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February 9th, 1869

Gen. O. O. Howard,

In compliance with the printed request, accompanying my transportation, I sign, and return the receipt for the transportation.

I was in Indianapolis the night you spoke and was anxious to go to the lecture, that I might shake hands with you, and give you a cheerful welcome to my native West. But the severe illness of my daughter prevented me from going out. I find all through the West that you have several residences in this region. Some is a house hold world wide at every fire side you are spoken of with love and admiration. Indeed, the fact that I claimed acquaintance with you gave me some additional prestige.
I was anxious that you should visit my daughter, that you might see a glorious exemplification of the triumph of a soul in the hour of approaching dissolution of soul and body. Mrs. Eliza S. Blythe is my oldest child and is now thirty-seven years of age. At the early age of ten years she confessed faith in Christ, and she has ever since lived a consistent Christian life. For ten years she has been severely afflicted herself and husband both suffering great pain she with lung disease he with threatened blindness. Though it all, she has been calm, cheerful, and happy, leaning upon Him, who careth for all His children. The night of my arrival after all had retired, as I sat alone by her sick bed, in the still hours of night she told me how she had
A sweet and heavenly smile rested on her countenance, and her eyes seemed to shine with the light of heaven. I could not realize that the grim monster death was grappled at her heartstrings. I wish to tell you, Mr. Howard, because I think you desire heart, and sympathetic soul will read it with interest, and, perhaps it may for a short time set the poor own mind, which has for so long a time been burdened with care, and toil for the good of others. The poor never went hungry away from my daughter's door—you too, have fed the hungry and clothed the naked, and in this you have both proven the truth of the faith you professed. She is now so poor herself, reduced by sickness, that she can no longer give, and the poor whom she has blessed, now, come to her sick bed, with their small offerings to add to her personal comfort.

I have been unable to do anything for my school. The people need the sight of hearing of colored schools. I have received of its lay time last June, and every avenue to my usefulness among other colored people, for me, seems to be closed up, and I must turn my attention to some thing by which I can support myself and my two grand children. I am now two hundred dollars in debt, and I see no way to pay it. I love as much to teach colored girls, and do wish I had the means to do so, but, I must yield to them necessity. Please believe me now as ever your true friend.

Mrs. A. M. Z. Riches.
arranged all her earthly matters and
then in a clear voice, with radiant
face, she sang the following beautiful
hymn.

My latest sun is sinking fast,
My race is nearly run;
My strongest shafts now are past;
My triumph is begun.
I know I'm nearing the holy shore
Of friends and Kindred dear.
For I finish the dew on Jordan's banks.
The crossing must be near.
I've almost gained my heavenly home;
My spirit loudly sings;
The holy ones, behold they come:
I hear the noise of wings.
O, bear my longings heart to Him
Who shed and died for me
Whose blood now cleanses from sin
And gives me victory.

O, come, Angel bands, come and around me stand;
O, bear me away on your snowy wing to my immortal home.
Washington Feb 9, 1869

Dear General,

Have your protégé yet concluded to take this vacant clerkship at my St. Louis? A young man who served in my regiment & for whom I have a high regard is waiting here to know whether he can have the place.

I have told him that the place is at your disposal; but that he shall have the place in case your friend does not take it. Do not misunderstand me as wishing to withdraw from my agreement with you. I simply wish to have the matter...
Determin'd, do that I may put an end to the suspense of the young man of whom I speak. Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Major Gen O.O. Howard, 3rd Washington, D.C.
Feb 15.

Dear Sirs,

It is very amusing to hear you de-
liver us a lecture during the
present lecture season. Can you
not come during this month
in the course of 10 days or two
weeks? Mrs. Emma Dickinson
was here last evening and about
two miles would be very acceptable.

