

Cemetery Grounds, Gettysville Pa  
July 2, 1863

To  
Gen. Howard  
Comd'g 11 Army Corps  
U. S. A.

Sir!

The Subscriber, the Sexton  
of this cemetery most respectfully  
requests You, to secure  
him, who is only a poor  
man, from the loss of his  
property by the appropriation  
of this Cemetery Grounds  
and the destruction of my  
private property by your doing.

The following property  
has either been destroyed  
or has been used by You

and other troops of the  
U. S. & Vol. Army, to wit:

5000 lb of hay

\$25.00 worth of grass

25 barrel of potatoes

\$15.00 worth of sundry greens

one good milch cow. -

I remain

Yours most Respectfully  
John Moeser  
Sexton.

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mailed  
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Washington  
July 30 1863  
[July 3, 1863]  
Major Gen Howard  
Dear General:

Soon  
after the battle of Chancellorsville  
Major Gen Meade furnished  
me with a copy of a letter  
he had addressed Gen  
Sickles and yourself on  
the subject of a difference  
of opinion between Gen  
Meade and myself  
growing out of our  
Council of Corps Commanders  
at Chancellorsville. I have  
received Gen Sickles  
reply & if you have no  
objection will be greatly  
obliged to be furnished  
with a copy of your own.



I am rejoiced that yourself  
our command acquire  
so much from of Gettysburg.  
It must be a great  
satisfaction to you especially.

Repub has in that I  
am to have another  
command but when  
or where I have not  
the slightest idea I  
presume that I shall  
know on Saturday  
next. Hope that you  
are well.

My best regards  
Joseph Hooker  
My dear

Gettysburg Pa.  
July 5. 1863

Dear Sir,

We are this - another  
terrible conflict of 3 days  
The enemy has been  
defeated & is gone  
and you are a com-  
plete victory. Myself & I  
are well - love to  
the children & the  
blessing of our Father  
be yours - Sincerely  
Otis



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Head Quarter 11th Corps

Marblehead 5 miles from

Remitsburg Pa.

9.20 a.m. July 6th / 63

Dear Sir.

We commenced a movement  
last night towards the enemy  
but have been halted here -  
Poor Perry has been very badly wounded -  
He has lost his arm & if you will  
lose his life. Rowland says he  
is very weak & cries considerably  
I made a reconnaissance yesterday  
in person with some 15 or 20  
Cavalry. We saw some men



around that looked like stragglers.  
A dash was made by the Cavalry  
led by Henry, Capt. Griffith &  
other officers. Poor Griffith was  
very badly wounded by a sudden  
fire from the woods & thickets.  
Also two or three of the men. We  
all love Griffith very much.  
He is a free minded noble man - has  
a wife in Phil<sup>a</sup>. The ball went  
quite thro' him. He is at a Dr.  
Taylor in Gettysburg and is  
comfortable. I talked with him  
for strong expressions of his  
faith in God thro' Christ -  
and prayed with him before

leaving. I told him <sup>his wound</sup> of <sup>me</sup> was a  
punishment to ~~him~~ <sup>me</sup> not to  
~~the~~ <sup>him</sup>. Give much love  
to the children. Mother is  
well, but we are all pretty  
well tired out. I long for  
rest. - Lovingly  
Your husband - Otis



Head Quarters 11th Corps  
July 9, 1863 1863

Dear Sir. Mrs. Boonslorra. Md

I am quite well but  
nowadays am apt to feel very  
tired at times. It is about the  
same with Charlie. We  
are near the enemy. Lee has  
not yet crossed the river so  
we must have our more  
trial. God grant us success in this  
next battle. He has preserved  
me so many times I begin to  
feel as though he might do so  
to the end. Give much love  
to Papa's friends to the little  
flock. Good night darling  
Sincerely  
Otis

