Savannah Ga. April 15th 1873

Genl O. O. Howard

Washington D.C.

Sir

I have this day foowarded to the "Post Master General" My application endorsed by all the leading Republicans in this portion of the State for an appointment as "U. S. Mail Route Agent" from this place to "Millen" Ga,

And earnestly hope you will at your first opportunity see the Post Master General and press the appointment, I Served in the Union Army during the late war, and since that time have done every thing in my power for the advancement of the Republican party. While Mr Nolan the present incumbent of the position for which I apply - served in the rebel Army during the war and is, and always has been a democrat.

Hoping to hear from you soon & answer

Your Obedient Servant

R. N. White

Savannah Ga.
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Washington, D. C., April 16. 1873

Brig. Gen'l. O. O. Howard U. S. A.
Late Commissioner Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Washington. D. C.

General:

I have the honor to inform you that your request of the 9th inst. for permission to employ Mr J. E. Page as clerk, for two more months, to finish up business connected with the late Bureau R. F. & A. L., is approved, by the Acting Secretary of War.

Very respectfully
your obedient servant
Thos M. Vincent
Asst Adjutant General

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War Department,

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, April 16th, 1873.

General O. O. Howard

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to the report of your military services from March 4, 1861 to January 26, 1864, which you furnished on the last named date, I respectfully request that you now furnish a report of your services from that time to the termination of your connection with the volunteer force of the Army.

With a view to uniformity in the reports please state date of assuming and being relieved from each command - how subsequently employed - date and period of each leave of absence, if on Court Martial or Military Commission - when where and for what period - name of President and Judge Advocate - also name rank and period of service of such of your Staff Officers with a brief summary of each battle in which you were engaged, and report on letter paper having one inch margin on left hand side for binding.

As the information herein called for is deemed indispensable to the perfecting of your military record in

this office, your early attention to the matter is respectfully solicited.

Please acknowledge the receipt of this letter and state whether or not you can comply with this request.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant
R. Martin
Assistant Adjutant General

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Gen'l. O. O. Howard
Washington D C

Dear Sir: I address you, on behalf of the Y.M.C.A. of Cleveland, as Chairman of the committee on Anniversary Meeting.—

There is a general desire among our members to hear your voice, upon that occasion. Hence I write. Would it be possible for you to come here and deliver an address upon that occasion— The anniversary occurs on the second Sabbath in May, the 11th.—

If you could possibly arrange it so as to be here, will you be kind enough to write me to that effect, and state what compensation you would expect in addition to your expenses.— Please try hard to come.—

Very Respectfully Yours
Geo. W. Stockly Chm'n

Cleveland O.
April 15th 1873

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O. O. Howard, U. D.,
President.

D. B. Nichols, M. D.,
Librarian.

LIBRARY ROOMS,

Howard University,

Washington, D. C., April 16 1873

Gen. O. O. Howard
Pres. H. U.

There will be a meeting of the Ex. Com. at Prof. A. L. Barber's Office 7th street on Friday Next (18th inst.) at 3½ o'clock P. M. Important business requiring the attendance of the whole committee

Yours truly

D. B. Nichols
Sec. of Ex. Com.

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Baltimore Md
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Dear General.

A certain colored woman having alleged to the Adjutant General of the Army that I, while an Officer of the Bureau in this city, claimed, and received from her the sum of five dollars "as payment for my services in connection with her bounty claim"; a letter was sent to me from the A.G.O. stating the allegation, and requesting my "report of the alleged transaction". In my reply (denying the charge) I stated my expectation of leaving my station - (then Davids Island N.Y.H.) for this city and asking a meeting upon my arrival with some Officer, in order that the charge investigated. This morning a letter came to hand from Genl Hancocks Hd Qrs asking me to name a day when I would return to N.Y. from my "leave", as the colored woman lived in that city and a meeting would be arranged there. Now, General

I have no hesitation in meeting any person who accuses me of taking advantage of my position while in the Bureau, to defraud claimants or profit directly or indirectly by said position, but I feel that a denial (my only defence) should be supported by some other evidence as to honesty & during my six years connection with the work formerly under your charge.

