

Washington Dec. 24th 1888

To Genl. O. O. Hawverd

Dear Bro: On learning
that the Board of Trustees had
adjourned to meet the first
Monday evening in January
at my house I thought as I
should be absent in New
York on that day and yet
I should like to attend the
meeting I would suggest
whether a special meeting
cannot be called to meet
at my house Thursday evening
Dec. 31st to attend to the business
in hand. If however you
think it had better stand as
it is you will all be welcome
to meet at my house just the
same though I may be absent
(over)

By the way

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(Strictly private)

By the way, Mr. Brewster
called on me yesterday and
said you owed him an ex-
planation or apology for what
you said about him at a
former meeting of the Board at
your house. He wished me to
speak to you about it and ask
you to make such an explanation
or apology at the next meeting
of the Board. So at least I have
understood the drift of what
he said not pretending to give
his exact words. Thinking that
I might perhaps to do this
much I leave the matter with
you as I may not see you in
person - you of course know
your own ground in the
case and I would not presume
as a third party to dictate your
course or his - but hope all may
be settled satisfactorily to all parties
Yours truly &c. B. Sunderland



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New York Dec 24th 1868
Gen O. O. Howard
Washington D.C.
Dear Sir

Please inform
me if it will be agreeable
to you to lecture before the
Young Men's Christian Association
of Brooklyn Ct. on the evening
of Feby 22nd 1869. In your reply
please to state your terms
I have the honor to remain

Yours Truly
G. M. Howard
Gen Secy
81 Bevier St
New York

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Treasury Department,
Office of Commissioner of Customs,

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December 24th, 1868.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir:

Please accept for myself personally & especially in behalf of the Teachers and scholars of the Puritan Free Mission Sabbath School, under my superintendence my sincere thanks for your kind and generous acceptance of our invitation, tendered through Maj. L. Willard Saxton, to be present at the meeting of our school on Sunday next, the 27th instant. The hour for opening the school is, 3, P.M.

We propose to ^{make} our exercises on that occasion appropriate to Christmas, as it is not practicable to bring the school together at any other time than on the Sabbath. Our school embraces persons of color of all ages & various degrees of attainment. Some just advancing a single step beyond the alphabet in book knowledge; others reading the ~~new~~ Testament quite well;— some well advanced in the Christian course; others ignorant, wild & thoughtless, but nearly all earnest, respectful and deeply attached to their teachers. The school is an independent organization, having no church, society or organized

Office of Comptroller of Customs

December 24, 1868.

Hon. Genl. B. O. Howell,

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd inst. in relation to the proposed amendment of the tariff act, 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, very truly,
 Wm. A. R. Howell

It is proposed to amend the tariff act in relation to the proposed amendment of the tariff act, 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, very truly,
 Wm. A. R. Howell

association to lean upon. But trusting in the promises of the Holy Bible we
work on in faith & hope, in the Master's name; believing his word, ~~th~~
and ye shall receive, we ask to be recognized as a Christian institution & to
receive the encouragement & sympathy of the Christian men & women
around us.

This school has been in existence nearly five years &
assumed its present organized character a little less than one year ago.

A considerable number of the members
are connected with colored churches in the city, and the teachers form
a true Christian Union, in their labor of love, in summer's heat & winter's
cold; being representatives of almost every protestant Christian denomination.

We propose on Sunday next to have
several visitors & to vary our exercises so as to make the occasion pleasant &
profitable & not tedious to the youngest; believing, as we do, that such opportunities
should be improved to do good to all. The time to be occupied by each
speaker in addressing the school must necessarily be limited to five to eight
minutes. Feeling under deep obligation, as we do, to the kind, Christian
friends who have accepted our humble invitation, we hope none of
them will feel that the time spent with us is lost.

Very respectfully,

Josiah R. Fletcher

Superintendent

Puritan Free Mission Sabbath School
& Chairman ~~Com~~ of Arrangements.

