American Missionary Association,
No. 59 Reade Street,
New York, Jan. 16, 1871

Dear General:

I find that Mr. Patterson is here on New Year's, and it is desirable how soon he arrives in Washington. Shall I put the matter into his hands or write to some one else? Please reply at once.

Yours, etc.

Gen. Whipple,
Gen. Sec.

Per W. E. W.
Nov. Jan. 16,

Dear Sir,

Respectfully inquiries are made to me about the future price of tuition, particularly by colored parents. Being unable to answer them I will thank you to state it definitely.

The Commissioners who examined me stated that they assumed their share in the salary from Jan. 1st, only.

Three of the pupils who left from inability to pay, returned this morning. The parents of two, Mrs. Price and Mrs. Jones, say they will endeavor to give one dollar per month.

This additional to day fills us.
Jan. 17th 1871

Our seats, if one ever, gave present number twenty two.

The paintress speaks of being unable to procure kindling wood when she gets her color.

Is that not to be furnished?

Very Respectfully,

M. B. Mann

[Signature]
Dear Sir,

Having been for more than three years the Secretary of the National Fund, I beg to hand you by my friend Jas. Cropper, a line of introduction for business and information.

Jas. Cropper is the grandson of a well-known abolitionist whose name he bears in war.
one of the earliest, most efficient, and persistent friends of the Freedman during the years in which efforts were made in his behalf in this country and we wish to learn all he can of the results of the Act to which you always gave such efficient support.

Yours very respectfully,

Arthur Albright

[Signature]
(in the back of the envelope, Jan. 31st 1871)

Jan. 16th or 1871

P.S. If you want the child, I will bring her with me on my homeward journey.

Miss Edw. Backus
Fremont
Dodge Co.
Neb.

Fremont, Neb. Jan. 16, 1871

O. O. Howard Esq.

Sir,

When your brother spoke to the people of Fremont in behalf of the Freedmen, I had the pleasure of calling his attention to a nice, little yellow girl whom a sister of Rev. J. Trumbull of Hartford Conn. brought me from Charleston, S. Carolina. Then the child was brought one, I was living in Conn. but she had been with me only a few months when I was persuaded to accompany a married niece and her husband to Nebraska. A few weeks ago, that niece died. And, now that the motive for coming here is taken away, I purpose to return East.
But this is here, prejudice will. She likes to understand girls
prevent my adopted daughter,
(I regard her in my will)
from mingling with white children
without a constantly recurring
embarrassment which is sure
to check intellectual and moral
growth. Hence the question,
"Is there a place for her in the
school with which you are
connected?"

Her age is 13 1/2 yrs. She makes
good bread; reads charmingly;
knows some arithmetic, some
geography and a little grammar.
She speaks like a queen at our
sabbath school and temperance
congress, and obliges people to
admire her on such occasions.

My ambition is to have her
learn music and medicine
scientifically and thoroughly.

lovingly. Her memory and
her common sense are her
prominent characteristics. Her
hair is woolly, but in her head
and heart the Anglo predominates
over the African.

While she was in Conn. she became
a member of the Congregational church
and at her examination before
the committee, silenced opposition
by her understanding and answers.
She is not pantingly pious, but
gives evidence of sincerity in her
profession of religion.

I have no ready money to
expend on her now, beyond the
cost of traveling, but have some
real estate which will sell to
advantage when the pecuniary
presence is past.

Please answer my question as stated
above and oblige yours respectfully,

Mrs. E. M. Backus
Baltimore Female College, January 16th, 1871

Gent. Dr. Howard:

Dear Sir,

You have been engaged in a great work—the lifting up of a race downtrodden and kept in ignorance for centuries. I believe that Christianity is the cornerstone of all knowledge and civilization. They leave it present for your examination and adoption this little book. I have entirely from the Scriptures which present the leading truths of Christianity in a simple and attractive form. Read it in cordial

Dr. Howard.
of the subjects they will readily be read slower than an ordinary book. The better reader will lead the less advanced, and hence it will greatly improve their reading.

While the truths of religion strike deep down into the heart and produce their good fruit, as an opening exercise of the day with singing and prayer it will fit the minds of the pupils, mainly to enter upon their school duties.

The "Scripture Manual" gotten up is a cheap form like the Sabbath School Manual; can be afforded for about 25 cents. Read the first day, evening, and examine the prophecy concerning Christ and their fulfillment beginning on p. 32, and you will have a good idea of the merits of the book. Hoping to hear from you.

Yours truly,

S. O. Brooks.
Boston, Jan 16th, 1871

My dear Sir:

If not asking too great a favor, will you give me your Autograph upon the enclosed cards? I would like it as a matter of historical interest, and to add to similar favors received from other distinguished men.

Very truly yours,
A.M. Livermore
Gen. C.O.O. Howard.
Dear General,

Having this day made the last payment, and taken up my note at the Freedmen’s Savings Bank, I desire to offer you an apology for the great delay in its payment.

