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55 7th Street, N. W.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Apr 6 1881

Rec'd your Check
Will do my best
on the house

J. A. Smith
J. A. S.



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE - THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Genl O. O. Howard U.S.A
West Point
N.Y.

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BIBLE HOUSE, ASTOR PLACE,

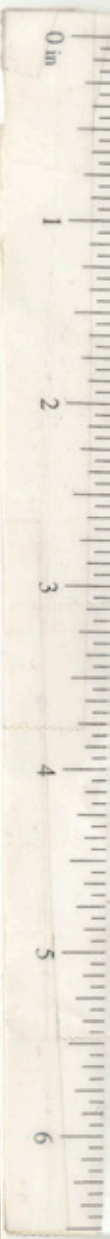
NEW YORK, April 6th 1881

Gen. O. O. Howard,

My dear Sir,

I am very glad to know that we may expect to see you at the reception to-morrow evening. I write to say that the stated meeting of our Board also occurs at half past three in the afternoon to-morrow, and it would give us all pleasure to have you present at that time. A number of our Vice Presidents, resident in the city and vicinity, are accustomed to attend these monthly meetings - on the afternoon of the first Thursday each month - and to share all the responsibilities of the elected Managers. If your duties at West Point permit you to participate with them in the general supervision of our great work, it will be gratifying to them to have you do so.

Yours respectfully,
Edward W. Gilman,
Cor. Sec.



Edmund H. Hilditch

New York June 6. 1881.

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American Bible Society

Bible House, Astor Place

New York

Recd. April 6. 1881.

I am very glad to learn that our
meeting was successful. I am
writing to say that the States meeting of
our Board also occurs at half past three in the
afternoon on Monday and it would give an all-
day meeting for present at that time. A number of
our Vice Presidents, residing in the city and vicinity,
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you do so.

Yours respectfully,
Samuel W. Johnson
Sec. Gen.

~~Confidential.~~

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Worsetown, D.C.,
(Corner Green & Road Sts.)
Apr. 6/81.

My dear Sir: -

Yr. kind note of 4th rec'd.

I beg you will feel assured that
I fully appreciate & understand
your position as Superintendent - as one ^{also} under authority,
& how all necessary it is that
you should be discreet, cautious,
& must make haste slowly.

I perceive plainly its necessity.
The Secy is new to the Office,
& has a thousand things to think

of, besides; & must be more or less governed by the ideas & advice of those around him, especially those highest in authority. — & No One man's views can prevail in such matters. — The highest & best should be wisely sought & striven for, — the duty incumbent upon us all, in all things, — but only the Possible looked for; approximation to our ideal wisely & patiently received — Even as the All-Wise & All-Powerful GOD sets us Example in His great work of reclaiming & reforming this fallen World. —

Of course you can not do as you would, in all things. — You can but suggest, urge, & show proof


of necessity, & propriety - & it is for
 Headquarters to decide - Gradual-
 ly however, as you say, needful reforms
 can be brought about, by tact,
 & wisdom & discretion & patience.
 You have my - & our - Prayers to
 that End, General. -

1 Thanks, too, heart felt thanks,
 for what you say about our Son,
 & his Prospects - We, too, hope
 & believe - and pray - he may
 come out all right. - Diligent
 he will be, undoubtedly; And if he,
 splendid young fellow that he is, & is known
 to be, doing all he can - his "level best" ^{with} all
 that GOD his MAKER has provided him with -
 yet fails, owing to the needless rigors of the Course
 & Examination, & is sent from West Point out into the
 world with the brand of "inability" upon him, his worth & use-
 fulness as a factor in the World's progress, & betterment, will just
 be that much be impaired, crippled. - ^{His mother & I, both grateful to you,} ^{send our united} ^{kind regards -} ^{Yours truly,} ^{Wm. L. G.}
 His mother & I, both grateful to you, send our united kind regards - Wm. L. G.

P.S. -

(5th)

A letter from my son just rec'd., in wh. he says: - "I have been a mere machine, no time to think of others - My mark in Math. last week was much below my expectations, & adds still another unit in the wrong direction. Verily, I should be a fool to look to my own strength to carry me through. The Examination will be everything. I do know that everything grows easier as we go on - I mean any particular study, like Calculus; but that does not alter the case very much, under the conditions to which I am working. But I am working harder than any other man to get through; & if I don't, I will be utterly clear of the responsibility. This week has started with a bad failure on Monday, which I can not overcome. I hope that next week I may be able to send a more pleasant report. I can not write much more - I was very very sorry ~~to~~ to disappoint you all by not writing Sunday night, but I was so worn out & used up that as soon as I awoke in the morn'g, I went to bed - A terrific cold snap, preventing all mails, now gives me a chance to write some." -

And now, General, I'll trouble you no more. Many thanks for your kind patience & forbearance & trouble. I commend my son to God, - and such as he - and to you, under HGM! ~~P.S.~~ 

A. G. Davis.
Mount Airy, Md.
Apr. 6/81

for your kind letter, and hope
to hear from you again
shortly.

