



St Louis, Mo.,  
March 1<sup>st</sup> 1869.

Dear General,

On my return from Louisville and Cincinnati I found your letter and a paper containing the synopsis of a lecture in Cleveland, for both of which, I believe, to be indebted to you.

Your information regarding the Howard University building material sets my mind at rest on that point, affording me the greatest delight to hear that no pecuniary interests were the motive

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in using the stone.

I have now had a clear  
 idea of what this stone  
 is made - only believe  
 that it is somewhat similar  
 to Ramon's patent (English)  
 Concrete stone - A mixture  
 of material and good work-  
 manship should make  
 a durable stone, which  
 will stand almost every  
 change of temperature and  
 weather. Surely there is  
 no reason why a wall  
 which is built of a material  
 offering no more resistance  
 to crushing than a soft  
 or soft brick should fail  
 if the work is done properly.  
 The Concrete stone I have  
 seen just as sound and  
 hard as a natural stone.

the only defect appearing  
after very rapid changes  
from warm and wet to  
cold and dry. - The  
silicate of lime binds the  
sand so thoroughly that  
a hardness equal to lime-  
stone is attained which should  
surely resist all effects  
of temperature and moisture  
along the Atlantic coast,  
I did not comprehend  
the bearing of your remark  
that there was too much  
alumina used in preparing  
the stone, unless it was  
added to a lime mortar,  
or rather <sup>to the</sup> lime stone before  
burning to form a hydraulic  
artificial mortar.

Not sufficiently posted  
as to the composition

of the building blocks  
and unable to judge  
its merits, then certainly  
can be no better evidence  
for the quality, than the  
fact that your own house  
is constructed of the same  
stone.

Thanking you for the  
information, I remain

sincerely yours,  
T. A. Mays

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Washington, D. C. March 1<sup>st</sup> 1869

My Dear General:

He bears, Mr Ed<sup>w</sup> Spaulding  
desires a note from me to you.

I first knew him in Hospital  
at Harwood, sick, a member of the  
5<sup>th</sup> Maine Battery. When he became  
able he was appointed a clerk there  
and performed his duties well.  
I believe him to be a faithful  
and trusty man and  
that any aid you may give him  
will be well bestowed by you and  
I know, duly appreciated by him.

Very truly  
Yrs.

W. L. Eaton

To Maj Gen. A. A. Howard

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Genl O. O. Howard  
Washington D. C

Dr Sir - A letter rec<sup>d</sup>  
from Peoria Ill desires that  
your effort for them be cancelled  
for March 19<sup>th</sup> they having been  
unsuccessful (pecuniarily) in their  
course this season is the reason  
they give.

Yours Truly  
Geo S. Tubut  
S. A. W. S. S

Rec. C. S. Vol. 1. 69  
Dubuque Iowa  
Mch 1<sup>st</sup>. 69.

Robert, H. L.  
Sec. A. N. S. Soc.

Appointment to  
Lectures at Peoria Ill.  
~~has cancelled~~  
lectures at Peoria  
Ill. Mch 19<sup>th</sup> 69  
is cancelled

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Tarrytown N.Y.

March 1. 1869

Gen. O. Howard  
Washington D.C.

My dear Genl.

My very excellent and  
much loved friend and pastor, the  
Rev. J. B. Thompson, wishes to go to  
Central Europe in the Consular  
service of the Government.

I do not at all know your  
views or intentions concerning the  
use of your influence with Genl. Grant's  
administration, but I commend Mr.  
Thompson to you as a Christian  
Gentleman, of high scholarly  
attainments, and in all respects  
capable, and if you can aid him  
in his present object I shall esteem  
it to be a great personal favor -  
At all events you can meet

each other on the common  
ground of Christian brotherhood  
and fellowship - You are both  
active and zealous workers in the  
Lord's vineyard, and if it chances  
that you cannot serve him in  
the Consular matter I shall yet  
be glad of this opportunity of  
making you acquainted with each  
other.

I need hardly say that  
Mr Thompson is furnished with  
the regulation petitions, and  
recommendations, but in addition  
he has some really excellent private  
letters, which are, to my thinking,  
exceptional, and take his case  
out of the ordinary political category.

With kindest remembrance  
I am, my dear General,

Faithfully yours,

J. M. R. Bacon

Where is Perry Lu?

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ROCHESTER N.Y.

Rochester March 11 1869

General A. C. Howard  
Washington D.C.  
Dear Sir

Now your of about hand. We can not  
procure a hall for 27. We can have it on Monday  
or Tuesday of some week or on Wednesday but  
the last is not so favorable on acct of meetings in churches.

