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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands.

OFFICE DISBURSING OFFICER OF CLAIMS,

Memphis, Tenn. March 13th 1869.

Maj Genl O. O. Howard
Commissioner &c

Washington D.C.

General, I beg leave
to introduce my friend L. B.
Woodward Esq of this City who visits
Washington in the interest of Mr
Mark Edwards who is an ap-
plicant for the position of As-
sessor of Internal Revenue for
the 8th Congressional District of this
State. Mr Edwards has been
a Clerk in our Office here
for nearly three years. He is
in my Opinion in every way
qualified for the position he
seeks. He is energetic, perseverant
in his habits. Honest, Capable,
and would make an efficient
Officer of the Government if appointed

Mr Edwards served honorably in
the ranks of the 6th Regiment Iowa
Infantry for three years during
the late war and his conduct
during that time is highly spoken
of by both officers & men. Any
assistance you may render Mr Wood-
ward in securing Mr Edwards
appointment will be fully appreciated
and most gratefully remembered.

The long & faithful services
of Mr Edwards as an employee
in the Bureau is my only
apology for addressing you in
his behalf.

I am General
Very Respectfully
Yours Obt-Servant
Thos. S. Palmer

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Valley Falls, Mar. 13. 1868.

General O. C. Howard

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please
find a check for one hundred
and fifty dollars, collected in
this neighborhood, for the benefit
of some colored person desirous
to attend the Howard Universi-
ty, who without aid would be
unable to do so. We should be

very happy to receive any particulars concerning the one you shall choose to receive our aid.

Yours very Respectfully
Lillie B. Chace
Rae. A. Earle.

Receipt to Lillie B. Chace
Valley Falls
R. I.

Do you desire a list of the names of the contributors, or any further particulars? If so, we shall be happy to furnish them. When Mrs. Griffing was here last Fall,

We quote as if you would like them. But as ~~these~~ we are not able ~~at~~ present to make any arrangements for a permanent scholarship, we shall not know what you would desire.





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Columbus O. March 13-1868

Dear Genl.

I want to be Governor of Montana
and I have on file papers from all
of my Army Commanders - I wish
you to send to Hon John Sherman K.S.S.-
a letter - Commending my Military
Services

I am yours truly
B.F. Potts



Philadelphia, Pa. March 13-1868

My dear friend
I have just received your letter of the 11th inst. and am glad to hear from you. I am well and hope these few lines will find you the same. I have not much news to write at present.

Yours truly,
Wm. Lloyd Garrison

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Boston Mar 13.

My Dear Genl Howard,

Our mutual
friend. Chas Demond
Esqr, has been sug-
gested as a man
whose ability, edu-
cation, & incorrupt-
ible integrity fit
him eminently to
be the Commissioner
of internal revenue
for this District*.

* Collector of Int. Revenue for 3^d Mass. District —

Petitions are now
in circulation
among the mer-
chants of Boston
in his behalf.

Can you do
this much - sug-
gest to Genl. Grant
not to make the
appointment for
a few days, & to
ask Mr. Stuart
of Phil^a in regard

to Mr. Demond?

It wd give Mr
Stuart pleasure
I am sure, as-
sociated as Mr
Demond was with
him in the work
of the Christian
Commission so
long, to see so good
a man appointed.

Cordially yrs
E. B. Webb

interested me, & led me,
who am no politician
to do this labor of
love.

If you will bring this
letter, or this matter
in person, to Gen. Grant,
I shall be very
glad.

I am most cordially yours.

H. Q. Butterfield Washington
College,
Kansas

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Washington D.C. Mar. 13. '69.

Dear Gen.

I have not
turned lobbyist, though
this is my second letter
to you in favor of
friends. And I have
no selfish interest
in this matter, as
I said touching my
application on the
half of Consul
Blake.

During the last ^{year} I have
frequently met Gen.
E. M. Lee, of Guilford,
Conn., & each time
he has won upon
me.

He is about thirty two

years old; is a lawyer by profession; is an eloquent speaker who was on the stump two hundred & fifty times during the last Campaign & did efficient service; was a brilliant Cavalry leader under Sheridan; & for fourteen months lay in rebel prisons. Surely he deserves well of his country.

