

Augusta Ga
Nov 17th 1865

Maj Genl O. O. Howard

Sir

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I take the liberty of writing you concerning an ~~object~~ that I desire to accomplish

I have been trying at times since September 1865 to re-enter the Army but up to the present it appears that all my efforts toward the accomplishment of that object have been useless, and now that General Grant is elected President of the United States I hope ~~that~~ you will kindly assist me to accomplish what I so much desire. I ask simply to be appointed a Lieutenant in one of the Colored Regiments of the Army and to be subjected to the same Examination that any other applicant for the same position would be. We have I think thousands of Colored Soldiers in the Army and not one Colored Officer - and I am satisfied that any number of volunteer officers have been commissioned in the

Regular Army who never saw the actual service that I did or occupied as high a grade in the service - I earned my Commission, never received it through the assistance of Political friends for I did not have any, and I think Justice demand that we should be allowed to serve as Officers where required to serve as soldiers (if qualified). My first Experience in life was in the Army I became attached to the Service and I love to look back and rehearse the humble part I bore in the struggle for the perpetuation of this Government and the Emancipation of the poor slave of my own race - I carried the musket at a time when it was of no use or interest to me to fight for the United States when the infamous fugitive Slave law was unrepealed when the Sacred Urn of the highest Judicial Tribunal of the Country was ~~used~~^{degraded} to rivet the fetters of my own relatives more tightly.

I am averse to politics and can never become a politician although I have aided

in every conceivable way ~~to suit~~ as far
as my poor abilities would admit in
restoring Georgia back to her relations
with the General Government - the work
is accomplished, General Grant is elected
and the Reconstruction Act of Congress
is a finality and the law of the land
and now that we are politically the Equal
of any other race, there ought not to
be a discrimination made in
any branch of the public service
and colored men ought not to be al-
lowed to serve as Common Soldiers
if they are not allowed to serve as
Officers - I am contending as much
for principle as for the position - We
want to have an Equal chance in
the race of life and to be judged ac-
cording to merit not by the color of our
skin, and I know General you will
concur ~~for~~ with me in what I here ex-
press. Aside from what I say here
relative to the position I seek every
Colored Man ^{of proper age} in the South ought
to receive some kind of an appoint-
ment under the Government for
they cannot on account of the part
they have taken in reconstruction

obtain Employment here the proscrip-
tive spirit that now prevail will exist
during this generation. When you was
in Atlanta last summer our trouble
had not fairly commenced as the time
drew near for the Election Murders by
Ku. Klux Klan became more frequent
in my County (Wilkes) several men who
had rendered themselves obnoxious to
our best friends (so called) were shot in
bed with their wives and I had to leave
and come here to save my life, Capt Mills
of the U.S.A. informed me that I could
get protection only from the Sheriff who
was no doubt accessory to all that was done
my life was attempted twice in twelve hours
once while at Church on the Sabbath
preceding the Election - But thank
the good Lord it is over Genl Grant
is elected and the Rebel party is
buried I hope never to be resurrected.
The election in this State was a miser-
able farce - Mr Sumner, General will
aid you in any attempt you may
deem prudent to make in breaking
down the prejudice that now obscure
a most important branch of the

public service and I know of no person that I could request with more confidence than yourself to initiate what I conceive to be a good work, for you like our good President (whose name is emblazoned in indelible letters upon the Martyrs roll in history) has your name enshrined in the heart of every Colored man and every Christian in this Country. I ask for the position because I believe that I outranked any other Colored man that was in the Army except Maj Delaney and he was in the Medical Department, but so some Colored man get an appointment in that branch of the Service I care not whether I get it or not - But I should consider it a great honor to be the one selected. Hoping that you will do what you can for me in what I request after the inauguration of General Grant

