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American Missionary Association,

47 LOMBARD BLOCK,

Secretaries:

GEORGE WHIPPLE, MICHAEL E. STRIEBY, } New York.
CHARLES H. HOWARD, Dist. Sec'y, Chicago.

Chicago, July 18 1871

Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Brother!

Kitty unites with me in a warm welcome to Lincoln if he will come as indicated by your of 15th inst. You & Higginson perhaps know that Kitty expects to be confined the last of August or early in September but we are all well now & never had so good a home before to receive our dear friends in — With whom will Grace come? With Some Other & to Higginson & wife

Affectionately C. H. Howard

No 100 Franklin St
N.Y. July 18. 1871

My dear General.

It gave me much pleasure on my return from the Country to receive your engraved portrait. I am very much obliged to you for it – I often think of the pleasant trip we had to Gettysburg for the interest & pleasure of which we were so largely indebted to you. Hoping that your good wife, and yourself are in your usual health I am very sincerely & truly

Your friend Robert Kelley

MASON, FENWICK & LAWRENCE,
American & Foreign Patent Agents & Attorneys,
OFFICES: NORTHEAST CORNER OF SEVENTH AND F STREETS,
Opposite U. S. Patent Office,

Washington, D. C., July 19th 1871.

Dear General -

Permit me to call your attention to the enclosed letter which expresses in a crude manner my views of Mr McLellan.

You can hardly imagine how much interest the people of the 2nd School District feel in this matter - It is only now & then you find a man disaffected towards McLellan, & if you trace it up you will find that it grows out of enforcement of the rules of the board against bad scholars - I pray you to get him reappointed.

Truly Yours. Robt W. Fenwick

Genl. O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir,

July 14th 1871

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As we have at times been requested to explain why our Patent Agency will not procure Patents on the principle of "No patent, no pay" – it gives us pleasure to be able to refer to an official explanation from the Patent office itself, we deeming such explanation a full vindication of the Cash ~~Cash~~ System, which among others has uniformly been adhered to by us (See next page)

Yrs obt. Servts

Mason, Fenwick & Lawrence

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Extract from the Annual Report of the COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS *for the year* 1869.

Where establishments are organized for the purpose of procuring patents, they are apt to become more solicitous about the number than the quality of those which they obtain. This tendency is aggravated by those who solicit patents upon contingent fees, or who, without special training or qualifications, adopt this business as an incident to a claim agency, and press for patents as they press for back pay and pensions. Such men are often more desirous of obtaining a patent of any kind and by any means than they are of obtaining one which shall be of any value to their clients. Inventors are often poor, uneducated, and lacking in legal knowledge. They desire a cheap solicitor, and do not know how to choose a good one. They are pleased with the parchment and the seal, and are not themselves able to judge of the scope or value of the grant. Honest and skillful solicitors, with a thorough knowledge of the practice of the office and of patent law, and who are able and willing to advise their clients as to the exact value of the patents which they can obtain for them, may be of much service to inventors. There are many such, but those who care for nothing but to give them something called a patent, that they may secure their own fee, have in too many instances proved a curse. To get rid of their client and of trouble, they have sometimes been content to take less than he was entitled to, while in many cases they have, with much self laudation, presented him with the shadow, when the substance was beyond his reach. Between such men and the office the strife is constant. They have the ear of their client, and, to some extent, of the public, and much of the misrepresentation of the spirit and character of the work of the office is directly traceable to this source.

(Copy in substance of a letter left with petitions &c.)

Washington July 1871

Hon. Henry D. Cooke
Governor of the District of Columbia

Sir:

We address you the more confidently in respect to the accompanying petitions, since the message of your excellency was largely devoted to the interest of our public school system; and for which every true parent and friend of education in our District felt deep gratitude. You manifested an interest both for the mind and body - by proposing to provide capable teachers and comfortable schoolrooms both, of which - together with faithful and competent Trustees - are necessary for the advancement of the youth of the present day; And Sir; in this connection we would say that the look upon the man who takes such a lively interest in the cause of education as a

benefactor of his race. And we feel most happy- Governor, to know that the appeal we shall make today in the name of the people of Washington for the appointment of the very worthy citizen named in the petitions, ~~to whom it that it~~ comes to one who knows the wants of our Public Schools. That you do know we have only to read that part of your message relating to public schools to find it out, and more, that your heart is deeply enlisted in the cause of popular education.

