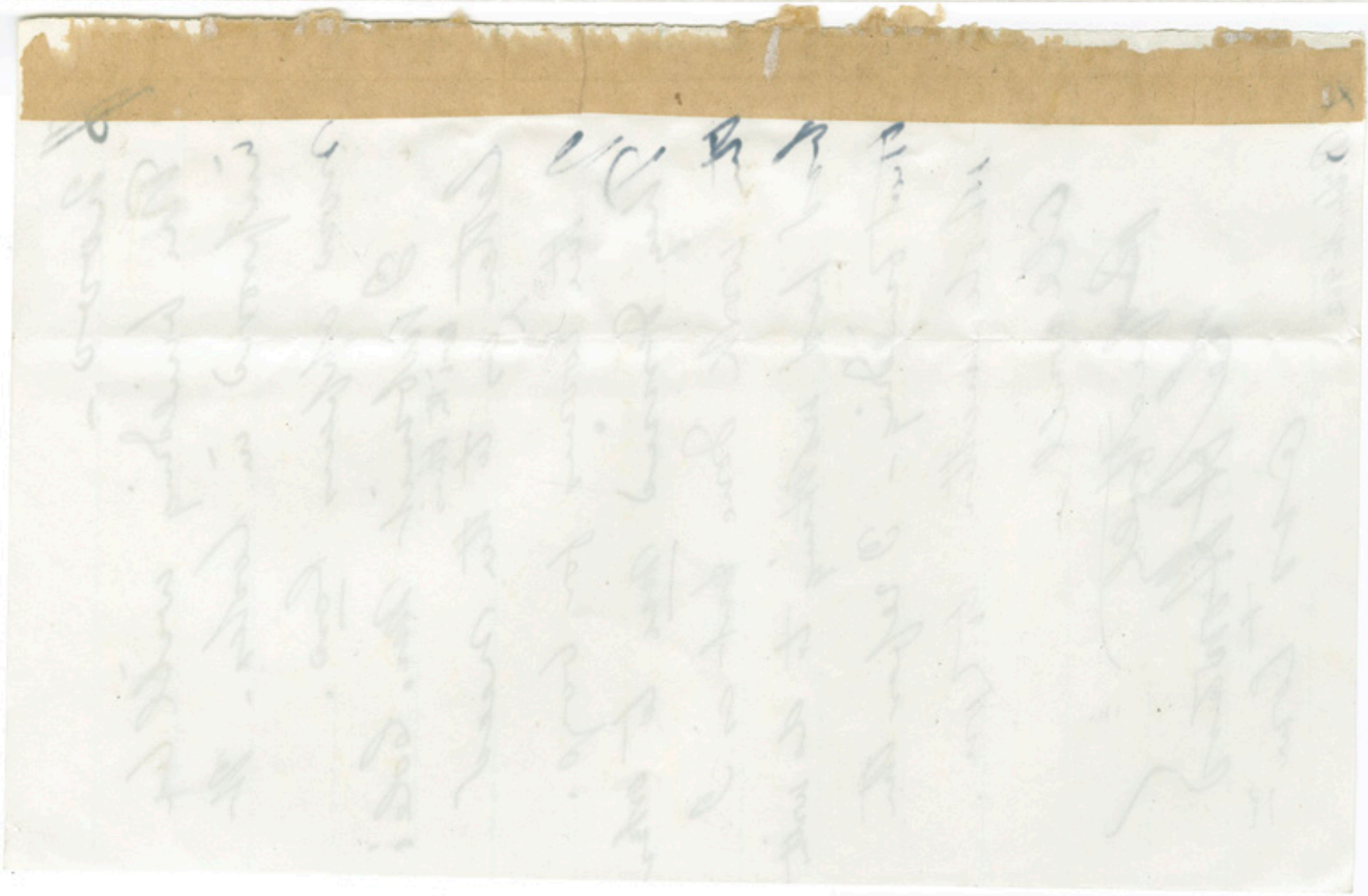

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Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard.

[Aug 28, 1868]

Dr Brother:

I am obliged to you for a Circular of the Howard University, and would gladly respond with a gift if it were at all in my power. But I am obliged to try to live with a growing family on $1200. per ann. The endowment of the College not being filled; and five months of this year I have supplied Plym. Chh. pulpit in Chicago, journeying 625 miles each week in order to earn something to pay the debts my lack of a livelihood had created in former years.

