

Bascom, W. F.

Shepherd, Chas.  
Mch 13. 1883

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Shepherd, Ransom Co. Dak.  
March 13. 1883

Gen. O. O. Howard,  
My Dear General,

Your note  
including check for \$50, came  
safely to hand. The Bank of  
Linton cashed it for me, charging  
35 cts & change.

Accept my thanks for this timely  
remittance. The treasurer of  
the University has been notified,  
to give you credit for the sum.

Very Truly Yours,

W. F. Bascom.

Wm. F. Bacon

Cheney, Pa.  
March 18. 1883

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Wm. F. Bacon

Wm. F. Bacon  
My dear General,  
Your note  
inclosing check for \$50.00  
safe & sound, the Bank of  
Boston cashed it for our  
or its exchange.  
Receipt and thanks  
most  
The Treasury has been  
given for credit for the same.  
Very truly yours,  
Wm. F. Bacon



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Cheyenne Depot. W. T.

March 13 - 1883.

Major General. O. O. Howard.

My dear General.

Your letter was received at the hands of Colonel Mason: it was all right, and the visit of your Inspector General, was a very pleasant one to me. It is refreshing to any man, who wants to be good and true himself, to associate, even in an humble way, with genuine nobility and true Christian character; whether in the army or elsewhere.

I was pained out of measure, to be the cause, direct or indirect, of one moment's trouble to my superior officers. My trouble had been accumulating on my heart, and was of such a peculiar and painful nature, that when I undertook to speak of it in detail to Col. Mason, I became so completely unnerved and broken down, that I could not preserve anything like self-possession or personal dignity. Sir, no language can express, and no imagery portray, the mental and physical sufferings which have been visited upon us for three months past. My wife, born and raised in the very heart of the South - surrounded by every comfort and luxury which great wealth and refinement could give,



and having freely chosen her companionship and home among the people of the North, so cordially hated and despised, by the old wealthy families of the South - and having chosen her Church home with one of the most cultured and refined people, to be found among all the Christian denominations of the land, <sup>(Congregationalists)</sup> and what is even more significant, having come into the Army - an organization supremely hated by all her people - to be called to endure, what she could not fail to endure, it did seem as if death itself would result from the pathology of my heart's anguish, and the Chemistry of its bruised emotions!

But I trust a brighter and better day is close at hand. I wish, my dear General, sincerely to assure you, that if a change could be made, so as to afford us relief from physical suffering, we had rather remain with you, than go elsewhere. The great altitude in all this part of the Country, with the consequent cold air, renders life, to both of us, quite unendurable. Mrs Merrill does not see a week, that she does not have to take her bed from one to two days, with the most distressing sick headache: while I have not seen a day, since the middle of December, that I have not suffered to a greater or less extent from rheumatism. I need not ask you, dear General, what is life under such circumstances? I will make this proposition to you, General, and I make it after the most careful and prayerful consideration of the interests of all concerned. —



If you will change Chaplain England and myself, I will withdraw my application for a transfer to the South, and make an effort to live in that low altitude and moist atmosphere. It is the high altitude, and dry cold atmosphere, that is killing us; and it is the low altitude, and damp atmosphere that is killing Chaplain England. Whatever might be the result with us, he would be the gainer. He would have no asthma here. There is as beautiful a house now ready here, as there is in the Department. Every famly at this camp (some one, and they attend that church) are Episcopations, and most at the Fort, who are anything. So he would be surrounded by his own people.

You will not fail to see that for Mrs Merrill and I, these surroundings, being so absolute, would not be agreeable. I think as we have both been accustomed to a low altitude, and a damp, river atmosphere, we would be much better there. As to my ability and power of success, and I will add my "staying" qualities, I will refer you to many of the gentlemen whose names I sent you. If I find that I can not live in the North at all, I can renew my application for transfer.

May God bless you and all dear to you.

Always your faithful friend.

