GEN. Howard,

Dear General,

There is to be an encampment and general reunion of all the soldiers of Vermont at Rutland on the 6th, 7th, and 8th August next and you are cordially invited to be present. One of the greatest evidences of the Union spirit would be to have an opportunity to extend to you a soldier's welcome to the fair. Colonel of three Mountain slopes to which the achievement of the "Green Mountain Boys" early gave us historic relics. Their sons who served with you in the war of the rebellion sincerely hope that you will afford them this opportunity of expressing the regard and affection with which you served and upheld them. Will you please give us as early a reply as convenient.

Very Truly Yours,

M. G. Yeazey

Chairman Corp.
Dear Sir,

Desires information as to whether his office is implicated in the charges against the Commissioners of B.C.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

[Date: July 21st, 1873]

Alviso Phillips, Co. No.

July 13th, 1873

Mr. Hall, C.C. Herron
Washington, D.C.

Gentleman,

Greatly to my astonishment and regret, I learn that charges have been made against you regarding the distribution of the Bureau funds. I wish to learn what has been done in the investigation is likely to extend, as I left all of my vouchers in D.C. and do not now know what has become of them. I have a small amount of property cause vouchers still open in the Auditor's Office but nothing but what can easily be accounted for. If I was to receive a payment voucher.

[Signature]

[Date: July 13th, 1873]
If I mistake not on turning over to Geo. Baldwin on my final settlement I have a large sum for which I was held accountable on the records of his office. I shall be greatly obliged to you if you will inform me if my office is in any manner implicated in these charges.

I stand ready at all times to defend you come in S.C. at all hazards.

I am very respectfully
Your obedt. servt.,
Edw. L. Stone.
Confidential

War Department,
Adjutant General’s Office,

Washington, D. C.
July 11, 1873

To the Honorable,
The Secretary of War,

Sir:

I have the honor to report that from the records of the late Duncum Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands the following is obtained:

That on March 2J, 1871, the late Duncum Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands received the amount appropriated to supply deficiencies for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1870, and June 30, 1871, and for former years and other purposes.
This, with the balance then on hand, placed at the disposal of the Secretary of the Appropriation Funds, the sum of $28,091.98.

From March 31, 1871, to June 30, 1871, $12,5704.00 of this amount was expended, leaving a balance on hand of $2,681.98, available for the purpose of paying expenses incurred prior to June 30, 1871.

On the 30th day of July, 1871, the appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1872, having become available, the amount appropriated, together with the balance standing on the books of the Treasury to the credit of the Roman Appropriations,
was drawn. The sum obtained was $178.914.21. This sum, with the balance on hand June 30, 1871, $2,681.98, and the amount received during the year ending June 30, 1872, from various sources $9,580.00 made the sum of $186,181.24, available to meet current expenses for year ending June 30, 1872, and expenses incurred prior to June 30, 1871. Of this sum, all but $1,117 was expended. At the time the Board was abolished, and the records transferred to this office.

Among the items of disbursements entered in Cash Book in the month of July, 1871, are the following:
"SCHOOLS AND ASYLUM"
Paid Wm. Givens $1,000.00
Paid: W. W. Turkel $16,500.00
   Joseph Dickinson $200.00
   E. O. Tade $1,500.00
   John Page $1,879.10
   J. Gilliland $276.55
   Francis A. Kinmont $300.00
   W. H. Cressell $539.00
   W. W. Jackson $91.50
   C. B. Pratt $2,648.00
   Total $28,142.15

The appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875, were as follows:

For collection and payment of County, town, money and other legitimate claims of colored soldiers and sailors $37,500.

For support of Freedmen's Hospital and Asylum at Washington $75,000.
Total appropriations $166,500.

Add to this the amount received from the District of Columbia, for medicine, substi-tuted medical attendance, and medical attendance rendered destitute citizens at Freedom's Hospital $4,284.10

Total $172,784.10

Subtract this amount from the total sum available to pay expenses for year ending June 30, 1872, and for expenses incurred prior to June 30, 1871, and the balance is $134,604.16.

This sum deducted from the amount paid on account of Schools and Asylums - $28,104.16 leaves $14,960.28
of appropriations for 1871 expended for schools and asylums, as it now appears, in violation of Section 2 of the Act of 1868 [15 Stat. page 35-6] as follows:

"and no money appropriated for one purpose shall, hereafter, be used for any other purpose than that for which it is appropriated."

An examination as to whether the balance on hand June 30, 1871, $2,681.98, amount of unexpended balances in Treasurer's account July 22, 1871, $1,950.21, and amounts received during fiscal year ending June 30, 1871, from sale of public property and other sources $3,056.95, small $3,160.14, was applicable for schools
and Asylum has not been made.

