

Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Washington, D. C.

May 1, 1873

May 1, 1873

Sir: I have the honor to inclose, herewith, for your information, a letter received at this office from H. K. Thurber ^{and Co.}, dated the 26th ultimo, in regard to a check given by you as Brigadier General M. J. A. and Special Indian Commissioner, on the U. S. Assistant Treasury at New York, amounting to \$507⁰⁰, payment of which has been refused "for want of funds", and to request that this office be placed in possession of the necessary information to enable it to reply to the firm above named.

Please return the letter with your reply.

Very respectfully,
your obedient servant:

W. R. Allen,

Atty. Gen. (R)

Gen. O. O. Howard U.S.A.
Washington.
D.C.

Office of Station Officer,
Washington, May 1, 1873.

Dear A. R.
Acting Commissioner.

Enclosed letter recd. from
N. W. Chandler & Co. of New York,
stating that Ben. Howard's
check for \$71.00 on Oct. 27, 1872,
New York, has been refused
payment for want of funds.
Requests that the office may
be furnished with information
for reply.





New York Life Insurance Co.

346 & 348 Broadway,

New York, May 1. 1873

Genl O. O. Howard
Washington D.C.

Sir:

Yours of the 29th is
at hand. How soon do you expect to
visit New York? We would be greatly
pleased if you could make it convenient
to do so at an early day, as we entertain
the belief that an interview would be
productive of mutual advantage.

Very Truly Yours

A. O. Bell
Superintendent

Memorandum

May 14th 1873.

Well, D.D.

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Dear D.D. I have just
received your letter of the 10th
and am glad to hear from
you. I am well and hope
this finds you the same.
I have not much news to
write at present. I am
still in the same place
and am doing the same
work. I am well and hope
this finds you the same.
I have not much news to
write at present. I am
still in the same place
and am doing the same
work. I am well and hope
this finds you the same.

Yours truly,
W. D. D.

Personal

Washington D.C. May 1. 73 88

My Dear General,

I am now making application
for the vacant position of Cashier 2^d National
Bank (I am unable to learn that there are
any other applicants) You can aid me, if
if you feel you can do so, by recommending
me to Mr. Frank Smith one of the directors
also to the President (McKelven) Mr.
Francis McKim Senior has had a long
talk on the subject with Mr. McKelven
and is prepared to back up his statement
by giving on my bond for the required
amount — I can readily procure
all the bondsmen required.

Very truly Yours
D. M. Mann.

P.S. I have never been in a Bank
nor was Moses Kelley (the best Cashier in town)
until he left a Government Clerkship — over

^{Q.S.} It may not be the intention of the
Directors to make an appointment at
present, I can wait until they
are ready to have me employed.
J. M. B.

Washington, D.C.

May 1873

Brown J. M.



Recd by Capt. M.
May 22nd 1873

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Howard University
Washington D.C.

May 1st 1873

Mr President and Gentlemen

Dear Sirs

I owe to your institution one hundred and one dollar including this term and it will take about twelve dollars to carry me through the term which I wish to borrow of the faculty of your institution if it can be obtained I will pay it in vacation. There are thirty seven dollars and a half due me about now and thirty seven and a half will be due about the latter part of August so that will cancel seventy five dollars of this debt. This money is of my appropriation granted by the Reformed Church of America

I remain yours,

Isaac Walden.

Howard University
May 1st 73.

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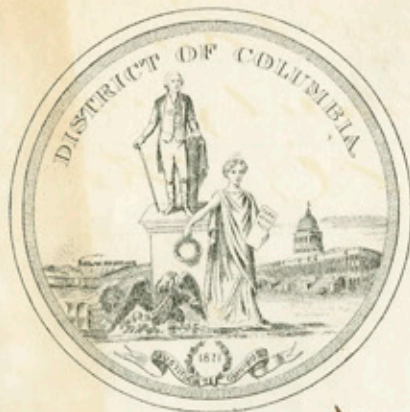
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Ans. by Gen. Howard
8th May 6.93

Brown Johnson D.

Washington, D.C.
May 3rd 1873



Legislative Assembly
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.
HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

Washington, D.C. May 3rd 1873

Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard.

Sir

I have been directed by the Pioneer Sunday School Association to invite you to the 4th Monthly Concert which will take place Sunday May 11th at 3.0 clock. At the new School building on Nichols Avenue near the Government Hospital for Insane, at Anacostia D.C., and we hope Sir that will attend as you have never seen our Sunday School which now five years old; I know you will be pleased to see the work of the Sunday School in this place, knowing so well as you do who was first to bring this work about in this place, and you will be proud to see it. I know for you deserve all the glory for this

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



Mr. C. D. Brown, Jr.

