To the Secretary of

In the name and on the behalf of the Freedmen of Texas, numbering about two hundred and fifty thousand (250,000) souls, I appeal to the liberality of your society for a donation of such an amount of your publications as you may feel you have the ability to give to aid in the enlightenment and evangelization of the Freedmen of Texas who, it is hardly necessary for me to say are a destitute and greatly neglected part of the population of the United States.

Since emancipation, many of them have learned, and more are learning to read. Parents manifest great anxiety to have their children learn to read. Children who have learned are in many cases teaching their parents. The literature most needed is of an elementary character such as A. B. C. cards, Primers, Spellers, First Readers, any printed matter to enable the learner to begin at the lowest point of the ladder of learning and make their way up.

Our appeal on behalf of our Freedmen is strengthened by the fact that many of them in Western Texas have lost their all by an unprecedented overflow which has inundated all the Valley lands of Western Texas.
If the Freedmen are evangelized the means must come from those in answer to whose prayers, they were emancipated their former owners—whether just or not—think their loss in the money value of their ex-slaves was sufficient—and that those who caused their freedom should provide the means for their education and evangelization.

Consequently but little is doing in that direction in the South and not near as much as should be by Northern.

My appeal is for evangelical printed matter to supplement other means being employed to the end above indicated.

Any printed matter you may send—old, obsolescent or new—which (in your judgment) would be useful to the Freedmen will be thankfully received and promptly, and as judiciously as may be, appropriated. For my character I refer to Rev. J. W. Stevenson, Sec. of the American Anti-Slavery Soc., 157 Nassau St. and A. J. Barnes & Co., Publishers, N. Y. Ship to the address below: Em. E. H. Cushing. Houston, Tex., and note to C. H. Malling, 155 Maiden Lane, New York to be forwarded.

Yours truly, James Burke
The text on the page is too blurry to transcribe accurately. It appears to be a handwritten letter or note, but the content is not legible.
Republican State Central Committee,
ROOMS 122 W. BALTIMORE-ST.

Baltimore, August 2, 1869.

To Gen. O.C. Howard

Dear Sirs,

I take pleasure in introducing to you Mrs. R. N. Betts, who was formerly connected with the Freedmen's Bureau. She is a young woman with a most interesting family, and is actually in distress for the means of livelihood, having been disappointed in all her efforts to procure employment. I have thought it possible that you might feel sufficient interest in one of your old officials to put him on the track with the aid of your personal influence, to secure some manner of employment at Washington.

Yours truly,

Charles C. Fulton
Executive Department,

OFFICE SECRETARY OF STATE,

New Haven, Ct.

Aug. 2nd 1869.

Mr. Gen. O. O. Howard:

Dear Sir:

I write to inform you that I shall leave New Haven for New Bedford on Thursday morning, so that all letters intended for me may be sent to the latter place, care of Gen. Mitchell Esq. 14th Union St.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant.

A. L. Bardezo
Washington, Aug. 25, 1864.

Rev. E. Howard:

Dear Sir,

Our arrival yesterday to the battle of Charleston, has led me to read Freakey's account of it today. I do not like the in-utination that the defeat of your division was easy to sign. Yis now on your heart. If it
do not improper, I wish you would tell me just what the truth was if it is, of course you will say so. Had I not looked to set a sleeper of you last evening, I should have said good bye (did be we get) then I left your carriage. I do it now.

Yours, L. de Humbert
L. Prang & Co.

Fine Art Publishers

Washington St., cor. Gardner.

Boston, Mass. Aug. 2, 1869

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

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 3d is received, with check enclosed for five dollars in payment of bill July 24th, for which please send our receipt for same enclosed.

Accept our thanks for your benediction, and also for remittance.

Yours very truly,

L. Prang

H. Prang
By Telegraph from

Baltic August 5, 1869

Received at 374 9th St. at 4 o'clock

To J. W. Howard

 Freedman's Bureau

I will see you at Commissioner Delano's office at one o'clock Treasury Building

W. L. Conard

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Columbia, S.C.
August 2nd, 1869

General,

Dear O.O. Howard, Esq.

General,

I had the honor to recommend for appointment as a Clerk in the Bureau the name of W.B. Longer. I see that my letter in reference to the matter (which was marked personal) has been made official, very much to my surprise.

