

Richmond Va.  
Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> 1874.

O'Neal J. C.

Desires the influ-  
ence of the Gen. in  
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Richmond Va  
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Myer Genl  
O O Howard

My Friend

There will be a vacancy  
in the Post Office in Alexandria  
in a short time, it is an appo-  
intment made by the President  
are you on terms with the Presi-  
dent that would justify your  
introducing my name for said  
place if so please do that for  
your fast friend, with any other  
influence you can control, for  
this appointment is by Washington  
Influence very much so,  
I think President Grant knows me  
favourably,  
my standing here in the Legislature

has been the subject of comment  
in three different papers two  
of them Conservative in my  
own City whose notices has  
been very kind and I am  
sure no Appointment for that  
place, would be received  
with more favour than if I  
were the Man

my recent Election by nearly  
two hundred over my own  
Ticket speaks for me

as ever my Prayers  
follow You, Dear friend  
L. C. O'Neal

Norwich Ct  
Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> 1874

Merriam Lucius P.

Forwards Balloch  
Receipts.



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"Free Academy",  
Norwich, Ct. Feb. 9. 1874.  
Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,  
Dear General,

I have the  
honor to transmit herewith  
the "Balloch receipt" requested  
in your letter of Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> ult.

Immediately upon receipt of  
your request, through Rev. Horace  
James, now in Georgia, I at  
once proceeded to Greenwich, Ct.  
and hunted up the desired  
information, without seriously  
interfering with my regular school  
duties, Any further service

I can perform in behalf of the  
cause, or to aid yourself, I  
shall be most happy to render.

With full faith in your  
righteous vindication of the  
malicious designs against  
you, I am, dear General,  
Most Respectfully

Yours:

Lucius Merriam,

Instructor N. Y. A.  
Former Clk. for Capt. James.

New York Feb 9 / 74

Genl. O. Stouard,  
Dear Sir.

Be kind enough to  
favor me with a line of  
your writing bearing your  
signature, which I desire  
to place in a little volume  
containing your portrait  
and biography, and thus  
oblige

Respectfully

Your ob. servt  
Louis Sarony  
431 to 445

P.S. Could you possibly give  
me the address of Genl.  
John A. S.

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New York  
Feb 9 1874

John Lewis

Desires the Genl's  
autograph



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## HALF RATE MESSAGES.

The Western Union Telegraph Company require that all messages received for transmission shall be written on the blanks of the Company, under and subject to the conditions printed thereon, which conditions have been agreed to by the sender of the following **HALF RATE MESSAGE.**

GEO. H. MEMFORD, Sec'y.

WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't.

Dated, Norwich Ct Feb 9 1874

Received at

To May Gen O. O. Howard

Will forward the "Ballock"  
Receipt by next mail  
as requested

Horace James  
By L. P. Merriam  
Clerk

15 Pa Hft  
Va Bu

Norwich Ct

Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> 1874.

Horace Jarnes

Desires Bullock receipts  
by next mail

HATE BALE MESSAGES

P. + M.

representation of the specific  
despatches to the ~~Life~~ - I  
see no remedy, but now  
you have me fair cover.  
I must & represent the  
progress of the trial. With  
no news directly from you - it  
is <sup>difficult</sup> for us to see the <sup>explan-</sup>  
natively alleged facts. Now  
I know the obstacle to the  
securing of the Lawyer & the  
Correspondent is want of money  
and you may not be able  
to secure an able defence  
and a fair report. But  
God will help. I will  
send you the 100th for  
Grace from Mother about  
the 25<sup>th</sup> next. Mother is  
well & has a warm pleasant  
room as Charles for the winter.  
We expect her here next

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Princeton Ill. Feb. 9/74

Dear Mrs.

