Copy

Washington, D.C.
January 8th 1873.

Gen. Thos W. Vincent
Asst. Adjt. General

General:

In my report to the Hon: Sec:, there are two funds of which I have not spoken. One is what is called the "South Carolina School Fund" and the other "The Unclaimed bounty Fund" These are provided for by <u>specific law</u>. The former to be turned over to the Commissioners to be appointed by the Hon. Sec: of the Treasury and the latter to be settled by <u>covering</u> into the Treasury all that remains at the termination of the Bureau of R. F. and A.L. For the former, I went in person to the Secretary of the Treasury and was shown into the Office of the Asst. Secretary just after my return from the West. He promised me he would see to the appointment of the Commissioners and notify me. The bonds are at the Treasury waiting for the transfer

Washington D.C.
Jan. 8. 73
Gen. Howard

A.A.G. Howard
R.F.A.L.

Write to Genl Vincent in regard to S. Carolina school fund and unclaimed bounty fund —

Howard

The second fund was held in trust by my Chief disbursing officer for the claimants, according to the law and refunded as these or any of these claimants could be found. On his discharge he transferred to me a list of unpaid claimants amounting to $1628.$\frac{59}{100}$ (Sixteen hundred and twenty Eight dollars and fifty nine cents) which I proposed to have deposited on my return from Arizona as required by law – but it escaped my notice till Capt Sladen called my attention to it yesterday.

I will acknowledge to the Treasurer my delay, explaining the cause and send you a copy of his receipt of deposit and of my settlement of the fund within the Treasury according to law.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
O. O. Howard
Late Commissioner Bu. R. F. & A. L.

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Department of the Interior.

Washington, D.C. Jany 8th 1873.

My dear General:

Your letter of the 4th instant reached me last evening. It affords me pleasure to accede to your request.

Yours Very truly

B. R. Cowen.

Acting Secty

Gen O. O. Howard

Special Commr.

69 Hicks St
Jan 8/72 [ie-1873]

Dear Genl

Your note respecting Rose Ward came to hand this P.M. I am mortified that there should have been the slightest neglect in this matter. I obtained as early as practicable the decision of our Board of Deacons, which was not for several weeks after I received the letter from the Matron of Rose. There then has been a delay of a fortnight in getting check from here — The vote of the Deacons was to this effect. "That the amount in the treasury for this purpose be forwarded to Rose & that the Board do not deem it expedient to make further appropriations to him". I cannot tell whether they will be induced to reconsider their decision. I will take pleasure in presenting your letter to them

Very Sincerely Yours
S B Halliday

P.S. The inclosed will be paid on presentation. I supposed it was a check on some note this moment. Mr White is a Banker

S. B. Halliday.

Received $18.43 bal's. sold by
Mr. Buchers deacons
to Rosa Ward.
Gnl H-s letter will
be read at next
Meeting. Cant say what
will be done for Rosa.

sec. by Capt. H.
S.B. Jan. 14, 73

War Department,

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D.C. January 8th 1873

Brig. Genl. O. O. Howard,
U. S. Army,
Late Commissioner,
Bureau Refugees Freedmen & Abandoned Lands.

General:

I have the honor to inform you that the Secretary of War has granted your request, of the 24th Ult., for permission to examine the records of the late Bureau of Refugees Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, now in the possession of this office.

I am General, very respectfully your obedient servant

Thos M. Vincent
A. Adjutant General

1 A.G.O. (F.B.) 1873

Santa Fé New Mexico,
Jan. 8-1873.

Gen. O. O. Howard,
U.S. Special Indian Commissioner
Washington City D. C.,

Dear Sir,

Your kind cheering letter of the 23d ult. recd. - after mine of 3d inst. was mailed to you, for which please accept many thanks.

In reply to your suggestion, "Your recommendations ought to go to your representatives in N.Y. they can work any change they please in New Mexico," would say that full statements of the condition of the Abiqui Agency were sent early last summer to our Board in New York, and the reply was, "We can do nothing until the Government at Washington asks us to make a change" —

Literally this Presbytery, embracing this whole territory, being a component part of the Presbyterian church organization, is superior to, and represents the church more fully in this matter, than the Board in New York, which is only a creature of the General Assembly, and not known in the Constitution of our church. We here on the ground are in every way responsible, while the Board is only nominally so: as when an agent comes and turns out badly, our church

[illegible] week, as all the [illegible] has brought [illegible] the railroad are stopped [illegible] by [illegible] of the "Epizootic".

