

Headquarters of the Army,

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Washington, D.C. October 25, 1889.

Major General O. O. Howard,

Commanding Division of the Atlantic,

Governors Island, N.Y.

Dear General:

The subject referred to in your letter of yesterday has been much considered, and it is found to be surrounded with difficulties. A general pardon to all unapprehended deserters would seem even more unjust to those undergoing punishment than would special acts of mercy in exceptional cases. There must be at large many deserters who deserve no mercy, either on their own account or on that of others dependent upon them. I do not see how we can do better than to exercise the clemency which the law allows in the special cases where the soldier himself seems to merit it, and ask the President to pardon in those cases where mercy, pure and simple, seems to be warranted on account of dependent victims.

It is not considered proper for Courts Martial, nor even for the generals who review their proceedings, to act upon grounds extraneous to the case. That is the province of the pardoning power.

If we succeed, as it is hoped we may, in substantially check-

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ing desertions, it may then be possible in some way to clear the
slate and begin anew.

I have shown your letter to the Secretary of War and his
views upon this subject are in general concurrence with mine.

Yours very truly,

M. J. Sheridan
Major General.

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NEW YORK,

Oct. 25th 1889

General Howard

Dear friend

An answer to your
kind letter has been delayed through
my desire to confer with Miss Willard.

I am deeply grateful for your
interest in my Dept. of effort on
behalf of our Soldiers; and will
gratefully avail myself of your offer
to write to the three ex-officio
Officers of the Nat'l Home for our
disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

These gentlemen (the President of
the United States, the Secretary of War
and the Chief Justice) certainly have
it in their power, to remedy many

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abuses. It does not seem fitting that I should suggest how they can be done. The problem is a difficult one, and, as I have listened to the various arguments presented for and against the system of sale of Beer &c, &c - I have said to myself - that seems reasonable, but the final conclusion, is invariably, in favor of the stern declaration of God's holy Law - "Thou shalt not."

Can it be pleasing to Him whose servants we are, to license an iniquity?

As lovers of humanity, we cannot refrain from efforts to rescue and save the victims of the cruel traffic - but what excuse is there for such a Government as ours - a Christian Nation to help to make drunkards?

We have taken retrograde steps, in the Army, for in 1841, a prohibitory law

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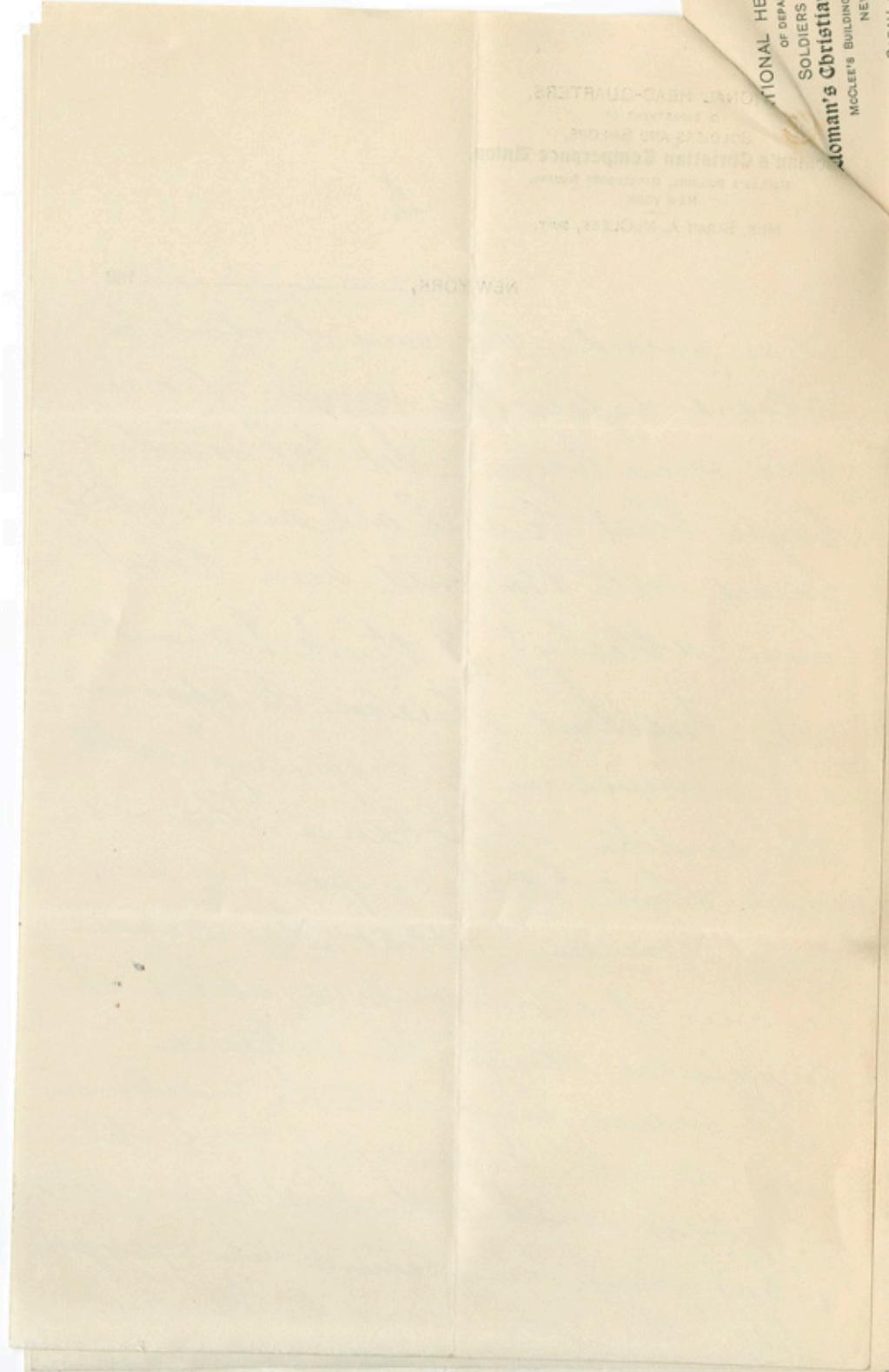
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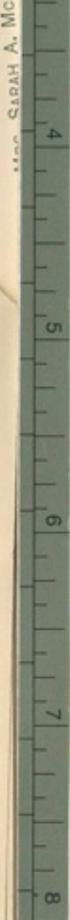
was passed - We cannot afford to
retreat before this enemy of our
race any longer - let us sound a
bugle blast to call all our mighty
forces into the field and rout
him utterly! I think I should
ask President Harrison to appoint
a "Commission of enquiry" into
the condition of Soldiers' Homes
and that it be composed of men
and women; - that Mr Logan
be one of its members, as he is
so popular with the Veterans.

