Debtors Department,

Third Auditor Office,

Washington, D.C., January 21, 1874

Brig. Genl. A. O. Howard, U.S.A.

Sir:

In reply to your verbal request, I have the honor to inform you that your accounts as Chief disbursing officer, Bureau R.S. and Abandoned Lands, from October 10th, 1871, to June 30th, 1872, have been audited and stated in this bimonthly report to the second comptroller for his official action, and returned to this office correct and closed.

The last settlement made was reported to second comptroller, July 25th, 1872, and returned to this office September 19th, 1872, as "Balanced and closed."

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Very respectfully yours,

Allen Rutherford

Auditor.
February 7, 1874

410 Livingston Street
Brooklyn

End T. C. Howard

Dear Friend,

Your kind note of the 29th, Dec. duly reached me, and we were all very glad to hear from you of the improved health of my Howard, as well as yourself.

I have noticed the trouble you are in, and sympathize with it. Pray for your health, and I trust God will bring you out of it all, with honor both to yourself and your cause. I have never had a doubt of your own integrity as you will know, and it would be a wonderful providence had you succeeded in having an honest administration of all the complicated affairs of the "Homestead Bureau" under so many subordinate officers, but I fear we have not...
always been so careful and
scrupulous as you should have
been in the selection of men to
carry out the details. I still hope
you will come out all right
and all right at last. I have
no doubt you will.
I shall feel interested in hearing
anything from you in relation
to your trial of course. I hope
you will send me any docu-
ments bearing on the case.
Did you see that mean attack
on your Christian character
Point of Constancy as a tailor
by a reporter of the N.Y. Sun.
A week or 10 days since. Not put-
ing to be a conversation with
"Wid. Hooker." I don't believe
Hooker ever made the remark,
attributed to him about you if
he did he ought to be publicly
summoned by me. Therefore for
slandering a Brother Officer
and if not he should be
man enough to come out in
the public print, brandishing the
article as a falsehood.
duplicate their actions respecting
your fellow and own themselves.
Willing to return to the usual
order of practice of Congregational
churches in our land.

I have always heard
you with the utmost care
and say so.

Again to mention my regards
I remain very truly,
your friend.

[Signature]

We are all pretty well, Mrs. T. is
still with us. I thank you for
your remembrance of her and
family with us in all our kind
regards to you, Mrs. Howard.

We are having a very heavy
open winter. I regret it is too
stormy this week on account
of the meetings for prayer and
preventing many from attending.

We are observing the week in
our Conference room daily at
1/2 past 11 P.M., people attend.
Well & seem interested, hope
a blessing will follow.

We have not yet had a Council
and don't know when we shall.
Plymouth Church plays fast & loose
at one time they profess entire
Independency in the next heart;
deny the fellowship of the
Churches, today want a Council
if we shall give them the Print.
And when we give them, they
do not even adhere to them in
their reply, but allege that
The action of our Church led to an impression as to calling our Church Meeting to know what was going on, and the views of the people. It makes us reluctant to have a Council, and say they will not come. What makes the people so embarrasing is that Mr. Whitlatch, who has no church or town correspond, would write me on this subject, and say whether he thinks it would be wise or unwise for our 2 Churches to call a Council in place of the Plymouth Ch. Will not write with me. He wishes an invitation on both sides for his representation on the settlement of this question by Mr. Bache. Stories of Badington, no statement has been made. Mr. Bache did not have an interview with Stories of Badington, but I am positive nothing has been done to change the relations of our Churches toward Plymouth Ch. Mr. Can there be anything they (Plymouth Church) are willing to...
To Gen. O. O. Howard, Washington D.C.
Fort Edward.

W. W. Moeh Jan 9, 1871

My admiration for you is my reason for this writing. I hope you will sympathize with you in the malicious attacks that are being made upon your character. Will you please write me that you may have been made with charges of Sen. Bell. Rev. J. D. Miller.
Treasury Department,
Second Auditor's Office,

January 8, 1874.

Gen'l A. P. Howard

Sir,

In reply to your note of yesterday, requesting a statement as to how your account, as deputy disbursing officer of the Freedmen's Bureau, appeared upon examination for settlement, I have the honor to inform you that, with the exception of a clerical error of thirty-two dollars and fifty-four cents, your account for disbursement, actually made by you,
was correct. That amount having
been turned over by you and a voucher
furnished, you were credited with
it, in the settlement which was sent to
the Comptroller and that in said
settlement, no suspensions were made
against you, during the period
in which you actually disbursed
in your own name.