I made the recommendation after your statement to me, that the appointment would be made when the officer on duty here would make the application. I have further to state that the present Clerk is in business in this City, and among other things, he sells whiskey to the colored people, for the privilege of which, he pays a

(Recommendation)

Respectfully,

[Signature]
City and U.S. license, all of which was known to Major Weide. I do not think it to their advantage to have whiskey sold them, particularly when sold by a person to whom they look for advice and counsel, and also affected by his example.

I am, very respectfully,
Your O.F. merit.
C. E. Heye
Vicksburg Aug. 3d, 1869

Majr Genl. O. H. Howard
Com Bde R. F. & A. L.
Washington

Dear Sir,

Though a stranger to you personally, I venture to address a note to you unofficially. I have just had an interview with Capt. H. R. Peare Capt. of Education. I learn from him that some one has reported to you, that he is a profane dissembler. Capt. Peare is not a Christian. (Which I very much regret, but I have occupied the same office with him for two years, and have been quite intimately connected with him in business. For the last two and a half years, & I have never heard him utter a profane oath.) I have regarded the Capt. as a moral, upright Man. If he had been addicted to such a habit, he would have been likely to have betrayed himself at some time in my presence. I say this much as an act of justice to the Capt.

Very Respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

J. O. Bardwell
19th U. S. A.
Washington DC
Aug 3, 1869

General

If you should think fit, and had time, I would take great pleasure in giving you some private lessons in French or Spanish.

I offer my service, because you alluded to the fact of taking lessons, when I had the pleasure of seeing you, and merely write this note as a suggestion.

I remain with perfect yr obedient,

Lever Bader

Geo. Howard, U.S.A.

President Howard U.S.A.
Chicago, Aug. 4, 1869

My dear Brother,

Accept my hearty congratulations to yourself and sister Lizzie that the Lord has sent as graciously unto you in giving you another row and carrying the mother safely through her trial. I am anxious to hear further news from Lizzie. From the letter from Kitty I write of your letter to her and your letter to her, and I think there need be no anxiety about the little boy. He was doing well. But I feared for the drunkenness of one of the little boys upon Lizzie. For you it can come from her, but if you do not let it come from her, you have no fear of any great injury. But the best meeting is one where you all meet as all in Missouri and have no fear of time but the best meeting I hope.
As will be known. I am
Pongo week ago Monday talked
Chesin Mss. morning where we had
a meeting of all the Secretaries &c.
I remained there Monday night and
enjoyed the Westpoint Institute having
an excellent lesson there. There were
four children - Brice Martin - and a
wonderfully interesting woman from
Dr. West of the Foreign Dept. I
was also privileged to hear Ex-Pst.
Mr. Van Rensselaer on Pratt.
Letter (and nearly all 4 met) spoken
spoke very much to the point - I wish you could
be there some Commencement. The
letter morning came this week but
I could not recieve. Pst. Dr. West
was to write before leaving.
They the way? Why not come Mr.
Hope to see you before you settle
in Washington? Mr. Squire
something in public that
I hear. I do not believe (enough)
As letter if he would consent to
be pastor. I hope of course never
mentioned it to him and will not
Mention it to seem to think he
would be just the person.
We voted to send the Tho. Dyu.
and the Department of Howard University
If the Trustees would permit you
know we are not very liberal. I find
in Colchester for me here. Why not
name the Boarding Hall for Pst.
Robinson. I must today Robinson Hall
better than Boarding Hall and I am sure
the name was a more distinct from our
women for H. H. than Bros. Robinson.
We voted (of M. A.) to cut down on
expediting in the South from $10,000
where we expended $120,000 last year.
Compelled to do this by our accumulating debt.
Hope there will be another Pen
loan of appropriation for Education of psycho-
ment. We have finally started the
Office works in fact. and some the other can
and address it for another year.
May I have the honor of paying a few words to you this morning.

Please accept my thanks for your great kindness in giving me employment, and bear with me a moment while I express my purpose that you should retain Lieut. J. E. in your office who have no claims, and discharge one, whose claims you have more than once acknowledged.

I feel a great anxiety in referring to my voluntary work among the freedmen. It is not confined to you. It was not until all my means of living were exhausted that I applied to you for employment. A visiting agency was promptly given me. That work being completed, a person...
I again applied to you, and was kindly & courteously informed that there was no work for ladies in your department. My subsequent appointment as Clerk in the Pension was to me therefore an acceptable emprise, and for which I desire to tender you my sincere thanks.

While in the office I endeavored to discharge my duties faithfully and have a gratifying testimonial from Mr. Dunn born hence that I did so.

