

Independence

Jan 24 1895.

General O. D. Howard

Dear Sir & Brother.

I have just -
written Dr Wallace of
Portland, to secure
him if possible for
a Lecture on a course
of about - three Lectures.
And now write you
for the same purpose.
We are in need of
a Bill for our Church
at - Independence
and Thought - ~~we~~ might
realize something ~~in~~
this way besides giving

our people a trial.
Could you come and
give us one of your
Plectrums on the war.

if so what are your
terms, our church is
in need of a Bell - and
with - other needs to
be supplied. I don't -
see how we can get -
it - unless we can
secure funds in this way

Independence has
about - 2000 population
and is about - 70 miles
south of Portland on
the west - side of the
Willamette - River.

Please write
me about it -

Christ
Jan. Brothman ~~Chatt~~
O. B. Whitman

Pastor of Congregational Church } Independence
Oregon

Answered

JAN 25 1895

511 Central Ave.
East Orange, N. J.

Jan. 24, 1895

Maj. Gen. Oliver C. Howard,
Dear Sir,-

A short
time since I began a collection of
autographs of noted Army and
Navy officers. I already have quite a
few and would like very much
to obtain yours. Kindly affix
the date to your autograph.

Respectfully Yours,
Walter S. Sill.

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SERVICE OF
Gen. W. C. HOWARD
H. B. HOWARD

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Autograph

The Young Men's
Christian Association
Lancaster, Pa.

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January 24, 1895

Gen O. O. Howard,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

We hereby extend to you a most cordial and unanimous invitation to deliver the address on the occasion of the Quarto-Centennial Anniversary of the Young Men's Christian Association of Lancaster, Pa. on the 12th or 14th of February 1895. (These dates being the only ones we could secure the Opera House.) Your choice would be our choice.

The Association has purchased a \$60,000 site on which they desire to erect a \$90,000 building for the young men of the city, and we are exceedingly anxious to have you with us on the above occasion, also to meet about one hundred of our most prominent citizens, at an informal luncheon to be given by one of our Directors at his residence, on the afternoon of the Anniversary day, for the purpose of securing their co-operation in the undertaking.

We know that you are a very busy man, but your words, and presence, as well as experience in Association work, will be of great value to us, and a help out of our present situation, and we trust that you may be enabled to accept our invitation. "Come and help us."

Awaiting your answer and praying that it may be an affirmative one. We are Respectfully Yours.

James Shand
W. Z. Sener
Chas. H. Gray

H. Williamson
D. L. Bursk
J. M. Davidson
Geo. M. Franklin
W. A. Stebbins
Committee

OFFICE OF
Gen. O. O. HOWARD,
H. S. HOWARD.

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Rev. JOSIAH STRONG,
General Secretary.

THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE
FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
511 UNITED CHARITIES BUILDING,
FOURTH AVENUE COR. 22D STREET.

New York,

JAN 24 1895

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

Dear Sir:

It gives me pleasure to
inform you that at the last meeting of the Board
of Managers of the Evangelical Alliance for the
United States you were unanimously re-elected a
Vice President
of the Alliance, and your name has been duly
enrolled as such.

Yours respectfully,

Josiah Strong.

General Secretary.

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OFFICE OF
Gen. O. O. HOWARD,
H. S. HOWARD.

Joseph Strong

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Yours respectfully,

General Secretary.

Winter & profiting by
There is a warm
welcome awaiting you at
'44' & your bright, sunny
room is all ready for you.
Our love to you & yours

Sincerely yours

Elizabeth F. Indall Upham.

OFFICE OF
Gen. O. O. HOWARD,
H. S. HOWARD,

Westphalia

44 N. 35th
New York Jan - 24 / 11
[1895]

My dear General.

Mr Upham
was talking of you this
morning & saying "I wish
Genl Howard would come
home."

