Treasury Department,  
Second Comptroller's Office,  
Dec 7 25th 1873.  

Gen. O. C. Howard,  
Late Com. Bureau R. T. H. L.  

General,  

A communication from the Secretary  
of War to the Secretary of the Treasury respecting  
discrepancies in Gen. Belknap's accounts between  
the sums reported by him as on deposit at certain  
dates, and the sums certified by the Treasurer and  
Chief Treasurer of the U.S., has been referred to me  
for such action as may be necessary.  

A list of these discrepancies has been furnished,  
and I will hear any explanation that you or  
Gen. Belknap may wish to present on Monday  
next, at 11 A.M.  

Very respectfully,  

W. M. Judah  
Comptroller.
Worcester, Mass. Dec. 27, 1873

To Mr. Howard, Washington.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Frank W. Page, who is in the regular army (our own lost), is an applicant for an important position in our Co. I refer you to your former knowledge of his character & reliability. Will you do me the favor to write me what you know of him?

Yours truly,

I. D. Jones

Agent of Agencies S.M.L.I. Co.

Worcester
Treasury of the United States
Washington D.C., Dec. 27th, 1873

Sir:

In reply to your verbal request, to be furnished as soon as practicable, with an abstract of moneys to the credit of yourself, Mr. H. Balloch, and J. W. Brown, disbursing officers of the late Bureau of Refugees Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, with the Treasurer U.S. Act-Treasurers U.S., and National Banks designated as Depositories U.S., at the close of each month from March 1867 to June 1872. I have to say, that your request will be complied with, but that it will probably take into weeks to complete the papers.

Very respectfully,

F. &. Spinner
Treasurer U.S.

Major Gen. A.O. Howard, U.S.A.
Washington, D.C.
A. Expiniter to Gen. Howard in regard to abstract of manifests to the credit of Geo H. Gun Ballcock & Maj. Know. They met an
unrushed.
To:

Mr. A. D. Howard, U.S.A.

Sir:

In reply to your verbal request, made this morning, that you be furnished from the records of this office with a tabular list, from the accounts of Capt. Ring, late Capt. W. Balloch, late chief D. A., Bureau A. H. and A. D., of all money deposited by him in the U.S. Treasury and in designated depositories, from January 1st, 1877, to October 1st, 1879. I have the honor to state that it will not be possible to prepare the abstract upon require, by the 31st inst., as its preparation would occupy at least ten or twelve days.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Allan Rustingford

Auditor
McKinley's Official Letter

To: Assistant Secretary of War

From: Secretary of War

Subject: Statement of Accounts

Date: July 19, 1873

Statement of Accounts:

- Please submit a statement of account.
- This is due in 12 days.

Sincerely,

Secretary of War

D.C.

P.S.

July 27, 1873

Assistant Secretary of War
War Department,
Adjutant General’s Office,

Washington, D.C., December 27, 1873

Brig. Gen. O. O. Howard, U.S.A.
Late Commissioner Bureau R. R. & A. D.
Washington, D.C.

General:

In connection with previous correspondence respecting deficiencies in the records of the late Bureau R. R. & A. D., with especial reference to the specific correspondence in regard to those pertaining to the late disbursing office at New Orleans, La., I have the honor to inform you of the procurement on the 15th instant from the Agent of the Baltimore & Ohio R. R. in this city, of two boxes containing books, records, &c., pertaining respectively to the above named office and that of the late disbursing office at Louisville, Ky.
The statement that a box of records was at
the depot in this city, made verbally by Captain
Sladen, of your staff, a few days ago, led to
inquiry, in answer to which a letter, of which
the enclosed is a copy, was received from the
agent of the R.R. Co. in this city.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Thomas W. Linnet
Assistant Adjutant General.
Geo S. Stotz
Gene. Agent

Matthew Hale
Cachier
Balt. & Ohio Railroad Company
Agent's Office
Washington D. C. Dec 23 1873
Adjutant Gen U. S. A.
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir,

Yours of this date to hand in reply would say there are two boxes at this Depot consigned to A. P. Howard from Baltoro one arrived April 26 1872 & the other May 9th 1872 freight on both being June 27th Dols $9 25 E. Gen Howard has been duly notified of the arrival of property several times but as yet has failed to remove same. Your early attention is solicited

