harmonious at West Point —
I believe the Army generally is
about as contented as we can
wish for — and I see no real
trouble ahead —

Everyone send,

W. T. Sherman

W. T. Sherman
Washington D.C.
Apl. 15. 1881

Recd Apl. 16. 1881.

Headquarters Army of the United States,

Washington, D. C. April 15 1881

Dear Howard —

I got back from St Louis yesterday, and am today in receipt of yours of Apl 14 — You may be sure I will approve all the changes you indicate especially if they work abstract justice in changing subordinate tracks by four years, and more so, when the number is reduced in the aggregate — for it seems to me that the

number of Professors, Assistants
&c. has increased of late
years out of proportion to the
increased number of Cadets.
It is too soon to promise
for the June Examination
but my purpose is to come
as usual and if possible to
have the Society of War along —
meantime I will speak with
President Garfield, but as
you well know he ought
not to commit himself
till within a few days of
the time. It will be
for you to indicate the
exact day when diplomas will
be delivered, and if you wish
I will invite Some prominent
War officer to make an
address such as Meigs did
the last year — It is better
that you should conduct the
ceremonies as heretofore, and leave
the Society & myself simply to
say a few words of compliment.
Heretofore the ceremony has been
very interesting and beautiful —
better than Shaw saw
seen at a Civil College —
I am always glad to learn
that things are working

Chancellor

Apl. 15. 1881
Phillips Academy.

confidential
Please send
or return
O.W.Wendell

Andover, Mass.,
April 15, 1881.

My dear Father;

Lead pencil on Coat, of haste. I hobbled to school this afternoon with difficulty on Coat. of rheumatism in my lame back as well as lame legs. Went to a fire yesterday & feel tired today; today has been rainy, snowy & disagreeable.

As sixty percent is required to pass an exam, you may immagine my delight on receiving my second examination paper marked 63%. I didn't even notice Mr. Coy's note written above it but ran out side & told two of the boys who were conditioned with me that I had passed. They replied gloomily that they hadn't.

On taking up my paper to look over this evening at 8 o'clock P.M. I read Mr. Co's note: "Not accepted. Next exam. will be given on Monday, Apr. 18 - in Room No 7.

from Pa. 3.

until he condescends to give us an easy exam. I am sick – sick at the thought – home-sick for some where I don't know where – Not for West Point for I want to hide myself from everyone who knows me. Jamie is not in, has gone to Philo. with his resignation.

Will send this by early morning mail & hope to send both my examination books.

From Your ever Affectionate Son

Chauncey.

at 4-30 [P.M.]; and will require a fee of $2.00. My heart seemed to come to my throat. I offered a short prayer. You can not begin to immagine my surprise and chagrin. Father – Father – What shall I do? what can I do? I have studied the Gram. thro' twice – can repeat almost every rule in it that we have had, but I don't seem to apply them. What shall I do? Please Answer soon – as soon as possible. I have been called on but once in Latin & made a good recitation. Have failed to do only one problem this term in Algebra & that was because I didn't have time to finish it. But on account of my forgetfulness, my neglectfulness, my carelessness, my stubbornness, my good-for-nothing-ness I can't pass an examination to satisfy Mr. Coy. If he gives an easy exam. I will pass it, but if hard, I can not; so it is only paying $2.00 a week (exam. each Monday)

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POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,

WASHINGTON, D. C.,

April 15th 1881

Dear General:

Our new Postmaster General having assumed his duties and it being rumored that he will make many changes, I deem the occasion a propitious one to seek promotion. I have served faithfully nearly nine years, now, and I feel, and know, that advancement is due me. I believe that I can accompany my application by no stronger recommendation than a letter from you, and I will very much thank you if you will write me one commending me to the Postmaster General as one worthy of his confidence and consideration.

Please present my kindest regards to Mrs. Howard, and to Capt. Sladen; and believe me General,

Your most highest esteem,

S. T. Page

P.S. Please enclose your letter to me T. T. P.

Maj: Genl. O. O. Howard
U.S. Army,
West Point,
New York.

