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538 L st. between 8th & 9th
Washington City. D. C.
June 22nd 1869.

Dear Friend

Will you call at our boarding house on Thursday Morning when you come into the city? I shall be at home until 1 o'clock, I would like to see you very much upon a private matter, and if I could get out to see you, would not ask you to call, but it is a long walk this warm weather. You will find our number at the top of the page.

Respy Yours
Mrs. B. F. Winslow.

Gen. O. O. Howard.

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Washington D.C. June 22nd 1869.

Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your kind invitation to join your, Bible class, and will attend with pleasure

Yours respectfully.

Ella. M. Rand

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Rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association,

CORNER OF NINTH AND D STREETS,

Washington, D. C., June 22 1869.

Genl. O. O. Howard
Pres. Y. M. C. A.

Dear Bro.

At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Managers held last evening the following resolution proposed by Bro. A. J. Pratt was unanimously adopted.

Resolved: "That the thanks of this association are due, and are hereby tendered to Genl. O. O. Howard for his action in providing the necessary funds to meet the pressing obligations of the association, incurred in the erection of our new building"

Very respectfully
Wm Lamborn
Rec. Secy.

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Washington June 22 1868

Gen. O. O. Howard

Sir

we take great pleasure in inviteing you to deliver an address before the Sons of Liberty on munday June the 28th at 3 Oclock whitch will take place at the Park Surrounding Howard University

Yours very respectfully

Joseph Brooke
President

Thomas W. Chase
Secretary

(Copy) Harlem June 22d 1869.

Harlem June 23d 1869

General O. O. Howard

Dear friend

May I enclose to you and hope that you will read the copy letter accompanying this?

I have sent a copy to Collector Smith, to Marshal Barlow, and to a friend in the Tribune office to show to Mr. Greeley (not publish of course)

— I send this to you as the best way to post you up in our news. The Col. is doing nobly — just as I hoped. The Revenue will be increased; frauds are checked and rogues feeling dreadful; and vile political gamblers chafing at the want of glorious opportunities they expected for helping the rogues and themselves at the same time.

Ever yours faithfully

Edgar Ketchum

this district the Republicans knew each

Dec 16 informing
an association

the surfer will their doom of extinction come.

I have from habit and love of the cause been hitherto contributing, but now see clearly that the power of such leaders must be broken, or the party will go to pieces. They must not be supplied with money. They must be shorn of their ability to dispense offices. They must be expelled from their rulership.

I will resist and expose these men to the best of my ability. I will not give them money, or votes, or countenance. I defy their malice and will go right on in the line of duty quite sure that their time is short and that I, or others, will see their fall and casting out just as we have seen the fall and casting out of other conspirators who had far more of position, and power, and hope of success than they ever had.

I am as you see quite in earnest, but I am none the less

Your fellow Republican, and friend,

(signed) Edgar Ketchum

(copy)

Harlem June 22d

Hon: James W. Welsh
Chm. Finance Committee.

Dear Sir,

I have your letter of June 16 informing me that the needful expenditures of the Republican association of the 21st District New York City in prosecuting the elevated purposes of the party invite voluntary contributions from its members. And kindly saying that I had been ever among the foremost in advancing those purposes, you also say that a contribution of material aid at this time will be serviceable to the cause.

Your name, your kind expressions, and your allusion to the elevated purposes of our party awaken strong feeling in me; for I have had a warm regard for you through many years, and the party found in me a member full of hope and of devotion from its birth. In days of darkness I stood with it as under Providence the means by which slavery and its tool the false Democracy were to be destroyed, and my country saved a Republic and made the joy of the world. They were a few that were resolved upon resistance, but they were determined and self denying. The grand object called for all that could be done or given, and the offering was freely made. Being without influence in the government none could hope for reward, and corruption, the bane of parties, kept aloof. In this district the Republicans knew each other and their meetings were held with as much order, truth and honor as those of a religious Society.

Years have passed. We became victor over Slavery, false Democracy and Rebellion. We hold the Government. But alas! the attainment of power has called into exercise the arts of base men to seize and hold the machinery that controls party action, and now in this district it is as impossible for true Republicans to present a candidate for election as it is for them to nominate a candidate for the support of Tammany Hall. Two or three men whose trade is politics order every thing, and whoever is not their creature is marked for ruin if they can effect it. They assume to rule every where. They hire "roughs" in crowds from other parts of the City to attend the primary meetings and they mark and number and ticket them, and falsely pretend when their votes are received that they are members of our Republican Association. These roughs go away boasting how well they were paid, and the hands of true Republicans fall powerless as they see and say that the Primary meetings are a cheat and a snare.

This atrocity has been so widely spoken of that its perpetrators have come to defend it. Not pretending to deny the fact their abettors declare without shame the necessity and fitness of it, praising <u>by name</u> the guilty parties as liberal good fellows for being so.

The corruption of the Legislature and the Common Council fills men with alarm and indignation. But what hope can we have of better things when good nominations are made impossible by the frauds I have described?

Nor is this all. Base men who so dishonestly get control of the associations arrogate to themselves the right to fill the offices created for the public welfare. They have recently in this Congressional district claimed to apportion among them the subordinate places whose proper filling is vital to the Revenue, denying to the officer charged with the duty of nomination the privilege even of reviewing the names presented for appointment saying that "<u>they</u> would take the responsibility." And they have at the same time protested against a reduction of the number of these subordinates, as "inconsistent with the good of the party".

