Brunswick, Maine
Mar. 3, 1869

My dear Howard

My former letters have told you the members (of the Class of '50) have engaged an artist to paint your portrait. My last was sent to inquire when you would be at home or at liberty, to sit for it. Your clerk replied that you would be in Washington again about this date. I suppose therefore you are now at home—this is the time at which the artist had decided to go on to W. I write to ask whether it will be convenient for you to remain in W. long enough to give him the necessary sittings.
Please reply at yr. earliest convenience, so that I can write him at once. The artist is Mr. Willard, of Worcester. I have given him a note of introduction to you. Possibly, he may have gone on already—possibly he may have gone on already to be present at the inauguration. If so, he will be ready to go to work at once—if I trust the sittings may not seriously interfere with yr. public business. The sitters are very cordial & unanimous in their desire for the picture. Please give my kind regards to Mrs. Howard. In haste, yr. friend. E. Sewall
Seawall J.S.

will do request

to remain in Washington after March 18.

L. give Mr. Williard the Antiquus, the necessary settings to make that picture.

Rec March 5
Pittsburgh, March 3, 1869

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Genl.: 

Your valued favor of the 1st inst., is just received.

My hurried visit early in January to New York & to Washington, to neither of which places could I really afford to go, was solely to secure the employment temporarily of Mr. Mitchell. To my great surprise & satisfaction, they went further than I desired it at all, & I thought they would go; they were evidently impressed with Mr. M. & on my announcement, engaged him in some mission work, at a regular Salary (I believe $200 per month). He is mainly engaged about Philadelphia, stirring up the churches to increased zeal in the work of raising, & particularly with reference to the work of missions among the freedmen.
He is making many valuable friends and doing a really good work, and his influence worth is becoming more apparent daily to his new employer & associates.

It is all fitting him for greater usefulness when he may be needed in the Harvard University.

I am exceedingly busy & I think likely to do well with the Insurance. Dr. Woods feels much encouraged about my prospects: so do Dr. Hussey & Mr. Shaw.

In great haste.

Yours very truly,
Mr. T. Fidelini

At the suggestion of Chap. Hunter & Mr. Wm. Thomas, the war averts Caledon soldiers from being likely to have a majority of the colored people's vote, this view not of the Myl family. Mr. Ch. sends me talk of the colored people in a hundred words.

Have not a nine.
Mr. Langston is about

Adventures in Rome —

Then I say — He is

Both intellectual like a

White man, — Judge

And a Roman. But the

Choice of a country

in this century

To much for his words

about the poor whites.
Portland March 3, 1869

My dear Sir,

Your letter of July 27th. to receive, I think that I did not make myself understood in my letter to you. I was aware that the department of which you are the head is fast being closed up, and did not suppose that there would be any place for my son in that department. My idea was, that you would, after closing up your present duties at your assigned to some important command, and that you would require some officer to make up your staff, or such other service as is needful. It was in your new command that I hoped to find a place for Charles.
It would be very gratifying if this could be done. I received a letter from him yesterday saying that the regiment (the 9th Infantry) was ordered to Dakota Territory, and would probably leave there Augustine some time six weeks. This fact makes me doubly anxious. The hour gap I should be if he could be transferred to you in some way, to prevent his going off so far and to incriminate a country. You need pardon me if in my anxiety I seem to be pressing my desires on you. I had thought of writing to Senator Heselden for the signal, or better, to ask their attention to the matter, to see if they could not get him in some duty about Washington or nearer than Dakota, as a great many officers have been detailed of late for duty in the Signal Corps.
but I think upon reflection that your influence will be all diff
scent. And if you will interest
yourself in his behalf you will not
only place me under great obligation
to you, but relieve me of much
anxiety. I shall hope that in long
a place may be found for him
under your immediate command,
this is what he has greatly desired
ever since he entered the sea service.
You may remember that he ap-
plied to you for a situation then, but
you at that time having no Main
troop under your command could
not take him.

dear sir I should be
very glad if you will as soon
as convenient give me your opin-
ion as to the prospect for the future.
If you think any situation could
the resources for him in that quarter.
Your most respectfully, M. Landais
New York 229 Broadway,
Rooms 28 & 29,
Mar. 8, 1869.

