

beg to say that we have already measures on foot that will insure houses for each of them and also buildings for a number of other schools at prominent county towns throughout that district.

With great respect

I have the honor to remain

Your obedient servant

James M. Leake

Capt. U. S. Army.

Supt. Education.

Gen. Oliver O. Howard.

Washington

D. C.

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Shreveport, Louisiana.

March 21st 1870.

Post Ed. 3/1870
Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your personal note to me of the ninth inst relative to school matters at Jefferson and Tyler Texas.

Affairs in that state have been so unsettled for the past few months consequent on the election that we have not done as much there as we have desired to do. In many places we have encountered bitter hostility. This part of the South was originally so lawless and violent and has been so remote from the influence of the Bureau and the people have seen so little practically of the new order of things

that starting freedmen's schools during them is much like it would have been in the ante bellum times. In many portions of this country the blacks are in nearly the same state of servitude as they were before the war. This is particularly the case along the Sabine River where to "stake a man out", as it is termed, and flog him is not an unfrequent occurrence. We have had to exercise prudence and discretion. In some places we have been notified that freedmen's school houses erected there would be burned down. I know that you would rather the money would remain unexpended than have it applied to the construction of houses that would be set on fire.

One great obstacle we have to encounter is the unwillingness of the people to sell land to the freedmen for school purposes.

"We don't want them to get a hold" is the universal sentiment.

Public feeling however has changed greatly here in that respect since the close of the cotton picking season. Planters see that the freedmen are going where there are schools and they are beginning to favor them solely as they say "to keep labor on their places."

In my addresses to the colored people all over the country where I have been, I have urged them to start schools or remove to places where there are schools. It has had its effect; and though we cannot show so much done on paper as we would like, yet I know we have aided materially in the change of public sentiment that is now taking place.

With reference to the schools at the places mentioned in your letter, I

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Washington D.C. March 21th 70
Major Genl. Howard.

My dear Sir.

Your attention is respectfully
called to the accompanying
documents; which indicate
the views and action of the General
Assembly of the State of
Ohio touching Wilberforce
University.

Your generous influence
in behalf of efforts, is earnestly
solicited.

Fraternally.

Payne



New York, N.Y. March 21/70

My dear General

It is not often I trouble
you on matters of this
character, but now I am
sensitively touched. Genl.
P. H. Jones, the present
Post Master of this city, is
seemingly the object of
spite of some disappointed
office seeker, who seek to deprive
him of his office - Now if there
is one person above another
who is truly deserving of the
position he holds I do honestly
think it is Genl. P. H. Jones.

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my writing you in his behalf
except that he is too modest
to speak for himself and,
conscious of his own incompar-
able integrity, allows him-
self to be sold out by default.

Now if I can ask of you,
General, one thing for
those whom I know to be
so strictly worthy and true
I ask it for Genl. James.

Hoping his fears may
be unfounded and all
may yet be well. I am

Very truly yours

W. Dickinson

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

P.S. I learn that the Genl. is
now in Washington, stopping
at the "Arlington Hotel" and
it would be well to see
him, or at all events see
Genl. Grant in his behalf,
at once.

Wm. H.
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Washington D. C.

March 21st 1870

Genl. O. C. Howard

Commissioner etc

Dear Sir

Being obliged to
return in a few days, I would
ask if you have done any thing
in regard to a Superintendent
for our public schools?

Please let me know, before I
try elsewhere. Will call
at your office if necessary.

Very Respectfully

W. D. Bell



My dear Mr. Brown
I have just received your letter of the 14th inst. and am
glad to hear that you are well. I am
very much interested in the
progress of the school and
hope to hear from you again soon.
Yours truly,
W. D. W.

