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My dear General,

Your words to me once were like those of an angel of God. So great was the consolation they gave me in the death of my dear father. Very, very sorry am I that this evening I am obliged to preach at Peoria and deliver a charge to a church.

This will be handed to you by Mr Duffield - who will also hand you a copy of a rare pamphlet on a rare occasion in which perhaps you may take some interest.

Gratefully & sincerely
Yours in Christ,
George Duffield

Galesburg Ills 18/69
March

Oxford Ohio March 18th/69

Gen. Howard

Dear Sir

I see by Harpers Weekly that the Howard University of Washington is crumbling away. for the last 12 or 14 years I have made a cement for roofing for my self, this cement did not crack in cold wether but run in the heat of summer a little, last summer I was called upon by some of my neighbors to assist them, I found I could make a cement that would not run more than lime mortes and I should think could be applyed to the walls of the University the principal ingredients are Coal tar & Gravel, I put something in the tar to make a body that makes it dry, and is durable I have no patent, but have not let any one into the full secret I have taken the American Missionary

for many years, but have not been able to contribute much to the Association.
I helped nominate James G. Birney for President. I can refer you to Levi Coffin of Cin. and C. B. Camp a Hatter New York & Whitlaw Reid late of the Cin. Gazette but now of the New York Tribune Mr. Reid knew me when he was here at College and Rev. R. L. Stanton D.D. President of Miami University, Oxford Dr. Stanton wifes mother lives in Washington & he is known some there.
I have been poor all my life and have been kept back by being a Stammerer, I was a going to look round to see if there was any thing made like mine to turn water, I have not seen any thing in Cincinnati like it.
If I could assist to stay the crumbling of the University wall I should be happy to do so
I have a Brother in Boston Mass. D. N. Haskell Editor of the Transcript When a boy I knew Wm. Todd of your City. yours truly

Enoch Haskell

N. B. I am acquainted with Prof. Cooper of New brunswick N. J. College

Boston, Mass., March 18, 69

To Major-Gen. Howard:—

General,—Should you require the services of a Printer in the Department to which you are ordered, I would be most happy to serve you in that capacity.

You will, perhaps, remember my name as having had charge of the printing-office at the Freedmen's Bureau Headquarters, for some eighteen months.

Respectfully yours,

Charles Leadbeater.

30 Sharon Street.

Omaha

March 18 [1869]

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My dear Aunt

I am so sorry you have resigned. You take with you the grateful remembrances of one man whom you have extended many kindnesses - please let me know if you may still retain your part legislation - You owned the payment of the rent of my School House for the year up to Dec next & depending on it I have made engagements - it has been paid promptly up to now but Feb has not been paid up to this date 15 of March If with all your other cares it will not be too much trouble will you communicate to the kindness of your successor - I have seen some of the attacks upon you in the papers but you have been

strongly hotter for them that –
I hope you will be able
to drop me a line that –
me know the real state
of the case what have you
resigned for – I had a
long talk with Col Lowe to
day who is your sincere
friend – & I like him much
Yours very truly –
A Former Pupil

Mr. Geo. C. Adams
Ohio

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~~J. R. ELVANS, Pres.~~

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Washington City Savings Bank

WASHINGTON, D. C. Mch 18th 1869

Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir:

Mrs. E. M. Stanton has failed to pay her note ($200.) held by us & endorsed by you. Please attend to the same at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly
J. A. Ruff
A. C. Zimmerman

Care of BUNTING BROTHERS,
Brokers in Iron and other Metals,
112 JOHN STREET,

(P.O. Box 4501)

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New York, March 18 1869

My Dear General

I have never yet asked for the letter you were so kind as to offer to give me after one of our heaviest battles, (Chancellorville, I believe) but having determined on applying for a position of some kind under the present administration I beg to be excused for trespassing upon your time now. Being no politician I rely entirely upon my military record to aid me in my purpose, and have very flattering testimonials from Genls. Meade, Hooker & others. I am convinced, however, that a letter from you either personal to Genl. Grant or a General letter will prove of greater service to me than all else beside. Should you be kind enough to accede to my wishes I shall esteem a very great favor and be ever grateful.

I should call on you in person but I shrink from mixing up in Washington with the horde of office seekers who are boring the life out the President and his cabinet.

Having been for years, before the war, a merchant I am flattered with the being competent for most positions requiring business tact energy and integrity.

Having a wife to take of, and business being dull I desire something fixed for a few years until things begin to move along as of old.

With best wishes for your success in your new sphere of duty

I remain very Respectfully

Your Obt. Servant

Jos. Dickinson

late Bvt. Brig. Genl. & a.a. Genl. A.

To

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard

Washington

D.C.

Dover, N. Hampshire
March 19. 1869.

Maj. Gen. Howard.

Dr. Sir.

By the Papers.

I see you are ordered to the command of the Dept of Louisiana. I have a son stationed, in New Orleans. in the 6th Cavalry Henry B. Mellen by name. I wish to recommend him to your notice. and beg you, if you have favors to bestow, think of him. To you, I am a stranger but, I am a Mother. & anxious for the prosperity of my son. who I know is as honest a man, as our President & as good a Republican. The first favor, I would ask, to grant him a furlough, if consistent with the interest of my son. He was ordered from "California", to this station, I have only seen him once within twenty years. To beg you will pardon my intrusion.

