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249 West 43^d St. N.Y. City.

March. 22 / 81 -

Genl O. O. Howard,

My Dear, Dear General,

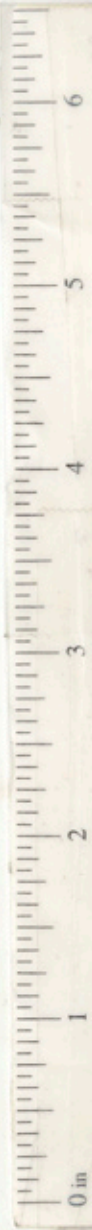
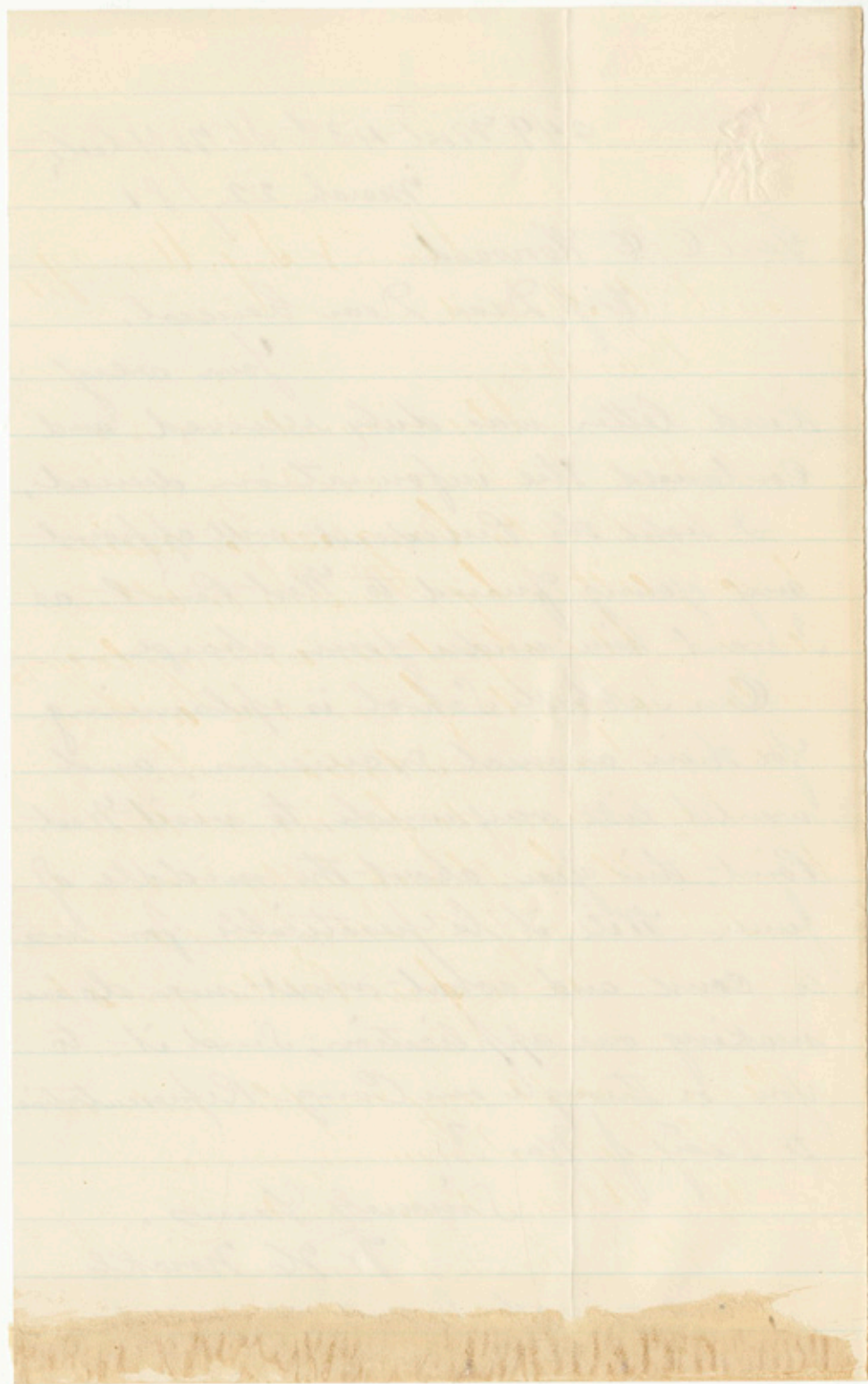
Your very
kind letter was duly received and
contained the information desired,
I hope the President will appoint
my young friend to West Point, as
I want him under your charge -