Senators Frye & Buckingham who strongly favor his appointment, declare him to be a gentleman of "unexceptionable character". I know Gov. Buckingham so well that I am not afraid

to follow his lead. Now for his aim. He would like to be Governor of some Territory, preferring Montana.

In case he is appointed, he intends to take his ~~best~~ all, settle there, make it his home, & do all in his power to develop its resources & build up institutions of the right kind. In other words, he does not aspire to this office as a mere politician; & his broad views touching this matter are what has especially

that the President may make
these appointments himself in
that case, I would have no
before him, to induce him to
appoint me, as Hon. Wm. Lough-
ridge has all my papers in his
possession. I have never heretofore
been a political office seeker, and
only induced to apply for this
because I am disabled from
labor by exposure in the army. My
letters show every thing that is neces-
sary, and I can give more refer-
ences if desired.

S. S.



Iowa City March 14, 1869.

Dear General

I forwarded to you
a few days ago by mail one
number of the "Annals" of the
Historical Society of the State of
Iowa. There is a piece in it
headed "Local Incidents of the
war." If you think proper you
may show it to the President.
I know that he respects an old
soldier. I have thought if I were
there and would see him and
show him my letters that are
in Loughridge's possession, he
would do something for me,
as I have become disabled in

the army, from performing hard labor. When I came home, I had to sell my farm and take the money to support my family, so I am worse off than before the war. If you think after an investigation that I had better come to Washington and can get the appointment delayed I will get a resolution from the "Grand Army of the Republic," directed through Gen. Logan, as he is the Grand Commander of the United States, and come down. I wish you would, if you feel free to do so, present my case to the President. I think he would do something for me, after noticing what he has done for Gen. Smith at St. Lewis. Some

of the applicants for the office at this place, have been to Washington, and returned with what success I could not learn. I think I wrote to you that I was the first man in the State of Iowa that commenced and established a "Grant Club," and that too before his nomination for President. I can get those that know this to be a fact to write. General, please write and inform me what I had better do, and I will ever feel grateful to you.

Your Obedient Servant
S. Shepherd

P. S. - I have seen by the papers

Home, March. 14. '69
 Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
 D. C.

A day or two ago I noticed the fact of your removal from the Freedmen's Bureau. I am sorry - very sorry - I had hoped that the removals, except for cause, w^d. have been very few. I have no doubt it bent a pang to many a heart. W. H. Hatfield feels so I am well assured so will every earnest man who takes an interest in the freed people. Is Baynton at the bottom of this too. Who is Gen Hatch - if that be the name of your successor? How will he be disposed to act toward these poor people & the society laboring for them. Would anything in the way of a