I can only give as the reason, the very embarrassing condition of my finances. It has been all that I could do to pay as fast as I have done, while at times it has been impossible to spare from my slender income the monthly installment required by the terms of the note.

Tell it is paid, and I sincerely thank you for the very kind and patient indulgence granted.

Very respectfully,

John W. Green

Genl. O.O. Howard

Freedmen’s Bureau

Washington, D.C.
in the Car in 1862. For after the
last peace there, with sentiments
frequently of various regard, 4th June, 1871.

A. T. Bicknell

[Handwritten text]

[Handwritten text]

Jan 20
1871

[Handwritten text]

Dear Gen. O. Howard,

The copy of your letter containing

a draft for $200 payable to Mr. Bicknell was

received this morning. The draft is now in

dr. Bicknell's hands.

It is, as you pointed out, that

a youth cannot be sent to Andover or

to Brandeis without hearing disparaging

remarks about Bowdoin's meeting

influence which draw him away from

the institution to which he is State pride

would naturally incline him. It is our

chief argument in favor of our institutions

in the State which will prepare our own

children forwhich is properly their own

college. I do not know that it is worth

while to enter upon a defense of the claim

of our alumnae, which has certainly
done her full share to furnish men who have done honor to all the professions of life. But of this I am persuaded, that a young man may receive as good an education here as at any college. It has been thought an advantage with us, that so little of the instruction is given by Tutors. I may say, that almost preceding period we have a better corps of teachers than we have now, I never more devoutly wish their work. In some of the departments there has been a decided advance within ten years.

The fact that Yale or Cambridge attract large numbers ought to weigh against them in the minds of a young man, who is apt to make the most of his privileges. But where with a smaller number there is of course more searching examination & more individual responsibility. The flush corner will closer quarters with him.

Teacher.

We are always tired, of course, to see our grandchildren leave the home; but the parent must be governed by what seems to him for the best interest of his son. I certainly think, on the other hand, that the son ought to be governed by the deliberately expressed wishes of his parents. They, on their part, must be guided by the temperament of the son, having exerted due influence upon him & guarded him against the unreasonable & unreasonable to procedure of his companions. Leave the matter with him.

An Whittigley sent me your annual report which is so honored by the Bureau. Hope there is a quiet hum in Congress to continue their support of the grand scheme & instrument of benevolence.

With my compliments for Mr. Howard who may remember our chance meeting.
Manchester N. H.  
January 17th 1871  

General—  
I again take the liberty to address you, hoping to secure your influence to help me to a pardon. My wife and friends in Claremont have recently been circulating a petition in my behalf, and I suppose this, with letters from Governor Stearns, Ex Gov. Walker Herriman— and others, is now in the hands of Hon. Jacob Benton N. C. from this State, and I must humbly and respectfully ask you to call upon Mr. Benton, and give him the influence of your name to take before the President, or to call with him and give your personal influence in my behalf.  
I have now served over fifteen months on my two years, and including six months at Concord previous to my sentence have been deprived of my liberty nearly twenty two months. I suffer much pain from the stump.
Of my Amputated Arm this Winter, for it is often very damp and cold here, and
and my Arm is very detrimental to either cold or damp weather.

I am still determined to ever hereafter live an honest, upright, Christian life in the
right of God and man, and if you will again use your influence in my behalf and
try to secure me a pardon I promise there shall never be anything in my future conduct to
ever cause you to regret thus helping me.

Thanking you for your kindness to me in the past,

I Remain

Most Humbly and Respectfully,
Your Ob't Servant

Jared H. Davis

To General G.O. Howard
Washington
D.C.
Boston Jan 17, 1871

Dear Howard,

Have you read the account of the meeting in N. York formed for the purpose of expressing America's sympathies with Italy? I anticipated much. But all my anticipations have been entirely exceeded. That meeting and the Pilgrim day in Plymouth and Boston, seem some vast steps in the advancing of the Lord's Kingdom. But the work is only begun. Every city in the United States must echo the sentiments uttered in N. York. The heart of Italy must be cheered by the voice of welcome from the heart of our Republic.
You will excuse the liberty I take, but it is because I know your heart.

Washington must have its meeting
and the voice of America's orders
must there be heard proclaiming
to Italy, the joy her emancipation
from tyranny has inspired in
the hearts of the friends of freedom here.

Yours in heavenly bonds
of affection. Edw. N. Kirk

by H. M. K.
I have worked much
lo de for many weeks
but pressure of work and
chill these have provoked otherwise I would be better
received no pay-

C. W. Mowreel
received no pay.

My second daughter, who has been (by Mr. Julius influence) in the

Wm. Penn. Dept. 6 years, now heads

my bound regularly for two years—

in the purchase of the office

Building, we paid $1000, all that

myself and daughter could cause

I owe you $2000, and on the

Building $2000, is due in Feb. next

month. I am negotiating the

sale of my Michigan lands, but cannot

realize the amount of money

necessary to meet this emergency

in time. I am in debt about

that;

Here I am as for you what

you think right and proper, and if

you can help me, please address

me, Mr. Patterson Chmn. Supt. Com.

through me. Most truly fs. Griffing.
...serving God & humanity, please say so—If not, withdraw. No recognition—I know God has called me to the special field of these people here in this, and I know that no blessing attends my work.

