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Washington, D. C., May 9th, 1873

Genl O. O. Howard
President of Howard University.

Dear Sir,

I have been led to believe that some of the residences surrounding and belonging to Howard University may be purchased upon easy terms. For this reason, and in view of the existing vacancy in the chair of Pharmacy of the Pharmaceutical Department I take the liberty to submit the following.

Being employed by the government as a translator in the Bureau of Statistics since December last, and having been appointed under the Civil Service System, which renders my position permanent, I am devoting the balance of my time to the pursuit of my

professional studies, at present filling the chair of Theory and Practice in the National College of Pharmacy.

But I am seeking to secure for myself a home in the immediate vicinity of our city, if possible, and it may prove mutually advantageous, should my services at the University be desirable, if an arrangement could be made whereby my professional labors, valued at a certain annual salary, might be rendered in payment of the price of a residence, in which case I would be glad to enter into a contract with the University accordingly.

With the highest regards

Your obedient servant

Oscar Oldberg

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Columbus Ga. May 9th 1873

Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

Since penning the enclosed letter it has been deemed best that you be requested to present the within petition addressed to President Grant, in person; as we do not desire the matter to gain publicity unless we are successful in our request. and knowing none more willing to aid us in a well directed effort to secure our interests, we hereby express our earnest desire that you will favorably consider the matter and God willing, successfully prosecute our claims upon the President, for some recognition of the services of the colored voters of this District.

We would respectfully request you not to give the name of the bearer any connection with this matter, as since we do not wish to implicate out-side parties here

My reasons for the last request will be satisfactorily explained in my next communication.

With many wishes for your good health I remain Yours, under many obligations

Alfred J. Ketchum

Columbus Ga.
May 6. 1873.
Ketchum A. J.

Philad Pa May 11.73

Townsend R. M. H. Mrs.

Cant send money till July next - disappointed in receipts - will surely send it then - hopes to come to Washington in the fall - sends regards to Mrs. Howard

Mrs H.

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Philad.a May 11th/73

My dear Friend
Gen'l O O Howard.

I had hoped to have forwarded some money to thee ere this, but must ask to be excused from so doing until 7th Mo/July next., then may thou rely on it without fail. I found on receiving my Interest and Dividends the 1st of the Mo, I had but little more than to fulfill all my promises, as demands are made upon me for donations, almost continually. —

Please present my warmest regards to thy wife, and accept my kindest remembrance of thyself. I long to visit Washington, and hope not fail to do so, and see how you are all getting on.

Thy Friend
R W M Townsend

Washington DC
May 12, 1873.

Dear General:

We are about to take testimony in the matter of the claim of Molyneux, of Savannah, and desire to find such of the officers of General Sherman's army as may have information on the subject that will be useful in the defence. If possible, we wish to examine only officers who are now in Washington. I am told that Surgeon E A Duncan and Capt J. A. Sladen are in this city but am unable to obtain the address of either of them. Their names should appear in the Directory. I beg to ask that you will give me at your earliest convenience a memo. of the names and addresses, so far as they may be known to you, of officers residing in Washington who will be likely to know something of the matter in hand.

Very respectfully Yours
A. S. Worthington
632 F St.

General O. O. Howard.

Washington May 12. 73

Worthington A.S.
632 F St.

Says they are about to take testimony in the case of Molyneux of Savannah. Wants the address of Doctor E.A. Dunsee and Capt. Sladen - and wants address of all officers in Washington of Gen. Sherman's Army who know anything of the matter in hand.

Ans. by Gen H
S.B. May 15. 73

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War Department,

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, May 12th, 1873.

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard, U.S.A.
Washington, D.C.

General:-

I have respectfully to request that you will furnish this Office, with the present address, (if practicable,) of Capt. R. H. Kirby, who was in 1864, Aide de Camp, Dept and Army of the Tennessee.

Very respfy,
Your obt. Servt.
E D Townsend
Adjutant General

Avery Inst., 12th May, 1873.

