New York, May 25, 1869

My dear General,

I paid you here with a copy of the address I wrote I hope. Please read it remembering that it was the first official report of the excellent E. H. Peirce made to the public in regard to the Freedmen.

I have not been at the University for a week.
Stowe Memorial Society.
Boston, May 25, 1869.

Gent. O. O. Howard:
My dear Sir:

I cannot expect that you will remember me personally, as I have had occasion once or twice to communicate with you regarding the free schools established by this society at Richmond, Wilmington & elsewhere.

We should like your advice now, upon a matter relating to similar sets.

On a visit to the City Harbour National Cemetery lately, I found the grounds in charge of an intelligent Negro, just freed, placed there by the government. I asked him if his children went to school, and he said no—that there was no school within four miles, and that chiefly no black children.

He said himself that there were, in their immediate neighborhood, fifty or more children
Who ought to go to school.

If there are as many as there in that desert, it seems as if near each of the National Cemeteries, at least as many, some isolated the place.

I conceived the idea there of the establishment of a Free School at each Cemetery for the Children of the neighborhood. The Board of Directors here have given it some form.

By the appointment of sensible teachers, who had not outraged the feelings of the neighbors, but who would maintain a true religious and loyal influence, it should become the presence, by the side of each Cemetery, of an intelligent man or woman, who would be a just judge to see that the graves of the dead should be respected, that visitors should be wise and kindly received, and that the rising gravestones among the battlefields should prove something of the Eternal principles which conquered in the war.

On the other hand, of course,
the balance of general considerations would induce us to establish our schools, not in wildermpses like to many of the battle fields, but in large towns.

I am instructed to ask you how the plan I have sketched for feeling and judgment. If an officer like yourself thought such a plan feasible and desirable, I should be very glad to go forward to carry it through.

Our plan would be, wherever the neighbors of the government would supply a suitable school house and such a ground, that we would furnish a proper teacher, say for four months in the year. We believe the old New England system is a waste, except the time system in such localities. We would also, provide, so far as was we defray the requisite school books.

I shall be greatly indebted to you if you will consider these crude suggestions, and give us the benefit
of your experience and observation. I cannot have no difficulty in spending our money in the charities and the education of the large farms.

Very Respectfully yours,

Edward E. Hale
Majr. G. O. C. Howard.


I am about proceeding to Pekin for the purpose of ordering a Division of Native Troops into the Imperial Forces. To intimate soon acquaintance with Mr. Howard's able appointee Ambassadress to Pekin. Chen, some of your influence are so that Gent. to bring official character sum as not to disturb such a letter in view of His Holiness, Nisstit. Please allure to the fact, chief of my 20 years residence in Asia during the Chief part of which period I was engaged in military pursuits. I organize a Division of the Cabul Army, as the Artillery, Armour, then follow them in European discipline. Let them fill Tartary across the Caspian, Dem like, fought in the Battle of the Poonah, on the Mahrmer's Army of Cabul terminating a successful campaign within seven months. I was also in the Military Civil Service of Bengal. This Peace of the Punjab, Northern India for a period of seven years in the Service. Command a Brigade of all Arms at the same time Civil Governor of Hyderabad District in the Himalayan mountains. I am of the German, I commenced my career in India as an Army Surgeon in the South East India Company service during the first Burmese war on the conclusion of which I received an honorable discharge. I am familiar with the Persian language, which I can, relatively, perfectly write and with the French language so extended used throughout Europe. In China the community of Parsees or Mara Ascendzyers are a Scotland Remnant of the Ancient Parsees.
Permits of followings of November. They are always found in the maritime city of China engaged in Commercial pursuits. Unusually, perhaps, a thorough knowledge of the languages of the countries where they have become domiciled. This fact will enable me to be of service to our Ambassadors in effective a Secret and Confidential Means of Interpretation to all districts from the Corrupt Medium of Translation derived through the medium of Chinese interpreters. It will enable me to approach the great value of a Confidential Means of strict lateral construction wherein the medium of an interpreter may be essential to Diplomatic success. Should the Ambassadors feel at liberty to give me the station of Interpreter upon their Staff, or otherwise place me in his Office in the character of some Secrecy Agent it will at least secure a free passage to my destination at the same time secure a prestige in the China Community which will promote my object. With many apologies for the intrusion of my affairs upon your notice, I am, very respectfully,

Your most obedient Servant,

Joseph Hartley

Lake Is. Cal. P.O. U.S. Col. CADELY

Formerly General’s Commandant and Chief of the Cabinet Army and aide de camp to the Amelie de Malmhaus,

and nowCOL. FROM B. LOCUST M. PHILADELPHIA.

P.S. A reply is solicited at the earliest convenience of you. Howard, Respectfully.
San Francisco, May 25th

Genl. O.O. Howard

Washington, D.C.

My dear General,

I wish very much to have a copy of the Report of the Committee on the Conduct of the War, and as I fear Senator Cole he left Washington, would like you to have a copy mailed to me, if it will not give you too much trouble.

There have been errors published already.

Cousin Roland was thoughtful enough to send me a copy of his notice of Cousin Warren.
I was very thankful to hear from it. I made a notice for the same here from Balboa, as he had a great number of acquaintances here in this state.

We were fortunate enough to be able to see much of him when he was here just before leaving for the East. The last time, he spent about 10 days with us at St. Cro.