With kindest regards most
Truly Yours
D. F. McFarland,

P. S. Mrs McFarland wishes to be remembered kindly to you.—
I have heard from Bro Roberts at Goas. His letter to day describes more fully the course of the Priests among the Indians of the Pueblo of Goas. He is about to take the public school in Goas, as the Priests will not let the Indians give him a room to open a school among them.— Gov. Arny says if the Agent was disposed to do so, he could have the Priests indicted before the Courts, which would put an end to their intermeddling.

here in Santa Fe has to bear the reproach. Hence as an executive officer of this Presbytery, I have been talking plainly to you, and your Board of Commissioners in this matter, and asking that so far as this territory is concerned, let us have the President's "peace policy" put in good running order.

If your Board of Commissioners wish to retain three months longer, even the five teachers now teaching among the Pueblos, appoint Mr Nitchie, or some other good christian man, who is fully qualified to act as Agent, whether he is a Presbyterian, or a member of any other evangelical church. We want christian efficiency.

I made Col. Dudley's acquaintance the day he arrived, and soon had my fears removed by learning his church relations. With his activity, firmness, and decision of character, we think that our missionaries, teachers, and Agents, can work with him most harmoniously. We are also much pleased with your friend, Mr, and also Mrs Haskell.

All the Agents in New Mexico claim to represent the Presbyterian church, except the Sub Agents, Keems, Ayers, and Longwell, whom you well know do not claim to be christians in any degree; and the Pueblo Agent, Mr J. Orme Cole, who claims to be a member of the Methodist church.

I fear we will not have a meeting of our Presbytery

Rev D. F. McFarland.

This letter we have from our Father Ary.

O O H

Interesting letter.

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Louisiana State University,

BATON ROUGE, January 9 187 3

To

Genl O. O. Howard
Pres't Howard University
Washington

Dear Sir

We are anxious to have a Photographic Album of the more distinguished College Presidents & Professors, & of other leading scientific & literary men of our country. Will you please oblige us by sending your photograph

Very respectfully
D. F. Boyd,
Sup't.

D. T. Byrd,
Supt.

Maurice Gal. Stevens
photo.

No. 2

Photo. Sent
Feb. 3rd 73

Washington D.C.
Jan. 9th 1893
Thursday morning 7.30

Dearest.

It was about 9 o'clock when I reached Mrs Yates's last night. They had a lot of friends here or two. A Miss Mrs Putnam from New York — whom name I did not catch. Edwin & his family were here. The warmest kind of welcome awaited me from Eddie & Clara. He has grown to be a tall boy. Insisted himself by 8½ to go & get his lessons. Clara is just as she always has been full of activities, pianos, dancing always. If Johnny was a girl he would be like her. All important why I did not bring you my avenue in little grass yesterday morning. "Why Bessie!" I shall try to get off by the one o'clock train tomorrow. which

Should reach Washington 6-30 P.M.
I talked with Mr Noble last night a long time concerning his journey abroad=
He shows photographs from all places he visited. I have never seen any one who seems to have seen more=
On the way up yesterday I thought that perhaps those good people would like to have a professorship in our Library named for Gorham Noble. Give me a portrait (large size) and have me seek an endowment for it amongst our mutual friends. I mentioned it and Mrs Noble & Mrs Sullen showed heartily for it & Mr Noble seemed to be carefully thinking of the subject.
Give love to Bessie & all & take more to yourself. Please go to bed by 10½ P.M. while I am gone. Special request=

Lovingly yr husband
Otis

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Washington D.C.
10 Jany: 1873.

General

Herewith I have the honor to return Com'r Baker's letter as requested.

Permit me respectfully to request a certified copy of the same, provided you have no objection to my having it.

I am General
Very Respectfully
Your Ob't Serv't
Jno. H. Armstrong

Genl. O. O. Howard

P.S. Please address me this City

48.

Utica N.Y. Jany 10th 1873

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

My dear Sir

Temporary absence from home has caused some delay in my replying to your kind favor of the 19th ult. I hardly need say that I feel a lively interest in the important Educational work you have in hand, both on account of the good it has already accomplished and the wider field of usefulness opening before it in the future.