Genl. O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir & Friend;

Among all my boys at "Howard" there is no one of whom I expect more than from the one latest-sent — C. C. Scott. On account of his recent admission and other causes he is behind my other boys in his classes. He desires greatly to overtake them; and as he looks to me for funds to defray his expenses, naturally asks my opinion as to the wisdom of attempting the leap. While I wholly disapprove of the plan of working during vacations, yet I believe that here is an exceptional case if there ever was one. I know Cornelius pretty well. He came near teasing the lives out of us, teachers,

in his anxiety for us to give him extra help that he might do the same thing here — viz — overtake a higher class.

I write to ask you, therefore, my dear Genl. if any arrangements can be made by wh. Scott can have his heart's desire. If he could find any employment for the vacation which it wd keep him but half of his waking hours from his books, I presume he could accomplish the feat.

I hope you will get acquainted with him and if you like his spirit half as well as I do, I am sure you will find some way to give the child a lift. I pray you do so.

Respectfully & heartily Yrs.

M. A. Warren

Avery Institute –
May 12, 73

M. A. Warren

asks in regard to
C. C. Scott – student –
A. U. whether it will be
best for him to study
during vacation – wants
Gen. Howard to get him
something to do that will
engage his attention in
port, during vacation,
is deeply interested in
him – and helps in his
support here. wants Gen.
H. – to get acquainted with
him.

[May 13, 1873?]

Tuesday Evening

General Howard.

I regret more than I can tell you, that anyone should feel hindered in any good undertaking through any lack of sympathy of mine. It would be specially cruel & unkind for me to withhold it from Mr. Holbrook in this arduous task which falls to him at this time. I cannot think it has influenced him to any very great extent. Not-like yesterday did he intimate feeling this. We are in a muddle, but we can get out of it yet. You counsel us, the Committee instruct us, and we all pull together and we

come out all right. Perhaps I am too sanguine, but I do not think so. Some of us are having good times in spite of the unsettled state of things. I am having a lovely time in my room every day and I know that some nearly whole classes are doing a good work. I am very thankful that this term brings me nearer a greater number of pupils than at any time previous, and though my responsibility increases thereby I find the burden a pleasant one. You know where the influence of increased personal accountability drives us. I mis take great pains to convince Mr. Holbrook that I do feel friendly. It pains me to [illegible]

changes made without the combined influence of all of us to prove to a pupil that he properly belongs to those whom he is assigned. It was he hard enough for each teacher then, for we should probably not succeed in satisfying every one. But how can we be excused from not doing so much at least? I made up my mind in the outset, to be already to defend the other teachers though mistakes occurred. That we should all make some & equities, but we should stand ready to correct them as we learned more of a pupil. Perhaps I should not have objected to the transfer of yesterday. I did it only on the ground already mentioned. It was

desired that some of mine be changed, and as distinctly stated to me, simply on my opinion, while at the same time others were not changed whom in my opinion should should have been. This would naturally make others, those left, feel slated and those transferred, unpleasant. Since these changes were made so late in the term as yesterday, let us pass right on and make others, and we can put a quietus upon the dissatisfied ones. So it seems to me. It seems to me I can talk satisfaction to several of them myself. Now we have begun is there any good reason why we should not go on?

Hopefully & sincerely yours.

Adelie. C. Brown

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New York, May 13th 1873

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

Dear Bro:—

If you have not presented my resignation as a member of your Board of Trustees, I will thank you to return it to me, and I will make every exertion in my power to be present at the June meeting, if it is held any day but Saturday or Monday.

If the resignation has been laid before your board, do not recal it.

Yours very truly,
Geo. Whipple
Cor. Sec'y.

N.Y. May 13. 73

Whipple Geo. Rev.

asks that if his resignation has not been presented to the Bd. of Trustees not to present it. But if it has, not to recall it. That he will be present at the June meeting if it is not held on Saturday or Monday.

Ans by Gen. H.
L.B. May 16, 73

Office of the Agent of the United States
BEFORE THE
Mixed Commission on American and British Claims,
No. 703 FIFTEENTH STREET,

ROBERT S. HALE, Agent.

Washington, D. C., 13 May, 1873.

