Wash. Dec. 11th 1868.

Maj. Weil.

Dear Sir

Please find the article — proceedings of a meeting of the first-ward, held on the fourth — It seems to me almost unworthy of notice, taken in connection with the whole tone of the meeting. You will however judge of that.

Very Respectly
J. S. Griffing

If convenient, will you please send me half dozen Reports of the University — by Messrs Hy. Harris.

J. S. G.

Washington D.C.
Dec 11th 1868

Maj J. M. Brown
Disb'g Officer
Freedmens Bureau

Sir

We regret to say that the old carpet to be laid in the room of Capt Sladen A.D.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 carpets for Genl Howard

Very Respectfully &c
W. L. Mitchell & Co
per C H N

We have no carpets anywhere near like the old one

Mrs [illegible]

Please move up
deficiency from the
Arm of the hand
J. M. Berry
Bvt Maj USA
Dec 12/68.

Please see Capt
Sladen at Harrisburg
Penna. if he desires
to have the carpet ~~enlarged~~
fitted with one of another
pattern do so
J. M. Berry
Dec 12/68. Bvt. Maj USA

Fit with some
of a different
pattern. It can be
concealed under
the cases
J. A. Sladen
Bvt. Capt. USA

Waterloo Iowa
Dec 11 1869

E H Bonard

Sir

I write you in behalf of our YMCA just organized here & in need of help in order that we may accomplish the work before us. Should you come West this winter & near our State would you deliver a lecture before our Association. We will pay you your full price for the lecture & give you an Audience of over 600 hundred people perhaps - 700 - if the weather is favorable

We cannot address you through the regular Channel because it costs too much

We have a full course of lectures here this winter before our Library Association & what our YMCA does in that direction will have to be independent

I think the YMCA has claims beyond the Library Ass.

Waterloo is 96 miles West of Dubuque on the Railroad & is a place of over Fifteen thousand people

Your A W Knapp
President
of YMCA

Office of Chase, Merritt & Blanchard,

MANUFACTURERS OF BOOTS AND SHOES,

20 & 22 PEARL STREET,

BOSTON, Dec 11. 1868

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

My dear Sir.

Being desirous of making, - to our missionary meeting, at the church I attend, - a report of the missionary work among the Freedmen, ~~and~~ I have taken the liberty to write you asking for any documents 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, Your Obdt Serv't,
S. S. Blanchard
P. O. Box 1185
Boston. Mass.

P.S. Any expense attending my obtaining the favor requested I will gladly remit to you. Excuse this request & if at all inconvenient do not answer. S.S.B.

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Washington. D. C. December 11th
1868

Gen O O Howard

Sir I have bin waiting on that man Joseph Coplin three months to Pay me that five dollars and thirty cents as you may remember that I sent the bill to your office and he was to cam and pay me in a few Days and he has not dan so I have sent to him Tim and again and I sent to him a few days A go and he said he would pay it when He got ready that is poor satisfactian for A man to Giv a woman that has no help but what she gets by her labour and I hav Bin sick all the fall and winter I am up One or two days and down a week or two I would be moor than oblig 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 hav not bin the one to cam to you one tim for help allthough I hav bin great ly in need but I try by Gods help to do for My self yet I can not liv if paple do not pay me for my labour • respectfully your obedient serva ent

Sarah ann Patterson

Washington D.C.
Dec 12. 1868.

Maj Genl O. O Howard.
Genl.

Mr Anderson was a Cadet at West Point in the 4th Class when the War began. He is the son of the late Major Willoughby Anderson of the 2d Infantry, who fell at Churubusco. 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 Obdt Servt
R W B Young
W. C.

Washington D.C.
Dec: 12th: 1868.

Gen: O. O. Howard.
Dear Sir -

Mr Haney has submitted to me his contract for the erection of a building on the land belonging to the "Howard University" - & again tendering my personal services to aid in accomplishing a settlement of his demands for work done & materials furnished - He also claims that he has suffered damage from not being allowed to

Not from attention to
the subject in the hope that it may
be satisfactorily adjusted without litigation.

Yours Ests. &c:

R. J. Munice

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complete the work undertaken, & from my delays in the course of prosecuting the same —

From his statement, I conclude there is not <u>much</u> difference between you and himself as to the amount that <u>should be paid</u>; — but that you misunderstanding arises from a question as to the manner in which the sum, when <u>paid</u>, <u>should be appropriated by him</u> —

I deem it proper to

M. Ry, O.O. Howard, 1. Feb

Norwich Dec 12. 68

Geo. Howard

Dear Sir.

From Mrs Griffing I learn that you will be in our vicinity next week & could perhaps spend a Sabbath here.

She does not specify what Sabbath so I write you at once to inform you how we are situated

If you do be here next Sabbath, the evening could be given up to you, but for the 20th & 27th inst., there are special services announced, which unfortunately would preclude the holding of a meeting in the interest of the Movement

I regret that this is so — for I & all others would greatly enjoy hearing you, & learn from you the condition & prospects of the Freedmen throughout the South.

I can however propose this as perhaps as likely to secure the visit as any other arrangement, & that is, that you spend Thursday evening (17 inst.) with us, & we will open one of the churches, & so give you an opportunity to address numerous friends of the Cause.