Very respectfully,

E. P. Finch,
Auditor.
2nd A.O. Horse Dept.
Jan 9th, 1874

E. B. French
Auditor

States that the A.C. of
G. H. as actual D.O.
is correct with Captian
of $37.54 - F.C.
War Department
Washington City.

January 8, 1874.

General O.O. Howard, U.S.A.

Late Commissioner Bureau R.T. and A.
Washington, D.C.

General:

In addition to the Bonds, or U.S. Securities, which have already been the subject of investigation and correspondence, it has, since my letter of the 3rd instant relative to the U.S. Securities costing $334,875.00, been ascertained that in March 1872 you had, on special deposit in the U.S. Treasury, bonds valued at $52,000.00.

Therefore, it has become necessary for me to ask the following information:

1. As to the specific character of the bonds ($52,000.00)
referred to, and the authority for converting funds into the said securities.

2. What was the object of so converting the funds?

3. To what object, or for what purpose were the funds represented by the said bonds applied or used?

4. What amount of interest accrued between the dates of purchase and sale, and what disposition was made of that interest? Also, state date of purchase and date of sale.

5. What increase resulted from the use of the funds represented by the said securities, and what disposition was made of it?

6. Why were not the said bonds referred
to at or before the time General Schriever investigated the $250,000.00 Bond matter.

In addition to the foregoing it is important that I should be informed if any funds of the late bureau were converted into Bonds, or U.S. securities, other than those thus far developed.

If so, I desire a full and complete detailed history of the transactions. If not, an explicit statement to that effect should be made.

Very respectfully,

your obedient servant,

M.P. DeLamar

Secretary of War.
H. W. Belknap
Sec. of War

Wants information as to the peculiar character of bonds $32,000.00: why to convert T & C?

Approved Jan 18th, 1473. B. T. Winship

[Signature]
My dear General,

Your letter of Jan 7. is received.

I have seen Major Coates, and he says you shall hear from him immediately.

Yours very truly,

Geo. Whipple
Cor. Sec'y.

P.S. E. M. H.
New York
Jan. 8th, 1874

Whipple Co.

States that Maj. Jones will be heard from im mediately.
108 HESTER STREET,

New York, Jan. 8th, 1874

Sir,

I have just received your letter of the 7th instant enclosing a list of soldiers whose claims for bounty are reported as paid by me. Receipts for these payments were made in duplicate and both of them were sent to Gen. Hallah C. D. O., and a record, in the form of "Register of Bounty Paid" was kept in my Office at New York. This record I transferred to my successor upon being relieved.

I find it impossible after the lapse of six years to remember from memory alone individual cases of payment. With the vouchers or Register to refresh my memory I could undoubtedly swear to the payments if made by me.

Yours very respectfully,

[Signature]
GEO. W. DYER,
Attorney and Counsellor at Law,
FEDERAL BUILDINGS.
SEVENTH AND F STREETS.
WASHINGTON, D.C. Jan. 9, 1871

Geo. O. O. Howard,
Portland, Oreg.
Dear Sir:

Enclosed
you will find the opinion of the
Attorney General. I will write more
fully in a day or so.

Truly Yours
Geo. W. Dyer.

Mr. O. T.
Branch Office of the
Freedom's Savings and Trust Company


Brig. Gen.
O.O. Howard.
Washington, D.C.

General:

I return your list of Retained Bounty Certificates paid early in 1865, with such affidavit as I can give appended. I recollect most of the names and know they were paid; a vouchers sent Gen. Ballou. But at that time, had not been appointed "Agent," Bu. R. H. A. L., and being only a "Clark" to look after the Bounty & Claim department. For a few months, did not of course retain a voucher, save the one filed in the office. The record was kept in Monthly Report & Lists, and a copy filed in the office, with a triplicate voucher. I do not know what was done with the records & vouchers when Maj. Remington closed his office, but presume they were forwarded to you.

C. H. Bush, Lt. at Charleston, S. C. in the
practice of the law.—Doughty, Doughty, andBeland are in parts unknown, and J. J. (not J. L) Milton to whom I presume you refer, is a clerk in our Norfolk Custom House. If I can be of any service in helping to set the much abused Bureau—or its chief—right before the public, or such portion of the public as need any assurances, I shall be glad to do so.

Yours very respectfully,

[Signature]
Genl O. O. Howard

Sir,

You will greatly oblige me by answering putting in writing your wishes in re. regard to the loan,

I exactly what you proceeded & should do

Very Respectfully

The

Arlington Jan 97