Dear Brother,

After a tiresome day in Chicago, running about, conversing with local sorts about the advance of you—writing a little for that and an editorial for the Inter-Ocean (which I fear will be mutilated) about your case, I think I never was so grateful to God, as well as glad for myself, to have a nice room on the first floor of a nice hotel and a little time to say to you, God bless He who does, and I will do all I can. He enables me to be sympathetic, may you and your against their enemies be your own. I was at Illinois with Mother and a little time when your good letter came. The same shoulder is more than good for you. But nothing, except his desertion, hunger, and the loss of friendship, one friend is better than illness. May God bless you! If He does judge by love, encouragement—I fear you have a gilded one. Then you will have a nearer love of others to deny you. But be not afraid of others.
Who can damage the reputation but not
with the character. Who can kill the body
but not the soul. Mother does not mean
as if she said to, she said, "all that I have
I want to use if necessary, for any necessary
that others do. I zig, the children may need
the arranged with me to lend and so on the
money the need in church. The may not
go to Princeton for the winter. She to check up
the cold journey. Charles is well and came
from eating place. I care the Advance to
which he has embossed about all he
has - I can keep brave, but not with
money. I can help you too, but silver
and gold I have none, nor anything correspon-
thing. My church is prospering as well as
usual. I read your letter to you, there was
nothing, want you. So letter to you imme-
diately. Helen is well and is just the very
believable, 'reliable,' and everything needed.
Others women than I supposed. Laura
when women, I hear from you. Miter that the mail, I hear from you.
Write to me. Helen Jones, the white man
I'm now. With much love to dear Sister Zig.
Gretta, I give much love to dear Sister Zig.

The children拿 with his nor come
from mine. Today as I expected letter from mine.
Dyes involve her, clothes her a cold and distance.
She the letter with a nice come down at that open.
Waves with her old, hearty, cooked.
Committee on Military Affairs, H. of R.
Tuesday, Dec. 16, 1873.

Sir:

I am instructed by the Committee on Military Affairs to request you to be present at a meeting of the Committee which will take place to-morrow at ten o'clock A.M.

Very respectfully,

John Cadmus
Chairman.

Brij. Gen. O. O. Howard,
Washington,
D.C.
Office of The Advance,

No. 107 FIFTH AVE.

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Dear Brother,

Robert has

written me a note — we were about to get a word from
you — R. wrote something to
the Doctor about his

tomorrow — He will send for

a copy

Doctor Sherman's letter

you will state pubhcal.

I was given his letter,

you are in time.

I have, as I should,
you can keep in touch — I
had not them with me.

I sent a letter — Our Session's

Greatest hope. I have long

since concluded among friends

the unexampled injuries poor

those who have been his

friends — Those who deplored
a Cause. I hope it will help
for the better to bear some
suffering when you become
His, and may God strengthen
your spirit by the free
communication of His own
word to you.

Abel'son Rotanoff Haif
have the necessary material
Please rush up Rapiit to see
tell the Sunday School in
Mark - Zephtun, Claradon
at today as possible in
Baltimore for our Bible
Studies. We allow you
10 00 for Park as pay - Clubs
9 50 and 40 00 - and the
beneath 9 50 - I can send you
Marican copies when I send the
2nd - then send for Adams
free for one or two - yes, they must be
involve me & Rev. William in an accusation against Mr. Smith. Did you see my detailed report? I proceeded to explain a groundless falsehood and now you prepare to prove he told a base lie. I hopeupon conscience will not continue.

We wish much to have seen you & from Sister Euginia. Respected Mr. Smith, some time this week. I gave a letter to Mr. Holton of Minneapolis who has been very kind to me & is a fast friend. Mr. & Mrs. Smith

Very Affectionately,

C.H. Howard
Howard C.H.

