Personal

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

Office Superintendent of Education, District of Virginia,

Richmond, Va., Nov. 26 1868.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Commissioner

General:

I have the honor to enclose duplicate receipts for $10.000 in Bonds also duplicate rect. for $300. in U. S. Securities for the Richmond Educational Association, signed by the Pres. Sec. & Treasurer

Very Respy
R. M. Manly
Sec. Rich'd Ed. Ass'n

Wilkeville Nov 26, 1868

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Genl O. O. Howard

Dear Sir. My son, Genl Thomas, is very anxious to be retain'd in the service of the Bureau, from the fact that the regiment to which he belongs is stationed in Louisiana, as that climate from his own experience would prove fatal to him - In 1863, he commanded a col'd regiment in Louisiana was taken sick - & so very sick, that even after he arrived home it was very doubtful for a long time, if he could recover - His Physicians in Portland & New Orleans, are of the opinion that his return to that climate wont prove fatal to him - His desire is, to hold a place in the Bureau, so

as not to join his regiment for
the present.

He was one of the
first officers in the regular army
to offer his services to command negro
troops, being commissioned Colonel
in Feb 1863. His record of service
in the Army, is creditable to him &
from what I learned from Genl Wheaton
the reports of his service in Kentucky
while in the employment of the Government
was satisfactory - & he has been very
efficient the short time he has been
here, in establishing schools & so
state this from my own observation.

He was appointed a Major in a
regular negro regiment, but
obliged to decline it as the regiment
was located in Louisiana - & it
is my desire to continue in the

army – I have no doubt he will do good service should he be retained in the Bureau –

I have pretty good reason to believe that after a republican Administration shall have been fairly inaugurated Henry will be able to make a change in the character of his commission which will obviate the further necessity of asking details away from his Regiment –

While I suppose of course in remaining in the Bureau, the preference will be given to civilians, because army officers have a sufficient place with their Regiments, as a rule, yet with civilians it is only a question of holding on a little longer, but in my son's case, it may probably

will be the one thing that will enable him to hold on to his commission - which is for life.

Should you find it consistent with the good of the public service, to continue him, I shall consider it a great kindness, & personal favor which I shall not soon forget & I ~~will~~ believe his efforts in the cause of negro education, & our people in them in all respects, will be such that you will have no cause to regret having continued him.

I have been here since I saw you in Washington visiting my son, have taken several horseback trips with him while visiting the schools & find my health very much improved. I have been highly pleased with the schools.

With great respect -
Yours truly W. W. Thomas

Pitts. Nov. 27. 1868

Dear Gen:

I met Mr. Thaw on the street this P.M. Said he wished all this fuss in the Tribune about Dr. Boynton & Gen Howard — that glad way I that I could explain the whole matter to his satisfaction said indignation against the man who could do such things & felt guilty for allowing such stuff to go into his paper against an innocent man. Brigham of the Commercial has was much pleased with your talk that day. He absolutely forbids anything of the kind to come into his paper since — I learned this ~~th~~ an hour ago when I went to see him to put him on his guard about the Tribune letter —

Ed. Now we may say personally impressed by your talk with him. I don't see

not how they are to get at the co
but they have learned of the fact
they will find some way of
making an attack on his flank
He by too true W Barr of
the Post, the first Democratic
organ of Md. Pa. Tomorrow
I had a talk with Dr. Bit
on the subject today — H
flourishes a very injur
pen — & may find some way
to come to the rescue. I
wrote to Dr Hatfield of Md
the Sec. pro tem of the Md
Prohy Freedmens Commission
I shall try to see Dr. Allen
of the Prohy — Dinner tom
row. Dr Kendall of Md. y.
be here on Sunday & I
him on the subject — al
Dr. Means & the Am
to which I have access
be good enough to keep
posted & suggest confidentially
how I can help. If
any thing occurs to y
say to confer I shall
date no pains are busy

yet — But my child am grateful indeed for your kind advice. I shall try to commence lower now — I had to get off some things for Mary for her new Mucherts school. I have be pretty stiped by your doing all you can to get him a large Salaries in Mucherts. He says you will probably give $500. — Do even more if you can — The N. Y. Cun will furnish $2000. he thinks — The more the better — He writes that he has already eight schools under say & understand A.

Excuse my haste. I have had no chance since two tonight to be at my my home as it is now quite dark.

Affec.

Dr I Trowell

Look out for a Commence by tomorrow mail — with Notes Lewis.

ROOMS OF THE 11

Young Men's Christian Association.

C. P. FROST, M. D., President.
C. B. DOUGLAS, Cor. Sec'y.

Brattleboro Vt., Nov. 27 1868

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

Dear Sir,

Some three weeks ago, I wrote you in regard to your giving a lecture in the course which we are arranging for this season. I have recd. no reply and, therefore judge that my letter may not have reached you.

We are desirous of perfecting such an arrangement with you as I have indicated above - and have been led to believe such a thing was practicable from some remarks you made to Mr. C. B. Rice of our village & Association who met you on the cars on your way to St. Johnsbury.

Will you please inform us at your earliest convenience what the prospect is in this regard. Also if you can come

please give us your terms - the time and your subject.

Very truly yours.

C. P. Frost (M.D.)
Chairman Lecture Com.
Bratto y. M. L. A.

E. H. POWERS,

Attorney & Counsellor at Law,
& Prosecuting Attorney, City

~~EAST~~ SAGINAW, MICH.

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Saginaw City, Mich
Nov 27th, 68

Maj Genl Howard —

My Dear Sir —

The President of our Young Men's Association informs me that we shall have a Lecture from you this winter, which fact I am happy to learn. — May I ask if Mrs Powers and myself shall have the honor of your presence at our home while you are in the City? — We shall be most happy to monopolise at least a portion of your time while here. —

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
E. H. Powers.

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Washington, D.C.

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The ladies of the Industrial Home ask your assistance in their effort to provide a thanks-giving dinner on Friday the 27th inst. for the children under their care as well as other children who are without friends to care for them. As we hope to make glad the hearts of these little ones we can only do so with the aid of a generous public. We will gratefully receive donations of food. Left from your thanks-giving dinner, cast off clothing. Hats, boots, shoes, or anything else convenient for you to give. A visit from yourself to the Home is desired.

Washington Nov 27, 1868

Gen O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir.

Permit me to introduce to you a colored friend, William Washington of this city, who is at present in trouble. He is the owner of a piece of property, fronting on 7th St West, near the wharf, and he owes some money on it. He wishes to get some friend to purchase it at sale, which is to take place tomorrow the 28, at four o'clock PM under a deed of trust for about $750.— His desire is to bid in the property & then reclaim it, by paying to the purchaser the amount due.

If you can assist him it will be an act of charity.

Respectfully D. B. Adams,