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Andrus Locks Conn.
Dec. 24. 1868

Gen. O. O. Howard,

My Christian Brother;
I have heard so much of you
that I wish to speak to
you as one who loves the
Master's Cause. You have
shown, in various ways, a
deep interest in the prog-
ress of God's Kingdom here
in W. City. know you as
the leader in building up
a Cong. Ch. in Wash.
but your spirit is as broad
certainly as your platform
& hence you feel for every
Cause which aims to ele-
vate our Countrymen.

And now permit me to
introduce a matter in
which I know you are
interested.

Three years since I
went to Maryville Miss
Tenn. to aid in rebuilding
the waste places - but my
chief motive to look to the
future of the College found
ed in 1819.

I found that our building
was torn down in the day
for the brick. The other
the larger - had been used
for barracks - not a stone
down in it - desolate enough
not a sign in a condition
for northern state for this
The Synod resolved to re-
institute the institution
the N. E. Gen. Assembly
has recommended it to

liberality of the churches.
My classmate Rev.
E. L. Boing is raising
an endowment of \$100,000
\$10,000 of which have been
subscribed by Mr. E. Dodge
of N.Y. \$5,000 by another.
Last Sept. by an unani-
mous choice I was elect-
ed President, which po-
sition I have accepted.

Through your instrumen-
tality the Trustees have thrown
the doors open to all classes,
so that black boys are ad-
mitted to equal privileges
with the whites. This has
my hearty approval as it
does that of Prof. Lamm
& of my father who is also
Prof. there, and it will be
an endeavor to build up
a first class College, &

Send Mr. Fox a message
in the same.

He must have built up
the people then have already
commenced to subscribe for
that object, & certainly ^{they} are
doing well. It will cost
a good deal to get rooms
for students. Many more
than there is room
for them; indeed I do not
suppose there is a single
room in the college build-
ing fit to be occupied.
Speaking of this matter
to Rev. G. Whipple Secy
of Am. Miss. Assn. with
whom I have been acquaint-
ed for 25 years, he told me
to apply to you for aid as
you had funds which
thought could be obtained.

You gave at one time I think
\$3,000 to the College. - Now
can we not get from the
building fund \$10,000 to
put us into a shape so
as to do as we want to?
It would take that sum
to repair the halls now
standing; & then we must
have new buildings, which
we will make the people
then put up.

We are not going
to do more new than what
is necessary to accommo-
date the wants of a new in-
stitution. I pledge myself
that the strictest economy
shall be exercised; & that
you will as already ex-
pressed shall be held sacred.
We start upon radical prin-
ciples, & propose to "fight it

out on that line"

Now do help us to make
our College in the South
true to the principles of
freedom - I do hope you can
help us to the amount
named - It would rouse
up the people in Tenn. & stim-
ulate them to do nobly.

I am in earnest for I feel
that it is the Master's work,
& whose words are more in-
spiring than you can find
Prof. Lamar, which I have
ventured to enclose.

Your Christian heart
will direct you to do what
is right in the circum-
stances.

I am Yrs. &c.
Servant

W. Fortson.



Albany Dec 24th 1868

To Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir:

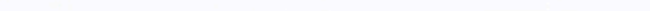
The writer (about
of 15-yrs) is collecting from
all parts of the world the
"Autographs" of distinguished
men, for which reason he
would respectfully ask -
yours..

Wishing You a "Merry -
Christmas", & a "Happy New Year"
I am Sir

Your obedient servant

W H Moreau

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Dec 25 1868

Genl O.C. Hornow

Sir

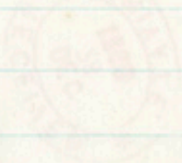
The enclosed was sent under
cover to me, with a request
that I should read it.

In order to ascertain what
the writer wants I did so.
I do not however know, either
from his note to you, or to
me, what he desires me
to do.

He does not explain
his trouble, nor suggest
a remedy, so I am quite
in the dark.

Very Respectfully
Yrs
C. B. Boynton

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Dec 27 1861

John O. Brown

Dear Sir

The enclosed was sent under
 cover to you with a request
 that you would forward it
 to the proper authorities at
 the custom house of New York
 I do not know how soon it will
 reach you, but I am sure it
 will be received by you in
 time.