Dear Sir, When the late Prof. S. S. Bowker was soliciting subscriptions for Lincoln
(now Washburn) College, Kansas, he obtained your name for $100.
It is not marked paid. Prof. B. died a year ago. This book has just been put
into my hands. I'll send excuse my calling your attention to the matter with great.
reluctance. A man who has given so much to his country ought not to be asked for $100, but I suppose the Trustee expect me to look after all these subscriptions. If you choose, you can remit me the money. I have been greatly interested in the matters affecting your Church in Washington. I need not tell you that all my sympathies have been with you or your Congress. I am glad you have been virtually not formalized.
You will be glad to learn that Washburn College is prospering. I have every reason to be satisfied with the progress it has made during the four years of its existence. The college society, in planting Wash Coll- 
eses all over the West, has done a mighty work. These institutions have already sent out 2,000 regular graduates. The society means to push its work to the Pacific Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico.
It is a work that
patriot must do-
more. The college
society, the Am. Ed.
society, the Am. Home
Miss. society, the
Am. Miss. Association,
& the Am. cong.
union are the five
grants which, so
far as we Con-
pagotinalists are
concerned, must do
our heavy work of
construction & re-
construction - West &
South. - In a word
I must see you; I hope I
may ere long have that
pleasure.

Very cordially yours,
H. L. Buellfields.
366 Smith St
March 3rd 1869.

Dear General,

Mr. Brown assumed me last night that a ticket for Mr. Smith's should be due at you this morning. If not received, please let me know.

Very truly,

Yours, John Bailey
Huntsville, Ala. March 31, 1860

To Gen. Howard

Nov 2, Sir,

The U.S. Soldier has

a constant struggle with murderous stu-

pidity. Here am I with a box containing

a pair of blanket, 200 lbs. clothes, tin plate, & a few

other things which are absolutely necessary to

me. I am expected to leave them behind &

go to Atlanta etc. with what I can carry

in my knapsack. Having fifty dollars with

behind me, it is hard. There are two years of poor

diet & battle with consumption, dysentery etc. etc.

My time expires, will show by 7 o'clock to

keep pelting through the press all the doll

doll'n devils in the Army until it is made

fit for rational being.

I commenced in Huntsville Advocate

but the printers are careless & illiterate.

calling Northerners Germans & treating out west.
Reverend Mr. Williams, Rome, Ga.,

advised me to apprise you of my intention to teach in the South when discharged.

If my box cannot be allowed to accompany me, I must of course draw more articles than I have with me, to make up for the place where it is lost when discharged.

So if you hear of any post where a public soldier should be useful in teaching on week days, holding religious meetings on Sabbath, please to keep me in mind.

I was intended for the pulpit but never felt confidence enough for it until battered about by jail and in the Army.

The Rev. Mr. Williams, Rome, Ga.

R. R. Porter, Atlanta, Ga. will know of my whereabouts when you want me, as shall Rev. D. J. D. McConnell, Red Bank, N. J. for I correspond with all these also with M. Q. Christian Young Men's Association, but the readiest correspondent I have is B. F. McRae, Sr., Merchant, Rome, Ga. The 33rd Rev., is broken up.

