

Now, having tried to live
I cannot live, I laid in
Hospital, 3 Months shot
in the head at ^{Fredericksburg}
on the Rappahannock.

General, I do not wish
to tire you, but if you
could read my heart
You would pity me.
My feet are almost bleeding
And sleeping alone
in Poverty, thinking
of days past, happy all,
and present Solitude of
Gloom and hunger, It
is enough, to make a
brave heart falter.

I can say no more
except refer you to
Col. Norton of the Sig. Corps.
I am General
Your Unfortunate Sufferer
Army of the Potomac
Edw. J. Thompson



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[Sept - 1871]

So. Gen. Howard

Howard University

Present:

General:

You will please pardon these
lines from one who is a perfect
Stranger; but under present
circumstances I have no alter-
native than address you -
asking advice and encouragement.
General

I lost my wife a few
months back - buried her on
the 20th of July in Mobile
Alabama. At that time
business was very slack
and a Mechanic found it
hard to earn his daily bread
I found it so. - And my
Portner the same till she died

I determined to leave the
State and paid my way to
Baltimore Md. I succeeded
in getting two weeks work
and paid a Taxation fee
of Twenty Two Dollars
to become a Member of the
Masons Society. General
My Employer. Finished
this Contract and I could
not procure any more work
I sold my things day by
day till Every thing was gone
Except a few mementoes
of the Parted Dead - my
Wife Father and Mother

I walked from Baltimore
to Frederick and from there
here - Washington. Now I have
walked up and down
keeping up my spirits and
heart, hoping to get work

I have paid for Education at
the College, my
knowledge seems of no use.
Having a good Trade and
being a good Mechanic, I
can not get work here.

Oh General, my Trials
are hard and I am afraid
I will sink under them.

I served under
General McCall
General Hooker
General Burnside
General Meade
and General Grant.
I was a Member of the
Signal Corps under Col
Fisher, Capt Hall, Lt. Cross
Holland Clark and
worked under Genl Hancock
"Lykes", Warren, Ord,
and Others too numerous
to mention. (over, please)

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Nathaniel Banks

Washington Sept. 14/70

Dear General.

Am away while speaking
of my retirement - you very kindly offered
to say a word for me in a friendly way
to Genl McDowell, I leave in the morning
~~to~~ for New York to appear before the Medical
officers, on the third and before the full board

on the sixth inst. May I trust you
will remember me in the way
mentioned and say what little good
you know of me, if any, to Genl. ^{the} I

Very Respectfully
And truly your friend
Geo. W. Child

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Charleston, S.C.
Sept the 1st / 70

Brig Genl. O.O. Howard.

Commissioner, B. R. F. F. S.

Washington, D.C.

Sir

I Received a communication
from you on the 29th ult from
the nature of that communication
it seems if some one has written
to you in my name for a situation
if you Received any such letter
or application it was not from
me. neither have I written any such
or authorized any person to write
in my name I was standing in the
Sheriffs office one day I Remem-
ber I made this Remark. that I did
not get anything to do. for a Living.
before I would vote a democrat.

Reform Ticket. would write
to Genl. Howard for a pos-
ition to clean out a Republican
office for five dollars per month
I also said that I was a Soldier in
the Service of the United States and
that I had got disabled in ^{the} Army, and
Genl. Howard would consider my
case. Not only him but other
good Republicans in Washington.
you observe fir by the above
that it was a conversation between
myself and other various parties
but never written. nor did I ask
any one to do it for me. because
I do all my own writing without
asking ^{any} body do it for me.

I am dear Sir Very
Respectfully Your Obedt Servt
G. W. Hooker.
No 10 Liberty St. C. N. I. C.

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Brig. Gen. O. O. Howard.

Boston, Sept. 1 1870

Dear Sir

30th unit to my uncle James M. Barnard
duly recd.

Yours Lchr
Mr. Barnard, left here in June
for a two years trip in Europe, other
wise I have no doubt he would most
gladly aid you in establishing a
professorship in honor of our late
Governor John A. Andrew.

I remain yours

Saml Barnard.

11 Bowdoin St.

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Hudson Summit Co. C.

