

WAR DEPARTMENT,

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Washington City, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, 1868.



To the

Post-Master at

Rockland - Maine.

Dear Sir

Maj. Genl. O. O. How-  
and directs me to ask if you will  
have the kindness to inform if, to  
your knowledge there is at present  
residing in Rockland, or in any  
other locality known to you, a  
Capt. G. J. Burns, formerly an officer  
of the 4<sup>th</sup> Maine Infantry.

I am, Sir, Very respy

Yours most obt. Servt

J. A. Fladen

Bot. Capt. U.S.A., A.D.C.

Dear Sir - Mr. G. J. Burns now resides in Rockland  
and is at home at the present time

Yrs M. B. Anderson

Rockland  
Nov 20 1868



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WAR DEPARTMENT

Bureau of Military Government and Prisoners

Washington, D.C.

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Personal

Washington D C.

Nov 20 1868



Friend

I found the enclosed  
personal statement, not as  
a "fearful-finding" report. alto-  
gether - but as a defense a-  
gainst certain ill-natural  
reports which have been made  
concerning my official connections  
with your Bureau, and  
for three specific reasons,  
Firstly. That it seems to  
me, in the past year and  
a half my salary has been  
entirely inadequate to the  
amount of labor, of respon-  
sibility, and of unnumbered,  
(on my part) losses - to which  
I have been subjected,  
Secondly. Having imprinted



My health being so  
a Surgeon in the Army, the  
nature of my service in  
your Bureau - have still  
further injured my health,  
so, that I have now no  
hope of a restoration to  
the condition in which  
I entered the service of  
the United States, and  
finally, what seems to  
me an unjust discharge  
from the service of the  
Bureau, upon fifteen days  
notice, when I had  
been repeatedly told that  
my service would be  
required until Jan'y 69  
and had made my  
plans accordingly -  
And when other employees  
holding no more responsible  
position than mine

who were never known  
to contribute of their  
private means - for  
the benefit of the colored  
people - who work  
simply for the salary  
they obtain. Who have  
no military record to  
recommend them, who  
openly curse the negro,  
when not at their of-  
ficial station, or who  
are known to be  
in sympathy with the  
enemies of the freedmen  
and of the country.

I make this statement in  
a spirit of justice, and  
not of calumny.

Yours truly

W. D. Howard

Wm. L. O. Howard  
Commissioner



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present means for  
the benefit of the  
people - the  
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Chicago Nov. 20/61

Genl Howard

Dear Sir



If you  
will send a copy of the  
Annals containing the  
report of your speech in  
Washington in September  
to Judge Dickey Chica-  
go all you will be doi-  
ing a favor to the cause  
which will be gratefully  
acknowledged by

Very truly

Wm McKim

Inc. Mr. W. W. W.



May Gen. O. O. Howard



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Taunton Mass  
Nov 20 1858

Maj Genl G W Howard.  
Honorable Sir

I shall be  
happy to have the pleasure of receiving  
your Autographs: as I am  
making up a collection of the  
Autographs of the notable men  
men of our beloved country  
it will be deemed an honor to be  
the possessor of yours.

Enclosed please find  
stamp for return postage.

With great respect  
Your humble Servant

Saml S Whitney.  
Taunton Mass



Counties of the  
State of New York

May 1891

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the collection of the State of New York. I am sorry to hear that you are unable to obtain the necessary information. I will do all in my power to assist you in your efforts. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
James C. Whitely.

James C. Whitely.



Louisville, Ky, Nov. 20th.

Major Genl Howard  
Dear Sir

It has been  
my pleasure and privilege  
to know Chaplain F. H. Noble  
the past two years, and to ob-  
serve his labors in behalf of  
the Colored People. He has ap-  
peared to me all the time as  
a wise, earnest, indefatigable  
laborer in the great cause, as  
one who has combined efficiency  
with gentleness and has dis-  
charged his arduous duties  
in a spirit that has <sup>inspired</sup> ~~won~~ con-  
fidence <sup>and won affection</sup> while his fidelity has com-  
manded respect.

Truly your friend,  
John H. Heywood,  
Pastor Unitarian Church

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Head-Quarters Assistant Commissioner, District of Virginia,

Richmond, Va., November 21<sup>st</sup> 1868.

To  
Major Genl. O. O. Howard  
Commissioner.

General.

I have the honor to forward herewith,  
in compliance with instructions from you,  
dated October 1. 1868 - copies of all Circulars  
and orders issued from these Head  
Quarters. - The delay was occasioned by  
the necessity of copying the greater portion  
of them, as few of them had been printed.

I am, General  
Very respectfully,  
Your obt. Servt.  
O. Brown  
Assb. Commr.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands

Head-Quarters Assistant Commissioner, District of Virginia

Richmond, Va., 1868

My dear Sir,  
Commissioner

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the matter of the Freedmen's Bureau. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the matter of the Freedmen's Bureau. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the matter of the Freedmen's Bureau.

Very respectfully,  
Wm. O. Brown  
Assistant Commissioner



E. R. PAUL.

I. J. MASON.

The Washington Life Insurance Company of New York.

OFFICE OF THE  
Western Agency for Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and Kansas.

PAUL & MASON, General Agents.

No. 130 La Salle Street,

Chicago, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> 1868.

Gen. Howard U.S.A.  
Washington D.C.  
Dear Sir.

I have the honor  
to request your opinion as to the  
qualifications of Rev. Edward F. Williams  
now of St Charles Ill, and who served  
in the U.S. Army in the Army of the Potomac  
Mr. Williams is spoken of as a  
candidate for the pastorate of the  
Tabernacle Cong Church of the City  
and is to preach for us Dec 6<sup>th</sup>  
So we would be pleased to hear  
from you at your earliest convenience.  
I am, Sir,

Very respectfully  
Your obt. servt.