A friendly letter.
Millbrook, Ill
Dec. 17, 1875

Dear Samuel,

When I wrote the enclosed letter last Sunday, I felt utterly disgusted with the way they are treating you. I sent the original to Col. Logan for I know soldiers (true ones) feel the most sympathy for one another. I feel just as I have written and sincerely sympathize with you in your persecution. I shall watch the result anxiously, but feel confident of the result if they give you a fair hearing.

Truly your friend,

[Signature]
Littlewood J.B.

Friendly letter.
Willmanville,
Kendall County, Illinois
December 14, 1878

Gen. John A. Logan
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator:

In the Chicago Journal of last night I found Secretary Crittenden’s letter to the House, asking attention to the defaulctions in the accounts of General C.H. Howard of the Freedmen’s Bureau.

Now I believe that General Howard has a friend in yourself, and it is for that reason, as well as your being the Senator from my own State that I now address you in his behalf.

While I was in the Army I was of your 3rd Division (1st Brigade) and was often employed on Court Martial in fact on nearly all orders by you or Geo. McPherson. I was on that duty that my acquaintance with General Crittenden began at Vicksburg, and on the appointment of a Judge Advocate for the Army of the Peninsula I was retained permanently at those Head Quarters. In this manner I was with General Howard after he assumed the command until his assignment as Commissioner at Washington. He then solicited me to assist him in his new duties, and I was in time appointed Chief Clerk of the Bureau.

Then I was brought intimately into connection with both the present Secretary of the Commissioner and from my knowledge of affairs up to the time of my resignation on account of ill health, I am
family of the opinion that come to sift the matter thoroughly the said conclusion will be arrived at as was before that General Howard has deceived the shores of the Country.

Anderson Edmundo a near friend of both Earl Howard to begin with and instead of caring for the record of a Bureau which has lost so much and cost so much on its dissolution the books and papers as you will find on inquiring were carefully picked up anyone and be carefully dumped on their arrival at the Adjutant General's Office. The books and papers of the office while I was in charge were left in a manner that I was proud of and I intended to arrange them in such a manner that every subject which had been before the office could be traced step by step and if the papers had been filed in the office so not the record found I have no idea that it could be done now if they had been no better care for lined their reception than the style they were removed in.

The defalcations of Agents in the same in every department they have endeavored to have done but you have not called the Secretary before Congress for trial for it as for petty larceny.

This is a standing order on the part of Theodore读后 to muddy General Howard's reputation in some way and at the bottom of it it probably come from that has been exposed by the General.
What counsel Pitney is to offer to him about it I do not know, only I have known for about two years that any recommendation of General Howard going to the Senate would injure instead of helping a case. The principal attacking of the friend could not be voted if he has been elected as a candidate for the Presidency.

If Mr. Lord or Secretary Pitney cannot unravel the accounts, call on General George W. Bullard who said them and he can probably explain them satisfactorily to any unprejudiced mind. Let an inspection of the accounts be made by J. C. Dewall and Major S. W. Clark who were inspectors of the Bureau, and the misapplications specified will be shown in their true light. I do not ask any but the most rigid investigation, and that can only be brought that bear on the case, and when opened keep it open until the country is satisfied, otherwise it won't do.

There were no precedents to guide General Howard, but he sought advice in every doubtful case where payments had to be made of the officers of the Revenue Dept before acting, and often obtained the written approval also of the Secretary of War, but much has to be decided by his own judgment, and in my own he always tried to do what was honest and right.
I hope his assistants will come out at a final investigation as well as I believe Howard will, for in all my intercourse with him, both official and personal, I never knew him to act otherwise than a conscientious Christian.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant,

D. James B. Littleton 1865
Washington, D.C.
December 17th, 1873

Hon. John G. Schumaker,
Chairman Committee on Military Affairs
House of Representatives,

Sir:

In accordance with the request of yesterday, received from your Committee, it appear to make answer.

As preliminary to a formal rebuttal of the charges contained in a letter of the Hon. Mr. Secretary of War dated Dec. 4, 1873, and referred to your Committee, permit me to state:

1st. That I could the fullest possible examination into all the subjects therein named.

