Washington D.C.,
May 20, 1874

Dear Edmund,

I have just received a letter from a friend of mine who has been living in Paris for several months. He mentioned that he had just returned from a visit to the Louvre and had been impressed by the beauty of the paintings and sculptures there. I am eager to visit Paris myself and would love to see these works of art with my own eyes.

Best regards,

[Signature]
I have thought of another thing which I might see on the Transatlantic steamship for New York and Boston to Europe every day and frequently employ American physicians occasionally I might see such an opportunity. I few trips across the Atlantic would I then entirely cure me of my melancholy and agony and once well I would need all my force. But now I am so fragile miserable in health I hope not difficult enough to suffer with much adversity has followed me. 

F. W. Brown
My Dear General,

I write you for two reasons. First, I congratulate you on the unqualified and complete vindication of your character in your recent investigation. Second, I have asked some for my opinion relative to your course, and connection with the Freedman's Bureau, especially the discrepancies that are the ground of the investigation. In every instance it has been my pleasure to assure them of your shining Christian worth, and while others might doubt or maligne your confidence in your purity of motive and life has been implicit.

In the midst of such venal ambition and corrupt practices that have characterized our national politics for years past, you must have felt solicitous concerning the attempted blackening of your character. But God will only use Him for His own, will you give Him the glory!
Secondly, I write you in the interest of one of my Church Officers, who is in the Government employ in this city—his name is John P. Green. His duty is that of an expert, inspecting marble. The Secretary of the Treasury has directed that class of persons to report to the Civil Appraiser, but while the Appraiser's Department is strictly judicial, the duties of John Green are practical and of private character. He is placed under the Appraiser, for certain reasons known to the Treasury Department. I think it was to simplify ease for the Govt.

A political change has taken place in the head of the Appraiser's Department upon the old rule that to the victor belongs the spoils, an attempt is being made to remove the subordinate, regardless of its "civil service rules." I place in their stead the official political friends of the head of Department. I am satisfied that of the Board of Appointment at Washington, under the Civil Service Rules, understood the case, that no political intrigue could remove him. Mr. Green is a poor man, depends upon his salary to support his family. Relative to character I would say that I consider him one of the best Christian officers in the church of which I am pastor.

Of political character was to decide his retaining his position, none perhaps would be preferred before him. He has been identified with the Republican party since its birth. He gave two valuable sons to the Army in our late war with Slavery & its obilous Rebellion, and so far as fitness for that position is concerned, you can judge from the enclosed copy of a testimonial given him by the Appraiser voluntarily, for Mr. Green did not request it. It that Mr. Green wants is to retain his present position as Inspector of Marble.

If you will be kind enough to put this case before the Civil Service Board of Appointment at Washington, so that he may not be unjustly removed, you will confer a great favor on him, benefit the State by respecting his Civil Service rules, gratify hundreds in our church and place our under still greater obligation for you kindness to your Brother Officers with you still & are any of my Old Connives upon your present staff? Missing to hear from you soon & that when you come to this city you will consider our house your home, remain as ever most faithfully yours,

W. H. Nichols

Last 43 St, M. B. Church, N. Y. City.
U. S. General Appraiser Office
New York, March 31st 1874

Sir,

I am about to leave the Office of U. S. General Appraiser, and I feel it only a gracious duty to leave with you an expression of the opinion I entertain of the manner in which you have discharged your duties as Examiner of Marble under my supervision. I have known you well before you accepted your office, as a private citizen, and knew you to possess those qualities of honesty and faithful application which are the primary qualifications of a public officer. The manner in which you have discharged your duties while in office, of which I have always been cognizant, involving the need of careful and patient investigation and a rigid and unswerving determination to do right, receives my highest commendation. Accept my grateful thanks for the faithful service and invaluable aid you have given me, in the endeavor to discharge efficiently and faithfully and justly the duties pertaining to the Office. Accept the assurances of my continued...
esteemed, and that you may (as I know you will) when leaving your office, carry with you the precious reflection, that you have in all respects performed your duty.