Governor- we understand that the appeal of over one thousand boys and girls from the 2nd school District has come up to you urging the appointment of the same person that we seek to have appointed school Trustee- that numerous petitions signed by teachers and friends of the schools of said district have also been presented, and it may appear like importunity for us to do anything more- but we will ven-

ture- as it may be that names and persons for whom you have a high regard are on these petitions, which together with the others will lead you to more confidently do what you may already have determined to do; or were almost persuaded you should do. In these petitions you have specially the parents of the children who attend the 2nd district schools, and generally, friends and guardians of school children. Among the many respectable friends of education who have signed these petitions you will find William R. Woodward, ~~President of the board of~~ Trustees, and Dr. George W. Samson- President of Columbian college- names that the children and fathers of Washington hold sacred- their works in the direction of education being known and read of all men. You also will notice the names of many of our best, and most influential private citizens- as well as our Territorial Legislators. This petition is truly the voice of the people which,

under our government being regarded as the basis of all action, may we not Govenor look upon you as that man who, desiring to serve the will of the people, will gladly acquiesce in their will as expressed in these petitions? We believe we may answer in the affirmative for you.

The man for whose appointment we seek, by request of citizens, is well and favorbly known, and the writer together with other conservative members of the board of Aldermen voted in joint convention some years ago for his appointment as a Trustee of public schools, not because he was a known republican but because he was regarded then as now, the most suitable man for that position to be found in our City.—

Sir our regard for the cause of education among all classes and conditions—conducted under a plan which

would secure the greatest benefit to all-
with harmony and happiness-without
jarring and discordancy, was so great
that we cast aside all party distinc-
tions and voted for George Fred.k
McLellan.- None regret the act-and
Governor we trust you will do the
same in respect to the same individual.
Three years have rolled by since that
time and today it is almost the u-
niversal sentiment among right minded
people who know whereof they are judging-
that our public school system has
been advanced amazingly through
the aid lendered and the sacrifices
made by Mr. McLellan. Need we
tell you anything about this man's
work, no for you know him and his
labors. He is a devotee to the cause of
public education. You doubtless have
read his Report on public schools,
and in it you have found a state=
ment of what a Trustees labors are=
In that report you have a shadowing of
the man we are talking to you about.
But if you would know the man by
his works go to the public schools of the
second District on examination days
and witness his tact and ability for
the position of Trustee, and at the same
time feast your eyes with the sights
which have made our hearts glad the
present Year.

Governor, Mr. McLellan
is a man of very high attainments
and culture and his governors are, order,
energy, and honesty.

We admit you
have shown wisdom and discretion
in your appointment, temporarily, to a
successor who is his peer, and the only
questions which arise are, 1st. Can this
gentlemen spare the time, and will he
make the sacrifices that are demanded
of him to perform the work Mr. McLellan
performed. 2nd. Does not gratitude to the
man require that we show an appreciа=
tion of his labors of the past by re=

appointing him a Trustee? Except a few who may not see any use or virtue in rules which produce order out of chaos, all fathers and mothers, of right thinking, will and do thank this man for the good he has done their children by enforcing stringent but just rules and regulations. The writer, who has two boys in these schools - so also his friend Frank N. Stickney - brother of William the president of the Council and a thousand or two more who have children in these schools, all wise tell you that the services of this man, if rendered as heretofore, ought not to be lightly thought of or dispensed with, but on the contrary every effort to secure them should be made & indeed this is the case - the people being awake to their interest.

Governor - the man we speak of

has ever been a friend of education for white and colored people.

We know that his record as a christian worker at Freedmen's village, Arlington, on Sabbaths is a creditable one and will not soon be forgotten by those he has benefitted. But pardon us for detaining you so long, and we will conclude by saying that politics in this matter should not be thought of. We appeal simply on the ground of righteousness and justice.