It seems important to ascertain
how reliable these reports of the state
of affairs within the Institutions are.
They may have been much exagger-
ated - the truth should be known.



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General Franklin has taken
no notice of my letter, and I
am thinking of having it printed
for circulation. In that case, I
will send a copy to the whole
Board of Managers.

May God endue us with wisdom
from on high for these difficult
undertakings! This is my daily
prayer. Believe me, Yrs for Christ's
cause and the good of humanity
Sarah A. McClees

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GENERAL'S CHRISTMAS COMPASSION FUND
MIDDLE BRIDGE, CHANDLER HOUSE
NEW YORK
MISS SARAH A. HODGKIN, 2011

NEW YORK, 1861

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Board of Indian Commissioners,

Washington, D. C., Oct. 25, 1887

Dear Gen. Howard

Please put your
Autograph on this paper
under the head of recom-
mendations if you can
Conscientiously do it.

We arrived home
Sat. all right, remem-
bering with thanks our
pleasant visit with
you.

Yours Truly
E. Whittorey

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STATEN ISLAND RAPID TRANSIT RAILROAD COMPANY,
OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT,
FOOT WHITEHALL STREET.

SUBJECT:

NEW YORK, 10/25/89.

IN REPLY TO YOURS OF

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Dear Genl

I think if you will give
Mr. Wabrows a letter of introduction
to the Hon Secy of war it will be
of much use, or one to the Hon
Secy of Treas. - I have left a
note with Mr Harmon Genl
Supt telling where to find
your original letter of
protest to Washington

Sincerely

Wm Treat

185 Jay.

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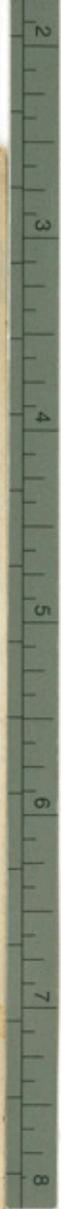
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OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT,
1007 WHITEHALL STREET,

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NEW YORK

IN REPLY TO yours of

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LAW OFFICE
EDWARD S. FOWLER.
55 LIBERTY ST.
NEW YORK.

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Oct. 25, 1889.

Maj. Gen. Howard, U.S.A.
Governor's Island,
N.Y. Harbor.

My dear General:

I am appealed to by warm personal and strong political friends to intercede with you in behalf of Frank A. Davenport, charged with desertion and now confined under your command as I am informed. If you are willing to grant me an audience and will spare an hour and day, most convenient for you to see me, I will do myself the honor of then calling on you.

