My dear General:

I thank you for your kind words and wishes. Since I assumed command here I have labored zealously to benefit my fellow men—effacing nothing but the conscience of doing right. The highest reward that anyone can receive. I am content.

However, those who have been benefited by me are eager to repay me by some substantial offering. I feel that by a simple act of consent I could be sent to the U.S. Senate. I am aware...
Also, that by accepting the place one would be kept from the Senate of which both the Senate and state might be ashamed.

But I do not care to relinquish my army prospects for the uncertain career of politics. Could I have any assurance from the Administration that I could have at least as good a place in the Army as I have now I would temporarily leave it and aid in properly directing the party in this State with which I am acquainted with having no little influence. Of course I can not ask for such assurance nor do I expect them — so when the legislature meets on the 11th I shall have the honor to decline that very high position but I must confess reluctantly.

With kindest regards.
Confidential

Louisville, Ky.
Dec 24th 1869

Maj. Gen. H.C. Howard
Commissioner Freedmen's Bureau

General:

Some days since I made an application for the situation made vacant by the promotion of Maj. D.L. Swaim. I trust you will not think that I fail to appreciate your kindness to me. I assure you I do to the fullest extent, and trust my determination to duty and moral life is evidence that I am worthy of such a friend. As I am strictly temperate and religious and an unfortunate having lost my post in the country's service I feel that you will consider my application favorably.

Ours
But if you have decided against me, I earnestly recommend Capt. Ben M. Platt M. D., U. S. N., on duty at the War Department.

As to his record and mine as soldiers I will refer you to papers on file at the War Office.

I am, General, Respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant,

Chas. W. Keyes

Brig. Capt. U. S. Army
WASHINGTON.

The Indian Boundary Commission.

The report of the Indian Boundary Commission, dated March 31, 1876, has been presented to the President, and is now before the Senate. The report is a detailed and extended one, covering the Indian territories of the United States, and is accompanied by a map of the Indian territories, as well as by several other maps and plans. The report contains a brief summary of the history of the Indian Boundary Commission, and of the various treaties and agreements by which the boundaries of the Indian territories have been determined. It also contains a description of the various reservations and other Indian lands, and of the various tribes and nations which inhabit them. The report is a valuable document, and will be of great interest to all who are interested in the affairs of the Indian tribes.
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My dear Cousin,

I enclose I send you an extract of a Washington Correspondent of one of the money Japs.

I find I have more friends than I thought.

I trust you will do me the favor to see Senatoroble as I request in my letter of last week, and try and have me put right at the Court of the New.

If you have not already been here, you need not mention of matter of a

[Handwritten note: Complain with the other -- a breach]
JAY COOKE & CO., Bankers,
Fifteenth Street,
Washington, D. C., Dec. 29th, 1869.

Gen. O. C. Howard.

Dear Sir:

I beg to say that your draft of Nov. 21st on Alexanders, Carllifes & Co., London for £35 0s. has been returned to us protested.

The protest fees £5 11½d. are to your debit on our books.

Yours truly,

J. & C. Co.

W. J. Brown.
Set this be strictly confidential.

Rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association.

CORNER NINTH AND D STREETS.

Washington, D.C., Dec 30th, 1869

Gen'l O.O. Howard

Dear Sir:

Last spring I lost my last dollar— in legitimate business. I came on here to get some arrears in pay due me, & to secure a situation. In the first I failed— I have reason to believe I will succeed— eventually. In the last I had a hard time getting here and my clothes were worn out when I arrived. (I walked my way). I spent all I had before I got an answer from the Auditor, and then found that as one of my vouchers was lost I go could not get my pay. Pocket empty— stomach empty— sometimes for over a day— no friends to assist me or give me employment— no place to
sleep—what could I do? I was attending the prayer meeting of the Y. M. C. A. every evening (to which Capt. Wilkerson will testify when he sees me), and trying to be good. I can’t live on air, or hope. I was compelled—yea, compelled to play cards for a living, and have been doing so for over a month. I loathe the life of a gambler! I want to be a Christian— I am willing to do any thing to get out of the ditch into which I have fallen. I know I can do a great deal of good for I know plenty of our finest—young men who only need some one to take them by the hand and lead them out of Gambling Helle to the proper path, I am not a drunkard—and if I was I never could hope for succour, I never taste any kind of liquor — I did for a long while—but a warning sent me turned me away from it.

I am an ex: Officer of the U. S. Inf'ry.
Rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association.
CORNER NINTH AND D STREETS.

Washington, D.C., 18

Twenty-five years of age, the son of an O. S. Presbyterian Minister. I have a pious wife—and one child. I must support them. I can do it well at a gaming table, but my dear God— I want to live a different life— I will work hard in the vineyard if I have the opportunity. Will you give me employment to support my family— enough to pay our boarding? I appeal to you as a Christian, you can do me good. I don't ask to employ me longer than two (2) months, and then I can find employment for the future. I served through the war and have recommendations from every General Office I ever served under, including General Grant.

Let me hear from you very soon.
I beg of you, will you help me?  

You can see me at any time and place you appoint.  

Respectfully,  
Your Oft Servt.  
O. M. Marshall  
Washington D.C.  
This name is fictitious.

Sir,  
My wife is a perfect lady of excellent family - a splendid musician and willing to make herself useful.  

