

If the expense was not too large. I would name \$300 per An. and board which would cost about \$125. We have told the people here that our school after the building is complete and furnished must be self supporting mainly and thus for the present year we expect them to raise this year \$300 and we will pay the balance. This they undertake to do.

Our organization is first three trustees in whom the title is invested selected from among those who contributed to the



Scottsville Albemarle Co.
Aug 15. 69 Va
Maj. Gen Howard
Dear Sir

It gives me much pleasure to report your progress in our school for colored people. Mr. Scott has been universally well received among his class and is doing a good work. The people are very desirous that he should remain here during the winter and he is inclined so to do with your permission. In this

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suggest that young
men of his capacity
and advancement
might accomplish
much in the South
as well as well there
selves in the completion
of their education
by taking a year during
their course at
the Institute for
school teaching at
a moderate compensation.
It is absolutely necessary
that the charge for
teaching be put
at as low a point
as possible. For some
years to come a
moderate education
in the teacher will
answer all purposes

and that it is not
worth while to incur
expense for higher grade
teachers. This plan
would involve a
change of teachers
every year which I
think would not
be objectionable.

The Glendon school
is receiving a great deal
of attention and
interest in the neighborhood
and the school visited
by many persons for
information in regard
to it. I am satisfied
from what I learn
that there are from
one fine points within
in ten miles where
schools self supporting
could be established

erection of the building
2^d Five residents
Trustees who have
general control in
its management and
3^d Three managers
selected from the
colored people. It
will be the aim of
the resident trustees
to throw the whole
management on
the Managers as far
as they are able to
assume it. On the
day of the eclipse there
was a meeting of
those interested both
white & colored and
managers ^{were} selected.

The floor timbers
to the house are laid
and by the end of
next week it will

he covered it. On
the first October it
will be completed.

The School now
numbers 43 pupils
and 15 more are
expected in addition
next week. It is
conducted in the open
air. Books for them
are here been provided
and are paid for
when needed.

I shall leave here
on Monday next for
home. My address after
this will be New
York where I shall
be pleased to hear
from you in reply to
my suggestions.

With kind regards to
Mrs. Howard I remain
truly
T. P. Merrick



Maugum
Aug 15/69

Genl Howard
Washington
Sir,

Yours was
recd in Wilmington, he showed
over to Col Rice - which he has
answered - I regret very much
any dissatisfaction on your
part in regard to him - He is
purporting to enter promptly
& fully on his mission, & I am
compelled to thank him & serve
the Department with credit
to himself & usefulness to our
people - He complains somewhat
that he has been overlooked by
Dr Vozle & others not interested
in the work assigned to duty -
This I regret - as I was & am



Still favorable to the D's
retention - but he should consult
his Capt & not others.

Aspirer to each their respective
duties & unless Rice "does the
work" I shall not insist on
his retention - He can be of
great service to me in this dis-
trict in advancing the educa-
tional interests of the Col^d peo-
ple - He has enemies who are
anxious for his overthrow -

I wish several schools in
each of my twelve Counties -
The people are looking to me
for them now. They should begin
at once & continue for three
months & then postpone until
Spring. The School-houses can
be built of a cheap order & an
immense attendance secured &
the Teacher only to pay - I do
insist upon it - that - come on

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Answer by the Rev.
Sept 3rd 1864.

(Rice or Boggs) be authorized to
proceed at once in this matter.
These people will receive but
little benefit from our State
system for several years & their
anxiety for learning is nearly pain-
ful. Do, my dear Sir, speak up
in this matter. All depends on
leading Republicans to set
this ball in motion, & no nobler
work can be done. My opinion
will be given in the selection
of competent Teachers. close econ-
omy in the expenditure of the
funds &c.

I would the boys I spoke
of admitted into your noble
Institutions of learning. They
are spirited, though not well
advanced. Author ^{over} Burney,
Helmington, N.C. to select so many

of the best is ever your
full opinion. & when Congress
meets in December we can
in concert arrange for the
best. I feel great solicitude
in this matter & wish its benefits
extended generally over the
Country. The opposition party
is gradually yielding to the "logic
of events" & now is the time to
begin in earnest. The col'd people
are becoming convinced of their
New Status & demand the advantage
of education etc. Enclosed
you'll please find a Communica-
tion from Mr Hunt of Wilmington
which I heartily endorse. We have
many such cases in our State -
Please to correspond with Mr
Hunt. Let me hear from
you - I have the honor to be

Sir yours truly
O. H. Doak

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No 9 Frankfurt St

New York August 16th 69.

