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War Department,
BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN, AND ABANDONED LANDS,
OFFICE OF SOLICITORS, No. 2 Four-and-a-half Street,

Washington, D. C., Sept. 28th, 1868.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find the deeds you requested me to prepare.

They may be acknowledged before a Notary Public or Justice of the Peace.

The stamp must be in accordance with the actual consideration. It would not be safe to express a less consideration & stamp accordingly because the conveyance would not in that case be a valid one & might hereafter be questioned –

Respectfully

Wm. A. Owen

Lincoln Buildings
Washington D.C
Sept 28th 1868

Major Gen O. O. Howard
Chief Com, &c

General

I have the honor to say that in compliance with with your wishes. I had this forenoon an interview with General S. H. Howard, with reference to the matter of my present relations with the Lincoln Buildings.

I first said to the General after being permitted to state my wishes, that I wished him to reinstate me Supt. of the Buildings giving me entire Charge, that I might have an opportunity to give him entire satisfaction in my management of affairs at this place. The General said he did not feel like granting my wishes because said he I did not like your management of Campbell Barracks an other reason is that you have not after having ample time, filled all of the Lincoln Buildings with Tenants. further that some of the Colored people at Lincoln Buildings had said to him that they prefered to have a white man in charge of them, and that he thought a white man could do better with them.

These embrace all the objections he seemed to have to changing my present "Status" except

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a General disinclination to enlarge my powers as he said till I succeeded better with what I had. but the General did not give me an opportunity to answer his objections to my request.

1st I can satisfy you (if permitted) by Major Vandenburg and my reports. that I not only did well with the Class of persons I had in charge at Campbell Barracks. but much better than my predecessor did do,

2ndly That if a few Colored persons should be so degraded as to express a preference to be in Charge of a white man. simply on the ground of Color, their wishes should not be respected, by one wishing the elevation of the race

3rdly The General's opinion that this collection of people will do better. necessarially. in charge of a white man, I respectfully believe to be unfounded.

4thly. The reasons why the Buildings are not at present all filled with Tenants. obvious. but as it would not be pleasant or proper to give them on the present occasion — I refrain hoping soon by your kind permission to have the pleasure of a personal interview with you. touching the whole matter. I trouble you no further:

But have the honor to be sir your humble and obedient Servant

O J B Wall, agt.

Balto. Sept 28
[1868]

My dear General

This will introduce to you my personal intimate friend Jos M Cushing Esq who goes over at our request to attend your conference to morrow at Eleven O Clock –

Mr Cushing is the best informed man we have on the subject of tobacco and one of the most active men in our hard working Association

I hope you will receive him as cordially as you always do

Yours truly
Hugh L Bond.

My friend
O. O. Howard.

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Hartford Sept. 28th 1868

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Gen O. O. Howard

Mt Vernon

Dear Sir

I received your favor
came to hand and carefully
noted. I desire to say that
I am not planning about
the $5000, being appropriated
to Howard University - but
want it expended where it
will do the most good in
your opinion. I cheerfully
leave it with you to do as
you please with it - with the
assurance, God will bless the
money for which it is ap-
-plied.

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I learn by a dispatch from
Columbia that delegates from
Boston New York & are
now in Washington to morrow
to take into consideration the
freedmans School South
If previous engagements did not
prevent, I would be pres
Mrs when I go South the co
winter can I pass through
ington as I go to Havana
return through the South
hope that the School at Colum
will continue at least year
certainly cannot be injur
Any discord would have an
unhappy Effect. I have wr
to Mrs Kennady but get no re
I am sure these things will

be well considered at your meeting.
Pardon me for troubling you
so much upon this subject -
but having contributed about
$2000. for this School I take
a deep interest in it -

I am very truly
Your Friend
Fred Clark

Personal

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Washington Conn
Sept 28th 1868

Maj Genl O O Howard

Dear General

I am sorry to be obliged to ask an extension of my leave. The reason of my doing so is the delay in getting my family settled, occasioned by the bad weather, which prevented the arrival of my furniture in New York.

All important papers are sent me from Richmond and although sometimes a little delay may occur I think no harm will result from my remaining ten days longer —

I hope you

Southern trip has not
been too hard for you
Connecticut looks
favorable for Grant & Colfax
Truly Yours
O B Brown

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Memphis - Tenn
Sept 28th 1868

Genl Howard -
Dear Sir -

I have just returned from my vacation North - I spent a week at Schenectady N.Y. - where I graduated in 1848 - From interviews with Rev. Dr. Backus & others I found that they still had hopes that you would accept the Presidency of Union College - From Sen. Wm H. Seward & his son Fred - you could learn much about the Institution - for they both graduated there - I did not understand that the appointment of Senator Harris was seriously thought of as a permanent thing - I judge from what was said that they are ready to offer you a very liberal salary - & would like to give the Institution

somewhat of a Military Cast of
Character — I feel a deep interest
in the welfare of my Alma Mater
It would please me, my mother
see you at the head of those old
honored Institutions — I am satisfied
that the Trustees are willing to do
thing that is reasonable to get you
there — The Charter of the Institution
is not sectarian in its character —
if the Presbyterians seem too much
in the ascendency — it is because
special management to that end —
but in the beginning it was not
so — & might not be so now —
This — Senator Harris will confirm
you — as he said the same to me
three years ago —
Dr. Nott's Endowment of the College
amounts to but little (if any) more than
return of funds of the College — which
had been squandered & lost by his
wretched mismanagement — Am

this – Dr. Nott & his family tried my hard to get back again – & would have done it – but for the working of my father in-law – Jonathan Grand – now of Schenectady – the late Judge Page of S. – (a trustee & did all the Law business for the College) – affirmed repeatedly before his death – that a suit was pending against the College for that fund – by an old partner & creditor of Dr. Nott – the argument set up by the late Judge Page – (who knew all about it) was that the fund was properly College property & that Dr. Nott really gave Union College Nothing!!! So much for all the blowing of the Nott Horns about his big (Presbyterian) Endowment!