The circumstance is this — a faithful worker without pay in the cause of education ~~without pay~~ has been dropped from the board of Trustees of public schools and the people request you to reappoint him. Do so, and you will have still more of our, and the peoples regard, and we all shall feel still more confident that you love that which is dear to our hearts and interests — the education of the masses.

Very Truly Yours,
Robt. W. Kenwick
of Committee

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July 19th 1871

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Lacona Oswego Co N.Y.
July 19th 1871—

General O.O. Howard
Dear Sir:

I desire very much to publish in the next number of the "Congregational Monthly", a brief article in reference to the history, success, purposes & prospects of "Howard University", with cuts of the buildings. I have a very friendly feeling for the University & for its founder, and believe that such a notice of your laudable enterprise would do it good. I should be pleased to have you prepare the article, or have it done, & send in matter at once. Cuts can be returned if desired.

I desire especially to publish such an article next month, & our arrangt-

(for some months)
-ments thereafter, might prevent.
Please address at your Earliest
convenience,

Henry R. Waite
35 Bible House N.Y.

P.S.
Please direct "Lacona N.Y." when I
spending Summer.

H R W

DREW & CLARK,
Counselors-at-Law, Attorneys for Claimants,
AND SOLICITORS OF PATENTS.
Marble Building, 607 Seventh Street
JNO. T. DREW. JEFFERSON CLARK.

O. O. Howard, Washington, D. C., July 19th, 1871

My Dear General —

Inclosed I send you three notes — I desire you to place them in the Freedmen Bank or keep them in your possession and if paid, consider the proceeds a contribution to the "Church Fund." —

Mr Stuart was a soldier, had a place in Navy Yard — Lost it — His family was sick, utterly destitute and I had to help him live. I took his note for the amount of money and groceries he rec'd from me or on my order. He is honest, good man, has now recovered his place in Navy Yard and will eventually get on his financial legs.

(over)

The other notes will undoubtedly be paid. Mrs Pollard has no reason of complaining redress for her wrongs at the hands of Lyon and I leave her these sums. Judgement rendered under her power in one case $532. The other three cases I think she will win.

I have informed both these parties that I have sent you the notes — It will not be necessary for you to look after them — I go away for the summer and that is why I leave them. As I considered these sorts of loans to Providence in aid of the needy, I now give them to the Church. I would also say that owing to some large investments in Real Estate for a speculation, which I find "hanging fire" I shall delay my regular subscription of $100 - a short time - but will remit it; it has nothing to do with these "notes" gift.

Respy &c
Drew

Aug. 19 1868

Treasury Department,

Office of Internal Revenue,

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Washington, July 22nd, 1871.

Genl. O. O. Howard.

Sir

I am requested by the Uncle of Miss Emma Wilson, on L bet 15 & 16 Streets to say to you that this young lady has recently embraced religion. She feels greatly indebted to you for this ~~change~~ great & happy change though almost at the close of life.

She is confined to her bed with no hope of recovery, and is very desirous of seeing you before she is called into eternity

An early call will be highly appreciated by her family & friends

I am very respectfully &c

Milton M Holland

Keeseville, N.Y.,
July 23d 1871.

My Dear Gen. Howard:

You military men, before cutting loose from the walks of civilization, used to write parting words to your distant relatives. I am not about to march from Atlanta to the sea. But, to-morrow morning, early, I am to start with my brother for the Saranac Lake, to be absent from civilized people, about ten days. I have preached a half day for Chaplain Butler, my brother in law, pastor here, & am sitting in my room, writing on a book in my lap. My inkstand met with a disaster, & so I have only my pencil, with which to write.

Have a touch of rheumatism in my shoulder, which reminds me of

the way you used to suffer. The weather is very cold up here, & I got chilled yesterday, coming from St. Albans. Mrs. Rankin & Emma remained there, though Mrs. R. seems to suffer as much from the cold, as she did from heat in the South. It has been very rainy for the week we have been this way.

