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May 11th 1874.

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My dear General

Permit me to offer
you my sincere congratulations
on the great victory you have
won over the enemies which
are more, much more to be
dreaded than those you have
so bravely fought in the field.

All who are privileged to
know your character have
never for one moment doubted
the result of the Inquiry, if
it was conducted as all Courts
should be. In this case your
opponents were those who hold

high, and responsible positions,
socially, and officially, but who
professed friendships for you,
these facts make your victory
doubly brilliant and add
laurels which can never fade
to those you have won in
times past. The decision
will be hailed with real joy
by thousands but not one
is more truly glad than

Your obedient servant

Frederic F. Baum.

Brigadier-General

Oliver O. Howard,

U. S. Army.

Washington
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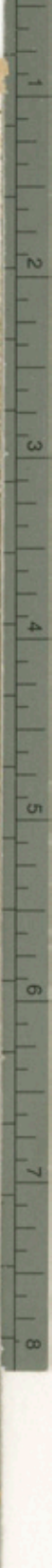
New York May 11 1874
Gen Stearns
Dear Friend

notice from Evening paper - that
the most judicious Court of Inquiry
has been - in a complete
acquittal - Accept my
congratulations - for this public
approval & endorsement of
your official record.

I am glad for your
own & the Country's sake
I was afraid of the same

I have not yet seen
the Court well
D. D. Wood at
Y. C.

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Columbia, May 11th 1874

Dear General:—

You know how I feel
about your triumph.

Thank God.

Yours devotedly
J. M. Stewart.

S. University.

Columbia May 11, 1974

Dear General

I am sorry to hear of your

illness and hope you are

feeling better.

Yours devotedly

W. H. R.

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Gloucester, Mass
May 11, 1874-

Dear General-

I have watched with peculiar interest the assaults that have been made by enemies upon your administration of public affairs. I am more than gratified to learn of your complete vindication by the Court of Inquiry. While honoring and trusting you in all your transactions, and praying for your relief from persecution, I have been indignant at the attempts made to censure your conduct. Permit me to congratulate you that these imputations are removed, and that you stand before the world, as you have always stood among your friends, as a patriot, an honest man, and a Christian.

Very truly yours,

J. Franklin Dyer
late Surgeon in Chief 2d Div. 2d A.C.

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Gloucester Mass
May 11/74

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your friends, as a patriot, an honest man,
and a Christian.

Very truly yours
J. Franklin Carter
at home in city of Boston

Huntsville Ala
May 11th 1854

Dear General

I have the honor
to congratulate you on the decision
of the Court of Inquiry, which has
rendered the only verdict I felt
it could.

If you will be kind enough to rem-
ember you wrote me about this time
last year to forward any records I
might have of the Bureau.

I replied that I had only the letters
of transmittal, and a copy made
by me of vouchers received and their
disposition by me for my use.

which I forwarded to you for inspec-
tion and was informed by a Gentle-
man at the College Capt Richards
that they had been returned over to

Sibley

adgt Genl dept.

I hope that it will not be asking too much of you to have the returned to me, if not both the book the copy of the voucher record.

I have here many enemies, who are constantly circulating reports of my official conduct.

There is now a charge against me that I appropriated the bounty due one Daniel Sibley Co. E. 101. U. S. G. I. Co., widow now comes forward with her claim stating he died in 1868. the 2^d Auditor replies claim paid Nov 1869, at which time I was then paying bounties. I have nothing to show in my defence now

Respectfully

Thos H Wager
Sale Agent B. R. M.

Treasury Department,

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FIRST COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,

Washington, D. C., May 11th, 1874.

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

My dear General,

Permit me to extend my humble congratulations to you on the verdict of the Court of Inquiry, just promulgated. Thousands of your unknown friends throughout the country will hail it with the heartiest delight. Not that they have ever doubted the result of the investigation, or the honesty & purity of your administration of the affairs of the Bureau; but that a jury of your peers have confirmed their opinion of you, and enabled you to stand before the nation acquitted of the slanderous charges. Your maligners having done their best & their worst, I trust they have now received their quietus, and that it is not yet too late for you to enjoy the peace and happiness that follows the accomplishment of a great & good work.

I could not forbear expressing to you briefly

my satisfaction at the result of this long and tedious
investigation, and remain, General,

With sincere esteem,

Yours obt. servant,

J. Willard Saxton

Saxton, J. W.

May 11, 1874



House of Representatives,

Washington, D. C.

May 11, 1874

Dear General -

I heartily con-

gratulate you on
your triumphant
vindication -

It is no more
than your friends
expected and it

will put to blush

your enemies, whose
malice is now so

clearly shown -

Truly yours,
Gene Howard Pineknick -



March 11, 1874

Dear General -
I have the honor to
acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of the
10th inst. and in
reply to inform you
that the same has been
forwarded to the
proper authorities for
their consideration.
Very respectfully,
J. M. McKim

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P. O. Box 4500.

New York City, May 11, 1874.

Brig. Gen. O. O. Howard, U.S. Army,
Washington, D.C.

