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Rondout, N.Y.
Dec 17/81.

Answered by the Genl
Dec 21. 1881.

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Rondout N.Y. Dec. 17/81.

Genl. O. O. Howard.

My Dear Sir.
You will doubtless remem-
ber the signature of this
letter as being that of a
person who called on you
a few moments last sum-
mer at your residence.

In 1864 I attended school
at Farmington Maine.
when your brother was preaching
there. I was in your Brigade
in '61 just previous to the
battle of Bull Run or as
some termed it Yankys Run
perhaps a more appropriate
name after the battle.

I remember well your
dress parade near the close
of the day. before the battle
the following one. My entire
soldiers life, every part of
it: remains stamped on
my mind as clearly as
it did during the campaigns
especially the prison part
of it. But my dear Gent
The object of this letter to you
is to submit a proposition
to you. Which is this. We
have a Womans Christian
Temperance Union here at
Bordent, which we consider
to be about the only society
of its kind among us, not
thandled and controlled by
Ring masters. and politicians.
Here women can do more
to advance the temperance

cause than men, until
we have a radical change:
and this is why we are anx-
-ious to support the Union.
We wish to strengthen it
financially. and think this
can be done by extending
an invitation to you to come
up to Bordent and give us
a Temperance Lecture. Can
you oblige us? If so please
state when, and what your
charge would be for the lecture.
Hoping this will find you
happy. and enjoying the
calm after the storm. and
feeling with a large number
of the American people a high
honor for you. and your
great achievements. I am
very respectfully your friend.
John Rogers.

A. P. KETCHUM,
Pres't.

T. W. ROBINSON,
Cashier.

MOUNT MORRIS BANK,

NEW YORK CITY.

EAST 125TH STREET,

New York, Dec. 17th 1881

My dear General,

The enclosed clipping from to-day's Herald may interest you. I confess I am not particularly impressed with the prospects of the Pension Co. so far as I am now informed.

The Commercial Agency people want me to call upon them with reference to the P. Co. If they were ready to give a favorable report they would have given it in writing. I will, however, call and write you further.

Respectfully

Yours sincerely

Sam'l. A. C. Howard A. P. Ketchum

Hetchum, C. P.

MOUNT MORRIS BANK

NEW YORK CITY

EAST 135TH STREET

New York City
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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
OF THE
Freedman's Savings and Trust Company.

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Washington, D.C. December 17th 1881.

O. O. Howard.

Brig. Maj. Gen. U. S. A.

West Point. N. Y.

Sir,

Herewith is enclosed
your paid and canceled note for one thousand (\$1000.⁰⁰)
dollars which I neglected to enclose in my letter to
you of yesterday's date.

Very respectfully.

W. Day
Commissioner.

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Knox, J. J.

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\$ 1,000.⁰⁰

Washington D.C. Dec. 15th 1880.

One year ¹⁶ after date I promise to pay to
the order of The Commissioners of the Freed. Sargs & Trust Co.

One thousand ⁰⁰ Dollars
at Washington, D.C.

Value received

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N. Y. Central and Hudson River R. R.

AGENT'S OFFICE.

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W. H. WESTON, Agent.

Newburgh, N. Y., Dec 18 1881

Dear Gen. Howard.

I have just met your son and shall hand him this note to present to you. I hand you herewith the correspondence relative to Dr Booth, which when you have read I will thank you to return to me at the N.Y. Hotel. I carried the same to Washington with me expecting to see you there. I learned that the Pres. had made his selection of the successor to Dr. Smith and consequently did not deem it necessary to write you soon.

Respy &c

Yours truly
Edward S. Fowler

Dec 19. 1881.

Dear Sir,
Dec 18. 1881.