Major Genl. O.O. Steward.

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:-

In the early part of the year I had the honor of addressing you a letter to which you were kind enough to reply, but owing either to a mistake in the Post Office or the negligence of the firm to whom care it was addressed, it did not reach me till last week. At this late hour, therefore, you will have the goodness to accept my thanks for your prompt answer and my regrets that I could not have offered them sooner.

At the time of writing I had the intention of moving to the far west, but the prolonged illness of my wife has obliged me to postpone the journey till

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Glad answer

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next year. In the meantime I have endeavored to get a situation here under the government and I ought to say without excess. It is an unfortunate fact and one that I am afraid will by and by be used against the Republican party, that in the distribution of public patronage much more attention is paid to the demands of politicians, than to the claims of those who have conscientiously risked their lives in defence of the Republic. As an applicant I was expected to be endorsed by some "prominent politician", and as I had not the pleasure of the acquaintance of any such, generally trying to attend to my own business, I was of course put aside. As far as my honorable services as a soldier was concerned I was equally unfortunate, as nearly all my immediate commanders, now alive, are I am sorry to say pronounced Democrats and in active opposition to the

Administration. I am therefore once more compelled to fall back on your good nature and to ask you for a note to Mr. Storer Gossely or any other prominent member of the Republican party in this City with whom you may be acquainted. You may not be aware that I have been a Republican since the formation of the party, in fact I was an abolitionist since I first learned to think. But I know that you can attach some thing of my willingness to do my duty as a soldier. Believe me I would not trouble you at all in this matter but that in a pecuniary point of view it is of vital importance to myself and little family.

I am, General

Very respectfully yours
James E. McGee,
Late Lt. Col. 69th N. Y. Vols.



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Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands,

Assistant Commissioner's Office, State of Kentucky,

Corner Second and Walnut Streets,

Louisville, Ky., August 16 1869.



Confidential

My dear Genl:

Your kind letter of the 13th is before me. It is more more painful than a reprimand and I am sincerely sorry that I gave any occasion for it. - I told you that I had drunk some. I could not do otherwise. The truth is Genl that drinking is in its-self wrong, it ruins both body and soul. but if I were going to drink I would not add the sin of deception. I would drink publicly as soon as privately. If I fear to offend any-one, any-being any-power it is God not man. - I never drink to excess. I ceased to drink at all before these accusations were made, and I pledge my word I will never drink again.

It is true I am endorsed by Mr. Shellabarger and many other good

men. Hundreds of these men stand ready
to endorse me now. Men who have known
me from my youth up. I can prove my
habits by men above reproach. And I
have, to them, never seemed to be what
I am not. I have erred I confess
but that I can ^{make} amends for it I know.

The charge that I am a "libertine
and gambler" is false. The charge that
I kept "strumpets in the schools after
I knew them to be such" is without
foundation. I have proven that in
my letter (official letter) of the 12. Augth.

I do not care for Reed's
charges through the papers against
Rev. Officers. We are able to fight our
battles to victory against all the
correspondents in the face of the
earth. I defy them and their slan-
derous pen. No one in this country
believes these assertions. No one knows this
better than the people among whom
we work. You can rely upon us for
this, we are able to take our own

parts, and will not hesitate to do it.
I have answered the only attack I have
seen and sent you a copy (through Geo
Balloch). If there are any more I will
attend to them.

And now for your advice so
kindly given I will take and act upon.
Knowing as I do, that for a man to
ensure his happiness in this world
and his salvation in the next there
is but one course for him to pursue
I will with God's aid be
hereafter what I ought to be.

I find no fault with your sending
your Brother here. He acted as a
Christian gentleman. I was glad to
see him. You will of course take
such action in the premises as you
deem best and I will be satisfied
therewith - and hereafter my defense
will be based upon my own strength
not upon the weakness of my enemies.
Thanking you for your letter I remain

May, Geo. O. Howard.

Truly and Respectfully Yours
R. W. R.

Answer by Gladys
Sept 12, 1869

Sir,

This was directed
to the President of the
Y. M. C. A.

All such I answer
if I can save you
the trouble. This one
I am unable to answer.

Yours

Geo. A. Hall

Emm.

