Willard's Hotel
Feb. 15, 1871

Gen. O.O. Howard:

Will you do me the favor to accept the enclosed ticket to my lecture tomorrow evening, at Lincoln Hall (Thursday the 16th inst.)? Mrs. Hooker and myself will be introduced to the audience by Gen. B.F. Butler, who, with many other distinguished gentlemen, will occupy seats on the platform. May I not hope that you, also, will accept this invitation to a seat on the platform?

Respectfully,

Victoria C. Marshall
Montgomery, Ala., July 15, 1871.

Gen. Oil. O. Havas
Washington, D.C.

General,

I have been unable until last night to see Dr. Cloud. He says he has written you a full explanation of the matter. I therefore return the check of J. P. Cloud. I fear it will be a total loss to you.

Very Respectfully,
Edwin Brecher.
Vicksburg, Feb. 15, 1871

May, Genl. O.O. Howard

Sir,

I have been informed a letter addressed by you to Captain Green of the 3rd, in which you state facts, has been more credit to our best efforts to investigate the subject of payment of bounty to blind soldiers in that vicinity, and demand that a certain promise referred to by them "seems to be such as to invalidate the Pension Office and your Pay Department" cautioning them against having any thing to do with that subject.

If the above allegation refers to me, as is unquestionably apparent, I must state that your information must have been strongly unfounded. I have within been engaged in investigating the Pension Bureau for your Pay Department. What I have done has been promptly to forward a petition signed by some 3000 disabled veterans and accompanied with a number of affidavits from petitioners to the Congressman from that District.
accepting, first, clearly good evidence taken
the injustice which has been perpetuated
upon them by the recent Commissioners of
Pensions, and praying for relief.

This movement had the backing of the
leading and only Republican Journal in
this City, in a series of editorials on the
subject, and met with the appreciation
of all representative citizens at all
Congressional and State meetings.

If the time has come, when the people of
petition is to be heard, people into whose
arms is so greatly merged, it is time they
knew it. And if I, as their humble instrument,
and to be cautious against, for
nothing. What I considered it my duty to
explain and defend, and to be a matter
in which I had not the slightest personal
sentiment. I would like to hear the reason
why.

As to the "Invaldising of your Pay Department"
I would state that the only man I ever talked
with the subject outside of your Dept. was
Capt. Maclay, and he assured me that all
questions of Ex. Rs. 4.50, emanating from your
Bureau, in which the issue of the financial
question of Cisemer was involved, were strongly

This was a matter not
considered in its Character, and simply
addressing itself to the consideration of
the fact prevailing, e.

May I state further that Captain
Shumfl has nothing to do with me,

If I, as you are, I Speak with my own, and
the whole find it difficult to prevail upon
me to give evidence in a case wherein
the key witness is the authority, volunteered
my testimony; especially before a tribunal
which has already heard caution to
give me credit.

In conclusion I would state that for
yourself as Commissioner of the Bureau,
I have the highest possible respect, and also
for the Officers of your Pay Dept. Who have
so long and honorably managed Bureau
Affairs, and I do not believe that you
would have addressed such a letter to
an unoffical personage unless the facts
had been misrepresented to you.

With great respect,

WM. C. Redfield

[Signature]
Washington, D.C. Febry 15th 1871

Sir C.O. Howard

Com'r 7th Artillery
WASHINGTON

My dear Sir,

I am in receipt of a letter from Geo. Johnson rejecting my nomination of Michael Howard for West Point. I am very anxious to secure his nomination and, if you can visit the Secretary of War with me in behalf.

[Handwritten text continues on the next page]
If you can arrange to meet me at the Secretary's office tomorrow morning, I will be very much obliged. If you will appoint a time where you can go with me to see the Secretary, I will meet you. I am engaged for tomorrow morning.

Very truly,

L. F. Pears
Gent. O. C. Howard:

Dear Sir:

I have been confined to my room since Saturday, otherwise I would have conferred with you in regard to Mr. Bell's affairs. I have had telegrams from her. She has arrived safe at her destination in New York. As soon as I am able will see you.

Very respectfully,
Your Olt. Serl. [Signature]

Daniel Welch,
Private

House of Representatives.

