BUREAU R. F. and A. L.

Office Superintendent of Education, Virginia,

Richmond, Va., Feb. 4 1870

Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Genl.

My friend and the friend of our cause, Mr. Henry H. Ellyson of the "Dispatch" is an applicant for the removal of his political disabilities before the U. S. Senate. I assure you that no man, now an applicant, is more worthy. He is an earnest friend of peace and progress — such peace and progress as you and I seek.

Mr. Robinson of the Senate has control of the bill. Will you have the kindness either to write separately or endorse this note to him.

Very Respy

R. M. Manly

Supt Ed. Va.

United States Senate Chamber.

Washington. Feb 4 1870

My dear General

Some matters in relation to the proposed changes in the Freedmen Bureau will come before the Committee on Retrenchment, tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock, and we should like to hear you on the subject. Please attend the meeting if possible The Committee room is directly under the Senate post office

Yours truly

J. W. Patterson

Wilmington N.C.
4th Feby 1870

Gen Howard

Dear Sir - I dislike to trouble you with private communications or cause you annoyance about the affairs of the Bureau in my District. Occasionally matters occur which seem to me not proper for official letters and I trust private explanations or inquiries will not be deemed out of place. The appropriation for a school building in Robeson Co. is one of these matters. I have never believed that the interests of the Bureau or the colored people were advanced judiciously by the persons immediately interested in obtaining the appropriation of the $2000.- for that purpose, Originating and matured at Raleigh the colored resident of the township to be benefitted would not do otherwise than endorse the requests of any one who stated to them that such an appropriation could be obtained. I have befor informed you that I

disapproved of the appropriation as made. Since I have been directed to assume charge of this district, presuming that the appropriation would be expended under my direction I have caused the subject to be more fully considered by the parties interested and I believe they are not only willing but anxious to expend only a part of the $2000.- (say $600. or $800.-) for building at the place specified and permit other portions of the county to share in the appropriation. Upon receipt of a letter addressed by the Bureau to Hon O.H. Dockery in which there is appended an endorsement in your handwriting stating that the whole matter was in my charge I officially requested the transfer of authority to erect the building. I have received an answer substantially as follows That it would be impolitic and very embarrassing both to the accounts of Dr Vogell & myself to have a transfer made after construction or repair has been commenced and before completion of the buildings. I have the present work been informed by the Rev G.W. Price of Robeson Co. who has taken an active interest in this matter that the building is not yet commenced nor contract made therefor.

I trust that you will endeavor to have this appropriation placed in my hands, that I may have an opportunity to consult with the people of Robeson county and so divide the same, subject to the approval of the Bureau, that not only the colored citizens of the locality to be benefitted may be fully satisfied but others derive advantages without increased expenditure to the Bureau.

I think that the appropriation can be made to build not less than five other good substantial frame school buildings without a single complaint existing.

I am, very respy
Yours
L.C. Rice

Washington D.C.

 February 4th 1870

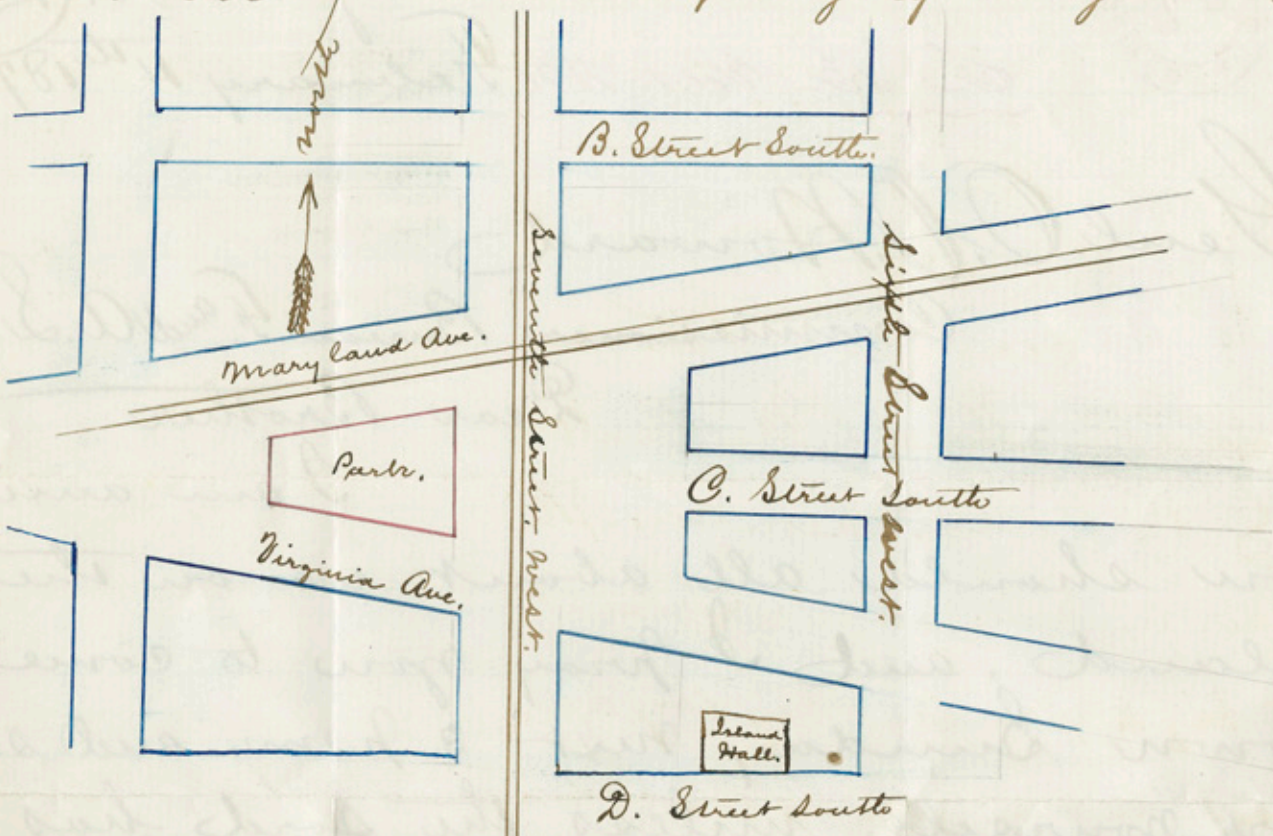
Genl. O. O. Howard
Commissioner Bureau F. and A. L.