I have been directed by the Board of Trustees of the Smithsonian Institution to inform you that the new school building on Nichols Avenue, near the Government Hospital for Women, at Washington, D.C. and we hope by that time will be ready for occupancy. The new building is a fine one and will be a great improvement to the work of the Smithsonian Institution. I know you will be pleased to see the work of the Smithsonian Institution in this place, knowing as well as you do that it was first to bring this work about in this place (and you will be pleased to see it) and to have it all the time.

happy result, Barry Farm would have been to day a wild wast had not the Father of all placed it in your mind map out this good plan whereby so many have homes, and many Very comfortable,

Now General I hope to hear from you (and that you will come)
 Yours very truly
 Solomon S. Brown.

Smithsonian Institution

War Department,
Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D.C. May 3^d 1873

Brig. General O. O. Howard. U. S. Army.
Late Commissioner Bureau A. T. and A. L.
Washington. D.C. -

General:

I have the honor to inform you that the following records pertaining to the late Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, were received at this office on the 28th ultimo, viz: -

From Captain J. B. Rawles, 5th Artillery, Fort Warren, Mass, late sub. Asst. Commissioner at Key West, Fla, One Book of Letters sent and Endorsements.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant.

Thomas M. Vincent
Asst. Adj't. General. -

Adjutant General's Office,
War Department,

Washington, D. C. May 3, 1892

Major General O. O. Johnston, U. S. Army,

The Adjutant General's Office, War Department,

Washington, D. C.

Having the honor to inform you that the
following records pertaining to the late General of

Major General Johnston, are forwarded herewith, to wit:

1. A copy of the report on the 25th volume, viz: -

General Johnston, U. S. Army, 2nd Cavalry, 2nd

Regiment, 1st Division, 1st Army Corps, 1st

Division, 1st Army Corps, 1st Division, 1st Army Corps,

Very respectfully,

Wm. H. Johnston

Adjutant General

1101 Light Infantry

May 4 1878



24 Hillhouse Avenue
New Haven 278

My dear General

Will you do us the
favor to consider our house as
Yours during the week of the
Gathering of the Army of the Po-
tomac (next week)? At
present we have no affirmative
response to our invitations, but
we shall no doubt have some
of your Companions in Arms fall
to our share. If Mrs Howard will
accompany you it will be all the
more acceptable to us. We have
plenty of room and my wife &
daughters will try and make it

pleasant to Mrs Howard. We
hope this rough old winter will
not try to linger any longer in
the lap of May, but he gave us
a most uncles pinch yesterday -
as a sort of parting kick we
hope - by which we have lost
much of our fruit.

I am my dear General

Ever very truly

Yours

P. Villman

Genl D. O. Howard
Washington D. C.

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Aberdeen Miss -
May 5th 1873

General O. O. Howard
Washington D. C.,

Dear General, Missippi
will soon have the 13th Liquor law in ef-
fect - it was passed at our recent session of
the Legislature - and takes effect the first
of July - Your knowledge of the colored
people's meekness and their attachment to
their drinks will convince you that the
law is in absence of public sentiment
among them and much hard work is to be
done in order to save the law. we have
got to commence a temperance movement
and we wish to secure the services of the
gentle Mr. B. Bayne, but I do not know
when to address him -

I have written him and enclosed to you an
indent - please and forward to his address -
and must oblige me -

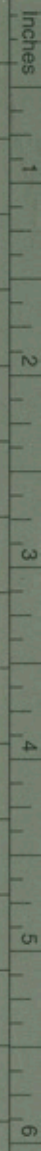
I am General
Very Respectfully

My dear Sir

Enclosed -
for letter -
inform with
C. H. W.

Your most-obe^d serv^t
Allen P. Huggins

Received by O. O. H. May 17 1873



Castport. May 3rd 1873

Gen O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir.

I am a poor boy. I came from Virginia after the war, with Gen G. H. Smith now Col. of the 19th Infantry Stationed at Jackson Barracks New Orleans. Since that time I have been going to school here in Castport. And I have got pretty well advanced in my studies, which has been arithmetic Algebra History Grammar and Geography. I feel competent of teaching any of these studies. As you are familiar with the colored schools. I was advised to apply to you for a situation. If you can aid me in getting a school. You will do me a great

favor. Please notify me as
soon as you can make it
convenient.

Yours Truly
Wm. R. Harris
Colored

Eachport
May 5, '73.

Dear Mr. R.
Desires General
Leavitt to obtain for him a
school. He has been studying
for sometime and desires now
to teach.

Answered by Capt. W.
May 26, '73



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May 5th 1873

Genl O.O Howard USA
Washington DC

Dear Sir.

I am now quite certain of getting a position at the Capital and now the next thing in order is to get a house I find I cannot sell my property here without great sacrifice The property is worth \$4000, I could not think of selling it for less than \$3500. There is a nice house all furnished on A St near the Capital unincumbered which I would like to get hold of it has eighteen rooms + wife thinks we could get a some of friends among the Congressmen to board with us and do well. The price of the property including all furniture + everything is \$14,000 \$7,000 down + the balance in 1 1/2 + 3 years the owner wants to go to Europe being in bad health The property was occupied last winter by Genl Logan Mr Simons his ^(Legation) Secy tells me it is a great bargain as it is a superb house + elegantly furnished. Mr Plute + Senator Lewis with their families

as we also
Mr B. Lee
Mr. E. L. ...