We are all very well. We hope to be of great benefit to you. My love,

Addie Martin.
Personal.

Office, Superintendent of Education,

Nashville, Tenn., May 25, 1869

Br. Maj Genl. C. C. Howard,

Commissioner, Bu R. 4th A. L.

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to request a favorable consideration of the accompanying application for authority to rent quarters for myself at his station and respectfully state the following reasons not embodied in my official communication.

Within the past two years I have broken up my household—
in consequence of orders involving change of stations—four times, and each at a pecuniary loss incident to the sale and repurchase of furniture of not less than two hundred dollars and once by shipwreck my loss was nearly one thousand dollars.

In the recent change of station from Raleigh, N. C., to Nashville, Tenn., it being impracticable to transport my private horses so great a distance, I was subjected to a loss of one hundred and ten dollars in residue.
of one whiles I shall in all probability be charged with the transportation
of the other from Raleigh, N.C. to Baltimore, Md.

I have made full inquiry and find that to leave myself
and family at the Barracks beyond the City of Nashville, Tenn.
so far distant from my proper place of business, will involve an
expenditure for myself and the care of horses, in the City, which in addition
to my regular current expenses, will entirely consume, if not exceed
my present pay, to say nothing of the impracticability of a proper discharge,
under such circumstances, of the duties connected with my office.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant.

[Signature]

Brig. Gen. U.S. Army
Dept. of Education
New York, 26 May, 1869.

My dear General,

Capt. Sladen's note referring to an invitation for you to address the "Selmore Memorial Organization" was received this morning. I find in calling on Mr. Bourne that your letter declining to give the address was only received.

Sient: Gov. Woodford
accept the service.
Mr. Bourne desires
to apologize for his
neglect in not reply-
ing.
Yours very truly,

Edward Smith
Dear Sir:

My father, James Wilson, has made application, or I have, for him, to be appointed a clerk in the Interior department. He has the recommendation of his entire congregation at delegation of the certificate of Mr. Jones, that he has but one clerk from his district in all the departments of the Interior Department, earnestly requesting this appointment to be made.

There are no clerks from his state in the city, and the city is about making his appointments - as it is today it will continue until it completes the appointments to commence the first of June. As it were called to his attention, I feel certain my father will get his appointment; if not, I have fears that it will be overlooked.

I have never asked a favor of you though you have in some way been kind to me, for which I thank you, yet this kindness induces me to ask of you that you call on Governor Cox tomorrow and ask him...
to make this appointment, if consistent with his duty, hear what he may have to say about it.

My father is a man about 57 years old, received a liberal education, writes a better hand than I, is a member of the Society of Friends, and a man he can depend upon for honesty & integrity. He has always been a Republican, but his three sons into the army, last two, one falling at the head of his company in a cavalry charge.

He is not a broken down back who has to get an office or starve. He is not rich but has retired from the active, hard labor in which he has been engaged all his life. He does not desire to sit down and fold his hands. I confess I am desirous on account of my desire wish to have our family united that he should come here. There are none of us left but the parents & myself left.
If you will be kind enough General to do this for him his appointment made among the many appointments to be made I shall feel very grateful. If I shall fail in this I shall feel that the great, almost the greatest, disappointment of my life has or will have overthrown me. If they come here it will give me a home and done one to live with love and care for me, none of which I have now, without which life is robbed of the most of its sweetness and pleasure.

I am to tell yours,

Thomas Nelson
Boston, May 28, 69

Genl. O. C. Howard.

Dear Sir,

I take the liberty of writing you to ascertain if possible the address of a much valued friend from whom I have not heard in some years and of whose whereabouts I think it not impossible you may be informed. I speak of Mrs. Clara Barton formerly connected with the army of the Continenal. If you could give me her address or put me in the way of ascertaining it I should esteem it a great favor.

Accept, Sir, my sincere regards.

Very Respectfully yours,

Char. B. Newcomb.
Dear Sir: This is a true statement of my case you will see I have not made mention of all the battles although I was up to the time I was wounded. My Regt had been 10 Regular engagements, I received a slight wound at Bull Run, and was hit 4 times at Gettysburg but only one ball entered which I Coy today. I met my Co. a letter from Capt MacNeil of my district in Ohio and some good news here. Please let me know when I could see General Opy and when you Scherwick will return to Washington.

I am sorry Respectfully

Yrs H. Frank

No 4 St. Paul, Minn.
Gen. O.C. Howard,  
Washington, D.C.,  

May 10th,  

Dear Sir,  

At the suggestion of my father, I take the liberty of asking a favor at your hands. Before I proceed to make a brief statement—Since the close of the late war, I have, to the best of my abilities, assisted in trying to place our State in the Union. For this office I have been thrown out of employment and to-day could not obtain from any Democrat in our State the most menial position. I have a wife and two children to care for and appeal to you to assist me in getting any position north, east or west whereby I can discharge my duty as husband and father. I have a great desire to leave the South and care not where I go, only desire to be located in a portion of our country.
Where it is not a crime to be loyal to our Government—

Hoping, Mr. Sir, you may give me your assistance and with respect from
My father (Jacob R. Davis)

I remain, Respectful
Your Ott. Sgt

William R. Davis

P.S.
I have applied to Hon. Jacob Martin’s 6th Auditor of the Treasury Dept. for a position as Clerk. With your assistance I may meet with success.