Dear Brother

I am anxious you should all about us on the Island. and I pray you to come down Sunday next 3. p.m. and see for yourself. unless the Lord has made a demand upon you. I cannot say there will be an opportunity to serve Him more than to see what further provision should be made for our rapidly increasing School.

Last Sabbath we were crowded over five hundred being present. I ask this because I very much desire you to see a Reservation that Congress ought to give our building the use of. It is now

a fenced Park. located as per the red lines on the accompanying diagram.



There is not a better. more sightly. location on the Island, and accessible by cars from all parts of the City. Amply large. Of course we should have to have your assistance in securing the use of such property.

Yours Very Truly

L. Fayette Sykes

House of Reps
Feb. 5, 1870

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir: I am requested by Mrs. S. M. Arnell & G. F. Hoar, members of the Com. on Education & Labor, to say to you that they very much wish to see you at the Committee Room, on Monday Feb. 7th., at 9½ o'clock. The Committee meets at 10 o'clock, and they wish to consult with you with reference to a bill which will be brought before it.

Respectfully
A. R. Boyle
Clk to Committee

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Auditor's Office, Custom House.
New York. February 5th 1870.

General O. O. Howard.
Commissioner &c
Washington, D.C.

General.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter dated Dec. 17th 1869 (with enclosures,) for which I am very thankful.

The letter has been presented to Mr Gorrinell, by Colonel Frank E. Howe, and my long deferred but promised promotion urged anew by him and Genl. Burnside.

A vacancy is about to occur in the Auditor's Department caused by the resignation of Mr Rowan, (a Clerk) Salary is $2,000 per annum. and for which they will press my claims; May I ask, General, the favor of a personal application from you to the Collector, for this position for me. It will add great weight to my claims, and will place me under additional obligations.

I am, General,
Very respectfully
Your obedient servant.
John D. Terry.
Late Bt Major & 1st Lieut 35th U.S.C.T.

St Louis Mo.
Feb. 7th 1870

Gen. O. O. Howard
Dear & highly honored Christian Bro.

Please find enclosed my draft for $7.50 (with premium $2.5) to make up $100. towards the object mentioned at Portland. The Freedmen & your noble University has my prayers - if my offerings are small. But if you have not altered your approval of the idea I desire you to write to me & I will do all I can under your honorable name (mine need not be mentioned) to raise funds for at "Whittier" Lincoln Scholarship

but quarter. So far I have given one tenth & when I shall be able to sell out for any adequate sum - or a sufficient interest - I have other higher aims as you know full well. God has led me through many severe trials but he has always lead me right. I hope he has something for me to do. I feel that lifting up the freedman is God's work & marvelous in our eyes. Our Whittier has consecrated not alone our Merrimac Valley but he has immortalized the common walks of life. A life's work to break the fetters of the slave has been his offering - and the seeds he has scattered of the good the true & the beautiful will blossom in the Courts of Kings when his harp is silent on Earth forever.

I write you in privacy & will give you all I can to aid you if I can be of any service. Yours in Christ's precious life

Eben Moody Boynton

Address
St Louis Mo

I feel confident my dear
friend L. T. Chamberlin
Chicago (Pastor N.E. Ch.)
will aid me; also will
E.M. Huntington Princi-
pal of Friends School
Philadelphia. Mr. Hun-
tington is an intimate
friend of the Poet & friend
Whittier - & to raise a
Scholarship to be permanent
& called in honor of the
Poet will give him
pleasure. I am selling
my saws to the Hard
Ware dealers here & elsewhere.
I expect to return to
New York the last of March.
I have my office & business
in connection with the
Millers Falls Co No 87
Beekman St - New York

The Rev. of the Millers Falls Co is a Christian man - of great - business talent. He would be pleased to see you called at his office when you come to New York.

