7 W 25th St. New York.
May 11th 1874.

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 friendship 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 by one is more truly glad than

Your obedient servant
Frederic F. Bailey.
Brigadier-General
Oliver O. Howard,
U. S. Army.
Washington
D. C.

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New York May 11 1874

Gen'l Garfield

Dear Friend

I notice from Evening Paper that the secret "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 as the same

[illegible] Court would not [illegible] C. D. Wood

Columbia, May 11th 1874

Dear General:—

You know how I feel about your triumph.

Thank God.

Yours devotedly

J. McLe Stewart.

S. C. University.

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.

Huntsville Ala
May 11th 1874

Dear General

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

If you will be kind enough to remember 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 letter 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 inspection. and was informed by a Gentleman at the College Capt Richards that they had been turned over to

Sibley

Adjt Genl dept.

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

I have here many enemies. who are correctly 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.C.T. his widow now comes forward with her claim stating he died in 1868. the 2d Auditor replies claim paid Nov 1869. at which time I was here paying bounties.

I have nothing to show in my defence now

Respectfully

John H Wager
Sale Agent B R Fmd

Treasury Department,

FIRST COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,

Washington, D. C., May 11, 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 malignes 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,

Your obt. servant,

S. Willard Saxton

Saxton, S. W.

May 11, 1874

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House of Representatives,

Washington, D.C., May 11, 1874

Dear General -

I heartily congratulate 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 -

Faithfully yrs

Jno A Bingham

Gen Howard

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New York City, May 11th 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 Enquiry from the untrue charges made against you by Mr. 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,

Ned 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. Coats

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 ban,
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
Cheerily 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 abhorr'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 that 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 therefore 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 had 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,

F. G. Frey.

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

Dly wife joins in my congratulations most heartily. We thank you for speaking as the Lord, and with a woman's intuition she said to me — "Henceforth I will believe none of his accusations against General Howard. She needs but to look at his face to know that he is a Quaker Christian and an honest man."

F. G. F.