I remain Yours truly. Mehitable S. Mellen

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Dubuque Iowa
March 19th 1869

My Dear General

Some two or three weeks ago I had the honor to address you relative to an application for my appointment as Collector of Customs for the Port of Ogdensburg N.Y. my native place, stating my reasons for desiring the appointment and soliciting your influence as far as you might deem proper in my behalf. As I have heard nothing from you on the subject I presume you have not received same. I am desirous of the appointment for two reasons, one of which is that I may be near my mother in her last days which can not now be many for she is nearly Seventy, and

the other on my own account pecuniarily and because I believe I am as much (if not more) entitled to the office as any of the half dozen scheming old politicians who are trying for it on the ground of having served the party. I served the Country for four & a half years and you know pretty well what some of that service was. I wish General you would in conjunction with Generals Logan Sherman Rawlins & Dent & Hon^d W B Allison & P Banks & Wm Wheeler members of Congress, favorably endorse my application with such recommendations as you think I deserve. If you had time to see the above named gentlemen in person and confer with them about it it would greatly augment my chances I am sure. Mr Wheeler MC from the Ogdensburg District has some and will have more, strong endorsements of me from prominent republicans of the district and if you will only take it upon yourself to lay the whole matter before Genl Grant or Secretary Boutwell I shall feel quite certain of success.

I know I ask a great deal more than I should or have any reason to but do so believing that you will assist me all you can. Your kindness on this as on all past occasions will ever be gratefully remembered by

Truly Yours &c

Saml L Taggart

late Lt 2d NYAAG

Army Term

No 215 Fulton St, New York,
March 19th 1869.

Major General O. O. Howard:-
Washington, D.C.

My dear General:

I see by the newspapers that you are soon to leave Washington for the South, and that consequently I may not have the pleasure of seeing you for some time, I therefore take the liberty of asking you for a favor.

You are aware that when I left the Army I returned to the practice of my profession in New York and have so remained up to the present time. My long absence, of course, had lost me nearly all my old clients, which together with the continued depression of business, rendered it very difficult indeed to make more than a bare living. I was advised long since by my friends to solicit an Office from the late administration but as I could not conscientiously endorse Mr. Johnson's policy I declined to ask any favors from him or his supporters. The same reason, thank God, does not apply in the present case and I have no hesitation in approaching President Grant.

I am now growing old, with the prospect of a

A. 217 Water St. New York.

March 19th 1869.

Hon. Thos. G. Stewart,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Thomas:

Yours of the twelfth that you are now in Washington for the last time since this country was born, I have felt it is my duty to write to you, I therefore take it kindly if nothing up to a late hour.

You know that while I left the Army I retained the honorable of my position in New York and have an income in it the business. Why long otherwise, of course, but we are not rich, which together with the natural influence of business, serves to keep without which it is not our due in the long I have advised long since by my friends to return to office from the last resignation but as it would not consistently embrace the Secretaries of not only have this in mind the same reason, think that we are slightly on the board are not I have no hesitation in offering this at least.

I am more pressing at the request of a

family growing around me and I have resolved to leave New York and immigrate to the far west — probably to Montana where I have some friends. In going there I would like, as the best letter of introduction to have some subordinate appointment under the General Government. I do not desire a lucrative office, and I am perfectly willing and able to serve the Government in the future as faithfully as I have endeavored to do in the past. Will you assist me in this matter? I am so little conversant with the routine of such affairs that I hardly know how or to whom an application is made. I would go to Washington but I presume that your City is over-crowded with applicants and I do not wish to be confounded with the ordinary herd of Office-seekers.

Should you have a few leasure moments to spare I would feel deeply obliged by your giving me your advice and opinion. I would not trouble you in this matter but unfortunately (for themselves) most of my personal friends, even some who held high position in the Army are Democrats, to whom I have always been opposed and from whom I expect no favors.

Hoping to have the pleasure of hearing from you soon.

I am, General,

Very respectfully,

Your obt. Serv.

James E. McGee.

Late 69th N. Y. Vols. (Irish Brigade)

Albany March 19, 1869

My Dear Sir.

I duly receive your letter of the 11th. in reply to my invitation to be with us at our Anniversary. As you are so kind as to say you will consider my invitation further, and intimating a possibility that you may be able to accept, I am encouraged to hope: and I write now to renew my invitation, hoping that you may now find it consistent to name some Sabbath in April, when you can be with us.

Our School is a Union Mission, one of the oldest in the City, and our Anniversaries have usually been interesting, and I am sure, while your presence with us on the occasion would add greatly to its interest, you would yourself be blessed and interested, and would not regret such visit to Albany. Still hoping, I remain.

Your obt. servt.
Edwin Sabbord

Genl. O. O. Howard &c

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Mr Howard

The appeal for almost any kind of help for the colored people in Washington met my eye in the Hartford Courant, based as alleged on the personal observation of a Lady previous to her return to that City, and reference was made to yourself as one who would be willing to take the trouble of receiving articles well disposed off. It had been my design to avail myself of the chance of making a prompt renewal of the manner in which my mind is exercised in the matter, and the difficulties both in motive & liberty in the way of acting upon them, but it pressed upon my mind to send them articles to-day, and beg permission to write again most respectfully

Clarissa L Pitkin