Dec. 21, 1875

Gen. O.O. Howard, Washington,

Dear General:

I have received your letter and am much obliged to you for your kind interest in my behalf. You have been here. I hear that your letters have been sent to the Department against Mr. Sagor. Hoping for the best.

So, and he will undoubtedly be removed. If you will call on Senators Flanagan and Hamilton of Texas - Senator Morton of New York - I think I have been spoken of by Mr. Brightland. I think they will concur with you in recommending me to the position. Perhaps I am calling upon you too late. No much trouble in my behalf, but I rely upon your friendly kindness to me.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

PS. My regards to all your family.
Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue,
3d DISTRICT, TEXAS.

Dated, 18

IN RELATION TO

Received Jan 8, 1874

No. of Enclosures,
My dear Brother,

Allow me to say that your case which I have watched for years reminds me of some aspects of my own. The same persistency of persecution, and from the same evil and corrupt sources, marks the one as the other.

All the bad elements in and out of the Army charge sterile youth slanderers and foes, the same
Year in 1868-9 of my troubles in & to the Red men, and again from Oregon in 1870-71. With this movement I find no relief. While too ill to know what I did Dec. 24, 1868, I wrote Sen. [text unclear] a letter setting forth my sufferings from the "N.K. Law," and this they called "my resignation!"

Hon. H. W. NeSmith
M. C. of the U. S. Senate
is a native of Maine
and knows my case
quite well. He is disposed to do justice, as
I think and am most anxious for investigation. The case was not an unusual one. The young war-soldier, Sargent, lost his leg and was left a cripple. I hope the story of the case will be vindicated by the most thorough canvassing of all such cases. When the "spirits" cease to control the policy and politics of a community, as they by & by will cease — then the may expect justice right.
to trim M! How long will it be

and this is so,

Please present to

me your respects

your father on

ago, and to lab. E. P.

Smith the home Com.

and God of J. and

To your love

with the utmost

served in 1861.

Yours devotedly,

Char. Me. Blake

Dec. 27, 1873

P.S. He is Jos. H. Warren,

the spent the night with

fine goods, yes, my

he

sues you for my

Librarian, Reg. Capt.
T. J. Jones of Benicia.

If you can render

under I trust you will

do so. My very best.

Bell, &c. Others writter me since Oct.

E. M. B.
Harlem, Monday evening
Dec. 22nd 1872

Dear General, I don't want to trouble you with needless correspondence but beg to ask two or three questions as a long friend and worker in the cause.

1. Is not the present charge upon matters new, and different from the old ones?

2. Are they not upon matters which you yourself, personally, but subordinates were employed?

3. Has the like had the end of the former enemy in the present movement?

4. Do you do anything tactually or with counsel present in your case? Now if you have no time to answer these up them, if otherwise you make it as short as this if you please. I mean to have you now, on account of my wife's health, I mean, her weakens, or I would have come down and asked those ques.
Dear Mr. [Name],

I feel anxious you should have a helpful carryover; some means will depend on that. Pray pardon this, and of her,

with assurance.

Thankfully yours,

Edgar Ketchum

Harlem
Dec. 22, 1873

Ketchum Edgar

Decide the lead to answer this query herein asked.

Gen. O.O. Harrow
War Department
Washington City
December 24, 1873

General O. O. Howard,
late Commissioner Bureau R. F. V. A. S. Howard University,
Washington D.C.

General:

Referring to the letter of the 23rd instant, from George W. Balch, late Disturbing Officer, delivered by you to me the same date, in which it is stated: "that at the proper time and before the proper tribunal I [he] can explain any discrepancy that may appear to exist in my [this]
Treasury Balances— you are respectfully informed, that the accounting officers of the Treasury and the Treasurer of the United States, are the proper officials to be consulted, in order to explanation.

Viewing it under the law— particularly the Act of March 29, 1867, War Dept. O. 53 of 1867— to be your duty to exert yourself to the utmost in regard to the most important subject now under consideration. Thereby direct you to place yourself in communication with the Treasurer.
And Accounting officers, so that, through
them, and in connection with the
retained accounts of late Disturbing
Officer Balloch, explanations, if any,
may be submitted to me at the
carest practicable date—not later
than the 31st instant.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient Servant,

Genl. Bellnap
Secretary of War.
W. H. Bellnap
Sec. of War.

Refers to letter of Gen. H. S. Charles in regard to explaining discrepancies but directs Gen. Howard to explain.

Dec. 24, 1873
April 30, 1873

My dear,

Either for forget or

read an obituary of the Advertiser

for their own good, and send along

in the mail. As it has not arrived

here. Please come on another

copy.

Intend to rely on your first letter to take care of every

one I can use with your full support in your brother's interests.

from all expectations. In my request I am

certain will be that the going is

opposed against the unfortunate party.