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the position occupied by his reserve.  
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come up to assist in the retreat  
as he was but 2 miles away but  
he was too willing to demonstrate the  
fitness of his name Sherman come -  
fact refused to come up in person.  
Saying he would not assume the  
responsibility of that day's fighting of  
these two Corps - His Div<sup>y</sup> was  
finally sent up but too late &  
The 11th & 1st Corps suffered most  
terribly in their retreat - losing many  
prisoners - More than had been previously  
lost from the enemy which was considerable.  
Borlow was badly wounded left in town.  
It seems they did not find time however  
& he escaped without further loss.  
They left - <sup>Mrs. Bigelow with him who she could not get into house for three days.</sup> Command began to give true  
acct. of the fighting - We never have  
had so complete a battle - reinforcing  
one end another part of the line when it  
attacked in our overwhelming force - We held it  
most determinedly - The 11th Corps did better  
than ever before - Though Borlow's Div<sup>y</sup> did  
not fight very well the first day - The 1st  
+ staff were in the hottest fighting fire & were  
and remained in the same place until today  
long as the Rebels remained except that when

[illegible]



(To Major E. Whittier, then in Drummer's Co. 14th S. A.)

The 1<sup>st</sup> has come forward and occupied the right of the road but has now advanced to the town. Schuyler acts now as an advance guard & is instructed to fall back if attacked by great force.

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On Sunday morning we were riding out to reconnoiter with the Genl's party guard - the enemy having left the town & immediate vicinity - We saw some Rebel Pickets about a mile out when we got within 1/4 mile - The Genl. waited while the rest rode forward.

We found a lot of stragglers &c in a house about 20 rods from the Pickets whom we captured & then rushed forward upon the Pickets -

and continued Capt. Thomas to send 3 or 4 men up to find out what

force was there & he did; but the whole guard went galloping on so close that it did no good and suddenly a company of concealed Rebels opened fire from a wood upon us - Griffith was badly wounded through the body near the hip.

This occurrence undid us all very much because it seemed so uncollected for. We left him at Lt. Howland had been with us or near in the hospitals during the battle & he will probably be with Griffiths till his wife arrives.

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Howard is at 13.



Hd. qrs. 11<sup>th</sup> Corps

Boonesboro Gap Md.

July 9, 1863

My dear Major

I received your letter while we were at Gettysburg and feel grateful for it. You know very well how difficult it is to write upon an active Campaign and I have never written so few letters as since we reached Md. and Penna. In fact we never drove business quite so hard before. Day before yesterday we marched <sup>about</sup> 30 miles. Our Corps is in advance of all Schurtz [sic] Div.<sup>n</sup> went forward beyond Boonesboro last night to support Buford's Cavalry which had been fighting all day - The other two Div.<sup>ns</sup> took up position on the sides <sup>(west)</sup> of the mountain to hold the Gap at all hazards until the other Corps get up

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come up to assist in the retreat  
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prisoners - more than had been previously  
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It seems they did not bind him, however,  
& he escaped without parole when  
Mrs. B. is now with him tho' she could not get into town for two days.  
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than ever before - though Barlow's Div<sup>n</sup> did  
not fight very well the first day - The Gen<sup>l</sup> (Howard) ^  
& staff were in the hottest artillery fire I ever saw  
and remained in the same place night & day as  
long as the Rebels remained except that when



[across the side of p. 1:]

they made an assault upon our front the Gen.<sup>1</sup> went up  
to the front (some 2 or 3 rods) & stood between the guns of  
[Dilger's ?] battery while they poured the grape and can-

ister into them - At  
that time we were  
subjected to a concen-  
trated fire from 3  
directions and a hun-  
dred guns were open-  
ed upon us - We  
saw there the sub-  
limity of the battle - The  
enemy's lines gave  
way and they went  
scattering back as  
Humphrey did  
at Fredericksburg  
(you will remember)  
The losses are im-  
mense - Maj. Lee  
had his arm shot off &  
amputated afterwards at  
the shoulder - his  
survival is doubtful.