With respect

Very sincerely
Edward S. Fowler.

LAW OFFICE
EDWARD S. FOWLER
22 LIBERTY ST.
NEW YORK.

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Oct. 23, 1887.

Mr. Gen. Howard, Wm.
Governor's Secy,
W. H. Starbuck
My dear General:

I have appeared to your committee and
strong political friends to interested with
you in behalf of Frank A. Rowland,
connected with certain and was confined
under your committee and was informed
if you are willing to grant me an audience
and will name an hour and day, that
arrangement for you to see me, I would
appreciate the favor of this calling on you.

With respect
Very sincerely,
Edward S. Fowler

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Oct 25th 1889

175 WEST FIFTY EIGHTH STREET.

Dear Genl Howard

Will you kindly
advise me at which Pennsylvania
Railroad Ticket Office you bought
your tickets to Cincinnati, when
we went out to the Army Review,
I am trying to recover my over-
payment by reason of an imperfect
receipt given me. Yours I think
was all right, and you came
back at one third fare for yourself
& Mrs Howard. The Genl Pass^g
ag^t asks me where you purchased
yours -

I hope you are all well and
happy after Cincinnati, Hyde Park, Worcester
& the American Board -

Very Truly Yours

Wm B. Drake

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Will you kindly
return me the articles to see whether
they are the same as those
sent me by the Library of Congress
I am sorry to hear that
you have not been able to
find the book for me
I have been looking for it
for some time and have
not been able to find it
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One Pair of Gloves for Two.

Gen. Joe Hooker, a member of congress from the Seventh Mississippi district, was one of the heroes of the late war against the Union. He carries an empty sleeve as a relic of his experiences on the field. Maj. Powell, the chief of the geological survey, was in the Union army, and he also carries an empty sleeve. Gen. Hooker's lost arm was on the right side and Maj. Powell's on the left. Their remaining hands are of the same proportions, and they have a mutual agreement under which they purchase gloves in common, Maj. Powell using all of the "rights," and Gen. Hooker the "lefts." No difficulty ever occurs between them about the selection of these gloves, for they pay little attention to the perennial changes in modes and fashions.—
Washington Cor. Pittsburg Dispatch.

In wrong men

Micholtz, of Kansas, ...
gent Hoagland and wife started to
Elmira, N. Y., to visit his parent
John Fiscel has returned home
visiting friends in Iowa.

Low Payne is boarding again.

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security they offer. 1678

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Chicago, Ills., Oct. 25, 1889.

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Gen. O. O. Howard,
Governor's Island,
N. Y.

My Dear General:-

Permit me to thank you most cordially for your kind note enclosing photograph which I rec'd. a few days since at the hands of your brother Charles, but I cannot tell you how highly I shall prize both note & picture. The latter is excellent ^{and} it is interesting to compare it with others that I have taken 25 & 26 years ago ^{and} observe how kindly the years have treated you, with all the hardships of frontier life ^{and} Indian warfare. I send you a little book on Niagara I got out last summer, & beg to remain, with remembrances that time has made still warmer, Yours Truly,
Frank B. Bramhall

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President
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SUBJECT:

NEW YORK, Oct. 25th., 1889.

IN REPLY TO YOURS OF

Major-General O. O. Howard, U.S.A.,

Commanding Division of the Atlantic,

Governors Island, New York.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to the matter of the lunch-stand under our offices at the Battery: One of our Directors and a friend of Secretary Windom's, Chas. Watrous, Esq., is going to Washington tomorrow; and it suggests itself that a letter from you to Secretary Proctor would help us in our opposition to the threatened nuisance.

Will you kindly send me a letter of introduction for Mr. Watrous to Secretary Proctor, by bearer? Might I suggest that you will include in the letter a few of the particulars as you understand them, so that the Secretary will fully appreciate the situation?

Respectfully yours,

J. Keith Emmons
President.

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STATE ISLAND TRAMWAY RAILROAD COMPANY
CHIEF OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT
1007 WASHINGTON STREET

NEW YORK, N.Y., Dec. 23rd, 1918.

TO THE DIRECTOR OF

General B. G. ... U.S.A.

Department of the Interior

Department of the Interior, New York

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to the matter of the lunch-room under the

office at the station. One of our inspectors and a friend of

Secretary Winchell, Chas. ... is going to Washington

and it suggests itself that a letter from you to Sec-

retary Winchell would be in our opinion to the satisfaction

of the Department. I am sure that you will

will you kindly send me a letter of introduction for Mr. Winchell

Secretary Winchell, by way of which I suggest that you will

from the Director of the Department as you have seen

that the Department will be very glad to cooperate in this

matter. I am sure that you will be very glad to

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Emmerson J. L.



