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Treasury Department,

Third Auditor's Office,

March 5, 1870

Gen O O Howard,
Present.

My dear Sir,

This note will be handed to you by a connexion of mine, Alonzo Gangewer who will explain his business with you. He is engaged under Mr. Cole, and thinks that his pay is not as much as some others who do no more work than he does. I do not know whether you can do what he requests or not; but I will thank you to hear his story, and do what you can for him

Yours truly

A M Gangewer

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Washington
Mar 5th 1870

Maj Genl O. O. Howard
Bureau of F. R. & A. L. —

Dear General —

You have ever since my introduction to you been such a kind friend, that I know you will excuse my intruding but I am trying to get my son John a position in the Post Office — There will be some vacancies in the blank room, and I would be truly grateful if you would give me a letter in his behalf to the Hon Professor Marshale 1st Asst Post

Do what they ask
Only Cole

Answ by Genl.
March 8. 1870 — filed

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Master Genl. You are aware dear Genl. of my having lost all I had in the south - and also of the proud birthright of true loyalty left by Col. Ringgold to his children - He lent all his faculties towards the early success of the present administration and was a most faithful servant of the Government as can be abundantly proved -

His children are truly the orphans of the Rebellion -

Thanking you for your many kindnesses, and wishing you many blessings

With regard & esteem

Ever Respectfully

Mary C. Ringgold

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Washington D.C.
March 6th 1870

Major Genl. O. O. Howard
President Howard University
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

The 1st Congl. Dist of La which I claim to represent is entitled to a Cadet appointment at the United States Military Academy at West Point, and I have a desire to fill the vacancy by the appointment of a Colored boy, I made an effort about a year ago to find a Colored Candidate in my district but failed to find one possessing the requisite qualifications; knowing your deep interest in the elevation and advancement of the Colored people, I respectfully inquire if there is a student attending the "Howard University" possess

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ing qualifications to enable him to pass the examination at the Military Academy next June, If there is, and he will fix his residence in the 1st Congl dist to enable me to comply with the law, I shall take great pleasure in appointing him as soon as I am admitted which I expect will be in a few weeks.

If you will aid me in securing a colored candidate for this position, who is <u>well</u> qualified I shall esteem it as a personal favor.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
J. H. Epphes

Resbitts Station, Desoto Co. Miss:
March 7th 1870.

Gen O. O. Howard

Dear Sir, I have recieved your kind letter in my behalf, written to Gov. Alcorn. I feel very thankful to you General, for the kind confidence you thus repose in me; and I assure you on honor, that if I should succeed in my application it shall be with me a point of honor to so demean myself, that my friends shall never have cause to regret their kind interposition in my favor. – I yesterday received a most kind and flattering letter from Gen. Schofield ~~enclosing~~ to Gov. Alcorn, in my behalf. –

bild a church & school house for them, & had in my own mind matured a system for their religious & intellectual improvement which I still have faith to believe is practicable. I assure you that in that very regard, my pecuniary reverses have been to me a source of great pain. My wife took great interest in trying to promote their moral & social culture. And even now, the few that we have around us, are regularly taught every night by my daughter, done not only gratuitously, but with the greatest pleasure. – All my fond hopes in this regard were blasted by the disastrous crop year of 1867. Unfortunately, I risked all of the remnant of my fortune in trying to raise cotton

I assure you I [illegible] passed through a most trying ordeal. Misfortune has laid its heavy hand on me! - My sorrow is not for myself - but for my wife and children. -

We were surrounded with every comfort - I may say luxury - but by the machinations of those wicked men who inaugurated secession and civil war - we were reduced to poverty. - I have nothing to reproach myself with. I battled for the union for 20 years. - Nothing has sustained me but my undoubting faith in the mercy and goodness, and wisdom of my Heavenly Father. I know, that God never ~~err~~ errs. I believe that his afflictions and chastisements are often sent in mercy. - I try to feel resigned - and [illegible] prayer is, that I may never murmur at the dispensations of Him who does all things well. -

The condition of the colored people is most decidedly improving - so far as their temporal comforts & interests are concerned. - I speak truth when I assure you that there is very little oppression practiced towards them. - All of them that are industrious are doing well. They have money, & the more provident of them, are surrounded with comforts. - So great is the demand for their labor, that they are enabled to negotiate almost their own terms. I took a great interest in my own old slaves of former days, at their own urgent appeals I sent to Texas for them & brought them to their old home. I was making arrangements to

of the surplus population of the colored race in the District of Columbia might not be induced to come down South & try their fortunes at raising cotton. Of course they would not unless under the sanction & approval of those, who had their confidence there — and unless they could be assured that those at the South whose employment they might seek were properly vouched for as being just & true & reliable men. — I now merely throw out the suggestion for your consideration, to be renewed hereafter if practicable. If practicable I could suggest (I think) a system by which their interest & welfare might be materially promoted. I am anxious to make the trial myself. I may write you again on that subject. Yours respectfully H. Rayner

that year. I lost all. I could not keep my old servants with me, and I can't tell you how it pains me. They are now working for another man. Only last week I received a long letter from them, expressing the strongest interest & affection for me and expressing the hope that we might live together again. I was just about inaugurating my system and it was my determined purpose to see what could be done towards their elevation & improvement. — I get back in hope of carrying out my plan. — I hope to be able to plant cotton again. I am confident that a system may be matured by which the more elevated & improved they become, the more profitable may their labor be made. —