Geo T. Hoagboone

To John F. Green
and a gentleman, and before a Military Court obtained censure or dismissal from the military service—They acknowledge that they will take with the apology writing.

I am most too much of a stranger to write to you thus. You will recall me, perhaps, in the army of the Potomac as a Brigade Capt. in Gen. Whipple’s division and as the author of “General Lee’s Campaigns.”

I am entirely in private life. I was a practicing lawyer.
Malice must have been the motive power of the charge, when such a falsehood is put forth after a most complete and authoritative vindication. As near as I can learn, your predecessors are both in the Church and in the Army. St. Paul said, “Alexander the Coppersmith did the things which he had to do.” You can say the same, probably, of the Rev. Mr. B——. Cunning, artful, vindictive Coppersmith is a dangerous man—a thousand times more potent for evil than poor “Alexander the Coppersmith” who was only a fussy, Hay-Converter mechanic, and

I wish I knew what it Paul could have characterized the Rev. Mr. B. If he had been in your place! But I know that might be, how I would like to handle such a crazy man, before a court and jury, how I would like to dissect his miserable soul and expose his malicious nothingness to the light of day and the gaze of mankind! As to the officers of the Army who so wrongly and improperly beheld you falsely, you ought to bring charges against them for “Conduct tending toward an Office...
for 20 years before the war, but this not go back to my old profession after the war preferring to attend to my own property and affairs. I am comfortably at home here and would really be happy to see you here. Genl. Sherman's family sends a representative over now and then. I think I should never have felt half so much interest for you if it had not been for this miserable persecution. Believe me very truly your friend

S. H. Bowman
Feb-May 21, 1874

Dear Sir,

I am respectfully invited to address the Macedonian Sunday School, at their monthly concert, the 1st of June next at 3 P.M. I hope you will find it convenient to come, as many are anxious to hear you.

Respectfully,

Patent Office.

C.W. Davis, Capt.
To: Gen O. O. Howard
Howard University
Washington, D.C.
Millersville University
Xenia, O. May 27th

Maj. Gen. C. C. Howard

Dear Sir:

The 11th Annual Session of the
Trustee Board of Millersville University
will commence at
8:00 clock A. M. Tuesday June 16th 1874.

C. A. Johnson

B. T. Lewis
To Maj. Gen. W. H. Howard
Washington
Dec 61
Dear General:

I need not say how gratified I am that the outcome of your trial or trials has resulted so auspiciously. To congratulate you would be a ceremonial too commonplace for the occasion. I send you the enclosed letter from the Solido Blade in which I have stated in a very plain way how I regard these investigations. (With my best wishes to you and thanks to them who dealt all things well.

I am most truly

Yours,

Gen. O.C. Howard

Washington D.C.
OFFICE OF INTERNAL REVENUE

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I have written to the War Department but I have received no answer. I am endeavoring to secure information regarding my pay and am willing to pay any amount for all I can attain. I am putting no effort on my part to aid me. I am... With kind regards,

Hyde Park May 21st 1874

I am Harvard's true Sir and take this opportunity to let you know that I have been thinking about you and your welfare. I hope you are well and have good health and the blessing that God has given you. I have been thinking about you a little while and have been writing to you. I have received a letter from you some time ago and I have given up your office at the post office bureau. May God bless you and your family. I am your humble servant.

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I will be glad to hear from 

you very much on deed
406 Hayes St.,
San Francisco, Cal.,
May 21, 1874

My dear Brother,

 Allow me to congratulate you and the Christian & patriotic public most heartily on the issue of your "Spirit of Indiana. You have the heart felt sympathy of thousands of good men & women here I assure you.

And now before many days I wish to say
P.S. The following Report from the Pacific

The Pacific

May 17th 1843

I send to Congress

Through a pettion which I am now submising, alleging that my case be heard by a board of officers.

You a brother with the spirit of St. Louis, than give my kind regards. I am sure I will be able & willing to lend me any aid you can. Perhaps, and shall

Your friend,

[Signature]

To Mr. O.C. Howerich

Washington D.C.
Whipple’s Home School for Deaf Mutes.