Sept 1 1870

Gen. O. O. Howard

Dr Sir,

I perceive by the papers, that the work of reducing the Officers of the Army is going on briskly, (to use the phrase in which I saw it expressed,) under the new Army bill. I have not been able to get a copy of the bill, & do not understand how, or under what circumstances, the depletion is going on. But as my son Wm (The Capt.) is at home awaiting orders & is very anxious to be assigned to duty, I venture to trouble you with the enquiry as to

what course it is best for us to
pursue, to secure that end.

He is very desirous of being
retained in the service, & if you
can suggest anything to aid, or
can personally induce his opinion
you will add to the very great
obligations under which we all
for your previous acts of kindness
to him.

Very truly, Your Obedt
Wm W Peck

Rev. E. N. KIRK, D. D., President.
WM. E. WHITING, Ass't Treasurer.
Rev. EDW. P. SMITH, ~~Gen'l. Field Agent~~
Field Secretary.

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Secretaries.
Rev. GEORGE WHIPPLE,
Rev. M. E. STRIEBY.

AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION,

~~NO. 58 JOHN STREET.~~
No. 59 READE STREET.



New York, Sept 2^d 1870.
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Gen. O. O. Howard
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 1st is received. I have read it & the officers of the Association and we have decided unanimously to endeavor to secure the services of Mr. Woodbury.

I suppose it would be better not to speak of this outside of the Board of Trustees, until we learn Mr. Woodbury's decision.

Very respectfully

Yours &c.

George Whipple

Cor. Sec.

per. M. A. H.

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

No. 59 READE STREET

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Dear Sir,

I have had the pleasure of receiving the Association and was very much interested in the various reports and statistics presented. I am sure it will be of great value to the cause of the deaf and dumb.

No. 59 READE STREET

OFFICE OF
National Freedman's Savings and Trust Company,

No. 507 Seventh Street, opposite the Post Office,

Washington, D. C. Sept 2nd 1870.

My Dear Genl:

I enclose note just received in answer to one from you.

You see therein what Messrs J. C. Mc say. I trust you will be patient and I advise that the limit 112 be not reduced. It is a question of a short time only and meanwhile you are getting 6 per cent out on them. That is my view. Do not however be governed by it. If you think otherwise & are anxious to sell say what limit I shall fix and I will instruct accordingly.

Yrs. Truly,

D. H. Eaton

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Banking House of

JAY COOKE & CO.,

COR. WALL AND NASSAU STS.

NEW YORK,

Sept 11th 1870.

D. L. Eaton Esq.

Dear Sir.

We have not been able as yet to work off any of the 300 in Currency Notes at your limit 112.

The only sales made since you left have been at 111³/₈, 111¹/₄ & 111¹/₂. We have been watching the market carefully and as soon as opportunity offers will dispose of them. ~~Yours~~
If you wish to reduce limit please wire us. Very Respy
Jay Cooke & Co.

Banking House of

JAY COOKE & CO.

Cor. Wall and Nassau Sts.

New York, Dec. 1870

L. Carter Esq.

Dear Sir,
We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the above named matter. We have no objection to the same being published in your paper, and we are sure that the public will be interested in the result. Very respectfully,
J. Cooke & Co.

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Polo, Illinois,

Sept 2^d 1870

Gen O. O. Howard,

Not long since
I read in the Advance,
Chicago, a letter from
J. J. Whittier. In reply to
one he had received
from you. Saying
his health was poor—
Not good. Nothing in
his drawer. It was
Suggested to me perhaps
I could in part supply
that lack.

I will add a
few dollars to Whittier.
Sympathy, and with a
heavenly benediction.
it will give inspiration

to your most righteous
Cause. The Freed men,
is the hope of —

Respectfully,
R. R. Barber,

Palo. Ill.



Farmington, Sept 6th, 1870

My Dear Son,

Yours of 12th ult, is before me, & was happy to hear so good accounts of your family, you said but little about Babie & trust he is doing as well at this time as I came through Brunswick yesterday, & heard General Whittier's second son was dead and the funeral yesterday P.M., the rest of the family recovering, I went to Hallowell Tuesday, Howland is no better, had a worse night than usual it is awful these attacks, while upon him, unless help comes from some source he must wear out, & have just come from ^{the} room where I was sitting while Ella was doing other things, and I think my description of him in the morning was right, the Doct. has just gone from him, has infused in ^{his} limb sandalwood ^{or} something of that nature, hope you will write soon, that we may know how you and all are, the Normal school and little Blue are prosperous and Farmington is prospering.

