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Dear General

There is a man in the Workhouse who states he is known to You and that You would interest Yourself in his behalf were You aware of his condition

His name is

Roger Maher,
(or Mawher) He
was a soldier
and attended you
in West Point.
I think he claimed
that he had nursed
you for six months
there or some where
else when you were
sick

I promised him
would write your attention
this case. Son Moore the
there to return where
months, on account of
ciety.

Yours always truly
Cornelius Cole

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GEORGE E. VANDERBURGH, President.
WILLIAM RADCLIFF, Secretary.

AMERICAN BUILDING BLOCK COMPANY,

OFFICE, No. 24 ~~Vesey~~ Church STREET,

New York, May 7. 1870

Gen O. O. Howard

My Dear Sir

I intended to have seen you again before I left yesterday - relative to some Experts on the Blocks - Suggesting the names of Dr Wm Radcliff, a fine chemist, and well posted in all that relates to this Material, and built fine houses with this Material in Brooklyn

Then ~~the~~ is Prof Hasford of Cambridge, who is widely known & spent a month in his investigations of this Material - Then again there is Edmund M Wood 56 Broad St Boston Mass a Manufacturer of this Block for ten years past - owns that high Chimney & factory I spoke of yesterday, Has many buildings of this Block in his Vicinity - has faith & is intelligent. Has recently purchased our Entire Patents

Mr. E. Wood did not know me when he passed me in the Hall, after the close of my Examination; Strange.

I predict that this investigation will, with other causes make you a prominent Candidate for the Next President

Very Sincerely Yrs, G. E. Vanderburgh

Can we rely implicitly on Maj. E. O. Deane in S. C. (Columbia) to transact important business for us financially?

Personal

AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.
ROOM 12, No. 39 PARK ROW,
New York, May. 7th 1870

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For Freedmen's Education, and Southern Work, Address,
Rev. JAMES B. SIMMONS, Cor. Sec'y.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Washington D. C.

My Dear Sir: I feel greatly troubled about the $13,000 which I obtained from a Christian Widow in N. England, to found a Freedman's School, & to be named in honor of her late husband. She gave that money with the explicit assurance that you had pledged in writing to duplicate the amount. I beg you to give this matter as favorable a hearing is possible. Indeed, I feel sure you will. Your courtesy & kindness have always been very grateful to my feelings. I am sorry to add one feather's weight to your cares. But I really do not know how to meet this case if you fail us.

If I can serve you in any way, command me. I have written to two different members of Congress in a way that will not harm you at least. Very truly James B. Simmons

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FACTS FOR YOUR HOME MISSION SERMON:

WEAVE THEM IN.

JESUS SAYS: GO YE THEREFORE AND **TEACH**; * * * **TEACHING** THEM TO OBSERVE ALL THINGS WHATSOEVER I HAVE COMMANDED YOU.—MAT. 28: 19 & 20.

One person in every eight in the United States is of African descent. No denomination has so much at stake in these people as we have. Already since their emancipation they begin to vote and hold office; already they are selecting untaught preachers and teachers from their own ranks, and the results in some places are alarming.

Above all things they need truly pious and educated Pastors, Deacons, Superintendents, and Teachers trained up from their own Churches.

The Baptists have had under instruction during the past year, about 2000 of them, who give promise of becoming wise leaders. Some of them are scholarly and able men. But what are these among four millions!

The Home Mission Society and the Theological Institute are now one; and the united voice of the denomination is, that this work is urgent *beyond all others*.

Rev. Dr. J. W. Parker, speaking in Tremont Temple, Boston, of the present opportunitity at the South, said: "Within five months, there should be $50,000 in our Home Mission Treasury for the establishment and support of schools, and," he exclaimed with thrilling emphasis, "*I know*, I KNOW *there never was, since Christ hung on the cross of Calvary, such an opportunity.* THERE HAS BEEN NO SUCH DAY.".

Rev. P. P. Bishop, our General Missionary for Florida, Says: "The education of colored preachers is *the one great all-engrossing need of the Freedmen!* Their preachers have unbounded influence over them; and it is a deplorable truth that most of these preachers are exceedingly ignorant while some of them are really *bad* men.

"I am thoroughly convinced that there is no hope for the race unless we can elevate the character of their ministry. The children now being educated, will soon come to despise those who set themselves up as religious teachers, and the next step will be to despise the religion which they pretend to teach. THAT STEP TAKEN—AND THEY ARE GONE!!!

