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SANDUSKY, OHIO, May 1 1871.

Gen. O. O. Howard
Washington
D.C.

Genl.

Can you visit Sandusky this coming winter and deliver a lecture under the auspices of the "Y. M. C. Assoc." And upon what terms.

Please let me hear from you as soon as possible

Yours truly
J. R. Davies
Druggist.

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Henrietta N.Y.
May 1. '71.

Brig. Gen. O. O. Howard
Dear Sir:

Your kind note of Apr. 27 is rec'd — Will you please inform me where a copy of "Cullum's Biographical Register of West Point Graduates" can be obtained?

Very respectfully Yours,

M. D. Phillips.

If a copy of your

Last Annual Report
can be spared,
I would thankfully
receive it.

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May 1st 1871

Answ by Slater.

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Washington D.C. May 1st 1871.
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Gen. Dear Sir, with
communicating with the Board at which
you Dine on the 27th Apl. 1871.

Qr. Board Residence
of the Board of Health. Residence on 14th & S Sts

Gen Dear Sir I Desire to Be the Doctor
of the 14th Dist District.

accept that Dissire If
Possible. & in case. if the 14th District should
Be divided. I Desire to accept

the Four Precinct North-west. in District.
Plaintiff If Possible.

words of Mr Chairmonts Mr Bring in
your apication.

Very respectfully. Barry Farrow.
fourth District Washington. Andrew Jackson.

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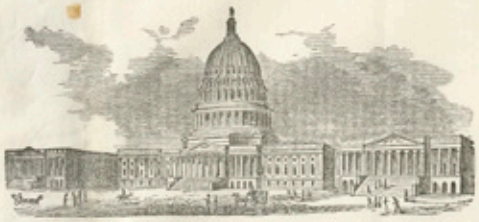
WM. J. NILES, of New York.



EDWARD JOHNSON, of Washington, D.C.

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Washington, D.C., May 2 1871.

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Capt. J. A. Sladen, U.S.N.,
Washington, D.C.,

Captain:

Enclosed please find check for 3.457/100 Dollars, for interest on Bond 3.27
Stamps 30
$3.57

Favor of Gen. Howard.

Very respectfully yr.
Edward Johnson

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Washington, D. C.,

May ~~April~~ ~~1~~, 1871.

Gen. O. O. Howard,
Commissioner of Freedmen's Bureau

Dear Friend:- I have sent the speeches as directed by you last Saturday, and hereby enclose you receipted bill for the same.

In case it should be thought advisable to circulate more of these documents we have the stereotype plates still on hand, and can keep them awhile longer if it is likely they may be needed.

Hoping your health is better than when I saw you last

I remain, with the greatest esteem

Yours truly

Julia A. Holmes.

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New York
May 2nd 1871

My dear Gen:

Here I am safe & sound in New York. As far as one can judge of results, my mission to the Isthmus has been a complete success.

I found Arnold a very clever fellow, bright & intelligent in his way. He will give you by word of mouth much better account of our journey than I can possibly

give in a letter.
Tomorrow's Tribune & Herald
will contain articles on
the subject. Hoping soon
to see you face to face,
& with kindest regards
to Mrs Howard, Miss Grace
& the young gentlemen
I remain
Very sincerely yours
Richard Temple

Major Gen: O. O. Howard
Washington, D.C.

Letter L. B. Geaner
Aberdeen Miss.
May 2 1871
Respectfully referred
to Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Com^r Bureau R.F. & A.L.
for his information —
C. H. Howard
Secy Genl.

Chicago
May 16 1871

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Aberdeen Miss May 2d 1871

Genl C. H. Howard
38 Lombard Block Chicago

Dear Sir: Yours of 24th inst came yesterday. The situation is about the same only the people are daily becoming more bitter and vindictive in their hatred of the "Yankees". The weather has been so wet that it would be almost impossible for the K.K. to ride; or we would have heard of further outrages; as there is more excitement now than at any time.

The officer in command here have the most positive orders from Gen Terry, not to interfere, unless called upon by the civil authorities — They are not likely to be called upon.

Dr Roberts, principal of the white school and member of the School Board, has, partly by intimidation and partly by lies, been induced to resign

and the Ku Klux party now have a majority on the School board. The Dr sees his mistake and regrets it, but it cant be helped now. It is plain enough that they intend to get rid of the free school system altogether. They will whip, kill, and terrify the freedmen until they can force them to vote the Democratic ticket at the next election, then with a Democratic Legislature they will so amend the school law as to make it practically useless.

This they will certainly accomplish unless the Government comes to the rescue. The freedmen are too poor to cope with the K K party. If they attempt to do anything outside the law they will be punished for it, but money will always clear a white man in this country.

