Washington March 1, 1871.

My dear C. C. Sumner,

And you based your recommendation of Alexander R. Shepherd on personal grounds, because you have been long to your church and humanity, and stood by you in your contumacy with Dr. Buxton. I would have been the last to complain. It was your inconsideration of himself as a Republican to which I took exception, and have yet to see the first colored man who does not feel that you have done him an irreparable injury by this act.

You furnish me with a copy of Mr. Shepherd’s letter to you of the 25th ult. to convince me that he has been a Republican, a friend to the colored race and in favor of colored schools! I who have been one of the principal actors in the struggle which has resulted in the establishment of a system of education in the United States, to whom my own hands and all that can be done by Congress or the judges, who was one of the original organizers and promoters of colored schools, through the entire period of the difficulty and more who were friends and colored men of the race, I say that I received no evidence from Mr. Shepherd, by letter or from him, such a pressure as he had an him at the date of this letter to instuct me on the subject. I have seen and felt his action through eight long years, and have been obliged to put my hand in my own pocket to pay money for the support of colored schools which was illegally withheld by the authorities here because of...
...and others acting with him) factors and determining oppositions. And if you had been a close observer of events, had you read the Coming Star for the past ten years, or even four years past, you would have learned what it is approved by your letters have been instrumental in bringing to you knowledge. And had you read an extract from the grounds of the proceedings of the Board of Aldermen only about two weeks ago, which was furnished you by a Committee of Colored Citizens, you would have discovered that what Ship-...
Mr. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir,

As I suppose you have many more demands on your charity than you are able to respond to, I enclose herein $69, which belong to the Lord, you will please use it in relieving some one in distress, or as you think will best promote our Master's cause.

Yours Respectfully,
Friend
Washington, D.C.

Dear General:

I am making up the recent debate upon your and the Secretary of State's position between the representatives of light and of darkness in the House of Representatives into a document which I hope is destined to attain a large circulation. It will be about seven pages, of the most spicy reading matter that can be found. I think it would do good service as a campaign document for 1872. How many thousand of them documents will you want to
take? I should like to know at once because if there should
be a sufficient number ordered I will stereotype the pages.

If 5,000 have been collected as subscribed in the Home
I believe I should like to have orders for 10,000 at least, before
I stereotype it.

If you learn word at the Bureau of Education, or address
me a note I will be glad. Hoping you are well

Very truly,

Julia A. Holmes.

March 1, 1877
Sir:

There will be a Meeting of the Bowdoin Graduates and those who have been connected with that Institution, now residing in Washington, in the west parlor of the Congregational Church, corner 10th and G streets, Saturday the 4th instant, at 7 P.M. to form an Alumni Association, and act on such other business as may be then presented.

You are particularly requested to attend.

S. P. BENSON.
O. O. HOWARD.

Committee.

Washington, D. C.,
March 2, 1871.
General Oliver O. Howard

My dear Sir: I have the pleasure of announcing to you the passage of the resolution reported by the Committee on Education & Labor by more than a two-thirds vote.

Accept my warm congratulations.

Very Respectfully,

Samuel M. Arnold
Chancellor
Washington City March 4th

Gen. O. C. Howard

I avail myself of your most kind offer to give my Husband some Letters of Introduction to the American Consul or others which you will please forward to the Ocean Queen before she leaves New York, or to the address of your friend. I repeat my much to trouble you to come but by complying with the above you will readily oblige some very respectfully,

M. A. Arnold
Washington, D.C. March 23, 1871

Sir, O. O. Howard

Dear Friend,

During the last session of our City Council you kindly offered to recommend me for some office. I think I had the pleasure of informing you in my official capacity, although the opportunity was offered.

I think that opportunity has now arrived when if you can consistently suggest my name to Gov. Meade for a nomination for some of the vacancies left by the new Government you could do me a great favor and place me under renewed obligations to you. I do not however ask it for anything I have ever done for you. I think I should like to be one of the Council. I was President pro tem of the last City Council and at the last election ran for ahead of
My name ticket in my own hand if that is any recommendation. I think this honor book is ill acquainted with me and perhaps needs only to have my name suggested by some friend. If I know of no one I would like so well to do that as yourself. I shall not ask him myself. I have the honor to be very respectfully yours truly.

A H Browne
1329 7th Ward
Mar. 22, 1871

Dear Gentleman,

I send you a copy of my speech on the constitutionality of a National System of Education, which you can distribute among your pupils and friends of education as you may think best.

Yours truly,

W. Townsend

Capt. O. O. Howard
Washington, March 24th, 1871

Dear Sir:

I write to you in behalf of a gentleman friend of Henwood, Virginia, Mr. James Graham, who has quite recently arrived in this Country. Mr. Graham, has resided in England all of his life prior to coming to the United States. Unexpected reverses in business was the cause of his leaving England. Thinking this Country afforded the best opportunity for a man of limited means, he purchased a small farm at Henwood, where he has been slopping with his family, wife and six children, the oldest...
a boy of near fourteen years of age I you nine months past—
throwing all his money in the
farm she hasn't any means
to defray the necessary expenses
of living. Not being acquainted
with farming he has suffered
losses instead of deriving
benefit, from his operations
in Virginia. In England
he was employed as an
accountant, is familiar
with figures, and can readily
correspond on business relating
to accounts. If he could
obtain a situation in Washington
(even at a moderate salary),
it would very materially
aid him. If you would
interest yourself in this
matter you would confer
a great favor on a worthy
and appreciative gentleman.
If convenient I should like
to see you with reference to
him this week at any time
and place you specify.
Mr. Oakland is in Washington
until the first of next week, and
is of course desirous of learning
what can be accomplished before
returning to Virginia.
Please excuse
the liberty I take in addressing
you on this subject.
Very truly yours
J. T. Hofling
Office Interior Room.