The enclosed is a copy of
 the report of the committee
 on the subject of the
 proposed amendment to the
 constitution of the State.

Very respectfully,
 Wm. H. Burleigh

Wm. H. Burleigh

Reflector Office
Norwalk, Ct. Dec. 25. 1868.

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

Dear Sir:-

I am about, for the first time in my life, to "seek" for an office, under the Government, that of Special Mail Agent; and can rely upon the influence of Senator T. M. Aborn, and, I hope, on that of Hon. Ben. Wade, to whom I have just written. Of course recommendations are the order of the day, and the purpose of this letter is to ask you if you can give me one, and if so, if you will forward it to me that I may send it on with others? I am sure one from you will do me great good, if you can conscientiously do it.

I send a letter similar to this to your ^{brother} C. H., whose address I am not sure of. Will you please forward it?

I hope to be at home while you are here in February to lecture.

I have the honor to be
Respectfully Yours

M. S. Mickham

Elizabeth N. J.
25th Dec '68

Dear General

Mr W. S. Sharp, the Proprietor of the Salem N. J. Standard, and late Internal Revenue Collector, and myself, are running a course of Lectures in Salem, this winter, and as our object is to lift up the good people of that Radical County to the plane of Radicalism, pure and simple, we would be glad to have you come and help us in this important work. Senator Wilson and Frederick Douglass, and also Mr Greeley, have consented to come. Choose your own night and subject. The Hall is a fine one and holds about 800 people. We know you can fill it. We propose to divide the proceeds with you, which, at 50 cents admission, will give you a nice little sum. You can leave Washington by morning

New York train, and reach Philadelphia, in time to take the
 Salem train at 3 P.M. reaching
 Salem by 5 1/2 - in time for your
 lecture same evening. Mr. Sharpe
 will meet you at the depot, and
 entertain you at his elegant
 hospitable mansion, showing
 you an aviary of 300 rare birds
 which he has for his pleasure. I
 will present myself, but, if not,
 will do the cheer thing by your
 and introduce you to a large
 audience. My, my dear General
 and let the Salemites hear you
 Let me know the night and
 subject, so that we may give
 extensive notice.

You with remembrance
 me as one of Brother Edw. Jones's
 flock in Baltimore. I am now
 living here with my married son
 and practicing law in New York.
 We have all taken

great interest in your contest with
 Brighton. How fearfully the ~~plan~~
 plummet of righteousness fathoms
 the human heart, when cast by a
 bold hand. We sympathize with you
 in standing up for Christian equality.
 Wonder what that Council of the
 13th province, will do? Is it a con-
 -clave of negrophobists? If it sides
 with Brighton, Congregationalism
 will have gone the way of pro-slavery
 flesh. But I hope for better things.
 Brighton is a disciple of the late Bishop
 Hopkins. Most of our Christianity
 of the present day, is skin deep. Bright-
 -ton is - that is certain.

Well - we have a new
 King. Is he going to prove true to hu-
 -man rights? He may read his fate
 in the Book of Kings. Ahab and Heze-
 -kiah - one or the other. Let us hope,
 he will not be afraid to stand by God's
 black children.

Truly Yours
 W. G. Snethen

Gen. O. O. Howard

Wash. in Dec.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,



Raleigh, Dec. 25, 1868.

To Gen. C. C. Howard.

Dear Sir: My friend, Col. J. B. Cook, who will hand you this, has a request to prefer, to which I respectfully ask your attention.

Col. Cook is fully informed as to the wishes of Col. Chum and our loyal people, and his opinion as to the fitness of officials is entitled to consideration. He begs especially to be relieved of persons in office in the Bureau who are Democrats, or who are tainted with that Treason. It is unnecessary to say that Col. Chum and Mr. Whittemore are both true men, and have the confidence of our loyal people.

