



Y. M. C. A. Building

Washington D.C. March 9th 1870

Genl. O. B. Howard

Dear Friend

You will pardon me for again intruding upon your time, by recounting my pecuniary embarrassments.

I find that I will be unable to hold myself above the waves, unless I can have some substantial encouragements from the Members of the Y. M. C. Association. I have invested my all in the store, under the impression that the society + those interested in the Building would lend me their influence + 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 me 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 all are falling due this Month + Next Month, so that if I could have help now, I could survive my embarrassments, + save my reputation. I desire you to see Dr Rayburn + 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
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 value
for what I get.

I would have called to see you in person, but
I have been quite unwell, & am not able to make
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 Obedt Servant
E. St. Lewis

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Gen. L. O. Howard

Very Dear

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You may remember, that in February I was in Washington, I attended a mission meeting in New Rankin's Church I gave some account of matters in West Va & Grant Co, particularly from your city. I returned to Wheeling, to use my efforts, with the members of the Legislature, then in session, to get something done to purpose, in the way of encouraging New England immigration into West Va. An opportunity was afforded me to address the legislature on that matter, & the one of the results, was a joint resolution (prepared by the president of the Senate) (passed without discussion & unanimously,) to cause to be printed 5000 copies of a pamphlet designed to be circulated, through New England. There was but one dissenting vote in the other body & he is a democrat of course. See extract lifted from the proceedings. I said that West Va the doors of West Va, stood wide open to admit, & cordially receive whatever of Congregationalism may choose to come to our state. I refer to the above as proof of it. I propose to spend this summer in New England, with a view to gather up some New England enterprise intelligence for our backward & benighted state. My plan will be to visit the usual thier places & propose to ~~promote~~ christian capitalists to combine & buy large bodies of our cheap lands & send families, in comparison to occupy these lands. There are many poor families in & around the larger towns & cities in the north, who have no homes & barely get a living. Many of them are virtuous & industrious, I would properly appreciate any favor done by ^{them} their wealthy, & philanthropic neighbors.

carrying with them, the progressive notions of the New England states. They would constitute just the people for that long neglected part of our common country. We not only want a population that will understand how to develop & put to practical use, the vast hidden wealth & manufacturing capacities of the state, but in time a new & different ^{religion} element, & a better & more enlightened form of church organization. The long abused & trodden down & sparse population of West Va, know nothing, but a crude & very limited agriculture, coupled with the growth of live stock in ^{our} vast forests. We want very large additions to our state, ^{of people} whose education & preferences will prompt them to hold of our vast water power, our mines of coal & iron, our superior dairy facilities & adaptiveness to fruit, & make the state as great ~~as it is~~ as it evidently was intended to be.

Will you do me the favor to read the report of West Va, published by congress, in the Vol for '63 for agricultural department. I believe the resources of the state can not easily be overestimated. New England should take the state. Every circumstance seems to suggest it. What ^{can} you & Bro Rar Kin do to bring about such a glorious result?

Beside the general interests of the state, I shall make it specially to get a colony for my ^(Grant) country. I cannot look upon this undertaking as Utopian, for I do not see why it should succeed. The Christian people have manifested a disposition to push their enterprises into the states farther south, where the door seems not to be as yet, why not go where the present inhabitants

are begging them to come. The late action of our legislature on the subject of New England immigration is significant, & I have no doubt will be weighed & duly considered by the churches ⁱⁿ the North. If you have any facilities to offer ^{me} in the way of suggestions to offer, they will be most gratefully entertained. In the meantime, praying for ~~your~~ ^{the} success in your philanthropic enterprises, I remain

very fraternally

Yours

David H. Coyner

By the way, I would be glad to get some kind of honest & honest employ ment in your city, for a son who was through the whole war. He is educated, of most unexceptionable moral & religious character. He rather excels as a penman, having gone through a course in the Commercial School at Poughkeepsie N. York. He could be made useful as a teacher among the freed ^{men}. Can you do anything for him? He is one of four sons that were in the Union army. The oldest was sacrificed. This one injured so as to lose the heart & desire.