Very respectfully,
Geo S. Stotz
Gen. Agent

Per A. Deming
O. C.
Official copy

Thomas M. Freeman
Assistant Adjutant General

War Department

A E O Dec 27 1873

[Handwritten text, partially legible]
Exmouth, La.
December 27, 1873

My dear friend Gen. [illegible]

I have seen with a great deal of pain your arrangement for Congress on matters connected with the administration of the late Bureau. Possibly the matter causes you no anxiety but I know how discouraging such treatment must be to you after the years of toil and study you have given to the vast and varied interests which were connected with the position of Commissioner. There is no person of even common intelligence but what must admit the wise, estimated value and meaning of
The legislation that created the Freedmen's Bureau not alone to the free population of blacks in the Southern States at large, nor to them as a race newly clothed with all the rights and privileges of citizenship, but fully as much to our entire people of the whole country. The Bureau was the pioneer of these Reconstruction features of legislation that followed soon after and it set the faithful, earnest, patriotic lesson of the "Aegis" of that Bureau that did the main work of bringing the Southern States back into political and civic harmony with the general government, that created and secured a just administration of law, that laid well and firm
Finally, the grand work of industry, aroused indolence, instructed ignorance and destruction passion and rooted prejudices of its venom on fever to do evil. It is not too much to say, that had Reconstruction followed wisely and honestly the paths laid out by Susan Worth, and had been administered from the same high standpoint that governed the labor of the Union officials, we think there would be such satisfactory results to be evidenced by, as history has chronicle in that special direction.

You were the directing Chief of the whole machinery of the
Bureau and in view of the vast good that has been accomplished to work permanent for all time with its beneficent influence, it might have been reasonable and just that you would have treated with more fairness and moderation; with more regard for what you and your for the most part faithful coadjutors have accomplished in the cause of humanity and good government; for the bringing of these poor ignorant farmers to a proper understanding of their true relations; of what they are; the white population around them, and to a true appreciation of their status and obligations.
which no pen can ever fully record or words be found properly to represent its magnitude and importance, its full significance and value, reaching as it will far into the unborn future, as human intelligence can accurately estimate. I wish that George Griswold was living that he might come to your side, as I know that he would have done, and stand by you with his confirmed affection and counsel in this moment of trial, for he would have felt this impugning of the integrity of the Bureau a personal thing, not to you alone, but a cloud of dishonor which would envelop every principal who had been a representative in its work.
and therefore a matter to be met answers and crushed in its very recipecency.

I wish that I might be of some assistance to you, although I judge you will not lack for friends who will feel it a pleasure to come to you with every disposition to serve your best interests. But should anything suggest itself where I can be of any use please let me know.

You must excuse this hasty written note, take it as from the heart and excuse compassion.

With high regard

Your ob[edient] Servant,

A. H. M. Taylor

2nd Febr. 19th Regt. 13th Infantry.
Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute,

Incorporated by Special Act of the General Assembly of Virginia.

OPENED APRIL, 1868.

S. C. ARMSTRONG, Principal.
J. F. B. MARSHALL, Treasurer.

John B. Lacey, Department of Mechanics.
Albert Howe, Farm Manager.

Hampton, Va., Nov. 9, 1871.

My dear Sir:—

The Hampton Singers cannot make any money by concerts, for some months, by singing in the United States. We have tried the ground thoroughly and of late have lost seriously. Necessary to open as soon must do something. I wish you success.
as one of the Committee of Mr. Tenter
appoints for the purpose of taking the
Camphor Students across to England as
soon as possible - say in Feb 74. - Having
noted that we should not interfere
with the Jubilee Singers. They cannot
complain. They are expecting to
return home. They have had England
all to themselves for nearly a year.

Here are many reasons difficult to
in the way – I wish to remain all
can & then see if it will be possible to
say. Please write soon, there's so
true to lose. Am sorry this is
unfortunate but must

With Capt. Wilkinson here, can
we have him?