I just heard that you were
late in Kalamazoo tonight
and send this letter by Rev. Mr.
Sailor of Allegan. Don't dis-
appoint us if it be a possi-
bile thing to accept. Many wish
19 to lead you.
Join us at an immediate Selph. Respectfully yours,

A. J. Aldrich
Perry February 19, 69

Genl. Sir I take my pen to write you a few lines to find out what terms I can enter your School I hope in a Saldie of the 31. Regulations I am try to get an education I write you to find out what terms I aim to try School I aim to meet all the expenses but I can not meet same
them. I have heard a bunch of school stuff, I think I would write you. Please let me know what is the best way.

Can do or no.

Yours sincerely,

Howard

O.W. W. Wh

O.M. to W.L.B.
Major General O. C. Howard
U.S. Army
Washington, D.C.

Dear General,

I have the honor to enclose herewith my photograph, with my best wishes for the welfare and happiness of yourself and family.

I shall esteem it a great favor if at a favorable time you will oblige me with one of your photographs.
Have the honor to be
Sincerely and truly
Your friend
Florence E. Bunce
Captain 17 Inf. Brit. Army
H. H. E. L.
Maysville Ohio
Feb. 18th, 1869

Dear Sir,

The anniversary of your mother's birthday has just passed, but I am sure you have been thinking of her fondly but little, for I want to write this day with you by my side and looked forward to it with a lot of hope that you would break loose from your cares and think of her. I am thinking of her now. I got your letter yesterday and still thought you might come—want to write to you to settle the train and look up your own affairs. I need not write to make you think of my disappointment. He insisted you'd come if you could. I went again to the ten o'clock train after the lecture. Thought you might let us know of your coming, but I could not find you. Love you.

Your truly,

[Signature]

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So you did not come and my heart is
aware of it. I have
seen you last night from the balcony of the
towers of Sparta, and
the apartment of the
Duchess, Mrs. Minchin,
his wife and a quiet young lady
from the town of London. I went to
a family reception, to chaperone the
young people’s meeting, to get to the
new Army Church in the afternoon.
This morning I have been
waiting here for you. Your
report, expected by me, was not until
late. I finally came over to your fortress
and spoke with you. I will send you
a post card to renew our love. I am
not sure opening your arm. They wonder
in difference if we trust more enough
to lead to see new hearts opening. You
will always look young (even at 60)
looking your squarons in their face,
and the side view says often before London
than you think. Your head lighted up? But
you think alone. Branches, earth? The
soil? Yes it was true, but the great is
our beauty. It is in this way.
Mrs. Browning says, “After all, work
turns to pinches.” Work, work, work is
raising children, after all. I see
my husband’s face, probably painted by camera
with beauty. But this load too glad for
the joy ahead. I should send Tom
down tomorrow to try to write
above. If you can join me any
where, say in Philadelphia or this
other or elsewhere as to any like
new heart. I am intending to write
to your sister yesterday but I did not feel
worse, but a cold and this day was
unseasonably warm. I have sent four
cheques to her. Whitby, thinking her might
have been ill. She wrote, “To you, the
intending is to you of Mrs. Ballack hop it
to him. Mrs. Reed brings me a fine leaf
her husband sent her from life of folklore.
OOH's

Locke of hair + pressed leaf to accompany letter.

OOH to "Dearest" Elizziel Howard
Norwalk, Ohio, February 14, 1869.
Dane Feb. 14, 1879

Dear General,

My eye has had to light this manuscript for the first time on an article in the New York Times. Phila. June 21.

Anyhow the New York Times also send an article by

J. H. Mitchell. I write

an article after my visit

to Washington about the 18th. Amendment—designed to

The Common sense of Pitts.

The real truth of the town.

As it was, principally

a memoir of my surprise

about the true appearance

of the building to the shock

question. The said he
he wished publish any
thesis article, I wrote
it in the hope that before
try my char McKnight
who had the most influence
But the overwhelming hiss
after dinner; pervaded
my senses. The reports of the Com-
mittee who made the
affair, about the
lance to press, to cause
me. Mr. McKnight having
I should help me. I
wished I knew how to
help. To aid in
I am fairly launched
at the insurance matter
as you will see by a
basket of papers I am
duties to you. I must
of Mr. W. G. Boys sitting on
my
Greatly pleased with Major
Medicus, off.
F. T. Fawcett.
My dear Brother,

Gen. Winfield Scott has written you of Judge Holt's decision that all operations of the Bureau cease July 15th. There will be pressure enough brought to bear to continue the Colored Division. But I have been thinking that it is badly desirable that the Colored Div. should continue under head of Freedmen's Bureau, its expenses to be paid out of the remaining funds when the law has provided that said funds may be devoted to extraneous purposes. Moreover it must be better to have the Pay Department assume care Colored Division at once.
and meet it's expenses out of it's 
appropriation?