I remain

Yours truly

Alexander G. Davis
Mount Airy - B & O. R. R.
Carroll Co.
Md.

Ans'd Apr. 13/81

N.B. The Rebels called me
"Yankee Davis".

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Mount Airy Apr. 6th 1881
Brig. Genl. Howard
Dear Sir,

Your letter was duly
received -

I will state a few circum-
stances -

First, I was acting, as guide,
for General Schemelfennig, in
Genl. Carl Schurz' division, at
the first Chancellorsville fight -

Secondly, I was with you, in
person, from Fairfax County,
by Gunne Spring, on our way to
Edward's Ferry. We met a man,
who claimed he was going to mill.
I told you he had his grist in his
Saddle-pockets, I obtained his
Saddle-pockets, handed them over
to you, and they were found to be

well filled with letters going
to the Rebel Army -

Thirdly - While on our way to
Gettysburg, near Little Jefferson,
I succeeded in getting a
map of Washington Co.

Fourthly - I was with your
Command until the 11th,
Corps was divided; after that was
attached to Genl. C. C. Auger's
Command -

Unfortunately for me, a good
portion of the officers that I
was with, are now dead;
Genl. J. W. Gary, Col. Lowell,
Genl. Chas. W. Albright, and
many others I could mention

I am glad to know you
as occupying a position much
preferable to the Western
frontier.

I am much obliged

L. DEANE,
LAW AND PATENTS,
315 Seventh Street, N. W.

~~Private~~

Gilmore's appen.
for Judgeship.

Washington, D. C., Apr 6 1881

May. Gen. O. O. Howard.

West Point

Sir:

I am working away
on Del's matter. Smith.
asst. atty Gen. seems to be
very friendly. Charles has
sent me some strong
endorsements from the
Iowa Judges. Smaloi
allison has given me
a letter recommending
him for an appointment
as Dist. atty. he had al-
ready committed himself
to other parties in the
Judgeship. He likes Del.

It now occurs to me
that Bill Fye would

L. Deane

Wash. Apr. 6. 1881

give Del a letter - but I
can't ask Frye. I am on
good terms enough with
him, yet object to the "top
loftical" manner Bill
takes with me - so being
official with him, do not
~~care~~ to ask any favor.

~~Does~~ would it do for you
to ask Bill to put a
letter on file in the Atty's
Gen's Off. in Del's behalf;
recommending him for
Judge a Dist. city? If
Bill wants to know how
Del stands professionally
in Iowa he only need look
at the papers I have above
referred to. They are very,
very strong - Sincerely

Recd. Apr. 7. 1881

L. Deane

1708, Wallace St. Philadelphia.

April 6. 1881.

My dear General.

At the time we learned of your
arrangement to visit Phila., our family held almost
a jubilee, we rejoiced now we all in the fact
that so desirable a host should fall to our share
all of us had learned from best sources and op-
portunities to live and hence. I thought for sure
it is that the will, guide sure, if they do guide
small. Mrs. Dear joins me in felicitations most
heartily, and if ever you find yourself in this
city again, be sure enough that we know that
we may see you once more. If Capt. Hadden is
with you give him my regards, if you please.
Yesterday I received the enclosed letter with
a note to myself from Capt. John D. Kuyick, formerly
of 1st Maine Cavalry, and afterwards, I believe,
a Lt. in the Regulars. Thinking that I might
indirectly be of service to him in his search

to obtain some endorsement from you for
an Army Paymaster'ship. he has written to
me to do what I can. It is not much,
but I know him to be an upright and
capable young man, of highest reputation
as a family and connections. good every
where, and I must be glad to see him
forward.

For myself I am still learning banks
here and thereabouts, and think I can
keep my ~~place~~ ^{place} if I want to. I am doing
as well as ever, not much, but enough.

Dear General I need not write you from
the bottom of my heart all sort things
and every success.

We must be very glad to have a letter
some time from you, if convenient,

Very truly yours,
W. P. Sears

May. Gen. O. O. Howard -

West Point, New York.

Your picture hangs on our wall, and will
continue as long as we have any wall.

