Howard University,
Washington D.C.
January 16th, 1873.

Maj. Gen. Oliver O. Howard
Pres. Howard University.

Dear Sir: Howard University in its origin was destined to benefit especially the Colored Youths of the United States; but we have seen with regret for some time that it has become a source of revenue and benefit particularly to those who care little or nothing for us. Now we propose to bring to light certain facts which are undeniable and of which you yourself can not be ignorant. In bringing forth these facts we would not injure you or the University; but our highest interests demand that some changes should be made in the management of the Institution.

In the first place Prof. A. L. Barber is paid twenty-five hundred dollars yearly for doing compara-

tively nothing. For instance as Professor of Natural Philosophy he has to instruct but one class, towards this he fails to discharge his duty as we can prove; nor does he perform any active duties in the Normal Dept., being entirely absorbed in his Real Estate business.

In the second place the universal testimony of Prof. Whittlesey's Students is that they derive neither Rhetorical nor Elocutionary benefit from his instruction, and this can be proven.

In the third place, we find that an assistant is introduced into the Model School to do a work which many needy students in the Institution are fully able to perform. Through Mr. Johnson's influence as we understand a base-carpenter h[illegible] been brought among us [illegible] bread out of the mouths of [illegible] whom the University

professes to aid. — The lady in Miss Crane's Dept. is a niece of our Treasurer; the carpenter to whom we have referred is his uncle. These persons were brought into the Institution when some of your best students in the College and other Departments were compelled to leave because they could get no aid from the University — in consequence as the Authorities said of a lack of funds. Do these things show, General, that there is no money here, are they of such a nature as to impress us with the feeling that the Institution desires to aid students to the extent of its ability?

Now, General, our intention is not to strike any unfriendly blow at you, for we doubt neither your honesty nor your interest in our race; but we expect to publicly prove — if an occasion arise, such facts as are undeniable. Our instructors with very few exceptions

lack interest as we firmly believe in our welfare, and seem to think that any instruction however imperfect is sufficient for us. If this Institution is not good enough for their own children then it is a question whether or not it is good enough for the Colored Youth of the Country.

The money that is paid these persons can secure the best teachers in the land and those who are sincerely devoted to our race; consequently we shall oppose to the extent of our ability any endowment to this University while the present state of affairs exists.

The crisis has come when something must be done, and leading men with whom we have conversed are [illegible] Truly, your friends, agree with us, [illegible] the present

condition of things and say that changes must be made.

We adjure you, Sir, to look carefully into the management of the Institution, think deeply upon the University matters, for we are determined to do something, and we have influence at our backs. If we shall be called upon to publicly expose the University; we shall have but one regret, and that will be on account of yourself whom we believe to be honest and true; but we fear that you will finally injure your reputation in consequence of having self-interested men around you.

Awaiting some indications from you we have the honor to remain

Yours truly,

Many Students.

Treasury of the United States,

CASH DIVISION,

Copy

Washington January 16th 1873

General.

Your letter of the 15th instant has been referred to the Secretary of the Treasury for authority to counter-sign the deposit made by you on the 8th day of January 1873.

Respectfully

D. D. Lessing

Assistant United States

Brig. Genl. O. O. Howard, U.S.A.
Late Commissioner, etc.
Washington,
D.C.

Jan. 16th 1873

Spinner F. E.

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Genl O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

Mr Rumsey has turned over to me. His Claim against the 1st Cong- Church As I wish a speedy settlement please say what you are prepared to do.

Yours

L A Bartlett

Washington D.C.
June 16 '15

E. A. Bartlett.

says Ramsey has turned over to him claim against 1st Congl. Ch. would a speedy settlement. what can you do?

Washington Dec 16. 73

Gen O O Howard

Dear Gen. I have yours of the 7th some indisposition and pressing business have prevented an earlier answer.

I thought it was your own proposition to pay up the accrued interest and retire from the Manassas concern. I do not think I ever could have said the sales then would meet the interest on your note. I could not predict to free see. My understanding of the division of duties was that I would attend to the local management of the place paying taxes & collecting what little rents would be coming in and that Mr. Foltz & yourself would attend to sales. That was particularly in Mr. Foltz's line & he had nothing else to do. I have not sold a foot the land. The rents will not pay taxes keep up fences &c.

Yours truly

J. Cullen Ayres

Feb 16 73

Jas McPherson.

acknowledges receipt of Engels' letter, does thought it was the Engels proposition to retire &c.

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OF

Howard University,

Washington, D. C., Jan. 16, 1873.

