Mechanicsville, N. Y.
Sept. 30, 1868

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Chief of Freedmens' Bureau.
Dear Sir:

After making the statements to you that I did some days since relative to my correspondence with Mr. J. W. Van- derburg, it is due to all concerned, and especially him, that I should make this further that I subsequently received a letter from him bearing the same date as my letter to you, in which he gave a full and satisfactory explanation of the delay.
in sending the receipts and of course for maintaining the money to he should send them. It appears from that letter that he had unusual difficulty in getting descant to come to plan and that he took unusual pains to secure them.

In a letter just received Mr. Vardeenburgh speaks of being called to account by you on the basis of the statements made in my letter. Now while it sets being some of these statements of fact, allow me to express the hope that Mr. N may be subjected to no further discussion on account of the affair. I should like to...
regret to be the occasion of injury or causing pain to an innocent man, and more especially when he was faithfully laboring to serve my interests.

Sincerely yours,

Bernice D. Ames
Washington, Sept. 30 1868.

Maj. Geo O. Howard:
Ch.-of Building Comt.
15th Cons. Soc'y:

Dear Sir:

It was announced from the pulpit on Sunday last that at a meeting of the Trustees, the Building Committee, it was voted to proceed with work on the Church edifice and that this resolution be presented to a meeting of the Society for consideration and adoption or rejection.

I write this note to state as a member of the Building Committee, that...
that I had no notice of the meeting of Trustees etc. referred to; that I was not present at the meeting, that had I been present I could not have voted for such resolution as was adopted with my present understanding of its scope.

I beg to state that I am opposed to any further vote on the Church until the difficulties out of which all our financial troubles have arisen be first settled.

As I am called by business to Pennsylvania, and shall not therefore be present at the Society meeting on Thursday I take this way of informing
one of my positions and by
you will state to the Society
that the action of the Building
Committee referred to. And
not know to me at all
and that I do not consider
in it.

Yours truly,

J. L. Eaton
Washington, D.C.
Sept. 30th, 1868

Maj. Gen. Howard

Dear Sir,

With this note I will send enclosed copies of two
arches, secured on the site yesterday by
Mr. Henry Rasle, Architect, one
in relation to the façade of the work
in the Church, and the other to the work
to be done on the University. In reply
to the former I have to say that the
force now employed is as large as can
be made work to advantage, and to
the latter my answer is, that the only
work to be carried out of the Tower,
which, as you are aware, is so
defective and dangerous that any
workmen are afraid to work on it,
and some of them have refused
in view of the many indefensible
assumptions of Mr. Rasle, and his
failure thus far to report what he
conceives to be due to one—any Contract.
of also has refused to give an order for the five centage due for extra work, it must be apparent to you, i.e. that the only course left is to have the whole matter referred to competent agents for adjustment, a course I do often urge, which your promoter should be done. I therefore most respectfully solicit your attention to the necessity for promptly having the matter in controversy settled in a way equitable and just to all parties in interest. Your compliance will oblige.

Your obedient servant,

Thomas Harvey.

[Bank's Ave. Note C]
Washington D.C.
Sept 29th 1863

Mr. Thos. Harvey

Q. J. F.

You are hereby notified, that if you do not proceed to the completion of your contract, dated July 11th 1863, for the design, location, engineering, building, and finishing of 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 washable delimitation, I will at the expiration of two days from the above date, be under the necessity of employing other men and omitting said contract at your expense.

Henry R. Sears, Clerk
Washington, D.C.,
Sept. 29th, 1863

Mr. Geo. Harvey

Sir,

You are herewith notified that if you do not proceed to the completion of your contract for driving the back wall and putting up the outside wall to the Congregational Church on the corner of 10th and B Streets, with possible diligence, I will at the expiration of ten days from the close date, be under the necessity of employing other men and completing said contract at your expense.

Henry L. Stadler, Esq.