Sherman M Merrill



Merrill

Chesapeake

March 13. 1883

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6 p. m. to 8 p. m.

Philadelphia, <sup>14</sup> Mch 1883

Erne O. O. Howard U.S.A  
Commanding the Dept. of the Platte  
Omaha, Neb.  
General.

I find that both Baner & Palfray differ from me as to the formation of our Division at Antietam. Baner says "The First Brigade had the right of our division supported by the Second under Howard." Palfray says. "Gorman's leading next Dana's, next Burn's, commanded that day by Howard" and I have it "Arriving near R. Miller's House. Sedgwick formed his division: brigade front with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade under Genl Dana in the first line followed by the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade under Genl Gorman, and an Brigade forming the third line, the 71<sup>st</sup> Regiment on the right with the 106<sup>th</sup> on their left then the 69<sup>th</sup>, and the 72<sup>nd</sup> the left of the line". please inform me which is right. Palfray further says that "The Third line the Philadelphia Brigade so called was the first



Referring to Fredenburgh Col Palmy also ignores  
 your version merely states, "and Howard was  
 ordered to support Hancock. The ~~three~~ divisions  
 got well forward. Keall's brigade of Howard's  
 division and some of Hancock's men apparently  
 doing the best work." while I state, after reciting  
 the efforts of French and Hancock, "Now came Howard's  
 turn with the Second Division, he met General  
 of Hancock's division being carried to the rear badly  
 wounded he stopped & spoke to him and he told  
 Howard where he thought he could best put in his  
 division, advancing from the town left in front with the  
 2<sup>d</sup> Brigade in the advance, on the telegraph road, crossing  
 the canal on the bridge he formed his line brigade front  
 106<sup>th</sup> on the right 69<sup>th</sup> in center & 72<sup>d</sup> on the left. the 71<sup>st</sup> being  
 detached from the Brigade seem to hold an important  
 position on the right of the town, passing the line reached  
 by French and Hancock this brigade advanced to within  
 about 100 yards of the stone wall & could go no further  
 halted immediately obeyed the order to lie down, and held  
 that position, our position being immediately in front of  
 Mayris Mansion about 100 yards from the stone wall  
 with the right of the brigade resting on the Turnpike.



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to go" and "It is doubtful if the third line even  
entered the <sup>last</sup> word. If they did they did not stay long"  
this I have flatly contradicted by saying "it did not  
leave the word until ordered to do so by Genl Sumner  
and then not until after the first and second lines  
had broken and portions of them coming back  
through the line of the Philadelphia Brigade" "the  
Brigade was not only not the first to go but when  
Genl Sumner rode in their front and gave the  
command to march back the men thought he  
wanted them to charge and some fixed their bayonets"  
"they not only entered the last word but stood there  
as long as any of Sedgwick's division."

and again I state that "Lieut Ryerly then in  
command of Co "A" 106 Regt called Col Worn's attention  
to their column now plainly visible on our flank. Col  
Worn immediately so reported to Genl Howard who  
replied "I know it but my orders are to the right"  
Will you please inform me if I am right in these assertions



road. there were no troops of either French or Hancock's commands on the ground occupied by this brigade or one which they charged except their dead and dying. nor had they any support as the rest of the division that went in on their left was also withdrawn." and further. "it was not until after French and Hancock had retired that Howard went in." and when he speaks of "Healls brigade" some of Hancock's men he must mean Burn's men of the Philadelphia Brigade as none of Hancock's men remained on the field beyond the river."

Again did the remainder of Healls Brigade cross the river on the 11<sup>th</sup> after the lodgment effected by the detachments of the 7<sup>th</sup> Mich & 1<sup>st</sup> Minn. or was the 2<sup>d</sup> Brigade the first to go over after the bridge was completed? Did any other troops but your division cross that night? by giving me this information you will greatly assist me to reconcile these conflicting statements. I want to be as near right as it is possible to get.