Therefore General, I ask from you a letter stating particularly the fact that no charge or complaint similar to above was ever made against me while in the Bur. Although conscious of my innocence and knowing my character will stand the test of any investigation, yet it would be affectation in me to pretend indifference, and I am sure the experience of ~~you~~ ~~who~~ ~~like~~ you have had in meeting such

repelling false accusations will enable you to sympathize with my dislike in having my name connected with such a charge. Hence I desire the matter to proceed no further than the examination by Genl Howard's Staff Officer, and ask, of you, the letter to support my defence.

In conclusion General, I wish to assure you most positively, that never did I directly, or indirectly, while an Officer of the Bureau, receive or claim any money or other Consideration from any claimant or other person transacting business with my Office.

Furthermore I was enabled to, and did advance the interests of the colored people under my charge, in every way in my power, and instead of receiving money from them have often assisted from my own

pocket. Should you decide
to grant my request please
direct letter to,

Yours respectfully
Lt. E. le Knower
3d Artillery
Care W. L. Van Dorlip
Freedmens Bank
60 W Baltimore St
Balt Md

I shall leave for New York
on Saturday of this week.

Ans. by Gen. H.
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Newburgh N. Y.
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Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

Please send me your Autograph in ink and oblige

Yours Respectfully

J. Dexter Peirce

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Winchester Va.
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Dear Sir.

I write to obtain some information, which you can probably give. At the termination of our late internal war for our slavery system, two colored children were indentured to me by the military authorities, in the name of the Freedmen's Bureau. This was done some time, I think, in the Spring or Summer of 1865, & I have copies of the indenture papers, but not now just at hand. They were bound to me under the obligation to "serve & obey" me, but with no obligation on my part, beside proper general care. But that of having them taught reading, writing, & arithmetic to a certain extent, with the payment of $150.00 freedom money to each, on arriving at age.

I have been very desirous of doing the best for them, their mother, to whom I & my family were greatly attached, having died & left them on our hands when little children. I had, in fact, before slavery came to an end, designed educating them & then emancipating them, on their

coming of age, if their character & promise seemed at all to encourage it; & I provided for it in my will. And I have still aimed & hoped, with my family, to make the very best use of them, for their benefit & that of others, in their future lives.

But, having broken up my own establishment to come to this quarter & live with my son, (who is a minister as well as myself,) I could not keep ~~him~~ the son with me, & therefore, — he himself preferring farming to a trade, & I thinking it safer for him, as yet, I hired him to a farmer friend, a very good man & place, — in this county. But the boy, — now 16 years of age, (17 this year) has got the intimation from somebody that I have no right to hire him out, has proclaimed independence. Except for his own good, I should not be very sorry to let him go. But I greatly fear that he will get no further education & will fall into bad habits, with some proclivities that he has shewn. He is very capable of learning any thing, but it was with great labor & difficulty that in my family, we taught [illegible] to read & write &-

writing & arithmetic, — which two latter he ought to go to school & learn; & I intended this as soon as I could find a school convenient.

The girl shews quite a turn for letters, — reads well & can write, but has not yet made any great proficiency in arithmetic. Has some knowledge of Geography. I have it in view to put her to school a while, as soon as I can arrange it; & have hoped that she would, some day, make a teacher, if the desire to marry did not prevent. She is nearly 15 years of age.

Since, however, the boy has taken his recent course, the question has come up whether, as the military authorities which indentured them were only transient & provisional, & superceded by State laws & authority, those indentures are now valid in the eyes of the latter & can be enforced. And if they are, & it is denied, as it now seems to be by the boy, how can it be enforced? What process would have to be employed?

The question may become a very practical one with the girl too. Her birth took place by a most treacherous & scandalous betrayal of her mother, on the part of an old colored man, to whose care this

wife's the young woman was confided, - which dis-
-graceful & lamentable act she voluntarily came &
protested to me. He was put out of the church for it,
but, with my intercession, restored, on his seeming
repentance. The old fellow now has the effrontery
to write to me, claiming her, & threatening to enforce
his claim. His wife she, no doubt, want to use her,
as a servant, for their support. For me to surrender
her to them would blight her prospects, as to educa-
tion &c. & perhaps, morally, be her ruin.

