War Department  
Washington City  

February 20, 1874

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

Postmaster Commissioners,  
Washington, D.C.

General:

Referring to your communication of the 19th instant, relative to the subject of the South Carolina School Fund, and in which you request my permission to file copies of the vouchers, I have to refer to my letter of January 15, calling for one of each of the original vouchers, to be accompanied by this in case the accounts were not "duly rendered to the accounting officers."

As it is inferred from your communications (January 23rd & February 19th) that the accounts were not...
duly rendered, and that the vouchers were not taken in duplicate, it is the more necessary that the original copies should be transmitted. If the copies retained by you should not prove necessary to all your purposes, you will be permitted, at any time, to refer to the originals.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J.M. Bellnap

Secretary of War.
The commissioners respectfully request the attendance before them of Col. O.O. Steward, at their office in this city, today at 10 A.M., and thereabouts for the purpose of testifying in the matter of the claim of Thos. N. Stewart, Fairfax Co., Va., No. 20309.

 Chauncey Benjamin Bleth
Full of justification, you know. Is our little brother John and I are not enough like those in that way, but we are. I am fortunate, or I am, because I am useful. It is the first of you than the last feeling under opposition. If I am right, I shall be gentle at first and yield to the last. The little Western emblems that make the field a morality of life, the familiar friend of care, the same here. These small things support us for the great conflicts. The endurance of a sinner away are things he must be careful of. They are all necessary, personal, heart, life, head of the School of God’s children. Peter spoke well, the sign.

Dear Brother,

I enclose the 100% from Mother for Grace. Mother wants me to visit Washington next month. If I could be of any real service to you, my dear brother. I would gladly accept your offer to pay my expenses and ask some of absence for me. So at least. But I am contented and if I can be of any use, I had better not be away except to recuperate for some while at home. Charlie seems to feel that you feel like. I must tell you. I am very much interested in the House of David, or like Elijah.
When, under the pinafore tree, he said “Lord take away my life,” II Kings 19:4: If you do fall into despondency as even for the Best seemed to me insane, it is simply human. By your own words you cried that through bed and jail, if he had not found out his mind, he jilted it. I supposed in God’s Angel it was for if when near the nearest despair, I could know the Angel would go away as daybreak. But, he held out for the blessing. These traits that are interior, personal, and piercing are disheartening. To whom shall we go? Then often I said this the two years that I had no darling wife. I must have some human friend to complain to as I always had had. I thought perhaps you wrote Charles when it was a luxury to know that some one loved you as he does, enough. I love you when the sad and despondent side of your heart is turned to minds thus: you did not write me our cheer fully. Perhaps you didn’t feel so. Perhaps you were too kind a thoughtful of my cares to add to them. I am not sure that Jesus has ever been to me all that Ella was. I know that she has been and is far more. But just what He was or somehow I never could quite make sense.

Charles is somehow so
Office of The Advance,

Nos. 151 and 153, Fifth Avenue.


Chicago, Feb 20 1874

Dear Brother: I do not see that we can use the manuscript you sent us except as the basis of an article which will appear in our Review of the Week. I was greatly interested in "The Cuyahoga Record" you sent. We saw none of that debate in our papers. I cannot think the Court is good as you could have from the army. I do not know about Pope. He may be a little prejudiced by his failure of your success. What I know is not prejudicial against you. And I think Mayor Meigs is not. McDowell I have known much. Is he a Christian? I wish you would send me often a brief which well considered and printed on current topics. You will have seen one or
"Fair play for colored people." You
might have written in a hot type-
must have run on the Curry
in Berkeley - Or Civil Ca-
tric - My Real Road Stock
for may have been in next to
the fossil - You might have
written that for me - I su-
Ppose it will allow you $5 - seed for real
articles &c. 

The

ladder will do (on good) if the effort
to post yourself be a source of help
intellectually - I hope you will
write that in California. That - And
how you view life the one for the
Illustration Review? Gay Edgoff
$20 to $25 - Mrs. Ames $25 to $35-
(Dr.) Harris (Yale College) $30 - Br
Taylor (Mr. W.) $20 &c. please &c.
Write Secretly - I write what (as son of
Robinson's) head of success &c. &c.
"The Whit next" - a little monthly
published here gets 500 subscribers.
in an incredibly short time in Washington. Much depends on the tact of the Conron.

I thought Sleigh would see the different Superintendents and get our "Annie" introduced in all the schools. Delia got it into many in Iowa— as many as all the other States combined.

We were all sorry to hear you seem so depressed. How sad this.

I am getting on to be present, if practicable, at the County Inquest. Can be of any service. Mother is very soliciting about you of course.
Wirtus, I got a letter from Ballad (which please not mean to write) in which he ended a clip about the Secretary of War's being dearest brother of Charles it wished me to make some statement, it would seem to the prejudice of the Secretary. I do not like such a suggestion, it would have nothing to do with anything fictitious. I hope Ballad will be frank and not beastful toward anybody in his conduct before the Court.

