

Howard University
Washington, D.C.,
Feb. 2. 1874,

Genl. O. O. Howard,
Dear Sir:

The bearer,
R. S. Smith, member of the
Senior Class Preparatory,
is very severely straitened
in his money matters. He
owes for some two or three
months board - is in pres-
ent need of articles of
clothing, besides paying
in advance for his board,
if he stays in school.

What can you do for
him in the way of writing
for you? How much will

It all amount to, probably?
Could you advance him
enough to meet his present
pressing necessities?

He has not yet been
into school this term - is
very much discouraged.
You know, perhaps, that
he is a very worthy young
man, & a superior scholar.
It seems necessary
that he should know
precisely what you can
do for him now, & here
after.

Very Truly Yrs
C. S. Richards

All Official Letters to this Office must be addressed to the "Second Comptroller of the Treasury," and in replying to Letters from this Office the marginal initials should be referred to.



Treasury Department,

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Second Comptroller's Office,

Feb 4 . 1874.

Sir,

As requested by you I transmit herewith copy of my endorsement on the letter of the Secretary of War, in relation to Genl. Balloch's accounts, of Dec 31, 1873.

Very respectfully
Your obt servt

M. P. [Signature]

Comptroller

Genl. O. O. Howard }
Wash - D. C. }

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Treas. Dept.
Second Comptroller's Office
Feb. 4. 1874

Barred head, Jm.

Enclose copies of his
endorsement - upon the letter
of the Secy of War concerning
the alleged discrepancies between
Genl. Balloch's account current
and the Treasury statements.

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Copy

base of Geo. W. Balloch, late Disbursing
officer, Bureau R. F. & H. L.

On the letter of the Secretary of War to the
Secretary of the Treasury, in regard to a
discrepancy in the amount reported by
Gen. Balloch as on deposit with the Treas-
urer U. S. and the amount as reported
by the Treasurer - referred to the Comptroller
by the Secretary of the Treasury, for such
action as was necessary, the Comptroller
made the following endorsement.

Respectfully returned to the Secretary of
the Treasury, with the papers.

The discrepancies noted by the Secy. of War
in Gen. Balloch's accounts are explained
by Mr. Terry, Gen. Balloch's clerk whom I
called before me - as follows:

"The following are the reasons: when the
certificates were rec^d from the Auditor, they
were taken up on Gen. Balloch's books as cash.
As these accumulated they were signed, and
sent to the Paymaster, and after examination,
I suppose, in that department, a check was
sent

sent to Gen. Balloch for the amount, on the Asst. Treasurer New York, or the U. S. Treasurer, and by him at once deposited at the place on which it was drawn. Sometimes the certificates sent to the Paymaster we would receive no checks for for some weeks. I think much of the time they owed us \$150.000 to \$400.000. 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 - "Where is the balance due the U. States deposited?" Keeping a statement of daily balances with all the Depositories where Gen. Balloch had funds, except the U. S. Treasury, I would give him the amounts in each of the places, the certificates on hand he took from his own records & the balance I told him to put in the U. S. Treasury."

The certificates in the hands of the Paymaster, money in the hands of Agents and Disbursing officers where the checks were not sent with the vouchers, and partial payments on contracts were all in -

cluded in this amount." After hearing Mr. Gerry's statement, I took at random three or four of the accounts on the list & examined them by Mr. Gerry's books, which sustained his explanation. In fact it is well known, at least to all the accounting officers of the government, that at almost any given date there would be a discrepancy between the balance charged by the accounting officers and that reported by the Disbursing officer. For instance, the Auditor & Comptroller sign today a requisition in favor of a Disbursing officer for \$10,000. In stating the account of that officer he is charged with the money as of the date of the requisition, though days, & sometimes weeks elapse before he actually receives the money. Of course, if he were called upon during the intermediate time to report his balance there would be a discrepancy of \$10,000 between the treasury statement, & his own. There is hardly an account of any magnitude in which such discrepancies do not arise, and they furnish no presumption of fraud or even irregularity.

irregularity. If the officer keeps and renders his accounts as required by law, furnishes satisfactory vouchers for the disbursements alleged to have been made, and turns over any balance in his hands when directed to do so by proper authority, it is all that is required in the settlement of his accounts.