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Dec 19, 1881
Back just from my trip to
Kewbuckle finding the little
Church in a very nice con-
dition, with many thanks to
you for your kind contribution
&c. I had a gathering of 157 last
evening who seemed to be earn-
est in the work for Christ. I can
assist in Cooke's waiting as it has
been ~~most~~ ^{my} work since I have been
north &c. as ever in Christ ~~am~~



NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS CAN BE PLACED ON THIS



Mr. W. A. Howard
West Point
Personal New York

Louisa writes me considerable news
but I fear it would not interest
you. Mr. Jones health is poor
but more about somewhat
as yet, and brother Wilson she
hears has lost his mind so
much so he can hardly under-
stand about anyone or any
things. And Helen is married
but her marriage is very untaste-
ful to her family. She is 38 years
old sick all the time & the other
Gilmores have been married
of late Louisa wrote me a
good letter and I think is as well
as usual. I think from Marnie's
card that all are well at K.H. G.
Dear Johnny how I do ~~praise~~
the grace of God for him, that
he then could ask of his heavenly
father help to find patience to
bear what is laid upon him, I am
sorry for him, because he is losing
the beauties of his youth in ill feelings
peace and good will towards all
is a happy feeling, Satan will not
give it to us but God will if we ask
him give much love to Lizzie
Berrie and Jamie Harry and
Chancey and Jonny and Guy
when you write him, what do you
hear from Grace and her babe
and husband I wish she would

write me. tell her I love her & you write to her I trust

she is happy
Ever your
affectionate
mother.
Eliza Gilmore

Mrs E. Gilmore

C. C. Howard

Gloucester, 11th Nov. Dear son,
Nothing from you or your family
since James good letter written
while you, Lizzie and Berrie were
away at Brooklin. I dream about
you and your family often &
and sometimes three or more nights
in succession always you in the
midst. I have heard from K.B.L. and
from David and all the rest, Mrs
Patten keeps house rents four rooms, goes
David gets his lessons at home breakfasts
breakfasts and suppers with his
Grandma, takes his dinners at his
Club Mrs Patten dines at a boarding
house she had her four grandchildren
with her to spend thanks giving, with

with her, she writes very happily to
Rowland, says she is growing young
by having the young people with
her, Sarah Talbot has written me
a long letter full of regrets that I
did not visit her, I have heard
from K. H. Gilmore and family
of late ^{still} as well as usual, Charles &
Katie are gone to Washington, went
last Wednesday, the children are
well and wide awake, now they
are ~~wide~~ ^{as} wholly engaged in
preparing for Christmas they are
to have a Sabbath school concert Sunday
evening, and Monday evening a
Christmas tree at the church, Mr. Bay
has preached two Sundays, and hears
the bible class after morning
service, our church is full every
Sunday, Mr. Rust has already got
his family away from here as far

as Chicago on their way for California
something about his business is
keeping him from his final leave.
Mamie has sent me a small Book
entitled Kept for the Masters use,
I enjoy it very much, perhaps the
heading was appropriate to her
condition, I will send you
three dollars, which I owe you
in part, I cannot recollect how
much I sent before but but
probably you will recollect
I have sent K. H. Gilmore Gasparan
and am wishing for another,
^{from} you of the same, to take the
place of it, I was much pleased
with James letter and intend to
write him soon; I just returned
from dinner at the table
found a letter from K. H. Gilmore Mary
and one from Louisa Mower
from Sister Elaine

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Brig. Gen. C. C. Howard

Answered Dec 23 /81.

Dear Sir

A Mr Chase who was formerly connected with the Army & Navy was in our office lately & saw there the Arithmetic Frame, which is in use by teachers throughout the world he said "why do you not introduce that to the Army & Navy schools, I am sure they would be pleased with it," until that moment we had not thought of schools in connection with the Army & Navy. We refer you first to Gen. John Eaton of the Washington Bureau of Education D. C. Also Admiral Melancton Smith of Oyster Bay Long Island we also enclose you a list of names well known throughout the country

in the course of education. To begin
with it is emphatically a labor saving
machine but at the same time in
the hands of an industrious suggestive
teacher an enormous amount of
Drill can be given that can
be supplied in no other way, for
by touching the springs that form
the combinations you have 3458

columns of 18 figures each that
Drill alone is invaluable to boys
The business colleges buy it for that
merit to begin with, but the Key
will show examples, from Numeration
to Metric System Percentage & Fractions
&c &c The Frames are being shipped
to all parts of the world the Key
is translated into French & Spanish. It
is quite an ornament to a school-room

Respectfully

John Gould

For Emma Coydier

If necessary a teacher will be sent
to illustrate the Frame There are small
models for family use

Senator A. is one of the leaders of the
Reformed Episcopal movement with which
Mr. P. is connected. In politics the latter
is a staunch Republican. I have
accepted an invitation to dine with him one
evening this week and will write you if there
are any further developments by that time. His
address should you wish to communicate
with him is 141 West Lawrence St.

