Harvard University
Cambridge, Mass.
March 8th, 1872

Mr. O. Howard,

My dear General,

I would be much delighted if you would inform me when you graduated from West Point.

Yours truly,

Rodney J. Mercer.
Washington, D.C., March 6th

Major Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir,

I seize a moment in my business to throw a thought or two before you.

I remember the description of the man you want for Howard University, and I can cite you to him. It is Dr. Newman. He can pray, he can work, he can build up the institution peculiarly and can bring a very valuable influence to bear on the world. And by getting him you induce the Church in which he is so prominent a man to look favorably on such enterprises. He is footless, and as you are going to leave us—there, I think you cannot drop the mantle better. He does not know me, nor that I write to you.
22 I hope the continual stream of anarchists that come up from the "Barrage Farm" will not be lost on your experience. I have known other great and good men to try to make homes of the dependent poor about them and have seen them go through a similar ordeal. It does not say - it is too much like Socialism. The better plan is to work from within outward - on the Man not on his position. Again aggregation of any foreign elements works badly. It is much better to let them thrive with the American people by being scattered from each other - the friction will tend to brighten them faster. You know how hard it is to penetrate an Irish community. Something may be done with them when scattered. I wish you well, but hope you will not aim to buy off the Irish. I believe sometimes in conquering a fever as in the late war.

I remain, Yours, Respectfully, Edwin K. Grant.
March 6, 1872

My Dear Grandad,

I observe from the papers that you are about to start for the Indian Country on a mission of investigation and peace.

As you will doubtless visit Denver City before you return, this is to inform you that my sister Carrie (now Mrs. J. Downing) formerly in the Freedman's Bureau and in your Belle Chase, lives at Denver, and she would be delighted to see her friend and benefactor, Genl. Howard.

If you find it convenient to call on them, enquire for Judge J. Downing.
Who is well known there, being an old resident.

Without wishing to intrude upon your time further, I wish you good speed in your undertaking.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant

Isaac A. Rosdunes
Mr. Secretary,

I just missed you the day you were at the office in John St.

I have been intending for some time past to explain to you that the readjustment and lectures given this season by our Christian Association in Harlem have made me anxious to write to you. We did not feel willing to ask you to lecture for us unless we could ensure you a fee proportionate to the work you would undertake. The lectures and readers we have heard have not been as effective as we expected. On the other hand, we are unwilling to ask you. I trust, however, that at some future time we shall have the pleasure of hearing your lecture.
[Handwritten text from a letter, possibly discussing personal matters or professional correspondence.]
I am able to do my part in return.
Please introduce me to Mrs. Howard and the children. I
am truly grateful.

A. P. Ketchum

Sincerely,

O.O. Howard
to the LOI or these limits.

Please insert some text here.

Looking forward to collaboration.

Best,

[Signature]
New-York, Mar. 7, 1872

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

Dear Gen.,

I enclose you one check for $25.00. Please pardon my negligence in not sending it yesterday; I forgot it entirely until too late.

Yours truly,

Geo. Whipple
Sec.
My dear General,

I have just seen in an American paper a notice of the death of your sister Josephine Griffin. Her daughter Emma was for sometime in my employ & acquitted herself so well that we have held her in high esteem ever since. I have written a note of condolence, but not knowing her address I venture to trouble you by enclosing it to you.
Dear [Name],

Having an U.S. stamp

enclose a German stamp of at

least equal value, which one of

your little people may fancy

for her a "collection".

I have been looking for the

last year or two that we might

meet at some cross-roads or... but it has not been. We had

recently a pleasant visit here from the

Resident’s brother, who is my neighbor in Chicago. Remember me cordially to

C. Ralston, whose I see has to take a turn on the wheel while your Murphy

James are covered with praises. Also to

Eaton. We aloud to.

Very faithfully yours, [Name]
U. S. Patent Office,
Washington, D.C. Thursday, May 7, 1872.

Dear Brother Howard,

I observe I saw mention in the papers of your engaging in the Mission of inquiring respecting the Apache Indians. I have hoped I should be able to catch sight of you, before you left, but as I have not been able to do so, and I do you go from your home in the night, I drop these few lines of heartfelt wishes for you, as in Christian Brother, and take the deepest interest in your welfare and all your public life.