Mrs. H. H. Smith, whose integrity was

not stated impaired by any one.
Your letter has made me feel there could be some attacks I can well imagine that I can understand that the will succeed over all of them.

I always read on as if it were a message of falsification. Saying something of myself that it is the evidence more samples of deficiency of which I mean nothing in context having more influence.

I cannot see that it was preceded when the civilized world or killed with assistance of Mr. E. D. until at that all the facts proved his share will be have been aimed against. That would not be attributed into bullying in the first.

I am not of the city, I supposed that I am not with the ability to believe any it is wicked with letting in. Charges against Mr. E. I am responsible for my letter that would have been brought into it in any case...

Yours truly,

[Signature]

[Date]
Washington, D.C.
Dec. 15th, 1843

From Mr. S. Ballagh
Secretary of War

Sir:

I have the honor to request the forbearance of a copy of a letter heretofore dictated, and sent to your office. This will enable me to obtain a statement of the facts from Mr. Ballagh and also to request the presence of the Secretary of War. I do not remember that the original statement was signed. Was it from the U.S. Secretary? I shall make all possible haste to comply with your instructions. Very respectfully,

C.H. Howard
Brs. Gen. U.S.A.
Dear O. O. Howard,

Washington, D.C.

Dec. 22nd 1873

The troops have no course of lectures here this winter. We wish to know what will be your lowest figures to come here and deliver your lecture on the "Battlefield of Gettysburg." For as there are only two of us interested in this undertaking, we would like you to put your price as liberal as possible. He will take all the chances as to the house we're very truly,

A. U. S. Collier, M.D.
War Department
Washington City.
December 30, 1873.

General O. C. Howard, U. S. A.
Late Commissary Bureau R. I., V.A.
Howard University.
Washington, D.C.

General:

Referring to your communication of this date, requesting "the tabular statement or a copy of it shown to me" [you] last Monday, to enable me [you] to obtain a statement of the facts from General Balloch," I reply that for the purpose indicated it is not necessary that I should comply with your request, for the reason that by calling at the offices of the Second and Third Auditors
you can gain access to the accounts of General Bacon, from which were furnished to this Department, the figures, certified by disburseman officer Bacon, showing the amounts on deposit in the Treasury of the United States and other depositories. In a similar way, by calling at the office of the Treasurer of the United States you can obtain the figures, as reported to this Department, showing the amounts actually on deposit to the credit of the disbursing officer.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]

Secretary of War.
Dec 26 1873.

Gen Howard

Dear Sir:

There will be a meeting of the Trustees of the University at Prof. Barbour's office tomorrow P.M. at 1 o'clock. It is very necessary that you be present and have there my letter addressed to the Board.

Today, if convenient to you I am so well and that I could see you and converse with you in words to such matters as you would bring to my attention.

Yours truly,

J. M. Langston
Millford May 26th 1875

My dear Cousin

I have been thinking so much of you & your case since the publication of the Dec 22nd letter, I should have written you had I not been sick for the past two weeks with cold which settled on my lungs & kept me in bed 10 days. I hope to be back in a few days now. I am surprised at that letter what was the object. There was no change in it. I think you can be held responsible for all still many of the papers will agree with you, but some of them think I have done none of them think I have published anything in your defence but most of them (that I have seen) condemn you.
on the strength of the letter what makes the line pitch into you so hard. Did your letter last year make Vincent 
mad. (I was compelled to it) I have been down to the sea shore for the last 18 months to have been such of the way. I know what caused it the fifth of the war regiments. I am asked repeatedly what it means and to explain the way the country was paid so much was done by your 2nd 3rd 
been. I was not present to and I try to about why your troubles have occurred. The occasion of your troubles, I am 
glad that you have lifted just. Do not write a single letter that can put into point over your own dignities wait and when your friends find in what a beast of a

done let them do it. I hope Fannie will not feel this new trouble too much. I wish I could be if some service to you, my heart goes out to you full of sympathy and devotion. If your letters in one of the ways any way of no money, your letter to the chairman of the military board was just the thing. It was

problem in the army. I found 1 last week. I have not seen it in any other place. I am going to have a friendly word and send upon your a day of your friends, who feel a deep interest in your then will want to be informed just now the matter is and if you can find time to write me a
write me care nicely

William Talbot & Co. No.