You will be sorry to
hear that he has been
very ill the past week—
his stomach having given
out. But he is better
today, is sitting up, dressed

is beginning to eat
again. He seems very
feeble at times, but on
the whole Mr O'Connor
thinks he is holding
his own. His physician
has shown himself
most skillful & I do
not believe Mr Upham
could be in better hands.

In myself I am so so,
The long fatigue & anxiety
tired upon me rather

severely & I broke down
completely - so much
that I had to go to
Lakeside for a few days
as I could not seem
to recuperate here - I
came back better able
to do for the dear invalid.

He sends his love to
you & begs you to pray
for us as he does for you

I hope you are all enjoying

OFFICE OF
Gen. O. O. HOWARD
H. S. HOWARD.

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JAN 30 1895

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25 East 30th St.,

New York, Jan 25. 95.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir,

Allow me to thank
you most sincerely for your
very kind letter of the
15th inst. and the enclosed
photographs.

Old usual, what you
have done has been
well done.

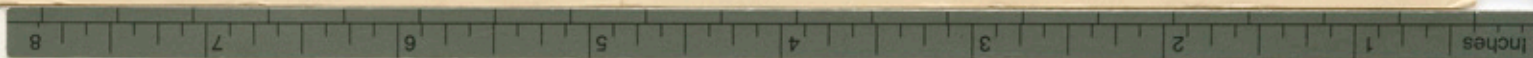
Glow, honor, and the
respect, love, and admiration
of a great people, are yours
already.

May the remaining

Fears of your life be
Crowned with the supreme
joys and peace of home,
And the family altar, and
may the success, prosperity,
and happiness, you so richly
deserve, attend you at
all times and in all places.

Once more thanking
you for your kindness,
I remain, with profound
regard,

Very truly yours,
Robt. Foster.



Salem, Jan. 25, 1895

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General O. O. Howard.

Portland, Oregon.

My Dear Sir and Brother,

As pastor of the First Congregational Church of Salem, Ore. I am requested to inquire of you upon what terms we could secure a lecture by you for the benefit of the Church.

By means of the sad conflict through which this church passed sometime ago a debt was incurred which has been sadly burdening the Church. The Ladies Aid Society has been doing valiant service for us, and it is at their instance that I write. It was thought that the date might be fixed for the time of your visit to the city in connection with the dedicatory exercises of the University Gymnasium. May I ask for an early reply?

Sincerely Yours,

W. C. Kantner.

Answered

OFFICE OF
Gen. O. O. HOWARD,
H. S. HOWARD.

W. C. Carter



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21 TIMES BUILDING, CHICAGO.
124 WEST STATE STREET, ROCKFORD, ILL.

CHICAGO, Jan. 25, 1895.

Gen. O. O. Howard,
Portland, Ore.

Dear General,--We see your name frequently before the temperance people of the United States and as our paper is a national one of very large circulation we would like to have something from you for our readers. Will you kindly give us your ideas on the principle of prohibition and what you think of the future of our temperance cause.

Hoping to hear at an early date and thanking you,
Very sincerely yours,

Abner E. Wilson
News Editor.

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JAN 30 1895

*Chicago Letter,
News Editor.*

CHICAGO, Jan. 28, 1895.

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Gen. O. O. Hester,

Portland, Ore.

OFFICE OF
HUGH R. FULTON,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.

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LANCASTER, PA., Jan'y. 25 th. 1895

Gen. O. O. Howard,

My Dear Sir; I understand that the Committee of the Young Mens Christian Association of this City are about writing to you asking you to deliver the Anniversary Address on or about Feb'y. 12 th.

The occasion will be a very important one, in the history of our association. The Committees are starting into the work of erecting a building on one of the finest sites in the City. The whole to cost about \$150000.

This meeting is designed to bring the matter before the people and thus secure large subscriptions, in order to complete the building.

Your popularity with the Soldier and business element of our people, make it desirable for us to have you, and it will no doubt, be pleasant for you to meet them.

I hope you will make it suit to accept their invitation.

Very Truly Yours.

M. Brooks.
M.C.

M. Brown. M.C.

Very truly yours.