I thought this too important

To mention to you without your

Notice attention, though I boldly

Know how bad it is in your

Mind at some time.

On the other hand if the Clemens

Bill is to continue in Freedmen's

Bureau and the Secretary shall be

Attached to the Bill, it seems to me,

Continuing the educational dept

Otherwise it will lose the funds. Through

The continuation of the Clemens Bill,

Mr. Floy of Boston & New York,

Whose plans were first here adelining the

Draft but latter regarding it.

Regarding Mr. J. I intiate that Mr. Ward

Give the university something, and

Send us at your pleasure. Did you get my letter

sent to send flippers to Ophthalm.

N. B. Howard
Feb 10 — 5 P.M.

Dear Genl. & Mrs.

In my absence, I am not able to say that I am in receipt of yours of the 6th and 8th inst., and all who are grandly will have your heads put together as a joke of this globe and do the business quickly.

What will tomorrow want to is Peace and Reconcile.

P.S. Let me know what you are up to. Will you please say, in the least, of immortal life. The immortal, are not good. My health needs culture. So do many others, and you are kind. A Dieree je vous coming the love of events. Adieu, mon ami.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

July________, 1866.

Dear Sir:—You are aware of the efforts being made to establish a “Congregational Church” at the Capital of the Nation, and understand how anxious the friends of freedom and progress are to proceed immediately with the work.

We have a good Pastor, fearless in the preaching of the Gospel, and faithful in its application to passing events.

The enterprise is regarded as being entirely beyond mere denominational and local importance; for we are anxious to meet the wants, not of only those who sojourn here, being citizens of all the States, but also of strangers, who visit the Capital at stated periods and during the sessions of Congress.

Our plans are matured. The site for a church edifice is purchased at a cost of $23,000.—The American Congregational Union have paid for the same $13,500, and the title is in Trustees, appointed by them. The house will cost about $65,000. We have a large congregation, but its members are of limited means, living on fixed salaries in an expensive city.

Will you look upon our enterprise in a National and philanthropic point of view, as well as with an earnest christian heart, for the good of our cause and progress of Christ’s Kingdom?

Remembering how much darkness has already been uplifted, and what great encouragement we have, in rapid progress of events, to go forward, will you aid us, and commend our enterprise to the christian brethren of your neighborhood?

We appeal for aid to hold this strategic point, for a free exposition and application of Gospel truth, and to supplement every other christian effort that is being made to extend a free Gospel to regions beyond us.

We feel that there is here opened an “effectual door” to Christian evangelization farther south, where heretofore our denomination has not been able to enter.

We make this earnest appeal, and trust that the Great Head of the Church will crown it with success, by adding His blessing.

In the bonds of a Christian fellowship we are

Very truly,

[Signature]

Committee Ways and Means.
Bergen, N. Y.
Feb 18th 1865.

Gen. C. C. Howard, 
Dear Sir,

Will you

in the cause of
truth of history answer
a few questions about
which you must have
a better knowledge than
any other person.

At the request of the

Vermont Historical
Society I am preparing
a paper to present to the

society on the "Battle of

Gettysburg." (I was a

member of the First

Corps.)
the twelfth corps at "Two Taverns" at the command of and during the first day's fight at Gettysburg and his two Tavens within three miles in sight of the scene of battle.

Did you call upon him three times during the first day's fight to come up and reinforce you?

Did he refuse to assist you and if so, what reason did he give?