I trust you will in no means consider me indifferent to your visiting us. I only regret we cannot give you the choice of the two evenings which are now fully occupied.

The Freedmen's work is a favorite one here. & to

it our Community have given liberally in money & men.

Messrs Ware & Rockwell represent our two Congregational Chs & their personal interest in the brethren has of course deeper ours.

Can you not visit R. on your way to Providence & confer as to what arrangement can be made, which would be practicable for you & us.

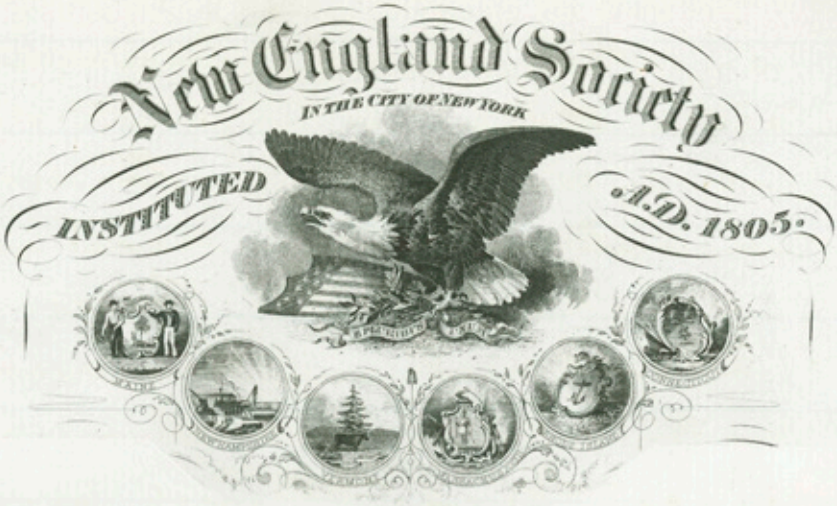
Permit me, though a stranger to you, to assure you of my personal sympathy for you in your present church embarassments. I am satisfied that you & those standing with you are right & for the good fame of Congregationalism in Washington as well as for the honor of the Master's kingdom I trust the coming Council

will vindicate your course & ad-
-judicate the questions at issue.

I feel strongly about the matter
as do many others here. & I think
all agree in believing Dr Boynton
should retire & the way be thus
opened for a harmonious healing
of present differences. & the Church
stand forth as a worthy representative
of the Puritan faith & polity.

I beg you to receive this as
a sincere expression of my con-
victions in reference to matters
in which providentially you have
become a party. If able to come
to N. my house will be open to
you & myself & wife would be
pleased to receive you as our
guest.

Cordially & fraternally Yours
W. W. Dana
Pastor 2 Cong Ch
Norwich



New York Dec 13, 1868

Major General O. O. Howard

&c &c &c

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 C. Cowdin,

Chairman Committee of Arrangements.

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Invitation to attend meeting of
New England Soc
Dec 22nd 68

Washington D.C.
Dec. 16th 1868.

Maj. Gen. O.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 Ga. last month that he should forward duplicates one for M.C's to refer to if necessary in the discussion on the Ed. Bill

Very respectfully
Your obt Servant
Joseph W. Cliff

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 so great an extent 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 decisions of the military cannot be adapted to the slower and more pliable methods of Civil officers.

I am satisfied that if you will place in my hands the control of the Bureau in this State, giving one Mr Tomlinson as Supt of Education, and Mr George N Waterman as an assistant, and retaining Maj E. L. Deane in his present position, that the affairs of the Bureau will be conducted more ~~to your~~ economically, and more to your satisfaction in all respects

than they can otherwise be. I know that this may seem like assumption on my part, but I am willing to take the responsibility of such a construction of my motives.

The future operations of the Bureau will 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 may be removed at any moment, should take the same interest in the education of the people as those whose future is connected with the welfare of the state.

In the matter of the collection of "Liens" on 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 comply with this request. If you do so, I will not only esteem it a great personal favor, but am sure that you will do that which will inure to the best interests of the Bureau in this State.

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
R M Scott

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS

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Washington D.C. Dec 13th 1868

Major Genl O. O. Howard

Dear 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 Freedmans 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 Obt Servant
Wm B Allison

Asst. R. F. & A. L. Miss.

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Washington, D.C.
December 13th 1868

Allison Nov. W. P.

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Desires the Comm to order Dr. E. A. Duncan U.S.A. to proceed from Vicksburg, Miss. to Wash. D.C. Dr. Duncan wishes to visit Washington with reference (he supposes) to business connected with this Bureau.

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

Respectfully referred to Bvt Maj Genl A. C. Gillem. Asst. Comr of Mississippi

By order of
Maj. Genl Howard

E. W. Whittlesey
a a a Genl

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, &c.
Office Asst. Comr. for Miss.;
Vicksburg, Miss; Dec. 21st 1868

Respectfully referred to A. A. Genl. E. A. Duncan, U.S.A., Acting-Genl-in-Chief Bureau R. F. & A. L. State of Mississippi

By Order of Bvt Maj. Genl. A. C. Gillem
Asst Commissioner

J. W. Tyler
1st Lt. 13th Inf. Bvt Maj. U.S.A.
A. A. A. Genl.

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