and closed my mouth and then left me to struggle on alone and unaided.

There was a slight difficulty about the time the school closed with some of the boys about working on the Normal School farm. They behaved badly and were abetted by some persons unfriendly to me and the school. I shall be glad to explain the whole matter to you when I see you.

I know of no boy or girl that withdrew from the School. I dismissed them, for the want of money.

Hereafter we shall go upon the original idea of independence of the Commission. If I am for school aid, I have no fear of want of success. Our Board see their error and will correct it. We shall be free.

I have given you a simple statement of fact and shall be most happy to answer any questions or give you any information.

Your faithfully
J. Benton Smith,

Recd June 14th

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Raleigh, N.C.
June 10th 1869

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,

My dear General,

I have just received your letter.

I know nothing of rumors but the facts of the case are simply these.

When I began my work, in connexion with the organization of the Normal School, it was upon a perfectly independant basis, so far as the Commission of our Church was concerned, that is, I appealed personally and directly to our clergy and laity for help, and was met with sympathy and liberal aid. Last fall the Commission proposed to our Board that they, or rather I, should make no applications personally or directly and that they would give us a certain sum of money for the year. Contrary to my wishes our Board accepted the proposal and the Commission promised us one half

P. S. The business portion of your letter is very satisfactory.

of what we asked for. We asked for six thousand dollars and they, after keeping us waiting three months for a reply, agreed to give us three thousand dollars. It was too late for us to make new arrangements for the year and we were forced to accept it. Shortly after the arrangement, Dr Bellette, the treasurer, died very suddenly. This threw the Commission back. At the time we should have received at least twenty-five hundred dollars of the money promised, we had received only four hundred dollars. I had been able to carry the school on with twenty six boarding scholars until about February, when finding no recovery then and expected, I had to go in debt. I went on as long as I could and, at last, despairing of aid in any reasonable time, proposed to the board that the school should close a month earlier than usual. They consented and the scholars left. If we had had funds they would have remained a month longer.

In my agreement with the Commission, I was not to make any application for help. They tied my hands

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Department of State
Washington 10 June 1869

Dear General

I will with pleasure forward to Mr Howard the letter enclosed in yours of the 10th instant.

Yours truly,

J. C. B. Chew
Chief Clerk

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard
&c &c &c

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Fort Ransom N. D.
June 11th 1869

Genl Howard

My dear General

I see by the papers that Col Edgar W. Dennis, Judge Advocate has resigned. May I ask you, as you were so kind as to give me a letter recommending me for that position, to go to the War Dept & President & call his attention to the fact that ~~my~~ letters recommending me for that position signed by yourself Genl Butler, the entire Maine Delegation & the Hon Wm D. Kelley of Penn. are in the Department & were handed in by Mr Fessenden. & of course they just as much or little in my favor as you think best. Thankful for former favors I remain,

With respect & Esteem
Your Friend & Servant
Henry G. Thomas.

P.S. Even if you think too much trouble ask the favor for me as it will serve to keep me before this mind as an applicant.

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ROOMS OF THE AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION,

26, CHAUNCY STREET.

Boston, Mass., June 11, 1869

Maj. Genl Howard

My dear Sir:

I have yours of 9th — and certainly the platform which you declare as the basis of your University is broad enough. I have doubtless been misinformed in regard to the purpose and spirit which prevail in its managment. It will give me great satisfaction if in any way we can cooperate with you in

it. and I hope that some of us may be able to accept your invitation to visit the Institution.

Meantime let me assure you that, even if it had been as I supposed when I wrote before, we should have had no disposition to complain, and should have rejoiced in the good work you were doing even if we had not altogether approved the way.

I am very truly yr

Charles Lowe

Sec. A.H.A.

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Louisville, Ky, June 11/69

Maj. Gen'l O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

A Convention is to be held in this city on Thursday the first day of July next, to promote the cause of Education among the Colored people. The Convention will be composed of teachers & other friends of the great cause, and it is expected that there will be a large attendance. It is most earnestly desired that you may be present and deliver an address on the occasion. The friends of Education feel that your presence and words will be invaluable and they do most warmly hope that

you will be able to comply with this request.

With greatest respect,
Your friend & obt Servt
John H. Heywood,
in behalf of the Committee

John H. Heywood,
James Speed,
S. H. Robbins,
Henry Adams,
H. J. Young,
W. H. Gibson

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Washington. June 11th 1867.

Gen O O Howard.

Dear Sir.

The Commencement of Lincoln University & meeting of its Board of Trustees occurs on the 16th. Rev Dr Sickey has written me, that the best way to reach the Institution, is via Balt Central RR. A train leaves Baltimore at 7, 5 A.M. & 2.30 P.M. As the latter is the only one we can make connection with from Washington, and as it will necessitate the spending of a night in transit, Dr Sickey request me to say, that it would be a great gratification to him, to have you spend the night at his house.

Very respectfully & truly Yrs

John Chester.

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Mr. O. D. Wetmore
presents his compliments
to General O. P. Howard
and begs to thank him
for his courtesy in
sending the pamphlet
on relation to the
"Howard University".

Washington D.C.
June 12th. 1869.

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time I shall be obliged if you will send me my son a letter such as you will feel disposed to write such as I am sure will benefit me—

Yours faithfully
H. A. Smalley

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Washington D.C.

