Cheyenne, March 10, 1874

Dear General,

I have been thinking of you a good deal in the last two or three days. I have been waiting at this point, first for my Co-Congressional to come up, and since then, for the Military Escort. We had been pretty well convinced that the military authorities did not intend to encourage our visit to Red Cloud and Spotted Tail. To say the least, we should have been on the way in our own conveyance and without military protection, but for...
an unexpected delay this morning. During the day, however, very graceful offers have come, for more than we asked for, and we shall be off in the morning, via Fort Laramie.

Bishop Hare, Rev. Arbuckle, Mr. Bevier, and Inspector and myself constitute the Commission, or rather three Commissions appointed by independent jurisdictions, each without any reference to the other.

With nothing else to do once a week ago Saturday night, with nothing else to do I have carried on a pretty extensive literature.
Correspondence, and a
very voluminous verbal
one, with a large number
of officials and Citizens
who have been com-
municating to me; and whatever
may be the result of the
Conference we are to
have now, I am thoroughly
convinced that no peace
policy with the Indians
can ever be a success
while the Army in the Indian
country is under its present
control. And I have been praying
that when your hands are
united, God may direct our
authorities to send you in
charge of this important
military department.
I suppose it will require at least three weeks to make our trip to the agency. In the meantime Addie will remain here.

Indiana

J. N. Smith
Austin City (Tex,) March 19th

S. C. O'B. Doughl

Dear Sir,

Allow me to express my most cordial Sympathy with you in the sad trial through which you in the Provindence of God you are called to pass in your present trial for Malfeasance in office as Duncan Agent.

Your friend in Texas — and

I am more humbom. Than

You imagine — have entire confidence in you in innocence of the charge brought against you.

May God may

Shall your reputation from damage and cause the trial to take rank among the things which shall work together for your good remain a pledge for

I am introduced to you 1869 by Rev. Dr. Burke

[Signature]
Fairfax Va.
March 12th 1794

General O.O. Howard

Sir,

Near Fort Worth during the war hired a colored woman born of the by the name of Maria Hunter. She was a great assistance to her. She was in the Army and in the capacity of a nurse to the Army and she was promised the says by President Lincoln that she should be well taken care of. General Taylor once in command of Fort Worth and Captain Klink of the New York Light Artillery also promised her compensation for her services of New York. Notwithstanding any of the foregoing she, the writer, as her agent hereby requests the aid of the Government.
I am in doubt if you can do anything for her. She is not able to come in person so she gets a friend to write a letter of you. I hope you will consider her case and if you cannot assist her direct person please send or write her word who to apply to. She is a worthy person and deserves to be assisted. Please direct to

Maria Yancey Colon
Theological Seminary
Fairfax Co. Va.
Jeff: Barracks. Mo
March 13, 1874

Dear General,

The friends of Mrs. Josephine Buell, my daughter believing that it is an opportune time to make an effort in her behalf for an increase of pension, I take the liberty to write to you in the subject—You are perhaps better acquainted with this military career of Colonel Buell than any other General Officer. He was on your staff and I know that he was your devoted friend—Mrs. Buell’s health has been ruined by the shock to her nervous system from his sudden and sad death. Bob Buell was a conscientious
and faithful Officer, humane
titious in all his duties,
and in every sense an or-
nament to his profession—
The circumstances of his
cleath were these— On
returning at night from
a party of little children
giving by Good Sturges for
the benefit of a poor blind
woman and her children.
He was waylaid near his
own quarters by an assassin
and shot in the presence
of his wife and two children
He had his arm around
the waist of his wife at the
time and it was broken
and spine severed by the ball—
He died instantly after
kissing his wife a farewell
his Buel fell with him to
To the ground. Her health over since has been feeble and, I fear, will not long survive. She has two children and is now in New York City having a small clerkship in the Post Office. As there is a bill which passed the House giving a pension to several widows of deceased officers, would it be possible to have her name included? Mrs. B. friends will be greatly indebted to you for any action you may take in her behalf.