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S. C. Armstrong, Principal; J. F. B. Marshall, Treasurer.

Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute.

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Hampton, Va., April 16th 1881

Genl. O. O. Howard,
Superintendent rc. rc.

Dear General:

You doubtless will remember dedicating and laying the corner stone of our Academic Hall some years ago, in 1872 I think

This building was burned two years ago, and is now rebuilt in a much improved way. It is about finished It will be ready for use just before May 19th our next Anniversary day.

Will you not come down that day, be present May 19th, and <u>rededicate</u> it? Of all men you are the one to do it.

I ask this in the name of the Trustees, Officers and friends of this Institution. Nothing could be more interesting or fitting.

We expect President Garfield and others.

There will be time for only a fifteen minutes speech. It will be the first thing in the morning, a little before 9 o'clock A. M. in connection with the opening services

There will be besides the corner stones of two buildings to lay, one for Indian and one for Negro education.

We hope President Garfield will lay one, and Secty Robt. T. Lincoln the other.

With kindest regards to your wife and family.

Yours very sincerely and Respectfully,

E. Armstrong

Minister

S. C. Armstrong.

Hampton Va.
Apl. 16. 1881.

Recd Apl. 18. 1881

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Saturday, 16th 81

Get Howard,

My dear friend,

Thanks for your kind letter. —

If all is well, I prefer going up from New York, on the 3 P.M. train on Monday, the 18th

I do not want Edwin to know I was anxious about him

Affy yrs

Clara Leach

House of Representatives, 277

Brooklyn, 726 DeKalb Ave. ~~Washington, D. C.,~~ April 16, 1881.

Genl O. O. Howard,

Commandant at West Point

Dear Sir, and Brother,

This note will introduce to you the son of one of my dearest friends, Mr H. Coombs, whose father W. J. Coombs Esq you know. Believing that, as Congressman, of the Third Dt of Brooklyn, I have a Cadet-ship at my disposal, my choice is William Confident that he has the bravery of of a Soldier in him with the perfected instincts of a gentleman, as you know, a combination essential to the character of a proper officer in the Army. Mr Coombs visits you for the purpose of learning what studies, and preliminary preparations are necessary for entering a School for which, I remember I applied in my boyhood.

I bespeak for my young friend your kindly services.

Permit me to add, that I have long desired a personal acquaintance, which some bright day, I hope to perfect. Meantime, I subscribe myself,