If you can possibly come on either of  
the evening named please telegraph to  
Genl. Jno. A. Reynolds  
Main St.

Rochester N.Y.

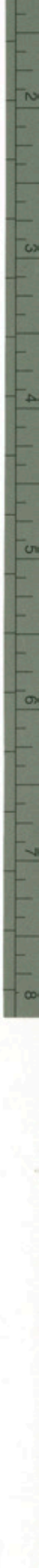
If you can not come at that time could you come  
in April after the 8<sup>th</sup>.

Yours Truly

Thomas J. Morgan

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Washington City - March 4<sup>th</sup> 1869

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard.

I feel that an apology is due  
you from me - for the trespass I made on your valuable  
time between one & two o'clock - A. M. last Saturday.  
I had heard you spoken of as a "Philanthropic Christian  
Gentleman" - then again the reverse - I form my  
own opinion after seeing a person once -  
I did not call on you (as I informed you) to ask  
favours of you - but merely "a few questions" on  
a subject for future consideration & perhaps  
legislation - when the Country becomes more quiet  
& settled - I did not come to Washington to see  
you but to place my two children at school  
near here - Thinking you were a brave man &  
would talk kindly to me I called to see you  
But alas! for my "Great Expectations" I  
got abuse

trying to get back to their country & not their homes. They  
as red Evil to them me. I dislike to speak of such  
& seems now particular ly since you tried in as you  
said - "The brave are always generous" to a fallen for -  
woman as I am I would not war on a helpless woman  
& child - a widow - or phan - of one who although  
he ought on the side opposed to you "was as brave"  
as the brave & him as the brave who won the Gray"  
His life he gave thus for a cause he believed just & right  
& honor the men who ought from principles on either  
side & not from partiality - partial & prejudice  
allow me to say just such feelings of animosity - as  
you exhibited towards my family & my self through  
our late brother's love - You are prejudiced & do  
not know to use our claim as - & I don't think you will  
you speak as if you thought it is in this case to be a  
low thing - "I am a Cavalier" & I am permitted to say  
descended from Cavaliers & slave holders - The best sons  
of the South have shown on seven Emancipation of us & of

instead of kind words from the "Philanthropic  
Christian Gentleman" He seemed to think the  
war was still going on & he had found a  
"Bugged Hut" in ambush from the way he  
brought his "distilling" to bear - on only a woman  
& child -

"When the remnants of the "Belt Guards" (who were  
the Color Company of the 9<sup>th</sup> Geo Reg) was  
surrendered at Appetoman with Gen Lee's  
Army - "The war with me was over" & I had  
sense enough to fully comprehend &  
"accept the situation"

"Fort St Fidelis" I did my duty - during those four  
long years to my Section & people - I even the  
Northern prisoners could tell you of some kind  
mess received from Mrs Belk (the Post) Perhaps  
the three escaped prisoners from Ansonville  
are still living that I gave the last mouthful  
of food I had in my house to - two days after  
you had me pillaged & burnt out - They  
were in my power - I could have had them  
captured & turned over to "Whelan Cavalry"  
but I felt sorry for them - they were helpless  
unarmed & almost starved & they were

the people of the South are to  
be governed

Kind suggestion - "Why did not you throw  
yourself & children into the River & get rid  
of yourself - we don't want you"

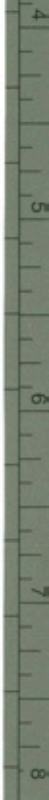
When "Yorquin" <sup>the</sup> "Trowl" was asked which was the  
best mode of governing, a "Conquered people"  
he replied by beating down with his staff all  
the tallest poppies in his garden - Suppose  
your plan was carried out of exiling entire  
minoration every one - man woman & child  
who fought or felt for their Nation State  
South during the war - Who would pay the  
taxes so stringently collected from the  
South - to help pay the debt of the U. S.  
If I am not mistaken \$70,000,000 was the  
amount we paid in 1847 - for the privilege  
of raising cotton - after hiring our own Capital  
the emancipated Colored Ladies & Gentlemen  
if it proved to most of us a right dear  
privilege & you ought not to abuse us -  
you I think you need a portion of our  
"Gifts" to carry out your "Philanthropic"  
"Utopian" it should be called) idea of



"Fraternally" "Equality" of every race God  
ever made - except "The Indians" & the true  
freed Sons & Daughters of the South -  
They should be exterminated" so you say  
I believe it is Langstaff who says - "Equality  
- is one of the most consummate scoundrels  
that ever crept from the brain of a "Political  
Luzzer" A fellow who thrusts his hands  
into the pockets of honest industry - or  
enterprising talents & squanders their  
hard earned profits on profligate - idle  
ness or Indolence & Stupidity". If all men  
were on Equality - the consequence would  
be all much perished - for who would till  
the ground? Who would sow it? Who would  
plant? John son says "so far is it from  
being true that all men are naturally  
equal that no two persons can be truly  
an hour to gether but one shall acquire



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superiority over the other" for instance you  
lost your temper at the sight of a Southern  
woman who was truthful & did not stoop  
to flatter & enrage you. While she was  
"Master of the Situation" stood calm & composed  
(I could have repeated if she had condescended  
to do so) every epithet of abuse you hurled  
at her & her Native State.