Confidential

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Box 2564, P.O. New York, June 12th 1869

My dear Howard—

I wrote you a note last week, requesting a commendatory letter to the President or Secy of State to be filed, in support of my claims to a "1st Class Consulate," with my other letters at the State Department.

I have been promised a place so soon as a vacancy occurs such as I wish to fill—but I know the importance of keeping my claims constantly before the Dep't, that they may not be overlooked in the pressure

for place & I know of no
way in which my case can
be better brought before the at-
tention of the powers & more strength-
ened than by a letter from my
most distinguished classmate
expressing his interest in my
success & his belief in my fitness
as well as in the value of
my services & patriotism in
the war & since. You
know there is no class, character
& fitness being equal, who are
so well entitled to public em-
ployment as the Soldier or Sailor
especially if from the Military
or Naval Academy — for their
training from youth has been
such as to close the ordinary
channels of profitable business
in civil life & leave them the
barren profits or bare subsistence
of the public Service — hence
the West Pointer out of service
is peculiarly a subject for
Executive notice. This I think
is felt by both Gen. Grant &
Sec'y Fish & I believe I am
a favorite of both to a certain
extent. I shall sail for
Europe the last of next week
unless Mr. Binnell restores me
to my position in the Custom
House, until I get my Consular
Appointment — and before leaving
I wish to send your letter as
a final reminder of my ap-
plication & the promise made.

So if you can find

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NATIONAL METROPOLITAN BANK,

WASHINGTON, 12 June 1869

My Dear Gen.

I have arranged to let you have $5.000 for 60 days as proposed some days ago if you need it.

I have also, further and definite information as to the Isherwood matter – Can you not call for it in a day or two and oblige

Yours truly

Moses Kelly

Gen. O. O. Howard,
Present.

My twenty fifth year of
Presidency over this school
has just had a pleasant
close, by my old students
presenting me a teaser
and other articles, to the
amount of $ 800 –

Most Sincerely
I pray the Lord to prosper
you in your great and
good work.

Yours Most Respectfully
H P Tomey

Major Gen. O O Howard,

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Kents Hill. Me. June 14, 1869

General Howard.

Dear Sir,

I must heartily
thank you for the friendly and
kindly appreciation Expressed
in your letter of April 26.
you are pleased to say. "If
an opening shall occur. I shall
surely get you here. in some
capacity. if you will come"
In reply allow me to say
there is no man living. whom
it would give me greater
pleasure to serve, than you,
nor any work that I better
love, than that in which you
are engaged

(over)

I have been very much vexed and ashamed to see lately, in some of our state newspapers, a notice that you had called me to the presidency of your university. If it were true, I should exceedingly dislike the publicity of it. A friend of mine, was invited to the editorship of "The Independent", and declined. I asked him, if he declined on denominational grounds, remarking that I had had some correspondence with you and your brother with regard to a place in your university, but telling him distinctly I had not been elected, nor invited to the place. This must have been the origen of the report —

(Over)

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Central Tenn. College Nashville
June 14th 1869

Maj. General O. O. Howard, Comm. Bureau

Dear Sir

The work of erecting the buildings of our college has been so far completed that we expect to dedicate them more formally on the 27th inst. We would esteem ourselves happy indeed could we hope to enjoy your presence, and hear words from you on that occasion.

We have before us most flattering prospects for usefulness, and whatever success we may achieve, we recognize as due, to a great extent to your large and generous sympathy with us in our work.

I remain

Your Obedient & Grateful Serv't

G. H. Hartupee

Pres't

C. T. College

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Fort Davis, Texas.
June 14th 1869.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard. U.S.A.

Maj. Dear Sir.

Your very kind favor of the 27th Ult. came duly to my hands. May the Good Lord bless you & yours. And the Branch of Lion. For which your tears fall; and your prayers ascend. Yea the Lord will certainly bless you, and your Brethren in the good cause. Though, the good Lord, may not send his Angel, to inform you, that your prayers, and alms, are accepted in his sight, as he did to a Captain of a hundred Soldiers, in times past. Yet, you have the precious promise, that the Lord, will bless every sincere effort, put forth in behalf of the Gospel- especially, when the Gospel is to be offered to all persons, freely, Jew & Gentile, American, European, Asiatic, or African. All true believers, in the blessed Jesus, to be invited to the Lords table, in the true spirit of Christian fellowship.

Gen. Merritt, our Commander (in the absence of Gen Hatch) and the officers, are very kind to me, and have subscribed liberally to build a Chapel, for the worship of God, in this Military Camp. Most of the Soldiers here, have also given some thing, according to their ability, and very cheerfully. We hope the Chapel, will be ready for us in two months, or less time. For the present, We have divine service, in the General's Parlours, Every Sabbath, at 10½ A.M. The officers & their families, and some of the families of the trading Merchants attend, and are, thanks be to God, very attentive. At 1½ P.M. I preach to the Men near the Hospital building, in the open air, in a beautiful spot under the trees. about one score of Colored women, most of them the wives of the soldiers, are with us, and are a great help to us in singing Gods praise. Both Men & Women, have excellent voices. And the Echoes of Gods praises, are heard on the tops of the Mountains all arround us. I never had a more attentive and a more interested Congregation, the Good Lord be praised. In the Evening we have a good prayer meeting. They have all heard of General Howard, the Christian General. Please Excuse this long Epistle. with gratitude for your kind interest in the welfare of the 9th Cav. & of my humble self. With kind Regards. Yours. M. J. Gonzales Chaplain. 9th Cav.