I have thus, Sir, stated the legal difficulties,
& the whole state of the case. I greatly desire to
do the best I can for them, feeling toward them, as I
do, almost as if they were my children. But, if
it turns out that I lose control of them, then I
shall at least feel that I have done for them what
I could, & will be absolved before my conscience &
before God. Many cares & solicitudes, on the
part of my wife & myself, have been expended
upon them; - indeed I do not know of many children,
white or colored, that have had such care taken of
them.

As you know nothing of me personally, I can refer
you to the Rev. J. C. Smith D.D. of your city & Dr. J. C. Backus
of Balt. - whom you may know.

Believe me, most respectfully,

S. W. Leyburn.

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Brig. General O. O. Howard. U. S. Army,

Late Commissioner Bureau R. F. and A. L,

Washington. D. C.-

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that the following records pertaining to the late Bureau R. F. and A. L. were received at this Office on the 14th instant. viz:-

From F. A. Seely. late Disbursing Officer of the late Bureau at St Louis. Mo.-

1 Letters Received and Endorsement Book.

From Freedmens Savings and Trust Company. Jacksonville. Fla.-

1 Register and 1 Index of claims: a file of letters received and 1 Discharge certificate.-

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant.
Thos. M. Vincent
Asst. Adjt. General.

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Gettysburg Penn
Wednesday Apl 16/73

Friend & Bro O. O. Howard

Believing that you will be glad to hear that my son is convalescent with a prospect of steady recovery to his mental health. I write you at this time to inform you of that fact, And also to Express my thanks for the sympathy manifested in my behalf upon our Casual. yet very fortunate meeting for me. just after the receipt of the telegram from my son announcing his sickness. I desire to be candid in the matter for you doubtless know by Experience that there are few Spirits in the flesh. whose Sympathies and feelings blend so Easily & so happily for the afflicted one as by Experience I have found yours to do. in this World of conflicting Elements

the Sabbath
as well as to look to his comfort & mental
which he knew full well I had ever
ready to do. And when I left you
other Sun thought which I have pa
with my arrival. you will not be at
to both understand, interpret & rea
been Extent my feelings. When
Son informed me soon after my ar
that that was the day he had ar
to join the Church (Bro Cain being the Sa
my arrival was Early Sabbath morning
was told that on Friday last the
together with some of the Christian
men of the College came to his room
Confirmed him as they call it - in
Church Connection with this College
my Son asked me if they would
to day (Sunday) and administer
Sacrament of the Lords Supper (Ch
this I believe I think have to say
Event prominent in his mind when
Expressed by Telegraph his wish to hav
me with him) I remarked that it
not customary. Except it was the
of the person joining. And (as in
Evening the pastor of the Christ Ch

in conflict Not of necessity. Not for want of an abundant provision by a Kinds providence, for our happiness and well being. But by reason of a perversion of the helps within our reach. in other words and more plainly expressed Sin.

And I hope in my hastily written Communication to you. While hearing how you relief as I hoped, yet with fear & trembling, as you doubtless discovered. I did not betray a want of confidence in the Everlasting Arm which has hitherto sustained and never failed me. For instead of his having called me to "Abrams mountain". as it was then my dreadful days journey. And also was in a similar sense to me during the day & night of anxious solicitude. The latter more forcibly reminding me of that ancient journey. As I too travelled in a new conveyance very ancient I may not say for it. but with horse & carriage with a servant too 24 miles through the plains & over the hills, from York to Gettysburg

which place irrasably fixed upon your memory by another Event in which you bear a prominent actor) And as I drew near and in view of Culps Hill visible by moonlight in the distance. My heart bounded throb with emotion, least I might by nearing the place where I too must offer a sacrifice greater than my human nature could bear. But in justice to God I must say that those foreboding were of short duration. For an indescribable something, inspired me with hope, which I attributed to the sustaining grace of God. At the hazard as I am well aware of being called Superstitious. But be that as it may so it was. And upon my arrival at the College building & to my sons room. he having been taken so violently & suddenly ill that he could not be moved to his boarding place. And finding him not only alive but doing as well as could be expected. And the greatest reason for his telegraphing me was that he did not like me & them my company over