Very respectfully,
Thomas H. Reese.

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Waltham, MA
Dec 19, 1881.

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No. 156 Mooker St.
Baltimore, Md. Dec 19/81.

Genl. O. O. Howard, }
West Point N.Y. }

Dear Genl.:-

I was at Mr. Postel's Unitarian
Church and Sabbath School yesterday and
was well pleased with all I saw and heard.
The attendance was good, sermon excellent
and delivered with great earnestness and power.
He preached about 30 minutes. He is a
great favorite with his people. They are all
ardently attached to him and look to part
with him. So one of his leading men informed
me. He has done and is still doing a great
work here. I received from himself and others
many details which go to prove that he is
an active & successful Christian worker.
The attendance at the Sabbath School was
also very good, the exercises being of the
usual order. I afterwards called at his
house and had a brief interview with him

and Mr. P. They are a highly Cultivated
and agreeable Couple. They have but two
children - one aged 5 & the other 3.
As a matter of course they had many
questions to ask about West Point, which
I answered as well as I could. Mr. P. asked
particularly in reference to the office and work
of the Chaplain, the number and character of
our religious meetings, - had we a Sabbath
school? - was there a war night lecture and
prayer meeting &c. &c. The subject of
quarters elicited many inquiries on the part
of Mrs. P. and advice was expressed for a
plan of the house showing number & size of
rooms &c. if it could be done without too
much trouble. If Mr. Erwin could prepare
and send me such a plan (a rough one would
answer) to my address here, 156 Market St.
I would that they get it. I promised to
report the matter to you for which they both
expressed their thanks.

As regards reporting for duty, Mr. P. says
it is his desire to do so just as early as

possible after Confirmation. He is expecting
daily to hear that the appt. has been confirmed
after which it will be the case of but a
few days to break up here and move on to
West Point. He has written to Dr. Briggs
on the subject who in doubtless show you
his letter.

I gathered from Mr. P. that he is a native
of Kentucky, and attended the Kentucky Military
Institute for some time before entering the
Theological School from which he finally
graduated. He has the advantage thereof of
some previous military training. He was
President Gayfield's Chaplain for the Chaplaincy,
and would have been appointed in July last
but for the death of the President. From other
sources I learn that he is a son-in-law of a
Mr. Ellis of New York City (a personal friend of
Pres. Arthur) to whom, with Senator Aldrich
of R. I. (Gen. Sumner's successor) he is
indebted for his present appt. Mr. Ellis is
understood to be a prominent leader and
active Republican Manager in New York, while

19th Dec 1881

My dear General.

I have read the letters of Mrs Marten & Dr Hartley, and return them as you request.

Dr Hartley wrote to me several weeks ago asking what would be the best time for the presentation of the books to the First Class. I suggested that they might be given before Christmas, or after New Year, though in former years they were presented just before the Class graduated. Some ten days ago the books were sent to me from the Track House, but as there was no direction given to me either as to the time or the mode of presentation, I sent the bundle to the office of the Commandant. I presume that they are now in the

I would respectfully suggest that,
in order to meet Mrs Martens' evidently
strong wish, the members of the Class be
requested to return the books to the
office of the Commandant in order to
be formally presented in the way &
at the time proposed. Of course,
I regret that I was not sooner ap-
prised of Mrs Martens' wishes in this
matter. I am

Very Respectfully Yrs
Mo. Maryth Chas

To General Steward.

141 Larnvale St. 152

Baltimore Md.

Dec. 19th '81

May. Genl. O. O. Howard.

Sup^t West Point Military Academy.