Appreciating the importance of this work in which you are engaged, I regret very much that the means I have at my disposal at present for Educational and benevolent purposes

are so far pre-engaged in various ways that I am compelled to deny myself the pleasure of aiding your noble enterprise, as I should otherwise be glad to do. If at some future time I can see my way clear to make a subscription towards the proposed endowment of your University, it will afford me great satisfaction to assist in so good a work. With sincere regret that I cannot make a more favorable response to your present application, I am

Very respectfully yours

E. Lewington

Barbados (W.I.)
10th January 1873

Sir,

Having heard of the progress, and the great benefit many persons have derived from your valuable Institution; I feel desirous of entering the Howard University, to obtain a knowledge of the science of Engineering, or any other art, that I am likely to succeed in: but having no means whatever, I find it a difficult matter for me, to reach Washington D.C.: I would therefore most respectfully, solicit your assistance

and instruction, as to the best method I may adopt. I can produce testimonials if required.

I am, Sir, Your obedient Serv.

Adolphus Stratton Green

To Major General
O. Howard
L. L. D.

Washington, D.C.
January 11th 1873.

A meeting of the incorporators of the "Savings Land Bank and Transportation Company" will be held on Monday evening, the 13th inst., at 7½ o'clk. P.M., at the office of Kilbourn & Latta corner of 15th & streets.

As it is intended to organize the company at the proposed meeting, it is important that there should be a full attendance of the incorporators.

John Bell.
Acting Secretary.

To
Genl. O. O. Howard.
Washington.
D.C.

Washington D.C.
Jan 11th 1873

John Bull -

Relation to meeting of the Sacramento Land Board & Transportation Co.
13th inst.

51.

Treasury Department,

Second Auditor's Office,

Janry 11th., 1876.

Sir:

Your account amounting to five hundred and twenty one 17/100 dollars, allowed as a reimbursement in cases of Michael Castor, Co. A. 49th. Regt. and Wesley Johnson, Co. A. 125th. Regt. U.S. C.T. twice paid, (the first payments having been made to fraudulent claimants) approved by the Secretary of War July 17th, and Second Comptroller July 16th. 1870, has been settled in this Office, and confirmed by the Second Comptroller. A report of the settlement has been forwarded to the War Department for a Requisition on the Treasury. As soon as the requisition is issued a draft for the amount will be sent to you, which should be turned over to James McMillan, Capt. 3d. U.S. Arty and his receipt therefor forwarded to this

Office in order that the amount erroneously drawn from the fund for payment of Pay, Bounty &c due Colored Soldiers, may be replaced.

Respectfully,

E. B. Fenn

Auditor

By JMS

O. O. Howard,
Brig. Genl U.S.A.
Through Hon. Secretary of War,

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W.H.H.

Jany 11. 1873

Second Auditor.

Informs Gen. O. O. Howard that his account $521.17 allowed as a reimbursement in case of Michael Easton, Co. A. 49th, and Wesley Johnson, Co. H. 125th U. S. C. T., has been settled, and requests that the draft for same be forwarded to Capt. James McMillan.

Adjt General

War Dept
Jan 22nd 73

Respectfully forwarded to Brig Genl O. O. Howard U.S.A. late Commissioner of Bureau of R. F. & A. Lands

Thos M. Vincent
Asst Adjutant General

Jany. 25th 1873

Respectfully forwarded to Capt. Jas McMillan 3rd Artillery, D. C. in accordance with the instructions of the Hon. 2nd Auditor - Treasury

O. O. Howard
Brig. Genl. U.S.A.

Answered Jan 29. 1873

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 1[illegible] 187[illegible]

Dear

I send you a slip from the Evening Bulletin. The fearful article was in the day before. I sent this to Vincent this morning. I fear he has gone hard against me in spite of his protestations. I have talked with the editor & he thinks so from his correspondents letter from Washington. No matter about this reports. They annoy me less & less & I do not think they hinder my work. Christians receive me with much affection. Love to all at home. Expect me Tuesday morning. Lovingly

Otis

53.
Indian

Department of the Interior.

Washington, D.C. January 13th 1873.

Sir,

Your letter of the 2nd. instant, asking whether some provision could be made by this Department, for the expenses of the education of two Indian boys, members respectively of the Creek and Choctaw tribes, at the Howard University, was received in due time and referred to the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

I now enclose you a copy of that Officer's report, dated the 9th. instant, from which you will perceive that he does not think it advisable to recommend that said expenses be defrayed out of funds subject to the

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

control of the Department, in view of the fact that the Choctaws and Creeks have an educational fund at their disposal which is presumed to be sufficient for the education of their children.