Our hereditary evening, rivaled  
by our own excesses, has made  
a new invasion of my nerves  
& I have had a heavy Sciatica,  
& not much else, except "crossness"  
& general discomfort to myself &  
family. I staid at home yes-  
terday (Sunday) for the first time  
for many months. The rest are  
well. Frankie just over the  
croup thro: & feels a little  
worn by his novel cares. The  
picture I sent you is kept  
out to Frankie, who is the  
most handsome, amiable &  
every way lovable of us all!  
I don't wonder his Uncle  
& Aunt Rogers hated to  
give him up after two

years companionship. The other  
boys are not accurate or ad-  
vanced scholars, but equal  
their father & Uncle. Perhaps,  
at the same age. Oliver & David  
have more friction than they  
need, if they had always  
rubbed together from infancy.

Keller is well. Strong, patient,  
energetic and the pillar  
of our household temple.

My work prospers very moderately.  
as seems to be the habit of  
it from the first. Our S. was  
larger last Sab. than for two  
years. Congregation about  
the same. I am paid  
monthly 166-7 \$ for month.  
& we manage to live on  
it & mean to consecrate  
somewhat more than a  
cent to charitable uses.

My heart goes out to you &  
up to God for you at every  
fresh attack. I want you  
to have the best Christian  
Lawyer in the U. S. & to  
put the whole case "without  
fear or friendship," in his  
hands. You seem to have  
been deceived by some one,  
very near you. Why should  
you, your family, your  
Master & his Cause suffer  
to shield him? Of course  
my information is limited.  
But this is to my best  
judgment. I was glad  
to hear of the Home debate  
& that Juge did his duty  
& you have the right of  
Challenge. The hardest  
thing for your absent friends  
to hear is the brief mis-

We are having a very pleasant  
winter. Give our love to Lizzie  
& the children. I hope Mrs  
Smith is better. Remember  
me kindly to her husband.

I wish somebody had  
read Sherman's Atlanta  
Letter, commencing "war  
is barbarism" to him  
after his savage testimony  
before the Indian Com.

I repeat my Gettysburg  
Lecture occasionally this  
winter, to small Audiences,  
with small remuneration,  
but with various other  
compensations. It seems  
to me that with a  
great name behind it,  
it has merits that

would "draw," as well as  
instruct & otherwise benefit  
an audience.

He was "rejected of men,"  
but has seemed men to  
as I have tried to show  
variously - in the name of  
great popularity which  
I early thought might  
attract a faithful minority  
of the world from my life.

It may help you in  
still more public place  
to more conspicuous name  
of popular form. If either  
of us should be hurt by  
consequence of false accu-  
sation. Our end would be  
clearly more honorable  
by "the world" than Christ  
was.

Yours aff. Brother

Rouland



**Duncanson, Dowling & Co.,**  
**Auctioneers AND Commission Merchants,**

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CORNER NINTH AND D STREETS NORTHWEST,

Washington, D. C., Feb 9<sup>th</sup> 1874

Gen O. C. Howard  
City  
Sir

Enclosed find bill of  
rent for second floor 319-9<sup>th</sup> St also bill of store  
& water rent, you will please give this your  
immediate attention otherwise we will have  
to annul the lease & hold you for the rent  
of the Hall until the expiration of this month

Yours Respt

Duncanson Dowling & Co  
Per K. P.

March 20

Feb 19 1874

Nuncanson, Dowling & Co

States that they  
will hold you respon-  
sible for the pay<sup>mt</sup>  
Encloses the bill.

STREET, NORTHWEST.

Dowling & Co

Division Merchants

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Cledo - Ohio  
Febs. 9<sup>th</sup> 1874

Gilehurst, J. M. B.

Friendly letter



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Cledo, Ohio Feby 9<sup>th</sup> 1874

Dear Genl

Your welcome letter  
came to hand sometime since I have  
been busy working in the store most of  
the other clocks being on the road I had  
almost forgot to thank you for giving my  
letter the attention you did in answering!  
it for to say the least I did not expect it  
it was my first attempt in writing  
to public man but felt like expressing  
my feelings as regarded your cause.