But whatever may be developed in regard to any other testimony after I think you have a clear line of defense as to any moral responsibility. And if the law has much to

make you legally holden for your burnt subordinates it ought to be changed. Will say if Know or not at all as Prosecutor or who? Kitty's eyes are improving, all well here. I have attended (come short ofcliche) (harmful or harmful) (could have written) (heard from)
C.P. East Town Street
Columbus Ohio
Feb 27, 1874

Dear General,

Will you be kind enough to send me Slosson’s address if he is not in Washington?

I am anxious to write very true friends of yours. Should you now have an opportunity to indicate your innocence of every charge brought against you, and finally quell the slanderers that have followed you, I shall sincerely believe your friend

S. H. Clark

Yours truly,

O. O. Howard
Columbus, Ohio
Feb 21 - 74

Clark M.

All yours to know
Capt. Gladden's
Address.
Mr. O.C. Howard

My Dear General,

The enclosed appeals came from our O.0. day evidently by mistake. You probably understand their object. They all seem to proceed from one source.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
Washington, D.C.
Oct. 27, 1874.

Crown & Co.

Returns appeals on closed by mistake.
Dear General, I have read everything that I can see in print relative to your alleged dejections, and don't believe a word of the charge. I am glad that you are about to have a chance of being relieved of them by the action of a Court Martial.

I most cordially wish that I could help you to make quick and thorough work of it.

It is as you said it was before we were taken with the "Carolina Blight."

A. M. STOUT,
Attorney and Counsellor-at-Law,
(Solidor of Patents, and Attorney in Patent Cases,
Office, No. 705 Sansom Street.
Philadelphia, Feb 21, 1874

FEB 23 1874
O.O. HOWARD, Washington, D.C.
My dear General,

I have your letter of the 20th.

I am very much pleased that you are satisfied with your court of inquiry and at your confidence in its finding. I too have confidence in the court, but I have more confidence in you than in any court. There is a God in Israel; his time and the river keep and close upon you.

With salutations to your family I am

Faithfully your friend,

E. C. C. W.
E. H. Collins

Has confidence in the General and
his troops.
July 23, 1874

My dear General,

I sent you two copies of the Ben trial, as requested. As they are very scarce, we cannot spare them, so I will thank you to return them as.

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Brig. Lieut. Col., U. S. A.
soon as you have no further use for them. Yrs. truly, S. H. Peck.
Treasury Department,
THIRD AUDITOR'S OFFICE,
Washington, D. C., February 24, 1871.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 18th, in which you state that you are apprehensive of having wrongly approved a voucher lately presented in the Supplementary Accounts of Capt. W. E. W. Balloch for Oct. 1871, being a plumbing bill of A. R. Sharp & Co., and requesting that the account of said Balloch be re-examined to ascertain whether the same voucher has been allowed before.

In reply thereto, I have the honor to inform you the accounts referred to have been re-examined, and the voucher approved by you ascertained to have been a duplicate of one claimed to have been paid, March 24, 1871, and allowed in a settlement of said Balloch's account for that period. Also, that the amount of said voucher ($1,653.95) has been charged to said Balloch, upon the books of this office; of which charge he has been notified officially.

Yours, &c.,

[Signature]
officially notified, and requested to account for
the same at an early day, either by proper vouchers
or receipts, or a certificate of deposit for the amount
with the Treasurer of the United States.

Very respectfully,

Allan M. Catherwood
Auditor.

Brig. Genl. O. O. Howard, U.S.A.
late Commissioner of Indian Affairs.
Washington, D.C.
In regard to
duchinal-Voucher
A. P. Shepherd (Sec)
$16,657.28
Dear General,

I observe that the charges which your enemies have for years been accusing you are at last to be brought before a Court of Justice where I have no doubt you will be fully vindicated.

Thinking there might be a possibility of your desiring my testimony I write to inform you of my whereabouts.

Hoping General for your complete success I remain, Very Truly,

Your friend

L. O. O. Horns
Washington D.C.
MEMORANDUM.

From

FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

To

P.W. Pratt Esq.

Washington, Feb 24 1874.

Dear Fred,

O.O. Howard brought a note here a day or two ago for 90 days instead of 30, and I told him I would have to see Mr. Stantin about it before I could accept it, and Mr. Stantin says he can't renew it longer than 30 days at a time. Would you send this word to him and see if they will renew it, but don't know where to find him. How about the old saw order 2.

Yours,

[Signature]
Washington, D.C.,
Feb 24, 1774

The Emissary
of the Bank

To Fred Harris, paying
that note of 0.0.4
Can be renewed
but for 30 days
at a Time-

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