Our Sabbath School is planning
for their annual excursion, and
would like, very much, to visit West
Point, this year, about the middle of
June. Will it be practicable for us
to come, and what must we do in
making our application; Send it to
you, or through our Cong. Representative
to Secy of War -?

Sincerely Yours,

W. H. Nickle

Pastor 43^d St. M. E. Church, N.Y. -



March 23, 1881

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West Castleton Vt
March 22^c 1881

My Dear Cousin Otis & Lizzie
I have
fully intended before this time
writing a few lines congratulating
you upon your safe return to
your old place of abode and
so near ourselves here, and in
the vicinity of friends and rela-
tives but more than all else
where your sons can feel they
^{love} a home so near and you can so
readily have them with you in
their vacations - I had pleasant
letter from James not long since
saying he would soon be at his home

during his vacation for more than two
years. We all feel quite interested
in him having had a pleasant visit
from ^{him} on the summer and hope we
~~will~~ have the pleasure of seeing him here
again and also perhaps a very
member of your family another
summer. It is a nice place to rest
from care, and it is pleasant in summer.
James can tell you it is not a business
place - This is easily reached from
West Point and the scenery is delightful
from Toratza to Button's and we are
only a little distance from the cars where
we meet persons if we know they are coming
in some vehicle. I flatter myself I may have
Aunt visit me here, if she lives & think she
will, come to West Point to visit you. I am
in the fall for a day or two. She appears well
and very active for one of her years -
Mr Horrel and myself feel we are old
folks still we have good health

and live an active life. Lester is a
great comfort and dependence in
a business and otherwise. Radale is
in Sedgewick City a ^{House} Broker - Oliver is in
Des Moines Iowa - I am anticipating a
visit to Des Moines this Spring -

Mr Horrel and Lester join me
in kindest regards to you both - Give my
love to your Mother when you write her.
Respectfully from you
Oscar Oliver B Horrel

Mrs. Maria Upton Burford

Baltimore, B. M.

Mar. 22. 1881

Ans. by her. March 23. 81.

Ans. March 23. 1881

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Baltimore Mar 22. 1881.

Dear Howard

Dear Sir

Permit me to express thanks
in behalf of our family for
your sympathy and willingness
to designate a burial place
at West Point for our beloved
brother Geo. Upton -

For many years it was his
warmest wish to be buried at
West Point - but last year
when in Auburn he selected
the place and requested that
his final resting place should
be there in the family plot by the

side of his precious wife. We
have arranged accordingly
the funeral obsequies and
interment will probably be on
the 28th or 29th inst. and we
would be gratified by your presence
if convenient with your engagements.
Should you wish to confer upon the
subject, direct to Mr E. J. Morline
Auburn who has charge I have
asked Gen. Arnold - Governor's Island
to select Pall bearers - In one
of our dear brother's recent letters
he said "Gen. Donnell has
promised the Sabbath with me -
Col. Burdick & I attended the
first prayer meeting held by
Gen. Howard at West Point for
cadets - and as Gen. Howard
is in the city we might have

all been together had I thought of
it - Our brother's first religious
convictions were experienced at
West Point - His pure noble and
spotless life gives a peace to our
souls we can never express -
We are willing to leave ^{him} with his God
who knows all the burdens and
pressure brought to bear upon his
loved one -

You know his worth and our
great loss - May our Heavenly
Father support us in this
crushing affliction.