The army is in ex-  
cellent spirits though  
terribly exhausted by  
marches & without shoes  
& supplies but during

[across the side of p. 1, con't.:]

last night we got shoes  
by superhuman exertions  
from Frederic also three  
days rations - after one day's  
fast - We will fight

[across the side of p. 2:]

them again tomorrow or perhaps this P. M. Gen Howard seems  
to have the fullest confidence of Gen. Meade and has had the  
command of two Corps 11<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> (a good Corps you know) - The  
6th Corps has just marched past to the front - The 6<sup>th</sup> was less  
engaged & suffers less than any other at Gettysburg. Please give  
my kindest regards to Mrs. Whittlesey & if [Rodelphus H.] Gilmore

[across the side of p. 4:]

please allow him to read this. Was struck by a piece of shell but  
not hurt - only had my clothes torn & made my back tingle a little.

Capt. Hall was considerably hurt by a shell but is on duty.

Would be glad to see you back again especially

I & the Gen.<sup>l</sup> Truly yrs. C. H. Howard

[across the center of p. 1:]

P. S. The boys were delighted  
to hear from you. Walter read  
the letter to them - Charlie is a  
very good boy & useful - ["Ward" ?]  
is worth his weight in gold to  
Capt. Stinson & me——

[note at top of p. 2, in Harry Stinson Howard's hand:]

(To Major E. Whittlesey than in Brunswick, Me.

H.S.H.

[NOTE: Portions underlined in red are in the hand of Oliver Otis Howard.]



to be married in August or Sept.  
I can't realize it at all -

I must bid you good night - as  
it is getting late - I don't know  
as you can read this & send  
I have written so hastily -

Love to yourself & the children -  
Your sister

Eliza

Stamington July 24th 1853  
My dear Lizzie

I was very glad  
indeed to hear from you again -

I wish I could see you, which  
would be far better -

But not yet come home - I don't  
know when he will come -

Though I shall look for him now every  
day & night - I think he will go

to Augusta if he can - But he  
has been away so much longer

than he anticipated - That I don't  
suppose he is as well as if he must

Larry come as soon as possible - I  
hope he can go to Augusta -

He would be so glad to see some  
one right from Olden -

He was with Perry when he wrote last -

Perry has told me all about it - I don't know



which one - Rowland said he  
was very much gratified by it -  
The shock to his system was very  
great - His wife has gone on -  
Dr. Alexander from Lee, is wounded  
in the hip, & is coming home  
with Rowland, I believe -  
I shall be very glad indeed to  
have Gay come up & make us  
a visit - He shall be going to  
Commencement in about a  
fortnight, & probably (if Rowland  
returns in season) to Bangor, the  
week before - though the Bangor  
project is very uncertain -  
Hattie & Hester see Lee now -  
but that need make no difference  
about Gay's coming - I shall  
be glad to see him now, or after  
his return from Commencement,  
just as it is most convenient for  
you - If you come to Leeds, why  
can't you come up here? I should

be so glad to have you - I do  
want to see that baby so much -  
Atty says Jamie is splendid -  
Dodie talks a good deal, has  
learned a great deal since  
his father went away -  
I have a new girl - a little  
one, only sixteen, & small at  
that - but I like her very much -  
She is very neat, quiet, & modest -  
and I get along nicely with  
her - Fannie writes me that  
Mother Gilman is lame - but  
says nothing more about it -  
He is at home now - Hannah  
wished me to say to you that  
she would be very happy to have  
you come to see Louise at Com-  
mencement time, without any  
ceremony, & the baby shall be taken  
care of whenever you can leave it -  
She is very much engaged now  
with Lizzie's matters, who expects



Only for me my Mother wife  
that I may be supported by  
her in these times. Do you  
love from Mother.

Yours  
Otis

Headquarters Eleventh Corps,

July 14 1863.

Friend, Fort Union N.

The enemy have  
got away from us again.  
I am back, having left a  
strongly fortified position.