I have further to invite attention to the fact that while the vouchers for these disbursements were not placed with the Office's accounts until July, 1871, some of the payments were actually made long prior to that date, as appears by copies of letters now of record, transmitting checks. Therefore, it would appear that the money (if not obtained from private sources) was actually paid from the funds received to pay counties to colored soldiers, sailors, etc., or that expenses incident to the transaction of the current business of the late Bureau were paid from funds not authorized for that purpose, re-
encouragement being subsequently made when appropriations for 1872, for collection and payment of County, prize-money and other legitimate claims of colored soldiers and sailors, and for support of Freedmen Hospital and Asylum at Washington, District of Columbia. Became available.

It is suggested that I be permitted to place this subject before the late Commissioner for his information, and with the view to his informing this office if there be any error in the statements, now submitted, which, as they stand, indicate a violation of the act of 1868, before recited.
I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Thos. M. Vincent
Ass't Adjutant General.

Read by the Secretary of War, who has approved the suggestion, as above.

I therefore respectfully transmit this to
the late Comr. Bureau R P & R. L.

Thos. M. Vincent
Adjutant General

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July 1873
My dear General:

I have just finished a letter to General Logan, requesting his assistance in obtaining an appointment in the Army, and thought that perhaps you would be willing to aid me also. Mr. Monroe, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Garfield are all here at the recent College Commencement, and Mr. Monroe and Mr. Garfield were approached in the matter by Mr. Cutter, the President of the College. They not only expressed themselves willing to do anything in their power on my behalf, but after satisfying themselves that any thing which would hasten me back in the way of my success as an officer no longer existed, that my habits were thoroughly reformed, they assured me of aid in the matter.

Mr. Monroe, as the Representative of this District, will take the lead, and Mr. Garfield assures me that he will cheerfully cooperate with me in his efforts.

If, dear General, you can consistently aid me by writing to Mr. Monroe...
any thing in my power that will be useful to his hands at the War Department or with the President, you will confer a lasting favor on me or my family.

I trust that you will not think General, that because I have written to you only once in need of some assistance that I have ever ceased, even for an hour, your former unrequiting kindness to me, but I have felt myself that your confidence showed some ground to be misplaced. Thank God however that my eyes were at last opened to the false influence of my painted sister, but kind General, I have humbly overcome my greatest bungler. You too dear General will be glad to know this.

You must know General how indignant we all feel at the repeated cowardly attacks of those enemies of all good men, the Democratic papers, but it is unnecessary in this community to say a word on your defense for here all care to be your friends.

Hoping that you may feel it proper to say that good for care of me in a letter to Mr. Monroe, with cordial feelings towards Mr. Monroe.

Your obedient, with much respect,

Louise Reynolds - Your etc.  Wm. Bedinger (WS)
Lebanon, O., July 14, 1873.

Dear Sir, Howard,

A great many persons have come about the troubles at the University & University tell me, that Pascoe is at the bottom of it, and not for the measures he now censure you for.

I am staying at home attending to my business part of my father's institution. Wishing you a complete victory.

Yours Truly,

Josiah Holbrook.
Lebanon, Ohio
July 14, 1875

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War Department,
Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D.C., July 11th, 1873

General O. O. Howard, U.S. Army,
Late Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

General:

Your telegram of the 11th instant, stating you have received the opinion of the Attorney General, and acting on it, have full statement of all that the Government claims that I (you) own, naming the disbursing officers through whom I (you) are made liable with their respective accounts. I have been referred to this office by the Secretary of War, and I have the honor to inform you that you will be advised in due time.
In this connection the Secretary of War deems it proper to invite your attention to the matter of the regular funds, or retained balance funds (amounting to $115,236 149) under the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1867, which was the subject of a letter to you, dated January 24, 1873, (receipt acknowledged by you, January 27, 1873.) It is desired that the instructions conveyed by that letter be complied with without further delay.

If the accounts for disbursement from the said fund, accompanied by vouchers, cannot be rendered by you, it is important that the fact should be promptly communicated.

My respectfully, General,
Your obedient servant.

Thomas L. Linnell
Assistant Adjutant General
War Department,
Adjutant General's Office,
Washington, D. C. July 15th, 1873

Brig. Genl. O. O. Howard, U. S. A.
Late Commissioner Bureau R. F. and G. S.
Washington, D. C.

General:

I have respectfully to acknowledge the receipt, through 2nd Lieut. E. J. Dudley, 2nd Artillery, Disbursing Officer at Fort Macon N. C., of six (6) Discharge certificates of enlisted men—the same having been found among the records of the Agent of the late Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands at Newbern, N. C.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant,

Thomas B. Vincent
Asst. Adj. Gen.}

5246 a. q. d. 23, 1873.
Gen. C. O. Howard.

Warard University.

Washington D.C. July 13, 1873.

There will be a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Girls' Reform School at the parlor of the P.M. C.A. No. 10 Ranel (Oral) at 5 o'clock P.M. It is urgently desired that all members of the Board may be present as an important business transaction must be discussed, and a decision rendered. As we could not find you yesterday, we invited Frederic Douglass to accompany us to examine property and report the result to you, but he was engaged at that hour.

You have our entire confidence. Respectfully,

Sara W. Spencer

and sympathy in your anxiety and trouble.