My dear Samuel Howard:

My well known friendship for you will be a sufficient reason for writing at this time and upon this subject.

I have watched, it is needless to say, with considerable anxiety and pain the discussions in and out of Congress growing out of the late management of the Freedman's Bureau in which by virtue of your official relations you became the subject of criticism or commotion, as the parties were advised or in propaganda with the measure we are now for the social and moral elevation of the colored people.

That this opposition, insidious and malign, vent in its influence should become malicious in personal persecutions no one doubted, this was in the least observant of the tendency of the issue, that it should gather around you and have its venom upon you was certainly indicated by the sound voices of those parties who were the most active in attempting to create a public sentiment adverse to the educational policy of yourself. Your own conduct, the movement and the great National Republican party, such an one of whose adherents I am, the most advanced grant ever
forced you. The most progressive principle in regard to the elevation of the late slave race, and equally clear was it, that your personal firmness was so firm, and with the expression and conviction of certain alleged abuses, claimed to have been committed in the Freedman's Bureau under your management, as far as we can perceive, might possibly lead to your own fall.

I am kindly gratified in learning that the whole subject will be efficiently investigated, and I am anxiously apprehensive that the verdict of so capable a body will completely exonerate you of all intimation or active wrong.

The mode in which I have been the responsible agent of your liberators, and that almost the whole of them meet after by this new policy, your calumnies will be silenced and your honor vindicated.

And my dear General and Friend, whatever may be your feelings during this cruel and painful suspense, you will readily find to be collected that few millions hearts have been more grieved by your suffering than mine. The loss of their pure virtues bleeds you more vitally, and yet the doctrine of their best friend appears cruel. The in the midst of such reflections the ordeal will be less painful. The friends who write will be complete when that fragment in case, the prayers of them: Your heart spends people shed. I will join the duties of others as well as those of me.

Believe me, my dear General, to be with the highest regard and friendship. Truly yours,

Will H. Thomas
Mr. H. Thomas,

In regard to Bureau matters.
Lancaster, N.S.
March 5, 1874,

My dear Sir,

May I ask you to give me a few words of your opinion of the military profession from the Christian point of view?

I have a boy who is about half through college, and whom I had desired to see following in the footsteps of his two elder brothers into the ministry. He would however prefer to go to West Point, where I presume he would do us all as he is a good scholar, and has
Jone of character.
I have discovered
by some great
Mr. Blake, as he could think
acquire only a special
education, and then
have a profession to
reflect admirable.
I think there are per haps
other fields for activity.

Character.

It would be a great
favor if you would
writeable to me your
opinion upon this.

I am yours,

Mark Twain.

Gen. A. C. Howard.
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To

New York, March 6, 1874

DEAR SIR — The foregoing is the title of a work now in progress of preparation, of which the first volume is already completed. This work is designed to furnish a comprehensive and trustworthy book of general reference, in form sufficiently compact to lie upon the desk or table of the writer within easy reach of the hand; or to enable the man of business, whose time is valuable, to seize, at a glance, the leading facts or ideas relating to any subject of knowledge, without being obliged to seek for them through many pages. The work will, therefore, form a universal dictionary of philosophy, history, biography, literature, law, political economy, statistics, geography, the sciences abstract and applied, the fine and useful arts, etc., etc.; all these subjects being analyzed into their elements, and each elementary topic being exhibited under its own proper head.

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favor. The specimen attached to the sheet is an example of the average length; but we do not desire you to limit yourself to this. We may add, that we have some material for a notice already, but not for one so explicit as we should wish to make.

1. Your name in full
   Olivier Otis Howard

2. Year born 1830
   Month November
   Day 7th

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   County Androscoggin
   Town Leeds

4. Where educated
   Bowdoin College
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5. When graduated
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N.B.—Please give such other information or explanation as you think we should receive, and send it as soon as you can in the stamped envelope here-with inclosed.

We have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servants,

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* * * He (Mr. Greeley) worked with the zest of a youthful student on a yet unpublished Encyclopaedia, which was a favorite conception—a literary "hobby" with him. As a journalist, he felt the need (which all literary laborers feel) of a work of this class, which should be convenient for immediate and frequent reference than most such publications—one which should not deal in opinions or dissertations, but in dates and other exact facts, giving the pith of subjects in the greatest possible compression, and yet be more universal in the range and number of its articles than any other work of the kind in our language, and all of which might be contained in three, or not more than four, volumes. These he wanted on his editorial table at his right hand. His practical sagacity showed him that such a work is not only a desideratum, but would prove to be a capital success. With a youthful enthusiasm, he cooperated with his friend and hospitable host, the publisher, A. J. Johnson, in the prosecution of this enterprise. He wrote many articles for it, which are already in type. From even minor topics, with which he had any special familiarity, he did not withhold his pen, but furnished them abundantly: while on more elaborate ones he put forth his best strength in his best style. We have had the opportunity of seeing the proofs of some of these productions, and do not hesitate to place them among the ablest from his pen. The place, the style, the form, the materials, and every aspect of prime importance, while limiting all others to the briefest possible statement of facts.