Very respectfully,
Your obt. servant,
B. R. Cowen.
Acting Secretary.

Washington D.C.
Jan 14. 73.

Respectfully
referred to Micco-
Hut-Kee 2nd Chief
Creek Nation.
Douglas Bemo is
doing very well, and
it seems very hard
that he should not
be able to prosecute
his studies.

W. O. Atkinson
A.D.C.
& Encl. O.O. Howard

Act. Sec of Int.

Says help can not
be given to Jones
& Bemo - Creeks &
Choctaws have
Educational funds.

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Germantown 1/13/73.

Jan 13, 73

Dear Friend

John M. Langston

Richard G. Thompson

The application of student in Law Dept. for $100, I have taken care to present at suitable time. But it was handed to me on my way South. I mailed to a Friend in Balto. I have not been long home. Has he got the amt? if not I will try more. But want his name. I expect to be in Washton in the course of a fortnight.

Truly W. Warner

Yours &c
Secretary

File

Ans by Capt. H
L.B. Jan 21, 73

Mesilla Jan 13th 1873

Gen C. A. Howard
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir—

I noticed in the reports of the proceedings of Congress that there will probably be a law passed during the session authorizing the President to appoint six Inspectors of Indian Affairs, whose duty will be to visit the different Superintendencies and Agencies and investigate their management. While at Tularosa, New Mexico in September last, you repeatedly expressed sympathy and kind regard for any

welfare and said you
would recommend me
to another field that
would be more pleasant
& consistent with your
sense of duty I most respect-
fully request that you recom-
mend me as one of the
Inspectors in case the
law is passed. My ac-
quaintance with the Indians
character and various duties
of Superintendent and
Agents would enable me,
I think, to discharge the
duties of the office that it
will be advantageous to
the Government and Indians
I feel a deep interest
in the success of the hu-
mane policy adopted
by the Government towards
the Indians particularly

since my late connection with them. Your acquaintance with me although under unfavorable circumstances, will, no doubt enable you to form a correct opinion of my character and qualifications for so important a position

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servant
O. F. Piper

Macomb —
Jan 13, 73

O. F. Piper.

Wants an Inspectorship in Ind. dept.

Ans by Genl H.,
Jan 24th 73

Office of Sec of State
Tallahassee Fla
Jan 14 1873

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

Sir

I enclose you a copy of a letter from Cadet Gibbs, a former student in Howard University, now at West Point, who has been found & is about to be dismissed.

My Son wishes you to see Sec'y M. Robeson & to request that he be put on probation until next examination.

You know the difficulties of his position, & I sympathize with him, because twenty years ago, I was refused admittance into Eighteen Colleges in this Country because of my color, although Governor Slade & Hon Gerret Smith, endorsed me in the strongest terms; & I entered & graduated at Dartmouth

College Hanover N.H. Honorably!! 8

no man, who then spoke in my behalf has any reason to be ashamed of my record either in public or private life, & I devoutly thank God. Prof Lamphear knows the habits of study my son possesses & his ability. Making due allowance for parental feeling, I know Thomas lacks neither pluck, nor ability to pass through West Point if he has a fair chance.

Gen Sprague who is a resident of this State, spent some time at West Point recently said that he talked with the Professors concerning Thomas, & they gave a very favorable account.

Yours very truly
Jonathan C. Gibbs
Sec'y of State

P.S.

I have written to the Sec'y of War, Hon. G. W. Robison by this days mail.

will give up the fight + resign it is certainly very discouraging to him Howard came with him + was found as you know next came Rector then Napier now myself + the next will probably be Smith + then there will be none here I think if something were put in the papers about these little facts + many others it would frighten these miscreants + they would stop it for it is an absolute absurdity to say that out of five negroes not one is fit to go through this Institution Smith's talents are of no mean order + yet they are slowly but surely dragging him to the foot of his class + I think that you know enough of mine to know that what man can do I can do if allowed half a chance I who have stood the head of my class from school in Phila. to the University + you know well that I have studied faithfully + well if I can get another chance I think I can go through in spite of them the hardest of the course is over + I have gotten used to the routine of things + although I am losing now as the class commenced recitations to today still I shall try to keep up by studying until I hear from you though it is almost impossible to study with this thing on my mind. Now I have told you bad news enough + have no good news to tell you would to God I did so I will close

from your affec: Son.

Thos. F. Gibbs

If discharged I shall stop at the
until I hear of you.