Your friend and brother

J. Wyatt Smith

J. Wyatt Smith
Va.

Brunswick
Apl. 14. 1861

Recd Apl. 15. 1861

Newyork apr 16th 1881

My dear Otis

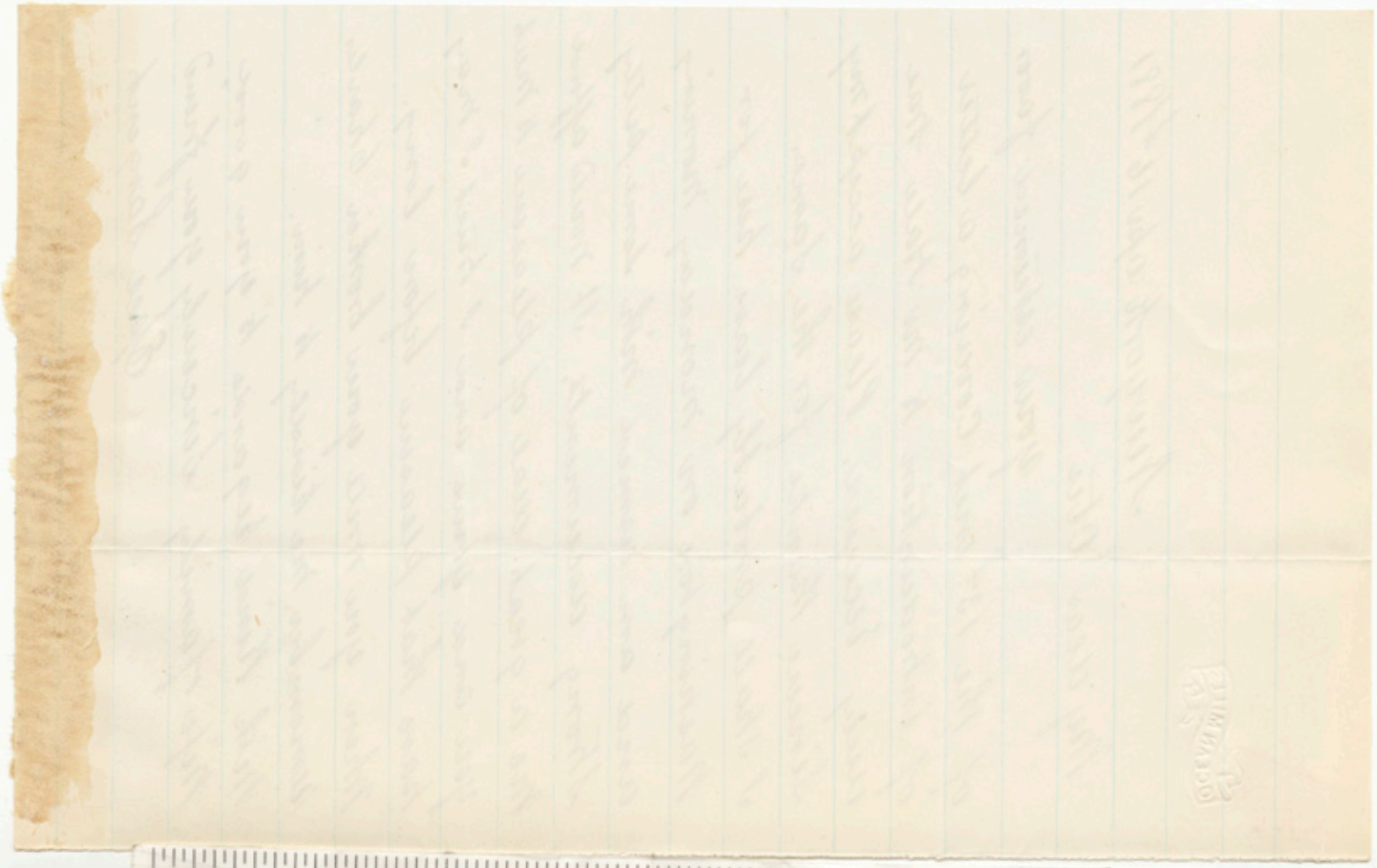
your esteemed favor of the 13th inst covering a letter of introduction to Mr Hale was duly received. Please accept my sincere thanks for the same.

I shall probably leave here for Washington on monday morning and am armed with some pretty strong documents. It would afford me a great deal of pleasure to meet you and yours and I trust I may have that pleasure before long.

When you write your brother Charles remember me kindly to him.

With kind regards to your good wife & family. Sincerely your friend

Epes Sargent



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Boston, April 18th 1887

My dear Dr. Howard

As Chairman of our Com. on Conversazione I am glad to tender you an earnest invitation to be present and speak at the Conv.n on Sunday 22nd May or Monday 23rd June — you know our Conv.n well and your fellow speakers will be the Rev. Phillips Brooks and Mr. Alcott one of our most prominent Bost.n Ministers —

Of course we will pay all your expenses.

refuses—

Will you kindly write me as soon as possible as to whether you have any preference as to the two days named—

Our meeting comes as you know in Ann Arb. Week and we think that others would be glad to hear you speak for them if you are disposed.

Sincerely Yours

Russell Strong Jr.

Sec. Am. B.Y.M.C.A. Ann Arb.

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Coombs, Crosby & Eddy,
P.O. Box. 3714.
Cable Address "Coombs".

New York, April 18th 1881

Major Genl. O. O. Howard U.S.A.
Commandant West Point

Dear Sir.

This will be handed to you by my Son William whom you may possibly remember was introduced to you at our office where you favored us with a call.

