Washington D.C.
Dec 29th 1868.

Gen O. C. Howard,
Sir,

I have an improved patent, (the original now being in great demand) the improvements rendering it superior in several particulars, the demand for it must be much greater than for the original. But not having the requisite funds for its manufacture I propose to give one third interest in the Patent to any one who will engage in its manufacture, the amount required being but small, and the profits very large. I have had several opportunities to dispose of said invention at a pretty good figure, but believing it was worth as much to one as to them I have declined to sell.

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An interview is respectfully solicited so as I can exhibit my model, and be more explicit in.

Very respectfully,

James P. Smith
302 8th St. East
Washington D.C.
Agencies of
Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Co.,
Of Hartford, Conn.
H. A. BREWSTER, General Agent,
519 Seventh Street.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 25, 1868

Maj. Gen'l O. Howard

Dear Sir,

You favor this date is at hand,
Enclosing to me your life policy. I must of necessity send it to Hartford to have you with contingent
with you. If you will come to me on Saturday, Jan. 2,
at 4 o'clock I think your wishes will be gratified.

Sincerely yours,

H. A. Brewster
General Agent
Genl O. O. Howard

Dear Sir,

I desire respectfully to recommend that you retain Captain James McCleery of the 40th Infantry on duty in the Educational Department of the Freedmen's Bureau, if consistent with the interest of the service. He is a faithful and capable officer and has been serving very creditably. I think, in the Freedmen's Bureau in Kentucky. I shall esteem it a favor if he can be retained.

Very truly yours,

J. A. Garfield
Dec 30th, 1868.
Wicksburg, Miss.

Majr Genl Q. Q. Howard,
Commissn, Bureau of Fd & L.
Washington, D.C.

General,

In compliance with instructions from your Office dated Oct 1, 1868, I have forwarded by to-day's mail files of all General Orders and Circulars issued from this Office.

I am,

Very respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant,

[Signature]

Capt. Major Genl. &c. &c., A P. &c.
State of Miss.
Office Assistant Coordinator

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New Orleans La
December 29, 1868

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

My Dear General,

Allow me to trouble you with my private affairs.

It is the impression now that the Bureau is sedentary to the Educational Department that you will be called to assume commands or duties connected of greater importance. Should that be the case, I take the liberty to request that I may be assigned to the position you will relinquish. Doing this you can rest assured your views and wishes will be carried out cheerfully and energetically.

It is not important that I return to my Regiment detached as it is by companies at as
many frontier posts. I could at most command only a part of one or two companies. I therefore consider the service has nothing to gain by my return to the Regiment. On the contrary my time may be of some value in this Department. It will also please forewarning to be near my Father and Mother, who have arrived at an age when the presence of their children becomes most desirable. Should you think me qualified for the position if you are contemplating turning over your present duties to a successor, have the kindness to remember you would confer a great favor in naming Yours sincerely,
Edward Hatch
Dear Friend

Genl. C. C. Howard

Please to send document, or statistics throwing the light of real truth on, "The Prospect and need of The Freedmen on the opening of 1869." I have been too isolated and intently occupied at Hampton the last month and a half, that the doings of public men, reports, &c. have been out of sight. Genl. W. C. Armstrong asked me to assist him in a more efficient organization of the Normal & Agricultural Institute there. This has been effected, with results which I hope will make that enterprise worthy of patronage & support. I have procured a gentleman of high culture & integrity, as well as considerable experience, for the head of the Agricultural Department, and Genl. Armstrong has appointed him, Francis Richardson of Philadelphia. Senct has however more the merit of his appointment. The School needs, that with more care in the classification, I do not effort to return there on weak and am ready for more work. I did not go to Hampton as an appointee, only
"as a gross & critic". The combination of formal & agricultural instruction is the key of the hour for the Freedmen. There is no Hampton to much complication, year for success, unless almost complete executive ability is opened to control the concern. Is there anything of this kind in the mind sufficiently matured to look for a locality? If Mr. Mitchell and I have been talking at any until the subject has approached more definiteness - I think money would come to an aid if a first rate apparatus can be secured in the hope of buildings in a favorable location. What shall we hear from Genl Howard?