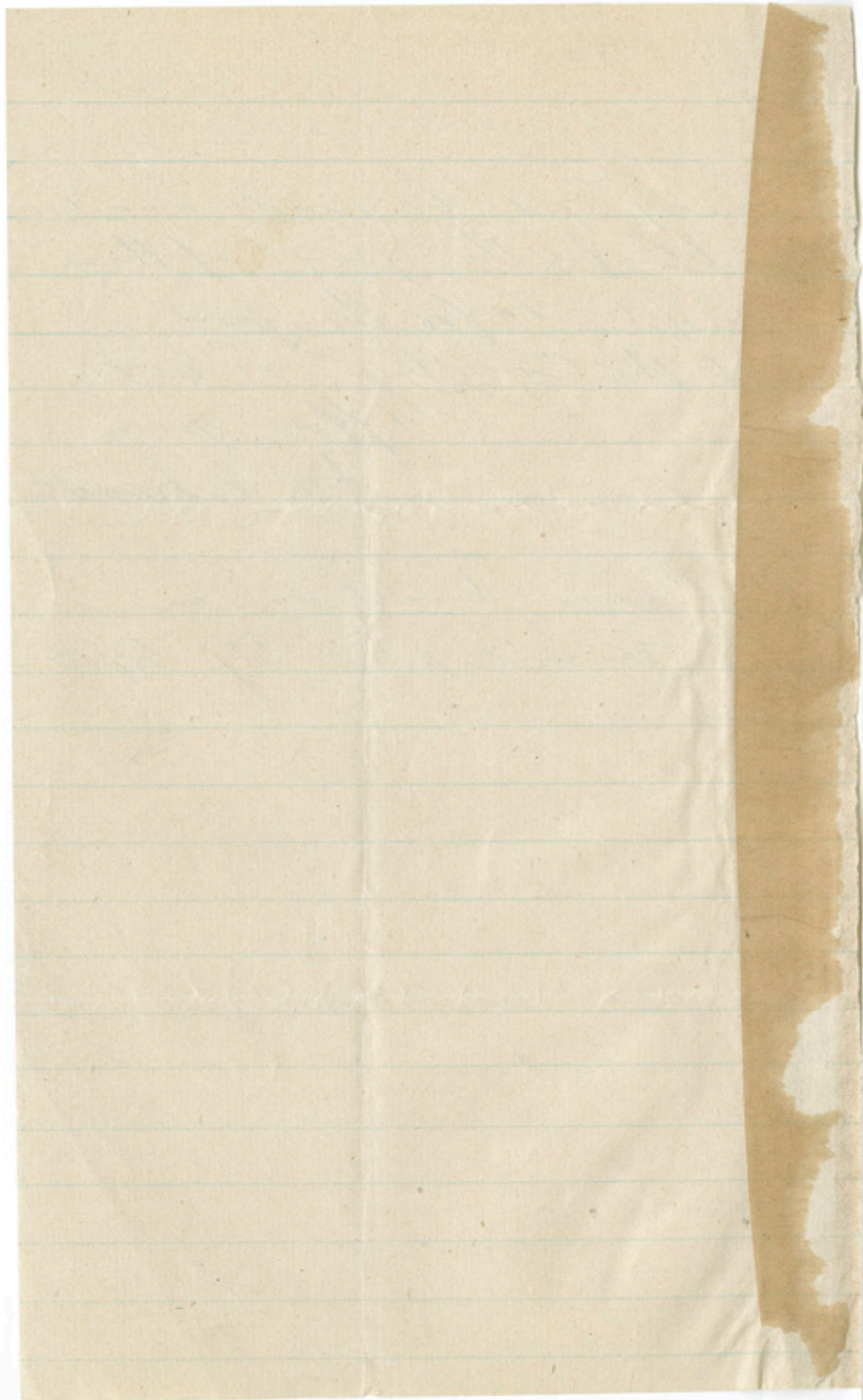
a remonstrance from Pitt,
be of any avail? It is
then going to affect the matter
of the University its man-
agement? My hope is that
Mitchell may be sent
as to Mr. Kingdon to
you about all these matters.
In all these things however
you know I have no right to
say a word, ~~leave~~ my com-
munications with these things
nearly having ceased. I
if one of your young people
never have the time, for I
would not think of taking
my as yours, I sh^d be glad
to understand some of these
matters. If you are looking
to pass thro' Pitts - be-
enough to let us know that
in way at least taking
by the hand since we know
you how much we know
love you for what you have
already done. I do trust that
more they will get than by
which you have effected

may yet be made avail-
able for the good of these
people & for the good
of the Country as well.

Affec. young

Dr. S. Travelli

Please direct as on
the envelope - 37 Fifth
av.



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Washington D.C.