P.S.

Let me know at fur earliest
Convenience as I am afraid the
opportunity will slip me
Waver

get plenty of excellent hands for
our help who will be glad to go with
us. I wish you would take a look
at the property. Call on Capt W.S.

Chase late of the Bureau who
is with Burns & Tyler who are
also old veterans. You will find

their Office near the Corner of 7th
St on East diagonally opposite
from the T.O. Dept. Capt Chase will
go with you & examine the property
it is a fine investment. Now what
I want you to do is to get the very
lowest terms you can for cash

& then buy it and let me have it
on time. I can as soon as I sell
my property here including some stock

I have raise you \$5000, & then I
shall be able to pay at least \$2000
a month after that you can secure

yourself on the property after satisfying
yourself that the title is perfect. I
am satisfied I could do first
rate there are 3 or 5 sets of room

"en suite" everything about the place
is elegant. So Chase tells me. This
is a fine opportunity for me &

I do hope your things will be matter up
for life long.

at me
E. J. H.

Dubouche, T. A.
May 5, 1793

Mr. Mure & Co.

Dear Sir,
I have no purchase a
certain house, in Dublin
hill, and all the same to
him on him.

Ans. by Capt. M.
S.D. May 12, 1793

\$14.00
4.00
10.00



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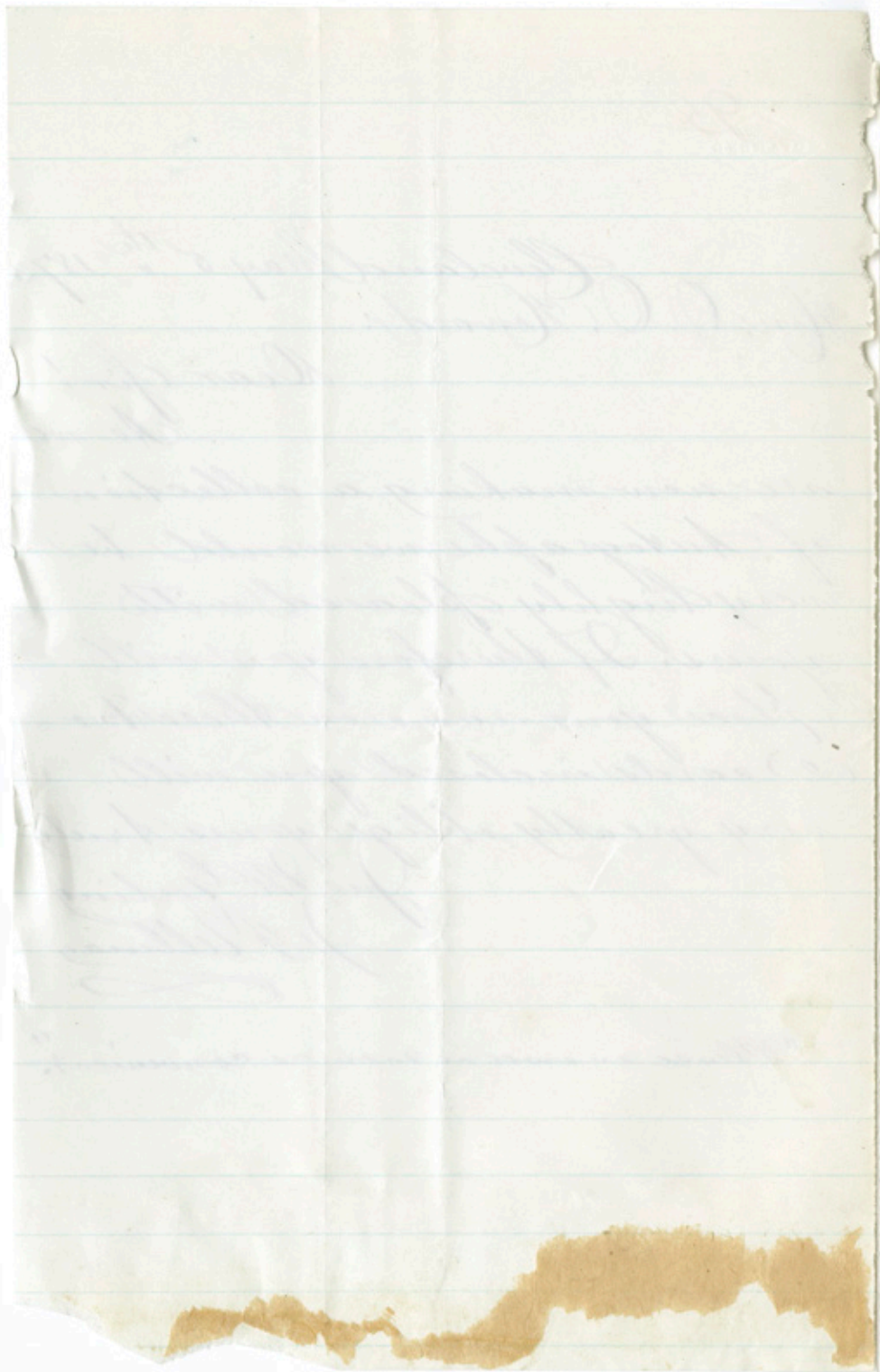
Cleveland May 5th 1873
Hon. O. O. Howard:

Dear Sir!