Yours sincerely,

Please keep this matter a secret, at present.
New York, Dec 29, 1873

Genl. D. Howard
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir,

I wrote you a short time since to which I have expected a reply, not receiving any will you oblige me by acknowledging this note.

Respectfully your
A. Annan
Hartford, Ct Dec 20th 1870

Gen'l C. O. Howard

Dear Sig,

Will you be so kind as to favor me with your autograph on the enclosed card?

Have you got a signature of Gen'l Roseat Anderson that you could spare me? Can you tell of whom I could possibly get one of ? Abraham Lincoln?

Hoping you will excuse me for the extreme care I have taken in addressing you and that you will grant me the favor if possible.

Yours,

Revere Me Sig

Your humble servant

Geo. A. Galley
Dec. 29th 1873

Mr. Geo. A.

P.S. Though I am unable to return...
Fayetteville, Dec. 30, 1873.

Gen. Howard,

Dear Sir:

I write to gain some information relative to the Henderson School House located at Fayetteville. For 3 months a public school has been taught therein, at present there is no school. The colored citizens of the place desire to have a subscription
in said House for the period of 3 months. As the house is dedicated to educational purposes. Have you any objection to its being used for that especial purpose? Again. A Temperance order has been organized "The Band of Hope." Do you object to the order meeting weekly in the house. Hoping to hear from you.
immediately

I remain

Yours truly,

R. J. W. James.
Fayetteville
Dec 29, 1878

James A. B.

 desires to know if you object to a Improvement Society Meeting in the Old Union School House.
Fort Leavenworth

December 29, 1873

Dear General,

Your welcome letter is at hand, I rejoice that you are in so good spirits and have determined to vindicate your honor. I hope you will make your wish now until you are at the head of the Army. A Court of Inquiry can only settle...
the question as indicated by
the recent letter whether
the Board of a Bureau or
Deep is to be held primarily
responsible for the difficulties
of his subordinates. Second
if the person directly responsible
as in the case of major
Punished, has been tried and punished on the head of the Bureau. He held accountable. Third and most important, the Secretary, the
has made the first draft to communicate direct to Congress charging an
officer with disaffection to an office when he knows and admits before the
committee that the officer
mistaken has such received a penny and that the offense has been committed without his knowledge or power to avoid thereby cruelly and unjustly injuring that officer's reputation. The story being at the time an irresponsible person would cause these sentiments, the whole army are in mistrust (if they only knew it) in your course, God bless you.

Your friend,

Nelson A. Miles

USA
Phil. Aug 12, 1873

Dec 29, 73

Dear man from,

I have intended for some time to write you and state to you the unchristian as well as unmanly conduct pursued by certain members of Congress against the freedmen. I am going to use my influence to encourage them not to suffer the 卑微 spirit to be depressed under the weight of allegations they may bring against them, all who have come into conflict with the negroes in the same cause. Holding up the spirit of freedom. It is quite easy to solve the problem that creates so much angry and cowardly feeling towards the negro and the great enterprise in which they are engaged. Educating the young men of color to sit side by side in Congress as senators or representatives with themselves or their sons.(if they ever have any fit to go there) they are alarmed.
The men of this class have fought and
sold as soldiers, capable of giving
speeches on the highest tribunal
of justice, suspected by the best
state
and all good citizens everywhere.
Now it is impossible to break down
the University. Having it, they will not
be able to do it, and these violent dealings
will come down on their own heads.
they care little for Government money and
would not spend it like water if
in their power. It is the College and its
powerful influence, the principle in which
it was erected, that of equal rights to all
at the Everlasting Hills.
I wish you the courage and strength to
I can but believe all will be well. I know
this lovely wife must have her feelings deeply
lacerated. She is thus fully unto the joys
and sorrows and I presume does all in her
power to hold up thy head in hope. I am convinced from my acquaintance with many here who know thee that thou now standest higher in the estimation of the best people in this city than at the present time.