2nd. Having never been access to a trial by any proper tribunal, civil or military, upon official charges with any shadow of foundation, I deplore the statement of my accusers that a general court martial has been held in part under statutory limitation, and if it be legally possible, etc.
Purish to have all rights and privileges accorded me under such statute, to the end that the public benefit may receive no detriment.

34. In considering the alleged irregularities and violations of law in the conduct of the late Fredman's Bureau, I am confident of my ability clearly to prove that acting in Confinement to an administrative capacity, I am neither morally nor legally responsible for either of the several counts set forth in the Secretary's letter, nor therefore not personally or officially accountable for any portion of the sum which makes up the aggregate herein charged. Certainly it is against the usage of every department of the Government to hold me personally accountable for the defalcations of subordinates of persons whom as collusion whatever is condemned.

With this brief statement, I shall gladly submit to the examination and judgment of the Committee the work of the late Fredman's Bureau for the purpose of ascertaining the manner of its performance, very convenient and official, and formally committed with it, with a view to comprehend all of the statements as regards the influence among my own friends and such professional and public men.
Kingston, Tenn.
Dec. 18, 1873.

Dear Sir:

I would respectfully call your attention to the fact that I have this day forwarded the Petition of John J. Brown, to Hon. Horace Maynard, to obtain compensation for said Brown, for carrying the Burnside dispatch. You said in your letter of Sept. 25/73 & Nov. 3/73 that you would gladly give your testimony in his behalf.

Yours, truly,

O.O. Howard,
Atty.
Madison D'min
Dec. 18th 1873

My Dear Carl,

Send me today a copy of one of our City Press sir while you will find a short article from my pen which is

followed by the Democratic attitude on yourself. Suppose to follow up some of these publics here and unless they change their course. You'll give them as good as they said - I myself and all of your friends have here implicit faith in you and believe that you will come out all right. -

Gov. Rushburn speaking this morning of the article referred to said that "the war just the thing and that he believe" as I did that you had been mostly decided in some of your subordi

nates upon whom the whole thing stands off. Write this and send this letter thinking that a word with you from a friend may not be out of place at this time. - Only wish that
I find it is my proper to do more. Permit me to say that I am ready to write for the press as any time any thing that comes within your service by you in this matter--

Mrs. Chase justly presented me with a fine healthy boy, our second child Florence whom you will remember being born about five years. Mrs. Chase is as well as could be expected, under the circumstances, and wishes the kindly remembrance of you.

With the sincerest confidence in your good and with the warmest hope that this new letter will be but the prelude to a renewed and happy future in this life, know that yours for ever, remain,

Your very sincere friend,

Walter K. Chase

Genl C. G. Keithward.
Washington D.C.

RS. Earl D. R. Hunt formerly of your state and now just sold the above and union, in day that he fully endures all that time,

Chas.
New York, Dec 19, 1873

Genl. E. O. Howard
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

I am induced to write to you to ask if you have any influence with the Administration since I am seeking employment of some kind. Business with me is at a standstill, nothing doing. I would not ask you to interest yourself in my behalf but my situation is, I have no political influence. Besides, I am not of Employment to assist my family. My reference is Genl. W. H. Emory, Dept. Gulf.
on whose efforts I served

I might add some position under the Forth in this or the City of Brooklyn. I should like

Respectfully,

[Signature]

F. Brown
Gentleman,

In these extraordinary circumstances, I would not think it my right to address you, but perceiving that you are surrounded by hostiles, I desire to say that I hold you in the highest estimation as a man and as a Christian gentleman.

Perhaps our limited acquaintance would not necessitate this expression, but the arrows of envy, hatred, malice, are flying thick, and I prefer to show my colors.

Yours, Gentlemen,
IRVING HOUSE,
Woolman Stokes & Son,
917 Walnut Street,

Dear Gentleman:

I feel it a duty under the present aspect of enforced and unavoidable change affecting your administration of the proceedings because to tender to you with consideration and respect, my hearty sympathy with you on this your day of trial.