I suppose Guy is returned to Andover &
wish he would write to me, please in
letters ask him so to do, if Grace will write
to me so that I could get it next week, I
write her whenever I am, K. B. G. stays
a few hours with Charles and Little
~~at night~~ Rodolphus came to Maine with
me and has returned to his home and
I have had a letter from him written
since he reached his home 3 o'clock
K. B. G. is quite easy but has not been off from
his bed to day, hope to hear your health
is good Ensign and Laura came to the
Anniversary of Howland's wedding in good
health Sept. 2^d he is quiet under the
influence of Morphine was not
off from the bed yesterday, hope
to get this in the mail love
all your affectionate Mother
Eliza G. Howard

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MATTHEW HOWELL.

JONES & HOWELL,
Real Estate Brokers,
 DEALERS IN
School Bonds and other Securities.

No. 13 South Fourth Street,

Leavenworth, Kansas, Sept. 2nd 1870.

My dear General:

After having seen Major and Mrs. Lee, I could not think of leaving this city without sending you a line. Not having had an opportunity for a confidential talk with the Major, I can't say as to how well he has kept good resolutions, but his face and manner tell a good story. I don't think he can be drinking. Mrs. Lee is also looking & feeling well, & both are happy at the prospect of an early return from the Army. He goes before the Board tomorrow. Had news of my Regiment at Fort Dodge, with prospect of my going to Fort Lyon, Colorado, but near the Rail Road.

Sunday before last dined with your

Brother in Chicago, visited Mission School
in which he has a class. Was disappointed
in not finding meetings a little more
spirited with the Y.M.C.A. it is evident
from Brother Moody is the high wheel
horse, and is getting a little tired.
Y.M.C.A. in Snufort, ^{Ill.} not doing anything
Course - Missionary. In this City, no
order to save the organization, they
adjourned over the hot weather. But I
don't forget your counsel, I don't forget - "The
wheat & the tares are together," my anxiety
is not to be a tares - am really seeking, in
love, to encourage the brethren.

Gertie (Mrs. H-) speaks most kindly of
the friends raised up for her, in Washington.

Just as soon as I am settled, and
at work, will write you faithfully, my
experience in trying patiently to
fight against the three influences so destructive
in frontier Army life - viz. dirty Squaws,
Whiskey & Gambling.

In Christ, faithfully & respectfully
M. C. Wilkinson

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Dear Gen. Howard.

I don't know
of any other way to do, than
to come to you for another farm.
I do not shrink from it, because
I think you will not so perfectly
willing to grant it, but because
you have done so much for us
already. Mr. Comins has
come in this morning, and
was out much farther than
I was prepared for, and I dis-
charge my girl Monday night
and must have the money
ready for her - or that I have
\$35.00 or much. If you

W.E.

W

can lend it to me, as well
as now. I will return it as
soon as my circumstances that
I am expecting.

Ever gratefully yr friend
Estimable B. Wilkinson

Friday 9. Mo.

great kindness.

Accept my love

W. L. Lewis and ever to remain

Your Affec. Son

John

Treasury Dept. Wash. D. C.

Sept. 3. 1870.

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O. O. Howard

Dear Sir;

I received this morning the annexed letter from my brother. He had called two or three times before I received the answer each time that Col. Jones was busy.

Yesterday as you will see he received as answer that Genl Jones could do nothing for him. I thought you would like to know the result of the application, and that is my excuse for sending this.

I join with my brother in again thanking you Genl for your endeavors to assist him, and ask you to notify me, should you know of anything here or elsewhere that he can do.

Yours very respectfully
H. C. Farnett

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New York Sept 2nd 1860
(Dear Bro Fred

I was down to the
N.C. again this Am. I sent in my
Card and told the Colored man
to pay to Col Jones I was the party
that left the letter from Gen Howard
he did so for I could see him
through the Crack of the Door
he came out and said Gen Jones
could do nothing for me. I think he
might have ^{shown} me the Courtesy
to see me. Of course he has my
References & the Gen's letter and I
pretend that will be the end of
it. As you see that the Castle I
have been building has fallen to
the ground. I was afraid it was
too much good luck for me.