Ritchfield
Yardley, Warner
Germantown

Mitchell has about $200 in his hand, intended for the special purpose of sustaining colored schools. The appeal to me for information & consultation, I could not advise the appropriation of it, or any part to the Hampton Office until I see the results.
Dear General,

You will pardon this intrusion upon your time, when I assure you, I would not, if I could avoid it, tax you unreasonably. I take the liberty of one whom you have treated kindly in Camp and Field, and on all occasions, when it has been our privilege to meet. I feel confident you have no adverse feelings to me. My object in writing you is to explain a position which I feel my self respect, demands me to take.

When I took the Office of Suft of Education for this State, I did it very reluctantly, but when I accepted, I threw my whole power and energy into the work. It was no small labor to get initiated into the workings of the Dept. After much toil I was able to comprehend what was required. How well I succeeded, my Reports will show. I think if the fact could be reached, there is not a school, or a Teacher, but felt the encouragement given them by my correspondence and efforts put forth for the extension and enlargement of the work. In a word, the Dept of Education is in good working order. Schools are multiplying,
and pupils increasing, and an enlarged interest in Education has been awakened, and calls for teachers are more than I can answer. I have even taken the more advanced scholars out of school and made them Teachers, until I could find others more competent to take their places.

I found a great scarcity of Books. I wrote to and called upon Book establishments when in New York, and obtained the pledge of seven thousand volumes of school Books, which are now on the way. Besides, obtained of the Peabody Fund $4,000, to aid the work.

I have my plans fixed, and the work systematic for the School year. I have good clerks whom I could depend upon, and thus take time to visit the important places as necessity requires.

In the arrangement now made of making this labor to a great extent seems likely to fail. I am to be superintended, and if I remain, am to take a subordinate position. I do not even know to-night that I am to be retained at all. I was informed to-day, I was to be sent to another part of the State. You can readily perceive it to be a very critical
point in accepting a minor position to the one I have occupied. I know my ground here, and how to reach the extreme points. I have this fund in trust to dispose and these Books to scatter where needed. I do not desire the position of any other. I only desire to be allowed to carry out my own work without descending in the scale.

I understand a Genl. Holden in a letter to you, styled me a Copperhead. That he had never known me to attend a Republican Meeting. The first seems no reputation. My history for the War is a sufficient comment on the assertion. The latter charge is true. I have not attended a Republican Meeting. I never did at any time of my life nor any political organization. I never expect to. My Mission is of higher order.

I will not weary you further. You will perceive my difficulty. Is there any remedy? Will you do me the favor of answering. I could say much more.

Sincerely

Yours,

A. C. Vogell.
Richmond Insurance, Real Estate and General Agency.

OFFICE OF

BELL & BELLIS, Agents.

Richmond, Ind., 1865

O. O. Howard

Endorsed Paid

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Notice of Premium due in the
Policy 1-20-1865. By referring

to the back of Notice, you will find the dividend will be

$24.75 which may be applied to increase of that amount, namely

of Premiums in our books since.

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If the above does not dividend to apply an adjustment of Premia

Please come on Draft of $5.

In 24 Ten and he will

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[Signature]

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SECURITY
Life Insurance and Annuity Co.,
No. 31 PINE STREET, NEW YORK.

Mr. O. C. Howard

The Premium of $49.60

Interest in advance on Note. 186

On your Policy, No. 1298 will be due the 20 day of Mar. 1869

Yours Respectfully,
ISAAC H. ALLEN, Secretary.

One-half Annual Premium in Note $
Annual Dividend on this Policy $24.00, which may be applied to increase of amount insured; reduction of premiums or in scrip bearing six per cent interest.

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Richard J
Raleigh, N.C.

Dec 29, 186...

Maj'r Gen'l O.O. Howard

Washington, D.C.

General

Allow me to introduce Col. Willard Cutler of Massachusetts, who has recently been a much...
valuable and official

Bureau affairs at Salisbury
North Carolina. State
pleasure or introducer

for as a pattern of

high toned character and

fine ability.

With great respect
for this work

Nelson A. Miles

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