With high respect,
W. H. Holden.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT

January 25, 1882

Mr. C. B. Harrell

State of North Carolina

with kind regards from the State, I beg to inform you that

the Legislature has passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of \$10,000 be appropriated for the purchase of

land for the purpose of establishing a State Prison.

The sum of \$10,000 is hereby appropriated for the purchase of

land for the purpose of establishing a State Prison.

Yours very respectfully,
J. W. Johnston

Secretary of State

State of North Carolina

January 25, 1882

Enclosed are the papers relating to the purchase of land for the purpose of establishing a State Prison.

Very respectfully,
J. W. Johnston

Secretary of State

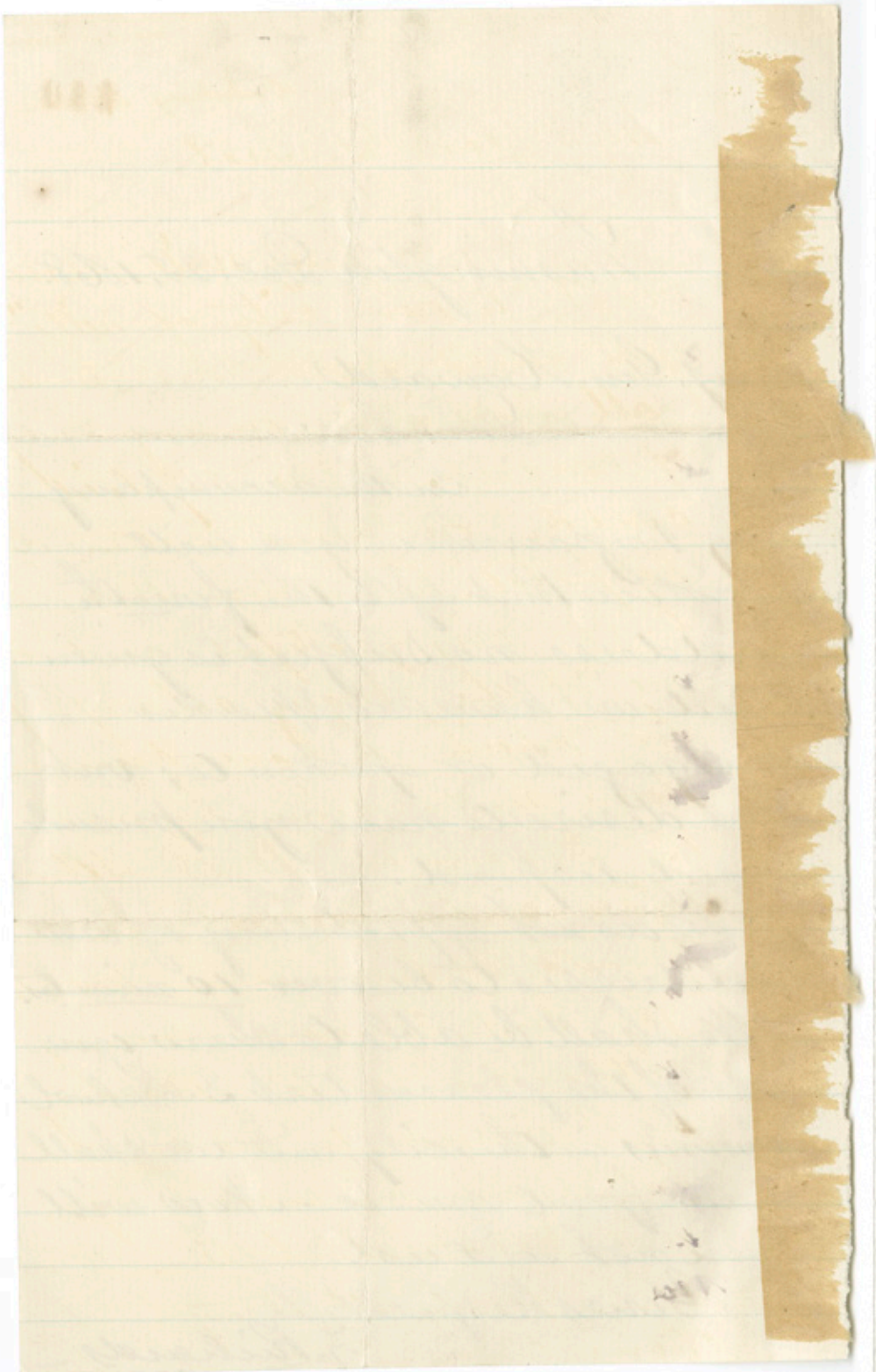
Washington Dec. 25, 1868.

