Wash. Dec. 11th 1867.

Mr. [illegible]

Dear Sir,

Please find the article—proceedings of a meeting—of the first ward held on the fourth.

It seems to me almost unnecessary to notice, taken in connection with the whole tone of the meeting.

You will however judge of that.

Very Respectfully,

J. [illegible]

If convenient, will you please send me a half dozen copies of the minutes—by messenger to Harris.

J.S.G.
Washington, D.C.
Dec 11th, 1868

Maj. J. W. Brown
Dept. of the
Freedmen's Bureau

Sir,

We regret to say that the old
ceiling has been laid in the room
of Capt. Sladen A.A.O.C. at the
Howard University. Building is not
near large enough to cover the
room and would respectfully
ask what shall be done in the
case. Whatever you may
decide upon you will greatly
oblige us by letting us know
tomorrow (Saturday) as we would
like to fix his room on Monday
at the same time we lay the ceilings
for Capt. Howard.

Very Respectfully,

W. S. Mitchell Jr.

[Signature]
Waterloo, Iowa
Dec 11, 1865
Mr. Lincoln

I write you in behalf of our OMAA and organized here in need of help in order that we may accomplish the work before us. Should you come west this winter I fear our State would deliver a lecture before our Association. We will pay you your full price for the lecture and give you an audience of our 600 members. Perhaps 700 — if the weather is favorable.

I cannot address you through the regular channel because it — too much
We have a full course of lectures here this winter before our Library Association, and what our GYMST does in that quarter we have to be independent. I think the GYMST has claims beyond the financial aid. Waterloo is 96 miles west of Dubuque on the railroad, it is a place of over 80 thousand people.

John H. Knapp
Prominent
Of GYMST
Office of Chase, Merritt & Blanchard,

MANUFACTURERS OF BOOTS AND SHOES,

20 & 22 PEARL STREET,

BOSTON, Dec 11, 1868

Gen. A. O. Howard
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir,

Being desirous of
making—to our missionary meeting at the Church
I attended—a report of the missionary work among
the Freedmen, and I have taken the liberty to
write you asking for any document that would
give me information as to the educational, religious,
interests of the Freedmen.

If perfectly convenient, such a document
as will give me the information desired, forwarded by
mail, will confer a great favor on—

Very truly yours, Obdt sir,

A. S. Blanchard

A. D. Box 1185

Boston, Mass.

P.S. Any expense attending my obtaining the favor requested I will gladly
accept from you. Excuse this request if at all incumbent don't answer. T.D. 78.
Washington, D. C., December 11th, 1868

Gen. O. O. Howard

Sir, I have him awaiting an order from you. Joseph Coplin has not paid me that five dollars and thirty cents which you are to pay me that five dollars and thirty cents as you may remember. I sent the bill to your agent, and he was to come and pay me in a few days, and he has not done so. I have sent to him Jim and again and I sent to him again and again. He said he would pay it. When he got ready he is poor satisfaction for a man to give a woman that has no help but what she gets by her labour and I have been sick all the fall and winter. I am up one or two days and down a week or two. I should be more than obliged to you if you will be so kind as to get your man to pay me for I am a poor woman and I am very needy yet I have not him the one to come to you one time for help. All the I have him in great need but I try by god's help to do for myself yet I cannot live if people do not pay me for my labour. Respectfully your obedient servant,

Sarrah Ann Patterson
Washington D.C.
Dec 12, 1868.

Major Gen. J.O.Howard.

Genl.

Mr. Anderson was a Cadet at West Point in the 1st. Class when the war began. He is the son of the late Maj. Wilknight Anderson of the 5th Infantry, who fell at Chantaco. When the late war began he resigned his position at West Point, and participated in the rebellion. Since the war, he has been serving as a Clerk in the City. Being unable to take the test oath, he has found it impossible to retain the place necessary for the support of his family. It is requisite that his disabilities be removed in order that he may again be appointed. May I ask that you will recommend the removal of his legal and political disabilities.

I am General
With High Respect
Your obedient Serv.
WM. B. Young
M.E.
Dec 12th 1868

Sir: A. A. Brown

Dear Sir,

Mr. Harper

has submitted to me his contract for the erection of a building on the lots belonging to the "Brown & Cincinnatian".

In my personal capacity I have accompanied a settlement of his demands for work done on said building. The work is close, and he has suffered damage from our being allowed to

[Signature]
complete the work under which
I am now engaged at the
cause of prosecuting the
same.

From his statement I
conclude there is much
difference between you and
myself as to the amount
that should be paid—but
that from misunderstanding
arises from a question as
The manner in which the
sum of this paid, will be
appreciated by you.

I am, yours,

[Signature]
Norwich Dec 12, 68

Gentlemen,

Dear Sir,

I have just learned that you will be in our vicinity next week and could perhaps spend a day with us.

She does not specify what Sabbath to invite you at once to inform you how we are situated.

If you desire to be with us Sabbath, the evening could be given up by you, but for the 20% & 27 1/4% disbursed there are special occasions announced, which unfortunately would preclude the holding of a meeting in the interest of the Brethren.
I agree that this is so; for I and all others would greatly enjoy hearing you, to learn from you the condition and prospects of the brethren through our own streets.