Blaufort *J.H.*

March 21st 1870

Genl. Howard

Dear Sir,

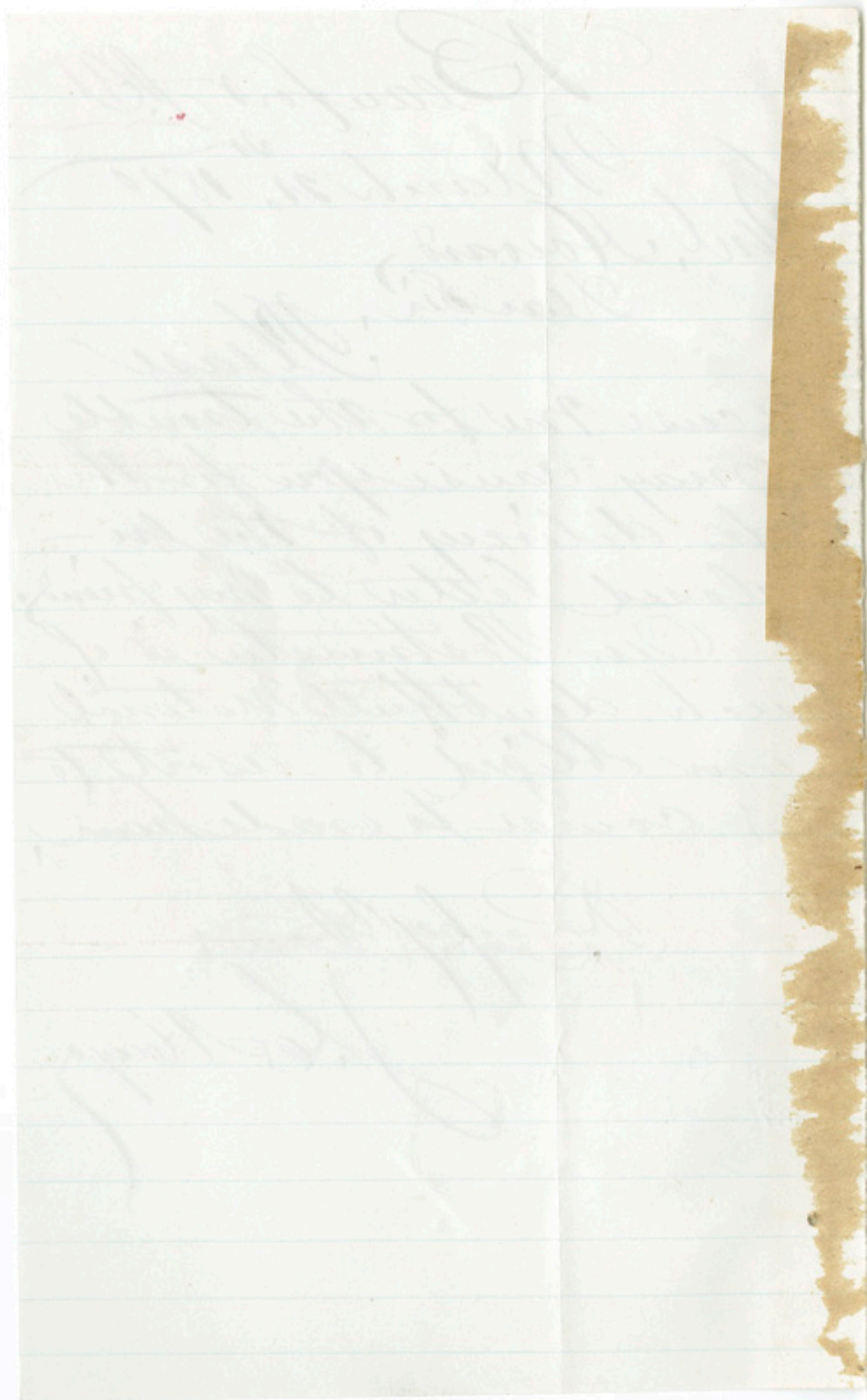
Please
excuse me for the trouble
I may cause you for the
safe delivery of the en-
closed letter to my friend.

Our Postmaster is of
such doubtful Material
I am obliged to resort to
this course to evade him,

Respy Yours

J. H. Mayo





Paris, 86, rue de Grenelle St Germain,
21 Mars 1870.

Monsieur,

J'ai reçu avec le plus grand plaisir
par l'intermédiaire de mon ami M.
Labaulaye, un Numéro du New Tra
que vous avez bien voulu m'adresser.

Je suivrai avec un véritable
intérêt cette publication, qui fait
tant d'honneur et rendra tant
de services à l'intelligence des
hommes de couleur de votre nation,
égaux des autres hommes devant
Dieu, devant le droit, qui doivent
travailler à devenir leurs égaux
par l'instruction et la conduite morale
et patriotique.

Veuillez donc m'inscrire de
nombre des souscripteurs et me

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O. O. H. N. S. 1. 1870.