Address.

Care Paul & Mason  
130 La Salle St-  
Chicago Ill.

S.D. Swining M.D.



The Washington Life Insurance Company of Chicago

OFFICE OF THE

Western Agency for Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and Kansas.

No. 120 La Salle Street,

CHICAGO, ILL.

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir,  
Washington, Ill.

1882

Nov. 21 - 1882

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst. in relation to the policy of the Washington Life Insurance Company of Chicago, Ill. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours,  
J. D. Thompson

J. D. Thompson  
President  
Washington Life Insurance Company  
Chicago, Ill.





"Ganderclough" Plantation Miss

Nov 22<sup>d</sup> 1868

Dear Genl.

I scarcely know how to explain to you the position in which I am placed in consequence of my having misunderstood your offer made me in New Orleans. In response to yrs. of the 24<sup>th</sup> Sept. I stated, I think, that I would go North and try to effect such arrangements as would enable me to comply with the terms of my purchase in La. I spent some days in New York and went to Washington the last of Oct. to see you. I called at yr. office & found that you were absent at Springfield, I think, and it was uncertain when you would return. This was a sore disappointment to me, as I was unable to wait. On my return to New Orleans I called upon Genl. Hatch as you requested. I showed him the obligations I had incurred in purchasing in La., supposing you might have given him specific instructions with regard to me when he was in Washington. He said not and that his understanding of the matter was, that I should be furnished with rations upon making regular



application and that if there were any surplus animals at the end of the year I might have the use of a number of them. He was very courteous and kind and seemed disposed to assist me. If I could only know to what extent he would be enabled to furnish me I might yet extricate myself from my difficulty. My purchase is a good one. The land is prolific, easily worked and entirely above overflow and as I stated to you, I have a fine lot of hands. I succeeded in raising means sufficient for my first payment, \$4000, and may confidently look forward to a crop of from 15 to \$20.000 next year if I can keep work moving along as it is now progressing. I have every dollar I have on earth at stake on the place and you will fully appreciate my willingness, cheerfully to make any sacrifice in the world, rather than leave my wife and little one without a home. I blame myself for not having more fully understood you in New Orleans, but having acted under a wrong impression, I must do the best I can to put matters straight.

You will understand my anxiety to learn how far Genl. Hatch will be able to assist me. If I continued work in the hope of receiving such assistance as I needed and were disappointed



I would be incurring additional obligations without any good resulting from it. If I am unable to work the place, the sooner I give it up the better. It is in fine order now and the limited force on it, is busily engaged in planting cane for next year. I intend sending my supply of corn and hay from this place and shall move with my family and the hands as soon as the cotton is all gathered.

My crop here will about yield the amt. of my first payment below (\$4000) so that I will be enabled to start without debt. My merchant assures me that if I can secure labor, provisions and team that he will see that nothing is wanting on the place to make the crop <sup>a success</sup>. The labor I have, and it is now simply a question of provisions and team. With provisions for 30 hands and the use of 15 mules I could make a full crop. May I rely upon you for that assistance Genl? I could make you a full return of the provisions in May as you suggested and return the animals in good order when you needed them. As soon as a crop is sufficiently matured as to give an idea of its extent, there is no difficulty in getting from the merchants such advances as are necessary. I want only a good start & have no fears of the result.



I am aware I am asking a great favor at your hands but I know you will consider the attitude in which I am placed and will appreciate my reasons in applying direct to you. Having no claim whatever, I rely solely and entirely upon your friendly kindness, hoping that it may be some day in my power to reciprocate.

If you will give me a note to Genl. Hatch I will go to New Orleans and see him in person. I would much prefer receiving from and receipting to him directly, than to receive supplies monthly thro' the Agent of the Bureau in the Parish.

Since the election, politics are at a discount in this Section. All interest seems centred in the levees. A strong effort both North and South will be undoubtedly made to induce the Genl. Govt. to take them in charge. That would be a grand opening for you. The Engineer who builds a good and lasting line of levees along the Miss. river will need no other monument.

With kind regards in which Mrs Wood joins, I am

Direct to Yazoo City Miss.

Sincerely Yr. friend  
Robt. C. Woodruff



Nashville Tennessee

Nov. 22-1878.

My Dear General



I expect to be married in Christ's Church, Louisville; on the 22<sup>d</sup> of December, at 11 A. M. to Miss Ellen Harris, of that place. You know, although you can't entirely appreciate, how glad I will be if you can be present. The kindly interest in my welfare in this matter which you have sometimes expressed, has not escaped me any more than my more weighty obligations to you. We shall leave town that afternoon, but there will be a small reception first at the bride's

Father's, where there will be pleasant people who would be glad to see you. What I have written of your coming, is meant also for Mrs Howard, to whom, with Mr. Gay, I beg you will commend me kindly.

I am just now commanding the District, (of Nashville,) but have so far been away quite two thirds of the time in a court-martial. Of course I share your joy over the result of the election. And I trust we shall have peace, although the indications are not yet as clear as I could like.

I see that you are made to learn that bitter lesson, that the man who



how to build up a power for good, must be prepared to see it turned against himself by those who seek to use it for themselves. My sympathies of course are with you.

Runkle wants to remain in Louisville. I told him that as Col. of his regiment I should make no objection to his doing so.

I hope that I may see both you and Mrs Howard, in December -

Yours, very truly,

Wager Swayne

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

Washington D.C.

for a little of a room for good money to  
be paid to see it turned against himself  
there and needs to see it for themselves  
the symphonies of course are with you  
I have not time to mention in detail  
to tell him that on 1st of this  
at 12 o'clock makes a special visit

to tell that I may be with you and  
to know, in between  
I am, my love,  
Wm. O. Howard  
Washington D.C.