Your ever loving friend

Wm. A. H. H. H.

P.S. I presume our husband
Dr. H. H. H. has informed you of
our change of residence to the
burial -

March 22, 1881.

Mrs. J. P. Smith
Recd April 14, 1881.

Ans'd by letter to
Supt. of Mint sent
Mrs. Smith Apr. 5/81

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San Francisco, Cal.
March 22, 1881.
Gen. C. C. Horne.
Dear Sir,

Doubtless you
remember my writing to you fr.
Olympian, W. T. two years ago
in reference to my daughter
Grace P. Smith being appointed
in the Mint in this city.
I never shall forget your kindly
response to my letter, unfortunately,
H. L. Dodge, Supt. of Mint, was at
that time unable to take in any
more adjusters, and as affairs were
bettering with me I dropped the
matter. But just now we
need the place beyond expression.

1881 Dec 1

At the risk of your thinking
me perseveringly importunate
I beg of you if possible to pull
some wire for me that will
once more put my daughter
in her old place of family
temporarily.

If I have answered you
pray forgive me and believe
me ever

Yours Respectfully

Wm. F. Root
700 Fulton St.
New Haven

forwards of
Portland, Ore.

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Highland Falls N.Y.
March 22. 1881.

May. Gen. O. O. Stoword, U.S.A.,
West Point, N.Y.,

Dear General.

I went up at
once to the village when you
left me this p.m. and had
I found the drunken men
I should have made a
formal complaint against
them. But with the exception
of one man who, though clearly
under the influence of drink,
was not committing any
disturbance, I saw no men
that appeared to have been
drinking. I then went

to the Justice of Peace (!)
— but the best we have —
and had a talk with his
importance.

I don't think anything
can be bettered till by
some means we get a
police force — say three
or four men — with power
to arrest; and to get this,
I am afraid legislation will
be necessary, which we may
not be able to have accom-
plished this session. However,
I write tonight to the members
of Assembly to ask if any
thing can be done.

Thanking you for so promptly
showing your desire to aid
in securing order in this
village

I am

Dear General

Yours truly
A. C. B. B. B.

P.S.

I take the liberty of en-
closing a copy of my Circular
and I shall be much obliged
if you will allow me to
refer to you in my next issue.

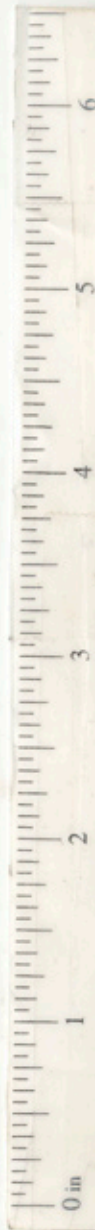
C. B.

Highland Falls, N.Y.
Mar. 22. 1881

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Ans'd Mch 23/81

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The College of the City of New York,

Cor. Lexington Ave. and 23d St.

New York, March 23 1881

My Dear Howard

Will you kindly
send me some circulars
in regard to the admissions
to West Point.

New Yorkers make
this their West point
Intelligence Office

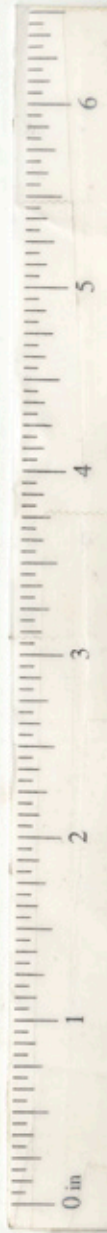
I remain

Truly yours.