Personal!

Washington, D.C.

Apr. 7. 1881.

Dear General:

I am about to make, aided by my friends in Portland, "the greatest effort of my life" for re-appointments to the army, as a Paymaster.

You will remember I went out in the reduction, in 1841, — honorably

of course, though against
my wish and without warning,
on account of a sudden
personal pique on the part
of Colonel Gibbon, who had
my name placed on the
superannuated list.

In view of the peculiar
hardship of my case,
which was apparent
to the President [Gen Grant]
on examination by him
of my record in the War
Dept., he appointed me,
in 1871, a 2^d Lieutenant

in the 23^d Infantry, with
the understanding that I could
be legislated back to my
former rank. For various
reasons I declined the appoint-
ment, and have waited
patiently for such an
opportunity as I trust is
now presented in the
promotion of our man
of Maine.

While I am aware
that you know but little,
if anything, of my record,
in the regular service,
from personal observation

on otherwise, yet you
have had occasion to
acquire and know some-
thing of my characters
and history since I
left it, and recalling
the readiness with which
you have ever responded
to my requests for per-
sonal favors, I take the
liberty to ask you to give
me a letter of commendation
directed to the President
or, if you prefer, to Secretary
Blaine or Senator Frye.

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You I am sure it would
to have much weight no
matter to whom addressed,
and I shall be under
the greatest obligations to
bring you. I enclose a few
which letters from friends, some of
ended whom you doubtless know,
her that were given to me about
the a year ago. They will
give indicate to you whether I have
education been behaving myself since
last you last knew about me.
Please return them
to me with letter asked
yours.

for - if you can give
me one - Care office
of Indian Affairs.

Very respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant,

Chas. F. Larrabee

G. C. O. Howard
U. S. Army.
West Point N. Y.

[7 Enclosures]

Standard Books.

FORDS, HOWARD, & HULBERT,

No. 27 PARK PLACE,

(GOODS ENTRANCE: 24 MURRAY ST.),

New York, April 8. 1881

Major General O. O. Howard, U.S.A.
West Point.

Dear Sir: We send you today a copy of "Plunged Under," the new Indian tale, written in the heart of the Indian country, which is an attempt to set forth the Indian problem in a form that will meet the popular appreciation.

We trust that you will find it so interesting and so well worthy of commendation that you will be willing to help it and the cause it represents, so far as you can, personally; and also that you will consent to express to us your opinion of the book after having read it, that your influence may be used in bringing it before the public.

Very Respectfully,
Fords, Howard, & Hulbert

Fords, Howard &
Nulbut.

New York, April 8, 1881.

New York
Apr. 8, 1881,

and Apr. 19, 1881.

Very respectfully,
Fords, Howard & Nulbut

Standard Books.

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Beulah St. Uta
April 8/81

My dear Sir,

I received the enclosed
answer from Mr. Thomas to
whom I wrote about Abraham
Bolin, of whom I wrote to
you some ten days ago, on
March. I read it, thinking
you may like to hear the
story, which is a good one.
Mr Bolin did not stay
long in Boston, for just now

May 11. ~~1881~~
May 11.

April 8, 1881
Boston Mass

Genl. Armstrong is here, sweeping
the field for his Indian girls;
so there is no chance for
anything else in the same line!

I am very truly yours,

Abby W May

copy

A. M. E. Zion Book Concern.
167 Thompson Street New York
P. O. Station, A.
Jacob Thomas, Gen'l Agent.

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Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
April 1st 1881

Miss Abby W. May,

Dear Miss

I am exceedingly pleased that you have manifested so much interest in our Institution as to write in order to ascertain something of its usefulness. I am happy to inform you that our society has existed for more than 25 years, previous to the war its operations were limited to assisting the Mission work of the Church north and west but during and since the war our missionaries Preachers have gathered in and organized into societies some 150,000 Church members with a following of as many more. Then there are all the children of 300,000 people to be Christianize and educate we are an auxiliary to the general Mission Board we aid in sustaining two missions in Kansas 2 in Liberia and in the Southern work &c. The Connection with which we are identified, the Zion M. E. Ch. represented by the Russell St. Church in your city, Rev. Robert Dyson, Pastor, are running two schools one in Concord N. C. called the Wesley Institute, one in Lancaster South Carolina both poor struggling for an existence yet doing their work cheerfully looking for better days. Our operations extend throughout the United States, Canada the Bermuda Islands & Africa we do but little but are anxious to do much more, hence we have sent out Mr. Abram Bolin to beg for the cause we most deeply

love. He is all right honest and earnest. Please help him
and you will help those with whom you have been and are
in sympathy with ~~them~~^{now}. I can not enter more fully
into details now but hope to be permitted to Communi-
cate again.