As we
are now making a collection
of Autographs we would be
very highly pleased with
yours. If therefore you will
place your name on these two
(2) cards inclosed you will
very greatly oblige yours Truly

Geo. W. Gerling
J. P. Miltner

"Please answer as soon as convenient."



Howard University
May 5 - 1873.

Gen. O. C. Howard,

Sir -

I, a member of the Junior class, Law Department, occupying a room in Clarke Hall, am without means & the immediate prospect of securing any. Am informed that unless my room-rent for the present term is paid today, the privileges of Clarke Hall will be denied me. I am wholly unable to pay this bill, and desiring to remain in my room & complete the first year of my law course regularly; I ask the Committee, through you, to relax their rule in my case, and permit me to remain upon my promise, herewith given, to pay this and any other bills due the Univ. by me as soon as I am able.

Respectfully Yours

Henry B. Fry

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May 24

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Gen. O. O. Howard

Howard University

Howard University
May 5th 1873

Gen. O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir,

According to the rules of the University those students whose room rent is not paid will be suspended during the present week.

I have not been able to pay my room rent. I will not be able to do so until after vacation.

Through you I hereby lay my case before the Executive Committee, asking the privilege to stay in my room, undisturbed, until the close of this term.

I give my promise herewith to pay all debts and arrears before I again return to the University.

Am a member of the Junior Law class.

Yours Respectfully
R. P. Brooks

Post
May 24
Request granted
the President to see that
he gives his notice.

Ann. O. A. H. and
H. A. H. and

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Washington May 6th 1893
Gen O. O. Howard

There will be
an important meeting of the
Washington Hospital for
Foundlings Saturday evening
the 10th inst at six o'clock
at the residence of W. Stickney
601 M St.

A prompt attendance is
solicited

A. C. Richards
Secretary

Washington D.C.
May 6th, 73

Richards A. C.

Notice - meeting of the
Washington Hospital for
Foundlings, Saturday 10th inst.
at 6 o'clock, at residence
of W. Stickney - 601 M. St.