General:

On Judge Hale's leaving here last Saturday evening for his home, he directed me to write you saying that there are two large books in this office belonging to you and which you kindly loaned him for use in connection with cases pending before this Commission. He is now ready to return them to you, on your sending a line to this office saying where you wish them sent, or your sending a messenger

Washington D.C.
May 18. 1873.
Hayes Edward
Esq.
Sayre & Edward
Attorneys & Counsellors at Law
Pittsburgh Pa.

Dear Sir:
Please deliver to my aide-de-camp, Capt. McMillan, the Minutes he requires to take, to Pittsburgh.
O. O. Howard
Brig. Gen. U.S.Army.

Boards delivered,

to take them away.

Very respectfully,
Your ob't Servant,
Edward Hayes,
Secretary to U.S. Agent
and Counsel.

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

JAY COOKE & CO., BANKERS,

Fifteenth Street,

Washington, D. C., May 14, 1872.

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Genl O. O. Howard,

Howard University —

My Dear General:

My engagements are such that I cannot make a positive appointment for two weeks or even one week ahead. So I venture to enclose to you herewith a communication of Dr. Hitchcock, (and have so informed him,) hoping that you may be able, either personally or by the selection of some other person, to make arrangements for the proposed meeting of the Peace Society. I understand that Mr. Miles' mission to England was quite a success. Will you please advise Dr. H. of any conclusions arrived at, or anything done by you?

Very truly,

H. D. Cooke

Washington D.C.
May 14th 1873

Cooke H. D.

ans. by Gen A.
S.B. May 19 1873
(Enclosure returned)

Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF STATISTICS,

May 14th, 1877.

Genl O. O. Howard
Prest of Howard University

Dear Sir,

I would have done myself the honor to wait upon you in regard to what I communicated a few days ago but was prevented by illness, and now when recovering I am obliged to make a trip to Ohio to be absent a week but will take the liberty to call upon you after my return.

With sincere esteem I am
your obedient servant
Oscar Oldberg
Pharmacist.

Washington D.C.

May 14. 1873

Oldberg Oscar

File

New Orleans May 14 1873

Mr. M. C. Wilkinson
Washington

I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th instant, with regard to Gaston & happy to to hear that he arrived safely to his destination. He appears to be tolerably satisfied in his letter & not the least homesick, notwithstanding his intention to return to his home during the closing of the university, it is by all means better for him to remain in Washington, far from his friends & relatives where he never learned nothing & would only be a source of useless expenses.

Inclose please find fifty dollars which amount you will dispose off to diffray his present expenses & those necessary for his board & room when University will be closed. When you will think proper to ask for some more please write me a few words & same will be forwarded by a draft on some banking house of your locality. Thanking you for all the trouble you have & are willing to take for Gaston, I remain

Your most obediant
C. Bois

P.S. Please direct your letters to Laporte Frere
No 65 & 67 Old Levee
New Orleans

Mlle Pedaire

ans. by Capt. W—
E.B. May 26.73

May 15th 1873

Genl Howard

Sir

Knowing the great pressure of your station and the trouble given you by ungrateful recipients of your favor, I have been loath to address you upon a subject most important to me. Relying upon the promise of the Institution, I have refused several good positions, among others, the position of Ass't Superintendant of Education of North Carolina; but I now find myself without work and without any means of support.

What little I have made by teaching above my immediate necessities, I have been compelled to send to my mother. I am now much in debt with no prospect whatever of paying it. I owe Mr Thomas between forty and fifty dollars for board.

I have but one month more to remain here but I have no means with which to make preparations for my graduation. I have finished my Valedictory address, but so miserable have the importunities of my creditors rendered me, that I am unable to make preparation for my final examination.

I have therefore after ~~much~~ deliberation come to the conclusion that it is best to ask

you for an honorable dismission from your Institution. You cant imagine the pain it gives me to make this request - but it is the only alternative - if I remain here it will be with such mental distress that I shall be unable to do myself and the Institution, which I love, full credit at our commencement exercises. If I could borrow the money I would do so, for I am sure that I will be able to repay it next year. Genl, you have been very kind to me. it is to your kindness that I owe my education so far, and I shall never forget you for I am very grateful; but I haveint the heart to ask your aid now; all I can ask, is a dismissal from the University.