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It is a wonder to me that more of means in the South do not devote themselves to testing this experiment. There is something really beautiful, in the faith, the through abiding faith, of the African race in the atonement by the death of the Saviour. Thus far, however, general, I am sorry to say, that there is something very much needed in the moral & religious culture of the race under their new status of freedom. In point of moral and religious advancement I must say, as a man of truth that I do not see any progress - I mean as a general thing. About the towns, inebriety is their besetting sin. - The marriage relation is not more regarded by them, than when they were slaves. Still, I believe it is for the want of education among the white race. I believe their improvement & elevation practicable. - But the white mind needs educating in this regard. - The white man must learn, that it is for the interest of the white, that the African should be elevated in the moral & intellectual scale - rather than that he should remain depressed. - I should be very glad to see the experiment properly tested.

I have for some time thought of writing to you, on this subject, as I feel a great interest in the welfare of the Colored race, as I know that you do. - At one time, I had thought of writing to you to enquire whether a portion

Meadville Pa
Mch 7. 1870

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard
Dear Sir

I am anxious to have a resolution passed at the coming meeting of the Army of the Potomac to be held Apl 9, at Philadelphia, which will urge upon Congress the propriety of making the pensions of totally disabled non officers of the late war, adequate to their support, that the mortifying scenes, of wounded soldiers begging or playing hand organs may be done away with.

The amount of pension for the loss of both eyes or of a limb should be $600 per annum to be paid quarterly ($150) and

then the allowance for artificial limbs might be dropped.

If not inconsistent with your duties as an Officer of the United States, may I ask you to be present at the meeting or else to write as strong a letter as you can, urging some action in the matter.

Fortunately I am not now in need of my pension for a support, but am not the less cognizant of the constant mortification and misery of those who have been equally maimed and who deserve a better treatment at the hands of a united and thriving people, than to be allowed to freeze and starve at every street corner.

I was wounded at Gettysburg, July 1st commanding the 150 P.V. which held the angle at McPherson's barn, and the Railroad Cut & there lost my right arm, & was taken prisoner while in hospital.

Hoping to hear from you soon I am

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
W. S. Kuidekoper.

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF MISSISSIPPI,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE,

Jackson, March 7 1870.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,

My Dear Sir,

Yours is received. All I have to say is, that I do totally abstain from intoxicating liquor, that the pledge I made you I backed up with an oath registered in heaven, that I never was intemperate in my life; even though I may have taken a little whiskey for chronic disorder.

The malicious slanderers who tell you this are welcome to the little satisfaction they may find in creating unfavorable opinion respecting me. Those who know me are my witnesses.

No white or colored man in this

State

stands higher with white and colored than myself. I am invited frequently to preach to white people. While nothing is more painful than to think that this impression is sought to be made, I defy the combined powers of earth and ~~hell~~ to pull me down. I brand the man who says I touch a drop of liquor as a slanderer, and challenge him or his friends to give me his name, though I write this warmly, I none the less appreciate your letter and take it as an exhibition of your good dress of heart which you know I well remember and will never forget.

Very sincerely yours

J. Mead Lynch

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New Orleans March 7 1872

Maj Genl O O Howard

Washington D.C.

General allow me to introduce Capt John F. Chapman Collector of Internal Revenue 2nd District La — Capt C came here in 1862 as a Soldier and thoroughly understands the history of this state. having been been engaged as Editor and Publisher of one of the leading Republican Papers and no man has done more for the Republican Party in this state Any favors shown him will be highly appreciated by

Your obedient Servant

E K Mason

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Washington D.C.
March 8th 1870

Genl O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

I have this morning rec'd your kind favor enclosing my niece's (Mrs Field's) letter to you of Febry 28/70 expressing the kind feelings of the people of Dedham Mass. who have contributed the sum of $34.09 to relieve the destitution of the poor of the Freedmen's Village, at Arlington Heights.

I have had the draft cashed this A.M. without any charge receiving $34.09 and have commenced by giving them small sums to get meat &c to allay their hunger, I gave one person who I am well acquainted with $1.50 to get himself and other some thing to Eat, and to another $1. to another 25 c. and shall continue to deal it out in

small sums, as long as it last.

Yours &c &c

Very Rep^t

Isaac Clark.

"C." 21. O.O.R. Vol. 1. 1[illegible]

Chambersburg Penna.
March 8th 1870.

Dear General.