We do not know yet  
<sup>the confederates</sup> whether they have crossed.  
Chick & I are pretty well,  
though much worn & fatigued.  
Senator Wilson & President Harlan  
have visited us while here.

When we get the rebels fairly  
across the river I presume  
everybody will breathe more



freely particularly in this  
section of country. I am  
anxious to hear from home -  
I haven't got a letter for some  
time. Every day I pray for you  
all separately & trust it may  
be the will of God to bring us  
all together soon in health &  
safety. How are you now  
dearling. The baby is growing.  
growing & papa hasn't seen  
him yet - now 3 months old. What  
is his name? I want to sleep in  
upon you & I mean to before  
long. With much love  
I don't hear from Mary or

Rowland. Oscar & Ann married  
Bill Bonstein & took him  
home with him after his  
time was out. I saw Oscar  
& Emma Whitman on my  
way up before the battle.  
Is it vacation with her yet?  
Quite a long walk over the  
bridge. Capt. <sup>H.S.</sup> Stinson, good, true  
& faithful & brave as ever - just  
reported <sup>that</sup> he had been in the enemy's  
evacuated works. I am very  
anxious to hear from you. I  
am hoping you have been  
having a quiet rest during  
these last few trying days



Ruth July 17. 1863

Dear Sister Lizzie

I am so far on my way home & were it not for preaching tomorrow, I would go via Augusta. I have not seen Otis & Charles since a week ago last Sabbath. You have doubtless heard from them a no. of times since. Gen. Meade has great confidence in Otis & no officer stands better with the Army today - so Charles says.

I left Perry with his wife last Monday - He was hardly out of danger. I attended Capt Griffiths funeral on Wednesday. I could speak with confidence of his Christian character & hope. He died triumphantly. Maria is no better - and is now at Beverly N.J. - a watering place. The barrick here broke last Tuesday - I could get no trace of Capt Keens body.

Abby sends her love. Mrs. Patten sends her love and says she will



~~Don't~~ be happy to have you come  
here commencement time & bring the  
baby - Lizzie Patten sends her love  
too - Ella has a house full of company -  
I hear - Abby says "tell Jamie not to  
forget me" - Give Guy much love  
from Uncle Randall and Grace  
& Jamie - & Chancy - Tell Guy I  
want to see him & tell him about  
the battle & his father in great  
hurry -  
Yours off. Brother  
Randall



Mr Gordon now commands  
the 1st Div<sup>n</sup> - I have had  
quite large reinforcements  
again with much love  
to yourself & darling  
your husband

Wm

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Headquarters Eleventh Corps.

July 14

1863

New Berlin

Dear Mr.

After I wrote you  
at Washington - we marched  
to Williamsport. The next  
day we took back the tracks &  
marched to Middletown  
again 24 miles, and thence  
the next day to this place.  
The bridges are now down &  
we go on a scarp towards the  
Rappahannock. We all  
are rather tired. The poor  
soldiers begin to complain



of long marches. The riots in  
N. York are dreadful, but are  
what expected, & unconditional  
peace men will naturally bring  
upon us. I was much happy  
by a letter from you with the  
sweet face & sweet smile of our  
charming little boy Jamie.

I read a short account of the  
evening & of Blaine's speech  
in the journal - I will enclose  
it as you request. At Litchburg  
I am awarded much credit, & fear  
that the excess of praise, much  
of it unmerited will excite  
the unkind criticisms of

some of my better officers.  
Blaine is well, poor dear

Wm. Luffitt is in the  
better world. Perry is I hear  
doing well. Rowland has  
just left for home - John  
Keen of Leeds was killed.

Much love to my dear  
Jamie. & many kisses  
to the baby.

May God bless you  
My kindest regards  
to all my friends. I see here  
much S. Williams office. Remember  
me kindly to Mr Daniel & Mrs  
Williams. Harry is well



Orono July 20. 1863.