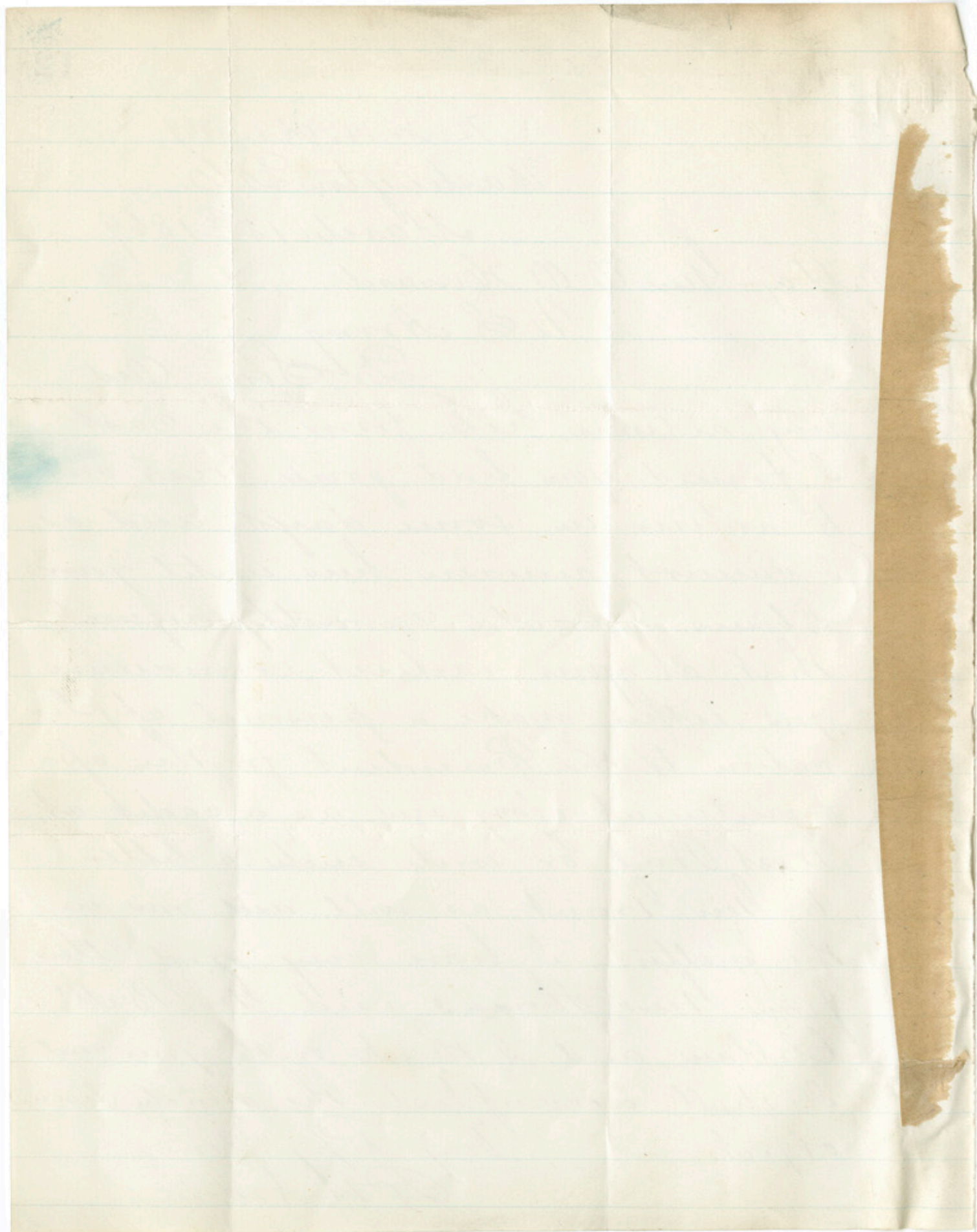
March 15th 1869

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

U S Army

Dear Sir: On my return here from the East I found you had gone West, not to return in some days, and as I cannot remain here until your return I would earnestly request that, at your earliest convenience you either make a personal application to the President for the appointment of my son as a cadet at West Point, or write such a letter to Gen Grant as will aid me in the matter. - I have very good letters from Gen Thomas and Gen. B McCallaw, and I think with your aid I shall accomplish the much desired object.

Very Respy Yours
R. H. Rodier



Mar 15. 1869

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Dear Genl,

Sumner Says
that you are to be ad-
signed to a military
department away from
Washington.

Custon Says, I
believe, that you are
entitled to a furlough
between the giving up of
the old, & assuming of
the new command.

Will you not be
taking a little run to
Madison. Remember our
house is open to you, &
that we shall expect
you to halt with us.

Our Sabbath School of 5
or 600, wish to hear your

30/
voice again. So spend
Sabbath with us if possible.

I wrote you in Mr.
Demonds behalf, Saturday.
I hope he will be successful;
he lost his practice in
his devotion to the 1st Com-
mission, & has never re-
gained it. The consequence
is he is needy, with nothing
to fall back on.

Dictate a few lines
to inform me whether you
are likely to have a furlough,
a change of Command &c
& whether I may encourage
my Sabbath School to expect
you.

Cordially & fraternally
yours

E. B. Webb,
638 Tremont St. Boston.

Washington City D.C.
March 15 1864.

General,

I am exceedingly anxious
to see you, but it appears to be
almost an impossibility. If I am
not asking too great a favor, will
you call in at my room No. 314, on
the first floor of The Treasury Building
at your earliest convenience? and
by so doing confer a favor upon,

Yours,

Very Respectfully
La Fayette Meyer.