Y. M. C. A.

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My Dear Sir

I often wished I had
some influential friend who would aid me.
I therefore address you this letter praying you
would in some way aid me. I have been
afflicted with the piles since I was 24 years of
age. When the war began I offered my services
but unable to enter the military service I
done all in my power for aiding and maintaining
the nations cause. Whenever I was able I attended
the sick and wounded and never charged
anything, never did a soldier pass my house
unless when he asked obtain aid. When the
battle of Gettysburg occurred I mentioned my
desire to Marshall Schofield of the 11th Corp
and he gave me a pass to the battle field
but unfortunately I was captured by the
rebels. After five days marching I made
my escape but my exposure to the wet, my
sleeping on the ground and ever since July
10th 1864 I have been confined to the house
and most of my time to my bed I can
obtain no relief. I am unable to do anything
my family all small and I unable to
do anything my loss must be 2000 dollars

I have some old coins which are family relics
I know if some persons knew under what
circumstances I was disposing of them would
pay a ^{generous} sum for them

1st is an old silver Quarter dated 1767 come
direct from the hands of Genl. Washington
handed to my Grandfather J. Beckman who
was a captain in the military service of the
U.S. States during the Revolutionary struggle
on my Mother's side,

2^d is an old Copper coin found at the Battle of
Gettysburg in the Rebel intrenchments S. West,
of Round Top whilst marched to the Rear
of Hood's 9th Army Corp. by Sgt. Summons
1 Cent dated 1803 Liberty above the Head

one older still but date unknown I have
also an English coin handed to me by
an Englishman and ~~considered it~~ ^{the manner in which he} of
considerable value. If you can find
some generous wealthy friend who
would wish these coins my circumstances
demand my parting with them

Please answer me and I can send you
the coins by express or bring them down
and such testimony that the parties
may wish and May Heaven bless you
for any thing you may do or accomplish
for me.

I could write you a long history of my
sufferings since my capture by the rebel
army and my intention of being Agent for
the Lincoln building Association was if possible
to travel for my health and secure sufficient
to consult some Eminent Physician and aid
me in maintaining my family I have but 3 hours
rest from pain a day and there for cannot
apply for any Public position

I am Sir Your Humble Servant
William Whiting

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Bellevue Aug. 16/69
My Dear Mr. Woodward

I enclose letter for
Col. G. W. Assmussen your
Chief of Staff, by which
see the arrangements.
I have been earnest in
my efforts with Northern
Genl. 2 Batta. & others etc.
We anxiously hope for
your presence as well as
your Chief of Staff.

Most truly yours

J. M. Conaughy
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He says that, soon after our last interview, he heard of the machinations & charges against him, & that, while he feared no investigation, he thought his motives would be impugned & the Church injured were he to make a public profession under such circumstances, & therefore had said no more to me on the subject. Says he has read the book I gave him, & has scrupulously abstained from participating in the drinking usages of this city & is still disposed to follow my advice.

Should he become a true Christian, he is such a decided character, so prompt & fearless in the discharge of duty, he would make his religion felt among his brother officers. Would not a word of encouragement from you, just at this time be "a word in season?" Your sincere friend & brother in Christ N. Badger
Pastor of the Church in U.S.A.

~~Private~~

Major Donnell
Louisville Ky
Aug. 16. 1869

Prof. Gen. W. H. Harrison
Washington,
D.C.

Dear Sir,

Col. Rumckle has just been in & had a plain talk with me, partly as his friend & partly to explain a matter to which I will allude directly.

And I now write, neither at his request, nor to say any thing about the gross charges of immorality &c. preferred against him — I know of no ground for them & presume he will be able to set your mind perfectly at ease in regard to them & their author — but to let you know what I believe is the true condition of Col. Rumckle's

mind & feelings in regard
to religion, that you may
embrace the present opportunity
to use the knowledge as your
judgment may dictate.

He is my near neighbor,
though I knew nothing about
his religious impressions till
last winter, when I incidentally
found out that he had once
proposed to offer himself
for confirmation, by R. P. Will-
iams of Ohio, & was still
not indisposed to converse
on the subject of personal
religion. After that I had
several private interviews
with him & learned that his
views of the Gospel were
remarkably clear & correct,
as held by evangelical Episcopals,
& that he frequently had
strong convictions of his true
condition & of his duty to God.

About two years ago he
seemed to lay open his whole
mind to me I spoke of joining
the church. I thought he
only needed a little persuasion
on my part, to make him offer
himself for confirmation. But
I abstained from advising the
step, not believing him ready,
& counseled him to make thor-
ough work in exploring his
own heart & in humbling him-
self before God, & to talk
with me farther on the subject,
offering to furnish a book
which would help him. He
promised to read it, & I sent
him Doddridge's "Rise & Progress"
& a similar work for his wife.
But that was the last I heard
from him on the subject, till
today, when, as I have intimated
above he called to explain the
cause of his silence.