In the death of Hon. Lawrence Brainerd of St. Albans, who died without making a will, the freedmen lost a warm friend. He was heard repeatedly to say, that he should not leave the bulk of his money to his children, but to the freedmen. But, his children have it, & the freedmen stand a poor chance of getting any of it. Could I have seen him, before his death, I think I could have persuaded him to do something through our University: but now it seems too late: though the children

ought to be willing to do something for the memory of their father, as well as to carry out his known wishes.

I have seen by the papers, that you & Frank have met with some further success in efforts for the G. M. C. A. I rejoice in it. You have my full sympathy, & I should like to help you, if I could.

Please give me a kind remembrance to Mrs. Howard & all on the hill; especially, Bro. Nichols. It seems rather lonely business to go away from lines of communication with home & home friends, even for a week or ten days. But, God is near all whom we love, & can keep us from all evil. I shall be most glad to be again in my place in St., though my trouble with my voice seems to be about the same.

Very truly & aff.

J. C. Franklin

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July 23rd 1871

P.S. One object in writing you, I had forgotten. I want you to write M. N. Sargent, Boston (13 Cowhill) a little note acknowledging the compliment of his naming his baby after you: also, a similar one to Dr. Benson of Newbury, Vt., to whose baby I have just sent a cup, according to promise. Mr. Sargent's boy called "Howard Rankin", & Dr. Benson's "Hart Howard".

We have deferred our start for the woods till tomorrow morning. I am lame with my cold.

Very truly

J. C. Rankin

Rev. J. N. Ad

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W. H. CHASE, A. M., Principal.

RECEIVED. JUL 25 1871 O. O. H.

Bridgeton, N. J. July 24th 1871

My Dear Genl

Please accept my thanks for the very kind testimonial that you sent me and which I received on my return today —

It will be my aim to be worthy of the high recommendation that you have given me and that no discredit may ever fall on you for having given me such a favor —

I remain

With great Respect

Yours very truly

Wallis H. Chase

Maj. Genl O. O. Howard

Washington D. C.

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Toulin Ohio,
July 24. 1871.

Genl. O. O. Howard,
My Dear Sir:
Yours of July 17th is received.

I would gladly aid Mr Collins in obtaining a place, but I am already urging the claims of several of my colored friends now resident in my Congressional District, whom I have promised to assist to the utmost of my power, as they are very deserving. Mere

I now to recommend
still others, it would
weaken, if not neu-
tralize my influ-
ence in behalf
of those to whom
I am already com-
mitted. I find that
a member of Con-
gress who wishes to
be of any use to his
friends, must not
"spread himself over
too thin."

Yours respectfully
James Monroe

EAST TENNESSEE UNIVERSITY,

STATE INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE,

Knoxville, Tenn., July 24, 1871.

Dear General Howard,

If the Secty. of War refers to you the matter of selecting an officer (retired) for military Prof. here, ~~please~~ as he probably will at the suggestion of Pres. Hunter, please do us the favor to select an officer who is wholly free from profanity and every species of immorality. This institution is alone, almost, among the southern colleges, in its attachment to the "union", let us have a man who will at least equal the rebel generals of our neighboring colleges, a scholar, gentleman, and christian. Yrs with respect

Jno. R. Payne.

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Rockland — L. I.
July 26th 1871 —

Gen. O. O. Howard
Washington —

My dear friend —

I am hurrying away now packing to sail, N.Y., on Sat. next, and have not received any word of Mrs. H., — as I had expected, on my return here from the West — tomorrow several letters addressed to you.

I know you may possibly, not have received my communications — and I am very unwilling to suppose that you have deliberately violated this certain courtesy and pro-

"Hope your family are well"

[illegible] very
sincere admiration and
regard for you, as a
Christian hero, and per-
sonal friend. — The feel-
ing which public reputa-
tion and casual acquaint-
ance had produced, be-
came deepened and
made at once more
simple, and more sa-
cred by our brief fa-
miliar intercourse, when
I hope you guess.
I don't like to think
you capable of moral
cowardice, or unfaith-
fulness to a simple
call of Christian duty.
But I know your
position and personal
relations toward the

[illegible] whose name
appears in my notes, may
be somewhat embarrass-
ing, especially if you al-
low the matter to appear
as a choice of personal
sentiment on your part,
as between him and
me, instead of regarding
it simply as a question
of obedience to the master.