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My Dear Sir;

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LANCASTER, PA. Jan'y. 22 th. 1889

OFFICE OF

Gen. O. O. HOWARD,

H. S. HOWARD,

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.

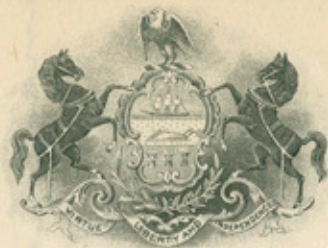
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OFFICE OF

M. Brown
Jan 31 1889
LANCASTER, PA.

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Ans
JAN 31 1895



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Edwin S. Smeltz,
Mayor.

Lancaster, Pa. 1/25 1895

Major Gen. O. O. Howard
Dear Sir,

I understand that the Young Men's Christian Association of our city has invited you to deliver the ^{address} on the occasion of their "Twenty Centennial." As the Mayor of our city, I feel an interest in this affair and deem it would be exceedingly gratifying to our citizens and friends of the Association to have you with us of that occasion.

Hoping you will accept this modest request, I remain.

Yours Respectfully
Edwin S. Smeltz
Mayor

OFFICE OF
Gen. O. O. HOWARD,
H. Q. DEPARTMENT.

Ed Smith

Mayor

Lancaster, Pa.

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Bloomingdale Reformed Church,

BOULEVARD AND WEST 68TH STREET.

MADISON C. PETERS, PASTOR.

Am
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OF HOWARD
DRAWN BY

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NEW YORK, Jan. 25, 1895.

My dear General:

For the sake of the many young men whom I am able to reach from the pulpit, the platform and through the press, will you help me to point out to them the traps that are set for them in New York City? I want to get facts and opinions concerning the dangers which lie in their way. I want my views to be strengthened by the opinions of successful men-of men who have become conspicuous in the community for success by honest, upright and down-square, manly dealing. The opinions of such men will have great weight with the young. So will you please tell the young men, through me, what you consider their fiercest foes-intemperance, bad companionship, gambling etc. I know how hard the City grinds, that you are already overburdened, and if you have not time to give reasons for your views, or any illustrations which have come under your notice, just indicate in a few words the evils which cause so many young men to fall.

Yours in behalf of the young men

Gen. O. O. Howard,
Governor's Island,
New York.

Madison C. Peters

NEW YORK Jan. 25. 1892

Office of
Gen. O. O. HOWARD,
H. S. HOWARD.

Rev M. C. Deane

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Wm. C. Deane

Gen. O. O. Howard,
Governor's Island,
New York.





PRESIDENT, REV. R. H. BOSWORTH,
77 NASSAU STREET.

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311 QUINCY STREET.

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279 BALTIMORE STREET.

TREASURER, MISS FANNIE BUNCE,
171 HIGH STREET.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 25 1895.

Major-Gen. O. O. Howard,

My Dear Sir:-

I received your favor just in time to
telephone the printer to insert your name. I send a pamphlet by
this mail. Please accept my thanks for so kindly allowing me the
use of your name.

Sincerely,

N. H. Gillette

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Gen. O. O. HOWARD,
H. S. HOWARD.

A. H. Gillett

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United States Senate,

WASHINGTON, D. C.,

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January 25, 1895.

Major General O. O. Howard,
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

Enclosed I send you two reports— one from the House of Representatives and one from the Senate in regard to the claim made by my deceased Father for pay as an Agent of the Freedman's Bureau at Augusta, Georgia. They are numbered one and two. I respectfully ask your attention to the testimony of Acting Inspector General George R. Walbridge (page 3 No 1) where he states that it was through no fault of my late Father that he was not commissioned and paid in the year from June 1st 1866 to June 1st 1867.

And again to the forced construction put by the Hon. T. C. Howe, Senator from Wisconsin on your language (page 2 No 2)

A certificate from you as to the correct construction of your language as used in your certificate (page 4 No 1) will enable me to recover this money for the benefit of my Father's heirs. If you can add to this a statement corroborating the statement of Captain Walbridge please do so.