Mrs. M. B. and myself had the great pleasure of meeting Mrs. Howard and children at the Colorado Springs summer before last—quite
an unexpected pleasure, which we would be pleased to agree—enjoy—he are living at this place by suffrangel, and because we have no rent to pay—an item of importance in the support of a large family—Capt. Babbitt is in command of the Arsenal—As Mr. D. joins in kind regards to Mr. D. yourself and children.

Truly yrs.

C. McDougall

Genl. O. C. Howard

W. S. A.

Apr. 8, 1874

McDougall, G.
War Department,
Adjutant General's Office
Washington, D.C., March 14, 1874.

Major A. B. Gardner,
Judge Advocate, Court of Enquiry,
August 1816 3rd. Dist.

Major:

Referring to your communication of the 13th inst., conveying (by an extract from the proceedings) the request of the Court that Brigadier General A. O. Howard with his counsel be granted permission to have access during the progress of the Court to the records of the Freedmen's Bureau, for the purpose of refreshing his memory in regard to matters which may be important to the investigation of the charges against him, I have the honor to inform you that the request has been approved by the Secretary of War.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant.
Dear Governor,

Regret to advise that Supt. 1\r

Adjudant-General.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

March 11, 1861
Washington, D.C.
State Library,
Jackson, Miss.
March 14, 1874.

Genl A.W. Howard,

Dear Genl,

I do, indeed, sympathize with you at this trying time, and write to assure you that not only myself, but thousands of your friends, of both races in Mississippi, believe you to be thoroughly innocent of all the charges preferred against you, and that the Court now sitting will pronounce the verdict in accordance with our belief.

I was an Agent in the Bureau.
I am very confident that if you knew of any such characters, you would have removed them instantly. I write you as a matter of duty, because we know and feel that you are indeed innocent. Rememberance to your brother. My friend, Charles W. Howard, we give an entertainment at Cornell University on Monday next. The school, thrives wonderfully. God bless is liked by all very much. He's only 16. I'll write again.

W. Williams
R. J. H. C. from Sept 1865-6
over 1868 both in South Carolina
and Mississippi, at Columbia,
with Brig. Genl. Ely, Genl. Ames,
our Governor, coming the Western
District of Co. and in this State
in several districts under
Wig GRIL Gillen.
On my return
from Columbia, S.C. in May 1866,
I was then on my way to
England, not having seen my
friends from the Commencement
of our Civil War. Mrs. Howard,
was present, at the time, when
you gave me a kind letter for
my friends, I remember more
distinctly your asking me the
following question:

"Do you know of any bad men
in South Carolina, in the
War? R.J. H. C."


Jackson, Miss.
Nov. 14, 74

Jno. Williams

Was an Act of the
Bureau Believing
Gen. H. Thomas
 Innocent 62
Dear General,

I dislike to trouble you about money matters at this time, but I find myself in this position. I owe a friend $570, and he has just notified me that he expects to leave for California on the 6th of April, and will want his money. I may be able to ask you on to help me, as I need the money to pay my Organ Subscription that I intended for my friend. If he should change his mind I shall not need it. I thought best to notify you of it.

Yours truly,

C.R. Ballach
March 16, 1894

Mr. C. P. Harman,

City,

Sir: Yours of the 14th inst. to hand.

In reply would state that it was not our intention to make an unjust charge for the use of the safe, but simply sent the bill to you because I understood Capt. Sladen to say that you would settle it.

The principalMessrs. and one of the deputies,

Mr. Smith- withdrew their interest there in at the expiration of the term for which said safe was rented, Feb. 30th. And the safe has been used only by you and Capt. Sladen since that time.

Your proportion would be, as it now stands, just one half.

If you wish to retain the safe for another year then it is due $60. But to surrender now there would be due a payment for three months $15.00. Please give the matter your immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

P.S. Snyder

[Signature]
Wash. D.C.,
March 16, 1874

Sophia, B. C.

Concerning the Safe Deposit Co.
I would like to see you at your convenience.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Meh 17 1874
Beechille, N.Y.
March 17/74

My dear sir:

May we expect you on the 26th as arranged?

Very truly yours,

John B. Thompson