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Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear General,

The Re-Union

was a most gratifying success. There were present Officers from every Corps, Division & Brigade. And the positions of forces were marked out with much care. We propose now to fence acutely the bank of permanent implication and to that end an increase of the fund is required.

In our own State, we will obtain at the coming Session an appropriation for this purpose and are organizing to procure the same result in other States. Will you ^{aid} us, and cooperate with us in this effort?

An organized effort in each state is proposed. In which may the association have your active influence?

Will you furnish us with your reports of operations in the Battle? including Division and Brigade Reports?

We propose to collect Reports from all

General
Howard
etc etc

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Be kind enough to add your Photograph to the collections being made of Commanding Officers, also your separate Autograph.

Awaiting your reply
I am very truly Yours

D. McConaughy
Deputy & Collector

... pose you from
a monogram on the operations of your Corps, I shall feel obliged if you will furnish me with the most interesting facts, and especially all personal and special details. I should much like to have the particulars of the command of Generals Barlow, and any other Officer, and those events which are most likely to enlist the popular interest. Do this at your own convenience consulting your own pleasure. Perhaps you could by addressing special Officers have them communicate interesting facts. I send you full list of Officers. I Remain

Very truly Yours

D. McConaughy
Deputy

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General O O Howard

Kind Sir

I hope you will not be offended
at my boldness in addressing
you these few lines but
being advised to do so &
also be informed that you are
the friend of colored people
which is quite scarce in
our section of the Government
for we have no Person here
in this County possessing any
ability who would aid us
in the simplest way I have
been now for the last 3 years
trying to raise sufficient means
to have me a start of Planting
upon my homestead and
cannot do so yet I am a

I poor man but i have
a trade (house Carpenter) which
Keeps me in Slavery all the
time and i have been
trying to extricate myself
from it for 3 years and have
not succeeded as yet for in
the first place Mechanics who
are colored men do get over
two dollars per some 175
cts some one fifth Labourers
gets one dollar and fine
them selves Provisions are
up to the highest prices

Salt meat 25 cts per lb

Brist 50 cts per peck

Molasses 25 cts per quart

&c so you can see how
the poor colored people live

here White mechanics

get as high as \$5 per day
and that in cash

The Colored men gets their
proportion in Orders upon the
Stores for Provisions and if
they do not take it that way they
get no work at all & we are
compel to live and we cannot
live without something to
eat and the great cause of
it is this all the whites of
this country (Except a few)
are Democrats and all
the Colored men are
Dublicians and being true
to the principle and being
under a great obligation to
the white because we are not
able to help ourselves we will
be slaves until a change
takes place with some of us
when we can with draw our
selves from the Democrats
and be independant of

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Here employment then we will
be free and that is just my
aim for the last 3 years
I have succeeded in make 1
step towards it I have now
a beautiful homestead and
it is my desire to cultivate
it but to do so it require means
and that I have not got and
have no friends around me
who are able to aid me the
means i require I could get
it at the shortest possible notice
if I were to Desert my Principle
and gain the Democratic ranker
But I would sooner remain
in the condition i am in the
balance of my life and i
am only 28 years of age and
in perfect health and i may

live a few years yet but i
would prefer to remain in its
condition i am in it is to
try to be what i am not for the
purpose of procuring a few
dollars therefore i have
come to the conclusion of
adopting another plan and that is
by trying among strangers to
find a friend I had a
conversation with Mr C B
Chapman one of your exchangers
who stopped here a few days he
was on his way to New Smyrna
where he intends settling he
said just for the few days he
was here how badly off we are
here and i related my case to
him and he told me that
he would recommend me to
write to you and he was
certain you would assist

me in my Design
my Desires is as follows
I wish the loan of \$1300
for the space of 18 months
or as long as you can possibly
spare it upon interest of 6 per
cent if required i am too poor
to offer any more secured than
my hand writing if i could
only obtain that amount i am
an independant man but if
not i will never be
Dear General if it is
in your power to aid me
in this do so and i will
assure you that you will
never regret it
Please Answer soon
And by and Obige
Your Humble & Obedient
Servant
Edward G Francis X



I sincerely hope General you will
still be my friend and give a very
strong expression of that friendship
by putting this work in my hands

Very Respectfully Your obedient
servant

Henry R. Scobell

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Washington, Sept. 1st, 1869
Major Genl. O. O. Howard.
Dear B. F. R. & A. L.
General -

I understand
you are about erecting another dormitory
building on the University property -

I shall feel doubly favored if you will
give me the Architectural description
of this work as it will be an expression
of your continued friendship

I have worked hard and faithfully
in all that I have done for you and hoped
though there has been some differences between
us about the Hospital, that your mind
was so far disengaged of the idea of attaching
blame to me in that case that I should
again have your confidence, but by your
not giving me this work at once - I
feel that you still labor under some
mistake or misrepresentation; but if
you will give me a little of your

kind consideration you will certainly acknowledge that in every case my plans have been right even to the smallest detail and that in the execution only has there been anything wrong - and if you will candidly reflect upon this part of my services you will I know, see that it was a combination of circumstances beyond my control that caused bad effect and not a neglect of duty upon my part. I do not wish here to go into the details of each particular commission, but I think Gen'l H. M. Whittlesy can tell you that from the evidence before him in the Hospital Case - it was shown that I stood in a position where I had no right to stop the work - though I did not think it quite safe to go on, as I might break the contract to your disadvantage, and that the law is that the Contractor is responsible for the building in every way, though I would state here as I have always

said, that in this particular case, while the law would make the Contractor the loser, justice should make him good, for every one about that building meant to do their best to make it a success - but now this is all past & settled, and if you will reflect a moment, you will be satisfied that with all the misfortunes these buildings are a good deal cheaper comparatively than any built for the Government any where - and I must boldly assert - for I feel it - that it is because of the economical way in which they are planned.