For during the long struggle we had for  
the preservation of our grand Old Union  
we all feel some good impulses towards our  
Fellow Soldiers and Commanders in arms  
and as I considered myself acquainted

with you through an Army introduction  
which sometimes was only by seeing  
an Officer pointed out to you but Soldiers  
all belong to the same family and Uncle  
Sam seems to be the only Parentage  
so we must all be brothers or Cousins  
that being the case we can have more  
liberty with our pen than outsiders  
I will remember seeing you oftentimes  
in front of Atlanta when I was station  
on our right on the line where we repulsed  
Genl Hood on the 28<sup>th</sup> of July 1864 and  
when closer to the Rebel line in the case  
made works also on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August  
at Jonesboro where we gained our battle  
which made Atlanta ours such was what  
one might properly term an Army  
introduction and I find one that is  
not soon forgotten I see you are dragging  
its weary length along and is not very  
likely to end soon but I am in  
hopes when it does that it will prove

what I stated in my former letter  
to you & always had full confidence  
in you both as a true Soldier and  
a man and I feel warranted to  
say that is the verdict the majority  
of the Army of the Tennessee would  
say should they express themselves  
on the subject

Hoping all will be well with  
you I remain your well wishing  
Friend  
Saml D. Gilchrist

Similar views as to the  
legality and propriety  
of the proposed investment  
Truly & respectfully  
Yours  
Wm. Brodhead

2<sup>nd</sup> Comp-Officer Feb. 9. 74

Wm. Brodhead.

States that he did in-  
form Gen H - that there  
was no legal or other  
objection to investing  
funds in bonds &c.  
This in Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> / 840.  
(about)

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Treasury Department,

Second Comptroller's Office,

Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> 1874.

Gen. O. O. Howard  
U. S. A.

Dear General,

In reply to your  
note of the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst., I say  
that you called upon  
me in the early part of  
1870, I think about the  
1<sup>st</sup> of February, and inquired  
if there was any legal, or  
other objection to investing  
the funds that had ac-  
cumulated in your  
hands, under the J. R.

of March 29, 1847 (15 Stat. 26)

My answer was substantially  
that you might legally and  
properly invest these funds  
in United States Bonds, deposit  
them there in the Treasury  
and account for the interest;  
that the acts in regard to  
the investment of public  
funds by disbursing officers,  
and especially the act of  
Aug. 6, 1846 (9 Stat. 35) did  
not apply in this case, as  
you were by law made the  
payer upon accounts already  
adjudicated and settled at  
the Treasury, and had received

payment

Payment from a disbursing  
officer who was credited at  
the Treasury by your receipt  
in every case. There is no  
law forbidding the payer of  
an account, for services or supplies,  
settled at the Treasury, from  
investing the money.

This was the purport of  
the opinion I gave you, and  
I am of the same opinion now  
that I was then. I have no  
doubt of its legal soundness.

I understood from  
you at the time that Gen.  
Spencer had been com-  
mitted, and had captured  
similar

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Rooms 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 & 18,

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EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE BUILDING,

No. 120 Broadway,

Ascend by the Elevator.

PLEASE DIRECT ALL LETTERS BY MAIL TO

P. O. Box 4500.

New York City, February 9, 1874.  
Dear General;

Nieutenant Frederick F.  
Baurry, late a Volunteer Officer in  
the navy, has a petition before Con-  
gress praying to be placed upon  
the Retired List of the United States  
Navy (regular) with the rank, pay  
and emoluments of his grade. His  
prayer is on account of severe  
wounds received while leading the  
sailors in the assault on Ft.  
Fisher January 15, 1865. I think  
you will remember Nieut. Baurry.  
He was with me last winter in  
your city and received help at your  
hand. He now desires

THE LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY

TRUSTEES LIFE ASSURANCE BUILDING

No. 120 Broadway

New York City

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.

Feb 10 1882

Dear Sir,  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th inst. in relation to the policy of insurance on the life of John J. Smith, deceased, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours, very truly,  
J. J. Smith

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New York City, \_\_\_\_\_ 187

A little more of your good assistance and will make known his wishes through Sladen.