For eight years past I have given all my time to the "indoor and outdoor" work of the congregation. Seven years in this city—One year organizing societies to help. Now to supply for the work. This supply is to this day, our chief income for clothing for these people. Also, well practiced.Have been given out in packages divided to extreme cases of need labeled by my own hand—all from the hands. [illegible] Dec. 4, 1875. This winter—

My daughters have also given hands and heads to this work—

While under the Bureaus, with gratitude I would check if we were compensated by you. Part a part of our salaries even from the funds to meet expenses, not recognized by the Bureaus, as coming within the financial and the accounts as you will remember were not approved by him. The first of the accounts was a fraction over $300.12 and the last $161.00.

I have established a comfortable home that I feel enriched even if the North in this work. Since the close of the Relief Dept. of the Bureau, my work has been greatly increased requiring the assistance of one of my daughters constantly. And since that time I have...
My dear General,

If you have written work to be given out and if Miss F. Dolebeer, who attends it to join your church, one particular friend, applies for such work, I wish to say that you will find her a true Christian lady, a competent worker with a beautiful character.

Her husband has been a clerk in the Treasury Dept. for nine years. He has worn out his eyes. Hence this effort of hers to do for the family. They went from Galena, Ill.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Roy
My dear friend,

I have long been waiting to be able to write to thee, having been ill ever since I saw thee last in Washington, but can now thankfully acknowledge my health greatly improved. I have been doing my utmost in a more, even during the time of my severe illness, to procure Law and Medical Works for the University, but up to this time have not been able to succeed. I will however continue to exert all my influence in the council of that noble institution that may stand as a living monument.
the cruel and wanton neglect, art, or wrong, clothing, in which the pyramids of Egypt and provisions, is it that shall be crumbled into dust, that senator Pomona's wife, who could have believed ten has 81,850. in her hands, for years ago that a Howard this policy. Please inform us University for colored citizens how much money matters is stand in another institute in regard to them, and what the best of the government in the absence of making copies of this great Republic. Words of my roots from jail to express my gratitude any source, and that the sound and satisfaction into the whole state of things are in regard similar efforts then art matter to the old people under I had suffer nothing to be asked one, I'm from them the work is splendid, and will prosper. I want greatly to visit Was-ington and in a big especial manner the University. I am correspond-ing with the agent J. P. Cuffing. I hope the old people are still in great want. I have

Most affectionately,

W.L. W. Townsend.
We hope you accepted the invitation to Bowdoin Alumni Dinner here next evening.

Supt. A. Hawkins
President B.A.A.

15 Paid Answer by telegram

This telegram has just been received at the office in

511 PC AVE

Where any reply should be sent.
Dear Sir:

I beg to commend to you earnestly Miss Peabody's request. She has undoubtedly explained to you fully, if the free use of the room in Dr. Reinkin's church cannot be secured, please indicate in your reply what the expense for the use of it for one evening would be.
For respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. L. Eaton

Commissioner

U.S. General O.O. Howard

Com. Bu.R.O.Vet.L.
Fau 18th 1871

If Saturday evening is too soon to arrive at the preliminary arrangements I hoped take some day next week -

P - 39 - Jul 2 1871

Department of the Interior,
Bureau of Education,
Washington, Jan 16, 1871.

My dear Sir,

I believe you may have heard that I was invited by the G.M.C.A. to come to Washington to give a lecture in Lincoln Hall on the claims of kindergardening as the necessary preliminary to the education of the human being. But I find Lincoln Hall altogether impracticable for me to use.
to public speaking. And I would give a free lecture whenever or this greatest of
wise; for a man to read my human duties. But I
lecture--I can however, speak certainly to know tomorrow
in a small talk on war. (Thursday) that General Lee
perhaps I knew that Dr. Wood & others may have time
perhaps I knew that Dr. Wood & others may have time
Barnum's church has one. Gather the assembled all
that they were probably hence of parents-especially
and if you would ask for mother & teachers &
did, and that you are so. Member of Congress interest
much interested in the see. Used to be interested in
yet perhaps you would ask. The most vital of all
If you will ask for it for education--the primary
Saturday evening and

Very respectfully yours,
Elizabeth S. Peabody
Paymaster General's Office, (War Department)

Washington, Jan. 18, 1871.

Dear Gent:

I am making an effort to get my salary increased. I saw Mr. Dawes this morning, and handed him some paper, which he says he will lay before the Committee. Will you be kind enough to write Mr. Dawes a short letter in my behalf. My Division is perhaps the most responsible one, in the Bureau of the P.M. Office, and I have 25 clerks in my charge.

Very truly yours,

My present salary is $1800, and it is a poor compensation for my responsibility. As all the Officers of both Regular and Vol. Service are paid upon my certificate.

W.T. White

(Handwritten note: Please say to Mr. Dan'l, I will be a special favor to you, etc.)