Mr. Greeley, while furnishing both classes of articles, worked with special care on the elaborate ones. During the sapping attacks of last July, when most of our literary workers were flying to the mountains for the sake of breathing in the fresh mountain air, and writing long essays on "The Southern Confederacy," condemning into it the substance of his whole American Conflict. These writings, let it be remembered, were done during the Progress of the War. The strain of that stormy struggle, combined with such excessive labor, took down at last the powerful brain of the great journalist.
New York  
March 6, 1874

Dear Sir,

Pardon the liberty I take of addressing you, but having an autograph collection I most earnestly entreat you to lend me yours. Hoping that you will have the kindness to comply with my request.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

Simon Ditman
75 West 52nd St.
New York City

Yours,

Brig. Gen. O. O. Howard
Washington, D.C.
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Washington, D.C.,
March 6th, 1844

My dear Samuel;

I have to Atlanta to-night or tomorrow. Please accept my very kind regards for your very kind offices.

Wish you to have a safe for me in my way. You much Command me! I shall always pray for your happiness and success.

Always your friend,

Sam. Rand.

P.S. I was confirmed on Monday last.
Alexander P. Ketchum,
Attorney and Counsellor at Law,
No. 14 John Street,
New York, March 7, 1874

My dear [Name],

I hope to get to Wash. by the train that leaves here Monday morning. I will try to keep you for the first week. Possibly my facts will go on to bring up the rear of the close of the trial. I may get through the middle of it, perhaps the gentlemen you have met since the latter.

Yours sincerely,
A.P.K.
New York
March 7, 1874

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My Dear Friend:

I called this morning to see you on the matter mentioned between us Thursday night.

I hold myself ready to appear as your Associate Counsel with Judge Ketchum, if you so desire. On the understanding that I would serve without pay in any manner whatever. I demand this as the right of my personal and political friends in you as a Representative.

Judge Ketchum has others engaged, you may feel perfectly free to dispense with my services and just descend to their call.
Just as accusers to be shielded, they should be under some personal responsibility. If I enter into the case, I should consider it under some special occasion.

1. What constitutes moral responsibility and precedent in former trials in England, Russia, France, and Greece? (Conceit trials)

2. How far technical responsibility can be combined with a system of military and civil codes? (Fight under the US forces?)}
3

The change of a precedent on personal responsibility in every office and a change of a department where no human accuser or no superhuman expending could make a person charged capable of being at all places and in time to form all subordinate accounts so as to be able to work and it personally the different on account of the above defects in a manner to be


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I. W. S. I. Yours

Let me know what you want me to do.
Lena, Howard

Dear Sir

My Gardiner tells me that the administration of affairs in Kentucky as a result of contributive negligence will form an important part of investigation I leave by tomorrow morning early train. If you desire to call me as a witness my testimony would show that everything was conducted with perfect regularity in my half the state as far as there above me were concerned — if you want to call me please notify me to that effect as soon as possible. With — I bring best for all my
Readers: I be prepared to give your testimony on all points.

Rufus

H. "C. Thomas

P.S. A man at Billings will reach me any time today. I'm up at 8 A.M. tomorrow. I'd rather be summoned from St. Paul as my leave is one to two Company & family need my att. & it would be quite short. I've some of my records (City Book) here is there & the rest at Portland.

March 9, 1911

A.C. Thomas
Chronicle Office Mar 9th 184 -

Dear Hon. Howard: -

I shall attend the Court to-morrow with reference to writing impressions read there to the Advance and Christian weekly together with other matters. I am equally determined to do all I can so far as my influence and connections with the presses go to render proper assistance without reference to pecuniary considerations, but because I see a man who has, in my judgement, aimed to do his fellow men nothing but good, abused by unscrupulous politicians.

I'm in distress and trouble to-day for a little money for absolute necessary expenses. If you can spare any I'll replace it during the summer. In this connection I hate to ask for this favor, but if you have any money due me I can't collect a cent to-day. Hope it will not inconvenience you.

Yrs. truly, T. A. Aiken
Washington March 24th

Dr. Tilden,

I will attend the court tomorrow. Pails.

Yours,

S. B.
O. O. Howard

Dear General:

Your favor of the 10th inst. at hand.

I reply I would say, while I was discussing it with Col. Sully and other officers, I saw I knew of instances in which the Government was defrauded, and you as Commissioner the suffering heart, as you are responsible for all the Army. I know I did not do my duty, or I should not report it to you or Genl. Ballock. I have felt great interest in this Court of inquiry as I believe your are innocent and so does all of our Christian people.

Yours Truly

W. W. Barker
My dear Mr. Elder,

I am enclosing a letter that was written by an employee of the firm. It appears to be a request for something.

Yours truly,

[Handwritten date: 4-6-1914]