I can however propose this as perhaps as likely to secure the visit as any other arrangement, that is, that you speak Thursday evening. I will meet you, we will open one of the churches, & so give you an opportunity to address Norwich friends of the Cause.

I trust you may by no means consider me in different to your visitation. I only regret I cannot give you the choice of the two last evenings, which are now free.

The Shantymen's hall is a favorite one here.
is our Community have given liberally of money & men.

As Mr. Ware & Mr. Rockwell represent our two Congregational Chs. 

& their personal interest in the first men true of course defend ours.

Can you not visit Mr. on your stay in Providence to confer on what arrangement can be made which would be practicable for you & us.

Permit me, through a stranger to you, to assure you of my personal sympathy for you in your present Church embarrassment. I am satisfied that you whose standing with you are right for the good fame of Congregationalism in Washington as well as for the honor of the Master's kingdom. I trust the coming Council...
will vindicate your course as
vindicate the questions at issue.
I feel strongly about the matter
as do many others here. I think
all agree on believing Dr. Boynton
should retire & the way be cleared
open for a harmonious healing
of present differences. The Church
stands forth as a worthy representative
of the Lutheran faith & friends.
I beg you to receive this as
a sincere expression of my con
victions in reference heretofore
in which providentially you have
become a party. If able to come
Mr. my house will be open to
you yourself & I wish to be
pleased to receive you as our
guest.

Cordially Fraternally Yours,
Mr. W. L. E. Davy
Pastor & Cong. Ch
Norwich
New York Dec 13, 1868

Major General O.O. Howard

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

The New England Society of this city will celebrate the approaching anniversary of the Landing of the Pilgrims by a public dinner, at Delmonico’s corner of 5th Avenue and 14th St. on Tuesday the 22nd instant at 6 o’clock P.M.
The Board of Officers respectfully request that you will honor them with your presence on the occasion.

Soliciting an early reply, I have the honor to be, Sir,

Respectfully,

Your obedient Servant

Elliot H. Cowdin,

Chairman Committee of Arrangements
Washington Dec.
Dec. 16th 1868.

Maj. Gen. C. O. Howard,
General:

I have the honor to request that you will send me a copy of the report of Gen. Lewis of Georgia. He informed me when I saw him in Jan. last month that the
should forward duplicates one for Mr. S. to refer to if necessary in the legislation on the tax bill.

Very respectfully,
Your Ob't Servant

Joseph W. Cleift
Confidential
State of South Carolina,
Executive Department,
Columbia, Dec 13th, 1868

Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard
Dear Genl.

I have determined to write you frankly relative to the operations of the Bureau in this State for the coming year. I am satisfied that it is not best under the circumstances that the administration of its affairs should be in the hands of military officers. Everything now is to be greatly affected on a Civil basis, as to make it difficult for military officers to work in harmony with the officers of the Civil government. The necessarily peremptory and arbitrary decision of the military cannot be adapted to the slower and more flexible methods of Civil officers.

I am satisfied that if you will place in my hands the control of the Bureau in this State, giving me Mr. Tomlinson as Chief of Education, and Mr. George W. Watersman as an assistant, and retaining Maj. J. L. Dear in his present position, that the affairs of the Bureau will be conducted more to your satisfaction in all respects.
than they can otherwise be. I know that this may seem like assumption on any part, but I am willing to take the responsibility of such a construction of my motives. The future operations of the Bureau will be confined to educational matters mainly.

Almost nothing has been done in this direction since I was relieved from duty, and it is not reasonable to suppose that officers who are here only temporarily, and who may be removed at any moment, should take the same interest in the education of the people as those whose function is connected with the welfare of the state.

In the matter of the collection of "Loan" crops I am also satisfied that the feeling of the people toward me personally would enable me to make these collections more speedily and successfully than any one else. I hope therefore that you will promptly act upon this request. If you do so, I will not only esteem it a great personal favor but knew sure that you will do that which will inure to the best interests of the Bureau in this state.

Very Respectfully,

[Signature]

[Name]

[Date]
Washington, D.C., Dec 13th, 1868

Major Genl O. C. Howard

Sir:

E. A. Duncan M.D., U.S.A., at Vicksburg, Mississippi, would like to be ordered to Washington, for what purpose I do not know, but I suppose, with reference to business connected with the Freedmen's Bureau. I shall be glad if you can make the order consistent with duty, and will thank you to send me reply to be forwarded to him.

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant

W. B. Allison
War Department,  
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands.  
Washington, Dec 15 1868  

Sec. of Mississippi  
By order of  
Maj. Genl. Howard  

E. M. Walthall  

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen &c.  
Office Chief Clerk for Miss.  
Nashburg, Miss., Dec 21 1868  

Received this referred to Maj. Genl. A.C. Gilmer, Act. Sec. of Mississippi.  
By order of Maj. Genl. Howard.  

J. W. Tyler  

Based on the image, the script is written in cursive handwriting, typical of 19th-century documents. There are also stamps and markings that indicate the document was processed and received.