This morning in Company with one of our most hospitable foreigners he remarked after hearing lead the morning popu-

relative to the request of Secretary Beall to furnish her with some important documents regarding the light to the

Chances brought against the which he

promptly rejected, the remarks of the

gentleman were what an outrage, and

this is the feeling that pervades society

here as far as I have learned.

my health has not been good for some

time as well as that of my husband so

we should have been in Washington & this

one funds too have been much lower than

usual as we both find it very difficult to

Collected rents and other disbursements. I have
not been able to furnish them with a sample as you requested but am doing all I can for them as they are many here without any money of support. I much love to my wife and believe me thy loving friend.

R. W. E. Townsend

Ps. My husband joins in kindest regards to you both.

April 8, 1874

Suey Ellott

Samuel E. Orr

July 24, 1879

Suey, Sa.
Chicago,
Dec. 24, 1873.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir,

My attention has been called by my friend Capt. W. C. Wilkinson of your staff, to a certain newspaper report of a meeting of certain Indians of the Chippewa, Sauk, Fox, and other Indians of the plains, respecting the purchase of their lands. I desire to have a copy of the report, if you have one, or if you have any knowledge of the contents of the report, or if you have any knowledge of the proceedings of the meeting, I would be glad to have a copy of the report or to have any information with respect to the same.

The address, I am well aware, was made at my solicitation, with especial reference to helping our Western people to get their ideas of the whole Indian question, and I think it is a matter of information that should be known to all our people. I shall be glad to hear from you at any time.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
the Gov’t by having the facts told before them by one competent to testify. I would
the more anxious to have Capt. Wilkinson
speak upon the subject, because I understand
since my return from a special Commission,
the poet himself, publicly uttering his own
views, found upon consultation that none
of the Capt. quite accorded with my own.

I say then very emphatically, that there
was not a word in the address from the
saying to end, that it be tortured into a
’s’

vilification of army officers, by anyone who
heard what was said. There was not a word
of any sort of criticism upon the officers
Army, high or low, or amongst the policy
stuff. What was said about the neutrality,
most timed against than favoring, was said
as a quotation, very carefully emphasized
as such at the time—If an official as the
Well, who had the best of opportunities for knowing or to the truth of what he said, who made the statement without the slightest reserve. And he same as to Capt. Wright, having left the book for open to Capt. W. W. Very careful to avoid any responsibility for these statements. Hello, appeal attention to that fact. He did not say that the "Moses" said work, but being indubitable did not alike to nor anything of the kind. He cited the fact that they did work in the construction of their new quarters, prove it as a proof that they were competent to become civilized as any other Indians, by means or a set of helpless remondate. He said nothing whatever of the "God Messiah of the Indians," but said he believed they all be reached by Christian influences, stated fact of their interest, as shown in connection with singing, of various devotional Services. He is nothing. Either by word or indication, the effect that of something like the Freedmen's Bureau were established with free Howard at head of it. Whole Indian question to be solved.
Such a statement shows it abundantly true before our eyes that, wholly in the acquisition of whom a person wrote it. If these quotations of Col. W. C. Carter, are samples of the report referred to, I unhesitatingly pronounce the whole thing as a selfish misrepresentation, aimed at prejudicing army officers, the public against both Generals, the policy of the Government, and I take very severe measures in what I believe to be the thorough exposure of what Col. W. E. Eddy and I had in the late corner of the delicate and responsible trust committed to him—shown in this address and his unqualified respect for Commanders of his superior officers, so far as any alluding to them were made.

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully,

Edward P. Godfrey

Porter First Commanding

P.S. I hope to see you at a note to the Sheridan commanding officers on the same points raised above. E. P. G.
Rock Island Ile, Dec. 29, 73

U.S. Engineer Office

Major General O.O. Howard
U.S. Army
Washington D.C.

Dear General:

Allow me to present to you my heartfelt congratulations at the occasion of the change of year.

Be assured that I ever sincerely believe you to be the best and kindest man and trust me, that I would not hesitate one moment to blow up your enemies, if it but lay in my power to apply a burning fuse to the mine whereupon those obnoxious materials might stand. —

It was a necessity for me to write and state the above to you. —

If the form of expression is rather strong
I hope you overlook it on account of my devotion to you.

I am as ever,

your thankful

E. F. Hoffman

late Major, Ada, N.D.C.