Autumn of
October 15, 1870

Dear Sir,

If not too much trouble will you please send me your autograph?

Hoping that among numerous applications of this kind you will find time to grant mine and that you will excuse me for troubling you.

Yours,

Very respectfully,

E.P. Chamberlain

To

Gul Howard
The text on the page is not legible.
My dear Sir:

Please write your autograph upon the enclosed cards and return them to me.

They are for a bazaar school fair in this.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Major W. H. Harwood
Washington.
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NY. Oct. 15th,

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard,
Washington,

Dear Sir,

I write in behalf of the Counting Count of the Princeton College Co., of the Student Body to-day's mail, their last Annual Report) to ask that you be one with the other speaking to address the Society at its Annual meeting to be held at Bloomfield, N.J. on the 20th in the evening.

This society has sustained a great loss in the death of Dr. D. P. Baldwin. But we hope to fill this place with a good man, but we are in a crisis. Cannot you come...
The hope is the new policy will be under the S.D. of the time come when the S.D. shall not be "detest" only by working party. Truth to the higher schools under the forbidding Can of the A.M. Assoc. you can give a good lift to their direction. The Soc. will of course play its expen ear way.

Yours Truly

[Signature]

[Address]
Washington, D.C. Oct 15th, 1870

Mr. Genl. O.O. Howard

My Dear Sir: I am anxious that Mr. Longstreet should speak in Petersburg and vicinity on Monday and Tuesday. If any arrangement can possibly be made to permit him to be absent on these days we should consider it a personal and political favor and have...
it would result in great
good to the cause of
republicanism in Va.
I have the honor to
request that you will
endeavor to arrange the
matter so that he can
be absent for the time
indicated.

Very Respectfully Yours,

James H. Mathis
encouraged in the Industrial School, my father had a bucket and other work in the factory in the building in connection with the jute work, and I obtained considerable use in it there. He had also a grocery store in connection with his factory at Elliott's Mill which I had the management of. I also had a great deal of the selling of the manufactory articles to do to the Merchants in Baltimore and N.Y. Morally and religiously shall strive to be one of the sons of the house to the best of my ability. Please excuse any seeming awkwardness resp. that is any in this letter, as it is unintentional. I only have endeavored to put myself right in the opinion of a gentleman whose good word and esteem I value so much.

Mr. Root is the President of the Industrial School.

What is wanted is that you will write a short letter introducing the Institution's and the person that the managers have selected as the General Superintendent, being myself. The letter will be printed with others from other influential persons.

Yours respectfully,

John Frederick Stewart

Oct. 13th 1870

Washington D.C.

General C.O. Howard

Dear Sir,

The managers of the Industrial Home School of the District of Columbia, on the recommendation of the Messr. Savage, have offered me the position as General Superintendent and manager of the Institution, and its affairs. The offer came unexpected, and un solicit ed, by me. I send a printed article that I wrote and had printed in the Chronicle, which shows the object and nature of the school. They wish to have it inserted by prominent and influential parties, and am of opinion that it will tend to inspire confidence to have their Superintendant and greatly assist in raising the
required aid. I am not to enter on the duties until I have become thoroughly the district for the means required. But, for all of your opinion if of me is correct in one particular I am unfit for the position. This is a situation that I should like, as a poor man but all though, have not succeeded in an amassing wealth, that should not be taken as a sure sign that I lack energy. When I was a very young man, was associated in business with a relative, through his extravagance and dissipation the business was broken up, and I lost all that I had, me of the editor, a Mr. Kendal. Hardware Merchant of Centreville MD asked some of the neighbors how I had conducted myself, their answer was, that I had been one of the most attentive and industrious young men that they had ever known, this Mr. Kendal told me himself, the same was said of me by Mr. Lansdale agent of the Granite Mills Maryland, but a right watchman has not much chance of showing whether he has anything in him or not. In the army no one ever accused me of a lack of energy. Before leaving home some months since, during the nine months proceeding, I by individual efforts got up twenty-two thousand and proposed in my own name over one hundred persons, and had them initiated in Howard Division, obtained over five hundred signatures to the pledge, and attended to my duties as night watchman regularly besides other things, this I think shows that there is not much lack of energy. If I were to give a history of my late trip South, and all that was contended with, it would not show a lack of energy. This position will enable me to show what I can make of if it goes on.