W. Ken. O. Howard.
Commissioner Freedmen's Bureau
Washington D.C.
Dear Sir,

We have just passed the Committee's resolution by a vote of 134 to 52. A magnificent vote.

We are having the speeches of Mr. Stoan, Peters, Hawks and Townsend with the resolution of Centr. of 5.10. and the resolution voted thanks to you, and this day's resolution in an eight page pamphlet.

If you want some extra copies you can get them by sending an order to Mrs. Julia A. Holman 132 2nd St. Room 42 where the same is about being printed.

I congratulate you on having emerged with flying colors from the malignant attacks of a disloyal enemy.

Yrs truly,
W. Townsend

Gen'l. O.O. Howard
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and as I hope to continue to be if I should be permitted to leave the University to engage in duties in the South.

Very respectfully,

Mary A. S. Cary.

(Washington March 31st 1871)

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

Sir,

I am really breaking down physically, under the effort to keep three students at the University by teaching law & evening upon inadequate pay. My obligations here, I shall meet by the help of the Lord, if I live, but I find it exceedingly difficult, in fact impossible, all my class relations, as I must be out at night school in all weather. Cannot meet in reasonable time all the expenses incidental to such a profession where respectable three are to be provided for & there for the single item of pay, I pay $20 per
to respectfully petition that I may have writing for three hours of the day instead of continuing the labor at the evening school. I would then, including day school, have but nine hours' work during the day—could be present at all law lectures besides having at least three hours for reading, could meet many more readily my obligations at the financial department—I keep my children in a manner better suited to their stations as pupils.

I do not ask Sir, to have a place that should be occupied by others but I beg respectfully to remind you that—do not ask for scholarship for them, I would like to have work that I would not feel that I was not giving any return for advantage and work communicable with that given students who do not—furnish as many pupils to the school as I do now.
Washington March 3rd 1871.

Maj Genl O.O Howard

Sir-

I am really breaking down- physically, under the effort to keep three students at the University, by teaching day [and] evening upon inadequate pay.

My obligations here, I shall meet by the help of the Lord, if I live, but I find it exceedingly difficult, in fact cannot meet all my class recitations, (as I must be out at night-school in all weather); cannot meet in reasonable time, all the expenses incidental to such a position where three are to be provided for & where for the single item of gas, I pay $48. per annum.; room rent $10. per month (one hundred per cent advance from last year [etc]... Now I am not complaining, but I am only offering these items with board, tuition in Law & another department, fuel, clothing, books [etc], by contrast with the women's salary for mens' work at the day school; [and] reduced pay at evening school, [and] with which alone I cannot meet properly these charges.

More than all, I cannot from this steady treadmill round of duties [and] the pressure upon mind as well as body, have an extra hour for reading, other than the bare text for recitation; consequently I feel at a disadvantage with my fellow students; [and], as premonitory symptoms of erysipelas in the head have already warned me, that I must change my hours for work, or the kind of work I have thought to respectfully petition, that I may have writing for three hours of the day, instead of continuing the labors at the evening school; I would then, including day-school, have but nine hours work durring the day could be present at all Law exercises, [and] besides, having at least three hours for reading, could meet much more readily my obligations at the financial department [and] keep my children in a manner better suited to their stations as pupils.

I do not ask Sir, to have place that should be occupied by others, but I beg respectfully to remind you that while I do not ask for scholarships for them, I would like to have work, that I would not feel that I was not giving any return for advantages and work commensurate with that given students who do not furnish so many pupils to the school as I do now; and as I hope to continue to do if I should be permitted to leave the University to engage in duties in the South.

Very respectfully
Yours
Mary A.S. Cary
Sir,

A meeting of the Managers of this Association will be held at the Rooms of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on Monday the 6th instant at 10 o'clock A.M. And you are requested to be present.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient,

[Signature]

Geo. O. O. Howard
Office of the Managers
of the Directors of the Organization of the National Association of the Manufacturers and of the Organization of the Manufacturers of the United States. It is therefore submitted to the consideration of the House of Representatives as a preliminary to the enactment of a law for the purpose of securing the payment of the necessary public expenses of the United States.
Mr. O. Godward,

Dear Sir,

We enclose circular of our Expander, thinking it a matter that will certainly interest you, as we are ready to guarantee it as advertised. A two foot burner with the Expander will give as much light as a four foot, a three as much as a five foot and so on. You can see the practical utility of the invention, if you will take pains to call at our place and see it demonstrated.

We have the sole agency for Washington and起重 towns, and for the sake of a testimonial will give you a free count off of the regular trade rates, 20 to 25 per cent saving in consumption of gas to you. We trust your covert not overlooked.

Yours Respectfully,

Hamilton Pearson
Washington, March 27th,

Dear General,

Please note,""5 1/2"" Cooke yesterday, and he has offered to two (2) O.C. to day to receive us, at his office, will you meet us at the room at 11/2 O.C. M'Bantus say is so much worse the morning that we could not go out to see you at the school as agreed upon yesterday.

Please answer whether you can come or not. But you must come.

Yours truly,

A.S. Pratt