14 January 1874

Major General O.C. Howard
Washington, D.C.

Oscar D. Webster

Referring to your cordial greeting of your letter last week, Edouard Joffre, Ely, and myself, on the occasion of our meeting with you in Washington, I take the liberty of introducing my friend, Mr. R. N. Herst, Esq., Merchant of Fredericton, N.B., a man active in our Improvement Cause.

Any kindness shown him during his stay in your City will confer a favor.

Dear Sir & Brother,

With the highest respect,

Oscar D. Webster

M.M.
St. J. A. Leaden
A.C. U.S.A.

Your favor of the 18th instant received and in reply I would state that I do not
consider it leaving made any disturbance on account of business, while connected
with the Bureau. I am about to leave the city today and will be absent till Saturday on my
return. Since specimens my certain papers and find whether
I made the payment specified
in the statement enclosed with your letter. Dean Spencer
was I understand connected
into the Friedmans saving bank
at Richmond, Va. and who was then Brown's clerk. I am at a loss to give you information relative to these payments.

I shall always be pleased to give him, Howard or yourself, any information or assistance in my power relative to settling these or any of our accounts.

Referring to Bureau affairs in Virginia.

Very respectfully,
your friend,
Geo. W. White
Capt. U.S.A.
States that he does remember that he made any disbursements for bounties. But in any event all papers he may have.

[Handwritten notes and scribbles across the page]
Easthampton, May 14, 1774

Dear Sir,

George C. Strong, son of A. L. Strong Esq. and foster brother of the late Genl. George C. Strong, who died from a wound received in one of the attacks upon Charleston, desires very much to be appointed to West Point, and trusts our President is disposed to give near relatives of deceased officers such positions. If you can properly bring the name of Young Strong & the
notice of the President, the
favor will be greatly appre-
ciated. Gen. Strong was
cared for as a Son by
the Nation of His present
namesake, she was loved
by us all, while he gave
his life that we might have
a country. It would
be pleasant to know that
a near kinsman, bearing
his name was in the same
service.

With Kind regards,
Your Truly
E. A. Stenger

Gen. O. O. Howard
Washington
Easthampton
Jan 14 - 74
Lawyer EH

Request the Gt. 

to use his influence 

to have Geo. Strong 

approached to West Pond 

and Jan. 26, 1874.
My dear Friend,

I am sick in bed and am writing under very unfavorable circumstances. But I have thought we much of thee and the difficulties thou art laboring under. I could not feel satisfied without sending thee a small sum—use it for the destitute in the Universities. Thou art perhaps aware that we mean Educate any for any for the Ministry. I know Thou wii use it rightly.

I am sending many things to the absent people. Love to thy wife.

Most affectionately,
Thy friend, W. W. Townsend.

My husband has just come out to procure the Dig. Jo.

His kind remembrance to Russell and wife.
Depot Quartermaster's Office,

Washington, D.C., February 14, 1874

Brig. Gen. O.O. Howard, USA

Washington, D.C.

General,

I have the honor to enclose hereinafter for your signature requisition and receipt for articles outlined to reach your Office 1705 G St. Please sign and return the same to this Office.

Very respectfully,
Your Obt. Servant,

[Signature]

Depot Quartermaster

Brig. Gen. [Name]

2 Enc.
Jan. 15th, 1874.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir,

I am under many obligations, & return you sincere thanks for your proffered testimony in favor of my claim, & for the truly kind letter which denotes you a friend — yes a friend in need. I should have written you thus a week ago but my mind has been so disturbed — absorbed in my unhappy present as to prevent the proper discharge of any duty.

My lawyer, Col. Jos. Segar of Wash. D.C. failed to present my claim at the time he promised, & I am left in doubt as to when he
I have learned he is a drinking man. As such, he may delay my business too long to accomplish anything. There is no convenient place for me to stay in Wash. & I can not afford to board there; therefore am completely at his mercy. As I said it would be necessary for me to appear before the Congress Committee & if so, I should be highly grateful to have you appear in my behalf.

Could my claim have been acted upon during the early sitting of Congress, it would now be in my power to prevent the sacrifice of my farm, but in consequence of my having no means in hand to lift the mortgage of $2500.00, resting on B-8-7-8. The creditors have notified me of their intention to sell it next
month at auction. She thought never the less it would create a very large sum. If sold now, it will barely bring $80 per acre. When five years ago, it would have brought $150 per acre. Had I any support, I could better relinquish the farm, but I have not enough to clothe, much less board me.

I applied to Mr. W. W. Corcoran, to assist me, I probably would have been aided, but his private secretary thought proper to answer me according to his own views.

You will please pardon my selfishness in pouring my sorrows into your care. It will the better enable you to represent my cause when an opportunity offers.