Dear General,

Thank God for what you  
have done & are doing for your coun-  
try & the human race! I have  
rejoiced in your triumphs <sup>all along,</sup> & now  
that your consummate Generalship  
at Gettysburg, & your noble posi-  
tion in the matter of the pen-  
sion of Lee, are known &  
legible to the country, every  
loyal & honest man in  
Maine, is my associate



in admiring & honoring you.

Excuse me, General, but my  
heart would not permit me  
to withhold these words, & urges  
me to tell you how truly I am  
Yours, always,

J. Washburn

Maj. Genl O. O. Howard



He looks as youthful & blooming  
as usual. He says he has a  
good brigade now. He has  
one or two new regiments. They  
exchanged his Germans. He  
does not have any fancy for  
German troops, is almost unkind  
to them. Gen. Barlow, I hear is  
doing well, so is Perry by last  
accounts. Did Rowland visit  
you on his way back? How  
is the darling baby. He is such a little  
stranger. How could I know him -  
since his father's love. And  
then you & the little household  
 Lovingly  
Wm

Headquarters Eleventh Corps,

July 22<sup>nd</sup>

1863.

Mountville Va

Dearest,

We have got back  
into Virginia again as you  
see. I have killed him. I presume  
it is because I do not move.  
There is now a high mountain  
and a deep river between the  
two mountain armies. I  
sent you from Berlin a letter  
containing two hundred dollars.  
I have little Jamie's picture en-  
cased with the rest. How kindly  
you got that executed. The



~~W~~ in this part of the  
country are seeping strong  
but present much of the  
old style Virginia family-dis-  
posed to be open-hearted and hos-  
pitable. In time of peace this  
valley of Loudoun County would  
be a beautiful place to  
visit. There is a beautiful  
young lady here at Mr. Mounts-  
a grand-daughter, a native of  
Salem, but a strong little rebel - I  
should not wonder if she ever  
visited Q. R. Tucker & Harry  
S. The ice has thawed very  
much since we came

Thanks to kindly treatment of  
a good band. The soldiers are  
much inclined to restate  
the hopes of Pennsylvania upon  
the people here. How is my this  
morning. He must have a va-  
cation now. Does Hearn occur  
at the same time. I notice  
L. Mulliken & Blaine are  
drifted. Will they enter cavalry  
or infantry? I hope everybody  
will not pay his 3 or 4 dollars. Not  
come. When I am quite well  
now, we are getting a nice rest.  
Harry Stinson the same. Mr. Ames  
was in to see me last evening



New Baltimore Va. July 23<sup>d</sup> 1863.

General -

I am not satisfied with the manner in which my Quarter-Master conducts his Department. He has at times displayed great Energy, particularly on the march. His deportment towards me has been unexceptionable. But he ignores details to a great extent, and from lack of personal supervision troubles are continually arising. For example, yesterday he desired to send out a train for forage to the vicinity of Circleville. I gave the permission, but instructed him in no case to send a train without a guard. The guard was ordered and reported, but the train had already gone. Co<sup>t</sup> Le Duc was away, and no officer, clerk or agent of his department could direct the guard so that it could follow the train, until it was too late. The train of eight or nine wagons was captured, but the wagons were recovered by Co<sup>t</sup> Le Duc. The mules and teamsters have gone to the enemy. All this arose from neglect on his part to see that the train did not start till the guard had arrived. I would not inquire Co<sup>t</sup> Le Duc but I do not feel safe, as far

Chief Dr. Mr.  
Application for his  
Chief -



as concerns my transportation, with him at the head of the  
Quartermaster's Department of this Corps. I therefore ask that  
he be assigned to duty elsewhere.

I would recommend, in case this application should  
be granted, that Capt. H. B. Lacy be allowed to temporarily  
perform the duties of Chief Quartermaster of the Corps.

Very respectfully,

Your obed. Servt.

O. O. Howard,

Major Genl. Comd'g.