In your opinion would the result of the first day have been different had Stonewall joined in the fight.
In your opinion what were the points to us resulting from the first day of the fight? Can you, without trouble, send me a copy of your official report of that day's fight, or nature of the operations of your corps during the fight.

My solicitude that this affair before a Historical Society, but it was in spirit, I shall be most grateful for addressing you. These questions were suggested by Carlton (C. C. Coffin's) "Four Years of Fighting." I find it most

than else, in his account, authentic.
Hoping that your claim to establish the facts of injury will prompt an immediate reply. Iremain

unto obeye

[Signature]
My dear Gideon,

We hold a $500 note, No. 5 of the $500 National Bank of Washington, upon which said note to Oct. 1, 1868, is payable. Can you inform us where I can collect said note and also the present value of such notes.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

[Signature]
My dear Aunt Rebecca,

When your letter in reply to my own came, I thought surely I should reply within the week, but I did not seem to get about it until last evening a letter came from Billy containing a request that another wish to have transmitted to you without delay. He has been writing that he could not stand it so far from the family that either in poor health he would exchange with anyone to get where he could have congenial society. The regular Officers with whom he was in daily contact were taught to associate with him away to his having colored troops with his men, but that his last letter put a new face upon it. His having so far from home influence, all society was ruining his habits, all Officers drank, he had been surrounded with it, and was in it all the time, in short it was such a
letter as cause Father & Mother the deepest cordiality. Willy's request was to have Len Howard immediately written to in his behalf & wrote to request for Willy to serve on his staff from Len Paull. I will say Len Howard could do it. Now as I did not know that he was having any staff officers but Father is going to write to Len Howard & Mother wants to have you also as you have known him so long. Father is now so that he goes down to the store every day part of the time but of course has not regained his strength. Mother is very unwell most of the time but it seems like pneumonia. Just now Johnny seems better is gaining a little flesh all the rest are about as usual. We have not heard from Aunt Maggie for two weeks or more but I am writing her a letter. I have begun teaching again have fewer scholars. I take up a good deal now of my time. I am not well as I used to be but it does not seem to hurt me to teach so am very glad to do it.
Maj. Gen. C. C. Howard
in Washington.

Dear Sir,

At the request of

Mr. John Taylor, of London,
Sec'y of Com. of Correspondence
with the H. A. A. C...

I beg to hand you enclosed
a cheque for $689.72

out proceeds of £105-

received from him, and

which he advises me

I am to forward to you.
as a contribution to "the Howard University" to found Scholarships for Colored Teachers, will you kindly acknowledge receipt to him and to me. Same Sir,

With great respect,

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]

[Address]
Bainville, Ohio

Feb. 18th 1869

Dear Sir,

I have a very pleasant news from Cleveland about a friend of the Amherst. I quite appreciate it.

Mr. Potter, brother, called to see me twice or several others. I did not see the man, means to have looked him up. His name is C.Chandler, also to visit yesterday to see Cleveland & East Cleveland.

The town council works (Morning, Thursday)

Do you remember a young man, a boy, who was used to come around with A. G. Myers at West Point - Clark, Bitman, the Movers, North South Street. He kept, Mr. Chamberlain, Cleveland. He made me his guest at the hotel. I wrote my official letter yesterday & as from A. Clark,

left for this place. Here I found an

invitation from the Seminary (Child of Mother)
and coming Diggie are well. The inaugural
comes right. Mr. Johnson has 13 days more.
of reading then retirement to the shades of
privacy life in Greenville, Texas. I do not
wish to be left. I do wish my country
well. I have fallen into a pleasing
opinion here and do wish you were here to
break up our quiet happiness. My garden is
smaller as known but one feels free in one's
own garden and happy. They heard
them all about our visit as well.
Miss Jones came from that place to this
where she is too young. The letter you
sent to human to much care. I
responsible now she does the work
well and the sunshine will not bother him.
Think Dracous would like this place. The
rooms are very neat and comfortable. Everything
must denote the for young ladies.

Appreciably, darling. I hope you are well.

helpful. Happily, lovingly, Your, June Otis