I once met the Rev. S. J. May in Boston or elsewhere
some years ago. I have never forgotten him. Please excuse
this bad looking letter.

Yours truly Jacob Thomas, Treasurer

A. M. E. Zion Mission
Society.

Received, 11/18/81.

Thomas, J.

Commissioner Bently, or to my Agent
in Washington. it is necessary to get
the proof one can - and your
name will be of great service to me -

I am an old friend of Mrs. Heaton's
formerly of Brooklyn Long Island before
her husband's death. I have often heard
her speak in friendly terms of you -

Please, answer this - whether you can
give me any encouragement or not -

My address is, Caroline E. Chapin
Stonington, Connecti-
cut - box 34

at your earliest convenience -
+ greatly oblige -

P. S. Sir, If you think I am entitled
to any thing, will it be too much to
request you, to write to some of your
friends in Washington to aid me -

Respectfully

Mrs. Chapin

Recd. Apr. 9. 1881

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Stonington April 3th 1881
To Major Genl. Howard,

Sir,

I am desirous of obtaining
some remuneration from the Government
for my Son's services in the Union Army
and Navy: therefore I take the liberty of
writing to you, asking you, if you cannot
assist me. I know you did recommend
him as a brave soldier - and that
recommendation helped to get him
promoted to a 'second Lieutenant' by
Gov. Seymour of New York, I think in 1863.
His name was "Graham H. Chapin"
- he enlisted in New York, in 1862, in
the 82nd New York volunteers, Company
- I - Col. Flusten. I do not know his Capt.
- he was in the first battle of Fredericksburg
'Genl' Burnside commanding, and there
performed a very brave feat, going to a
house, with a few others, under cross firing
by the rebels, to find out, if said house

was occupied with Union, or Rebel soldiers, he was very near the sharpshooters, and a ball grazed his whiskers. He was complimented in the face of the whole army, on his return to head quarters - you may remember him - Just after that battle, he received a Furlough, & was Hon. discharged from 32nd Volunteers & was promoted. Mr Penfield of Hartford, got him out of the Army, because he wanted his services in settling up his business - with Colts pistol factory there - afterwards he did not accept the promotion, but went and joined the Marine Corps, under an assumed name, that of 'George G. Rice' was on the Steamer Don, which plied between Washington and Fortress Monroe or Richmond on James river. He was Sergeant and had a company of men under him, they were sent on Raids in Virginia, and in one raid he was wounded, and disabled from Military

service, was sent to the Barracks in Washington to be treated, and from there was Hon. discharged on half pay, said wound occurred 'while in the line of duty' - He never applied for this back pay, that was in 1865. He went into the Army a well sound man, came out, wounded and sick never able to do a full days work, and died in 1873 of Consumption - induced in the Army & Navy. Now I want to recover his back pay from the time of his discharge till his decease or, obtain a Pension. I was dependant or, partly so on him for support - before he went into the Army. He left no wife or children - therefore His widowed mother make application for remuneration, in some shape -

Will you Sir, be so kind, if you remember him, to write me a line, recommending him as a brave soldier or, say a good word for him, so I can send your note to

Dean is at work for
Bill - no vacancy
found for me yet.

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Glencoe

Apr 8 81

Bro Brother

I enclose a
letter just rec'd from Corin
John Otis. I wish we might
help him & Wm in this way.
He is honest and honest
and will do well - a
much more worthy man
than the "Corporal Bigger" to
whom he refers. I have
no doubt.

If you have writ a few
lines to the P. M. General
Hon. Ros. L. Jones it might
secure him the place. I have
written today that John was
a Union Man & has been
a Republican since the
War & that he was son of

P.S.

1102. 3/20
formerly
M. C. from Maine.

But H. M. General Jones
does not know me as
he would you.

John has had a
School Supervisors place.
He is intelligent - a good
reader - Has managed
Cotton-planting for ten years
in Mississippi.