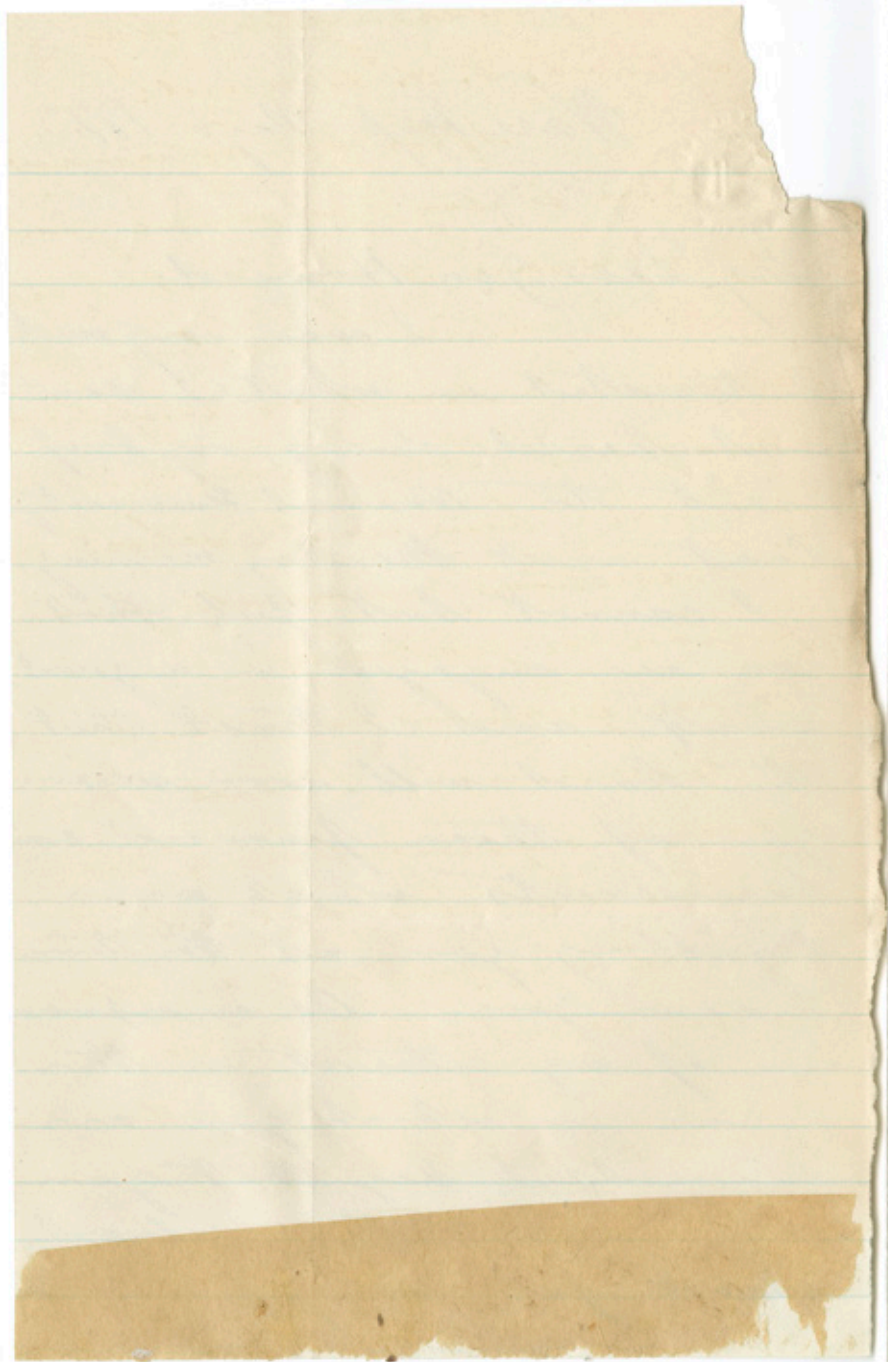


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Ware Map May 6, 1873.

My Dear Gen. Howard.

I was very much interested in what I saw and heard during my brief visit to Howard University last week Monday morning. I cannot but feel that you are engaged in a good work, and I trust that the Lord will soon relieve you of those financial embarrassments which were troubling you at the time I saw you. As an expression of my interest in the cause in which you are engaged, I beg that you will accept the enclosed check for twenty-five dollars,



to be used in any way
you may see fit. for the
benefit of the Institution.

Wishing you much success
in your efforts I remain
Yours in the love & service of Christ

Henry J. Bruce

Worcester
May 6, '73

Bruce Henry Jr.

Ans. by Gen. H.
L.B. May 11, '73

Rec'd May 5, 1873

Washington, May 6, 1873

Gen. G. C. Howard:

After the interview of
 teachers to day, personal justice
 requires me to say that I claim
full & entire exemption from Mr.
 Holbrook's direct or implied inti-
 mations that I have not coopera-
 ted with him in the school work.
 His assertions emanate from sus-
 picion or jealousy.
 He has given his assistants very lit-
 tle opportunity to aid him in the
 plan or organization of their re-
 spective duties & yielded still less
 to such suggestions as have been made.
 For my department he has chiefly
 sat in his office & issued orders,
 written & verbal, ^{by a messenger,} without coming
 to see if it were possible to carry
 them out, therefore those of one day
 have conflicted with previous ones,

or caused a wide derangement in the plans at work in the Normal & Model Schools. These discrepancies have been as palpable to the pupils as to the teachers & as frequent subject of criticism & censure by them.

It was therefore very reluctantly that I asked to see you, because of the message I had to communicate; though I then had not a thought or feeling that he had made complaint to you. Naught had occurred to my knowledge to give me one suspicion of it.

I supposed I was to give you a matter of secrecy which would surprise you; not a personal complaint against Mr. Holbrook, but my fears that his mode of working would run the school into chaos. Certainly his several orders yesterday & this morning had nearly wrought

that now in my department.

Students were complaining (& I believe justly) against these last changes, which it was not my province if it were in my power to regulate.

Perhaps the most erroneous statement was that I wished this recent re-transfer of some pupils back to the Model School. I only wished & advised, three weeks ago, that no such wholesale move be made to my room from that school;— but it was made. Though I have repeated to him my convictions that it proved to be an unprofitable step, I have not asked to have a certain portion returned; that would not be my way of rectifying the wrong.

I have asked to have some rebellious boys discharged from the school.

It was a great astonishment to me on Sat. when he said I should

week remove about ten from the room.
Not having been to my room to hear any
write, he was no better prepared to
select a certain ten & call those the
poorest ones, than he was three weeks
ago when he brought them there.

He simply took the roll book & read
every name, asking my opinion of each.
Of one third of them I said I could
not judge fully, as they merely
read to me, while he thinks Arith-
metic is the best test study.

I said there were others whom it was
doubtless just as necessary to transfer
as those. Two whom I judged might
as well be taken as any he preferred to
have remain & retained them.

The subject of transfers had not been
discussed for perhaps two weeks previous to
this sudden move, & what is stated
above is all the influence, direction or
selection I had in the matter.

Very Respectfully,

Sr. R. Mann.

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May 6th [1873]

Dear General Howard

I enclose the
answer received from

Mr. Corner - You
will see it was \$50

I gave for Trip March -
& she ought to have
returned 23 instead of
13 if it is true as

Mr. Humbley says that
she never gave her
\$10 - will you

if you still think
favorably of Miss Warwick
give her the remaining
\$13 -

faithfully Y^r

Emelia Guiney

87 Euclid Avenue

Cleveland Ohio

April 30th 1873.