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From Gen. O. O. Howard for which they return a grateful acknowledgement.

O. O. Howard
President of the Board.

Placed in the Library

E. B. Nichols M.D.
Librarian and Curator of the Cabinet.

Howard University
June 14th 1873.

Nichols L.O.B.

Acknowledges receipt of book.

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Gen O. O. Howard

Sir

by forwarding your autograph you will confer a favor on you.

Obedt. Servant

Theon C. Terwilliger

Newburgh

N. Y.

T. C. Terwilliger

Autograph

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Chicago. Jan. 17. 1893

My dear General.

Pardon

me for writing with reference

to the offer of aid which

you made at the time

of the Council at Berlin.

I wish, not to burden you,

nor in any way to menace

the exact amount of our assets.

Yet if you find yourself unable to meet, eq
ever, or at any future time, the pledge whic
you so generously made, let me know, p
and there it shall end. You were under
inconceivable obligation to us, to such an extent
least, and it seemed to me then as if it

your care, but simply to you confidentially respecting any success which you may have had in raising the money.

I remember that you once told me that you were intending to lecture in Washington for the benefit of my church.

We are now at a point when it is especially desirable to know

almost more than you ought to assume.
We are struggling in unhealthy here, and the
usefulness of the enterprise is most assured.
Wishing you every blessing, I am.

Yours sincerely

L. T. Chamberlain

Pastor of New England Ch

Gen. O. O. Howard.

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Paterson N.Y.
January 17 1873

General Howard

My dear Sir

I must give to many schools for the education of your colored brethren, else I would probably have given more to your than I have given to it. Please add the enclosed $50 for $2000 to the funds of your University. I trust it is getting on well in all respects.

With good regard
yours friend
Gerrit Smith

P.S. Can you inform me of the character, prospects &c &c of the Nashville Colored College, & of the "Straight" University of Louisiana? I know Berea College in Kentucky, & Lincoln & Lincoln &c.

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Phila Jan 7/73

Genl O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

Letters this morning inform me Lieut Wm J. Volkmar has been detailed by Genl Carr on the recruiting service, to report to Genl J. D. Gregg. St. Louis and will arrive there about the 20 inst.

Will you please use your influence immediately in securing for him the Philp Station

Respectfully

Mrs Henry A Drew
2025 Arch St.

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To General O O Howard
Care of Adj Genl U S Army
Washn DC

Have written you this day you were misinformed

W H Emory
Maj Genl

26 Paid Gosh

Mn

New Orleans, La.
Jan. 18th 1873

Emory A. Sh.

File

Custom House.
New Orleans, January 18th 1873.

Dear General:

I thank you for your prompt reply of Jan. 3. 1873, and for the hearty commendation therein contained.

If I understand your intention it is to address a letter to the President at once, and wait until my friends have formally nominated me.

I am not able, in answer to your inquiry to state when my friends will press me, but I have asked them to consult you.

I am waiting the arrival of a rich friend to present your circular. I hope for success.

Truly your obedt servt:
L. A. Bell.

P.S. Where is my friend Langston?
LAB.

Gen. O. O. Howard, USA.
Washington DC.

HEAD QUARTERS

Department of the Gulf.

New Orleans, January 18th 1873

My dear General Howard

My son Colonel Emory, who arrived here to day told me he met you in the street of Philadelphia, and you said to him, that you, Genl Howard, had been informed while in Arizona by Capt Lieb of the 5th Cavalry that Lieb had endorsed charges made against you in reference to the Freedman's Bureau by a member of Congress, and that the same Lieb had told you many other things "most wrong".

If Captain Lieb has made such statements, they are untrue, and it is a source of regret to me, that you have given

any statement from him a moment thereafter and having done so, that you did not write me in the moment, what this Capt Leib has seen fit to say of me.

Captain Leib was recommended by a field officer of my Regt for total retirement, and I forwarded the recommendation approved which I suppose is the cause of animosity to me. That you say is only another evidence of the correctness of my approval of the recommendation in his case

(much as I dislike personal controversy)

Nor do I think it worth while

[illegible]

against Leib and try what others have twice failed to do, to rid the service of this notorious liar, who is as ignorant and illiterate as he is mischievous and inefficient.

If you see fit, you are at liberty to show this to the General of the Army and I will be glad to receive any suggestion for my future guidance in the matter it may be deemed proper to make

With high regards

Very truly Yrs

W H Emory

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Genl. Emory.

Write answering
Statement of Capt.
Eich - says "its
a lie" &c

Wesly. Merritt.