Mother & Kitty went to
Chicago with me today
to attend Morning meeting.
We appreciate your very kind
invitation. Kitty & I think of going
to Washington early next month & returning
via N.Y. and make you a little
visit - but plans not very mature -
Yours Very Affectionately
E. C. Jones

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d what he can. Mr Scott has
signed the application of a Mr Taylor
a clerk in the employ of the O.R.N.C.
but will be glad to do what he
can as soon as Mr George gets
back. Mr Shurtleff - Collector of cus-
toms is the same both seemed
sorry that they had not known
my intention sooner. & Moore
a personal friend of Genl. Sherman
has written him in my favor.
Ex Attorney Genl. Williams - my friend
thinks - will work for me. Mr
Slater one of the Oregon Senators will
be secured. And if it would not
be a compromise of any kind on
your part; ~~after~~ (at any time you
think proper) either before the applica-
tion is sent in, or after it has
been presented to the President -)

Vancouver Barracks W.T.

April 8th 1881

General W. Howard.

Dear Sir

Since writing
last I have been studying up the
F.M. Question and doing something in
the way of securing the influence
of the persons you spoke of, and of
others. Capt. Pierce took up the case
gladly, and has written to Capt. Sla-
den and Lieut. Wood. he also spoke
to Col. Mason but the Col. seemed
to be a little hurt because I had

not gone to him first. so I called
on him and made a statement.
"That I had thought it best, that some
one whom I knew would have no
objection, should mention the matter
to him and others, so, that if they
had any reason for not favoring
the application, it would be easier
for them to speak it out, than if
I were present. He seemed satisfied
and pleased, and said he would
gladly do all in his power. Maj. Knox
gave me a letter to the Secretary of War.
The following gentlemen have promised
to write letters for me - Bishop
Morris. Saul. Wheaton. Mr. Williams.

Judge Brady, Mr. C. H. Lewis, Mr. Steel and
Mr. Dolph. I have written to Col. Tay-
lor and Mr. ~~Doland~~ (Editor of the Astorian)
of Astoria, who will certainly give it
or commendation I want. - Mr. C. C. Bliss
superintending Inspector of Steam Vessels.
S. F. - whom I am sure I can count on.
Frank Tarbell of Olympia who is a
successful politician, and my
brother in law. - The US Marshal
for Oregon - E. S. Kearney is helping
all he can. W. S. Ladd will sign
the application. S. W. Brown of
Vancouver has written to Mr
Brant the delegate from W. T.,
who will he ~~thinks~~ be glad to

Gray
Bessie continues well and is
a great chatterbox. Every one
falls in love with her. I don't
know how Grace would get along
without her. We have had a
week of beautiful weather which
did Grace a world of good. She
was out-drive several horses
a day. If Mamma Howard
would only tell us the height of
the ceilings we could almost
imagine ourselves in your house
at West Point. Her letters are treat-
like a continuation of tea minute
now and then. We are still
keeping the little house in town.
awaiting the arrival of Gen. Miles.
Grace sends love to all at home.
The Gladys and Woods.

With much love and respect I
remain your very truly

Gray
James Gray

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if you could put in a word
to Mr Blaine, and a request
to the President that the applica-
tion be not overlooked. I think
we might succeed. I am prepared
for disappointment: and shall
not lose a wink of sleep or re-
linquish a particle of my business
until the Commission is
signed. I presented Ayers note
for payment but he is in New
York and Mr Ames could not
pay it: so I had Mr H. waive
protest: and collected the interest.

and twenty dollars of the principal
He has written you about it.
he says, and is expecting an
answer daily. Please send
instructions in regard to this
matter.

Genl. Allen has received a letter
from Genl. Morris saying that
you could not procure the
detail for Col Mason as called
Commandant: it is evidently
garrison talk, and the Ed. feels
badly about it. I judge from
scraps and hints that are let-
fall by others.

Our opposition to the "Washington"

will commence running about
the twelfth of the month.

Grace has been invited to visit
the ~~Livest~~ in Portland next
week. The ferry has commenced
and four or five new Steamboats
are in course of construction.

Steamboating is being run into the
ground" or more properly speaking
into a sand bar.

Mr Corbett is in New York he
will probably remain there some
time.

Genl. Sawtelle leaves for Newport-
Barracks the 13th. Genl. Soudy
is to relieve him

Blank No. 1.

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NORVIN GREEN, President.

Dated

Received at

BROOKLYN.

To

West point N.Y. 188
General Howard
Care No 40 Lexington

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

Come first train
Mrs Howard
Sick nothing
Serious

Sladen,
Aide

Spind R

☒ This Message was received at
191 MONTAGUE STREET, (Always Open.)
WHERE ANY REPLY SHOULD BE SENT.

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Stadew, J. A.
Caid D.C.

West Point N.Y.
27
1881, 8, 27
General Howard

Come to the 40th

Come first train
Mrs Howard
at 6 o'clock
Arrive
Stadew
Wicks

John R.

BEAD THE NOTICE AT THE TOP