I have just received the reply from the War Office to your communication, & thank you for your continued kindness. I had no hope that the application would meet with a favorable consideration. Have had a hope that I should be ordered to you for duty of some kind, - Breathing copy papers, or count shot in an Ordnance yard then do nothing - but I suppose you have nothing

for me to do.

Under present circumstances, one feels somewhat as if living on Charity, an unpleasant sensation, & tis equally unpleasant to realize, that too close attention to duty, is considered crime at Wn Qrs

With many thanks for your repeated kindnesses to myself

I am

Very truly

A. M. L. Crawford.

U.S.A.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard U.S.A.

Washington.

D. C.

Wilmington Del.
March. 8. 1870,

Maj. Gen.
O. O. Howard U. S. A.

Dear Sir,

By direction of the Executive Committee of the Del=aware Association for the Moral Improvement and Education of the Colored People we cordially in=vite you to attend and ad=dress our white and colored friends at the Anniversary to be held in this city on Thursday Evening March 10 at 7½ o'clock.

We ask for your early and favorable answer. –

Very Respectfully yours,
Chas. W. Cowland

Saml. M. Harrington,
Com. of Arrangements,

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Ewen Wyde

Easton, Maryland
March 8. 1870

Genl. Howard,
Sir:—

I am just in receipt of the Reports of the Commr. of Freedmen's affairs for the years 1865-6, & 8 and sent to me by your Order in compliance with my request.

You will be good enough to accept my thanks for them. I am happy to say that I believe public sentiment in this community once so hostile, is gradually but so. steadily ameliorating towards the colored men, and that the subject of schools for them

those journals and among those people that have heretofore refused to know to speak of the matter except in the way of violent denunciation.

Very Respy

Saml. A. Harrison

I should be pleased to receive any other reports that may be printed by authority.

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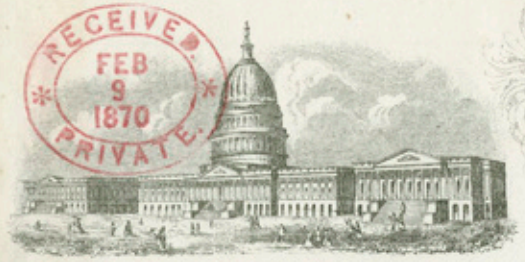

Forty-first Congress U.S.

Washington, D.C.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

March 8 1870

Genl. O. O. Howard
Dear Sir.

Allow me to introduce to you Mr John Bell whose son I believe is attending your school. From reliable information received I am satisfied Mr Bell is a very worthy man who is faithfully struggling against the difficulties under which he labors to give his children an education that will enable them to enter into society. Any favor you may grant him I am satisfied will be worthily bestowed and properly appreciated.

Yours very Respectfully.
John A Logan

Washington D.C.
March 8th 1870

Genl. O. O. Howard

Sir

Knowing the value of time with you I will be as brief as possible.

I am an applicant for a Clerkship in either the Post Mr. Generals Office or the Interior Department, having filed papers in both. These papers include my discharge from the Army, (I served during the War), Military recommendations, and documents from leading Republicans of this City, all of which are doubtless carefully filed away, unread, and likely to remain so indefinitely unless called up for action by some outside influence. Under these circumstances I earnestly but respectfully ask of you to use your influence with the appointing power of either Department.

I will not trouble you with further details, but beg to refer you to Mr. Col. Johnson Chief Bin your Dept, who has known me for some time as a member of Howard Bro. B of T, and to whom I have explained my present position &c

Very Respectfully
W. B. Long.

I have heard that Chiefs and big officers for the Freed Bureau, Interior Department.

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Office of the Commissioner,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Washington City, March 8th, 1870.

Dear General,

I enclose herewith Six (6.) days proceedings of the Military Commission which you and General Lewis failed to sign. Please sign and forward the same to General Lewis, for his signature, and request him to return the documents without delay to this Office.

Very Respectfully

Your obedient Servt.

J. A. Sladen

Bvt. Capt. U. S. A.

A. D. C.

To

Genl. Benj. P. Runkle

Supt. of Education for State of Ky.

Louisville, Ky.

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Washington D.C.

Mar. 8. 1870

Forward May this 0.8 to

J. A. Sladen

Capt. A.D.C.

Enclosed (six) 6 days proceedings of the Military Commission to be signed by Gen. Runkle & then forwarded to Genl. Lewis for signature.

(1 Encl.)

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RECEIVED, B. F. & A. L. STATE OF KY. MAR 10 1870

Bureau R.F. & A.L.

Louisville Ky.

March 11, 1870

Respectfully forwarded.

E. P. Smith Capt.

Supt. of Education

Georgia

P.K. Colonel 26th

P.K. Colonel

Supt. Education

End Cos. P.

Bureau R.F. & A.L.

Atlanta Ga.

Respectfully forwd. March 18th 1870

J. A. Sladen

Capt. & A.D.C.

Lt. Col. U.S.A.

Supt. of Education

Received back, signed, at the Supt. Bureau R.F. & A.L. March 17, 1870. Endorsement filed with the proceedings.