Charleston, Aug. 10th 69

Aug 16th 1869

My dear O. Howard:

My dear Reader:

Please do not think that I doubted the justice of Greeley's intimating respecting your watchfulness at that time; or that public opinion, so far as I know it, gives any assent to them. It was on purely personal grounds, & because I wanted to know how to defend your fame, that I wrote you. I was almost sorry, but I had wounded your feelings by seeming to allow that the question needed argument.

You say it is of little moment in one sense, that is true, in another, not true. Your war record is dear to

the Christian Church. Christian men
like to quote it as an illustration
of the kinds of heresies, not always
combined, but they believe, always most
consistent with each other. Mr. Greeley's
remark has all the flippancy of
newspaper correspondence, & not the dig-
nity & candor of a historian. Without
the gravest reasoning, he never should
have put it down upon the page of Amer-
ican history.

I thank you for your kind message in
writing so fully & so frankly. I shall
look up Garrison. I happened to meet Gen.
Ballou on the Long City Ferry, at Scam-
mon, & had a few words with him about
Chancellorville.

Your brief line at the close about
"a call" certainly deserves some response.
I am most happy to find that my
treaching at St. was so appreciatively
received, & I believe that I see before me
a field is open here for devoted Chris-
tian work, & especially for pleasant

I would be to stand shoulder to shoulder with yourself
under the great Captain, but it certainly would be im-
possible for me to express any opinion as to my duty
in the heresies. Should I send it my duty, it has
seemed to me that I should want to live out on
Holland Hill. Will you be so kind as to write, who know them
to buy in the city; for my wife & my son; but as all
like the country; I should wish to be as situated as
to avoid the necessity of breaking up in the summer.
I am sorry to say that I found Papa sick. Charles
thinks, & so our leave is not so pleasant. I have
been trying my hand at baby-tending & watching; receive
my returns. I hope when I & the little ones are
doing well; as all are at present.

With kind regards to all,

Wm. B. Franklin



Bact. Aug 16
[1869]

Dear General

I have not
complained with the
arrangement I
registered about
the Boarding - business
because my nephew
who has the funds is
at White Sulphur
Springs -

You will see
by the papers I send

Aug. 15. 1869.

Your friend Byrd
is lying about me
now on the Cincinnati
Gazette. I wish you
would keep him
busy in the Congrega-
tional way that those
Methodist folks might
live peaceably.

I am going with
Hewlance tonight down
into Egypt - I'm sorry

studies, teach enough or lecture or
enough, to pay for my time & work,
& so relieve both the Society, which
I give credit for doing all that
they ought in their present circumstan-
ces, & myself.

Please treat the suggestion with
the same fraternal frankness with
which I make it. I know you are
a man fertile in expedients, as
well as seeking wisdom from above.
Meanwhile, believe that I shall
be most happy to see the way open
to labor with you in the Land.

Very aff. Yrs.
Aug. 18th 1869. J. R. Andrus.



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AUG 16, 1869

Charleston, S.C. W. K. H. G.
Maj. Genl. Howard:

Dear Brother,

Your kind let-
ter came as a sort of avant-
courier of the leale, which
reached me this morning. That
I am not ready to answer, with-
out due deliberation & prayer.
For, I feel that it invites me to
a step which is very important &
decisive one, both as it relates to
myself & family, & also to our church.

ices of the Lord Jesus, our Master.

The question which I want to talk over with you unofficially & as a friend, is this: How can I manage to live on the salary of \$2000.00? Here I have the same salary, & facilities for earning from \$200-500. in addition. The last three years I have earned from \$500-700. I pay only \$500. rent, to be \$700. after Jan 1st. So that I think it costs me at least \$500. a year in ^{Charleston} ^{simply to live}. Now, how can I sub-
ject myself to the losses & expenses of moving, & the necessity of pay-

ing a larger rent in N. Y. say that the expense of living is about the same - & reasonably expect to make the two ends meet on \$300.? You will give me credit for asking this question, only as a Christian husband & father, bound if possible, to make present provision for his household.

Now, it has occurred to me, that possibly there may be a department in the University, either of Sacred Theology or Theology - did you know I had been doctrinated? - in which I could easily & pleasantly, begin to bustle.



Amherst

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Aug 16, 1869

Dear friend,

I quite agree
with thee as respects
the removal of the
capital from Newbury
to. All the patri-
kian & patriotism
of the land should
unite against such
an ill-omined change.
I do not know as I
can say anything in
rhyme, but so far as
my means of influence
go. I shall do all I

cannot prove

I do not, however, believe
it possible.