& Central Wharf Boston

map. I shall be there

(in B) until the 2nd of July

from

Yours,

Perry
Auburn, Maine Dec 26, 1878

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

My Dear Brother

I know you will pardon me, a comparative stranger, whom you may have forgotten, for intruding myself upon your attention, but I can hardly resist penning a few lines of sympathy which has followed you in all your fortunes since my last acquaintance with you. We all feel that you deserve one warrented sympathy, and prayers, and the Calumny which has been heaped upon you by the enemies of the oppressed. And as these have from time to time come to our ears, the involuntary prayer has gone up to our Common Father to sustain, cheer, and comfort your heart. Let me assure you, Mr. Wm. that amidst all these severe trials, by the love of religion, and may I not say of humanity, which have seemed to seek for opportunities to injure you, your fame, and christian manhood, we have never for a moment lost one confidence in you, or the belief that you would...
emerge from them all triumphantly. We can
only hope that the record of the faithful
has been sealed. But now, that it has
come from another source, have we
less confidence in your entire vindication,
but believe you will triumph in your
struggle, as you have always in the past
and some forth before your companions.
and the Christian Church which is watch
you with such tender interest, with from
Truth and Christian manhood untarnished.

It is painful to see so often in the public
press, which can so mislead the public
opinion, threats at "Christian Stenographers"
though they were nearer above all others.
But we believe that God will cause
this "worthy of man" praise him" and
the crown which sometimes seems to rest
on his chosen ones, will but be the hint
of a brighter day. We thank God that he has
given you such a fruits to meet these trials.
I am sure you that the Church of which
you were once a member, share with me in the feeling I have expressed,
and that you have your prayers, that God can
overrule all these things for his own glory
in your own advancement in the divine life.
It may interest you to know that the
Revd. Mr. Smith is preparing fully to
the labor of our new Pastor, Rev. Mr. Turner
a graduate of Yale and Andover. He
was installed in Oct. last and has proved
even better than our hopes.

Please say to them
dear children whom I so well remember
as members of our S.S. that I often think
of them as I stand before the school, and
I pray God that in early life they may love
and serve their Father God. Savior

Mrs. Cott, permits with me in her kindest regards to
yourself and Mrs. Howard. Again commending
you to our common Father, praying that
He will give you grace to bear all those
trials, and at least bring us all home
where “there shall be no more sorrow, no
crying, nor any more pain.” I subscribe
myself

Gene Fraternally

Mr. F. Cott
Geneva, N.Y. Dec 26th, 1873.

My dear General Friend,

While so many are siding with your accusers & the press is assailing you with its bitter invectives, I wish to express to you my Christian sympathy & my abiding confidence.

Whatever may have been the sins committed in your department, I believe that the investigation will prove you wholly free from any moral stain or complicity therein.

Trusting that the sincerity of these expressions may so outweigh the obscenity of their origin, as to afford you some little comfort.
Very truly yours,

A. Merrill

Geneva, N.Y.
Dec. 20th 73.

Merrell & Co.

Does not side with the Accusers said. Dec. 29, 1873.
Washington D.C., Dec 26th 1873

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

Dear Sir:

In conversation with you a few weeks ago, you asked me, if I could explain the reason for the difference between the amount laid Collock reported in his account current as in the office treasury, and the amount annually there. I told you at the time that I would do that very easily, and remarked what I thought caused any great difference.

Since then I have examined several of the accounts current to see if I was correct in my statement to you, and found I was in the general.

The following are the reasons. When the certificates were read from the auditor they were
Taken up by General Balloch's Books as Cash. As these accumulated they were
signed and sent to the Pay Master, after
examination (I suppose in that Department)
a check was sent Genl. Balloch, for the
amount, on the Actt. Treasurer at New York
on the N.Y. Treasurer, and by him at
and deposited at the place on which it was
drawn. Sometimes the certificates sent to
the Pay Master we would receive no check
for, for some time. I think much of the
time they owed us $150,000 to $200,000.

In making up the Account Current at the
end of a month the Clerk having that in charge
would come to me and laying his account
Current before me, say, 'What is the Balance due
the United States deposited?' Keeping a statement
of daily balances with all the depositaries where
Joint Rations left undue, except the U.S. Treasury.
would give him the amount in each of the places, the certificates on hand he took from his own records and the balance I told him to put in the U.S. Treasury. The certificates in the hands of the Pay Master, money in hands of Agents and disbursing officers, where checks were sent with vouchers, and partial payments on Contracts were included in this amount.

You may wonder why he (Capt. B.) kept no daily statement of amounts with the Pay Office, but that is easily explained when I inform you that we only kept a daily statement with the other depositories to prevent overdrawings and because I thought that there would be a large balance at all times in the U.S. Draw. You know the relation I continued to hold. I located in Aug. 1865 when I entered the office until my discharge by the Secretary of War on
the 20th June 1872, that of Confidential Clerk. I don't think a check was drawn by him or in his office, but what I know is that a few forgeries and after my return from them, had to check off the different bank ages so I would have been likely to notice any unusual check and have stopped inquiry about the same. I am happy to say I never discovered such a one and never had any suspicion aroused but what the matter was interdictory explained.

Yours Respectfully,

[Signature]

(Copy) E. Werry.
Terry, S. A.

Concerning the alleged discrepancies within [inaudible] Ballock's accounts current and the U. S. Reutter's statements.