"I stand alone. They that are blest may fear"  
& I am no coward. Kind men can lead me  
but words of hate & spleen such as you  
spoke to me on Saturday - "assume me"  
The study of man kind is man. Shakespeare -  
Loyes - "All the world's a stage" & in my  
humble opinion you did play the  
"Small Great Man" to perfection when  
you "strimmed" with "only a woman"

Mrs. Carlston. Bell.

G. Geo -



WAR DEPARTMENT,  
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,  
Office General Superintendent Schools,

Washington, Dec 1. 1869

To  
Major Genl O. O. Howard  
Com. &c.

General

I have the honor of saying  
that after the examination of  
at your request - of Johnsons  
new Atlas, I am satisfied  
of its excellence - and value  
as the latest work of its kind,

Our library can hardly  
do without a copy, which - if  
found will permit is re-  
spectfully requested

Very Respectfully  
J. W. Adams  
General Superintendent Schools

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Office of the Secretary of the Board of Education  
Washington, D.C.

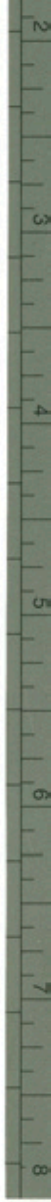
Washington, Dec 1 1890

Very truly yours,  
James

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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your report of the progress of the work of the Board of Education for the year 1890. It is gratifying to find that the Board has accomplished so much in the way of organizing and conducting the public schools of the District of Columbia.

Be it therefore ordered that the Secretary of the Board of Education be and he is hereby authorized to issue a certificate of appreciation to the members of the Board of Education for their faithful and efficient service during the year 1890.



(Private)



Louisville Ky

March 2/69

Genl O O Howard  
Washington Dc

Dear Bro,

I was called here by Genl  
Runkle - I was absent  
from home when his letter came  
& when I arrived there he was  
gone

I learn he has gone to Washing-  
ton with ~~charges~~<sup>draft</sup> of our building  
- proposed building - and to  
ask for Seventeen thousand  
dollars for that building.

Now General I must be  
careful. General Runkles visit  
to our place & zeal for it has  
already gained for us four thousand  
- and dollars; for his statement to

It is that "12 thousand dollars  
have been appropriated"

And if Genl. Runkle will  
up for us a good building that  
would free us from care.

But I do not feel that we  
ought to let 5 thousand dollars  
sink into pockets that will not  
benefit the cause of education.

We have had estimates made  
in Kentucky & in Ohio - in some  
places we can erect that building  
for less than 12 thousand dollars.

We can do so and take our  
down sash & flooring, corn  
baskets from Louisville, of  
thoroughly seasoned timber.

We have the rock for foundation  
on the ground - also all heavy  
timber can be furnished there.

We have two Parsonages near  
owned by one of our trustees & by  
another who is a friend.



We have the line near by.

If 12 thousand dollars shall be appropriated we feel there we could erect the same building — just as good & save 5 thousand

of all material shall be prepared in Louisville and then carted or hauled 9 miles over a dirt road the expense will of course be more ~~expensive~~

Also I learn from Mr Edgar Needham of Louisville that the man who has made estimates for Gen Runkle is a man who is in the habit of making large estimates & then of making small demands. Mr Needham is a very reliable Christian man — Assessor for the Government

Our committee including a carpenter resident there, and one from Woodstock I'll advised me that if Gen Runkle desired

to turn over the 12 thousand to  
and let us build the house by  
all means accept the sum and  
we will put on a tin roof and  
plaster finish all in good  
order. Then if some ten  
thousand shall be granted we  
shall save five thousand and  
get purchase from Louisville  
seasoned lumber so far as  
shall be necessary

Now if Runkle shall see  
that I am interfering he will  
be angry and that will be the  
last I will get through him  
and \$125 ought to be paid on the  
work done in camp Nelson

The school there is doing well  
an increase of 96 pupils within  
two months - will increase yet  
more - But we must do right  
though the Hearnes fall  
Yours John G. Lee