I shall be under many obligations for an early answer, enclosing any statement of yours, as I hope through

it to secure the passage of a bill at this session
of Congress

I remain, very truly yours

William R. Davis

17 N. St. northeast

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W. R. Davis
March 20

To the Committee on Claims of the United States Senate:

GENTLEMEN: I have been requested by Jacob R. Davis, esq., to make a statement to your honorable body in reference to his claim, now pending before you, for services rendered as agent of the Freedmen's Bureau in Georgia, from June 1, 1866, to June 1, 1867.

Mr. Davis was appointed agent of the Bureau on the 6th day of Dec., 1865, and before him were tried all cases which arose between the white and colored people. The compensations allowed him at that time was the same fees allowed to civil magistrates by the laws of Georgia. He received compensation in this way up to the 1st of June, 1866, and paid over to the Department a considerable surplus in the way of fees, etc., which he had collected. On the 1st of June, 1866, as an experiment, all cases arising between white and colored persons were turned over to the civil magistrates, and Mr. Davis was required to keep a supervision over them. On the first of June, 1867, Mr. Davis was commissioned by this Department, at a salary of one hundred and twenty-five dollars a month, which salary he received to April, 1868.

During the entire time of Mr. Davis's connection with the Bureau, he discharged the duties of his office in an able and efficient manner and gave satisfaction to the freedmen and their employers.

Had Mr. Davis applied to this office for a commission, with salary, on the 1st of June, 1866, the same would have been issued, as he rendered valuable service to the Government. This application he neglected to make until June, 1867, when his commission, with salary of one hundred and twenty-five dollars per month, was issued.

Under the present law of Congress I had no authority to pay this claim from any public funds at my disposal.

I know Mr. Davis has been a good agent and has done the Government valuable service. I would, therefore, recommend that he be paid for his services from June 1, 1866, to June 1, 1867, as claimed.

O. O. HOWARD,

Brig. Gen., U. S. A., late Commissioner Bureau R., F., and A. L.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 10, 1872.

HEIRS OF JACOB R. DAVIS.

JUNE 2, 1892.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. PAGE, of Rhode Island, from the Committee on Claims, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 5380.]

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5380) for the relief of the heirs of Jacob R. Davis, having had the same under consideration submit the following report:

Your committee upon investigation find that the facts in this case are substantially as follows:

It appears from the evidence in this case that the said Jacob R. Davis was appointed, on the 26th of December, 1865, agent of the Freedmen's Bureau for Richmond County, Ga., and that he immediately entered upon the discharge of the duties of the office. The compensation allowed him was the fees usually allowed to the civil magistrate by the laws of the State of Georgia for similar services; and the testimony shows that he received compensation in this way up to the 1st of June, 1866, and that he paid over to the Department a considerable surplus in the way of fees, etc., which he had collected, after deducting therefrom his salary and clerk hire and other incidental expenses. About the 1st of June, 1866, the Department rescinded the order for his compensation from fees, but he was directed to continue to discharge the duties of the office of agent of the Freedmen's Bureau, from the 1st of June, 1866, to the 1st of June, 1867, for which he has received no compensation whatever. On the 1st of June, 1867, he was commissioned by the Department with a salary at the rate of \$125 per month, and he continued in office, receiving this salary, until April, 1868.

The evidence before the committee shows that during the whole time Mr. Davis had discharged the duties of the office in an able and efficient manner, and that he gave satisfaction both to the freedmen and their employers. The discharge of the duties of the office occupied the whole of his time.

The reason assigned by Gen. Howard why he was not paid for the period from June 1, 1866, to June 1, 1867, was that there was no law appropriating that amount from the Treasury. If it was necessary to continue him in office from the 1st of June, 1867, to April, 1868, at a salary of \$125 per month, it follows then with as much reason and justice that he be paid at the same rate for services rendered for the twelve months immediately preceding.

