Y. M. to A Building
Washington, D.C., March 9, 1870

Gent. O. D. Howard
Dear Friend,

You will pardon me for again intruding upon your time, by recounting my pecuniary embarrassment. I find that I will be unable to hold myself above the average, unless I can have some substantial encouragement from the Members of the Y. M. to Association. I have invested my all in the store, under the impression that the society and those interested in the building would lend me their influence and support. I have been very much disappointed, so much so, that I fear I will have to break up. My expenses are high. My sales have not averaged one above ($5) per day, (not including what was purchased by the Hospital). This is a pitiful sum for a fine store, in a popular building. My liabilities are all falling due this month & next month, so that if I could have help now, I could survive my embarrassments and save my reputation. I desire you to see Dr. Prejean & ascertain whether he can make an additional
Order for Medicines in advance. If he can do so, I may be able to pay my debts & go on with my business. The Hospital will need the medicines after a while, & at that period the money will come in too late to help me, whereas if an order for supplies can be made in now, the relief will be in time. I make you this appeal for help & I hope you will do your best to relieve me in this way; as you will have been so kind for what I get.

I would have called to see you in person, but I have been quite unwell & am not able to walk up the hill. I would be pleased to see you at the store when you come to town. Hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience.

I remain,

Your Old Friend,

E. H. Lewis

Druggist, F. W. C. & H. Building
March 10th 1878

Dear Sir,

You say you remember that in February

our Union meeting in New York, you

made some account of matters in that state, & in particular the

conditions of the legislature, then in session, to get something done to punish, in

the way of encouraging new immigration to that state. The

opportunity to do so, was afforded me, to address the legislature on that

matter. I think one of the results, was a joint resolution from merely by the

provision of the law (years without discussion) been

proposed to be printed, but no action of a pamphlet design to be
circulated through New York by the union of existing

acts in the other large cities of the state, a matter of general

interest and of great importance to the whole state. Such a

thing I think is due from the people of the state. I am not

the first to do it. I know where I am going to do it. As

many foreign

nationals are doing. I choose to come to my state. I love it, the

idea of it. I propose to give as the same new directions, with

reference to getting up some time Europe, and to the

prepare a

for some backroads. It I thought of it. My plan will be to travel

the roads and this place. I propose to advance the expectations
to some time. I have been to travel about and explore, and

preparations in conformity to occupy these houses. There are many

foreign families, in America at the latter town, and those in the

State, who have no homes. I think I may get a living. May 17

there are other citizens. I would employ apparatus in your present, by their nearest, and in the future, your own.
By the way, suppose you get some kind of work there, sitting in an office, for a man like me, through the whole summer. This is really a great opportunity to learn something. The applicant may be a person who has never worn a suit or tie in his life. Can you do an anything for him? He is one of my sons that were in the Union army. The last I heard was...
Chicago, Mar. 10, 1870

Rev. O. H. Howard

Dear Brother,

You remember, I gave two programmes of my mind feasible as to what our friends and ourselves could do to continue the

1st. Make any for your emergency in charge of the new candidates Boston.

2nd. Modify legislation so that matters would be unchanged until July and so moved the Bill as to make it as advantageous as possible to the freedmen as far as remaining colonists were concerned. Perhaps
your thoughts through that when I reached New York I went up the first serious I have not written (on the section. It was from conversation with Mr. Whipple & the time I had for reflection I saw that where you could not take the civil appointment, I will not write to leave the company & there would be no way for you to take the company mission in India. So we turned our backs entirely to second professions. Have you secured the modifications suggested in my letter? If so, notify the act the effect July 1st 2nd will go out as far as practicable in the clause requiring the remaining
Secretary:

GEORGE WHIPPLE,
MICHAEL E. STIIERY
CHAS. H. HOWARD, Dist. Sec'y, Chicago.

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Expended for Food.

3d. Agreeing present rules, regulations in force the new ones are approved by the President. Perhaps there were some other minor ones; if so Mr. Smith will have suggested them.

But 4th. I deem of great importance a section putting all educational funds pertaining to the Indians into hands of the new commissioner. Of this Maj. Locke will speak to you & I think I have written. This sum will be large & would at least be a start of the burden of getting in motion the New Machinery. But be...
Order, store or produce
wheat in its favor.
all educational work has
hitherto been a force for
the Indians. It would be
to answer the end for which
it was designed. The school
would be made efficient
the money would not be
wasted or worse than was
by mismanagement of Gov-er-
Minimizing Co-erding
Cooperate in its use to
double the results as
in one of the branches.
A. M. A. has already
suggested to take hold of the
Indian education question. The freedmen
are part Indian in blood
would thus derive benefit
where they have had none.
Please unite me what has been done.
There are Mexican
Indian funds, also, that might
We made available for educational work money that
Miserable Class - it is
a shame to have the mu-
ificent donations of land
money for purposes of
education wasted. Wast-
ed from that object and ut-
tenly wasted.

Now that God (in care of
the Freedman's Bureau) has
down some evidence of a
moral sense and a fear
of God, oh! Let us try
to love and cultivate the
sence! You are now
in a position to do something
in this great and God help you
to be honest, clean, righted and
successful - it is a great work -
effectively. Chas. Howard
New Orleans, La., March 10, 1870.

I have the honor to transmit herewith a communication received this day with my endorsement. The reason for the Trustee applying for $3000.00 instead of $2000.00 and twenty-five dollars is that a mortgage for about the difference will fall due about the first of April, my application of 1st of January was insufficient to finish the building. Yet I hope an appropriation of $3000.00 will be allowed as the building will then be clear of debt and relieve the A.M. A. One School now number one hundred and is rapidly increasing. My Dallas School number 116 and we hope to have the number increased to 300 by April 1st. I shall open an Evening Commercial Department next Monday Evening and many of the leading colored men of the City will be Students. We have a flourishing temperance Society that meets every other Wednesday Evening.
Office of G. W. Mason, Superintendent of Education,
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
STATE OF LOUISIANA.

STRAIGHT UNIVERSITY,
Corner Esplanade and Drexel Streets.

New Orleans, La., 1870.

We are daily visited by leading men of the City, and last Sabbath the men over twenty exhib in the Church at the morning service. The legislature has granted $3,000.00.

While five thousand dollars for the Medical Department, I have thought best to send this to you personally, and hope it may meet with your approbation.

Mrs. Mason,

Very respectfully,
your obedient servant,

Mr. Mason

Sup't. Education for La.
New Orleans, La., March 11, 1870.


General: Allow me to introduce Mr. Charles Heath. Mr. H. is one of the founders of Straight University, a prominent merchant and a learned Christian, whose heart is open to every just request. Any attention shown him will be highly appreciated.

Yours truly,

Your obedient servant,

E. W. Mason