I wrote to Col. Fred. D. Sullen and Capt. Richard Cross, brother of Col.
Segar for proper direction. He has neither received those nor other letters addressed Union officers on the subject of my claim that alone can be accounted for on the part of his Col. D. interference.

Would you consider me unreasonable if I should ask the favor of you to address Col. Sewall a postal card requesting a certificate letter in favor of my claim? I am so depressed have driven in vain so long I am unequal to any farther effort to help myself. If I should ever be presented to anyone in fashionable life it will give me pleasure to make the acquaintance of Mrs. Howard. I have letters to Genl's Miles, Tyler & John B. Davidson but have had no answers. Present me kindly to your brother. I believe me to be truly your most obedient servant.
Jan. 15, 1874,

General Howard,

Dear Friend:

I have a special request to make of you which I trust you will find it convenient to grant. I have, in consequence of my making preparation for marriage at note in the Second National Bank which is due to-morrow. This note is for $90.00. The fact that I have to ask is that you will loan me nine dollars ($9.00) for twenty days. I would not under any consideration fail to meet my obligation, and if you can possibly accommodate me I shall remain forever obliged. If you can send it now, you may do so by the bearer.

Respectfully,

[Signature]
Gene, Mr. Howard

Sir,

The gentlemen from Phila. about whom are concerned, request to this
hand on Wednesday next. If the copying on whereby
doan is required over your
private residence and
think it comes the effici-
sed without accounting the
arrive of this gentlemen

Yoursly,
I. D. Reenwedge

Feb. 15, 1874
Macl. 20
July 15, 1874
Pallone of
States that the gentle-
man about whom we were
calling was one of those
in Midland.
Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir:

I enclose to you a circular which will give you some information in regard to a work in which I am engaged with several other gentlemen. I wish to obtain for this work an article giving a succinct account of the operations of the Freedman's Bureau, and no person in the United States, is so entirely competent to give such a history as yourself. The work is destined to have a very wide circulation throughout every state.
in the union, and it will be an excellent channel for diffusing information among the people. The article will not be needed before the middle of March, and I hope you may find it practicable without interfering too much with your other duties to prepare it. As the plan of our book proposes to furnish facts rather than opinions and arguments, it is therefore limited in extent. We do not desire the article to be long, but to give the essential points in the history of this interesting and useful institution.

Please inform me at
your earliest convenience
whether you will be able
to prepare the article de-
sired. And if this should
not be the case, will you
have the goodness to refer
me to some one who is
competent and who may
be willing to do it.

Yours truly,

A. B. Barnard,
Resident Editor-in-Chief

Dr. Dr.
New York
July 15, 1874

Barnard F.A.P.

Herein some facts
Concerning Freedmen's
Bureau.

April 22nd, 1874
War Department
Washington City

January 15, 1874

General C. O. Howard, E.G.T.
Late Com. Gen. of P.H. C.S. A.

General

Your communication of the 16th inst., relative to the bonds
issued at $2,000, resulting from
investment under authority of
Sec. 8, of the Act of July 16, 1866,
(War Department G.O. 61, of 1866)
has not advised me that ac-
counts covering the said bonds,
and the accrued interest, were
already rendered to the accounting
officers. Therefore, I have to
ask if such was the case?
If not, you will please transmit to me one of each of the original vouchers, to be accompanied by the school bills or sub-vouchers, on which the transfers, or payments, were made.
The financial reports of the late Enravee, from 1866 to 1879, inclusive, do not embrace the said funds, and as the records pertaining to it were not transferred to the Assistant General of the Army, they
Should, now, be forwarded, thus to be tendered, attainable, to this department, information, not now furnished; by the records, of funds derived from the sale of "property of the United States," and, therefore, funds of the United States.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

[Signature]

Secretary of War.
2 P.M. Thursday, 15 January 1874.

Genl. O.O. Howard

U.S. Army.

General

I failed to see you yester-
=day, although I waited at the
place appointed, until 2 P.M.

I mention this, solely, to let
you know I did not neglect it.

Failing again to day to find
you, permit me, respectfully,

To request that you will have
the kindness to go with me
tomorrow forenoon, if convenient,

to the Secty. of the Interior.

I beg to assure you, that
amine if a most pressing case, as I believe you yourself consider it, should I (which doubtless I will) be there before you arrive, I will be in Room 135 (Sand Office) in the west corridor, first floor, the second door on the left hand side as you enter the 9th door from the left.

Not being able to see you this pm, I state the above hoping you will excuse me for appointing the place of meeting.

Sam General, Corp. Resdy.

C. O. F. Ser't.

Henry S. Armstrong, M.D.