Very Respectfully Yours

W. H. French



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P.S.

Philadelphia, Mch 15 1883

My Dear General

I am just in receipt of yours of 10<sup>th</sup> inst  
relating to the bill for your pictures. I am very  
sorry indeed that there is any misunderstanding  
about them. I certainly expected you to furnish  
them to me & so asked you when I first wrote you  
and gave the price what they would cost here  
and your answer stated that you would cheer-  
fully comply with my request & would have them  
sent me, and upon receipt of them I wrote you  
and thanked you for them. I could not afford to  
pay for the pictures as it would cost me over \$300.  
for them alone and \$300<sup>00</sup> more for the book would  
make the cost about \$600<sup>00</sup>. so I get each one to pay  
for the cost of their pictures and I do the rest.

Again I say I am very, very sorry that you  
misunderstood me and hope this explanation will  
be satisfactory. I have that of Sumner. Burns wrote  
furnished the same way & hope to get others.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jos. R. Ward

309 N 19 St



Ward, Dr J. R. C.

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NO. 11 NINTH ST.

PHILADELPHIA  
PA.  
1883

Philadelphia  
Oct. 1. 1883.



B. L. C. at Ward Mr. P. M.  
Satdy. March 17<sup>th</sup>.

E. R. Nelson.  
Secy.

March 15  
1883

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NOTHING BUT THE AD

*Gift*



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Orute, Neb

Mar 16, 1883

Gen O.O. Howard

Dear Sir

The Library

Board of this place have been endeavoring to give our local public during the present season a series of lectures and other entertainments, that should both interest and profit them -

We noticed sometime since in the Omaha papers - that you had given them some public account of the Battle of Gettysburg - in which you bore a conspicuous part and it has occurred to us - that possibly you might be indu.



Jones, W. J.



Cute, Neb.  
Feb 16. 1883

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ced to do a similar favor  
to our Community - if asked -  
There are among our citizens  
several of the soldiers who par-  
ticipated in that memorable  
fight who would be very glad  
to hear you tell its story again  
and I write therefore to ask  
you if it will be possible for  
you to give this account to  
us on some evening - of near  
date - of course we should  
meet all your expense in coming  
and returning -

It was understood by us - that  
this invitation had been given  
you some weeks since by  
Rev. W. Brown of this place. but  
we now learn, that he did not,  
renew you a formal invitation -  
through some misapprehension  
of our request to him - We



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shall hope to hear from you  
and favourably -