God go with you dear brother Howard. I rejoice that to you is committed such a trust, and I can not but hope that He who has already given you so many tokens of his favor, it has entered on for you so many prayers of this dear
People, will protect you and indeed
return you properly to your family
and to your Christian fellowship in
the welfare and advancement of the
Church you love, for which you have
given so much of your labors to
the University keeping your name a
founder with your friends true to go
forth many to be the benefactors to
their race, in the County at large.
In that return too I trust your success
under the God’s blessing, prepare for
your return by those who have so
determined that the results shall
be written on the records of our Nation
in lines of peace and of perpetuation
of your renown more than their led
to civilization above all. To the reception
of the gospel your name may shine
bright in that day when all come be
for the Searcher of Hearts. I pray
that you may be remembered by one who
knowing inwoven he may deem worthy
of the privilege and of whom himself may
be to you a comfort in that day when
Your reward be just as the Saviour
of your soul is just. Amen.
Gettysburg, Pa.
March 7, 1872

Gen. O.C. Howard
Dear Sir,

Pardon me for addressing you by letter without having any previous personal acquaintance with you.

On account of a throat affection, I have been disabled from the active duties of the ministry, and am seeking some suitable employment in another place. I am sure that you will take some interest in my case and render me a little assistance.

Have you nothing for me to do in connection with your University? I could give instruction in the Latin, Greek, and German languages; or take any department of English literature except the higher Mathematics for which I have but little taste.

Or, if you should have no work for me in the line of teaching could you not assist me in securing some other position in connection with the Government?

to Dr. W. Kemp, W. A. Wysock, J. N. Hust, and Rev. Drs. Morris & McVey. It
Gettysburg to the faculties of both the
College at February, especially to Dr.
M. Valentine, Pres. of Penn College.
The last work I did was to act as
financial agent of the College here.
I send with this letter a catalogue
Circular from which any standing
appeal.
It is so difficult for a minister to change
from his regular work to something else.
I feel that I need the assistance of a
friend in order to succeed. Now, dear
Guy, what can you do for me?
Please write soon & be with me.
Respectfully yours,
J. H. Proctor
Anacostia D.C. Mar. 9th 1872

Major General O.O. Howard
Commissioner

Dear Sir,

I feel it my duty to write you a few lines in regard of the petition that was sent to Congress in trying to effect the same and confiding that we have in you I never was so mortified at anything in my days but I hope you that this charge will not be laid to the intiger petiop of this Drect as it was only a letter nest of them that did it as you is our late Republican that we have ever here to hold up before this Papel but I am not all Tersprise at the leader of it as he is subject to all such low men Derty Oyrs as it came under my notice the other Day.
Hope it will be carefully looked at by your humble servant.

Edward Gibson

My dear Major Gen. E. P. Hoveyward

Commissioner
May 9th. 1872

My dear sir,

The note actual

saying the receipt y $1.00

forwarded to my Name

by a friend, made me

too, give me great

pleasure. No direct
gift to me could have

been so welcome, as

this. May our Heavenly

Father bless the

down! I wish I
could thank you

myself. If her name

cannot keep we

thank you for me.
With best wishes for the prosperity of the noble institution of which you are at the head, I am with great respect and hearty regard,

Th e presid

John G. Whittier
Chicago Ill.

T. W. Depuy

Saturday 7 Mar. 1872

Dear sir,

Me arriving here all night this morning, lay outside
This depart from us into 5 o'clock
From that I cannot see Celia.

Supra, wife never has gone
For misses, with not having
time to write; he is now
Send love to his wife there open.
My last has been scenes
No time neither.

Aff. I love

Your husband

Olie

Love to all the children.
Providence March 9, 1872.

My dear General,

I came home from the Southern Tour (leaving the Bator in Baltimore) on the evening of 1st Inst., and among other letters awaiting me, found yours of 1st Inst.

I am engaged in an enterprise of Church building myself, to which I have already paid $33,000. Nor have I yet paid more; but I was so much interested in the New England Church Chicago, that I have promised $8500. to it, and further. I am so much interested in your generous enthusiastic love, that I enclose $30 to aid you in keeping your pledge.

I notice your appointment.
a million of love to the Indians,
Your heart is large to embrace
the Red, and the Black, as
well as the White race.
May God help you to bless
all races through this Mission.
Your truly
J.R. Putnam.