I hope therefore that if you go to Schenectady – you will be perfectly free to act as you please in religious & Ecclesiastical Matters & do most earnestly hope you will go. Please let this letter be kept private as little as may

Most truly Yours

T. E. Bliss

At Home Sept 28. 68

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Genl O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

Please stop with us while in the City we have a Cool Room above all would be pleased to have you.

= I rode down to the City Hotel this Morning = but being sick for a few days I did not go round to see you

Yours

J. R. Woodman

Corner

Tenpsehore & Coleman Street

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Pittsburgh Sept. 29th 1868

Gen Howard

Dear Sir

The Y. M. C. A. of Pittsburgh intend holding a Christian convention, on the 10th 11th & 12th days of November next. (D. V.) I have been instructed by the Committee of arrangements to extend to you a cordial invitation to be present. God has blessed our Association very much, and we are in a very flourishing condition, both spiritually & financially; but we desire to increase our labors, and extend our influence, and to this end we wish to get more young men of our City actively engaged in the work. Those of us who had the pleasure of listening to you at Detroit last June, believe that you can do great good, and honor the Masters name by coming to our convention, and if your Official duties will permit, we most earnestly desire your attendance.

I have written thus early

in order that you may have time to make your arrangements. We desire to pay all expenses.

Hoping you may be able to com

I remain

Yours In Christian Bond

W. K. Jennings

Box 782

Pittsburgh

Pa

Chairman Com. of Arrangements

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

U. S. Army

Washington, Sept. 29th 1868,

Maj Genl O. O. Howard

Dear Sir —

I expect Mr Harvey will want to draw money on the Church, while I am away I do not think it would be advisable to pay more than the amount of labor — as the material is on the ground, the Church has already paid for

Mr McGill my Clerk, with Mr Ramsey can tell how much the labor would amount to, Mr Harvey has been cutting stone some time but it has been mostly on Seneca stone for other places —

Mr Harvey handed me this morning the very modest bill of Twenty seven thousand dollars extra on the University Building — Mr Harvey may try have you appoint other referees than myself to settle the measurement of the brick while I am away — According to the contract I should first make the settlement

and if he is not satisfied with it; he can
appeal to the Court for relief —

I would respectfully say that I think
it will save you trouble if you will ha
this business settled as the contract requi

When I return I will look caref
over my estimates of Mr Harveys Materi
and extra work with any one you ma
appoint — but I do not think Mr Ha
& myself could agree as our ideas of
reason are so different; —

What I mean by "save you trou
mentioned above is that to deviate f
a contract always gives the opposite
party a chance to make trouble w
I believe in this case would be taken
advantage of —

Very Respectfully Yours
Henry R. Searle

Washington D.C.
Sept 29th 1868.

Mr. Peter Gallant.

Sir:

You are hereby notified, that if you do not proceed to the completion of your contract dated August 21st 1867, for doing the Carpenter, joiner, mason and other work required to erect, build and finish on the ground in the vicinity of Washington D.C. known as "Effingham Place" a building designed to be used as the education of Refugees and Freedmen, with reasonable diligence, I will at the expiration of ten days from the above date, be under the necessity of employing other men and completing said contract at your expense.

Henry R. Searle Archt.

Maj Genl O. O. Howard
Com. B. R. F. & A. L.
Genl

The above is a copy of the notice sent to Mr Gallant, to proceed with the work on the Dormitory Building Howard University.

Respectfully Yours
Henry R. Searle Archt.

Washington, D.C.
Sept. 29th 1868.

Mr. Thos. Harvey
Sir,

You are hereby notified, that if you do not proceed to the completion of your contract, dated July 11th 1867. for doing the mason work required to erect, build and finish, on the ground in the vicinity of Washington D.C. known as "Effingham Place" a building designed to be used in the education of Refugees and Freedmen, with reasonable diligence, I will at the expiration of ten days from the above date, be under the necessity of employing other men and completing said contract at your expense.

Henry R. Searle Brevet
Maj. Genl O. O. Howard
Com. B. R. F. & A. L.
General

Above is a copy of the notice given Mr Harvey to proceed with the work on the University.

Respectfully Your
Henry R. Searle Brevet

Washington D.C.
Sept. 29th 1868.

Mr. Thos Harvey,

Sir

You are hereby notified, that if you do not proceed to the completion of your contract for doing the brick work and cut stone work in the Congregational Church corner of 10th & G streets, with reasonable diligence, I will at the expiration of two days from the above date, be under the necessity of employing other men and completing said contract at your expense.

Henry R. Searle Archt.

Maj Genl O. O. Howard
Chairman Building Com. F.A.C.
General

Above is a copy of notice sent to Mr Harvey to forward the work on the Church

Respectfully Yours
Henry R. Searle Archt.

Washington Sept 29. 1864

Maj Genl O. O. Howard

Dr Brother.

I rec'd the note from you, last evening through Brother Morrill - I see no present reason for making any public use of it. If the Brethren understand that the difficulty is settled so far as we are concerned, it is not probable that any one will desire to bring it before the church.

I think there is no good reason why we should not cooperate in the work in which God has given us both a share, & I intend that it shall not be my fault if we are divided in future -

May we both have only the spirit of our common Master.

Very Truly
Yr ob't
Charles B. Boynton

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