J. M. BUCKLEY, D.D.,
Editor.
LUCIEN CLARK, D.D.,
Assistant Editor.

The Christian Advocate Editorial Rooms,
805 Broadway, New York,

October 25th, 1889.

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Major General O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir:-

I write to inquire concerning your days for receiving calls. Mrs. Rice, wife of Lieut. Frank S. Rice of San Francisco is making a visit in Morristown, N. J. and I would be pleased to bring her to call on you and your family at such time as may be agreeable to you.

I enclose postal card on which you can send reply.

Truly Yours:-

Lucien Clark

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The Christian Science Editorial Rooms,
308 Broadway, New York
October 25th, 1888.

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Dear Sir:-

I write to inquire con-
cerning your days for receiving calls. Mrs. Rice, wife of Henry
Frank S. Rice of Cambridge is making a visit in Haverhill, N. H.
and I would be pleased to bring her to call on you and your family
at such time as may be agreeable to you.
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Truly Yours:-

Wm. B. ...



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Ramsey's N.Y.
Oct. 26th 89

Dear General.

I enclose as directed a copy of the letter you so kindly gave me and which procured the employment so much needed.

With heartfelt thanks

Most Sincerely Yours

Mary E. Peyton Worth

Maj. Gen. O. C. Howard

Governor's Island.

N.Y.

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Peyton Mary E.

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Haviland Luma S.

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Adrian Mich. Oct. 26th 1889

Major Genl. O. P. Howard:

My Dear Friend, As my Br. Otis
Smith, had been to the Coast, in Cal-
ifornia, I did ^{not} know his present address,
and immediately wrote My Br. Rev.
S. B. Smith, of Georgetown Ohio.
He writes, "Title of Claim, No. No.
572, 522, Otis Smith 2nd Lieut.
Co. D. 8th Regt. Mich.
(Interior) John G. Black.
Commissioner."

Capt E. D. Allen M. C.
writes me, "I have no copy of
the Bill you refer to, being a Senate
Bill, I had only one for my
files. If Genl. Howard is at the
Capitol when Congress is in session
I will see that he has a copy."
Yours sincerely
S. H. Luma

P. S. As I now have Br.
Otis Smith's address, I have
written to Calofornia.
L. S. H.

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Gary A.B.

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PAY DEPARTMENT, U. S. A.
NEW YORK, N. Y.

October 26th 1889.

Genl O. O. Howard.
Governors Island N.Y.

My dear General.

Please accept my
sincere thanks for rewriting your
letter of April 6th 1888 - I shall try
to prove myself worthy of all your
kindness.

Very truly yours

A. B. Gary.

PAY DEPARTMENT, U. S. A.
NEW YORK, N. Y.
Oct. 26, 1899

Mr. O. O. Howard
New York
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst. in relation to the matter of the
to have a copy of the same made for you
Very respectfully,
Chas. D. Brown

Chas. D. Brown
New York



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146.
New York, Oct. 26th. 1889.

Gen. O. O. Howard.

My Dear Sir:--

The Young Men's Christian Association each year observes a week of prayer which commences this year on Sunday, Nov. 10th. The Harlem Branch with which I am connected are this year making special arrangements for its observance. The first year in our new building has been largely given to developing our membership and material resources, and now we want to give more attention to our religious work.

We are to have a meeting for young men in our building at five o'clock Sunday afternoon, Nov. 10th., and we should be very glad if you could be present and address the young men. Should you be able to accept our invitation I should be glad to have you and your wife, or other member of your family whom you might wish to accompany you, go with me from church directly to my house which is only a few rods distant from the building of the Harlem Branch.

Hoping for a favorable reply, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Samuel C. Warner

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CHICAGO, ILL.

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Hoping for a favorable reply, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Alman R. Co.

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Fort Peble Oct 27/89

My dear General

Your letter received I do not know exactly how to answer it & appreciate your kindness in suggesting such a course of work. But I have never written a letter for publication except on official business. I admit. The history of the war (and so foreign to the truth) as we now read. I some times feel as if I had not been through one of my relations - with Gen Grant from Vicksburg to the end of the war. I am much more very careful in what I write and say.

I had as full a data as any man could have had

All the private correspondence
of Genl Grant & Rawlins from
Cairo up to Rawlins death
It became necessary after
Rawlins death to destroy
I will explain why when
I see you and you will
appreciate my actions.

My diary of the last two
years of the war is at my
Mothers home in Washington
From 61- to 89 is a long time
to trust ones memory.

If I ever write I must have
evidence to sustain all I would
say I will think on the
mattered over if I can
will do as you suggest.

Again thank you
I am very truly
your friend

Genl J. Howard