Send offerings to EBENEZER CAULDWELL, Esq.

(Treasurer of the American Baptist Home Mission Society,)

Room 12, No. 39 PARK ROW, New York City.

STATE IF FOR FREEDMAN'S FUND.

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Raleigh. N.C.
May 7th 1870

My Gen. O. O. Howard,
Dear Gen.

I have been summoned before the Committee and expect to be in Washington Monday night, the 9th instant. I will call on you early on Tuesday morning, as I desire to ascertain the precise dates and amounts involved in our transactions. R. P. Butler is absent, and I have not access to the papers of our institution.

Yours faithfully
J. Binton Smith

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Committee on Military Affairs.

House of Representatives.

May 8. 1870

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir:

I take pleasure in sending you to-day, in compliance with your request, a dozen copies of House Doc. 2441

Very truly Yours.

John A. Logan

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May I have a meeting of Bill Trustees W.V. will be called at early date? I would feign see me pleasure to meet them —

Washington
May 9th 70

Genl O. O. Howard
Dear Sir

Will you have the goodness to advise me. if the same is agreeable. When and when - all and entirely at your convenience. I may have so great favor as to meet you for say One half (1/2) an hour's talk - I can well believe that you may have but little if any real leisure at present. And I shall deem it particularly kind if so many as thirty (30) minutes are diverted in my behalf -

Box 52

Very Respy and truly
E. M. Cushman

80 Wall St 22
New York May 8 '70

My dear General,

I shall not only keep my promise to breakfast with you on Thursday Morning but shall take the liberty of bringing with me my good friend Rev Dr Hale Sec. of the Am. Sea. Friend Society. Dr H. is one of the best men, one of the purest Christians, that I have ever met. You have only to know him as I do to love him as I do, and one knowing him I know you will excuse the liberty I am taking. With

Kind regards to Mrs
I am
Your friend
O. O. Howard

Gen O. O. Howard.

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AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION,

NO. 53 JOHN STREET,
No. 59 READE STREET,

New York, 9 May: 1869.

Edgar Ketchum Esq.
Washington. D.C.

My dear Sir

It has occurred to me that I may be able to give testimony before the commissioner that will be of benefit to General Howard

Respecting the G.N.W. C.A. building bonds Gen. Howard told me distinctly several times, three certainly, that if we desired to sell the bonds and they did not sell at par he would pay the deficit, and enjoined upon me to let him know at once so that he might settle the Balance.

Yours respectfully

Edw. P. Smith
Gen'l Sec'y. A.M.A.

May 9th 1870

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COL. W. M. KILGOUR.

J. G. MANAHAN.

OFFICE OF

KILGOUR & MANAHAN

Chronicle pt.

Attorneys at Law & Solicitors in Chancery.

Sterling, Ill., May 9 AD 1870

Maj Gen O O Howard
Washington D C

Sir

I have the Honor to Kindly Respectfully Invite you to be present at Sterling Ill at the Soldiers Re-Union on the first Monday

The 75th Ill. & 80th were of your Command while the 4th A. Corps moved by your orders, and would be delighted to see again their Old Commander

Have the Honor to be
very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
W. M. Kilgour
per order of Committee

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ROOMS ASSOCIATION 13th ILLINOIS INFANTRY.

Dixon, Ills., April 29th 1870.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the 13th Illinois Infantry, April 19th 1870, it was

RESOLVED, To extend fraternal greeting to the 75th, 34th, 46th, 15th, 140th, 92d, 80th and 147th Illinois Infantry, the 2d and 8th Ills. Cavalry, Cheney's and Henshaw's Batteries, together with all officers and soldiers of the Union living in the vicinity, to join them in the next

REUNION AT STERLING, ILL., JUNE 1, 1870.

In pursuance of the above resolution, representatives from these organizations met the Executive Committee on the 29th day of April at Dixon, Illinois, accepted the invitation, and, furthermore, suggested that the officers and soldiers of the various Regiments and Batteries present perfect at that time organizations of the several commands to which they formerly belonged.

The objects of the occassion are purely social and designed to preserve the memories of the war, and to cherish the friendships formed during that period of our National History.

