St Louis, Mo.
March 1st 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

in using the stone.
I have never had a c
idea of what this st
is made - only believe
that it is somewhat si
to Ramon's patent (En
Concrete stone - A su
material and good wo
manship should ma
a durable stone which
will stand almost eve
change of temperature a
weather. Surely there
no reason why a wa
which is built of a u
offering no more resist
to crushing than a sa
or soft brick should fa
if the work is done p
The Concrete stone I h
seen look as sound a
hard as a natural st

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 limestone 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 to the lime stone before burning to form a hydraulic artificial mortar.

Not sufficiently posted as to the composition

of the building block
and unable to judge
its merits, then cedar
can be no better evide
for the quality, than
fact that your own h
is constructed of the
stone.

Thanking you for th
information, I remain
sincerely yours,

T. A. Meyserd

OFFICE OF

National Freedman's Savings and Trust Company,

No. 472 Seventh Street, opposite the Post-Office,

Washington, D. C. March 1st 1869

My Dear General:

The bearer, Mr Edw Spaulding desires a note from me to you.

I first knew him in hospital at Harewood, sick — a member of the 5th Maine Battery. When he became able he was appointed a clerk there and performed his duties well. I believe him to be a faithful capable 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.

D. L. Eaton

To Maj Gen. O. O. Howard

Dubuque Iowa Mch 1st 69

Genl O. O. Howard
Washington D. C

Dr Sir — A letter rec'd from Peoria Ill desires that your appointment for them be cancelled for March 19th they having been unsuccessful (pecuniarily) in the venture this season is the reason they give.

Yours Truly
Geo S. Tarbell
Sec A. M. E. S

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Dubuque Iowa
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Torbert, G. L.
Sec A. W. L. Goe.

Appointment to
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~~be cancelled~~
lecture at Peoria
Ill. Mch 19th 69
is cancelled

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Tarrytown N.Y.
March 1. 1869

Genl. O. Howard
Washington D.C.

My dear Genl.

My very excellent and much loved friend and pastor, the Revd 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 Gen Grants 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
Lords vineyard, and if it chances
that you cannot serve him in
the Consular matter I shall get
be glad of this opportunity of
making you acquainted with each
other.

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

With kindest remembrances
I am, my dear General,
Faithfully yours,
John R. Bacon

Where is Perry Lee?

Rochester March 1869

General O. O. Howard
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 26th rec'd. We can not procure a hall for 3rd. 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 evenings named please telegraph to

Col. Jno. A. Reynolds
Maine St.
Rochester N.Y.

If you can not come at this time could you come in April after the 8th.

Yours Truly

Thomas J. Morgan

Washington City. March 4th 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. P. 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 favors 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 about

trying to get back to their loved Northern homes. They asked God to bless me. I dislike to speak of such scenes now particularly since you treated me as you did. "The brave are always generous" to a fallen foe. Woman as I am I would not war on a helpless woman & child. A widow & orphan. Of one who although he fought on the side opposed to you" was as brave as the bravest & true as the truest who wore the Gray. His life he gave freely for a cause he believed just & right. I honor the men who fought from principle on either side & not from fanaticism hatred & prejudice. Allow me to say just such feelings of animosity as you exhibited towards my daughter & my self brought on our late disastrous war. You are prejudiced & do not know or understand us. & I don't think ever will. You spoke as if you thought it a disgrace to be a Southerner. "I am a Southerner" & I am proud to say descended from Cavaliers & slave holders. The best sons of the South have shown on seven generations of us &

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

When the remnants of the "Belle Guards (Who were the Color - company of the 9th Geo Reg) was surrendered at Appomattox with Gen Lee's army - "The war with me was over" & I had sense enough to fully comprehend & "accept the situation"

"Tout et Fidele" I did my duty - during those four long years to my Section & people - & even the Northern prisoners could tell you of some kindness received from Mrs Belle (the Rebel) Perhaps the three escaped Prisoners from Andersonville 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 "Wheeler's Cavalry" but I felt sorry for them - they were helpless unarmed & almost starved & they were

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kind suggestion." Why did not you move yourself & children into the Rhine & get rid of yourself — we don't want you"

When "Joaquin the Proud" 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 extermination every one — man woman & child who fought or felt for their Native 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 1867 — for the privilege of raising cotton — after hiring our own Capital "the emancipated Colored Ladies & Gentlemen" & it proved to most of us a right dear privilege) You ought not to abuse us — You & think you need a portion of our "Tithes" to carry out your "Philanthropic" ("Ah to pian" it should be called) idea of

"Fraternity" "Equality" of every race God ever made - except "the Indians" & the true hearted 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 Juggler" A fellow who thrusts his hands into the pockets of honest industry - or enterprising talents & squanders their hard earned profits on profligate idleness or insolents obtrudity" - If all men were on Equality - the consequence would be all must perish - for who would till the ground? Who would sow it? Who would plant? Johnson says "so far is it from being true that all men are naturally equal that no two persons can be half as from to gether but one shall acquire

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

"I stand alone. Those that are blest may fear" & I am no coward. Rudeness can lead me but words of hate & spleen such as you spoke to me on Saturday — "assume me" The study of mankind is man. Shakspeare — "All the world's a stage" & in my humble opinion you did play the "Small Great man" to perfection when you "skirmished" with "only a woman"

Mrs. Carlton. Bell.

Z. Leo —

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Office General Superintendent Schools,

Washington, Mch 1 1869

To
Maj Genl O. O. Howard
Comd, &c.

General.

I have the honor of saying that after the examination, at your request, of Johnson's 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 funds will permit is respectfully requested.

Very Respy
S. W. Alvord
Genl Supt Schools

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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 Washington with ~~drawings~~ chart of our building — proposed building — and to ask for Seventeen thousand dollars for that building.

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

Me is that "12 thousand dolla
have been appropriated"
And if Gen'l Runkle will
up for us a good building that
would fit us from Cam.
But I do not feel that we
ought to let 5 thousand dollars
slink into pockets that will
benefit the cause of education.
We have had estimates made
in Kentucky & in Ohio - we are
sure we can erect that building
for less than 12 thousand dollars
We can do so and take our
doors sash & flooring cris
backetts from Louisville of
thoroughly seasoned timber
We have the rock for foundation
on the ground - also all heavy
timbers can be furnished there.
We have two sawmills nearly
owned by one of our trustees & by
another who is a friend

We have the lime near by.

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

If all material shall be prepared in Louisville and then carted or hauled 9 miles on 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 Gul Runkle is a man who is in the habit of making large estimates & then of making second demands Mr Needham is a very reliable christian man — Assessor — for the Government

Our committe including a carpenter resident there, and one from Woodstock Ill advised me that if Gul Runkle desired

to turn over the 12 thousand to us
and let us build the house
all means accept the sum and
we will put on a tin roof and
plaster finish all in good
order. Then if seventeen
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 learn
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 Heavens fall

Yours John G Fee