I hope sometime
to have the pleasure
of meeting thee. In
the meantime let
me assure thee of
my great respect &
gratitude, and that
I am heartily & truly
thy friend

John G. Whittier

Berea College



Berea, Ky. Aug 17 1868

Gen O O Howard
Washington D.C

Dear Bro we
have, through Gen Bunkle, your
suggestion that we call our new
hall, Oken Hall.

Most of our Committee are not
scenty in this name - They do
not feel for him the personal regard
as formerly - others say the name is
not Musical &c. They prefer
to call it Howard Hall - Nothing
will prevent this except a positive
unwillingness on your part.

They will be disposed to consult
your wishes to a large degree.

They do not know that you are
positive in your desire -

Gen Bunkle may have expressed

Modesty, or desire to please
Mr. Chase you may have suggested
the name Chase Hall.

You have Howard University,
but have you any where else a
Howard Hall. That is practically
impartial ^{that represents your idea} - where the advanced
class, and an excellent class
of intelligent, gentle, young, white
men, are in about equal numbers
of ^{white & colored} filling, from top to bottom, an elegant
building - for we will fill to overflow-
ing the new building, almost
immediately, if present prospects
are realized.

If we do not call the building Howard
Hall, then the next name, most favored
is Union Hall. Personally I still regard
^{the} Chief Justice as true to the right.

I think he hoped to carry the Democracy
for equal rights to all men. Though
he meant to offer a true oblation he is to
meet, as though he offered "swine's blood" Isa 66:3

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Berea College,

Berea, Ky.

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If you come I request that you
come to my house and make it
your home — You will not
"despise my bonds" — cheap house —
we can give you a clean bed, if
not a fine chamber —

I have labored for & with the poor
and it was best for me to be so —
I could not have gained the
confidence of white men & affection of
colored had I lived otherwise.

Doors are opening to me in all
directions from white congregations
as well as colored. I could cheer
you with facts did space allow.

I am staying at home, preaching
in these open doors, reporting some facts
& trusting for aid to Berea,
Yours J. E. F.

Our building will be completed
by the 26 inst -

Ready to dedicate by first of
September, the day our ^{College} ~~school~~
will open & we begin then with
our Freshmen class - well prepared

Three of our Faculty are absent
but will be present by that time
We expect Runkle here 8 days
from this time. He will be here
but for a short time - to receive the
building. The notice would be
short for circulation, yet I know
no time so appropriate as Sept 1st
You could then visit Indiana
Kentucky - I would go with you
if necessary or best.

If dedicated at the first day of
September is the time.

What do you say -

Over

Yours as ever
John G. Lee

If it does not suit - give to Cooper
and let dedication go. I
will go on directly to
you & for me direct to
you.

P. S. Bro Pratt has
just called & thinks we make
no effort at dedication
out side of ourselves, unless you
shall find it convenient to come
but we shall desire to know your
mind (directly) about name of the
hall -

Yours J. S. Lee

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first called & thinks we make
no effort at all to make
out side of our own, but for
shall find it convenient to come
get in state down to town for
first (Sunday) about noon of the
fall -

Yours &c

Answered by hand.
Aug 28, 69.





Baltimore

Aug. 17th 1869.

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard
Washington D.C.

General,

I called at the Office
of the "American" last evening
and learned that Mr. Fulton
was out of the city and
would not return until
next Sunday. Mr. McGarrigh
who has charge of the Editorial
Dept. would not take the re-
sponsibility of doing anything
in the matter, but requested
me to wait and see Mr.
Fulton. Very truly yours, E. H. Montith

Aug. 18. 1869



William

Chap. 17000

Mr. John C. Johnson

Washington D.C.

General

Dear Sir,
of the "Garrison" has been
and named that the British
was out of the city and
would not return until
next Sunday. Mr. Johnson
has been one of the British
left over and told the re-
sponsibility of doing anything
in the matter, but requested
me to wait and see the
result.

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Aug. 18. 1864



Washington D.C.

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I will agree to do the
Guttering, Filling & Paving
on Seventh Street - fronting
Mr Wells property.

at the following rates.

Filling per yard .40⁰

Guttering ^{ft.} " "

Paving ^{and} Materials per yard^{sq} 1.60

Laborer per yard .30

Total per yard \$2.30

Which I respectfully submit
to your favorable consideration.

Yours Respectfully
Jerry Hill