I am ever & then extremely oblige
to you also to Gen Howard for your

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Hartford Sept 3 1870.

Genl O O Howard

My Dear Sir.

Your Sept 1 is
re & noted.

In reply say I do
think you can get a few thousand
dollars here. Say in Oct next -
when our people are at home.
and Mr Gould has returned
from his vacation. I will
then make my subscription
of \$25.000. and get others to
follow. We have some who
give to colleges and not much
else. Instances Percius Wadsworth
Loyal Wilcox & some others -
They have given this year to a
college in Wisconsin and
Chicago. You must be here

over Sunday. Will arrange all
hereafter. We hear after from
our Son & daughter - They have
been spending the summer in
Norman & Sweden, but now
doing Great Britain.

Do you know
that Dr. G. M. M. of Charleston
has become a resident of Wash-
ington?

My Clark & Mary
Andrew are very well and join
me in kindly remembrance
to yourself & Mary Howard.

Yours Truly

David Clark

Note my unhappy controversy with
a Methodist minister. Almost
twenty of this community are
with me. My statement is shortly
true.

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Headquarters Military Division of the Missouri,

ENGINEER OFFICE,

Chicago, Ill., Sept 3rd, 1870.

Sir, O. C. Howard
Washington D.C.

My dear General

I am just in receipt
of your favor via Burlington
Vt., enquiring if I will sell
my lot on the University grounds.
I hardly know what reply
to make - I don't know what
it is worth, I did not purchase
with a view to speculation,
but to secure ground for
a house at some future
time, in case I should
be stationed in Washington.

I might perhaps sell, how
much will the gentleman give?
or I should say what is the
present value of the lot: -

Very truly yours J. W. Barlow

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Genl. O.O. Howard

Com'r B. R. Y. & L., L.



Dear Sir

I have seen the Chief Clerk, Col Martin, he has promised to do all that he can to have me appointed a clerk in the A.W.O. If Col. Martin can be got to feel in the same way in regard to the matter I will get the position that I am after and need so much.

The Chief Clerk told me himself that there ~~are~~ two vacancies now, I suppose this was confidential.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servant

H. A. Roehrig

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Paul W. Howard
Care of Dr. H. B. D. L.

I have been the chief clerk of the
the the proposition to do all that the
to have an opportunity to visit in the
of the matter one is apt to fall in the
way in regard to the matter I will get the
matter that I am after and will assume
the duty that I am assuming that
there are two reasons why I suppose the
was confidential

Very Respectfully
Your truly
H. B. D. L.

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Front Royal Va

Sept the 3d 1870

Hon Gen O O Howard Dear Sir it has been requested of me by Dr Wm H Harris to write to you & inform you that he is orrested in jail & is without friends or money at this place & wishes you to please send him \$200 to blige your devoted friend & he also wishes me to say to you that the buisness that you & others sent him here to do in regard to the building association. geting deligates from the diferant Counties to meet in convention at Washington on the 8th of Sept 1870. at this place he has gaten

Harry Roy & John Roy. & he wishe you to address John Roy ^{let him} all about the buisness of which he & ^{his} fother is to attend this fall in convection. by an order presented to them from you by Wm H Harris. & as he is under orrest & can not attend buisness you will have to send an other man to take his papers. & if you expect Messers Harry Roy & John Roy to attend convention let them know it in time to do so on the 8th. & if you send the money please send it by express to Jackson Roy as soon as possible. he also wishes me to tell you that he has a man ^{from} Shanandoah County for the convention by the name of Overt F Byrd in your letter to John R please tell him if Byrd will be expected to attend

from Dr Wm H Harris to John for
O. P. Howard by Jackson Roy
P.S. Please grant the
favor & address
J. H.

P.P. these reports of this man W H H are very much
doubted at this place. will you please
answer soon and let me know whether
you really know such a man or not

Jackson Roy

P.S. I can only say if he fails to get the money
he must go to the penitentiary. I think