Je vous prie de m'envoyer tous les Numéros du
Journal déjà parus.

Je vous serai aussi très
reconnaissant, si vous voulez bien
m'envoyer tous les rapports du
Bureau des freedmen.

Veuillez agréer tous mes remerciemens
avec l'assurance de ma haute
considération

A. Lockier

membre del' Institut de France

auteur del' Abolition del' Esclavage.



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Mrs O. O. Howard

Dear Sir-

When at my house
a few weeks since you were so
kind as to say you would give
us a lecture for the benefit of our
S. School some week day evening
I have been directed by the
Teachers to write urging you
to do so & to fix a time early
when we might expect you
I am Thursday evening would perhaps
be best if as convenient to you -
We would like to know the time
two weeks or so in advance if
possible - I had also expected
to hear from you with regard
to the supply of our pulpit by
your brother as you spoke of -
We should be pleased to hear him
if he comes this way. Sincerely Yrs
Martin Hawley
Baltimore Md

Ms. A. 9. 2. 1. 1. 1870.



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Elysburg March 21st 70

Dear Sir

I hope you will excuse the liberty I have taken in addressing you having served under you in a humble position in the army and being a great admirer of your conduct then and since I have concluded to name my first boy after you the object of this letter is that you will be so kind as to send me your name in full as it is not known to me only as O. C. Howard by so doing you will greatly oblige

Yours Truly
C. S. Ellison

Elysburg North Co Pa

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New Brunswick Mar. 21/70

Dear General

I have the great pleasure of forwarding to you a Certificate of Life Membership of our Sabbath School Missionary Society. You will remember having spoken to our children when you came on for our Y.M.C.A. and they have not forgotten you.

We have been greatly blessed in our Association work during the winter. We feel that the influence of your visit among us has been manifest. You will remember having staid over one night with Mr. Wm. Rust. His wife and daughter united with our Church at the next communion. I suppose that over 100 have been converted at our

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we will never be forgotten.

That the richest blessings of Heaven who give it liberally
may rest upon you, that in the various fields of labor
in which you are and may be engaged your work may
be crowned with success and that your life may
long be spared in winning souls, is and shall
ever be the sincere and earnest prayer of
one, who rejoices in the honor of being

Yr. Brother in Christ

D. C. English

city since our Anniversary largely
through the instrumentality of our
Association. I sincerely trust that
you will be able to give a favorable
response to the letter sent you by
Brother Chase. You will doubtless
call to mind the promise made to
Brother Stout and myself by our
worthy Vice President on his return from
the dedication of the New York Y. M. C. A.
building, that he would stop over an
evening with us sometime when he
was passing through or in our vicinity
when you very kindly spoke a good
word for us. It would give us great
pleasure to welcome both of you, just as
soon as you can favor us with your
presence. I can assure you dear
General that you have a warm place
in the affections of our people. The
friendships formed and the labor of
love which you performed while among

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Christian Sax, March 2, 1870
G. Howard



I have long been impressed
on my mind that a series of ^{school-books} books, prepared
especially for and adapted to the wants
of the freedmen was a desideratum.
No such series has yet been prepared.
The Primer, Speller, & Reader should be
specially adapted - in the reading lesson -
to the peculiarities and educational needs,
and mental status of the freedmen.
The Picture illustrations which
should be profuse - should be of
subjects with which they are
familiar. The trees plants, flowers,
Rivers, Mountains & scenery of their
own ^{own} country.

What do you think Genl of
the suggestion? I suppose, if we give it
some reflection - and confer on the subject
with Mr. J. McLeod - the Editor,
"The Era" and others interested
would not the office of the Era
be a good place for the publication
of such a series of school books?
If that office does not propose

for such an enterprise would it not
be well to assign it to Asa Hunt
of Barlow to Caryl Pub & S. D. D.
or in case of all these declining
to assign send A. S. Darnes
Publisher - New York -

My opinion is that the house
or Soc which first gets up a series of
Freedom School books will
do great good to that race &
realize a handsome pecuniary
recompense.

Nice thank you for your views
on the subject.

Yours Truly
James R. R.

I trust you will bear in remembrance
the order of appropriate short tracts
for Freedom here of an organized.

Yours Truly
D. R.