☞ ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO BE PRESENT. ☜

Organizations will be effected in the forenoon.

Address of welcome and oration in the afternoon. Banquet and other exercises in the evening.

Haas' Great Western Band of Chicago, and also a Band of Martial Music have been Engaged

AND WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE.

Arrangements have been effected for transportation as follows, viz:

On the Illinois Central R. R. full fare will be paid to Dixon, Ills., and tickets will be issued for return at one-fifth the usual rates. On the C. B. & Q. and Chicago & N. W. R. R. tickets can be purchased at all the principal stations for the round trip for one full fare and one-fifth. Rockford & R. I. and Western Union at the same rates.

The citizens of Sterling have kindly tendered thier hospitality to those who may attend.

Col. J. M. BEARDSLEY,
13th Ills. Infantry.
Capt. R. A. SMITH,
13th Ills. Infantry.
Capt. H. D. DEMENT,
13th Ills. Infantry.
Col. ALEX. P. DYSART,
34th Ills. Infantry.
Col. OSCAR VAN TASSEL,
34th Ills. Infantry.
Col. Wm. C. ROBINSON,
34th Ills. Infantry.
Gen. W. M. KILGOUR,
75th Ills., Infantry.
Maj. J. A. WATSON,
75th Ills. Infantry.
Capt. R. L. IRWIN
75th Ills. Infantry.
Gen. B. F. SHEETS,
92d Ills. Infantry.

Gen. SMITH D. ATKINS.
92d Ills. Infantry.
A. B. FITCH,
8th Illinois Cavalry.
Capt. J. R. HOTALING,
2d Ills. Cavalry.
Col. T. J. TURNER,
15th Illinois Infantry.
Col. M. D. SWIFT,
15th Illinois Infantry.
Capt. JAS. HOLMES,
46th Ills. Infantry.
Maj. J. T. CHENEY,
Cheney's Battery.
Cat. J. M. WALLACE,
Henshaw's Battery.
Capt. A. C. BARDWELL,
147th Ills. Infantry.
Surg. G. W. PHILLIPS,
140th Ills. Infantry.

Telegraph and Herald Print, Dixon.

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Washington D.C. May 10 1870

Genl. O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir.

I shall be pleased to have your company at my house, 608 New York Ave. on Thursday evening about 8 o'clock to meet Rev. Prof Blackie and the Rev Wm Arnot of Edinburgh.

Very Respectfully

Wm Ballantyne

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Washington D. C
May 10th 1870

Genl. O. O Howard

Dear Sir

Last week I wrote you a letter in regard to the wrong done me & have not called on Mr Hooper since I saw you at your office, when you informed me you had made an investigation as to the correctness of my letter to Mr Hooper, as I had written, as to the result of your investigation.

You also stated that you had made enquiries of Mr Law, who informed you that my statements were incorrect, and I have since heard that he pronounced me an impostor, and not having a reply to my letter, in which I requested an interview with your brother Chas

I being up to your office yesterd
also learning there that all le
address to you, not matter pri
were opened by others when you
were not present, makes me
fear that you did not get

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your office that dread to se
me come there, who I think
is no friend of yours, nor of the
Republican Party, and who
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if you will give me a pri
interview.

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a copy of my last letter to
or the original as soon as co
venient.

Yours &c &c

Isaac Clas

with a thousand blessings. In the midst of trouble He will revive your, and cause your cup to overflow with blessings.- But I will not weary your any more at present- I merely wanted to say that your trust in Jesus, will carry you through ten thousand troubles, greater, than the trouble that now calls your attention. And your trust in God, and serenity of mind, and inward Joy, and peace, in the Holy Ghost, can never be disturbed, by such Shoe flies, as Wood, Boyington, Ramsey &c.

I hope the Brethren of the first Cong Church, and All the Christian friends of the Temperance Cause Will pray earnestly for the blessing of God to rest upon you and your dear family- and God may be glorified in the matter which now troubles many good Christian People - Magna Est Veritas Et Prevalebit

Commend to Mercum -

With Christian Love & Prayer.

I remain your humble faithful friend.

M. J. Gruber. Chaplain 9th Cava

A private Letter

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Hea Quarters 9th Cav U. S. A.
Fort Davis Texas.
May 10th 1870.

Bvt. Major General. O. O. Howard. USA.

My Excellent and dear Friend.