I have carefully ab-
stained from remarks
upon that gentleman's
proceeding toward me
desiring that you should
form your judgement
fairly, solely from his own
representation and from
my letter to him, which
I requested you to read. —
I shall not write to

an unpleasant duty, or upbraid
you with ~~any~~ it, reflect
only let me remind you, this silence
does not prove it wrong to
speak; and let me then, pray
you not be "partaker of
other men's sins." —

The greatest, the only out-
rage committed on me
in America, remains un-
acknowledged — apparently
unrepented — certainly unre-
dressed. I do not com-
plain for my own account,
and only ask you to urge
the transgressor to obey the
law of Christ — whose servant
he professes to be. That is all!
Let me add that this occurrence shall not
prevent my endeavouring to serve the
cause of God, with which you are
identified. Remain faithfully
Yrs in Christ
A. King.

P.S. If you feel disposed to write
to me, I'll be glad to hear from you.
My home address is Somerset
Blackheath —
London

"Hope your family are well
Lam
Sincerely
delighted
train

Rev. E. N. Kirk, D.D., President.
Wm. E. Whiting, Ass't Treasurer,
Rev. E. M. Cravath, Field Secretary.

Secretaries.
Rev. Geo. Whipple,
Rev. M. E. Strieby,

American Missionary Association,

No. 59 Reade Street,

New York, July 26. 1871

Gen. O. O. Howard.
President &c.

Dear General,

Permit me, on the part of the American Missionary Association, to nominate, for the approval of your board of Trustees, Rev. J. B. Reeve, of Phila^a Pa. a Prof. of Theology in Howard University.

Mr. Reeve thinks that if he shall be called to this position, he will need for his support, a salary of $2150.^{xx} per annum. Of this sum the Am. Miss Association will assume the payment of $1.800. per annum; and we hope the Trustees of the University, or other parties at Washington will assume the balance.

Our inquiries relative to Mr. Reeve, have received the most satisfactory replies.

Geo. Whipple, Cor. Sec. A.M.A.

Please return the enclosed form when you have, that I may communicate with Mr. Reeve.

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NATIONAL SAVINGS BANK. JOHN J. ZUILLE, Cashier.

NEW YORK BRANCH

National Freedman's Savings and Trust Company,

No. 185 Bleecker Street.

New York, July 26 1871

My Dear Gail:

I was with Huntington & Kelbourn more than an hour this A.M., and we went carefully over all the points in the transaction on Meridian Hill. Mr. K. is fully possessed of all the aspects of the case, and has powers of Attorney duly executed to sign & act for Huntington.

I suppose all that is now necessary is that the M. & M. Company by proper action recognize Mr Huntington as the agent for them in holding

NATIONAL SAVINGS BANK. JOHN J. ZUILLE, *Cashier.*

NEW YORK BRANCH

National Freedman's Savings and Trust Company,

No. 185 Bleecker Street.

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the property. or I do not see why you may not give us a deed of trust directly and take your pay in bonds. This seems Kellogg's nice arrange. In consideration of pay for our bonds I may suggest the loan be made for one year at 7 3/10.

I write this to you because I shall not see you again in N.Y. I was detained with N. so long that I didn't get to Reade St.

Yrs ever.

D. R. Eaton

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RECEIVED AUG 1 1871 O.O. Howard

Owego, Tioga Co., N.Y.
July 29, 1871.

Gen. O. O. Howard,
Dear Sir,

I take occasion to stir your memory in regard to myself.

During the two years since I saw you in Albany I stated to you my anxiety to cooperate with you in any part of labor connected with the work of educating the people, - especially the colored people, - that I could accept with a assurance of being useful without carrying my own family. I have been here as Supt. of Schools & Prin. of Free Academy, Salem, N. Y. ever.