When all the clerks were dismissed on account of reduction of force, I accepted my discharge without a murmur but when all except myself have been reinstated my further to myself I make this appeal to you.

If there is no new work which can be sent out of the office will you not employ the bearer, Mary Balloon as my substitute, as my health will not permit me to take the long walk.

I have had several quite severe business disappointments in the last year or two which makes it the more necessary that I should exist myself for my support.

Hoping that you will consider this appeal favorably,

I am with respectfully yours

R.H. Bingham

Aug. 4/69.
Aug 4, 1869

Geo O. Howard
Washington DC

Dear Sir

I had this pleasure on 23rd ult. in a note marked "Private"—may we look for your early response to our letters as above & oblige you sincerely

J. S. Barnes & Co.
Dear Mr. Johnson,

I am writing to express my gratitude for your assistance in securing the necessary permissions to proceed with the project. Your patience and understanding throughout the process have been greatly appreciated. I am looking forward to seeing the project come to fruition.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

[Stamp]
13th Mo. Aug. 1869

Maj. Gen. Howard

Dear Sir,

On my return yesterday evening, from a visit to my friends in the Eastern part of the State, I found your letter of the 15th ult.

Mr. Chamberlain has detailed one of his aides to fill the vacancy of Maj. Gen. Pike, and to the election by the legislature in January. It was that he did not like to select one from the many applicants I do not quite understand your instructions to me. I have been of that opinion my service was not needed, and I expected to be discharged. I am

...
not decide to be detained for personal considerations, and have to allow my position to be changed. If I am of no service to the army, I certainly should be discharged.

I have supposed from conversation with you, that you must have duty for me for several months, and that I have been looking for business. I have no doubt of your not giving a situation. We must give me a living, expect me to return to it. I judge that if you promote a support in this case, I have decided upon Nothing.

In this state of affairs, of the present condition of my "Bank account", I do not propose to return, but expect to be discharged. Remember, you think it proper. I expect to return to France. Two

my son, early this month, but that I will have to return. That he was not necessary. I think late at any moment. Will you please advise me, it requires care. I have to do is, when I am wanted. There is something to keep me here, except it would be the heat of it.

I hope you that you did not make us a wrong view. It would be your to have been serious.

I congratulate you on your return to the beloved of our country. Now I can't keep you. That our Father and have been pleasant to have you go a daughter.

Mrs. de Jones in Rewards regarded a Mr. St. and family. --- Mrs. Lucy Eliza

[Signature]
U. S. MILITARY TELEGRAPH.

Western Union

17 Aug 4 1862

By Telegraph from New York 11 1862

To Gen O.O. Howard

Censor of Military

Bureau

Received first letter

Sent money by Adams Express Saturday

A. H. Ketchum

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Upon the special acceptance and agreement that this Company is to forward the same to its agent nearest or most convenient to destination only, and there to deliver the same to other parties to complete the transportation—such delivery to terminate all liability of this Company for such package; and also, that this Company are not to be liable in any manner, or to any extent for any loss, damage or destruction of such package, or of its contents, or of any portion thereof, occasioned by the acts of God, or by any person or persons acting or claiming to act in any military or other capacity in hostility to the Government of the United States, or occasioned by civil or military authority, or by the acts of any armed or other such or roused assembly, piracy, or the dangers incident to a time of war, nor when occasioned by the dangers of railroad transportation, or caused by loss of navigation, or by fire or storm, unless specially insured by this Company and so specified in this receipt. In no event is this Company to be liable for a greater sum than that above mentioned, nor shall it be liable for any such loss unless the claim therefor shall be made in writing, at this office, within thirty days from this date. In a statement to which this receipt shall be annexed, and the shipper and owner hereby severally agree that all the stipulations and conditions in this receipt contained shall extend to, and ensure to the benefit of, each and every Company or person to whom the Adams Express Company may entrust or deliver the above described property for transportation, and shall define and limit the liability therefor of such other Company or person.
My dear [Name],

I have just received your last note and am greatly disappointed that the checks didn't reach you at once. Perhaps I should have sent them by mail. As I have just telegraphed you, I sent them by Adams Express on Saturday. I learn at the Express office that they will be wanted on Saturday night; it reached Washington Sunday morning. I can't accept your offer here. I will make arrangements.
Dear Sir,

I am writing to let you know that I have chosen to settle my estate here in [city]. I have made arrangements with [person] to handle the transfer of my property. I have requested that they proceed with the sale of the property as soon as possible.

I am also enclosing a copy of the property deed for your reference. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

A. O. Howard