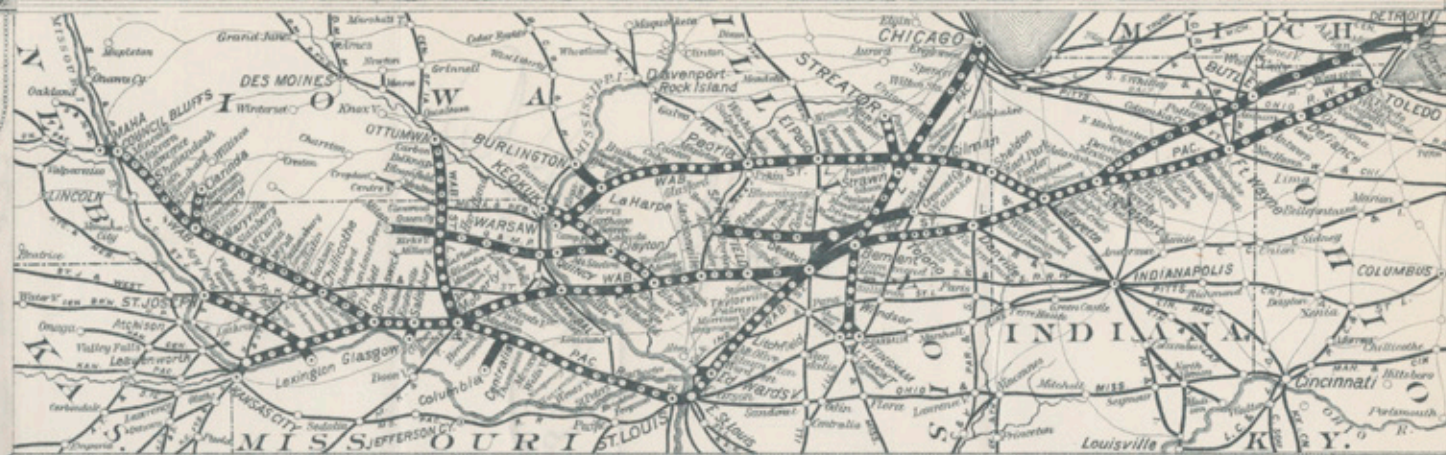
Very Truly Yours

W. D. Jones

In behalf Library Board.



# WABASH, ST. LOUIS AND PACIFIC RAILWAY



FRANK E. MOORES,  
OMAHA, NEB.

Omaha, March 16<sup>th</sup> 1883

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Genl O O Howard  
Comdy "Dept of the Platte"  
Omaha Neb.

Dear General

Enclosed please find an "Annual" for yourself, over the "Great Wabash Cannon Ball" System. for 1883. which please accept with the Compliments of our Genl Pass Agt. Mr H C Townsend, of St Louis as well

Very Respt  
Frank E Moore  
Sgt



Moore, F. E.

Canada

March 16, 1883

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FRANK E. MOORES  
OMAHA, NEB.

March 16, 1883

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Windsor, Loro. W.

Washington, D.C.  
Feb 14 1883

Answered by the  
Genl. Feb 23-

1256  
United States Senate,

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17, 1883

My dear Sir:

Rev. Sherman M. Merrill, a  
chaplain in the army now sta-  
tioned at Cheyenne, informs  
me that, on account of wounds  
received in the war, the climate  
and high altitude of that place  
is seriously affecting his health  
and he fears it will be im-  
possible for him to remain there.  
He desires me to ask you if  
consistently with the service he  
can be exchanged to Omaha.  
Feeling some interest in him  
as I do in all wounded



soldiers, I respectfully pre-  
sent his request.

Very truly yours.

Wm. Miners

Gen. O. O. Howard.

Sumner, Maj. E. A.

W. Robinson  
March 18. 1883.

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Fort Robinson  
March 18<sup>th</sup> 83

General

The order for robes  
has just been received and  
I certainly feel very grateful  
to you and wish so to express  
myself by the first mail;  
but as a mere expression of  
gratitude "may be taken for  
what it is worth" I will add  
to my expressions the hope that  
my new post and command  
will always be found by you  
in a creditable condition,  
I will spare no pains or  
labor to have it so. It will  
be necessary for me to take  
my transportation soon.



from here and if the weather  
will permit I will be off next  
week, I see that Gentry goes to McKinney  
so that I do not feel that your obliging  
me has been any injury to him. After  
we get settled we will expect to see  
Mr Howard & yourself as it is but  
a short trip from Omaha. With many  
thanks I am  
Sincerely

My truly  
Yours  
Wm D. Howard  
Candy Dept

Wm D. Howard  
May 1891



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61 Clinton Place N.Y.

March 19, 1883

(My dear General.

Your official letter and personal note have just been received and I hasten at once to write such a reply as my limited time may allow.

Under the particular circumstances the conclusion was so obvious that it seems to me to be of no consequence how the law was recognized but lest you should think me wanting in fact, that I did not take the initiative I want to say that I told Guy as soon as I heard the bill was a law I would send in my resignation for you to have something to act on



at once, but my brother (in  
Washington) and Sladen  
in his last letter wrote to  
me that the understanding was  
that in conference the (B.H. Clause  
had been stricken out. I went  
to the Army building; there was  
no copy of the bill there and they  
all said the same thing. Col.  
Hodges was positive. Sawtelle  
said he thought so, that  
Hancocks aides had told him so.