I have the honor to be your most obedient servant,

P. H. Marquand

Co. E, 33rd U.S.C.
Boston, Mar. 4/69

Gen. O.O. Howard,

Dr. Sir,

In the course of life's journey it becomes my fortune to have occasion to ask your kind assistance in a matter of considerable importance to me just at present, as well as the coming administration. But before speaking of this subject, you will allow me to present our family congratulations in relation to yourself—your prosperity—your position—your acknowledged services & a reputation & character that has fully won the affection of your thousands of friends. Were I to review & dwell upon the past as both you & I well know it; were I to go back twenty years, to our school-boy days & refer even in formal words to those hours of pleasure & application, I can but think that a melancholy sadness would find its home within our hearts and we might truly realize the beauty of those words, "God moves in mysterious ways and the whole of life is a perpetual miracle. Happily the man who from the height of prosperity or the valley of adversity can bless the hand that..."
bestow the blessings, or kiss the rod that chastened
As for myself, I will simply state, well knowing that you will be happy to know my
own success and will also sympathize in any succeeding adversity. For the last eight yrs. I have been in
the practice of Law in Boston with fair success. During this time, living unmarried and very economically,
I have earned and saved something. But misfortune came upon me, and took away much
of that I had saved for the past five years. This occurred last year. Still continuing my business
at which I do make a living, some personal friends intimated the propriety of my asking
Secretary Mr. Culoch, my father's pupil many yrs. ago, for a Govt. appointment, hoping to obtain
one which might bring me a profitable income. When
Portsmout, Maine Dept. & Mr. Relevator, upon receiving letter
from father spoke to Mr. D. Culoch & Mr. Hartley another
of father's pupils I am told, that the appointment of militia
or guercher come on, & after fulfilling my bond I obtained
my Commision. Yet I am not assigned to duty
a power yet in the Secretary's hands. The position
is a good one, very good income, if only one could be
assigned to a good place, without which it is not
worth anything or scarce anything. My appointment
in Thos. & Cong. District. As I have not been assigned yet to duty, I wish to retain my position or rather commission with the coming administration & soon get assigned. And I want to go to East Cambridge, to a place now held by Mr. Regulay, which he informs me he shall soon retire from.

Thus you now see my purpose in addressing you - more appreciating your influence with the powers now & soon to be, & hoping through you to retain & get assigned, & also to receive a decent income & repair a little of my past loss. Nor have I thought, but that the relations of the past with both myself & my kind Father & our mutual family friendships would also induce your kind consideration in my behalf. I need not say, however, that while I would prefer to remain in Boston on account of being near Maine friends & of course I should not decline a more prominent or still important position, should the Govt. really need my services - there being a scarcity of office seekers!!!

Permit me again in closing to congratulate you on your part - to hope for your future & to trust that the same characteristics which have thus far marked your course, will attend you through life - I am Sir Rush,

and with kindest wishes Seth Co. Burnham,
No. 8, Tremont Street, Boston.
I trust you will pardon a word further. Of course Mr. Sumner voice is all-powerful in Mass. appointment. I have thought that through you of Mr. Morris, new member from Maine, Mr. Sumner might be informed as to myself and my respected Father's life-long devotion to free-soil principles, being among the only fifteen who supported Mr. Sumner at the polls when on the Presidential Free-soil ticket, who has stood firm--while Rev. J. C. Lovejoy, a former editor of Liberty Standard has proved recreant to former principles--become a summer as well as democrat & held office for now more ten years!!! In view of this, or more particularly my family's record, I have thought his (Mr. Sumner's) aid might be enlisted in my behalf & be given instruction to Mr. Barbour, Supervisor of Mass. with whom I have had an interview, to favor and assist me in my desire. Mr. Barbour is Mr. Sumner's appointment.

I know that with the acquaintance of Mr. Reisendien, my Father's classmate, Mr. Hamilton...
his & my personal friend, Mr. Mordei & others, formerly his pupils, now in line at Washington, I ought to have some influence, sufficient at least to obtain a moderate position in Govt. employ. But I hope you will pardon my request in relation to my own interest. May I trust your aid in this matter by granting, I assure you of the kindest acknowledgements of your schoolmate,

S.C.B.

P.S. I forgot to mention that your cousin Miss Tolbot (Sarah) occupies a seat quite near me in church - how strangely things move on in the course of years!