To verify and explain seriatim all the discrepancies on the list sent by the War Dept. would probably be a work of some weeks & I do not see how General Balloch's final balance would then be in any way affected. That, as I have before said depends on his accounting by legal and proper vouchers for all the public money disbursed by him. The difference between the sums placed in his hands and the sums thus accounted for constitutes the balance.

2d Comp^y Off. }
Dec. 31, 1873. }

J. M. Brodhead,
Comptroller.

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P.S. Little Nina is better
I wish soon we were all
happy - She had a cough -
with lung & much
fever

C. H. HOWARD & Co.,

Publishers.

Dear Bro

OFFICE OF THE ADVANCE

Nos. 151 and 153, Fifth Avenue.

Chicago, Feb 14

My dear and dear

Advance to Grace - ^{Without stopping yours} You see
by enclosed how the Ch Tribune
puts your case? Were you
1. "disappointed" with the final
action?

2. Is Robinson giving much time to
our matter? January & Decem-
ber were the harvest months for
newspapers - What is the trouble?

3. Is it there a couple ad^t to be had
for us? I see the Freedmen's Savings
Bank advertisements in the Christian Union.
The Dean Ad^t is all I have from
Washington - I have suggested Mrs.
Ames for one letter a month at a great
price - but she is so popular it will, I trust,

Over "Bible Studies"
White School of all
denominations - I am
disappointed that I can not
have done in Washington than
elsewhere to improve them -

for Chicago Allentment.

4. Did you see Rev. S. T. Spear's long article in the Independent on the proposed Civil Rights measure - He seems to be right but I wish I could have a reply reciting facts and giving an eloquent argument - or appeal to have the Constitution amended - if there is nothing to warrant the interference of the general government when the States fail to protect individual citizens in their rights & ordinary privileges - If you could get some full of illustrative facts & give them graphically I believe you could write me such an article - If you could
4. I wish ^{Mr.} Sumner would - Would it do any good for you to see him I have already written him to contribute & he did not answer -
- May would you write more - What is the hinder - I will pay for whatever they will consider your own name or as editorials
- With love to all - Affectionately C. H. Howe

at last. you will hear the joyful
words. Well done, good and faithful
servant &c. I longed to speak to
you at the concert last evening
and so every week - a "God bless
you" but I could not, but I should
show my feelings to strangers.
I shall watch with deep interest
coming events, but whatever the
result may be. it's not all of life
to live. nor all of death - to die."

At last I try to think of it.
God comfort you as only He can
and bring you out into the clear
bright sunshine of His presence.
where is light and love forever.

If I hear of you in any city where
I am I shall feel privileged to
speak to you.

With sincere respect and kind wishes
I remain your friend Louise Hoar.

Washington Feb 5th 1874
Honored Teacher.

I find myself unable to
leave Washington this evening with-
out coming to the solitude of my
room. To express to you my heart-
felt gratitude for being led, acci-
dentally to a place in your S. S. Class.
For years I had not been in a school
and the instructions and warnings
dropped from your lips have rung
in my ears ever since. I only regret
that weeks ago I had not found
this open way. Travelling constantly
the past two years. seeking rest, and
finding none, trying to forget the
dreadful past, and ever looking
at the future not without dread.
Yet surrounded by every thing that
usually renders life happy: scarcely
knowing from childhood an comfort

went into your class,
hesitate, & in distrust, dreading lest
I had placed myself in a class. Look-
ing around, not a face ever seen
before, I was surprised at your
entrance, and more still to be met
as friend to friend. The subsequent
God blessed ^{your} turned the whole current
of my thoughts. I had seen dear
in almost every form the past six
years. Sister Porter Brother's sister
Lover - all laid under the turf -
or what we called garden with-
tender care. For one who has seen so
many years I felt baptised with
a sorrow keen, and which could
not be appreciated by those to whom
sorrow is only a name. But in the
class I listened here more living
sorrows as well as dead ones.
I asked my dear Teacher I could
give you one little crumb of comfort
during these coming days. I can
but say its "more blessed to give than to receive"