Thinking the Law would not  
go into effect ~~before~~ <sup>until</sup> July 1 I wrote  
to Washington for a copy of the  
bill. which I have not yet  
received. Now if you should  
have had a thought in your own  
mind that I was a little stupid  
in the matter I hope this will  
excuse me. I am very happy  
to say that I have a most  
unmistakeable feeling that  
neither the loss of extra pay nor



of pleasant duties, nor of a wider  
sphere than Company duty weigh  
one featherweight in my mind.  
That all this regret, — it is  
deeper than regret, all the  
sorrow comes from the cutting asunder  
of personal ties. It is the loss of  
you and yours and Shaden and his  
that I feel.

You have in your  
life had aides come and go and  
it is not in the nature of  
things that you, kind as know you,  
should feel as I do. I came to you  
a boy, I lived at your house,  
loved your family, Mrs Howard  
was a mother to me, I loved  
Grace as my own sister (I only  
put the verb in the past because  
my mind is dwelling on that time)

I married from your house.  
You stood sponsor for our first  
born, My father died and I  
felt the sympathy of all of you.  
A thousand such memories stretch



back over what to me seems a  
long time. my real life, I have  
not been grateful enough for all  
this. I have been at times  
dissatisfied and selfish always  
I fear. But I don't want to  
think of my shortcomings and  
even at this distance I hardly  
care to dwell on the relation that  
is ending. In the saddle or tent  
as well as in the crowded places  
my spiritual and temporal welfare  
alike concerned you. I will never  
be forgotten my dear General. I hope  
that God will abundantly bless you  
and yours. Give heartfelt love  
to Mrs. Howard. Lucy and the  
Children and believe me  
dear General wherever I may  
be

Yours most sincerely

C. S. Wood

915  
Room 84.

JAMES PEERS FOSTER,  
COUNSELLOR AT LAW,

154 NASSAU STREET.  
(Tribune Building.)

New York, March 20<sup>th</sup> 1883

Gen. C. C. Horan,  
Dear Sir,

Will you be kind  
enough to send me a copy  
of the By Laws & Constitution  
of the Congregational Church  
I desire to use it in the  
revision of the manual of  
our church, the Madison  
Ave. Cong Church of New  
York City.

By so doing you will greatly  
oblige me, and the Committee

Yours Respectly  
James P. Foster



Foster, J. P.

New York  
Feb 20<sup>th</sup>

Answered by the  
Genl. Mch  
26<sup>th</sup> 1883-

Washington, D.C.  
March 20, 1883.

Dear Gen. Howard:

My wife  
and I leave here for  
San Francisco, Cal.,  
much depressed by the  
failure of H.R. to  
pass our bill for war  
you & I have of War pe-  
tioned. The Senate  
passed Bill, inspiring  
verbs, May 11/82, H.  
H. Com. Mil. Affairs  
adopted. But it failed  
to be reached, Gen.  
Keiffer & Harrison (H.R.)  
both earnestly desiring  
to save it up.

Two specimens to  
Gen. Mil. 83

Personal



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Gen. Brown just  
told me that "the Western  
R.R.'s passed Officers  
on sick leave at half  
fare", as I understood  
him. If such is the  
case, I will give me a line  
(if you properly can)  
to secure two tickets  
West of Omaha at  
best rates.

No one can be  
more needy, I guess,  
than I am at present.  
But my health is  
better, and I wish  
to go to wife, if  
I can get off first.

My pay has been  
stopped since 1881 - Feb.  
29th - because I obey  
ed order of Post Hayes  
restoring me to duty!

A line will reach  
me at once, if both  
Torrey, Coal & Co. 13th  
St. Omaha, Neb. - to ever.  
Sincerely yours, Chas. W. Blake