D. H. Coyner

If you have anything to write, please direct to this P.O.

Private

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New York,

Chicago, Mar. 10 1870

Rev. O. Howard

Dear Brother

You remember, doubtless, I gave two programmes ~~in~~ in my mind feasible as to what our friends could do ^{on beyond} to continuance of Bureau &c.

1. - Make way for you to remain in charge of the new Consolidated Bureau.
2. - Modify the Legislation so that matters would be unchanged until July - and so mould the Bill as to make it as advantageous as possible to the freedmen as far as remaining colonies were concerned. Perhaps

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You thought I thought that
when I reached New York
I gave up the first sur-
tively - I have not written
(on the screen. It was not
from conversation with Mr.
Whipple & the time I had
for reflection I saw that
were I in I later but I
where you could not take
the civil appointment. I
did not wish to leave the
Army & there would be no
way for you to enter the
Commissionership in Interior.

So we turned over the
entirely to second proposition.

Have you secured the mod-
ifications suggested in my
letter? 1. Having the act of
effect July 1st 2nd stating
out "as far as practicable" in the
clause requiring the remaining funds

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expended for Freedmen-

3^d Continuing present Rules & Regulations in force till 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 Commission.Of this Maj. Clark will speak to you & I think I have written. This sum would be large & would at least bear part of the burden of setting in motion the new machinery. But be

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sides, there are positive reasons in its favor.

All educational work has hitherto been a force for the Indians. It would be

to answer the end for which Gov^t designed it. The schools would be made efficient the money would not be wasted or worse than wasted by mismanagement of Gov^t Missionary Societies could cooperate in its use and double the results as in case of the Freedmen A. M. A. has already decided to take hold of this Indian Education & Christianization. The freedmen are part Indian in blood & would thus derive benefit where they have had none to the

Please with me what has been done - There are Mexican Indian funds, also, that might

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He made available for educational work money that miserably class - It is a shame to have the magnificent donations of land ^{made by Govt} & money for purposes of education ~~wasted~~ diverted from that object and utterly wasted.

(Now that Govt (in case of the Freedmen's Bureau) has shown some evidence of a moral sense and a fear of God, Oh! let us try to have it cultivate the same! You are now in a position to do something to this great end. God help you to be earnest, clear-sighted and successful - It is a great work - Affectionately C. H. Howard

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STATE OF LOUISIANA.

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STRAIGHT UNIVERSITY,

CORNER ESPERANDE AND DEBBONY STREETS,

New Orleans, La., March 10 1870.

Rev. Mr. Geo. C. Howard

Commissioner

Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Washington D. C.

General:

I have the honor to transmit herewith communication received this day with my endorsement. The reason for the Trustees applying for \$3400⁰⁰ instead of Fourteen hundred and twenty seven and ¹⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$1427¹⁰/₁₀₀) is that a mortgage for about the difference will fall due about the first of April. My application of 1st of January was sufficient to finish the building, yet I hope an appropriation of (\$3000⁰⁰) will be allowed as the building will then be clear of debt and relieve the A. M. A. Our School now number over two hundred and is rapidly increasing My Sabbath School number 176 and we hope to have the number increased to 500 by April 1st. I shall open an Evening Commercial Dept 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

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New Orleans, La.,

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We are daily visited by leading men of the City, and last Sabbath there were over twenty whites in the Church at the morning service. The Legislature has granted (\$35000.00) Thirty five thousand dollars for the Medical Department. I have thought best to send this to you personally and hope it will meet with your approbation.

I am, General

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

E. W. Mason
Supt. of Education for La.

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STRAIGHT UNIVERSITY,

CORNER ESPLANADE AND JEROME STREETS,

New Orleans, La., March 10 1870.

Genl Maj Genl O O Howard
Washington D.C.

General: Allow me
to introduce Mr Charles Heath Mr H. is one of
the Trustees of Straight University, a prominent
Merchant, an earnest christian, whose heart is open
to every good work, any attention shown him
will be highly appreciated

Dear General

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant
G W Mason

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