I haveint taught but two weeks during the term - I was relieved some time ago from teaching in the Normal Dept.

With many thanks for your past kindness I remain as ever your obedient servt

Charles V. Otey

Senior Class

Howard University
May 15th 1873.

Obed C. M.

File.

CCB-May 15, 1873

Dear General

I am convinced from conversation with others, that you ought to call a Trustees meeting at the earliest possible moment. The Retrenchment Committee have never had a meeting and do not propose to have until after the Trustees act

If any radical measure of retrenchment are to be taken, fairness to the parties affected by it requires that they shd have immediate notice

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and opinion that
some of them think
they should have
been notified, long
before this time

It seems to me that
every thing is to be
lost and nothing to
be gained by delay

Truly yours
F. A. Smith

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[May 15, 1873?]

Thursday 11 ½

My dear Gov Hamond

I hear that you are at Mr Williams & I write to ask if you will come & take a family dinner with us at 5 o.c and go with us this Evening to the dedication of Mr Hepburn's new ch

Truly Yrs

M C Dodge

[CB-May 15, 1873?]

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General;

I desire the appointment of inspector of treatment of wood for pavement and other purposes in the District of Columbia.

And respectfully request a letter from you to the Hon — Alex. R. Shepherd requesting my appointment to the position.

I am disappointed in not obtaining work as measurer of lumber, for which I was specially appointed by the Governor, the parties concerned having brought their own measurer from Phila.

I have the honor to be, with the highest estimation, General, your obedient servant,

E. Hennessey

Received of W

General O. O. Howard

Present

Full

[Oct. May 16, 1873?]

Gen. Howard,

Dear Sir:

You have known of several sums of money etc. being taken from the Hall. This evening we have found that money has been taken from two rooms eleven dolls. in bills & a P. Office order to same amt. I think the house & every body in it should be put under arrest immediately — & everyone who

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has been known to be in it today cancelled -
or whatever seems to you to be best -
I am sorry to disturb you now - but think
there did not be time given to secure my
money - I was just dressing for the forty
but must be excused -
I have written a note to the P. M. to detain said
order & cause the person presenting it to be arrest-
ed - Respectfully, Kate C. Haynes -

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White Mountain Reservation.

SAN CARLOS DIVISION.

Agency Aribaipa and Pinal Apaches.

May 17th 1873.

My Dear General.

I have only time to say that I recd. Col. Clum's telegram night before last & that it gave me unbounded satisfaction. I am very much obliged to you indeed.

The work is going on well and I am confident that we will be able to get from 250 to 500 acres planted in time to insure a good crop. Quite a number of the laborers have been sick or we would have had much more land under cultivation this year. As it is. 200 acres can yield corn enough to

cost more than twice
the cost of the dilch ; and
that is making accordance
for a very poor crop.
I have had to issue corn
altogether of late and the
Chickasaw have used the most
of it in making "Liquor"
The consequence is there
has been a great deal of
drunkenness - more than
ever was known before. It
has been the cause of great
anxiety on my part, and
I cannot see that there is any
excuse for the neglect to fur-
nish the flour ration. I
have just bought 30,000 lbs
of flour in Fulton on credit.
I have so informed the
Dept. and further that I
[illegible] to buy until
[illegible] government

to pay nothing of the kind and enclosed quiet

amount of waiting for supplies. But I cannot be expected to promise forever. And in the absence of both supplies and authority what can I do? I take the authority!

The only really perplexing problem we have to solve for the present is, how to get these two bands to live together in harmony. Es-kim-in-zis & Co-chin-ays. I try to make Es-kim-in-zis - the "big chief" but the others fairly dont agree. However I hope it will solve itself before long. We are in debt - yet - stores & property -

I keep a few regular workingmen - who are slowly getting us out

is made to meet the requirement. It is a shame that the Government Agents Officers do not more promptly fulfil our side of treaty stipulations. We work the Indians & keep them. Shall we break out?