Therefore it is recommended that the accompanying joint resolution be adopted.

We append as exhibits to this report the statements of John Mil-

lidge, late United States attorney; of the claimant; of Joshua Hill, late United States Senator, whose nephew acted as claimant's clerk during a portion of the time in which the services claimed for were rendered; of Capt. George R. Walbridge; of C. F. Watson, and of Gen. O. O. Howard, which appear to be conclusive evidence of the justice of the claim.

We therefore report the bill favorably.

WASHINGTON CITY, May 2, 1872.

GENTLEMEN: My claim is for services rendered as agent of the Freedmen's Bureau office at Augusta, Georgia, for one year commencing June 1st, 1866, up to June 1st, 1867. I was appointed by Gen'l Tillson, then Commissioner for the State of Georgia, Dec. 26, 1865. The compensation allowed me was the fees usually allowed to civil magistrates by the laws of the State of Georgia for similar services. This continued up to June 1st, 1866, at which time the Commissioner directed me to turn all litigated cases over to the State courts, at the same time to keep a supervision of all claims which freedmen were interested in, and see that they were justly dealt by. This, while it cut off all compensation, by no means lessened my duties; in fact, making them additionally unpleasant. Up to June 1st, '66, I had run the office without expense to the Dep't and paid the balance, some hundreds of dollars, over to the paymaster of the Freedmen's Bureau, which receipt was before the last named committee, and should be among their papers. This change was made in my portion of the State as an experiment, to see if the civil courts would do the freedmen justice, while a similar order was not issued for the balance of the State until November 1st, 1866. Agents occupying similar duties to my own, though less important, as soon as they were notified of the change, signified their intention to resign, not being willing to serve without compensation, were at once placed upon the pay roll at 125 dollars per month without loss of time. I served nearly a year in this way until the acting adjutant gen'l, Lut. Pickett, and Cap. Geo. R. Walbridge, inspector gen'l, brought the matter to the notice of Gen'l Howard, who at once placed me upon the pay roll at 125 dol. per month; my duties were by no means changed. The adjutant and inspector gen'l intended that my commission should have been dated back to June 1st, 1866, instead of June 1, 1867. Gen'l Howard stated to the two House committees that I was a faithful officer; my duties were important to the Govern't; that in justice I should be paid, and recommended my being paid, and further stated that had I applied, as others did when the perquisites were cut off, that he would have commised me at once, as he did as soon as he was informed I was acting without pay, or was not upon the pay roll.

The Hon. Joshua Hill, Senator from Georgia and resident of the Congressional dist. in which I served, is knowing to my being the agent for the time named, as one of his nephews was my clerk a portion of the time.

I respectfully ask that you investigate my claim without delay, that it may be acted upon this session, as my pecuniary circumstances are such that if delayed to another session would seriously incommode me.

I am, gentle'n, resp'y, your obe't serv't,

JACOB R. DAVIS.

Hon. T. O. HOWE,
Chairman Committee on Claims.

I testify to the faithful and efficient service of Mr. Davis, it coming within my personal knowledge. I was familiar with Mr. D., and had recommended him to the authorities. He was very diligent and useful in his position.

JOSHUA HILL.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 3, 1872.

I most cheerfully endorse Mr. J. R. Davis as one of the most active, honest, and thorough agents of the bureau in the State of Ga. I was on duty in that State as acting insp. gen'l and act'g commissary of subsistence for Dist. of Georgia from June, '66, to Sept., '67. My duties required me to visit and inspect all the districts and agencies of the bureau in the State, and Mr. Davis was the only recognized agent for the Augusta district during the period for which he claims in the within petition.

My orders from Gen'l Tillson's and Gen'l Sibley's head'qts always directed me to apply to Mr. Davis, agent of bureau, for any information or assistance I might need in the freedman's affairs while in that dist.

