Mt. Pleasant, May 1, 1870

Dear Brother,

On this pleasant First Day of May, when the air is so sweet and the world so full of loveliness and beauty, I turn to a few minutes from the laughing woods and fields, and the joyous singing of the birds to one word: "passing through the fire."

The thought occurred to me that the sweetness of this delicious day might be lost to you by reason of the dark clouds which have gathered about you, and that, perhaps, you could not even see the "silver lining" which it is said such clouds always have. I hope it is not so, and that when you look up your eye beholds the clouds, and that, in leaning on the invisible arm of strength,
you realize what they which be with us are more than they which be with them.

You have had a great trial to administer and it is easy to see how much this suffering must disclose that is mortifying and painful. Even if your stewardship has not been over so remunerative and consolatory. Hence there is no way but to bear; and it is a fruitless wish that one can always do as one could help you. But even the most excellent is said to the long suffering, and we who are so far from being excellent can hardly expect to be exempt.

But this is not what I meant to say. Indeed, I want to say what I cannot, that which will give courage and strength. But I must content myself with only a public expression of my sympathy and an assurance that your friends will not cast away their confidence.

I am glad to know that you have strong friends around you, and still stronger friends above you; and I trust that these “light afflictions” which seem now so grievous will have their compensations, their “recompense prepared.”

Most truly,

Your friend and brother,

B. C. Arnold.

P.S. I have not written this to draw out a reply and shall not expect any answer.
Providence R.D. May 3, 1870.

My dear Sir,

Please receive my liberty.

It seems to me, it is my duty under the circumstances to address a word to you. I notice that Mr. Sunderland, has been giving to this city. For one, I am thoroughly acquainted with many of his business. He is deeply felt for the people who are satisfied. He is more or less under oath. His own explanation, however, shows him to be totally unreliable. He is merely a notorious seeker of political advancement. A man of corrupt principles, a mere religious sentimentalist.

It should be held from the sacred offices which he has too long disdained, a which a people have permitted him to occupy. My business has called me from Washington for nearly two years past, otherwise it would not have been my fault if he not been held from the high sacred offices, which form a

A Chaplin who has occasioned my pen to turn to Washington, said to me one day, he, I had recently been converted, but sometimes afterward, changed his mind, afterward saying, he was a mistake of his. You will hear what I have to say, you a specimen of this man. He remarked, 'One day, that Mary'
Gideon, a member of the Church of Scotland, was a
Corinian gambler, as is Rev. Mr. Smith, one of our
young men, who was quite good-natured, in the early
years of his life. He was with him all through his career, as
the Church was his life. He was joined for convenience.
This ganderland, the town, has been a delight to the
people. It is the most disgraceful position to which
anyone can be reduced. How long will such a character
be continued?

Amy Rutherford
Mrs. Smith

P. Adams
Headquarters Army of the United States,
Washington, D.C., May 2, 1870

Dear Mr. Howard,

Your recent dispatch of last 29th was duly received. I am sorry to hear that I seem to have given you an incorrect report of the facts. I always act in good faith in accordance with your instructions.

Yours very truly,

W. T. Sherman

Savannah.
Spane Military Command
in Oregon and Louisiana.

But you prepared for war,
and I came to warn you.

In my opinion, war is the
best way to solve our
problems and mistakes.

However, I hope you have
kept the money account,
all straight and
honorable against you.

I know you have, but do
not be afraid the tide will
swell against you.

I will not speak against you,
but I will accept any clear
assurance from any of our
enemy, or all just men.

What I fear is that

From Your Honestly: X
New York, May 2, 1870.

My dear Walt,

My father has gone by 4 o’clock, and wanted me to help you a line, in his stead, to say that he had had a talk today with Mr. Whipple and that matters were all arranged. He will go on to-morrow evening to Washington.

Wishing you the best success ever, that man Wood seems very likely your friend.

Very truly yours,

A. P. Kittredge

C. D. Stevenson
Maj. Gen. A.W. Howard,

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 30th ult. is received, in answer to my request that you may not have recognized me as the author of the medallion, as by your abruptness and evident dislike of it, I was debarred from announcing myself as its author. At your request I send a copy of the memoranda I made at the time. "I have called upon Gen. J.T. Howard, he has seen the medallion in the Green room, when I asked him how he liked it, he answered "It is all cheek by jowl, I should not like my head placed cheek by jowl in that manner on a medallion." He
is evidently offended with the idea of Grant being placed as the Defender of Liberty, Union, and thinks the time for such a Medallion has not come. I have no desire to be vindictive or take advantage of circumstances, but I have just produced a new Photographic Chromograph of my Medallion, and must push the business all over the country. Knowing I am right, sustained by the names of men such as Stone & Borie, Geo. Risdon, Wm. Grant, Jay Cooke, Gladstone, & Thomey Clarke, as purchasers of the Bronze, and by a large number of influential men, as donors to public Institutions. Copies of the Bronze, I can afford to publish opinions verbal or written, which will interest the public in the work. If you desire to retract the opinion you express, you can do so by giving me an opportunity in any newspaper to state that by or through yourself a Bronze is placed in the Howard University, than which there is not in the world a more appropriate place, provided it is as Delicately, Unique, Classical, Artistic & Historically correct. Enclose a notice cut from the Philadelphia Inquirer of March 18th, 1870.

