Nat Cemetery
Annapolis Maryland
Dec 12th 1873

Genl O O Howard.

Dear Gen. I write to inform you that I am about to lose the position of Supt of Nat Cemetery which I procured through your kind intercession Some malicious persons have been telling falsehoods about me to the Officer in Charge of Nat Cemeteries, Bvt Gen Myers. I am to be discharged on the 1st of Jan 1874 on account of disability both physically and mentally. The Citizens of Annapolis — that is to say the respectable Citizens of Annapolis wish to have me retaind here, and several of my friends have gotten up a pettition to have me retaind among the number Rev Dr Henderson the pastor of the Church here to which I belong. I do not wish to leave annapolis where I have found so many warm friends as well as cold enemies. Will you please Gen to intercede for me. Yours Unfeignedly

B H Reese

Annapolis Md.
Dec. 12th 1873

Reese B.M.

States that he will be discharged and desires the Genl to intercede for him.

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Recd Dec 15. 1873, O.E.H.

Fort Leavenworth Kas

December 12th 1873

Dear General.

I have been looking every day to see an order filé giving you a command and shall be very much disappointed if you are not assigned. I was told by Gen. Sherman that he would do every thing he

could for you, and that
if you were assigned that
there was no reason why
you should not gain
all the success your friends
desire. When I was in
Washington I was told there
was a council at the White
House regarding the
Indian matters and was
told that I had been

selected for the command in that territory. this was tated me by Gen.l Sherman and Mr Smith commissioner of Indian affairs. I was very well pleased to learn this but am now afraid that the whole thing will blow over, I believe if I had that command I could do very well in managing

the affairs there. If you learn any thing about it please let me know

You may possibly see Mr Smith. With kindest regards to Mrs Howard I remain.

Very Truly
Your friend
Nelson A. Miles
USA

Providence Dec. 12th 1873.

Genl. O. O. Howard

My dear friend

I have just returned from the west and find your letter of 7th Inst.

My losses have been so very heavy this year, and my need of money so great in these times, that I hardly know how to spare a hundred dollars — but still less do I know how to refuse you.

I enclose my check on City National Bank for one hundred dollars, payable to order of Howard University, the receipt of which please acknowledge and oblige

Yours truly, A. C. Barstow.

P.S. Doubtless you allude to Hon. Geo. H. Corliss

Office of the

WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY,

No. 413 Tenth Street west,

City of Washington, Dec 13 1873

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P.S.

I hope you will not be subjected to trouble by the War Dept. I think you have already had trouble enough with the Bureau.

Mac L. Bailey

Washn D C
Dec. 13-1873

Bailey Mss.

Friendly letter

Colchester Conn
Dec 14. 1873

Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir, Though personally a stranger, you will I trust allow me to express my sincere regret to learn through the papers, that your peace and your good name are again imperilled by accusations that your Christian friends have always believed false.

I have no doubt that you suffered much from this source when the charges were formerly made. And I fear you may now that they are renewed. But I believe you have the hearty sympathy of some of

the best men in the country and if I mistake not that sympathy will prompt them to pray for you, that your innocence may be vindicated and your adversaries made ashamed.

It has been your lot for twelve years to stand in the fore front of the battle and to encounter dangers, as well as bear burdens and suffer pain for your Country - beyond what most Experience. It seems to me that the Lord has blessed you in this, and made you an instrument of much good to very many. I do not know, but you have sometimes groaned in spirit as some greater trouble arose, and

been ready to cry out with the sorrowful prophet: "Woe is me my mother that thou hast borne me a man of strife, a man of contention to the whole earth. I have neither lent on usury, nor men have lent to me on usury, yet every one of them doth curse me".

But I would hope that He, who as the Captain of our salvation became perfect through suffering, is near you to day and will not forsake you in this new trial. I have sometimes found comfort in that promise "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is staid on thee because he trusteth in thee"

It is a growing conviction in my own mind, that our

heavenly Father causes all things to work together for good to them that love Him. He does not forget his children, He makes no mistakes. The wrath of man praises him, the residue thereof he restrains. Preparation for great blessings is often made by great and bitter trials. Our Lord often falsely accused "commended himself unto Him who judgeth righteously"; and I trust that He will impart unto you, just that wisdom, patience and faith; which will in His good providence be your shield, and help - at this time. I do not believe he has brought you so far only to forsake you in this crisis.

I do not say these things as if they were new to you; but to assure you as far as I am able that Christian men who are strangers are in Christian and prayerful sympathy with you.

Excuse me if I have pained you more than I have comforted, and believe me in Christ

Very Respectfully and Truly Your Brother in Christ
Samuel G. Willard.