and surely you must be blessed in the
teachings you give others. Tho sometimes
the lesson seemed a bitter pill, yet
the plain searching truth, such as I
seldom hear - is doing its intended
work. If there is another world
your crown will have many stars
as the result of kind but faithful
words. And kind words to a stricken
heart are "like apples of gold in pic-
tures of silver" Matt 23: Cap 40 be
And where ever my lot is cast, either
in Montreal - or more likely my couch
drive me to France, one of the dearest
memories of this city - are in connection
with that class with you as teacher,
and in the future when other scenes
pass before me, your words of com-
fort will follow and strengthen
me in the trials and daily temptation
through which my path leads.
God bless you a thousand fold
both in your family, and among
your many friends. I know if
we never meet again that some

Howard University
Feb. 6th 1874

Dear Sir.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee, held on the 4th inst it was voted, "to direct the Treasurer to request you to pay the balance due on "Strip of land, (part of Howard Avenue) in order "to enable the University to meet liabilities "incurred on account of such sale."

In accordance with their instructions I make the request, & will say that four hundred dollars (\$400.⁰⁰) now, and the remainder during the month of March, will afford the relief desired.

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant
J. B. Johnson
Treasurer

Gen. O. O. Howard
Murray Hill

Harvard University
Feb. 6. 1874

Johnson J. P.

States that a meeting
of Ex. Committee - it was
voted that you pay the
balance due on emuland.
And also that \$400 - will
be due now.

Check drawn
for \$400. Feb 9. 1874
in favor of James
B. Johnson, Treas.

Harvard University

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Peckskill, N.Y.
July. 6, 1874

My dear General:

I have
put you down for
Thursday, March 26th, on the
Battle of Gettysburg, on the blackboard.

Will send you programme
when out. Have the
Hampton papers, March 5th.

Very truly yours,
John D. Thompson.

Peekskill, N.Y.
Feb. 6th 1874

Thompson J. B.

States that the
Lead- is expected
to speak - on
March - 26 -

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Plattsmouth, Nebraska,

July 6th

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Genl O. O. Howard
Washington D.C.

Dr Sir

Yours of the 29th Jan'y, with remittance of \$156³ to pay taxes was duly recd. Enclosed I have you tax acct for 1873 amounting to \$297.80

My charge 1.00
Total \$30.28

This you will observe leaves a balance due me of \$14.55 which you can remit. This discrepancy occurred by the land being assessed in forty's, and my clerk in taking off the amt. from the tax books got but half the land, or the taxes thereon.

Yours truly
L. D. Bennett

William H. D. H. H.
Feb. 15/74.

Sennett L. L.

Enclosed receipt for
tax, amounting to
\$29.20 for 1873.

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Rumney Hospital

Worthington D 6 Feb 8th 1874

Ed Howard Dear Sir

Will you please let me do that
work for you as soon as I
get out of here I have no
work on hand and I can
not get out of the Hospital
to look after any I can
get tools to do your work
and would be glad to do it
if you wish to have it done
Will you please write
me a note at this Hospital
St John ward

I think I will be able
to work the first of next
week

Very Respectfully Yours
William Le Brown

Washington, D.C.
Feb. 6, 1874

Brown W. L.

Wants work.

Mr. Cole wishes to be
remembered
affectionately
to you and
all your family.
E. C.

Chicago, ¹¹ M. C. 4th 1844.

My dear son,

I was very happy to get
your last letter but not having
it with me cannot send it directly
but can write you without it, a letter
from Grace to Charles came to hand
Wednesday evening we all lament
the case of Eliza Smith, but still
hope for the best, I ask Charles
if he had changed the direction of
your paper to Bussar, and said
No, he had directed one to her
but you and Eliza Smith must keep
yours, and further said this could
earn ten dollars for him in an
hour if he was a mind to, and
that he might write an editorial
for him if he was a mind to, this

this was said in haste of course,
and I take the responsibility of
placing it on paper, but Charles
evidently expects you will send him
something worthy of a Christian
at heart, for his paper, Charles is
not well and is over working,
it is plain to be seen, and is trying
to bring the paper to a high Christian
standard, and is paying very
high for what fills his paper, the
baby Anna, recovering, a darling
little girl, andottie wees her eyes more
than she has for a year and I trust
with care, may yet be able to write
a letter, They had letters from
Abraham and Mrs. Riggs this week, they
are well, full of trust and hope,
I am at Mr. Coles, where I was