I have been working

up a graded system for the place, and found it very pleasant in itself.

But it is not entirely to my mind as a permanent location. I prefer a place where my work can be more widely felt, — some larger Seminary, or some Normal School or College. I am now out, as often as my time permits, conducting Teachers' Institutes, for which the State pays me $50 for my pay & expenses.

I have health & power of persistent work, as you may infer from what I have done, & that, besides, I preach occasionally (holding licence as Long. preacher) & manage a Long. Sab. School.

I think my delight is in serving my master, & using my time & ability to the utmost.

I have a desire to locate in a place that may be healthful to my family, physically, intellectually & morally. I have a wife & also 3 children under 15 years. My pay must give them comfortable support & afford me & them further facilities for Education.

I know nothing as to the controlling forces in your College, Normal School or City Schools.

If you have one & may have an opening for me, I should like to see & be seen, & then decide.

Yours truly,

P. Tenney,

great object was
to rekindle an
interest in 'Friends'
in this country.
I have to thank
you for a paper
with a report of
an interesting speech
of your own.
I remain
Yours very truly
John Taylor.

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5, Tokenhouse Yard,
London E.C. July 29 1871

My Dear Sir

Under another cover I am sending you "The Friends Examiner" with an article on the Freedmen.

In the limited space at my disposal I could not do justice to the efforts of the Gov.t & anti-slavery party in America & my

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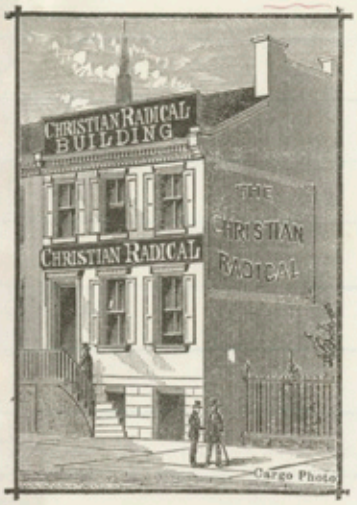

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Pittsburgh, July 31st 1871

My General Howard

My Dear Sir, You know I seldom ask for favors, but your unfeigned kindness to me encourages me to ask for this. I want to spend the winter in the South, say in Florida or Texas or one of the other Gulf States, in order to meet expenses. I wish to secure a position as Teacher, under the Bureau or from one of the Societies. May I ask if you will assist me in this matter.

Of course, I need not add.
that responsible Testimonial
will be furnished if desired.
Hoping you are well
and with kind regards
I remain my dear sir
Yours Truly
William Thomas

P.S.
Perhaps I shall be at the next six or
eight weeks. Please address
me at Belpre Ohio. P.O. Box
240, after that, here as usual.

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Colebrook, Conn.
July 31st 1871

Dear Gen'l. Howard,

I have forwarded the letter of Thomas H. Scott with the enclosed request from the trustees of the Glendemere School (Albemarle Co., Va.,) to Mrs. Flagg, (Mr. Merrick's sister) Hallowell Maine. She has now the control of the school, and will act in the matter according to her judgment.

Please inform Mr. Scott, & believe me very truly yrs

Geo. B. Bacon

Philad. Pa. July 31st 1871

General O. O. Howard
Dear Sir

Letters, from yourself and Secretary Whipple, announce my election to a Professorship in the Theol. Department of Howard University.

Thanking you heartily for the appointment, I cheerfully accept it.

I am deeply conscious of the responsibilities of the position. A man might well shrink from assuming them. But my willingness comes, I trust, of the thought that they are not assumed, but laid upon me by Him who is able to "strengthen" with all might.

I resigned my pastorate

yesterday, and, as soon as released, shall be ready to set my hands to the work which already has my heart.

I see no possible way of coming to Washington to attend to the very important preliminaries you mention, before about the 8th of Aug., tomorrow week.

As President I know you will do whatever you think best and your already overtasked time will allow before then.

I regret to write so hurriedly on a matter of so much importance – but an engagement of long standing to go out of the city this morning compels.

Very truly Yours

J B Reese

Gen. O O Howard
President Ill. University