Meantime we do something in the same great work by educating every freedman who offers himself & always have some in our Prepar. Department.

You remember my conference with you in 68 about a Military Professor? I have now a letter from Maj. Gen. Eli Long, US Army, who was retired in Sep. 1867 for wounds, & lives at Cincinnati. His name, he says, was not on

the Adj. Gen's list, (others detailed to Colleges) because he either have something to say as to when he go. He writes to ask if we want such offers evidence of capacity from the War Dept. He is a grad. of the Ky. Mil. Instit. near Frankfort (1865) & took an active part in the

What do you know of him? He comes a bad quarter, & I should prefer a West Point man – but he may be all right nevertheless.

Can you say anything about him?

Do you go to Union? What a godsend it would be to us – of the rush you inspire expressed of being free to fill this place yourself – & educate your children, & be fulfilled! A world of lay usefulness in this magnificent Commonwealth in every direction.

What is a Maj. Gen's half pay? Suppose enough to support – Gen Gary here with subsidy from the College treasury.

Ever yours in Christian love

Geo. F. Magoun

Rev. Daniel Ly

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Head Quarters, Pioneer Grant Club.

New Orleans, La. August 29th 1865

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard,

Commissioner, Bureau R. F. & A. Lands.

General:

At a meeting of the Pioneer Grant Club, held on Friday evening, the 25th inst., the following preamble and resolutions were offered by Wm. J. H. Henry, and unanimously adopted by the Club.

Whereas, The members of this Club have learned of the arrival, in the Crescent City, of the distinguished hero and good man, Major General O. O. Howard. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Pioneer Grant Club hail with delight the opportunity presented to them of paying their respects to the man whose name and past acts cheer the hearts of the millions of loyal people of this country.

Resolved, That the Pioneer Grant Club will assemble at Headquarters on Monday evening next, and from

over

thence march in procession to the dwelling of Major General Howard, for the purpose of extending to him a serenade.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the President for the purpose of securing music, and making any other arrangements for the occasion; and that said committee be instructed to invite all members of Republican Clubs to join in the serenade. —

Messrs. J. H. Henry, E. O. Parker and P. B. S. Pinchback were appointed on said committee. —

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servants,

John M. G. Parker
President.

N. W. Travis
Secretary.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Washington, Aug. 29th, 186

Dear Genl.

I received your telegram yesterday, and immediately issued orders to Brvt. Maj. Swaim to report to General Hatch for duty. But at the suggestion of the Sec. of War I have given him permission to delay till your return or till you are heard from.

Maj. Swaim is now on duty in the Asst. Comm.'s office here as A.A.A.G. Maj. Eldridge having been discharged, and Gen. O. O. Howard desires to continue the present

arrangement. As you were not aware of this, I supposed it might make some difference in your plans.

The Sec.y is mustering out all Vol. Officers.

I shall leave for home Monday morning; three of my children are sick, and Sewall is here to relieve me.

I trust you will continue well and return as early as possible.

Mr. Harvey appears to have suspended operations on the University building though nearly the whole is ready for the roof & a part of the roof is already on.

We are having pretty hot days but cool nights. All well at your home, and becoming impatient to see you back.

Yours truly,

E. P. Whittlesey

a. a. a. g.

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War Department,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Washington, Aug. 31st 1868

Dear Gen'l -

I enclose letters sent by Gen'l Whittlesey and this a.m. received back from ticketing. I do not know the contents, but suppose them to be important -

Whittlesey has gone to Maine - I am "maintained out", but shall remain here until you return -

Nothing else of importance -

Yours very truly
F. D. Sewall

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BRANCH OFFICE.

National Freedman's Savings & Trust Company,

Banking House, Bay Street.

Beaufort, S. C., August 31st 1868.

Major-General
O. O. Howard.
Washington D. C.

Gen.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a Circular in relation to the "Howard University" of your City. While my means will not permit me to give much I shall be glad to do all I can. You have my heartfelt wishes for its abundant success. I would enquire if small sums of money will be received as I think that many of my numerous friends among the colored people would be pleased to contribute what they can afford.

With great respect
Your most obt. servt.
Nelson R Scovel
Cashier.

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