Mrs. Russell Quincy

Dear Madam

I have just received your note & hasten to reply. I am glad of an opportunity of communicating directly with yourself.

Immediately after your departure Miss Warrick commenced lessons in music for which I paid \$12. She had the use of my Piano for which I did not intend to charge rent, at the time, since it ^{was} much better for her, the other instruments being crowded, but I have suffered such loss, being thrown out of steady employment, for the year, that I feel it right to make the common

charge for double time 25.00

Before the opening of the fall term it was reported that Miss Warrick's expenses were to be assumed by some person from the North. I asked her about it, & she replied, that "there was nothing certain" ~~about it~~, but I found that she reported otherwise to the young ladies. However I told her to go on with her music & I would see about it.

When the fall term opened I found a spirit of envy & hatred existing toward me, wholly gotten up by one or two in authority, which I foresaw would greatly limit my usefulness, & beside, the sly, under-handed, manner, in which the individuals worked, even now & then striking a dagger to my heart, with no feeling for myself. [redacted] felt con-

upon which my hopes had been
fixed, & at great pecuniary loss
to leave. In the hurry of depart-
ure I gave Miss Marick \$10. & told
her to apply it toward her music
& Mrs Rumbley also \$10. for the
same purpose. There was then
remaining \$13. & I thought in
case I did not hear from you
to give that towards a girl's school-
ing for a young woman whom
Wishops Brown brought from Geo.
& whom I left at Mrs Jordan's
just below the University. I thought
her very promising & Mrs Jordan
promised to let me know how
she held out. I have written to
Mrs. J. respecting her but as yet
have had no answer. Probably
since you have returned the
\$13. had better be restored to
you. I very much wish dear

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Mrs. Quincy that you would call
upon Mrs. Brown 914 Scott Place
15th St. Mrs. B. has known me
many years, & she can speak to
you of many things, which the
soreness of my own heart pre-
vents me from clothing in
language. Will you please to
do this, & oblige one who would
have served you much more
faithfully, had not circumstances
prevented.

I remain

Yrs. very truly

M. B. Brown

N.B. The clothing you left was given
to Miss Warrick.

M. B. C.

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MAY
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Harvard University

May 6th (14) 3

Sen. A. A. Howard

Dear Sir:

Through you I am
desirous of stating
my present embarrassing
situation to the members
of the Executive Committee.
When I entered the
Law Dept., last October
I thought I could obtain
some work to enable me
to defray my expenses, but
the efforts of Congressmen
from my State and
my own efforts thus far
have proved to be failures.
Thus I am without
money; without work; and
liable to suffer under
the lot now adopted.

By the Board of Trustees.
What I desire is
that I may be allowed
to complete this year's
course; for I have
promised my friends
which will enable
me to get work
this summer, and
with money thus
made, all my
debts to the University
shall be paid. If I
can possibly obtain
money before June
it shall be paid
to the Treasurer of
the University.

Gentlemen if this
prayer shall be
granted I will be
under many obligations;

But if the will of
the Trustees must be
carried out, I must
suffer the consequence
of not being able to pay
and leave.

Yours sincere friend

Wm. L. Roane
Law Dept Howard Univ

May 24

Division same as in

No 4

Inches

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Washington, D.C.

May 7th, 1873

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir,

I was examined for a position as copist in the Treasury yesterday; but I am afraid I will not succeed unless I have some one to intercede for me. If you can, without inconveniencing yourself too much, see Mr. Vanderbilt, and recommend me, I will thank you so much.

I have not been able, since having the Typhoid fever, to do very hard work; ^{as} the fever left me with inflammation of



Inches

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the spinal nerves, which
troubles me very much
whenever I over-lap my
strength.

I dislike to trouble
you very much, but I
cannot support myself
and children on the
little I can make at
sewing.

My kindest regards to
Mrs. H. and Grace.

Respectfully yours,
Mrs. L. V. E. White
916 Oak, S.D.

Gen. O. O. Howard,
Howard University.

Washington DC.
May 19. 73

Wife - Mrs. S. V. E.

Has been examined for a
position as Clerk in
The Treas. Dept. but is afraid
she will not get it - wants
Gen. H. to see Mr. Vanderbilt
for her -

Answer by Capt. H.
L.B. May 12. 73



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Gettysburg, Pa.
May 8, 1873

Maj. Genl. A. A. Howard

Dear Sir,

The Young Men's
Christian Association of this place, which
^{has} been but lately organized, and is already
in a prosperous condition, desire to
dedicate their rooms on Friday evening
next, May 16th, and through me as their
President, would offer you a cordial
invitation to be present on that occasion,
and to take whatever part in the services
your time and feelings would allow.
Your expenses would, of course, be paid
and you would be entertained while here.
We have also written to Genl. Eaton,
and hope and expect that he will also
be present, and take part in the exercises
assisted by one or two home speakers,