I often reported the fact at head qts. of Gen'l. Tillson that Mr. Davis had not rec'd his appointment, and each time it was promised it would be forwarded at once, which was finally done; but, through the oversight of the adjt. gen'l (Lieut. Eugene Pickett), the appointment was dated June 1, 1867 (instead of '66). He (the adjt. gen'l) then promised to return it to Gen'l Howard and have it antedated, but this Gen'l Howard said he had no authority to do, but said the claim was just and equitable. Mr. Davis, in addition to his duties as agent aided me materially in the distribution of supplies in spring of '67. His agency was one of the most important in the State and Mr. D. one of the most faithful known to the department.

GEO. R. WALBRIDGE,

Late Capt. and Act. Insp. Gen'l, and Commiss'y Sub. Dist. of Georgia.

GEORGIA, Monroe County:

Personally appeared before me, Jesse Aycock, a justice of the peace in and for the county and State aforesaid, John Millidge, who, being duly sworn, says that he knows Jacob R. Davis, and that said Davis was the agent for the Freeman's Bureau in the city of Augusta, Ga., during the years 1866 and 1867, and that he was recognized by the heads of said bureau as such agent; that said Davis' time was fully occupied by attending to the duties of said office; that he had frequently to visit the adjoining counties of Burke, Lincoln, Columbia, Warren in arranging and settling difficulties between freedmen and their employers, and seeing that they were properly represented in the courts where the freedmen had to go to attend their trials; and every species of business connected with the defence of freedmen, in seeing that they had their rights; was very zealous, guarded, and looked after by said Davis, which brought upon him often the ill-will of many persons and made him unpopular. This department of the Government could not have had a more faithful and trustworthy officer, and he deserves liberal compensation.

JNO. MILLIDGE,

Late U. S. Attorney.

Subscribed before me this, the 28th Dec'r, 1871.

JESSE AYCOCK, J. P.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb'y 18, 1870.

I certify that Jacob R. Davis was an agent of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, & A. L., at Augusta, Georgia, from December 25th, 1865, to June 1, 1867, under an appointment of Brig. Gen. Davis Tillson, Ass't Comm'r. without salary, and a portion of this time, how much I am unable to state, no fees or emoluments were attached to his office.

C. T. WATSON,

Late Disb'g Officer, Bureau R., F. & A. L., for Georgia.

WASHINGTON CITY, District of Columbia:

Personally appeared before me, a United States commissioner for the District of Columbia, Jacob R. Davis, who, after being duly sworn, says he was appointed Dec. 25, 1865, by Brig. Gen'l Davis Tillson, Asst. Commissioner, agent of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, at Augusta, Georgia; that he served faithfully as such up to June 1, 1867; that from the date of his appointment, up to June 1, 1866, he was compensated for his services by fees; at this date, in obedience to instructions from Gen'l Tillson, such cases as fees were attached to were turned over to the civil authorities; that by this change, while it lessened his duties but little, if any, his compensation was entirely cut off; that he continued on duty up to June 1, 1867, being one year without receiving any compensation; that he continued on duty with the full expectation of being paid by the Government.

JACOB R. DAVIS.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th day of February, 1870.

[SEAL.]

EDW. F. BROWN,
United States Commissioner.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 1, 1893.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. VILAS, from the Committee on Claims, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany S. 3363.]

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3363) for the relief of the heirs of Jacob R. Davis, having given the same due consideration, respectfully report:

This claim was formerly presented to the Forty-Second Congress, was then carefully considered by the Senate Committee on Claims upon a House bill, and reported adversely, and thereupon the bill was indefinitely postponed. This order was reconsidered, the bill recommitted, again reported adversely and again indefinitely postponed. No additional evidence or reason for the allowance of the claim now appears which was not then before the committee and the Senate. The report then submitted has the approval of the committee now, and is hereto subjoined; and the committee recommend that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

[Senate Report No. 258, Forty-second Congress, third session.]