Yours truly,

William Miller
Covington, Ky., May 25, 1870.

General O.O. Howard

My dear General:

"The censure of evil men is praise," to which conclusion you doubtless long since came, and this response I make to the remarks of Prof. Kennedy. Kennedy, I am informed by several gentlemen, has told you that I have aided and abetted General Bogdonoff in his prosecution, and one of them suggests that I write to you. Kennedy tells an untruth. I have been and am your friend, and those who know me will probably tell you that I never forget a man whose friend I profess to be. It is unnecessary
for me to say anything further than that if I can do anything for you you can rely upon me. If they attack you on the school system for Kentucky and for me and I will assure them that I am not only willing to take, but proud to bear the responsibility.

As for your administration of affairs elsewhere everything is in your favor. Truly and sincerely
May 25, 1870

Dear Samuel Howard,

I have entered into the very deep sympathy with these, from the first of the having been arranged by Wilson, before a local tribunal. But it is my firm belief, as well as all others of whom I have heard speak of it here, that the envy and jealous of that has been put up against them, will come down with redoubled fury upon their own heads. I have read the letter, and list of law books received from one of the professors of the University. I will do all in my power to procure as many of them as I can, which would afford me the greatest pleasure.

[Signature]
I enclose a draft of a great work which I have done on the life of Washington before attempting to keep the work up. I have heard all the good I can, and with the sympathy of the good and the encouragement of Congress, I have an appropriation for the work out of the house. I hope to be able to do some of the wasted work in which those are engaged.

My warmest regards to the wife, if only for this sake. If I do not mean to go to Washington again, without doing her much. With the warmest affection and best wishes,

[Signature]

[Name]
Hartford, May 3, 1876

Sam O. Howard
My Dear Friend,

This will be handed you by the bearer, James W. Smith, who now enters the University. It seems to me that he ought to enter the advanced class, not as a Freshman. But of this you must and professors will best judge. Whatever money is necessary for scholarships I will pay. He must teach his part payment of his expenses. He must be supplied with books, stationery, etc., all of which will be paid by me or his parents. How do you and John do your get along with the investigation?

Very truly,

[Signature]

L. Clark
S. M. v. 4. 1870

1st M. St. May 3, 1870.

Sunday

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir,

I have had an application for the house recently occupied by the Hon. at $40. per month. Shall we send it for that price? Rent is now coming down and I fear we shall have some difficulty in getting $50. Will the loss be ours?

Please let me have an answer as soon as convenient.

And much other,

Truly yours,

Mrs. M. Stickney

Post. M. C. A.
at Detroit, at the In-
ternational Convention,
in 1868, and making a
qualified promise to come and speak for us some time—we thought then it would be soon. Is it too late to redeem that promise?
Hoping to hear from you very soon, and favorably I remain your truly, your brother
in the faith of Christ.
A.H. Voughty
for the Ex. Com. M.M.A.

 Erie, Pa., May 3, 1870.

-gen. O. O. Howard.

My dear sir,
Would it be possible for you to visit our city on Tuesday evening, the 17th inst., and deliver an address at the anniversary of our Young Men's Christian Association? I believe you could do us a great deal.
of good, and largely pro-
move the cause of the
Master. Our Association
is nominally numerous,
and we are doing a
considerable amount of
work. But we greatly
need thorough stir-
ning up. We are in
debt, and we need
more money for our
Sunday Schools, our
library and other en-
terprises. We feel impressed
that your presence and
late and arouse in
different members, and
induce Christians who
are not members of the
Association to devise and
do liberal things.
Will you not try to
come to us? If a few
days later would suit
you better, we would
comply with your pref-
ouncement.
You may remem-
ber meeting two of us
The date of Government laws
I assume to reside in the House
was postponed until next
Thursday, and if you come to day
make up a statement to that day
from the fact, so that I may
receive the loan as soon as possible.

Enclosed is a certificate from
Mr. Read, &c. for $75, which
is one hundred to me as security
for money to be counted by one
for the purchase of horses, which
you will please return.

Please find enclosed 500.

And you lend to me a
short time, which
you have no other bill for which
I feel very much obliged.

Yours truly,

George Clark.
The sudden of my only son

who left me and went to

this family, some of which have been

left as yet, and I have during the

past year help to bury deceased

in the village came on one that morning

told me that your agent came on

a woman that had just buried her

husband, and wished to know if that

was the last burial and how a portion of my letter to the Corpo

stating that I helped bury the last

person who died, and that the widow

stated that I did not help her a cent,

I have no knowledge of the death of

this commission husband, and make the

statement do that you may not hope

from my letter had any reference to

her family.

his father, was Charles Brown

who now says if it had not been for

me, his father who has lately died

himself and family must have

started to church.