Alex. S. Webb

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The City of New York
to the Hon. the Mayor
of the City of New York
1851

My dear Sir,
I have the honor
to acknowledge the
receipt of your
letter of the 21st
inst. in relation
to the application
of the City of New
York for the
purpose of
obtaining a
license for the
sale of
alcohol.



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Enclorum
to our Dear

Mount Airy Mar. 23/81

Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir,

My circumstances are such that I intend making an application to Congress for assistance, either by Pension or otherwise. My object in writing to you, is to ask you to favor me with a letter of recommendation. Any thing you can do for me at this time will be thankfully received, as I have my mother, and widowed daughter with four little girls to support.

Please accept my compliments in your behalf - I remain, as ever

Your Obedient Servant

Alexander G. Davis

Mount Airy - B & O. R. R.

Carroll Co - Md (over)

N.B. I left my home in Virginia
about 10 years since, and have been
residing at Mt. Airy since that
time I

A. G. L

A. G. Davis.

Mt. Airy. Maryland
Mar. 23. 1882.

Ans. General Apts: St.

J. A. G. Beales

New York

March 23. 1881

Answered by Hunt,

March 24. 1881

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New York 35 West 32 St
23 March 1881.

General Howard.

Dear Sir -

I am interested
with the Howard Uni-
versity of Washington
in a claim for a
very large tract of
land in New Mexico -
the particulars of which
Dr Patton or Dr

Harvey can give you.
We have been
advised that a number
of colored people are
desirous of leaving
their southern homes
and establishing them

selves in New Mexico -
a gentleman has
represented to the Howard
University directors
and to me that he
can sell our lands
to very desirable
colored people - and
has stated that he
knows you very well
and refers to you for
his character - means
and influence with the
colored people in the
South - his name is
General Thomas W -
Conway - No 334
Monroe St. Brooklyn,
New York -
Any information about

this gentleman that
you can give will
be thankfully received
by my associates
The Howard University
members and myself
I remain
Your obedient
servant
James A. Pease

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Stone Ridge - Ulster Co. N.Y.
March 24th 1881

Maj. Genl. C. C. Howard
Commander Reservoir etc.

Dear Sir

Excuse my presumption in addressing you but knowing your friendship for the old soldiers who served under your Standard during the late Rebellion I take courage to ask a favor at your hands. I desire an appointment for my son to a Cadet-Ship at West Point. I lack the proper blanks (Application & petition) to be forwarded properly indorsed through my Representative in Congress to the Department at Washington - Will you have the kindness to forward to my address the above desired blanks with any information that would aid me in obtaining the desired appointment for my son?

I do not wish to encroach on your valued time but I desire simply to say that I had the honor to have served in your Corps until January after the battle

Stone Ridge, Ulster Co. N.Y.
Mar. 24. 1881

West Mar 28 1881.

P.S.

Hon. Thomas Cornell (Member Congress
from 15th District) address at present
is Rondout Ulster Co. N.Y.

of Chatauoga when I resigned my Commission
and entered Mt. Pleasant Hospital Washington
D. C. as Act. Asst. Surgeon U.S.A. and served
in that capacity until after the close of the
War

I have always been a staunch Republican
of the Grant stripe but never held nor asked
for political position or favor until this present
one - neither have I ever drawn a pension.

My son's name is Charles Henry Craft - born
in the town of Shawangunk Ulster Co. N.Y. Dec.
13th 1862 - American - of strong physical ability
and presents rather flattering anticipations.

With sadness of heart I take the liberty to say that
out of five dear children whom God gave to me
I have but two remaining - a son & daughter
and last August these two remaining ones had
their dear mother torn suddenly & unexpectedly
from them by a most calamitous accident while
out-pleasure riding with her husband.

I have the honor to be

Respectfully,
" Geo. H. Sharpe
" Hon. Thomas Cornell
" Member Congress 15th Dist.
" Hon. Marius Turck
" Member Assembly Albany
N.Y.