I take the liberty to drop a line. as the mail is about to leave us for San Antonio. I see by the papers that Wood, Pope, and the Devil are after you to destroy your good name from the Earth- But be of good Courage as long as your true hearts desire and prayer is, to do good, and to glorify the Lord God. Your Redeemer, all the devils in Council at Rome, or in Washington, Cannot harm a sacred hair of your head, I am glad to say that our Commander Bvt MajGen Hatch. Speaks with enthusiasm of the purity of your motives and Sterling Integrity. He said to me and other officers Gen Howard will come out all right.

Like your Lord and Master one found himself - You are between two themes The Democrats and the White washed Professors. And Judas Ramsey whom you have blessed and enriched and helped when he was almost as poor as a Church Rat - Is now ready to lead a mob against you to please the Devil & Co. and the Anti Truth Firm of Wood Boyington. Well let Judas have rope enough with all his friends and in good season they will all hang themselves, and will go to their own place. My good Wife & Daughters are full of love and sympathy and so are all the worthy members of Howard Division N.S. and are saying who shall roll a way the stone. They have almost forgotten that the good Lord is no longer in the sepulcre amongst the dead - But has ascended on High leading Captivity Captive, and receiving gifts for his dear disciples who may be persecuted by the ungodly - Jesus the Great Captain of the Host of the Lord - will defend & bless you

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Knox College, Galesburg, Ill
May 10th 1870

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,
My dear Sir,

I am far enough away from Washington to be shut up to brief telegraphic summaries of transactions there, and the summary to which I am condemned is that furnished by the correspondent of the Chicago Tribune. It is not difficult to see his animus in the portions of testimony which he sends as that given before the Committee on the affairs of the Freedmen's Bureau. I have known somewhat of the trials and perils of your position and of the combination ready to be formed at the opportune moment against you; and so am not greatly surprised to find so powerful an attempt made to bring a stigma upon your work and you. In the statements that I see, I believe nothing is published except what is made to appear as detrimental to you; and that is continued from day to day. Is that Gen. Boynton's manipulation?

I have felt so sensitive respecting your success that I have been compelled to write a word to express my

earnest sympathy with you in this experience and my strongest hope that not only may you be vindicated, but so that the mouth of calumny may be stopped. I am rejoiced that you have such an able advocate as Mr. Ketchamo, one who is able and also friendly; but I rejoice still more in the thought that the truth will be so clear as to plead its own case and set you right.

I wait the decision of the Committee with confidence; believing that God will guard his friends and that he will make it plain. May he be near you and your brother, and bring to naught the counsels of the wicked!

I endeavored to see your brother in Chicago three weeks since, calling twice at his office, but failed. Had I seen him I should have spoken the word of affection which this letter is designed to convey, and then should not have been constrained to the formal attempt of a letter which should have nothing in it but a "God bless you".

We are enjoying our Western life – so far we find enough to do, and a free field in which to do it.

Mrs. Pratt joins me in prayers and best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Lewellyn Pratt

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The National Watch Company.

Office 159 & 161 Lake Street.

Chicago, Ill. May 10th 1870

Dear General.

I dont know, but it is a presumption for me to write to you in reference to the reports that have now been so industriously circulated touching your administration of the Freedmens affairs, but I cannot refrain from sending you the assurance of the perfect confidence that I, in common with all your friends everywhere, have, that there is not, has not been nor ever will be, any just ground for charges that tarnish in any manner the honorable and christian character that through Gods grace you have borne.

The only way these reports have affected me, has been to cause me pain for the pain I knew they caused you, and to ask that the "grace of God might be sufficient for you" to bear this trial as you have others. I am sure that the end of it will be the glory of our Lord.

You dont know General what

warm friends You have all over the land. and how many are praying for you. and strivin in every way to counteract and enlighten the impression created by the misrepresentation daily telegraphed to us. I am in daily contact with Mr Moody. Mr Jacobs. and others of our Young Men. and You must not let in any manner trouble You, that the faith of your Christian brethren here is in the smallest degree weakened by the machinations of Your enemies.

The card of your brother in this morning Tribune. is capital. and very opportune in its effect. The reports yesterday overdid the thing entirely. Every one could see that an enemy had done this thing. With renewed assurances. Dear General, of respect. esteem and love. I remain

Very truly Yours

D. W. Whittle