Him still binding force upon me and
my readiness and desire to fulfill so far
as I could do. And then adopted the
plea of Moses in behalf of the Children of
Israel. Which you understand better than
I can tell you. And asked "What more
the Egyptian of today say if my Son
Ira Hiss Out Of" And What of my
faith in the promises of God?
What of Gods answering Prayer?" &c
And then said "Oh God let this cup
be mid Upon my Son; And I will
pay the all" (This prayer was taken God at my
Without Sound of Voice in account of my Son as before stated)
And Bro Howard Thanks be unto God
Who Knows and Cares about my peculiar Expe-
rience & the dealings of God with me
having Consented then to Record
to be made Common. And Whatever Reb-
ellion had in my heart until at time
they have Ceased as it Were, But I
shall Never you. I must however
Say in Conclusion that at the close of
this Epistle Which Was made in Silence
I said to my Son. "You are not going
to die I have been talking with God about

N- he has further use for you. But
I look for an Essay whether you
may avail. But he is a fact
that my dear that very day began
show signs of improvement & the next
day remarked to me that he was
afraid at all now" And day by day
he has continued improving. And
3rd day after the Event I left him
Care of his mother & have had no
from him any day since by letter &
he still improves. And blessed be
name of the Lord for his wonderful
goodness to me & mine. And please
pardon me if I have received your
notice & if you can find him I shall
on visit for a few weeks May not be
gratefully received

from your brother in the love
& bonds of Christ

B. F. Fillis

I shall be at Lima Ohio for ten days
time to come the Pap Circuit at Lebanon being
stopped for want of Means until after harvest

AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

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"TO THE POOR, THE GOSPEL IS PREACHED."

ADVANCE BUILDING, 107 FIFTH AVENUE.

C. H. HOWARD,
Western Secretary.

Chicago, April 16 1873

Gen. O. O. Howard

Washington D.C.

Dear Brother: With 65 letters still unread much less answered I must write you a few lines. First of all I wish to thank you and to thank Lizzie whose family cares were thereby increased, for affording me so happy a home and so enabling me to have not only a pleasant visit but the advantages of the mild climate under such favorable circumstances. Will you please ask Lizzie how I can ever to discharge my obligations unless she will consider the subject of a good restful visit to my home with all the dear beloved children.

Second - The Advance Editor would like an Article from you - say 1½ or 2 columns - on the true interpretation or enunciation of the Indian policy - Head it "The Modoc Massacre" if you please. If you can get at the exact facts (from E.P.S.) as to how the Modoc trouble originated & re-late them, it would be well. But they would like

I do not yet hear from Sladen - Write me what was done with my report to the Trustees. There seemed to be a disposition on the part of some to seek to know how not ~~to~~ do what was suggested - I think all the ability of faculty & trustees should now be bent towards a more economical running of the machine. Don't you? - Was there a short-hand report of the remarks in Congregational Church last Sunday night?

I found mother, Rowland & Dodie at my house - In two letter on that there - My family well - Have an attack of Rheumatism but no return of cough. Mother talks of going East with Cousin Mary Bartlett who is expected soon from California - (in May) N. B. I send you this week's Advance which will show how the Editors feel - They were about right - Tell Mr. Browne, if you see him, that I could not find time to call upon him but that you & Mr. Smith can get from him what I want to know as to his writing for the Advance & Congregationalist - Yours affectionately C. H. Hitchcock

just (our way of meeting this terrible blow upon public sentiment – Doubters go back to Extermination – Weak knees rised in the same direction – The Army is set as flint that way – The enemies of Christianity feel & think that they have been reinforced.

It will do good if it acts like Bull Run in bringing out in clearness of expression, in strength of faith & in activity of prayer and talk and work those who are loyal to Christ – It may not be wise to put it so – but in my heart those who cry for indiscriminate slaughter of Indians, for vengeance and for just the same treachery towards them as those Modoc Savages used to the Commissioners, are allied to Satan.

What we want is to subtract the character of a treacherous Savage from as many bosoms as we can. If we cant do it with warriors, try with squaws – If we fail with all adult Indians then try children.

I hope you will write the article – Dwell on the noble qualities of Gen. Canby – I believe he was the embodiment of fidelity and hospitality – You know how he treated me in New Orleans – There is chance for a telling article. It should be mailed Saturday in order to be in time for next week.

Telegraph (night message) & I will try to keep a place for it.