Yours Obedt. Servt.
Herman Craft M.D.

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Lockeford San Joaquin Co.,
Cal. March 24. 1881

Dear Sir:

If you have not forgotten the occasion of our interview, on the way to, and at Oakland, during your visit at San Francisco; then perhaps I am not asking too much for a favor.

There is a young man here, the son of Christian Parents and members of this church who is ambitious for military honors and would like to enter West Point as a Cadet. he is now 15, an average scholar, of good health, and physically developed.

Would you then please send me ~~one~~ ^{book} a catalogue, if there is such a ~~thing~~ ^{book} issued at West Point. or any information in regard to the necessary requirements for application to the Military Academy at West Point.

I am very glad to say there

W. H. Dorr,
Esq. April 4, 1881.

Best Love
Copy of Car

J. Towson Smith,

Bethel Academy
Langquar Co. Virginia
Dec. 24, 1881

of the Associated Principals
of Bethel Academy ^{4th} a fine
Institution of Learning equal
in its course and numbers
to any College in our States
A Catalogue of said Academy
will verify my statement.
I ~~am~~ ^{am} ~~convinced~~ ^{convinced} will say, if
in ~~your~~ ^{your} ~~power~~ ^{power} ~~help~~ ^{help} Grasty
and ~~parade~~ ^{parade} me for thus
intruding on your valuable
time and you will do two
good & charitable acts.

Most Respectfully

March 24/81

J. S. & C.
J. Towson Smith
Bethel Academy
Langquar Co.
V. M.

Recd. Dec. 24, 1881

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Mar 24, 1881

Rev. A. O. Howard

West Point
New York.

Dr. Carl.

I wish
to call your attention to and if
possible get you to interest
yourself in a very interesting
character viz C. H. Grasty who
is now teaching a free school
near Charles Station Balto-
Co. Md. I am very sure if
you knew ^{him} as I do you would
readily see that with a
little assistance you could
make him in the hands of
God an instrument of great
good to his the colored race.
I first became acquainted with
him as a teacher of a small

free school in Rappah Co Va and
soon saw that he was far Super-
-rior both in intellect & manners
to the average colored school teacher.
Though belonging to different
political parties I interested
myself in him and gave him
the logs and ground upon
which to build a school house
for colored children and rented
him a place on one of my
farms in said Co. convenient
to his school. I was not dis-
appointed in him for I found
him to be a very sprightly man
of fine intellect a fair edu-
-cation - pretty fair Latin
Scholar and above all a man
of noble character who has
often told me his sole
object in life was to spend
his time in trying to elevate
his race and make them

respectable and respected.
He has since left Va and
gone to N.Y. where he has
for some time been successful
as a teacher and hearing that
he wishes to further improve
his education I have thought
it my duty to bore you with
this feeling assured that any
assistance you may give him
will be highly appreciated &
be very prolific of good to
his race and a source of very
pleasant reflection to you.
Gasty has enough of the (in-
-cursion or Indian blood in
him to make him very bright
in intellect & color. A word of
introduction may not be amiss.
I am now a farmer near Warrenton
Va but have myself been a
teacher and was for three
years, a short time back, one

Mrs. Emma J. Brewer

Atlanta Ga
Mch. 24. 1881.

Quincy Mch 30 1881.

Recd Mch. 28. 1881

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McPherson Barracks
Atlanta Ga
March 24th 1881.

Gen. Howard

Sir -

My apology
for introducing myself to
you is that I am anxious
to get some employment, and
it has been suggested to me
that there may be some place
at West Point that I could
obtain. I would be glad to
have a place at a post office,
library or any position that
a woman could fill. My
father was Dr. Mills of the
Army, my husband Dr
Brewer, whose recent death
has left me with the entire

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care of several children. I
can refer you to many Army
Officers, probably well known
to yourself. May I hope for
a favorable reply-

Yours truly

Emma J. Brewster