Please do not let all the trouble to which this letter refers, or Mr. E. M. Buchanan, could tell your wife pain. Geo. E. Whitney

Pointe Coupee, La
December 14th 1873

General. O. O. Howard,
Dear Sir,

I was employed in the U. S. Government during the war, and hold a receipt from my foreman, for my time, &c. can I get anything? if so please answer by the returning mail, and what steps to take.

And confer an everlasting favor, upon a poor man.

Your Most Obedient Servent.

Julies Lacoux.

Address,
care of Col. G. H. Griffin
Pointe Coupee
La

Point Coupee

December 4/73.

Lacoux J.

Wants to know what steps to get money earned in the U.S. Gov.

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Auburn N Y Dec 14th 1893

Gen O O Howard

Dear General

I see by the papers that you are delivering a lecture on the battle of Gettysburgh I would respectfully ask Can we obtain your service for one lecture at this place On what terms and at what time The young mens Christian Association have a course in Auburn this winter (of which I am a member) The avails of this lecture will go to the benefit of the Y. M. C. A.

Please answer by return mail

I will send a copy of the course of Y. M. C. A. in this letter

Please deliver to
Dr D. H. Armstrong
(Box 678) Auburn N Y

Monday Evening,
Dec. 15th, 1873

My Dear Gen:

I did not tell you how grieved & mortified I was, to have words that you had spoken in the confidence of social intercourse, repeated by a member of my family. I have just seen Carrie & as I presumed, the remark

he made arrangements only from inconsideration, & were made in strict confidence to a young lad of his own age; who, however, repeated them. He sees the great wrong he has done to you & to me, & is very sorry for it. I have asked him to see you & acknowledge it. What it he says, he shall gladly do.

Your own remark, I regarded entirely innocent, as you did not

knew the person in question, & as you did know that inferiors sometimes betrayed their superiors.

Did you know that Mrs. Brewer (Rev. Russell's daughter) died to-day? Her funeral will be at the same time (Tues.) at 2 P.M. They are in great sorrow.

Aff. Your Pastor,

J. A. Rankin

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Ack^m S C

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Rankins J E

Friendly letter

Fort McHenry, Md.

Dec. 15, 1873.

Dear General -

Having always had an entire reliance in the perfect integrity of your every action & motive - a reliance not in the slightest degree shaken by recent events & newspaper comment - I should be very much pleased if I could be of any assistance to you

General – Very Respectfully & Sincerely Yours,

Robt. W. Rogers,

1st Lt. 2d Arty.

in the troubles now pending. Having a considerable knowledge of accounts & figures, I should be more than pleased if I could make that knowledge in the slightest degree available to you. My proximity to Washington would enable me to render any service in my power without a detail for the purpose. Hoping that the whole of the troubles will be very slight, I am

Henry [illegible]

Dec. 15, 1873.

Rogers R. M.

A friendly letter

Ans'd by
Secd. Dec 26. 1873.

Appletons Building,
551 B'way, Dec. 15,
1873.

Dear Sir;

Will you please look over enclosed proof, correct any errors, note any prominent omissions, and return as soon as possible. Our space admits only a bare outline. What institutions besides Howard and Atlanta universities were formed by the Bureau? We intend to add a paragraph.

Very respectfully
J. W. Hawes.

Appointment Bureau
Bay Dec 15, 1873.

Hawks J.W.

I Desire that the enclosed may be looked over and errors corrected.

Endorsed here Dec. 16th 1873.

Hudson O.

December 15th 1873

My dear General:

I saw in this mornings Cleveland "Leader" extracts from the letter of Secretary Pickrell & Speaker Blaine relating to the troubles which beset you. Some of the irregularities alleged to exist seem to belong to a time prior to your assuming charge of Freedmens affairs. I refer to the bounties to Colored Soldiers which they state were never paid although the records of the Treasury Dep't show the settlement to have been made.

I may be able to throw some light upon this one matter which I trust may be of use to you.

When the 128th N.Y. was authorized, you wrote C.A.

ment to the Army of the Potomac to select Officers with whom he was acquainted for appointment to the regiment, having to me the task of receiving the recruits & organizing.

Genl Littlefield (I think was the name of the Officer) had charge of the recruiting of Colored troops in S.C. & who sent them per Steamer from Charleston to Beaufort where they were received by an Officer designated by Genl Saxton & by him clothed before being turned over to me. When the first detachment of a hundred or more was received I reported to General Saxton that they were not accompanied by a Descriptive Roll. was told however that the Roll would be sent with detachments soon to follow. The men all came in, to the number of a thousand within a week but no Descriptive lists were ever furnished

After the arrival of all

the recruits - while I was endeavoring with the assistance of Major Danielson to complete the organization my Camp was beset by a dozen or more agents sent out from various Northern States to fill their Quotas - who were authorized to pay town & State bounties. They said none hereon represented to the men that the money was in the hands of Neil Littlefield - would be paid at the time of their musters

Shortly after the organization the Regiment was reviewed & inspected by Genl Seth Williams to whom I reported the condition of things - the difficulties I had been forced to encounter in the absence of Descriptive Rolls in making out a correct Muster in Roll & my suspicions respecting Littlefield & the bounties which I believed he & the agents had retained. He made memoranda of my statements & said he would have the matter investigated.