Genl O. O. Howard.

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Birmingham Conn

March 15th 1869

To Major Gen O. O. Howard

Dear Sir.

The Inclosed Circular will
Explain itself.

We wish to send 10 or 15000
of them to Christian Ministers
of Every name.

The Ex Committee have
no national reputation

We deem it Expedient
to have the Endorsement
of some well known man
in Each of the leading
denominations. If you
approve the principle of
the Society (systematic giving)
will you sign a certificate

Similar to the enclosed to
be printed into the Circular
so that a pastor of a Church
in Oregon it may be, Can
say to his people, "I know
one of those who have given
their approval to this Effort.
It is not a fraud or
imposition?"

Please reply by early
mail and Excuse this
imperfect proof sheet.
obtained in advance of
the printer.

With respect. I Remain
Yours Truly,

Geo. W. Shelton



Iowa City.
March 15th 1869.

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

Dear General,

I met you at
the Clinton House, in this City in
February, when you lectured here, and
was introduced to you by Captain
Shepard, and also spent the evening
with others, in your company.

Captain Shepard, is one of
our worthy candidates for the Post
office at this place.

The time for determining those
matters as to who will be the lucky
one is drawing near at hand.

I will say, and say, it frankly,
there is not a Candidate in the field
who is more deserving to be appointed

Post Master here, as Capt. Shepard
and there is not one whom could be
appointed than the mass of the
people would hail as so just a one
as would be than of Capt. Salomon
Shepard.

A lover, and a defender of his
country, and a citizen highly respected
by all, who know him,

Will you please at the proper
time, of which time you know better
than I, use your influence at the
securing the appointments of Capt.
Shepard to the same, you will be
conferring a very great favor upon
the writer and many friends in this
city and vicinity.

Yours Very Respectfully,
Craig Alden

P.S.

I will further say in the Captains behalf
than he ever the first man in this State
to organize and establish the Grass Club.
J. J. A.

Washington D.C. Mch. 15/1869

Gen: O.O. Howard:

Dear Sir:



I called at your office recently and as you were not there and are so busy now as to make it almost impossible to find you at the office — I wish you would please appoint a place somewhere central, a lobby room at the Capitol or any place most convenient for you, where I may have a short interview with you — I go to the Post office daily and an answer to this of one days previous to the appointment will oblige me greatly.

Yours respectfully

Isaac Clark

Washington D. C. Feb 21/87

Gen: W. H. Howard:



Dear Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours very truly,
John C. Clark

Goldwater Mich.
March 15. 1869

My dear May.

I have been
thinking much about you since
I left Washington. Today I attended
a boys prayer-meeting composed
of lads from 8 yrs. to 14. I told
them about your childhood.
How early you understood about
the mission of our Saviour & that
you must love & trust him to
be saved. "Uncle Charley" told me
that you had two or three times
borrowed money of him and had
forgotten to pay him. I felt
very, very sorry. The amount
was small, 25 cts. each time, but
the principle is bad. I fear you
may have borrowed of others &

forgot to pay. If so go straight
to your mother & tell her. She will
give you what money you need.
I have feared that you might
not properly consider the value
of money as I did having so little
when a lad & having to work hard for
a little. I have noticed that you were
a little discontented with your home.
The cause is partly Papa's fault. I have
let you associate with boys who
have not altogether the right views
of life, but I have hoped that
• you would have good sense and learn
more from your father's example
and your precious mother's daily wishes
& precepts than from your companions.
You have a sweet good home, a room
you call your own - good clothes, good
food, a loving mother & sister & bright
happy intelligent brothers - You have a

handsome pony and no unpleasant
restraint over you. How much different
from my home - I always walked a
mile some winter 2 1/2 miles to
school. I have not time to
write more now - I want you
to think much of these things -
forget yourself a little more & make
the rest of us happy. Make your
home happy.

I spoke to Mr Williams Sabbath
school in the afternoon & to his
people in the evening last night -
left Mich. Charles rode in Chicago -
I was glad Maena had invited
Aunt Betty to come out &
stay a while with her - Her cheeks
will fill up in good air
Love to all - God bless you long
Yr. affectionate father
O. O. Howard