He is very anxious to enter as Cadet at the Academy, and has received from my friend our representative from the 3rd Dist. promise of assistance in obtaining the appointment –

Mr Smith does not seem however posted as to his powers – and the necessary formalities –

Will you kindly favor me by giving William such hints & information as you may be able to do without too great interference with your time – and thus confer a favor which I shall greatly appreciate –

I hope that you will find it in your power to spend a Sabbath with me before long which I shall greatly enjoy –

I remain dear Sir
With Great Respect
Yours William Coombs

Coombs, Crosby & Co.
P.O. Box 3714
Cable Address "Coombs"

New York April 14 1881

Mr. Saml. Gilbertson Esq.
Gen. Ins. Agt. Portland

Dear Sir:

This will be handed you by Mr. Wilkins who may possibly overwhelm you with orders if you do not offer when you have an order to call.

He is very anxious to enter a lot of the Autumn and Winter goods by steamer & has appropriated for the 3rd & 4th. Pounds & assists in obtaining the differential.

Refer all due and from Portland & to his house and the necessary formalities.

Will you kindly favor us by giving Mr. Wilkins that right & information as you may be able to do without to good entgrowers with your time. and this confer a favor which I shall appreciate.

I hope that you will find in your power to offer a suitable with you when they which I shall greatly enjoy.

Yours Respy

Coombs Crosby & Co.

Clam Trench

New Haven Conn
Apl. 18. 1881

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58 Trumbull St.
New Haven, Conn.
April 15th 81.

My dear Genl. Howard,

I am deeply pained to learn that my dear boy Edwin is not doing well.. You will tell me if my presence for two or three days would probably influence him for good. It is all new to me, and it seems as if it could not be true, and

yet I know God has little
for me, in our order
of strength, which comfortable
and that the children
of good men and women
are left as they are
to needs more of
love & prayers. I can
but pray for no other help
than the Spirit of
God working in
his heart. I know how
tenderly you will feel
for him and his

friends if he does not stand himself
true and noble and I know
you are doing all you can to
influence him for light. Shall I come
to him?" My love to Mrs. Howard.

Very hastily, Sincerely yours

Clara French

Arthur's Rock
West Point N. Y.
April 18. 1881.

Dear General Howard

I am sorry to say a word of business to one who has already more than enough — yet I must. I hope you will be patient with me.

It is about my Sunday Week reading class. When we had the pleasure of seeing you at the Cottage I understood you to say something like this: — "Get one of your friends to make out a list of the names & send it to me & I will grant the permit." Accordingly I asked Mr Bartlett (Cadet George T. Bartlett of the First class) to make out the list which he did last week & carried it to the Commandant. The

friends wish it clearly understood — I defined, if necessary — that a general permit (covering all the Sundays between now & Nov. 1) is never to be understood or taken any advantage of, as giving a release from confinement, any more than from turns of duty. It is not to be taken advantage of in any way — save the legitimate way of affording facility in coming over, to those who are properly quite qualified to come.

Mr Bartlett did speak of going to see you about the matter; but as he cannot do that without first getting a permit to do so from the Commandant, it puts him in a slightly disagreeable position towards that officer — which of course he would rather avoid. Therefore if I have understood

Commandant refused to send in any such permits. Mr Bartlett took it back, & a few of the men put in separate & individual permits which were granted, & came over; the others waited in hope of a general permit.

Now our numbers in summer have been sadly reduced by the necessity of putting in a new permit for every week. It gets overlooked, in the pressure of business; Mr Looker told me he came very near forgetting it this time — just remembered it Saturday morning & wrote his application in a hurry when he could ill enough spare the time. The sole reason for which a general permit is desired, is to save this annoyance of forgetting & missing, together with the trouble of writing the same every week. My

during wish it clearly understood & defined if needed.

you, sir, right, & you see no harm in a general permission so guarded, — if you will send an order to Mr Bartlett for the list of names, it will save him from appealing to my generosity the better of his commanding officer.

I claim the Commandant does not favour the cadets going anywhere — even on the Boat. I know he did not look on favour on their coming to me — it was reported to me the summer he came, by one of the ladies on the Boat, that he had expressed himself very decidedly in the matter & he hindered Pilots from coming during the encampment. I suppose Gen. Schofield set it right, for after Sep. 1. they came.