Genl. Hale

B. 43. O. O. H. Vol. 1.
1870.

~~Confidential~~

1411 N. St.
Washington March 22/70
Genl. O. O. Howard



My dear Sir

When I wrote you last Autumn of my straightened circumstances, that my buggy had been seized for rent, that my wardrobe sadly needed repairs for me to continue my attendance on Sunday & other day services; inquiring if it was possible to do any thing more for me, & receiving no reply; I thought never to trouble you again.

I know you do not like this letter telling of destitution & appeals for aid, but my poverty & deprivations compell me once more to trouble you.

For Months I have been ashamed to attend your Sabbath & other day services, sociables &c. &c.

I have but \$100—left in Bank of which was paid back on my lot, & that must be

Kept ^{to} rent, and it is better to wear old clothes
and submit to deprivations than that
rents go unpaid.

During the Winter I have devoted much
of my time to caring for the Poor, but
it yields no remuneration, & my pra-
ctice—although improving among Whites
as well as Col^d, is yet inadequate for
my support.

It is mortifying to me to sit, or
talk these things, but I sincerely
desire to be able to take my place
among Christian Men as a Christian
man in the full enjoyment of all
the privileges to which we are entitled.

Bro Corb Cole said he was in
want of more teachers in the Sunday
School at 11th & R St. Most gladly
would I assist, but at present can
only appear at night-free-series.

Sincerely Yours

JH Bushnell

I have been to Judge Edmunds till
it seems useless, others have tried to
and all in vain.

Would it be worth while to apply
to Secretary Cox for position. He is
former Law Partner, Hon John Hutchins
of Ohio, is a cousin of mine.

I only ask for temporary assistance
till I get established in business of
my Profession

JH B.

Chicago, Ill., 18 So. Morgan St.
March 22, 1870.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,

My Dear Sir,

I trust I do not
presume too much on the slight
acquaintance I can claim with
you, in introducing to you by
this note, my uncle, Prof. R. B.
Foster. He brings credentials
with him which will testify as
to the importance of the matter
which he wishes to ^{introduce} bring to your
notice. But allow me, so far as
my recommendation can have any
weight, to assure you of his
personal worth. From the first
he has been an outspoken &
ardent defender of the colored
race. He fought the Border Ruffians

in Kansas.

He served faithfully ~~as~~ in our
armies during the Rebellion, at
great personal sacrifice, a part
of the time in command of colored
troops. At the close of the war
he gave himself, heart & soul,
to the education of the colored
race, establishing a school for
their benefit at Jefferson City,
Missouri, at a risk of life be-
lieved by some of his friends to
be great that they once, unknown
to him, kept guard about his
dwelling at night. For ~~the~~ ~~four~~
four years he has held on to
his benevolent purpose with a
pertinacity that great pecuni-
ary embarrassment & the deter-
mined opposition of many around
him could not daunt. As a
devoted Christian & a true man,
educated, largehearted, firmwilled

in the right, I am sure you
will find him every way worthy
of any confidence you may please
to put in him.

As I am on a sick bed &
able to write but little, I have
taken the liberty to authorize
my uncle, by way of introduc-
tion, to show this letter to Dr.
Rankin.

Yours with greatest respect,
Addison G. Foster.



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Washington D.C.
Mar 22/70
Genl O.O. Howard.

Sir I have
The Honor to Extend to you
an invitation to be present
and address The Boys in Blue
of this District, as well as the
Citizens Generally, on the Subject
of a Change of Government for
this District on Friday Evening
Mar 25/70, at Union League Hall at
8 P.M.

Very Respectfully
Yours Svt Servt,
J.B. Crainer

Chairman of Committee to
Procure Speakers.

Address.

Cor. 3^d & D Sts Island
Washington D.C.



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204 South Fourth Street.

PHILADELPHIA,

March 22nd 1870

Major Genl. G. O. Howard

Washington D. C.

General

G. P. Colfax writes that he cannot possibly leave Washington earlier than 12.45 P.M. on 25th inst. we have therefore arranged for car on that train. Please notify me if you will bring Mrs. Howard and of the length of your stay. Mr. Francis is anxious to know if you will stop with him.

Enclosed please find a copy of programme of our meeting.

Yours truly,

Louis Wagner

P.S. Since writing above I have seen your note to Mr. Francis accepting his invitation -

INSURANCE AGENCY.