Please answer immediately!
As soon as the institution becomes self-supporting, and there is a surplus of earnings, as in the Dress-making and Milliner house, and in the Army clothing factory (London), after the payment of the dividend agreed upon, and securing of such portion for the improvements as may be needed in the Institution, the pupils shall each receive a proportionable share.

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HORTICULTURAL SCHOOL
FOR GIRLS.

Miss Mackenzie, recently of Hamburg, Germany, and formerly Principal of the "Stadtschule (Germanic Hall)," School of Industry for Girls), established by the "Society for Promoting the Extension of Industrial Education among Women," with the object of furnishing the largest degree of industrial education among women who are engaged in the field of agriculture and horticulture. The object of the School is to provide an opportunity for girls to receive a practical education in horticulture, and to be trained in the various branches of the profession.

The School is conducted on a co-operative basis, with the aim of providing educational opportunities for girls who are interested in horticulture. The School offers a variety of courses, including Botany, Propagation, and Culture of Plants, Horticultural Chemistry, and Economy in Horticulture. Students are encouraged to participate in practical demonstrations and hands-on projects to gain real-world experience.

The School is open to girls from all walks of life, with a focus on providing equal educational opportunities for all. The School aims to prepare students for careers in horticulture, which can lead to higher wages and better job prospects.

The School is located in Hamburg, Germany, and is under the direction of Miss Mackenzie. The School has a strong commitment to providing a high-quality education in horticulture and related fields.

The School accepts applications from girls interested in horticulture and related fields. The application process involves submitting an application form, a personal statement, and two letters of recommendation. Applicants are selected based on their academic performance and demonstrated interest in horticulture.

The School offers financial aid to students who demonstrate financial need. The School also offers part-time work opportunities for students to help cover their costs.

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Washington, D.C., Dec. 31st.

Gen. O.H. Howard:

Dear Sir,

The following summary of all my bills for money is as follows:

- Fred. A. Carter for rigging, hauling, & shiftings furniture  $21.88
- Transportation from Boston to
  - European  $19.43
  - by J.H. Thompson Co.  $133.14
  - by ship, at Boston, ca.  27.50
- Care of family from Boston to
  - Washington  $81.12
- Balance of goods from Europe  $515.84
  - $206.64

Paid for help:  $20.64 or

April 10th, 1869.
The cost of boxing greatly exceeded my expectations, as well as all the estimates made by Mr. Garst. But, I have the item in his file. Of course, this does not include the expenses for travel or in settling accounts.

I am sorry that the amount is so great that I cannot meet the expenses myself. I am particularly sorry that you are the sufferer. I am afraid you did not "count the cost."

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

[Date]
Dear Sir,

A friend informs me that it was probable you would purchase this estate, and asked me to call your attention to the sale. This farm has always been considered one of the best and up to the last Trustee, one of the most productive in the County.

Chalm Dringking is located in Montgomery Co., distant—Seven (7) miles from Tallassee R.R., containing three hundred acres entirely, the greatest part first-quality Rock Creek bottom or the balance fine red soil, adapted to the growth of tobacco, wheat, corn, oats, timothy, fruit, all kinds of vegetables based on the latitude.

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very valuable water-furn. & stone quarry on this farm, & until a few years past, milling operations were carried on inexpensively for a long period of time.

The farm is accessible by the following roads, 14th St. via Branch Mill & the Pet-Tim jake, through Georgetown, & Tendalton. It will sell the whole or in lots to suit purchaser, on accommodating terms.

Capt. John C. Jones
Olieo, Post Office
Montgomery Co., Maryland.
Dec. 31, 1870

My dear General Hill,

I do not mean to give you any closed list of the best directions for the benefit of the Union.

Now, if I only knew I was coming to see my friends more often.

Sincerely yours,

O. O. Howard

J. W. Holmes
Republican Office, Mansfield, Tenn.

Dec 31st 49

Sirs,

I trust you a few lines in the interests of my race, at this place. Efforts have been made to damage the influence and standing of Dr. J. S. Knight, who has been here since last spring. And in justice to the Rev. J. S. Knight of which to say he has been earnestly engaged, and has cooperated with the Bureau at this place, but a few men (bad men) that wish to use the colored people for their own use, hope endeavors to destroy and destroy his character.

Now of am a colored man and have been intimately acquainted with Dr. Knight since he here in this community, and I must
He has the respect and confidence of all the worthy citizens of this place. The man who has sought to attack our friends has no real interest in the race. He acts with the rebel army until Burnside took East Tennessee, and then he became very loyal. Dr. Knight has been doing a noble work in the county, and any attempt to prejudice you against him will only result detrimental to the interest of the colored race. I could give you the names of the best portion of our citizens as reference, but think it altogether unnecessary. I hope you will pardon me for thus annoying you, feeling grateful to you for past favor. I am yours most respectfully, W.H. Scott.

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

P.S. I would refer you to Senator Brownlow, as to my position here.

W.H.S.
Dear Sir,

The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Visitors will take place at the Hospital on Tuesday next January 14th 1870. A carriage to convey you to the Hospital will call for you at 11 o'clock. Hoping that you will be able to attend.

P.S. with high regard,

Your obedient servant,

Major Genl. O. Howard.

Lucan. A. S.


Washington, D.C.