May. Gen. Howard,
Dear Sir:

In the accompanying Programme, you will notice that after the fourth address no subject is given and we have no speaker engaged or spoken to; but we desire to have you present and respond.

We do not expect any of our addresses to be over 10 minutes. We shall be able to show you one of the pleasantest S. School Rooms in this city, and we shall have good music. Now will you not aid us?

Yours Respectfully,
F. Richards -





Newark, N. J. Dec 23 1868

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Genl O. O. Howard

My dear Sir

In case
Stone is required for any build-
ings under your direction,
my Quarry is now in excellent
condition to furnish it promptly
and in large quantity, and
of best quality.

It can be relied upon as
being of the most durable char-
acter. I presumed that you
would determine to build the
tower of your Church of free
stone, - and we would be
pleased to supply it at any time
for that, or any other desired purpose,
- and would ever be gratified to
hear from yourself or friends, in
that respect, whenever occasion

May occur,

Very Respectfully

and sincerely yours

Wm A. Righter



Lithopolis Ohio
Dec. 25, 1868

Dear General,

A Happy Christmas
to you this beautiful morn-
ing. I was too sorry to
hear of the accident to
your University build-
ing - I suppose there
really did something
fall down, but suspect
~~dear~~ the New York
reports me only the
manifestations of the
same diabolism of
the Thompsons previous-
ly shown in so many
ways, all designed
to injure & punish
you. I left home
on Tuesday to bring my

daughter then young people
live to my son in Law
Mr Mylie of New Castle
has such arrangements
made for a few lectures
in that place as I
hope will result in your
being invited, among
a few others to lecture
there. I think I so
spoke to Mr. Mylie
that Mr. Lupton
at a suitable time
be added to the course.
I hope your girls be so
retreated that you may
be able to stop with
me at Sewickley
my little hamster had
the back of the head
but river. I'll try to
with you to New Castle

if I can be of any service
to you or your cause.

I send by this mail
a copy of the North West
Pestherian published
at Chicago. It contains
an article on the Freed
men by ~~Rev~~ my good
old friend Rev D. W.
Kinney, to whom I had
spoken of you & your
cause after you left
Pitts. so you will
see to help the A. S.
Caus. I send it as an
instance of the change
of feeling going on among
A. S. men on this subject.
He has always but once
voted the Democratic
ticket & then was beaten.
He now seemed to have

any sympathy with
this cause - i.e. any
sympathy that was of
any practical value
after your visit to Pett
I told him of your feelings
of the proceedings I thought
there was in the South
for all honest earnest
effort for the Freed
people by religious men.
The article is the result
He is one of the prominent
the Editors of the paper
I want to introduce
if you can take time
Whittier - also W.D. the
one whom we failed to
get time to call on
The Editor of the Mass
by the name Banner - also
W. Kern of the United
Presbyterian Pet - also

D. Nesbitt of the North
African Christian Adver-
tiser - all leading
religious papers - these
four papers probably
reaching 60,000 families
It is desirable that the
~~four~~ Editors of four
such papers should
know you Howard
as he is - a plain
simple hearted -
frank, Christian
man - the true
friend of the freed
man - In the possible
efforts of these villainous
to do you harm, it
may be important
that you gratify
me by giving me

opportunity of introducing
you to each
of these brethren.

They will feel it
worthwhile for driving

I think as the matter
you did nicely. To-day
matters are in a state of
transition - What Congress
may do about it is
another question.

The Lord direct, and
fulfill your prayer.
Your sincere friend

M. S. Howell