LOMAN & GEO. E. WAGNER,

1870 23 South Fourth Street.

PHILADELPHIA.

March 22nd 1870

My dear Mr. Loman:

I have just received

your letter of the 18th

and am sorry to hear

that you are not

well. I hope you

will soon be

able to return

to your office.

I am, dear Mr. Loman,

very respectfully,

Yours truly,

G. E. Wagner.

P.S. I have just

received your

letter of the 18th

and am sorry to

hear that you

are not well.

I hope you

will soon be

able to return

Ms. 29.0.0. 22. Oct. 1. 1870.

here now, but all the me-
-chants are complaining of
shrinking capital, & stocks, &
profits. After a little, things
will settle upon a sound
platform - & then you will
do well to come & see all
these men, with book in
hand. Also, the same class
in other places -

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Thought you would
like to know how I get on,
I shall be in Phila. Thursday
morning - then Wilmington, &
Baltimore, & home Sat. Eve-
-ning -

Very Respectfully
Yours &c

Ireland
J. F. Bank prospering in this
City and Dept. \$34,000.

CCA - Mar. 23, 1870



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New York
185 Bluff St.
Sav. Bank

To May' Genl. O. Howard
Dear Genl.

I am talking
strong to men - as churches
about the \$30,000 - Messrs
Chittenden, Hatch, Barnes,
Ketchum, Mr. Pack, called
on last evening - but was out;
- will see him today at his
store, Mr. Booth also, but he
is South - wrote him that he
must call upon us in W. as
he returns, will also see Holmes
& others today -

All are strong with
the magnitude of our institution.

the
loan can only be gotten from
some special friend of the race
& of our work - Perhaps from some
of the great loaning institutions.
So says Mr Hatch. "Business
men don't thus invest"

Mr Chittenden thinks it better
for you to estimate running expenses
for the year & ask only for that
amount as a gift outright. He
don't like the idea of debt
& interest. So they talk -
full of interest in the facts
of our present case.

Mr Beecher wants to have a
long talk about all our
affairs - is interested in the
Chinese but was in haste -
I ~~talked~~ ^{advised} to his ^{infant} school, & ob-
tained a little collection for our
three boys, — Money is cheap

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New Orleans March 23rd 1870

My dear Dr. Rust

I received a letter from you some days ago about the Ticks property. Nothing has been done since. Mr. Dickey will go up to the "Home" in a few days to remain - he will have an appointment in the school work. We can then watch for any chance of an investment. The "Home" prospers. The Legislature gave us \$20,000.00 which will keep it up until the sugar crops can make it self sustaining.

Our Union Normal School prospers. The managers met and reorganized for the year. Elder Marlack President; Mr. Hartzell, Vice President and Treasurer; Henry C. Dibble Corresponding Secretary. The Board then ordered that the officers named constitute an Executive Committee with power to control the school and to act for the Board when not in session.

The Executive Committee met, and I

now communicate their wishes to you. These matters were, however, talked over in the Board. We have 54 scholars in attendance. We think that the number can be increased at once to 150. We have \$100.00 on hand and no debt. This money, we will use immediately in converting the rooms on the first floor into one large school room. We think by the first of November, we can open up the other story and fill the entire building. But for the present we only wish to fit up below.

We have therefore concluded to ask the Freedman's Aid Society for an additional teacher for the opening of the next term - April 11th. We also ask for desks to seat 30 pupils and one teacher's desk. Single desks can be used for 10 of the 30 by arrangement along the wall. If the Society will furnish teacher and desks please send at once so that if possible we can be ready for the opening of the term (April 11th).

We propose to make the Institution a credit to the cause and an honor to its patrons.

In future please address communications relating to Union Normal School to me as corresponding secretary - Lock Box 443.

All are well and cheerful, Mr. Hargell gives satisfaction and will succeed.

I am Your Friend

Henry D. Dickey

Rev. R. S. Rust.

Cor. Secretary

F. A. S. M. E. C.

Cor. Secretary
Union Normal
School of M.O.

March 26th 1870

Gen. Howard, I enclose this letter which came today. It shows the fact that we are moving forward in our great work at the Normal School. I shall select the required number of cherry desks, ^{the best made in this} and the teacher's instantane-
Return the letter after reading it.

Yours Truly
R. S. Rust