I am very Respectfully
your Obt Servt Edwin Belcher

I love the Service and would rather be a Soldier than a Member of Congress - I have been reading Major Nichols' story of the great march" and many of the incidents related by him are familiar to me - you know a part of my Regiment's history Col J.B. Gaftt speak to day he could attest my good conduct Col Cresson Dr Gunkle & host of others could do the same - I am still a member of the Georgia Rebel Legislature and should Congress aid us in restoring our Expelled Members and now that Genl Grant is Elected my services would not be needed here any longer then the next Session

Brooklyn N.Y. Nov. 17th 1868



My dear friend I regretted very much when you were here that I was so sick that I could not see more of you & also see Mr Rowland at our house. We hold this pleasure in reserve. I am better, but by no means well, am yet in the house most of the time.

At a meeting of our Church last week, we responded to the invitation to attend an Episcopate Council to be held at Washington tomorrow, the Church thinking I should be well enough to go on. Chose me their delegate to accompany Dr Storrs, but I find it impossible and it would be very imprudent for me to attempt it. I regret this very much for I am desirous to meet the members of your Church and in a kind Christian spirit

do what I can to heal your wound
and have you all united in doing
your best endeavours to build up
in Washington a Model Congrega-
-al Church. I think with patience
and perseverance this can be done.
"The Church of the Pilgrims" feels
a deep interest in this matter,
and as you know have testified
it by a liberal Contribution to
your building fund. You and the
Minority must hold on, do not be
discouraged, you will come out
all right yet, don't think of
Withdrawing. - Your Church have
130 Called a Mutual Council for the
13th of January, this I hope to be able
to attend, - You say in your letter to
Dr Storrs, you & your friends have
been invited to meet with that Coun-
-cil - If the Church have called a

Council you and the minority are
just as much members of that Council
as the majority, you need no invitation,
it is a right according to Congrega-
tional usage, and you are in duty
bound to exercise it & I have no
doubt you will. —

Dr Storrs has just returned from
Norwich & I don't know as he will
be able to go on, I know he desires
to in Courtesy to you, he will write
you if he does not go. —

It is the Majority of this Church
and Dr Poynton we wish to see
and I must confess it does not
seem to me we can do much unless
we can meet both parties together,
still I should certainly go on now
were I well enough.

With kind regards from Mrs B.
& my daughter to Mrs Howard & yourself
I remain truly yours

Wm Lloyd Garrison
Q. C. Howard
Washington D. C.

R. P. Buck

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Soldiers' and Seamen's Monument Association
OF GERMANTOWN, 131
TWENTY-SECOND WARD, PHILADELPHIA.

Its object shall be the erection of a suitable monument to the memory of the men from this Ward, who in the late rebellion, DIED, that their country might LIVE; said monument to be erected at such place as may hereafter be determined upon.

Germantown, *Nov 19* 1868

Gen. O. O. Howard

Br. General

*Heard about giving a course
of lectures to aid us in our work and would
be pleased to have you deliver one of
them for us - We propose having Tuesday
evening of each week commencing on the
24th of present month. Please let me
know when we can put your name on our
list with your terms*

Yrs. truly

Clarkson Griffith Chm.

141 Price St

Goldman's and Goldman's Association

OF GOLDMANS' ASSOCIATION

TWENTY-SECOND WARD, PHILADELPHIA

The object shall be the protection of a subject's movement in the interest of the man-
and this Ward, who in the late rebellion, and at their country's service, said man-
ment to be settled at such place as may hereafter be determined upon.

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The Treasurer.
LEON TAYLOR.
The Clerk.
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The Committee on Education.
The Committee on Social Work.
The Committee on Public Health.
The Committee on Labor.
The Committee on Women.

Philadelphia

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POST OFFICE BOX 354.

Washington, D. C., *November 17th* 186*8*

Major Gen O. O. Howard,
Washington, D.C.
General.

I have the honor to hand you, herewith,
two Muster Rolls of teamsters, employed under
your direction by Capt Nathan Barker, A.2m
(Deceased.) which need your approval.

