Cherokeesville, Florida
Aug. 17, 1874

Mr. R. S. Howard

Dear Sir:

I have received the telegraphic report of the murder of the
whole family in your care. I am
indignant at the news, and I
assume you are acting by your own and
immediate family. No one feels more
sincere pleasure at the news than
myself. It was a wicked deed and complete
persecution from the beginning to the end.

Very truly,

Oliver S. Howard
New York, May 14th, 1874.

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

My dear Friend,

Will you send me the full printed report of the Court of Inquiry of the Howard Investigation? I want to preserve it.

Very truly yours,

Rev. Whipple

Permit me to enclose post age.
Perryville Clark Co Va 1874 May 14

Mr. Friend Mr. Carter,

I take this opportunity to write you a few lines to let you know that I am well and hoping that your family will also be well. Mrs. Carter will give my love to you and your family. Mr. Carter, I wish you would please to see Mr. Harvard and tell him that he has got some very important papers that Belongs to Father turn over to Mr. McDowell. I claim that he had against the Mr. Phelan State and I am Mr. McDowell the other day and he said that his papers were all turned over to General Harvard and I wish you would see Mr. Harvard about these papers and let me know what he says at Band it them and give me his address.

Nothing more at present. But will remain your affectionate friend Mr. Samuel Fanning and please to write soon and let me hear from you.
The text on the page appears to be a handwritten note, but the handwriting is very difficult to read. It seems to be a message or a letter, but the content is not legible due to the quality of the handwriting and the condition of the paper.
Atlanta, Ga., May 14, 1874.

My dear Samuel:

Allow me to congratulate you that justice has been vindicated of the corrupt of inquiring recently held on your case. The record is clear and is eminently satisfactory to your friends in this section. You have been the victim of a relentless perse- cution and I am happy that you have triumphed amid so brilliant a victory over the dirty little dogs of a corrupt press, who lived only to destroy the reputation...
Atlanta Post-Office

SAM BARD, Postmaster.

Atlanta, Ga., 1874.

of public men whom they cannot make subservient to their own ends. It is my prayer that your name may continue to stand immortal in Georgia's annals. The vindictive is all that caused he desired and I trust it my be the last ordeal to which you will have to pass though the agency of those whom he loved. Upon some who have unfavourably assisted Positive
Atlanta, Ga., 1874.

on respectable journals North, South, East and West. The battle field is far preferable to a Central
with such Visitors of these. I shall be most happy to hear from you at all
times & believe dear son,

You in my way & ask to answer me—

Truly your friend,

Sam Bard
New York May 14 76

My esteemed friend

Gene Howes

I have only just seen
the finding of the court in your case
and whilst I had no doubt of its
result from the first report so
quickly published against you, I
must say that I am gratified with
the full terms of reprimand employed
by the court.

From the facts you related to me
as regards to the conduct of the
prosecution or I should say prosecution
against you I think there should
be another court martial, and that
the defendant should be the man who
trumped up the charge against you
without the honesty of believing them
himself.

Be spare you have
my sympathy - and the tender of relative influence I can render toward your happiness.

Allow me to put this myself.

Yours truly,

Bryan Fathman

My kind regards to you and family.
Baltimore, May 12th, 1874

Gen. Howard,

Dear Sir: I am glad to learn that your unpleasant work of self defense is over. There is some consolation in knowing that the Gospel work of being "mature meat of God" is not at an end, and that the blessing of those who have all manner of evil spoken against in foolishness for the truth's sake is ours. I do rejoice and I believe that you do also in this fact.

Now I hope that you have leisure and want to invoke your help for some that however much we differ in our faith we do agree in work. I write with this letter to the Rev. E.P. Smith asking for aid in my special calling which seems to be as an outside independent promoter of the Indian Peace Policy. I do not belong to any sect or party but at the same time I know that I represent the highest sentiment of humanity and justice of the American people. I have for the last 17 years of my life and all my income has been devoted to protect and elevate the Indians, and yet the great work seems only beginning to be done. I am now 70, and of course my working day on earth will soon be over, and I want help to finish my part of it a little faster so that I may see more accomplished before I go home.

I feel sure that all the most benificent plans which are so well recommended in the last two annual reports can be carried out and that only two things are needed: 1st enough of the right help for each tribe and a hearty cooperation between the helper and the helped, and the way to bring this about is not by one party presenting the plan, and then forcibly carrying it out, for though this is done there will be more failure than success as there always has been:

I desire therefore to go in company with you or any to all the tribes on the Indian Territory and to confer with each upon the question: What do you want? and What do you need? the proper answer to this will include the cause of the cause of all present difficulties and open the way for Peace and Plenty for all the generations to come. Please confer with Commissioner Smith, or Secretary Dolson, or with President Grant. I have filed a petition of endorsement of my character and work from the most eminent Boston and Washington. Plans drawn, sent North to 30 Colossus St. Baltimore, August 10th, John Brown.
My dear General,

I have just returned from Albany where I have been arguing a cause before the Commission of Appeals, and found you not of the 12th. You are very kind, but the facts than no act to send you. I wasn't able to do much, and simply upon my return that home considerations alone would absolutely prevent my return to Washington. Then came my new appointment, and the presence of official duties here, with the tedious process of filing my reports in my executive office. I think you have been shamefully prejudiced, and if there is any truth in Emerson's ideas about 'compensation' that you will be entitled to many years of comfort and joy. I have taken a deep interest in the trial and have watched its significant development with keen satisfaction. As Albany I found that the Albany Evening Journal had quotations from several newspapers at different
A. P. Ketchum

sent. C. C. Kendall

[Handwritten text about recent events and personal correspondence]
Office of Edgar Ketchum,
Bennett Building, 4th Floor, Rooms 2 and 3,
Cor. Fulton and Nassau Streets,
(Entrance for Elevator, No. 129 Fulton St.)

New York, May 14, 1874.

Dear General

In these times, it seems that very few people are willing to listen and act upon the advice of others. I am convinced that we have not been given the correct account about what we have done in the past. I believe that we have not had the benefit of the full truth. It must be attainable. I have telegraphed in hopes of getting the truth by to-night's mail.

I have the testimony of the witnesses and I am confident that I will be able to prove my point. I have 319 cards and then a gap to h. 425 and nothing after h. 510. I have

[rest of the text is not legible]
to make up my copy which I wish to have bound, and I want to have each of them two copies, Amor, and Rev. Prt. Ministe of Atlanta referring to it. Dear General Hardeman be sure to make a copy of this and put "Report to Col. Sladen who perhaps will be kind enough to sign me all who open"

G.M. Anderson

Edgar Kettenring