Now I leave the matter. You will do what you think right. Only, please do not think it needful to write an answer to this. I know what it is to have one's hands full. It is bad enough to give you an extra note to read, without making

Mason Warner

Opd 1881

Rec'd Oct 10 1881

you write one. I am sorry to do it, but this work on Sunday is, I believe, the Lord's work — & if you could be invisibly present during one of our reading times, I think you would say so too.

With kindest regards to Mrs Howard, & thanks for kindness already shown, I am

dear General

very truly yours

Susan Warner

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Headquarters Department of the Columbia,

ASSISTANT INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Vancouver Barracks, W. T., April 19th 1881.

My dear General -

Your long and very interesting note of the 14 of April - came duly to hand a few days ago. It is from the children we gain about all we know regarding your life at the Point. Harry in his letter to Fan - tells of ice and snow, cold winds and other disagreeable things - With you, Winter has lingered so long in the lap of Spring - that he has about pushed the young lady off of her stool - You must come back to your old command to find - take it, all the year through - the best climate in the country - The Spring with us has been lovely - Nothing could be more

delightful. Now the weather has been all thought March and April – but in spite of the pleasant weather we miss you all very much indeed. It is not like the old place in many particulars – the atmosphere has changed in ways too fine for but not easy to describe – The change in the manner of conducting the Club has produced some feeling – first it was opened on Sunday – then – Beer was kept from use and sold to those desiring to drink it – Then it was declared that playing for small sums five cents a corner, or something like that I believe – was not gambling – not feeling comfortable under these things – Kruse and myself asked for a meeting of the Club – it resulted in closing the place on Sunday – but by a large vote the other things were confirmed

Kress, Miles, Boyle, and myself withdrew a short time afterwards. They re-opened the place on Sunday I understand - so the matter stands. This is a brief statement of a long story. Greene took my action in the matter as a personal affront and has been very disagreeable towards me since that meeting. Greene has no regard for a ~~[illegible]~~ man to commit use - I was much pleased a few days ago to hear Dr Dickson speak of your influence for good in this dept. contrasting it with what he had seen in years past - and what he feared for the future - Matters and things in the Dept are very quiet - nothing of interest going on - McKeever has left Camp Stevens and is on his way to Camp Spokane - You remember you told me last fall that I must see that McKeever moved in

Calvin C. Allison
Transmon. W.T.
Apl. 19. 1881
Recd. May 3. 1881

time this year? I kept the matter in mind and called Genl Whistler's attention to it in time to get the company out on the snow – The question of rebuilding Fort Colville on its present site or on a new one is up – The matter has been referred to Genl McDowell for decision. Personally I do not know what will be my fate upon from a cyclone I will be ordered to join my Regt. which in due course will be there at Infty. Stand Tex at Fort Sanders on U.P.R.R. Wife mother and children all send their best love to you and your family – please remember me to the Woodes and Coffs and Mrs Sladen – tell Sladen it requires two things to keep up a correspondence time and inclination – Please write me kindly when you have time in your & Messrs

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Savannah Ga
April 20th 1881

General O O Howard
Comd'g Military Academy
West Point N Y

Dear Sir:-

I understand that Prof Langston will be transferred to Brazil and I write to ask your endorsement for the Mission to Hayti. You will doubtless remember me as a Captain in the 73d Pa Volts under your Command and subsequently as a graduate of the "Law School" of Howard University. I am a fair latin Scholar and have some knowledge of the Spanish tongue and can

Soon acquire the vernacular of the Haytiens.
Please address a letter to Mr Blaine or the President in my behalf and greatly oblige

Your obt Servant

Edwin Belcher

Edwin Belcher,

Savannah, Ga.,
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Bradford, Pa., 20 Apl 1881.

Genl O. O. Howard

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Very Respectfully Yours

W. F. Carey

Brought to Office Sept. 24th 1881.

Answered Sept 28th 1881

Wm. F. Carey