Dear General:

It was with feelings of the greatest joy that I noticed in the papers yesterday morning your honorable acquittal by the Special Court of Inquiry from the untrue charges made against you by C. W. Belknap, the Secretary of War. No one who ever had the honor of serving under you in the field during the days that tried men's souls, or who like myself enjoyed your confidence after the war was over and noticed your faithful untiring diligence in the discharge of your official duties in administering the affairs of the Freedmen's Bureau, no one I say — doubted your honesty and sincerity of purpose. And Genl. this is for you another great victory: it is the triumph of a pure good heart over the designs of the false and wicked: it is another star to be placed in the wreath of laurels already won by you; and it places on the pages of history in brighter letters than

ever before, your name which is so dear
to the cause of freedom and of the Union.

Indulge me I pray for this letter
of congratulation over your success, I
cannot help telling you how glad I am.

With respect,

Your sincere friend,
Wm. Fowler.

May 11. 1874

Fowler, E.S.





108 Hester St N. Y.
May 16th 1874

Gen. O. O. Howard }

Dear Sir.

Allow me to
congratulate with you that "Justice has been
done"

yours respectfully
A. Coatsworth



of the old black soil
the full growth

E. Brown O.C.

Dear Sir

at the end of the

material which I have sent you this is the first

yellowish green color

in black soil

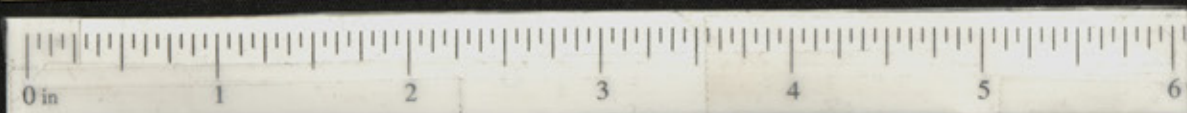
And live there now such men as these -
With thoughts like the great of old ?

Many have died in their misery,
And left their thought untold;
And many live, and are ranked as mad,
And placed in the cold world's van,
For sending their bright far-seeing souls
Three centuries in the van.
They toil in penury and grief,
Unknown, if not malign'd;
Forlorn, forlorn hearing the scorn
Of the meanest of mankind!
But yet the world goes round and round;
And the genial seasons run;
And ever the Truth comes uppermost
And ever is Justice done.

Eternal Justice

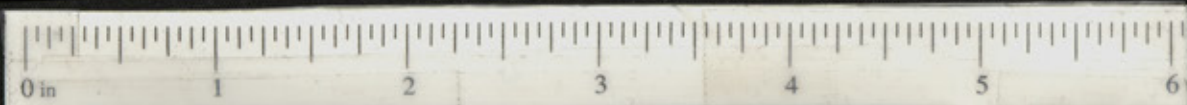
The man is thought a knave, or fool,
Or bigot, plotting crime,
Who, for the advancement of his kind,
Is wiser than his time.
For him the hemlock shall distil;
For him the axe be bared;
For him the gibbet shall be built;
For him the stake prepared.
Him shall the scorn and wrath of men
Pursue with deadly aim;
And malice, envy, spite, and lies,
Shall desecrate his name.
But Truth shall conquer at the last,
For round and round we run;
And ever the Right comes uppermost.
And ever is Justice done.

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Pace through thy cell, old Socrates
Cherily to and fro;
Trust to the impulse of thy soul,
And let the poison flow.
They may shatter to earth the lamp of clay
That holds a light divine,
But they cannot quench the fire of thought
By any such deadly wine.
They cannot blot thy spoken words
From the memory of man,
By all the poison ever was brew'd
Since time its course began.
To-day abhor'd, to-morrow adored,
So round and round we run;
And ever the Truth comes uppermost,
And ever is Justice done.

Blod in thy cave grey anchorite;
Be wiser than thy peers;
Augment the range of human power,
And trust to coming years.
They may call thee wizard, and monk accursed
And load thee with dispraise;
Thou wert born five hundred years too soon
For the comfort of thy days.
But not too soon for humankind.
Time hath reward in store;
And the demons of our sires become
The saints that we adore.
The blind can see, the slave is lord.
So round and round we run;
And ever the wrong is proved to be wrong,
And ever is Justice done.





Washington, D.C., May 11, 1874.

Dear General;

Allow me to sincerely congratulate you with my whole heart on your acquittal of charges affecting your good name. And now I trust persecution will cease. Your enemies cannot have either the heart or the assurance to ask for further investigation. If they do may heaven confound them. Of one thing rest assured, General. You have come out of this ordeal unscathed and consequently you stand before the world in a much better light than ever before and with your capacity for usefulness greatly increased. Dark insinuations were made against your character; you have proved them false;



a court of distinguished and honorable
brother soldiers has pronounced you
innocent; and you now stand
before the world without an imputation
against your good name.
The relentless persecution to which
you have been subjected has there-
fore been a positive benefit to
you, and Christian as you are, I
know you must regard it in
this light.

The Star, of this evening has a brief
note of the result in your case.
I call your attention to it because
you doubtless have a desire ^{to know} what
journals have a kind word for
you. I am, General,

Your admirer and friend,
J. B. Frey.

Gen. Oliver O. Howard,
Washington, D.C.

My wife joins in my congratulations most
heartily. We thank you for the good of which you
have been the cause, and with a woman's intuition she
said to me — "Therefore I will believe now of
the execution of our General Howard. One need
but to look at his face to know that he is a
divine Christian and an honest man."

H. J.