I have helped various parties the

past 2 years, and I am no way of

my getting my pay back again

but by assisting them in getting well

and planting, and then having their

horses to hauling brick, which, I

am assured they can have until

next winter.

I have chipped in prosecuting Claim

and am satisfied that there are Claim

that will be paid within the next 3

months, which every come into my hand

and enable me to repay myself for

the money advanced them.
I have tried hard to seek employment but in vain.

Washington D. C.
May 4, 1870

Dear General,

I am a young man 18 years of age, have no home, no friends, and gave my last three cents for a postage stamp. I ask for nothing but advice; you surely can not refuse me that. Pray tell me what to do. I must live, I can not steal, I must lead an honest life for none. dear General, please answer this as soon as possible; advice is all I ask. I can not tell you my real name.

address Grant Johnson
Georgetown P. O. D. C.
May 21st

[Writing not legible]

X. 15th. Vol. 1. 1876

Dear General,

I have yours of yesterday.

The pursuit and persecution have been entirely the other way. It is remarkable who has been so acting towards me—not me to him, as I infer from your note. You believe to be the case.

And he commenced the persecution of me long ago—years, now. I may say at the time. I was made a party in urging your attention to the scandals at the insane asylum in the Bryan hospital at M. in Kentucky.
...and influenced others to bear with the obloquy and falsehood heaped on his head by him and his confederates. I understand it has now broken and a peace and therefore long suffering is disgusting even to my own friends. And I sin again now for the several times, tortured by the reproaches of my friends for my clearance and for clearance and silence under such a torrent of mean invective and horrid falsehood. One of the pain is not the chief mouthpiece of your lying and truth telling. Your loving and truth telling friend, Franklin, the Cincinnatus.
Carrollton, O., May 4, 1870

Dear Mr. Selden,

My nomination is now before the Senate and will be reached in a few days. You can do me inestimable service by seeing some Senators for me, I do not want the disgrace of a rejection—Please keep me informed of any opposition to me personally.

Yours truly,

B. F. Potts
May 8, 1870

Dear Mr. Howard,

After receiving your note of May 3d, per conveying me that the New Mexico had all your requests except one that may not. Notice that the contents of your letter to the President were correct, the balance of your letter to me that he told you when the Board talked to me after the court house he would call on the Board with other officers, who due to the clothes money, would be handed to me, and requested me to write to you saying that he would consider it. When he said that he was not able to have any thing to do in the distribution and that he was not satisfied, and that I had made an attempt to obtain money from a member of Congress to help Mexico, and that he had considered the attempt successful to obtain money which the law prohibited, and that he was opposed, and that he knew how to, etc.
I have not asked the teacher for any money as far as the work for the line, but this winter he has been busy

for my wife, but asking the teacher for money in behalf of some worthy colored people with whom I am not

satisfied, I felt it my duty to lay before the teacher some documents signed by a number of respectable

white persons stating that I am reliable and entitled to his confidence, after which I called on him and he stated that he had

read my letter and was expecting an answer as to whether he should comply with my request.

You will know that you have been many years particularly to me, and that I have been a friend of your

character, which I am sure was known to me, and that I am willing to pay the debt ofuty by giving my note for the loan.

I am sorry that any trouble should have been made about the foregoing amount of help that my daughter received, and the fact that the

teacher (to whom I think you are a good friend) may keep but a poor shelter is somewhat distressing to me. I am

aware that no other of the colored people have the same, or are to be in the same case, but them as is in

the same, the same is the case of their work, but them is not the case. By the way, the teacher who I wish to help buy a house

has been a

John Jay
St. Louis the May 6 1870

My Dear B & Kerevan

As I came from
Cincinnati Ohio to St. Louis I was in a Car
On the Ohio Mt. R R. I met several
Conversing Californian's & Californians of
the Church (Two) Mountain another person
in the Car with me. The persons who
were operating were friends of the
Cory of the Cincinnati Faculty. I knew
they were persons whom they were talking
of as they had just returned from
Washington. The Conversation goes the
Round of plans beneath the listening
Of one celebrated person as you regard
the Meeting at a Cala home

If you will send me a Post office
Order to pay any expenses. I'll be
Come to Washington the provision that me
a good thing other than Information
Would be of great value to you as it would show a concerted plan
To know you.
And it would please the Lord 
and the congregation who 
come, the name of the 
ministry and the name 
of the person who call for the 
best of us. How 

God knows, I know 

this teaching will be of 

benefit to you 

as it will show why you are 

as you are; I am poor or I 

perform. I shall not ask you to 

read these lines, I will come on 

receipt of your letter.

Addres:

Samuel Armstrong Bill 

24 Louis

I am like your self a One Arm 

Soldier.