I remember distinctly, the first time you came into my office - and how much that visit inspired me to do my best in every thing and especially in serving you - And, as you stated the other day "we had pulled through many hard places together", I believe we have always come out right - in the end

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that we would soon be to Atlanta your reply
 was not to make too sure, but trust to providence,
 he will do all things well, that noble expression
 was made by you, & it has seems to bear
 resemblance in my mind as yet today
 so many times it comes so fresh to my
 memory, that I believe it to be the will
 of our heavenly father, that I should
 place this much confidence in you,
 whom, was here at the time, in the year 1864 when
 our country was so dilapidate. That supplies were
 cut off from the soldier as well as the citizen, by Gen.
 Hood's Army raiding through, & robbing the cities,
 & railroads from the road, so that nothing came here
 for weeks, yes indeed, at the time, even the poor
 invalids black & white, were suffering in
 the hospitals, for the want of something to eat,
 so it was Mr. Cobb, which took that duty upon
 himself to go around & see who was suffering,
 so he approached the door of the hospital of white
 soldiers & found them in a suffering condition

Dalton September the 1st 1863
 General Howard,

Dear Sir.

I most respectfully
 take this duty upon myself, as an humble
 servant, asking a favour, of your honor, which I
 think you, by a close observation, can & will
 readily decide, over General you. I know comprehend
 the situation of this country, in respect to the
 time of the surrender, as well as I do, of the tears
 the bitterness & grief, of which have passed over our
 tranquil mind, since the ^{day} General you & your
 staff, at my fathers residence in Dalton Ga
 at the time of General Sherman's march
 through on his way to Resaca, you came
 there, you know, & found my father (Mr. Cobb)
 at home in peace with his family, had
 never then, nor since, taken arms against the
 United States in any way, had all the while
 been a true loyal citizen & remained ~~for~~
 Major B. D. Fox of the 21st Michigan anti

so the troops went to work torn down & every
thing on the place. & fortified the late
& made them for government's use, so Major
Fox stated to Pa that the government would
pay him for it. But he has never received
any thing as yet, & I know that if justice were
given him, he would have had it long since
he has been a friend to the Northern soldier
while here. They can speak for themselves
& Dr Hodgkins can satisfy you about the
facts, he belonged to the 68. Regt. I think.
Pa has had his claims in, ever since soon after
the surrender. & General! I ask you to please
use your influence, as much as you can. I know
you are very popular, & your help would be
great. Times are very dull, & we are much in need
of money now. Pa being sick all the time &
scarcely able to work, makes us very hard
up, so if you can give us any assistance,
I think it will be a good & charitable work,
& I feel that God will work with you, &
reward you in days to come. There is nothing

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done, with his all powerfull hand
& nothing covered, which won't be reviled & I
am sure, you shall not be forgotten in any
prayer; any intelligence is so much inferior
to you, that I almost dread this task, but
trusting in an all wise Providence, as did you
when marching through this country, upon
an uncertainty the same with any informant,
you came to my Father was willing & wellcon^d
received, with such as we had, & would have
been so happy, could we have made you
more comfortable, had it been in our power
I have wished a great many times since
that I could once more cast any eye at you
& your brother, Major H.C. whom I fancied
so much that day. I have oft times made
mention what a gentleman I thought
him to be, his conversation & manners were
so beautiful, I never can forget, & I have
all times placed very much confidence
in you, since the morn, on the 18 of
May last one of your soldier boys remark
to you (while seated on our front porch)

* Then visited the colored soldiers who were sick. Mr. Hodgkins, stated to Pa that those men were obliged to have something to eat & Pa said to him that it was a very hard time, but that he would go home & see what he could do, he came home, related the circumstances to his family & put any sister & any self to work & make something for those colored soldiers to eat, & then he went out & killed his milk cow & divided it out in the hospital, well the officers, said they could not pay him for it then, Pa replied to them never mind the pay, those men must be fed, then the next day he got a wagon & went out to forage the country, & see what he could get, in that desperate struggle, I have heard him say, he watched through the woods many times, in the moon shine, as he went driving along the roads for fear of bushwhackers, as they were so called.

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them, but his trust was in God. & that was
the way things went on until supplies could
be sent here. & I think as he helped it
along in time of need, it would not be
anything more than right for the government
to aid him now. His claims are in the hands
of Mr. Bell, at Washington & all that is
necessary is something to force them into
action. General: if it were not asked, ought
to have. I would not ask it, but that property
was my fathers hard labor & I think &
~~This~~ when a person works hard & tries
honest & upright in this life he ought to get
the benefit of it in his old age, every body
knows anything about Pa, know that he
& allways has been a hard working old man,
if I am his daughter I can tell the truth
& others can say the very same thing, I
enclose you a few stamps & I sincerely hope
by the grace of our heavenly Father you may consider
this letter & think about it & give me &
the assistance you can, with love to you
Your Most Obedient Child Louise Cobb