specielly invited. undahent I
find Mr and Mrs John Kimball
and their son John arrived
last Friday they are to board
with the Coles at present &
I came yesterday with Charles
we have a snow storm this
morning I fear I shall not
attend noon prayer meeting at
^{this} noon as I intended I often hear
from H. B. H. and this week
had a picture of the three boys
on one card, true to life, the
last picture from Washington
near Harrys a butiful one I had
it framed, I intend to get a frame
for this of my L., C. and Frank.
I hope Lizzie is well and strong
by this time that Kimbal heard
at her sisters, that Lizzie was looking
quite thin and pale this winter

Give much love to her and all
the children, dont under value
yourself my son because of
the false accusations, of knavish
polititians, you are widely
known and honoured, Press forward
to the prize of the high calling
as it is in Jesus" you have many
praying friends, and you are
yet a young man" no wonder
that you feel all these things, dont
they ^{compare} ~~but~~ ^{lightly} ~~with~~ ^{the joys}
~~that~~ ^{await} ~~with~~ ^{all} those who are
passing along in presence of
their savior, I hope Guy is doing
well and will be a useful
Christian man through life

Affectionately
your Mother
C. C. Howard Eliza Gilmore

New York, Cor. 4th Avenue and 23d Street.

Bro. J. D. Howard, February 7, 1874

Dear Brother

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The members of the Committee have felt for many years the importance of conference between those more prominently interested in Association work under circumstances allowing greater opportunity for deliberation than is afforded in the general conventions. The call for a meeting of this kind is now imperative. The work entrusted to the Committee has never been so fruitful and full of promise as during the past seven months. But it now urgently demands special consideration in respect both to its methods and the means for carrying it on.

N Y Feb 7. 74

Before taking any - decisive
action we desire conference with
some of the oldest and ablest
friends of the cause

The Brethren of Harrisburg Pa
have kindly offered to entertain those
coming to the conference

The time fixed on is
March 11th & 12th

Please inform us at
once if you can be present and
give counsel in reference to
important and decisive measures

Yours fraternally
Cephas Brainerd
Ch. Ex. Com



Alvina
Congressional Record
Anti-Sumner
Civil Rights
Bill.

James Dwyer

Wm. H. Mason, Jr.
Feb 8-1874

New Haven Conn.
Feb 8th 1874

Dear Father. If you can
get them, I want very much
to have all the Congressional
Record numbers that contain
any thing on Sumner's Civil
Rights Bill, which was
introduced about the 1st Jan.
as my Class dispute is
on it & my turn for speaking
is on Saturday or Wednesday week.
I should like to have the full account

of the debate on your case, &
also the Records containing
Senator Carpenters speech
on the La. Affairs & what
other ones on the same
subject you can easily get.
for cutting of our class, as
that is his subject. ~~Also~~

Mrs French is going on to
Washington this week to visit
at Mr. Wm Baldwin on K St.
& said that she would hurry
on if she thought Mrs. Webb
was still at our house. Love
to all from
Your affectionate son
Wm Howard

Thomasville Ga
Feb. 8th 1874

James - Horace -
States that he has
sent his clerk to
look for receipts re-
quested.

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Thomasville, Georgia,
Feb. 8th 1874

Genl. O. C. Howard,

My dear Sir,

Your

letter informing me more
particularly what you wish
is received at this place,
where I shall remain for
some weeks or months, and
I have sent on to my late
clerk L. P. Merriam of Nor-
wich Ct. to go to Greenwich
Ct. and overhaul my retain-
ed papers and see if he
can find any such receipts

coming from Genl. Bullock
as you speak of. If he
can find any he will for-
ward copies direct to you-
self. If therefore you re-
ceive none, you may safe-
ly conclude that none are
in my possession. I have
not kept my good care
of my retained papers.
I trust, Dear Genl., that
the God whom we serve
will bear you safely through
the new trials which impend
and show you to be the true
man your friends by thousands

and ten thousands believe you
to be. With profound respect
and more than fraternal affec-
tion, I am ever faithfully
yours,
Wm. L. Garrison.