Please approve the same and return to
me, that they may be filed with Capt Barker's
voucher of payment for the service.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
O. W. Cooke,

Atty for Heirs of Capt Barker.

2 Enclosures.

18th. Nov. 1868. Columbus. Ohio.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard:



Dear Sir:

Mr. S. M.

Hutchins, the Chairman of our
Lecture Committee for the Course
before the Y. M. C. A. informs me
you are expected here about the
1st. of Jan. Possibly you remem-
ber the conversation you had with
him at Detroit about spending
the Sabbath with us. We all hope
you can do so. I wish you to
speak in my Church. the 1st.
Congl. a part of the day.
You will have a Congregation of
Six or Seven hundred young people
mostly from the Middle Class.
of our City. Your words for

Jesus are much needed in
this wicked City. In this
request I am seconded by
all Christian workers here.

When you come among us
you will be entertained by
some of our Church people.
& we hope to make your
stay here a pleasant one.
Will you oblige me by in-
forming me what day you
propose to lecture here &
if you will consider this request
for the Sabbath?

Yours Very Truly:

(Rev.) George W. Phillips.

Gen. O. O. Howard Washington
D.C.

This booklet City of New York
request I am accompanied by
all Christian workers here
When you come among us
you will be entertained by
some of our Church people
& we hope to make you
stay here a pleasant one
Will you please say to our
friends we shall be glad to
hear from you to lecture here &
if you will consider this
your duty.

Yours very truly
Wm. Lloyd Garrison
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Kingsville Ashtabula Co. O.
Nov. 18th / 1868
General Howard

Dr Sir,
We are forming a Young Men's
Chris. Ass. in this place and
feel the need of funds
which we are in hopes to
raise in part by a Lecture
Course, Will you be any
where near us at any time
this Winter, And can you
give us a Lecture, I shall
be in hopes to remunerate
you suitably,

Very Respect,

Yours—

To General Howard
Washington
D.C.

J. B. Cory-

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S. DUKE,
LAND AGENT,
—AND—
GENERAL TAX-PAYER.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

CASS COUNTY, NEBRASKA,

Plattsmouth,

Nov 11th 1868

Genl.

Enclosed I herewith

Send for the expense of Redemption

will return you as to 1st of 1868

Yours truly
S. Duke
per Cooper

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

CASE COUNTY, NEBRASKA

RECEIVED
AND AGENT
GENERAL TAX-PAYER

Plattsmouth

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Office - Bureau R. R. & A. S.
Nov. 19. '68.



Dear General,

I have rec'd your check for

the amount I paid on the lot of land some
time ago transferred to you, and I feel it my
duty to say in reply to your remark that you had
been accused of all manner of speculations, that I
placed the matter in your hands because I believed
you to be a Christian man, - and knowing that if
it was just and proper you would reimburse me
the same paid. - This has all been proven to me
now inasmuch as you have paid me and at
this time when I so much need it; and I most
respectfully thank you for your great kindness.

I was obliged to sell the land, and but for
you should never have regained what I had paid.

Very truly,

and with great respect.

your humble servant,

Wm. H. Henry Taylor.

Wm. Genl. C. C. Howard.

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Providence, Nov 19th /68.



President Howard,

Dear Sir,

Please accept,
for the benefit of Washington
College, the enclosed check
for one hundred dollars, from -

Yours Truly,

Anna Richmond.

Address -

Mrs Anna Richmond
42 College St.
Providence
R. I.

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War Department,

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, Nov 19, 1868.

Major General O. O. Howard,
Commissioner Freedman's Bureau,
Washington, D.C.
General:-

In reply to your
communication of Nov 14, 1868, I have the
honor to inform you that the Index to General
Orders from this Office for 1864, is now out of print
and there are no copies on hand for distribution

I am Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

E D Townsend
Assistant Adjutant General.

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War Department

Adjutant General's Office

Washington, Dec 19 1864

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