As to my experience in the kind of work
New York, Oct 15 1870

My friend Rev. Howard,

Dear Sir,

I learn by the newspapers that you are about to proceed to Drew Point upon the Pink Manual for the trial of cadets. Believing that the appointment of a stenographer to that court may possibly be within your gift, I take the liberty of applying to you for it. If you can give me that appointment in preference to me you will add one more to the many favors...
you have already conferred
upon

J. A. with gratitude

in respect

T. F. Williams
Washington, Oct. 15, 1870

Gen. O. C. Howard:

It is an unusable task to interfere with others men affairs your

initiative. But, at the list of being things

unnecessary officers, I am about to comm

write those in question.

I understand there is to be a meeting

of Monday next of some of the other

Republicans, to take into consideration the

question of applying aid to the Union Pacific

at the Railway.

I sincerely hope that this done as well for the sake of the Republican party as for that of Mr. Douglas and the Colored

people.

And what I want to suggest is that

John Meade bring this up. May be this...
Madr were late, by my own ob-
servation, during one from a male was
by the desire of another.

If the Douglas Bank gets foreclos-
ewing of all other judges, and money
in America is given to men & women
with his great reputation, and abilities,
he could make it a success, both for
community and politically, they are not so
wound. It seems to me it is a
business of the highest importance to the
Republican party, if not to the other people.

There is some money for for-
sure against them. My object in mentioning
you this other than any, is I can con-
gain for Mr. Douglas, and the success of the
forces.

I refer you to Messrs. C. E. Sturdivant and the
men of all the male to win their hearts.

Your truly,

Joseph Warren
6th and 8th.
Oct. 16, 1870.

Maj. Gen. Howard

Dr. Sir: I am in receipt of your esteemed note of the 15th and will do all I can personally to further the wishes of our friend, man, whom I believe to be a very worthy person.

I avail of this opportunity to thank you for the unnecessary
interest, give us a com-
parative stranger (as
indeed she is to one)
have taken in her

Such disinterested,
ed, charitable act
as there, finds, more
than anything else,
in my judgment,
to "make all the
world akin," to cause
us to "love one another"
as our Father in Heaven
loves us all. Restive

R.H. [Signature]
Bostwick Oct 17 1870

Gen. O. Howard

My dear Sir,

You will doubtless remember receiving a letter from me some months since in which I stated to you that I was a Minister of the Gospel and had labored as a Missionary in the West for 17 years previous to 1860. Since that time I had been greatly afflicted with Paralysis in my lower limbs. It is now nearly 10 years since I have been able to walk a single step or earn a single dollar—have been it still has been a great suffering. In my last letter I asked for sympathy and aid.
Your reply was frank that you could not help me at that time. This gave me some encouragement that you might at some future time I am still much in need and a small donation would greatly relieve my present pressing necessities. If you have any money to do my Christian character you can be perfectly satisfied by conferring with B. Whipple or Mr. Stanley, corresponding secretary of the A. M. Association. They know me well. My present condition & circumstances yours in Christian love & esteem.

Nelson Cook Jr.
12 Howell St Rochester
C. 86. Vol. 11, 1870
Department of the Interior,
CENSUS OFFICE,
Washington, D. C., October 17th, 1870.

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed an order for One Hundred Dollars, which I offer you as my subscription for the church this year and shall deduct it for the two years if nothing occurs to prevent.

I regret that circumstances prevent a more liberal donation and shall endeavor to increase it in the coming year.

Wishing you health, comfort and unbounded success financially in your journey north. I will remember your daily before Our Father, and remain,

Yours Very Respectfully,

[Signature]

Washington, D.C. Oct 14th, 1879

Gen. C.C. Howard.

Dear Sir,

If any apology be necessary for this intrusion upon your valuable time & trust that it may be found in the very peculiar and painful position, which Mrs. Backus's inexplicable conduct has placed myself and family. Through her machinations we are homeless and without the means of procuring even a meal or victual. My son Frederic is old enough to earn something if he could get employment. Will you, Sir, use your influence to procure him some position, however humble, while he can, at least, earn enough to furnish him the bare necessaries of life, and where he will not be exposed to vice and immoral influences? I think that...
The young man employed in the Soldering Room at the Capitol if some influence that person would intercede for him.