Mystic River, Conn. 22nd May, 1874

Sir,

Having read in several papers of your honorable acquittal on the charges brought against you, I cannot refrain from thanking you for having been a true, and honest man. So many public men have of late been weighed in the balances and found wanting, that it is a positive joy to know that one man has been found capable of standing the temptations inseparable from the position which you have held.

I have felt a special interest in your career since the summer of ’72 when I read
about your visit to the Indian
Your happy faculty for deal-
ing with the Red Men impressed
me so favorably that when
I first heard of the recent
accusation I could only feel
that you were misrepresented
by men who were envious of
your reputation, and perhaps
anxious to divert the attention
from their own misdeeds.

Very Respectfully
Your Friend,

Zerah C. Whipple
San Francisco, Cal.
May 22, 1874.

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

My dear Sir:

Be so kind as to read and sign the enclosed petition to gone in Congress which will take a hearty interest in the case. It will be referred me doubt to the Military Committee and will result in hope, in a speedy

faithfully,

Chas. M. Blake
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New Smyrna July
27 1874

Dear O. C. Hoover and
Respected Sir

Knowing you as a friend of
soldiers and especially wounded
I write you this begging a favor
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M. Gladde
Jan 10 1874
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left — three months service
so much from my history.
I am 40 yrs. old. Temperate
and always been a true republican.
A strong supporter of the Adminstration.
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of the most of arms, Arizona.
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the war, until within the last
year. (One Man. The children
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man ruling now has the office
is named Short. He will — a
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you will be so kind as to
give me your assistance & advice
in this you will receive the
allegiance of one poor soldier this
family. If I am not able to do
more I am not able to go
to Washington. If I am I should
try to see people I could do there.
My dear Sir,

I have not had a moment since the receipt of your letter to say how delighted I am at the gratifying honor of the military court in your case. I rejoice in common with all your friends in this triumphant vindication, it was not needed to be made to us who knew you so well, but I am glad you could come up as a witness for Christ.

I sincerely trust you may be more happy and useful than ever before. I still wish that Mr. Smith would voluntarily give a statement if the affair that would be alike credible to himself and you.
is absent from the city at present. But after his return, if ever I can have an interview that will be favorable to your cause, I shall take very great pleasure in doing all that I can in that direction.

Sincerely wishing you the utmost temporal and spiritual blessing, I remain

Your faithful,
Thos. Miller.

Mt. Auburn
May 23, 1774.
Continental Hotel, Phila, May 23, 1874

My dear O. O'Howard

My Dear Sir,

I drop you a line for two purposes; first, to congratulate you on your acquittal and full triumph over your persecutors, and to express my thankfulness that justice so long delayed has at last been done you. And second, to inform you that I have, at last succeeded in paying in full all the War Department, has claimed of me, having received on the 18th inst. a receipt in full from the US Dist Atty at Jackson, Miss. It has been a heavy tax upon me as I have paid over ten thousand dollars for the faults and shortcomings of others and for which payment I never hope to recover any return or benefit to raise the money has absorbed or encumbered all of my property, and left me poor but what I have discharged the obligations...
that I thought honesty required of me. I know the condition of my business as agent of the Bureau. This course you much trouble and annoyance till I indulge the hope—in view of all the circumstances that I have not entirely lost your good opinion.

During the last session of our legislature—of which I am still a member—I asked for a Committee composed of my political opponents to investigate all charges made against me, and such a Committee was appointed and their report—which I will send you if you desire it—was a full and entire acquittal.

I leave here this evening for Damascusville this when I will remain a few days and after I shall be most happy to receive a line from you.

I am very truly your's,

[Signature]

E. F. French
Nov. 1, 1867.

Re: Audit, U.S. Treasury

Dear Sir:

Referring to your communication of May 10th, and its enclosed statement of the condition of my account with your office, I have the honor to make the following explanation in the case of the suspended account of Alfred H. Baker, Landsman, U.S. Navy, for prize money twice paid.

The facts as gathered from your office and other sources appear to be as follows: Baker having applied, through his Attorney, Edward Bissell, for prize