Sh. Jan 17 73

601. M. St. Jan 18th 1873
Saturday

Genl. O. O. Howard
Dear Sir.

Your kind note was received, and I regret to say we have been obliged to postpone our meeting till Jan 28th as we could not perfect our arrangements.

Hoping to have the pleasure of hearing from you at that time

I remain
Very truly yr friend
Mrs W. Stickney

Monticello Fla.
Jany 18. 73.

President Howard.
Sir,

As I am desirous of entering Howards University with a view of reading up, in order that I may be an auxiliary eventually in training up men for laboring among my poor benighted fellows I beg respectfully to submit the following.

I studied at Codrington College Barbados four years during that time I held a Scholarship, prior to being a student there, I was a teacher of good standing there I studied Divinity, Classics,

Monticello Fla.
Jan. 18 – 73

A. A. Roberts

Yes, granting the favors herein solicited – I will thankfully serve – &c.

Yours very respectfully –
Albert A. Roberts.
Monticello Fla

P.S. I should be glad to have one of Howards University Calendars.

Ans. by Gen'l T.
Feb. 2nd 73

Mental & Moral Science, Mathematics &c. At present my wife & self are teaching here; as I should like to engage in higher work, I should feel thankful to you, sir, for any information that you may contribute for the realization of this end.

What I wish to ascertain, in the first place is - if there are Scholarships in the University; next the value and standard of them. My wife wants to go to college to study Music, but for her I am ready. I know that the brother & sister need not part - that both can be received into Howard's University, but I know not about the husband & the wife.

My wife is 17, & I 24 & being childless are quite willing to deny ourselves for the accomplishment of the

desired end. I should also like to know in the event of my wife not coming to the University if I could take lodgings outside: these minor matters I trust can be arranged satisfactorily & will prove no barrier. There are many things about which I am anxious to know: the University Calender would satisfy me as to those points & I should like to possess one.

I must now apologise by stating that I am unacquainted with any of the members of the University & knowing that you are much interested in the well fare of my race I took the liberty of asking you to favor me with such

[illegible]

Quincy Illinois Jan 19th/73

Hon O. O. Howard

Dr Sir

I write to you as a Stranger but hope you will pardon me for so doing, my object in writing is this I wish to go on a lecturing tour through the southern States Speaking principally to the Colored folks I think much good can be accomplished among my Colored fellow citizens, I made Speeches during the last campaign in all the principle cities in this State in favor of the Republican party Enclosed you will find some of my Recomendations what advice have you for a young man who wishes to become a public Benefactor My aim is to leave here for the south in the latter part of February if you can assist

S. B. Conley.

Write a public benefactor - consult advice from Genl.

H—

Rec'd Jan 19.73

Ans by Capt. R.

D.O. Howard. Jan. 24.73

me by way of advice or financialy
if it is ever so little I
will be very thankful My
aim is to do good Knowing
you by Reputation to be a
friend of our Race is why
I have written to you I
hope to hear from you soon
and favorably please return
my Recomendation

Very Respectfully
S N Casey

Portland Jan. 19th 1873

General O. O. Howard

My dear Sir

I take this opportunity to write you and thank you, (which I most heartily do) for your kind interest and attention to My Son Charles. I received a letter from him when at Chicago on the 11th inst. in which he speaks with great satisfaction of your kindness to him, and is full of hope for your influence in his behalf in the future, through faithful performance of duty and your friendship he aspires to [illegible]

then be an opening, or Chance for promotion, he says that he feels that he has a great friend in General Howard. I am quite sure that he is well fitted for that position - and I would like to know if there will probably be any changes by by which he could be promoted.

I see by the papers (I enclose the item) that there are to be five Inspectors appointed, it has occurred to me that provided there was no chance for promotion to be had in Arizona soon, that one of these be given to him, he has always been faithful to whatever duties has been assigned to him

or whatever position he may occupy in the future in connection with the service he will be efficient & faithful.

We feel that he, and we as well, are making a great sacrifice to have him so far removed from us, and it is only with the hope that he may be useful that we can bear the separation, it is therefore our earnest desire that he may in due time be placed where he may be most useful, and have God's blessing upon his efforts to do good, in whatever capacity he may be serving.

You will pardon me for the freedom with which I have written. I hope to receive a letter from you touching this

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Malta very soon.

Again thanking you my dear Sir for your kindness, and wishing you and yours all the blessings needful for you in this life, and in the life to come life everlasting –

Very truly

S. W. Langdon

Wants Inspectorship for his son,
(Capt. Langdon) thanks Genl for his
~~Kindness shown~~
also by Genl H.