Col H— has not returned — we dont expect him before next week. Miss Gardner started for home this A.M. — Enclosed find receipt.

Very truly Yours
L B Jesner

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New Haven, Conn.
May 2, 1871.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard.

Dear Bro.

I am glad to learn you are a Director in the College Society. Mr. Sam. Holmes, our Treas., joins me in expressing the hope that you will come to New Haven the 19th, for our next meeting. It is the next day after the Theol. anniversary occurs here.

Berea College is

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to apply for our recognition; and we want to know all about it.

I hope you will come. Nine A.M. the 19th.

Please inform Hon. Hum White, our Pres., New Haven, in what train you may be expected.

My address is 62 Bible House, N.Y.

Very cordially yrs.

H. L. Butterfield.
Cor. Sec.

the contract for rent for "compensation" as land wood expires it was made. Surely no rule of law under the pretence of capture in an enemies country can require officers of the Government to be guilty of an act of bad faith. Yet some opinion to this effect has been given.

I cannot at this time give the names of all the commanders who had supreme power at Vicksburg and did with me as mine, what they pleased.

To say nothing of the Provost Marshals, Treasury agents and other inferior officers, I say that the frequent changes in the supreme command and attendant of course with changes in the inferior offices interposed an insuperable bar to the assertion of my rights.

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Washington D. C.
May 2. 1871.

Maj: General
O.O. Howard
Sir

The Rebels have had a good opportunity to laugh at my calamity and to mock when my fear came.

Rebels prefered one point, the surrender of their property. In that they succeeded. They had no good will to the government and no confidence in the good faith of its contracts and promises.

I had. The Rebels gained. I lost. All this by the advice of our own officers.

You remarked that the compensation for rents ought to have been claimed & paid long ago. It was claimed & I agree with you that it ought to

have been paid. The explanation of this is in part:

"That some 15 to 20 Commanders were in charge in Vicksburg." I presented a claim to one say Genl McPherson: he took no action, and before the tongue had power to say "Be hold" he was ordered off and all papers drawn with him. So it happened time after time. I could not sit at Headquarters and attend to no other business, but this small matter of rents; for the adjustment & payment of which I relied on the good faith and honor of officers. It was as you will at once perceive impossible for me to obtain my rights, and the benefit of my agreement. A commission composed of three officers (Geo. C McKee & 2 others) was organised. After sitting a short time the Commission was dissolved and the parties who had gone to the expense & trouble of preparing cases for adjudication were left in a worse condition than before. A Court composed of Jas. C. Davis, V. F. Wilson and Thos J. Kinney was established. Parties applying to Commissioners were referred to these tribunals, and before it was possible to get a report (this decision could be nothing more) the Court & Commission were dissolved. The rapid and frequent change of tribunals was not perhaps designed to prevent the ends of justice, but it certainly had that effect.

For myself and a few claims whom I represented, I can say "That we concluded that there was no hope of obtaining any justice, and we were not able to incur further expense".

Summary

1. The many changes of Officers.
2. The vast amount of business
3. The difficulty of obtaining a patient hearing.
4. The delays incident from a great variety of causes in the prosecution of a private right
5. Private interests to hold private property under the pretext of public use, without just compensation.

I see no end to the delay unless some good & brave man will cut through some of the forms of Office to obtain substantial justice

A. Burwell

I acquiesced in this, as I was forced to do.

Genl Sherman gave me an order for the possession of all the Castle property not needed for the use of Government. The Fort (Castle) occupied part; the refugees & attaches of the Bureau the balance and of course the order was of no value. The Castle property contains $16\frac{84}{100}$ acres in the heart of the city. Genl Sherman gave me an order for "The Marlowe House" on Saturday morning; left that night, and Genl Osterhaus refused next Monday to carry out the order. Vouchers were given for rent I took a few, but finding that they were not paid, saw no advantage in taking the trouble to get any more.

I have been reduced to

actual poverty by these act. My property which I had toiled for, since 1829, swept away.

I ask of you to report the facts, in the hope that Congress at some day will do something for my family. I am now too old to hope to benefit by any Law to be passed.

Very respectfully
Your obt Svt

A. Burwell

N B You will find a list of Generals whose names are to me on the other page

Genl Sherman & Genl Grant
" McPherson
" Smith
" Slocum
" Dana
" E. B. Washburn
" J. McClernand
" S. J. Oglesby
" Warren
" Sullen
" Wood
" Ord
" Ames.

There were no doubt other but I cannot recall their names.

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POST OFFICE,

Concord, N. H., May 2d 1871

Dear General

The Veterans of the "Old Fifth" would be happy to entertain you on the ninth Anniversary of the battle of "Fair Oaks"

Verry truly yours

J. E. Larkin Sec.

Maj. Genl O. O. Howard U. S. A.