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred bill H. R. 1187, "for the relief of Jacob R. Davis, of Richmond County, Ga.," have examined the same, and beg leave to bring in the following as their report:

The bill proposes to pay Jacob R. Davis \$1,500 for his services as agent of the Freedmen's Bureau for Richmond County, in the State of Georgia, for one year, between the 1st day of June, 1866, and the 1st day of June, 1867. The insuperable objection to making the payment is this: During that year Mr. Davis was not an agent of the Freedmen's Bureau. Prior to the 1st of June, 1866, he was an agent and was paid for his services. Subsequently to the 1st of June, 1866, he was again employed as an agent, and was again paid for his services, but for the intermediate time he was not an agent. He might have been an agent had the Commissioner seen fit to appoint him. Under the act of July 16, 1866, there was no limit upon the authority of the Commissioner and the President to appoint agents. The language of the third section is: "And the Commissioner shall, under the direction of the President, and so far as the same shall be in his judgment necessary for the efficient and economical administration of the affairs of the Bureau, appoint such agents, clerks, and assistants as may be required for the proper conduct of the Bureau."

Under that act clearly Mr. Davis might have been appointed an agent.

In a letter addressed to this committee the late Commissioner of the Bureau states that "had Mr. Davis applied to this office for a commission with salary on the 1st of June, 1866, the same would have been issued, as he rendered valuable service to the Government. This application he neglected to make until June, 1867, when his commission, with salary of \$125 per month, was issued."

The committee are of the opinion that if Mr. Davis actually rendered valuable service to the Government during the year succeeding the 1st of June, 1866, and the Commissioner knew it, that was reason enough for appointing him, and it was not necessary to wait for Mr. Davis to ask for an appointment. If he did not render

such service, or the Commissioner did not know it, he should not state it. Moreover, if such service was rendered, the Commissioner had abundant authority and abundant means to pay for it, whether there was a formal appointment or not. During that very year he had an appropriation of \$230,300 to disburse to his assistants.

The committee conclude that the Commissioner does not mean to be understood as testifying that Mr. Davis rendered valuable service during the year when he was not employed, but only during the time when he was employed.

This conclusion seems the more plausible because the Commissioner does not state what those valuable services were. The case affords but one suggestion upon that point.

Prior to June 1, 1866, Mr. Davis had been employed, in lieu of the civil magistrate, to try causes to which the freedman was a party. He was allowed to charge such fees as the laws of the State accorded to the civil magistrate. His office therefore cost the Bureau nothing. At the date last mentioned that business was transferred to the civil magistrate.

But the Commissioner states that Mr. Davis "was required to keep a supervision over them." He does not state by whom, or in what way, or when that requirement was made. The committee are not satisfied it was made at all, and for two reasons:

First. If it was made by competent authority, it was an appointment, all that the statute required, and made it the duty of the Commissioner to compensate Mr. Davis for his services.

Second. When Mr. Davis did the work of the civil magistrate his services cost the Government nothing, for he was compensated by fees. If the Commissioner did transfer that work and fees to the civil magistrate, and then tax the Government \$1,500 per annum for the supervision of the magistrate, it would seem to be rather improvident sort of administration, of which the Commissioner should not be convicted except upon the clearest proof.

Since the Government authorized the Commissioner to appoint as many agents as he pleased, and has paid all that he thought to appoint, special appropriations are not now called for to pay such as he did not think to appoint.

Your committee, therefore, are of the opinion that the relief provided for in the bill should not be granted, and respectfully recommend that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

OFFICE OF
Gen. O. O. HOWARD,
H. S. HOWARD.

John Wanamaker

Ans'd
JAN 31 1895

John Wanamaker

Philadelphia 25 Jan 95

Dear General Howard

Couldst you take a Sunday
off somewhere in the next
two months & spend it
with me in this city in
our Christian work & old
time fellowship? Your friend
John Wanamaker

Gen. O. O. HOWARD.
H. S. HOWARD.

John W. Warriner

Jan. 31 1888
John Warriner

Philadelphia
27 Jan 88

My friend Howard

Will you take a card
off someone in the city
two months & spend it
with me in this city
on Christmas night & tell
me how it goes