And the evening before your personal call which preceded your letter, in a large meeting of the association of the 21st District, upon the report of a committee raised to confer with the same officer respecting appointment to those places, a majority was brought by the well flourished cane of a chief conspirator against our common rights to adopt most unjust and improper language towards that officer, first prohibiting an inquiry of the committee toward compelling a confession that they had called on him but once, and then had been requested, for accuracy of understanding and report, to communicate with him in writing, for answer in like manner, which they agreed to do, and yet never did, though making such report.

The gross wrong of this act was apparent to every body, and this perhaps has hindered the leaders from publishing their poor report, although with so much effort they succeeded in carrying it. Happily there is a Public Opinion left, and they are amenable to it, and the more they creep out from their dark places the more they will be scorned and

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U. S. Patent Office.

Washington D.C. June 23. 1869

Maj Genl O. O. Howard.

Sir.

I have one hundred dollars in my possession for the Congregational Society to complete its meeting house.
It is contributed by Hon Marcus P. Norton, of Troy. N.Y.
A long time since, he contributed $100.xx - which I paid in.
Will you look on the books and see when it was. He wants a recpt from you for the $200.
Will you call on me when convenient & let me pay you the $100.?

Yrs Rcly

Thos C. Effenden.

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Washington D.C. 186

Boston June 23rd 1869

Dear Fessenden

We are trying to raise $1000, as a present to Prof. Packard at next commencement, which is his 50th year in the College. He is the last of the old professors; he has always been faithful in his vocation and is not rich. It is thought to be a graceful thing for us to do something, and I have been requested to take charge of the matter. President Pierce, Woodman, Dodge, Shepley and others have subscribed $50, each Others $25. & others $10. Over six hundred dollars have been paid in. Would you like to join. If you, please send me your amount to be added to others, and please inform other graduates in Washington to hand their subscriptions to you or remit to me.

Yours Truly

P. W. Chandler.

To Samuel C. Fessenden.
U. S. Patent Office,

June 23rd. 1869

Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

I know you are constantly troubled by applicants for employment; and I am sorry to be one of the number; but I would not, if I did not find it perfectly impossible to support myself by my needle.

Will you not Gen., be kind enough to give me something to do in any department of the Bureau?

I will perform faithfully any work you may give me, and think I can do as much as a great many male clerks.

I have struggled hard this past winter and spring, to maintain myself and children; and now my health is suffering from it.

I heard Gen. Ballock had a lady clerk; perhaps he can give me a place.

Please let me hear from you as soon as possible.

Hoping you will grant my earnest request;

I remain

Yours respectfully

Mrs. S. D. E. White

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

U. S. A.

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St. John. New Brunswick
June 24/69

My Dear friend

Since my return Mrs Hastings & myself have had sundry anxious tête a tetes as to the subject on which I had conversation with yourself. Yesterday only she said that if I wished it she would stay on this side until next Spring at least to see how it would suit her health. Now I believe she would both like Washington & enjoy good health there. The climate must be much less severe than this. I decidedly like the States & am almost sure to return even if I go now to England. But frankly I shall stay on this side yet. I write to say that if it

it is unnecessary —

Allow — whether I come or not — may prosper
~~Allow~~ your efforts & those of the Church

Believe me in all sincerity —
Yours most truly

W. H. Hastings

To Rev Jas O. Edward
Washington. D.C.

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Nash. June 24. 1869.

My Genl O O Howard

Dr Sir

Allow me to introduce to you my friend Mr Mukem, of the N. York Tribune-staff - who is now returning from the South, to make a report of what he has seen of its general condition. - and wishes to see the Supt. of Col. Schools, Mr Alvord - and also to get your view of what is necessary, for future good, - to the freed people, and the South -

If you agree with me, you will urge, that the work of Education - so far as possible, be concentrated, and carried on, through one instead of many

Associations - say, the American
Miss. Assn - John Lt. N.G. if
you please - I see great
loss in the scattering of forces.
Pardon the suggestion -
Mr Markus will explain to
you what information he
desires - and any time you
can give him will doubtly
not be lost.

Very Rapidly
J. S. Griffing.

My dear Sir: Your note of the 23rd inst. came to hand this morning at which time Mr. J. S. Queen arrived.

The donation of $750.00 is as welcome as it is unexpected and we go either into the erection of permanent buildings

or into the endowment. If possible to the latter

You have always stood most kindly and heartily by us and shall always have the right to feel that you have "a large part" in whatever success may be achieved here.

With many thanks for your most acceptable donation

I am Sincerely Yours

S. G. Fleming.

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Recd. June 2/69

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Mayor's Office,

CITY HALL,

Washington D.C. June 24 1869.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

Commr. Freedmen's Bureau,

RECEIVED JUN 25 1869 PRIVATE

My dear Sir:

In a communication addressed to the last City Council I called their attention to your claim for laying water pipes to 14th street East but no action was taken relative thereto. I will on Monday next again call up the subject and ask that it be disposed of as early as possible.

Hoping this will prove satisfactory I am General

Your Obt. Servt.

S. J. Bowen

Mayor