Washington

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Mrs. E. Larkin
Sept. 25. 1871.

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Major General Washington D.C.
O.O. Howard May 3. 1871.
U.S.A.

Sir: I perhaps am an intruder upon you. Certainly I do not intend to be so. I was a man of large wealth; was offered many inducements by Fiske & others in Louisiana & Mississippi to give up my opposition to the hellish schemes of Jeff: Davis, and the new doctrines of A.H. Stephens that slavery was the corner stone of a Republic. Bah!

A lady friend (Mrs Leech of 1500 L. St) has sent me a very poor picture of my residence in Vicksburg & hope you will examine it with a strong glass. The artist has undertaken to present on 3x4, the houses and grounds of 17. acres.

The summit was occupied by "Fort Castle". The remainder of the grounds by refugees (Freedmen mainly) and by persons connected with the

protection & care of that unfortunate race.

In 1868, having received no payment of rent, the demands of creditors compelled me to sell (at an enormous sacrifice) the whole property. I claim no compensation for this. I must say however that the prompt payment and adjustment of rents would have avoided this sacrifice.

I now find myself a beggar, though nominally rich.

The Board of Affiars on proof & serrong allowed me $75.000, which was approved by Genl E. O. C. Ord, with the remark that the proof justified an award of $100.000. See rekord on file in War Department. But after all what does this amount to? The whole record made up under the order of Genl Sullem, sold to day, would not buy a barrel of flour for my family.

My sugar fed the large army and while such Rebels as S.H. Miller, J

Botta and a dozen others were paid either in money or by having their property restored, I am now forced to claim before Commissioner, with the prospect of a <u>starving</u> delay. My cotton was taken. I could not come in as did some others say Wm Grant. W H Smith, J Knowland Clemens, &c, yawn & suggest that I would pay $100.000 to have an order for the cotton of the Coast expedition. There is a sad, I must say a disgraceful history yet to be written about all these matters & proceedings of our own people.

I have never been importunate have waited for men to do their duty. It seems that this course does not command regard. I ask you to aid me being assured that you intend to do your whole duty and to vindicate the right.

Very truly & respectfully
Your obt serv't
A Burwell

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Balto May 4th 1871

Genl O. O. Howard

Dear Sir,

I see by this morning's paper that Judge Boynton of U.S. Dist. Ct of Florida died yesterday in N. York. He was from Ohio. This makes a vacancy I would like to fill and beg to avail myself of your good offices in the matter. I have been sick for nearly three months past with Rheumatism; was taken out of bed last week to defend Dr. Reuling one most eminent eye surgeon here, in a suit before Judge Carter in Wash: but am not yet strong enough to attend regularly to business. I think the climate of Florida would benefit me & the position would suit me. If I might trouble you so far, I would be obliged to you to call upon the President & get Gen. Cook, Col. Eaton & others abroad to do the same & urge my appointment to the vacant Florida judgeship. I think Gen. Pleasanton would help in the matter also.

I have not time to get testimonials, nor dare I go out for any purpose this wet day, but refer the Pres.t to Dr. C. C. Cox & Judge Carter in Washington – Col Jno W. Forney & Geo W Childs of Philada. Messrs Albert, Bond Sterling & Goldsborough, Balto – Senators Wilson, Morton, Brownlow & Cameron & Speaker Geo Eaton, Horace Maynard – & might name ~~a hundred~~ others who are more or less accessible to him at this time. I see he goes to Philada. Saturday & next week to Boston. It is important he should be seen at once before leaving.

Excuse me for troubling you with this request, but I cannot help feeling that the good-will I have always borne you & the desire I have always felt to serve you, must be reciprocal, and that you will do for me what I should for you under similar circumstances,

Yours Truly Jno. A. Stewart

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Southern Trans-Continental Railway Co.

OFFICE, Corner Warren & West Streets,
NEW YORK, May 4th 1871

RECEIVED. MAY 6 1871 O. O. H.

Genl O. O. Howard

Dear Genl

Our friend L. N. Pearson intends running for Congress in Texas — If there is any man deserving he is the one — He desired I should see you here, as my business prevents my coming to Washington, — I shall write

any longer — The Rebels through their Rival assess-ion intend to rule or ruin. — They should be put down — the Government must should controll that country until it is well settled with civilized people who will controll all the heathen

I know from experience (having commanded there for years) what they must need. — It is proper

Very Truly Yours
Geo. W. Bullock U.S.A.

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asking you to do anything you can for Stevenson who has always been your true friend and is an honest and honorable man. — Douglass's paper caught to aid him for past services if nothing more

I have just read your letter of Jany 1st to the Sec of War

I am astonished that the Government hesitates

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