ENCLOSED COPY
(SEE NO. 57)

U. S. Military Academy
West Point, N. Y.
Jan 9th 1872 [i.e. 1873]

Dear Father

It seems almost useless to write this letter but I dont know what else to do as I dont see anything that I can do to save myself

To say that I was found deficient wrongfully seems equally useless but still I will tell you something about it in order that you may know how things work here I passed a good examination in the first place better than I expected to + as more conclusive evidence I heard of many of the Cadets who were swearing with disgust at my good examination saying that now there was no hope of the nigger's being found that they would now have him for another 6 months if not 3 years + they were as much surprised as gratified to learn that I was found I believe in fact that the whole section was found

to get rid of me for they did some thing unprecedented
any way, they actually found upwards of twenty men
in my class above & besides that they began at the
fool & went upwards up to about 22 files from
fool; although several made perfect recitations
& men who stood above that although they failed
completely on examination not only were not found
but were given a good class standing now without
favoritism I dont see how this can be & there
is much surprise manifested in the way things
have been manipulated the fact is Prof. Church
is becoming old & childish being I believe upwards
of 80 & is moreover so feeble as to be unable a great
deal of the time to attend to his duties & has often
been shown his incompetency in the section room
his affairs have been attended to chiefly by
his ast. Prof. who is a dirty fellow & has expressed
his dislike for Smith & myself more than once.
I had to stop here to go to parade & there
an order was published arranging my class in
order of merit in French & I stand 75 out
of 85 so you see I was not found in French
as I expected to be still it does not save
me unless the Sec. of War puts me on
probation Oh, I hope you have written to Wash.
or done something about it for in a few days
the order may come to discharge me & there
all that I have worked so hard for for the
last six months will be lost & all your
suffering & anxiety will be for naught if
this chance goes it is my last chance for an
education for it is too late for me now were
to get a thourough education outside of this
place I dont know whether I should or
not but I have written to Walls asking
him to see the Sec. of War & get me put on
probation whether he (Walls) will do it or
not is more than I can tell but I pray heaven
he may move heaven & earth if possible to
help me if possible These Miscreants here
are doing their best to clean of the niggers out
of five sent here four have been found &
Smith expects to be found in something they
have have already got him as low as they can
and he is very nearly discouraged he says sooner
than pass another six months here alone he

Hd. Qr. 7th Infantry Mex.
January 14th 1872.
[ie-1873]

General.

At the earnest request of the Indians here I send you an exact copy of their ideas expressed in a Council held January 12th. They absolutely refused to receive, accept or talk to the new Agent, Mr Wm. Thomas, without I came to the Council, and when there they earnestly begged me to write to you, which I promised to do.

Interpretation

Present Lozo, Victoria & Ponce.

When Ponce was out with Genl. Howard making peace with Cochise, Ponce's word was good, reliable, that whether he (Ponce) was here, at Chiricagua or Rio Bonito, he was to write to General Howard at Washington. He (Ponce) is sad now because the Agent Mr Ayers has been removed and that he does not like this new Agent (Mr Thomas.) and prays that Mr Ayers be left with them.

He enjoins upon me (Capt. C.) to write his words to Washington, that all the old women, children, and men were

crying and sad last night because Mr Ayers was to go away.

Ponce, Victoria and Loco, say together, that all the Apaches like me (Capt C.) and Mr Ayers the late Agent, and want us to live with them, and will stay with us six years, and want us to take them to the Ojo Caliente.

That the season of planting is coming on, and that the season here is not good for corn. (This is true for my corn was severely frosted Sept 11th last.)

Ponce says that Genl. Howard promised to remove Mr Piper whom they did not like and give them a new agent for all time (an interpreter says five years.) that Mr Ayers came, they like him very much, and think that in his going away, Genl. Howard has played them false.

= Genl. Howard had a private talk with Victoria, and nobody on the Reservation has ever known what was said, the interpreter being one of the escort. No agent has ever been able to contradict the Indian idea from want of facts.

Victoria states that in the interview above referred to Genl.

Howard promised to move Victoria at planting time to Ojo Caliente.
That he Genl. Howard would send them an agent they would like, that he would establish a large fort at the Ash Springs and would gather together all the Apaches at that place, in the mean time told Victoria to keep quiet around here and not to go away and that the soldiers were here to protect them.

In this private talk he (Genl. Howard) asked Victoria to tell him all about Mr Piper, why they did not like him and in general all his troubles.