Brig. Genl. Rufus Ingalls,

Chief Quartermaster,

Army of the Potomac.



Papa would like to have heard him.  
Did he speak up boldly & in a  
manly style? I suppose his cheeks  
burned some. Did he go to his  
exhibition? I have not had any  
letter from the children lately.  
Perhaps it is because I haven't  
written any. Well, you must  
tell them Papa gets too tired to  
write. To day by Uncle Charlie's  
help I have answered a good  
many letters, and in my own hand  
written a letter to poor Mrs  
Swiffitts. Many kisses & prayers  
for yourself & the children  
Your loving husband  
W. H. T. <sup>co</sup> <sub>co</sub>

Headquarters Eleventh Corps,  
Warrenton Junction  
July 26<sup>th</sup> 1863.

Dearest,

We are here probably  
for a day at the same place  
I was March 1862. It is not  
so filthy & muddy as then, but  
there is no good water. The creeks  
are muddy and the wells dry  
or bad. I have received but one  
letter from you, darling, since the  
battle of Gettysburg. I hope to get a  
mail here for a day or two just as  
I have had a great longing to see  
be with you. Gen. Lee's army, what  
there is left of it seems to have



arrived in the vicinity of  
Richmond ever more. an  
attack was made upon them  
at Manassas Gap & at Chantilly  
some prisoners taken. 1100  
head of cattle & a large  
number of sheep & some  
horses. Whether we shall  
go on or not from this  
point is a question. The  
army has got pretty tired &  
needs rest. Yet it seems as  
if a little more effort now  
might end the war. I expect  
everybody would like to see home  
Do you suppose I would know

the baby. Whom does he resemble  
I have got my picture case full  
I have put Abner's picture  
in the baby's place. I should  
like a photograph that did you  
justice. The bonnet is too lofty  
and the fur too warm for  
this hot weather. so I want  
one bonnetless, without the fur &  
good like your own self. I presume  
I shall have to photograph the  
baby myself in his new cradle. Boy  
Gamin presume is rocking the  
cradle. I am glad they all have  
so nice a tent. What piece  
did they speak at the exhibition



Headquarters Eleventh Corps,

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Army of the Potomac.

Warrenton Junction, July 29<sup>th</sup> 1863.

General.

Allow me to introduce  
Maj. General Schurz. In case the  
proposition of General Meade, which  
was telegraphed to-day respecting  
the Eleventh Corps should be acted  
upon as desired, General Schurz  
would be left with an independent  
Division. In furtherance of his own  
views, which he will present in person,  
I wish to say that the General has  
been prompt and energetic and able  
during the operations in which I  
have been associated with him. Should  
you see fit to occupy the Shenandoah  
valley with a small force, so as

Letter to Charles Halleck.  
Mentioning Gen. Schurz.



to cooperate with this army & prevent  
its occupying by the rebels, I believe  
I do not flatter him when I say,  
that General Schurz will not fail  
to give complete satisfaction.

As to the changes proposed merging  
two divisions of this Corps into  
the 2<sup>d</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> respectively, I have  
my approval as also that of  
the Division Commanders concerned.  
We feel sensitive under false ac-  
cusations but considering the exist-  
ing prejudices in this army against  
the 11<sup>th</sup> Corps and the great dif-  
ficulty of overcoming them we  
regard it better for the service to  
make these changes. ~~proposed~~

The different Corps are now so  
small that a consolidation is

advisable. General Stejneger desires  
to go with me to the 2<sup>d</sup> Corps.

General Gordon with his division  
to the 12<sup>th</sup>. Personally it will  
be gratifying to me to return to  
the Second Corps, but I do not  
feel dissatisfied with the Eleventh  
during the present Campaign, and  
hope the changes referred to will  
not be regarded as a reflection  
upon the officers and soldiers of  
this command who have worked  
so hard and done so much to  
carry out every order.