So that we do not ask from you
a lengthy Address or Oration. Your
presence, and whatever remarks you
may feel willing to make, will do us
great good. The meeting of the
Pennsylvania Kiwanis Association on
the 15th of this month here, might be
an additional incentive. Neither
would it be like going to a strange
place, as G. must have to visit many
associations. I express the feelings
of every member of the Ass., and of
many of your personal friends
here, when I state that nothing could
gratify us more than your acceptance.
If you could accept at once, please
telegraph me, ^{at my expense, of course} some time Saturday
that the proper announcements
may be made from the pulpits on
Sabbath, and in the town papers.
If you cannot telegraph, a prompt
reply in the ordinary way would be equally

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oblige us. Again I repeat the
invitation, with my earnest wishes
that you will accept it. Do not think,
if Emil Eaton decides to come, that
then we will not need you, for you
are the very man we want. If you could
not come next week, but could fix a
day later in the month, let us know,
and we will postpone it.

Very truly Yours,

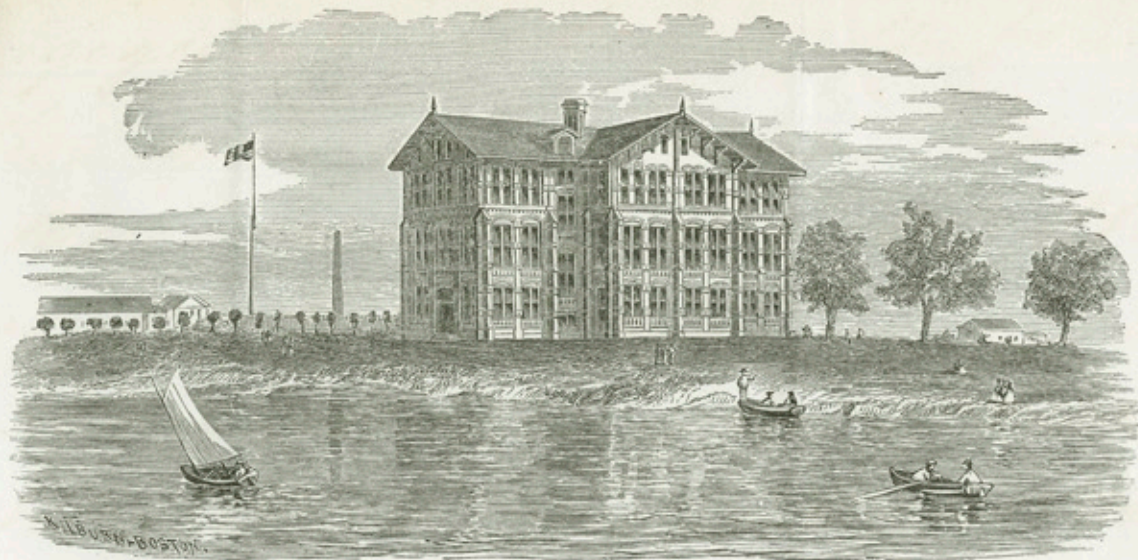
James W. Conaughy,
Pres. Y. M. C. A. of C.

Gettysburg, Pa.
May 8th 1873.

McConaughy Jas.

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Ans by Geo A -
by Telegram -



Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute.

INCORPORATED BY SPECIAL ACT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VIRGINIA.

OPENED APRIL, 1868.

S. C. ARMSTRONG, Principal.

J. F. B. MARSHALL, Treasurer.

MISS JANE STUART WOOLSEY, Manager Girls' Industrial Dep't.

ALBERT HOWE, Farm Manager.

Hampton, Va., May 8 1873

Dear General,

The failure of the Virginia As.
sembly to make the appropriation in
aid of our building fund, which Gen
A was led to believe would be done,
Compels us to avail ourselves of every
possible resource, in order to meet
Gen O. O. Howard
Howard University
Washington

Hampton 8²
May 8 1873

Marshall J. F. B.

Large Hampton School is
hard up - wants to
know if Gen. H. can
not help him up with
\$100,000. (100,000)
by school (17,500,000)

Ans. by Capt H.
P.D. May 11. 73

engagements in laying the founda-
tion of "Virginia Hall". Among
these resources are the Bonds
of the A. (New Christian Associ-
ation of Washington, which we
hold to the amount of Seven
Thousand five hundred dollars.

At Gen Amstongs suggestion
I write to ask you if you can
aid us in making these Bonds
or this stock available for our
present needs. If we can con-
vert them into Cash, we shall
be relieved of serious embarrass-
ment. Gen A. is still absent,
being now in Boston with the
Singers who are doing well.