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for Mr Littlefield. Genl Williams was shortly afterwards killed by a RR accident at Garrisons and the matter was never, to my knowledge investigated. My responsibilities terminated in a few days after the return of your brother from City Point, altho he had some correspondence with Dept Adt Genl on the subject. My recollection of the matter that no investigation was ever required & I still believe that Littlefield pocketed the money.

Altho this may be of no importance my dear General, I send it trusting that it may throw some light upon the subject.

With assurances of my devotion & esteem & that of all my family I remain faithfully Yours etc

W M Burke Jr.

Please present my respectful regards to Mrs Howard.

Washington City,
Dec. 15. 1873.

Genl. O. O. Howard:

Sir:

About two years ago, "The Dashaways" were organized, as a Temperance Society, in this city. During that period, much good has, thereby, been effected: many inebriates have, at the park and street meetings, as well as in the hall, received the first impressions which caused them to become faithful members of other Temperance Associations; the meetings have been open to all, free to all, no contributions "taken up," no dues levied; the expenses, rent, printing, &c. have been chiefly paid by two persons.

The Society, hoping to accomplish still more good, proposes to hold meetings in various parts of the city, but aid is required to defray rent of suitable halls, &c.

Your pecuniary assistance is therefore earnestly solicited.

Contributions will be gratefully received by the president, A. C. Constantine, 721 - 7th St. N.W., and duly acknowledged.

Very respectfully,
Your Ob. Servant

By order of
The President.

Wm. Barth,
Secretary.

Philadelphia, December, 15, 1873,
To the Principal of the Howard
University D C

Dear Sir

I take liberty to address you
as a friend of Gen. O O Howard
and in his behalf Not having
his address or knowing his
whereabouts or those of any of his
direct friends Please accept
these as my apology. Will you
transmit information to the
Genl or his most intimate
friends stating that the
financial affairs existing
between him and I. call for
immediet consideration No
answer coming to the writer of this
within 10 days it will become

my duty to take such other immediet course as shall be in accordence with Right and Justice

Believe me Your

Most Obedient Servant

Mrs. Mary E. Anthony.

Late of Elmira N.Y.

Now of Philadelphia, Pa.

Balt: Md. Dec 15: 1873.

Turner, Edwin

Concerning his forgery of Mr. Perry's sig. &c.

Baltimore Md. Dec 15. 1873.

General O. O. Howard.

Dear General.

Some three years ago you discharged me from the office of Genl Balloch because as you thought I had been guilty of an irregularity in getting my small pay cashed, and putting in Perry's name on the back in order to obtain it. There was no fraud contemplated on my part, yet you discharged me, and my family were made to suffer for said indiscretion on my part. I repaid that $100 to B. D. Hyam soon after I left your Bureau and it was all settled. But ever since that I have been unfortunate and now at this present time I am out of employment, with my family of six, in this City, where I have been for the last 18 months. I have been forced to take the position of Car Conductor for a year past, and am now just in the winter thrown out of employment.

I have always thought that you acted rather hasty in that matter, as I intended the next day after that order was sent to you, to have paid it as soon as I got my pay.

I see now by the public press that you are charged with "greater irregularities," and the voice of public opinion seems to be against you, and although General I do not believe you, Guilty, of what is alleged, still I know from having been in General Ballocks Office for three years, that those in whom you confided were the guilty ones. I did not happen to be one of the favorite ones in your Bureau, but I do know that out of the many hundred Vouchers I was accustomed to bring to you to approve, that there were many paid out by Government money, for the private expenses of the favorite clerks, such as W. P. Drew and S. A. Terry and J. Duren Capt Gerard.

and I can place my hands right on the Vouchers. I do not like to be vindictive, or I could if yours or Genl Ballock's case came to trial testify much against you every way.

But all I want you to know is that by your hasty and inconsiderate action you plunged me into difficulty, and ~~that~~ I want ~~now in~~ to inform you of the knowledge I possess, and I believe as you a Christian man must believe that it is our duty to do unto others as we would have them do unto us, especially in our hour of need.

Dear General

Very Respectfully Yours

Edwin Turner

N.B. That boy of Capt Gerard's was kept in Genl Ballocks Office, a worthless and saucy boy, when a poor one armed soldier might have filled his place more worthily. Thus Capt Gerard, his wife, and boy all found employment in his Office