My dear Sir;

Your letter of the 16th is just received. Accept my thanks for your congratulations. The Senate has not yet taken action upon the nomination.

Just as soon as I receive my appointment, I will report to you, in person, when we can better discuss the arrangements of my entering upon my duties there. I am very anxious to enter upon them as soon as possible.

I suppose I ought to give my church here some notice before leaving them. And then it will take some time for me to pack up my things here and ~~ship~~ them.

However, when the appointment is made, I

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Baltimore, Md.

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shall hold my-self subject to your orders, and I only mention the above, because I desire to do what is right and becoming in the matter towards my people here and my duties at West Point.

Dr Forsyth is very kind to continue the work until I come.

I have no doubt we shall be in accord in our anxiety for "abundant fruitage" in the field at West Point.

Allow me to say that I rejoice in entering upon my duties there with a Christian General in command of the post. My work in the Ministry has always been a quiet steady work. I have never had what is generally called "a revival," and ^{yet} under God's blessing I have never been without inspiring souls - a steady work of grace going on all the time.

Let us pray for this at the Point.

Thanking you for your kind letter, I remain,

Yours very truly,

W. M. Postlethwait -

Head-Quarters Fourth United States Infantry,

Fort Sanders, Wyo. Dec 19th 1881.

My dear General

Your kind note came to me while I was on court martial duty at Fort M^c Kiny. Whither I had gone for the trial of an officer. Yes we are happy in the possession of a son. The young man's name is not John. But Charles Haynes. I have named him after two of his uncles. I have been unwell for a longer period since our arrival in July. I have been for many years. But the children have finally taken their departure and I am well and strong once more. This is not as agreeable a climate as that of Vancouver. Still wife, mother and children are well and happy. I have just rec'd a long letter from Major Green he says that Lieut Miles has made application to leave Vancouver and

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Fort Sanders

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transferred to him as a Depot. Also that
he wished to turn over to the Port of
Vancouver Barracks - all the houses now
occupied by himself & staff. That is
Glades old house - Adams - Morris - your old
house. and the two double sets next
West. also theundry building for
barracks. had asked that the appropriation
for ^{expansion} ~~expansion~~ for Fort Vancouver. I believe
about \$40,000 be appropriated for building
Dept of the Columbia - for the purpose of
putting up suitable building for single
bldgs - on the old Esplanade - I don't
know but this will interest you. Still
I cannot but think you owe a little for
the old place we spent so many pleasant
hours in - I am sure I miss the active
life I spent with you at Vancouver
and find the confinement of a post
with only a handful of troops most
irksome. And not least amongst the
things I miss are the pleasant and
profitable talks with you while walking
or travelling together - Here I have no

one who cares to talk about any thing
above or beyond the daily going of the
Post -

Mrs Mason bids me tell Mrs
Howard. She has rec'd a pleasant
letter from Mrs Isaac and with the
letter a square for the wonderful quilt.
Isaac is well and so is the baby and the
Captain. This you doubtless know from your
own letter. If my boy had been a girl! I
had the name of Isaac ready to give
to her - Wife Mother and children all
send much love to you and your dear
family - In all of these kind thoughts
I beg to join -

I shall remember me to
Glades and Ward and believe me much.
Ever your attached -
C L Mason

Foster, G. W.

Brooklyn, N. Y.
Dec. 19. 1881.

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Foster's Conservatory of Music,
NO. 10 LEE AVENUE.

Brooklyn, C. D., Dec. 19th 1881
Genl. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir:

The Young
People's Temperance League of the
Church of Christian Endeavor
- Rev H. H. Crofts Pastor - regret very
much your inability to be
present with them this month.
As a result it has been
deemed best to postpone the
public meeting until sometime
in the month of January, pro-
vided you can come then. We
should very much like to have
you with us some evening during
the 2nd week in the month, leaving
to you to select, preferring however
to have it Thursday or Friday. I do
not wish to appear importunate, but

you can do us a great good
just now, we feel more than any
one else we can secure. If you
can come please write me when
and at what hour we shall send
a carriage, and if you stay in
Brooklyn over night will secure
you rooms at the Wall House here.
Hoping to receive a favorable answer