Dr. Bendire writes me unofficially that I must take the responsibility upon myself to meet the requirements at the same time officially he says "The Dept. refuse to buy flour"

I am doing all I can and shall continue to do. I have kept my Indians quiet and have secured their confidence to such an extent that they will not cut up until any

things for the better protection of what we have.

I write this in closing — the military courier is waiting — that, take it all in all — we have great reason to congratulate ourselves on the condition of affairs. and I think no further trouble will be had with the ~~Camp~~ San Carlos Indians.

We are now looked upon as the most important Reservation in the Territory — We have nearly 1500 Indians — 30 more Lontos will arrive tomorrow — and they are believed to be the hardest to control (the Indian of this Reserve) I am very confident myself

and I do sincerely hope that I shall be able to keep them all in – I don't want anything to be said – or at least any cause for any person to say that the San Carlos Indians have so much as stolen a cord since settlement in their new home.

They continue to speak of Gen Howard as their greatest friend. Santa's came to day dressed in his best suit with Photographs letters &c. Eskiminzin is out on a hunt.

Chiquito is reliable to the last time. The Father day Ace of Eskiminzin's Children came to me "to know if it was true that Gen. Howard had been punished for his friendship to them & Cochise" They said the report came from Archie McIntosh – I told them that it was nonsense – should not believe such stories – Two days after they came again on the same errand. They were evidently very much exercised about it but I succeeded in satisfying them that it was false.

Dr. Wilder is very busy from Phoenix quite repentant as I hoped.

C. H. Stratton

A. S. PRATT.
F. W. PRATT.

Lock Box 52.

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A. S. PRATT & SON,

401 Ninth Street N. W.

Washington, D. C., 7/7 1873

Dear Mr Pratt

I have prepared notice for the Stock Co meeting - but they ought to be signed by Gen Howard, & sent out at once, will you get Genl H. to sign & I will have them delivered.

Yr W M Tenney

A S Pratt Esq

Dear Genl Howard will you step into our office on Monday & sign

A S Pratt & Son

Washington D.C.
May 17th 1873

Pratt & Son A.S.

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Knoxville Tenn
May 17th 1873.

General

I have just returned from a trip and find your letter of April 29th.

The record I have is simply a copy of the records turned over by me when I was relieved from duty. My own individual property made for my own protection and for just such an emergency as this I consider the letters of transmittal also my individual property and hold them as such for they show with what I have been charged the debtor side of the ledger. My copy of the records the credit side. The Bureau has copies of them in the letter books.

I will send them to you for the purpose of helping you in your work. but not to be turned over to the Adjutant General as the property of the Bureau for they are

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brother, whom you have helped to put here, & who has no alternative but to preach the truth as it seems to him.

Aff. Your,
J. C. Hankin.

Washington, D.C.,
Sunday Evening.
May 18th, 1873.

My Dear General:

I am to be gone from town several days, & want to say what I expected to say to you this morning in the Sabbath School. While I agree that children may be led to Christ, almost imperceptibly to themselves, yet, I do not think that this is the rule, nor likely to take place with most positive children: such as I was, such as my children are.

And as to any Christian nurture,

a distinct line of demarcation

which shall not leave a gulf or between a child's heart & his future, after conversion, I despair of it in my own household, I do not expect it in many; though I do admit the possibility of it. Was it never occurred to you, that one reason of the almost fruitlessness of our Christian work, in the Sabbath School, is this: that we too often imply but in our teaching, that our children may already be Christians? "And when He is come, He will convince the world of sin, of righteousness & of judgment." This is the appointed work of the Comforter.

He comforts, after He has convicted of sin.

In this matter, I have no medium of my own. It is not a matter of taste with me. I do not expect to please man. I expect that our children, that while have a carnal mind, will find the heart that they are reason, disharmonious. But, should that prevent us from urging it?

Brother Cornish, for a sight. Mr. Knapp may convert for me. It may be, that God is answering your prayers. Many rate, whatever difference of conception may be our, believe me, our