Washington, D.C. Feb. 15, 1871

Dear Sir,

It is uncertain when we can get the floor on the Report of the Com. on Education and Labor.

We lost it yesterday because of an error in the Clerk setting down the hearing yesterday "after the morning hour" instead of at "half past one o'clock."
Feb. 15th 1871

At this late date in the session we will not get a chance to debate it, but I propose to endeavor to get it up next Monday and pass it on a suspension of the rules which will take a two-thirds vote.

There will be no debate on it.

Very truly,

W. TOWNSEND

Genl. O. O. Howard
Savannah, Ga., Feb. 15, 1871.

My Dear General:

I do wish you could in some way manage it to aid our enterprise by your name. As President of this Company your name would be worth to us $10,000 per annum. Of course I would not use this view were I selfish for it would take a great deal of power out of my hands were you an active officer of our concern. As one can feel more friendly to one present President than I do, it is not therefore personal feeling that makes me say that his present place costing the Company about $5,000 to $10,000 per annum, is a sinecure. His salary as now known is $4,000 & travelling expenses.

Now this is the thing which troubles me all the time. He and are both of us, not needed. With the salary
accorded each or either of us should do all the Executive work. Or if we send another travelling agent he can be procured for $200.

We must in order to compete with other banks which are taking the field all around us, pay for our money. In order to do this every needless expense must be cut off. Now I have reached this point - so soon as I can fit myself in any appropriate business, I am prepared to resign.

I want to consult you on this matter. Mr. A. can manage all the business at his present salary and save the bank my or his secure which ever of us it should be of to.

If we have for President a man known throughout the nation, like Jones, we could pay him a grand salary and also afford to keep an Actuary to attend to Executive matters.

Some point should be made in this before the next meeting of Board which is the Annual meeting. This letter is strictly private.
P. S.

Do not let Mr. Colee know I have omitted for this letter — it might seem like a reflection on the action of the Board in giving a place and a salary for Mr. A.

Yet, please consult him about the point. Could you present the considering alluded to — my proposed resignation under the circumstances alluded to you can name him at a probable court— and from the feeling that my
place or that of the President is a fine one. I do not say which - I don't know. But the Company cannot afford to pay the price. It must pay to its depositors 60c. It could pay 10% to a man of power and influence and that wouldn't be a fine one.
To many persons, the idea with enthusiasm in the I believe on combination may become of Mrs. W.'s friends of the Freedmen's Friends to get up, and before thinking of putting it here in the West, I want to know if it can go to Mrs. Walter's Industrial School. It is a failure — y
dad causes. Mrs. W.'s best be, it will compare with all that Mrs. W. has attempted and a hundred times, more. I enclose to you an ac-
count. I wrote of one of Mrs. W.'s books which will make you see what is the scope of her plans — she brings a heart of fire to the work. I think I can get her to Washington for a few months to help the Indian 
Treaty School in the West.
Office of the Daily Chronicle,
No. 511 Ninth Street,

Dear General:

I called at the University to see you on Thursday but you were in the city. I would like to see you very much and if perfectly convenient, shall feel greatly obliged, if when you are in town, you would drop in the office. I am always in between the hours of 1 and 4:30 P. M.

Truly your friend,

Rev. O. W. Howard, G. C. Gray
Present: 3
Mr. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir,

I have your note of 15th Inst. covering an order on me, from John Tappan Esq., for Five Hundred Dollars.

In answer thereto, I beg to enclose a Check, by my firm on the Deposit Traders' National Bank, New York, in your favor for Five Hundred Dollars. And, it gives me much pleasure to be thus the almoner of Mr. Tappan county, to so worthy a cause as you represent.

Very Truly Yours,

Charles Stoddard
Adjutant General's Office,
Washington, Feb. 17, 1871.

Brg't Gen. O.O. Howard, W.S.C.
Commissioner, Freedmen's Bureau,
Washington, D.C.

Genl.

In reply to your inquiry of Feb. 8, 1871, I have respectfully to inform you that Private Harry H. McConnell, 1st D. B. C., is last reported, Dec. 31st, sick in Hospital at Fort Richardson, Texas. Native of Company is, Camp Wichita, Clay Co., Texas.

I am very respectfully,

Your Obvt. Servt.

E. Townsend
Adjutant General.