My husband too is looking for some employment, anything that will keep the wolf from the door. And if you will kindly aid us, in our great distress, with your influence I shall be under lasting obligations. I enclose a line from my son, Sabbath School Teacher, and if you desire any other reference you can enquire of Granville Melton, Superintendant of Kendall Mission. Hoping that you will pardon this intrusion, I am with great respect,

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Eliza Pech

Gor. A. A. Howard.
Chicago Oct 17 1870

Gen. O.O. Howard
U.S.A.

Dear Sir,

I take the liberty to enclose to you some remarks that have been published in reference to the effect of cannonading in producing rain, and to ask if your experience and observation during our late war would incline you to take a favorable view of the theory therein advanced. If so, I beg that you will mention what battles you recollect or having been accompanied...
or followed by rain; and also any incidental circumstances connected therewith that you may possibly remember in relation to temperature, wind &c., that might add to the knowledge that can be gathered on the subject, and that might be of use in case an attempt should be made to reproduce the phenomenon referred to.

Soliciting a reply and requesting that you will at the same time return to me the enclosed slip &c.

Very respectfully,

Your Ob[li]g[ed] Servant,

E[th]n[st] Powers

Br[ach] 45
Our little Garrison Sunday meetings are very pleasant ones, and still being the Parson. It is very hard for me to endure the custom and at our officers' table, often the very indelicacy, conversation, but people in this County seem to have outrun any reverence, modesty, and tone, even decency — for instance, this morning at the breakfast table, one officer, who had slept though his call, said he was as sleepy as a woodchuck Jesus. This came after the other day, in a conversation concerning the selling of liquor to soldiers, this 'sp. Jesus started the first brewery. To be compelled to listen to such talk is perfect torment — I have tried to tell this man something of how truly this country is to me. To his honor or regard for any bond, I can not appeal. So I sit and try to take it patiently, till God shall thus me the way to that in my heart, or out of his Company. And now I am making a long letter, cut out of one I had in hand as only a very short one.

With the kindest regards to Mrs. Howard and the Kincaids. I am General, respectfully, most sincerely, your obedient

Fort Leaven, Colorado Territory
Oct. 14th 1870

General O. Howard, U.S.A.
Washington D.C.

Dear General:

The following is in a letter just received from the daughter of a missionary near Fort Sedalia, Indian Territory — do you know if there is any arrangement for sending some Colonists there? The Howard Mission. There has been talk of it, and they are counting on going. And this reminds me of what their chief clerk has been trying to bring about, and I am thinking that when I am returned, it will be a good plan for me to take the back track at
Kansas City—Fort Gibson.

I am confident, that by giving the matter my personal and earnest attention, I may, with God's blessing, be able to open a found (for these students—will be self-sustaining) at the University—and not only Colored, but the Indian may be induced to come. I really wish you best for me to visit these people.

Just before starting with you General, I remember that I said I don't expect you will answer every letter I write. Oh, I'm sure the reply I will answers every letter you will write me—and this is my third one—and as yet no reply and I am wondering how University matters go on. Whether old student—have returned and matters military fare along smoothly. But I'm taking some lessons in the waiting school, and this is one.

Permit me of the Cadets, Napier, will write me of the weekly prayer meetings.

In a note to Peace I spoke of one you will remember as Miss Helen Thornton, now the wife of Capt. Casey & (thirty) She desires both Mrs. Howard and yourself love.

And how may I say just one word more about the Martin lady? It does seem to me that the best way as you from Colored so, to dispose of the trouble is to sell it, furniture and all. for enough to cover debt of trust and Mr. Cole note, if we move. The furniture (with the stores I purchased, and paid for II.) is worth eight hundred dollars. So I do hope without any more trouble some one will come along who will be glad to take the property.

I have considerable time for thinking and this is leading me my thoughts, as before. I trust I am not reminding you of hardwork.
American Missionary Association:
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Rev. E. P. Smith, Field Secretary, N.Y.

New York, Oct. 17th, 1870

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
My Dear Brother

"The Western College Society" which nearly ceased to exist by the death of its late Secretary, Rev. Dr. Baldwin, is to hold its Annual Meeting in Bloomfield, N.J. Nov. 8th, when an effort will be made to resuscitate it under Congregational auspices. It is thought to be very important that there should be a full attendance of Congregational brethren there; and one of the Directors wishes me to write you, urging your attendance. I hope to see you at the N. Jersey Conference Oct. 26th, when we can talk over the subject more fully. I now write simply to lay it before your mind and forestall any other engagement at that time.

With kind regards,

M. E. Stieby.
June 12th, 1874

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