Mr. Dister
of Phil. proved quite
unreliable & broke his
agreement on a twenty
five thousand dollar
matter & the change of
my business that
safety rendered
necessary involved the
loss of most of my business
season in getting Manufac-
turing started there.
The gold Panic & dullness
of business were very perilous
for one so young, so poor
to launch out amid the
breakers. Yet God has
held up my head & steady
success has crowned my
efforts - and in stead of
debt - my business will
pay a top on $3000. Income
& that principally of the

P.S.

You will be pleased to learn that the St Louis Y. M. C. A. received last year in all $10. & is out of debt & hopefull I have had the pleasure of joining in several of their prayer meetings. Some twenty attend the noon day meeting. I lead last evening & think seventy were present. The meeting grew in warmth & spirituality the pauses were few but the most hopefull sign is. The desire for an Out Pouring of Gods Spirit on the Youth of St Louis I enclose you a printed

Slip Friday for them
Yours
E.W.B.

Salisbury
N. C. Feb 7th
1870.

Gen O. O. Howard.
Dear Sir.

Necessity "knowing no law" must be my apology for addressing an entire stranger! and asking the kind favor that I am about to request.

My friend Hon J. Segar is making every effort to procure my Husband Mr Adriaan Brown a situation in your City. Will you use your influence in our behalf? Mr B— was Clerk in the Bureau Office under Bvt-Lt-Col John R. Edie 8th U.S. Infy. Since the Bureau closed Mr B— has never been able to procure a situation hence consequently his formerly home suffered. I have endeavored to keep my family up by my needle but this is impossible as my health is feeble. and my need General are I to attempt a description of my present sufferings my poverty would fain me. Mr B—'s relations are the wealthiest in the state.

They would willingly see him State-
he being a Republican, having held
an office in the Bureau. & last but
not least - he committed the unpardon-
able act of reading the Declaration of Inde-
the 4th of July. I have long since become
odious to the people here. Also my sa-
vice limited during the War. I am fee-
& accommodate to the wants of the Peop-
here whenever an opportunity presents
itself. If I could see you I could tell
you what I may not write.

Also in feeble health I am not fee-
rich but I am poor to be sick. My fr-
Gen W. W. Holden told me he sent th-
recommendation in behalf of Mr B-

My dear Gen could you see my situ-
ation you would feel interested
my behalf. Tom beautiful brighteyed c-
& not the necessaries of life for them. -
means are so limited they have been un-
able to obtain church & Sabbath school -
& not knowing from one day to the other w-
they could get bread. - but for the good
of my good friend Mr Bruce Kelly of your City
I know not what would have become of
us. Pardon the liberty I have taken in
addressing you. Any effort in our behalf
will be highly appreciated & most
gratefully remembered. Allow me to
subscribe myself

Most Respectfully

Mrs of Lemuel Brown Salisbury N.C. Sarah P. C. Brown

Private

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35 South Third Street.

Pennsylvania Freedmen's Relief Association,
No. 711 Sansom Street,

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Philadelphia, Feb 7th 1870

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

The Friendship Div. No 19, Sons of Temperance of this City (the largest Div. in the State) will hold their 25th Anniversary at the Academy of Music on the 25th of next month. Gov. Geary will preside. The friends of the Cause are very anxious to have you speak. A Committee will wait on you next week, from here, to get you to make the Engagement.

I take the liberty to drop this line to say that we all hope almost that you may be able to do so, for I am sure something is wanted with the people of this great City, on this subject, & hundreds of your friends will regret to know that you are one of the speakers at this meeting.

I remain, Very Respty Yours
Robt. R. Corson

Adams House,
Boston, Feb. 7th 1870.

General Hammond,
Dear Sir,

Last Fall when you were in Boston, Mrs. Bickerdyke requested me to ~~let me~~ give her some papers of mine, to show to you as you were intimately acquainted with President Grant, that would have been of great service to me. Since then, this lady left here for Georgia, for the Corporative Plantation that she was to take charge of. She then returned to Washington and went thence to Kansas, since when nothing has been heard from her. If you have those papers, please be so good as to return them to me. If you have them not, please so inform me.

One of your Professors, Mr. Langston, called on me last year once to solicit aid for his Professorship, and two weeks since, he

again with General Armstrong,
I assure what the Government
indebted to me, I shall be able
do something for your United
and for the cause of the freedmen
other respects.

Very Truly Yours &c.
Thomas Fiske
Chaplain U. S. N.

Washington D.C.
February 7th 1870

Genl. O. O. Howard.
Com. Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Dear Sir.

You will remember the appropriations which you approved for my District - of over $5000. a few weeks since. I have written to all the localities designated in the list - for which appropriations were made and inspired them with the hope of School privileges which they have long desired.

Major Deane - writes me that - the appropriations have been suspended.

I trust - General you will not - disappoint my constituency in what - they so much need for I have informed them that - the gift - was from your hands or appropriated by your - hand. May I hope that - you will order the appropriation soon.

Yrs truly
J. B. S. Whittemore