I remain Yours Truly

J. W. Foster
Pres^t League

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155 Mercer St
N.Y. Dec 20th 1881

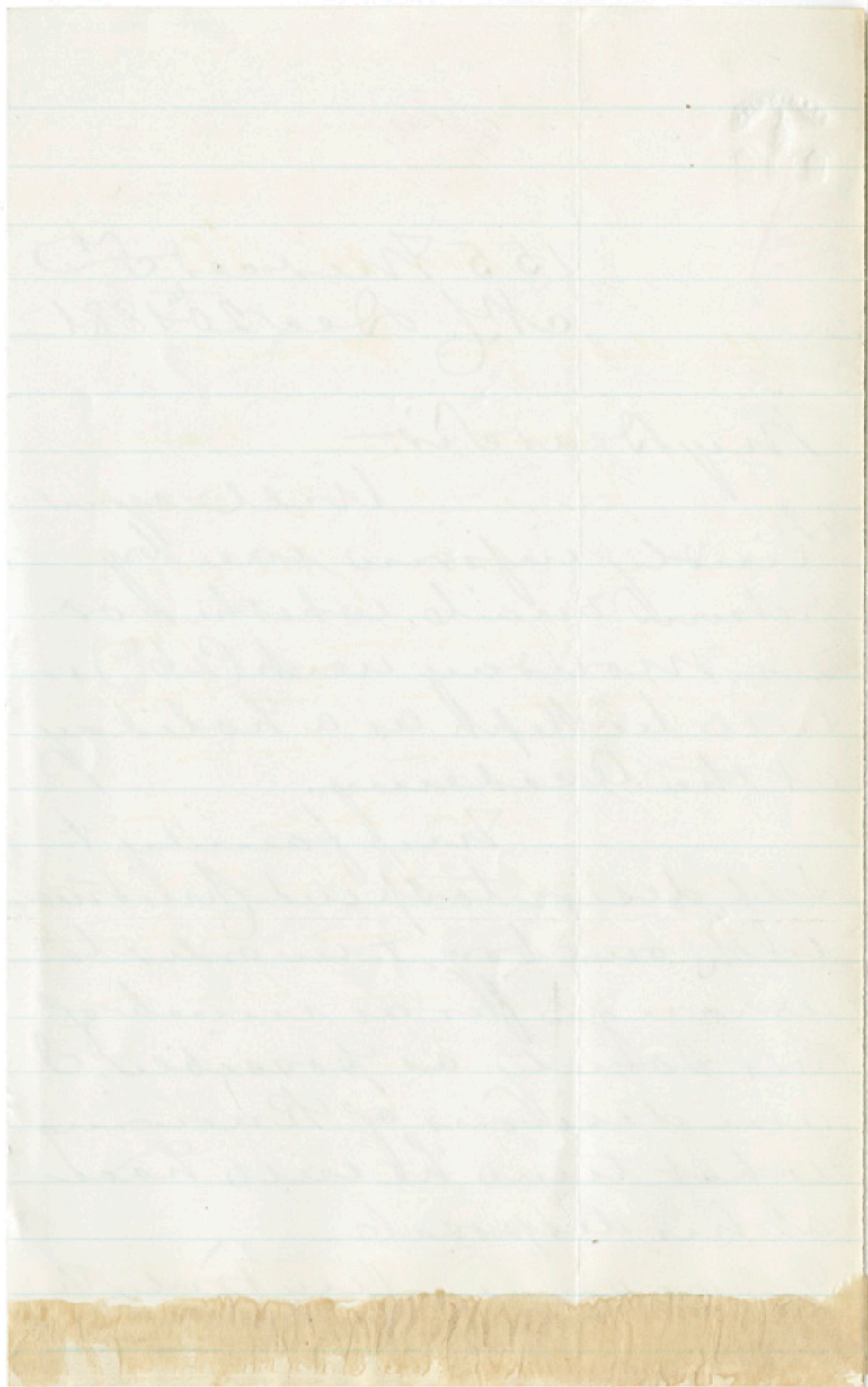
My Dear Sir.