Victoria then asked the General for an agent like the first one they had viz (Lt. Drew since deceased) at the Canada.

That Genl. Howard said he would have a grand Council when he got home, and pick out a good agent for them for good.
Genl. Howard told Victoria and Juan (Juliet (pelet)) to tell him every thing they wanted, and they asked him for a great many things all of which he gave them.

Interpreter & witnesses.

R. H. Stafford } Eng
Black Pole }

This embraces the whole. that the Indians wished to say to you; every care was taken to get the c meaning, by reading back to

Every effort has been made by Mr Ayers and myself to convin that no injury will accrue to i from the change, but so far with little success. They are perfectly earnest and dignified.

The issue Thursday January 9th was to 844. all told, so I think there are about 775. on the Reservation.

I remain Sir.
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt

F. W. Coleman
Capt 15th Infantry
Comdg Post.

Talavera N. Mex.
Jan. 14. 73

Capt. Coleman
Reports Indians
Council held Dec. 4th 72

No. 3

Comdg Post

Montgomery Ala
Jan 14, 1873

Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

Mrs. Hale who has a Son & daughter at "Howard University" has asked me to write you respecting her Son's health which has been poor for some time. His Physician seemed to think the Room he occupied had something to do with it. & advised a change James asked his Mothers advice & she told him to do so if he thought it would be beneficial He is hoping that it may have the desired effect, but is not at present able to study, having in connection with Chills severe

Night Sweats. She (his Mother) is anxious to have you examine his case & see whether you think he is going to be able to resume his Studies soon, & if he is not would like to have you advise him to come home.

She has wished for some time to ask you to look after him & did speak of it in a letter to Mrs Connor, but thinks the message may have never reached you.

She is of course extremely anxious to have James benefitted by his superior advantages, & would be very glad to have him remain longer, but of course has a Mother's interest in the health of an only Son. Sarah the daughter is doing nicely we hear, & enjoys good health. We know that you

have a multiplicity of
duties, and dislike to ask
a favor but hope if you are
not able to give James your
personal attention, that you
will see that some one else
ascertains whether it will be
best for him to come home
or not. She did not like to
have James go out of the school-
building & from under the imme-
diate supervision of the teachers,
but thought that possibly a
change might have the desired
effect.

If not too much trouble
she would be glad of a reply.
Should James come & get better
she would be willing to have him
return again.

Should you write please direct
to Mrs Anna Hale
Care of Hon. J. T. Rapier

Montgomery
Ala.

Jan 14 – 73

Mrs. Haller

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Ans. by Capt. W.
E.B. Jan 1 73

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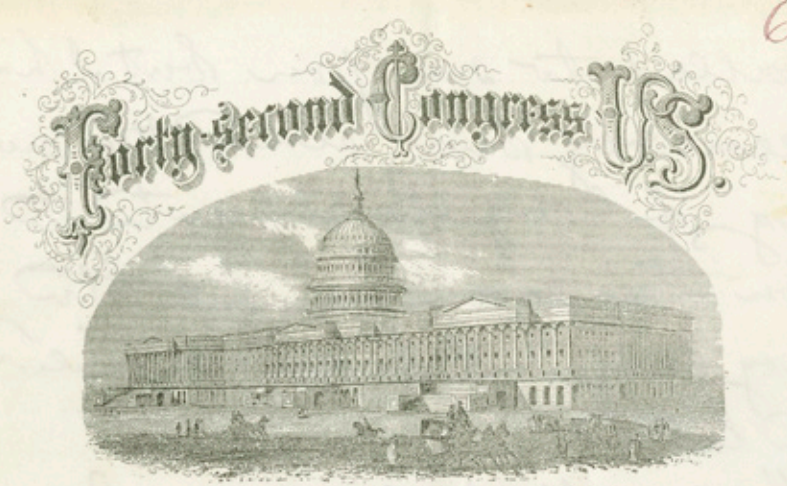

Washington, D.C. Jany 15th 1873.

Genl O. O. Howard.

Sir.

Sometime since I heard you speak to Mr. Tisdale of the Chronicle of the treatment you had recd from parties in this city. Knowing something of Arizona I am satisfied that you have been wronged in your action respecting matters relating to that Terry. I should have

called to see you but I have been very busy since the meeting of Congress. I wrote to you this morning but the Boy may not have received the letter.

Hoping that you may have success in your business matters of Criminal Law.

Respectfully

Sarah Adams.

No. 1211, 11th St. N.W.