In furtherance of this matter in question I can only say, that Mr. Barry is a gentleman; comes of good family; and is a very dear friend of mine, and if you can consistently give him such aid as he may desire, I shall be very glad.

I am sensible of your vexatious employment just at this particular time and crave indulgence for having thus intruded upon you.

Very sincerely, Geo. Fowler

New York

Feb 9 1874

Sowler, Geo.

Desires the Comd. to  
aid Lieut F. F. Baum  
in being placed on  
the retired list.

Washington D.C.  
Feb. 9/74

Genl O. C. Howard

D. Sir!

Will you  
please inform me where Mrs.  
E. A. Ruffield is living at present,  
she is the party you introduced  
to me by letter when she  
furnished her house.

Yours Respdy.  
W. B. Mase

Wash<sup>n</sup> DC

Feb, 9/74

Moses Wm B.

desires to know  
where Mrs E. A.  
Duffield is living.

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

Board of Trustees Howard University,

Washington, D. C., Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> 1874

Gen. O. O. Howard,  
H. U. Hill

Dear Sir: The next meeting of the Board  
of Trustees of Howard University will be held on  
Wednesday ~~evening~~ afternoon next -  
at 3 o'clock, at the University -

By vote of the Board:

J. B. Johnson  
Secretary.

Howard University  
Oct. 10, 1874

Johnson J.B.

States that a meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday next.

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of climate, or other reasons; & if it is as infidel in some respects as formerly, I do not want it longer than that. I fear I am taking too great liberty, but I think if you & Mrs. Howard were ever located in pioneer regions you would deem it somewhat excusable. I am boarding on a farm two miles from the village of Troy. My Post Office address is Troy Kansas. I did not think it so cold here in northern Kansas - should not have come if I had. Though of a westerly longitude, its latitude is a thousand miles more southerly than Maine, I believe, & I cannot understand why it is so cold. I suppose Mrs. Howard has as many cares of the domestic kind, as you have of the public, & so I will not ask either of you to answer this; but if the Era arrives, I shall presume you have read this, & shall be obliged to you for doing the business. You will see by this why I do not write to the editor, myself for the paper.

Very respectfully yours,  
Amos A. Jackson.



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Troy, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> 1874.

Gen. O. O. Howard:

Dear Sir - Amidst your manifold cares, & labors it will not seem strange if you have forgotten the elderly lady who requested you to be her executor. I have not changed my mind in regard to bequeathing what I have to may leave to the Freedmen. Perhaps you will remember replying to a line I wrote you last Fall, just as you were starting for Toledo, Ohio. You spoke of writing more definitely after your return about some enquiries I made, but as I did not receive another, I conclude you did not write, & as you were under no obligations to do so, I find no fault. Hoping my health would be benefitted by a warmer climate

I came to Kansas a few months ago. Though I had no acquaintance here, I had an opportunity of coming with a lady who was coming here to spend the winter, & whose husband is teaching here. I have two objects in writing now;—one is, I wish you, & Mr. Douglass to know my whereabouts & the other is asking a little favor of you which you need not grant, if you do not think worth while. I have taken the New National Era ever since it was started, till last Summer, I took it merely because I liked to aid whatever would really benefit the Freedmen. But I did not like its thrusts at evangelical religion, & wrote the editors to stop the paper stating the reason why. Don't know but I was a little caustic, but I felt I had good reasons for saying what I did. Now I am away out here where I hear nothing said of the colored, but "nigger, nigger", & nobody

seems to think they have any rights, & they are shamefully abused; although they fare better here than in Missouri. I would like to have some of the old fossils here see the Era, & I would like to see it myself, as I see no reliable political papers here. The Sun is the only Washington paper I see here, & the two so called republican papers printed in Troy are not of much account; they sometimes eulogize Lee as much as the loyal veterans who squelched out the rebellion. Do you often see the Senior Douglass, or the editors of said paper? If so, the favor I would request is, to ask them if they will send me the Era out here three months, & when I receive the first number, & see what the terms are for said time, I will forward them the money. The reason I would not subscribe longer is, I may not be able to stay here even that time, on account