Will you
Kindly inform me by
return mail, whether or
no Monday next (26th), -
will be kept as a holiday
at the Academy.

My family &
self desire to spend Christmas
with our boy, & in order to
arrange for as much of
his society as possible, I
am desirous of knowing
what time he will have
at his disposal -

Genl. O O Howard,
Sup &c

Very Truly Yrs
Geo A Sheldon



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Baltimore, Dec 20 1881

My dear Maal.

I am again
at my post. I have seen through
the newspapers of your presence
in Washⁿ. Did the President
appoint you son or promise
to do so? I hope so.

My son thinks some of his later
marks not good, & that I have
been a little meany or to his
performance & probable standing in
lawⁿ. I hope the change in
the Chaplaincy met your approba-
tion & will be good for the com-
munity at West Point.

U. S. ENGINEER
No. 10
Very truly yrs
M. P. Langhille.

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Baltimore
Dec 20. 1881.

Answered by the Coal
Dec 23/81.

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Office of the Chief Signal Officer,
Washington.

Dec. ²⁰ 20. 1881.

My dear Gen. Howard.

Will you have
the kindness to send
me a copy of the West
Point Regulations. They
compose a thin volume
when we were located.

I was sorry you
were here so short a time
and was away before I
knew you had been here.

Very Truly
W. S. Woyen



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Hackensack Dec 20th
[1831]

General Howard.

Sir.

Pardon the liberty I have taken
in addressing you. But I want to ask
you for the address of some person or
persons, who make the laws governing
the Military Academy. I shall try if
them to provide some rule, that will
enable the Cadets to visit their homes
once a year; instead of being compelled
to remain away two years, as the rule
now is I believe. My son entered the
Academy last June, and as he has
never been from home any length of time
before, I feel as if I cannot ordure it; and
thought I would make an effort to have him
come home once a year.

perhaps it will do so good. But I shall
at least try. can you not assist
me in this? I think a great many
Doctors would write with me, in giving
you our best hearty thanks if you
will do what you can. Love you & Mother

Respectfully yours

Address.

Mrs C. D. Curtis.

9. 11. Park Place,

N.Y. City.

therefor, which would not ordinarily be embodied in resolutions of the Board, but which might be given in the communication of the Superintendent transmitting them, and it occurs to me ~~ordinarily~~ ^{namely} that in the absence of such knowledge, the Secretary of War would be without ^{proper} ~~such~~ information on which to base his action of approval or disapproval.

I write this letter, as I said before, personally, and no copy of it will go on the official files.

I am, General,

Very respectfully yours,

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Richd. M. Smith

Adj. Gen. Academy
West Point, N.Y.

Personal
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WAR DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON.

December 20, 1881.
Answered by the Genl Dec 22/81.

My dear General:

I have before me the resolution of the Academic Board, recommending changes in paragraphs 64 and 66 of the present regulations for the Military Academy, which are transmitted without any remarks by yourself. It is of course, my duty to pass upon papers as they are presented to me, but I would be glad to know, personally, your views upon the resolution making the annual examination begin on Monday in the year in which June 1st is Sunday. The suggestion is made that, in the annual

examination, Monday is not a convenient day for its commencement, as the Board of Visitors whose duty it is to be there, must either be there on the Saturday previous, or use Sunday to travel. The especial reason for changing the present regulation in that regard I do not know, and would be glad to have your views upon it, as I assume there is a good reason.

I would be glad also, to have your views on the changes proposed in paragraph 66, which, in general, appear to me slight, and relating to details concerning which the Academic Board is better

informed than I could be, except in one regard, and that is in substituting the action of the Academic Board in some cases, for that of the Superintendent of the Academy. In looking over the existing statutes upon the subject of the Academy, it seems to be contemplated that the Superintendent is the responsible officer under the Secretary of War, for the well-being of the Academy. The slight consideration which I have been able to give the matter, leads me to think that it is important for the Secretary of War not only to be advised of proposed changes, but of the reasons