H. W. Halleck } Respectfully  
Commander in Chief }  
Major General Halleck } D. D. Howard  
Commander in Chief } Major A. S. Oles



Gettysburg, Pa.  
July 29th 1863.

Major Gen. O. O. Howard,  
General.  
A correspondent of  
the New York Times, L. L. Crouse, in a letter  
to that paper of date of 25th July inst., makes  
the following statement:

"And before the blood of the heroic men  
shed among the batteries in the Cemetery was  
fairly dry upon the ground, a bill of seventeen  
hundred dollars damages was presented for  
payment."

As President of the Ever Green Cemetery, which  
is referred to in the above quotation, and at the  
request of its Board of Directors, it is made my  
duty to call your attention to this injurious

and they all state that the cemetery was  
utterly without foundation, and that no remains  
of any kind had been found, and any complaint  
will go on to state in reply  
whether any remains for remains was over  
by any one professing to speak in behalf of  
the Cemetery.  
Respectfully,  
Ever Green Cemetery  
President of  
Ever Green Cemetery  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Board of Directors  
Ever Green Cemetery



charge. You may perhaps remember, General, my friendly call upon you on Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> of July inst. at your Quarters. Upon the same day I made a friendly & congratulatory visit to Gen. Carl Shurz and Gen. Schimmelfilling at their Head Quarters in the midst of our Cemetery grounds. You and they will bear testimony that not the most distant allusion was made by me to the injuries to the Cemetery, but that I acted as if wholly unconscious of them — regarding them as nothing as compared with the glorious achievements of our army and the blood with which our brave soldiers consecrated its sod, and the grand consequence of the victory they there achieved.

At once, upon noticing this damaging accusation, I called our Board of Directors together

and they all stated that the assertion was utterly without foundation, and that no demand of any kind had been made, nor any complaint.

Will you be kind enough to state in reply whether any demand for damages was made by any one professing to speak on behalf of Ever Green Cemetery, and, if not, then to negate it, and thus vindicate us from what in our judgment is only left infamous than the reckless publication of so offensive a slander.

Most respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

J. McConaughy

President of

Ever Green Cemetery Assoc.



115. Ave. 11th Cooper

New Warrington June 21

July 31 1863

Dear Sir,

I have written quite a number of letters by dictation. I seldom write my-self. It requires so many conveniences except to you and I fear you think I do not write often enough. I saw Col. formerly Capt. Platt whom you knew at West Point. My before yesterday at Mr. Dr. May. He writes to Mrs. Platt every day - I felt quite rebuked. However my letter came day before yesterday. He seems to be enjoying his vacation much - I hope much Rowland will tell him side. I am a little afraid my Gang is going to be crop as he puts back his ears at me once in a while. Whether he will be kind to little boys or not remains to be tested. I noticed today for the first time a reference to the death of Mr. Carroll Spriggs father. I am willing you sent about this news - for the



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Samuel was one of my most worthy  
friends in Washington. He gave you  
me a warm welcome & took  
pains to do me a kindness.  
How Mrs. Lowell <sup>& the girls</sup> will feel his  
death - Sperry is their only depen-  
dence - No. I must not forget the Mr. &  
Mrs. Griffin - I don't suppose the  
family will ever suffer for want  
of food - but it will be a sad loss  
for he was a kind husband & an  
affectionate father. How long for-  
get the Mrs. Carroll? there is some  
prospect of banking up the 11th floor  
and assigning me to the old 2nd. I  
rather favor it. Mr. Jordan wants to  
get to his old floor the 12th. The German  
begin to be attached to me. Give much  
love to all the children - Papa thinks of  
I pray for - Mamma - Lucy, Annie, Fannie &  
the little baby every day. I cannot  
go home just yet, as I didn't get  
wounded. Mr. Strong has died - friend after  
friend goes - Oh Lord - how long!  
I shall try for a leave as soon as there  
is a prospect of being still for a  
short time -

Yours truly  
Oliver