With great respect

Gen O S Howard
Washington

Yours truly

J. W. Marshall
Pres

Columbus Ga. May 8th 1873

Mayor Gen. G. O. Howard
Pres. H. University

Dear Sir

I received your very kind letter of Jan²⁹th and on taking up the same to-day, am thereby reminded of the rapid flight of time; I scarcely thought it but a few weeks since. I took the advice contained in your note and wrote to my particular friend E. M. Crawford, at 168 Water St. New York. He promises that, "if ^{you} find any one of ~~your~~ scholars, who by his intelligence, diligence, and good character, merits a Scholarship in the Howard University, I will cheerfully do what I can to aid you in procuring it for him." This promise is as good as the Scholarship for Mr Crawford is just the man to give it himself. I have been expecting to receive some of your circulars, but as none have

come to hand, you will confer a favour by forwarding some to me, as I should like to know what a Scholarship costs. I enclose a notice of our late examination thinking you will be pleased to read it. Our school will receive vacation about June 15th to October 1st. I should so like to have you see my school, and how finely we are progressing. I am particularly proud of our school, since I flatter myself that I am the prime mover among the coloured people in securing the ~~establishing~~ of free city schools for coloured children. I am again pleased, as being the first principal.

Now Gen. I have always been a beggar - sometimes for myself, some times for others. You very kindly gave Sister Agnes a scholarship - and then a position in your University. You also materially aided my poor deceased sister in securing her appointment in the Treas. Department. - For all these and many other favours I hold myself yours

in a debt of gratitude, and shall ever
 consider myself fortunate in securing so very
 valuable a friend. Since locating here I have
 striven to secure the good will of the whole
 community, both white and colored, and
 that I have been successful, my present
 position amply attests, and as a further
 proof of good standing here, let me
 state that I have been offered the support
 of the whole colored republican party here,
 if I would ask the Executive for the appoint-
 ment of Post Master of this city. I have
 accepted the offer, believing that should I
 succeed in securing the appointment I will
 be able to turn so valuable an appoint-
 ment to great benefit among the colored
 people. My school has benefited them
 over three thousand dollars, and so influ-
 ential a position as Post Master would
 as you very readily see give me the
 power to aid them more. The only question
 with me now is. who to call upon at
 Washington to aid us in securing this very

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Ans. by A. L. M.
P. B. May 14, 73

desirable boon. We have a petition duly signed and endorsed, which will be forwarded to Gen Grant, asking in the name of the colored voters, my appointment. I also send to you with this, a duplicate, of the above named application and if not inconsistent with your sense of propriety, I shall consider it a great favor if you will use your great personal influence with the President, to secure the wishes request of the colored people here as contained in said petition. The Party now in power have held the office eight years, and it has been of no earthly benefit to the colored people. I have written to our mutual friend J. M. Langston on the same subject.

This letter with the petition and endorsements, will be forwarded to Washington by Geo. R. Menden, Rep. of the Ala. Legislature.

Hoping that you will be pleased to aid me remain Very Respectfully Yours Obedtly
A. L. Menden

Fort Shaw M. T.

May 8th 1873

Oliver O. Howard

Brig. General U. S. Army.

Late Comm^r Bureau R. F. & A. Comd.

Washington D. C.

General.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communication of Feb. 21st 1873, calling my attention to an extract from a communication from the Adjutant General of the Army, viz:

"Approximate statement showing the local Offices or Stations of the late Freedmen's Bureau, whose records are missing or deficient, with names of Officers and Agents, and description of records, as far as it is practicable to furnish the same

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Florida

No books pertaining to the following named

Elections are on file:

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Tampa Captain Richard Combs, 9th
Infantry E. A. Comd., and whether, while acting
in the above capacity, I had kept any books, and
if so, to whom they were transferred. &c &c.

In reply I would respectfully state that
there were no books kept, by me, while acting
Sub. Asst. Comd. at Tampa, for the reason that
the Department failed to fill my repeated requisitions
for the necessary Blank Books required. A file
of letters received ^{and} letters sent, together with
copies of my Reports to the Asst. Comd. of the
State of Florida were kept on file, and were
transferred with the other records of the post
to my successor in Command, Capt George
E. Hollister 9th Infantry, (now out of service)

I am Sir

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant

Rich. Combs,
Captain 9th Infantry

Philadelphia Pa.

May 20th 1873

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Journal.

I have concluded to
stay over Sunday, as I get a little
encouragement for the University.
Mr. Rollins (The Lake Co. & of Feb.
Rev.) wishes me to go home
with him & speak to his S.S.
training Sunday. Please send
to Brother Snell & ask him to
take my S.S. Class. All are well
or Mr. Gable & inquire affectionately
for you. I do hope Mrs
Barber is doing well. I did
not send you word from the
separate. I felt too uncertain - I
do wish at such times Homeopathy
would subside. I left the children

and indeed with - perhaps also

of which I will
not say more

all asleep - Give paper's love
to them - and take a heart full
to yourself "

Travelling
Otis -

Train arrives at Washington
at 6-30 & not 5-30 Am.

Expect me by it Tuesday
morning.

If they get up a meeting ^{of citizens}
at the Arlington Tuesday night
I will be back to attend: They
must keep me in the back
ground. Then I can push hard for
our Commercial School.

To Mrs O.O. Newwood
Washington D.C.