I pray you keep up a good
given heart, one will eventually come out bright for you in the estimation of every decent person in the whole country.

It is a shameful thing that there must be persons in public stations ready to consul and clear the reputation and responsibility of one whose whole being has been patriotic and useful as I have seen her kindly been to Uncle John at No. 23.
Today, and be with me

words of sympathy and cheer

were welcome words.

From my few experiences of

solitary confinement, but now

were new ones.

I read your copy of the Bulletin

announcing the arrival of a new and

welcome tone. You have

seen and heard of some friends

near these shores. I do

also want to announce

often the dreams and

dead and by changes against.
Your past pleased

I only wish that you would

come to see and remain

reunited in that world for

more advantage and convenience

assured.

I wish you well and may

see your letters without

my writing in haste against

this circumstance.

Pemania, or always,

Very affectionately yours,

W. H. Davis

Samuel O. Howard.
Phila Dec 20 1873

My dear Sir:—

I must introduce myself to you, as the person introduced by our mutual friend John Warren, Esq. If I cannot but be gratifying to you to know that in the Senate trial through which you are now passing, that you have not only the sympathy of your personal friends, but the unabated confidence of your Christian friends—Under the menacing terrors of personal Enmity—of wanton, detention—of the most wicked prosecution, the record may be made against you—But your friends can never be made to believe, that there was intentional wrong on your part—But and pray for you—Let that sustain you—May our beloved Savior sustain you to enable you to come out of the furnace without the smell of fire or brimstone—May this liberty, of a compassionate stranger—

John S. Graff

I fully join with the above—F. O. Stout
Dec 20 -1873

Frederick Jade

Friendly letter
Philadelphia Dec 20th 1873

Dear General J B

I am constrained to drop you a line, I feel assured you will pardon what might seem an intrusion of my wishes upon you, but I know I shall feel better after expressing something of the indignation I feel at the vile construction to which you are subjected. But never fear, the Lord is with you. He is stronger than all your enemies. If you have the prayers of His people, that you may have grace & strength sufficient to your day. The best portion of the people are all with you.

I have not heard a single individual that has not expressed themselves in your favor. I feel that the nation owed you a debt of gratitude, both for your conduct in the war & since, in your noble efforts in the cause of humanity & religion but my dear friend, you must not expect to fare better than our blessed Lord who said, If they persecute me they will also persecute you.

This special benediction! Blessed Jesus
When men shall revile you, parents you and say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake—Regretful—Don't sure you will be fully vindicated here, indeed you are. So already public sentiment has decided that you are honest, I know, by having done no wrong in matter how bad men may endeavour to warp I twist every thing against you. What a comfort it is that the Christian can appeal from fallible man to the infallible God. However he may be misled by his fellow-man he can make Peter appeal to his Savior. I say from almost all things there fore that I love thee—How short the time will be! I the Mary Pilgrim will be at rest where the wicked leave from troubling. In that of bonds truly your friend

[Signature]
MEMORANDUM

From

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

To

New A. S. Patterson

City

Washington, Dec 20, 1873

Gentlemen,

Hereunto please find

$100.00 Howard taken up

by new note for $800, receipt for

$17.60. You neglected to have

the new note made out in

so I have put it on the

new note.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

Dear George,

Enclosed find the old note

above referred to cancelled

And,

[Signature]
Washington, D.C.
Dec. 20, 1873.

Pratt, M.

Note enclosed.

Feb.
War Department
Washington City
December 30th, 1876

General
O. O. Howard, U. S. Army
Howard University
Washington, D. C.

General,

I have respectfully to request, that you will arrange with General Palmer to accompany you to this Department, in order to an interview with you both, on Monday the 25th instant, at One o'clock P. M.

Very respectfully yours,

John H. Delaplaine
Secretary of War.