## Mount Vernon Suburban Land Company,

Post Office Building, Room 2.


#### Abstract

Maunt Vernan, M. M., March 2, $189^{4}$ Dear Gen. Howard,-

I started yesterday for Governors Ixland to consult you with regard to the work in Christie Street, but when I reached the steamboat pier, I was informed that you were not on the Island, and had left the city. I therefore write you, and shall be glad to confer with you as soon as you return.

I judge from my conversation with Dr. Rice, that it is not practicable to think of having Mr. Weckbacher employed to work in connection with Camp Memorial Church. Dr. Rice is in favor of appointing Mr. Weckbacher a col-porter, and allow his mission work to develope as the spirit leads.


I went last night to the Jaeger Mission, and found matters about the same as when I was last there, an account of which I gave in my last letter to you.

In view of the work that I have done at Christie Street, and the money I have given, and in view of the results in saving souls, and the work that is being done, I cannot help feeling a very deep interest in that work. I an therefore by earnest prayer and careful observation, trying to ascertain just what I should do in the matter. I am therefore anxious to confere with you again as soon as possible, to ascertain your views, and thus be able the better to decide what my own duty is in the matter.
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Mr. Weckbacher has already received Thirty Dollars from the Home Misesionary society, There is still due him, with the understanding had, Thirty Dollars more. I think he needs the money very much. Is it possible to arrange for him to receive it?

I wish you could have heard and seen what I have of Mr. Weckbacher, that you could better understand his very great value in the work at Christie street. If he shall be appointed a col-porter by Dr. Rice, I believe that he will be able with wise advice, to bring the work of the mission and Church into such relations that the cause of Christ shall be promoted and not injured by the change that has taken place there.


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New York, Mach: 21894 Dear General Now York, Kurd:
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Gon. O. O. Howard, U. S. A.,
Governors Island, N. Y. City .
Confidential.
My dear Sir:-
Further inquiry has been made of this Society conceming the claim to confidence and support of the "United States Army Aid Association "of which John B. Ketohum is the manager, and concerning wioh the War Department has recently issued the enclosed circular. Among the Vice-Presidents named in their circulars, issued in 1888 , ocoured your name; but $I$ do not see it in a more recent one, and it has ocoured to me that perhaps you had spect ial reasons for withdrawing; and as we have always pinned our faith about the Association upon the as surances of some of the Trustees more than unon the standing of Mr . Ketchum, we feel anxious to know how to reply to our members when they ask whether we would recommend them to make contributions to the work of that Asso iation.

Zou may remember that a similar statement uncomplimentary to Mr. Ketchum, was issued by the War Department in 1888, and I have not been able to ascertain that any of the trustees have cone more than to see that the money coming into the hands of the Treasurer was safely kept and authoritatively disbursed. Whatever you feel disposed to tell me will be treated confidentially if you so desire, and thanking you in advance for your trouble, I am Yours very truly,


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records of his office failed to show any shipments of books to post libraries during the two years prior to December 31, 1885, by the United States Military Post Library Association of 82 Nassau street, New York City, but that on December 31, 1885, he had received from you a box containing books for shipment to Fort Totten, concerning which you informed him that the value of the contents was fifty dollars, of which amount twentyfive dollars was paid by the post fund and the balance donated by your association.
The same year, in compliance with instructions from this office, Chaplain Crocker, then in charge of education in the Army, reported in detail the names and character of all publications that had been donated to libraries in the Army during 1885, but it did not appear from his report that any donations were received from the United States Military Post Library As. sociation of New York City.
The next year, 1886, a complaint was made to this office of the "American and Foreign Literary and Subscription Agency" of 82 Nassau street, New York City, with which your name was also connected, but before any investigation could be made the said agency appears to have gone out of existence.
In August last the attention of the Department was called to the workings of the "United States Army Aid Association of New York," claiming to have for its object the religious and educational interests of the soldiers at frontier posts. With a view of ascertaining what, if any, benefits were being derived, a report similar to that of 1885 was called for from frontier posts. To this 50 replies were received from post commanders, of which number 32 reported that no donations of books or periodicals have been received, and in the great majority of cases nothing whatever appears to be known of the association, its objects or its efforts.
Pending this latter investigation, the attention of the Department was called to the practice of this association in sending private mail matter over the Government penalty frank, and a specimen wrapper was sent to this office. The frank on this wrapper appears to have been affixed by a rubber stamp, reading ", War Department, Post of ............. Official Business, \&c.," which certainly was not furnished by the War Department. In the blank following the words "Post of " are affixed, in another-colored ink, the words "New York, N. Y.," apparently by another rubber stamp, the whole conveying the im-

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,
Washington, D. C., January 17, 1894. MEMORANDUM FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.
With reference to the so-called "United States Army Aid Association," and the investigations which led to the letter of February 27, 1892, from the Adjutant General to its secretary, John B. Ketchum, the Major General Commanding desires that the Secretary of War be duly informed, and his attention invited to an extract of a letter (copy herewith) dated January 13, 1894, which has been received from asource entirely reliable.
It is suggested by the Major General that copies of the Adjutant General's letter and the extract be furnished to each prominent contributor to the association, and to the president and executive committee, as a step in the direction of stopping, in so far as relates to the Army, the abuses which past investigations have made known, and now pointedly referred to in the extract.

## THOMAS M. VINCENT, Assistant Adjutant General.

Copy furnished Mr. $\qquad$
for his information.
War Department, A. G. O.,
February 7, 1894.

Janvary 13,1894
The nature of the following communication will suggest the reason for my sending it direct, and for asking to have it considered as a semi-official communication.
There is a man in New York City who solicits, and obtains thousands of dollars, in person, which are contributions from the charitably disposed, " to improve the social, moral, and religious condition of the enlisted men of the Army of the United States, by uniting and concentrating the efforts of benevolent and philanthropic persons to distribute moral and religious literature among the troops, and to promote virtue, and cultivate in the soldier ideas of seif-respect, self-control, and honor." He calls his establishment the "United States Army Aid Association." He managed to associate with him several gentlemen of wealth and standing in the community, and, strange to say he society was incorporated by the State of New York in 1887.
This man is the same, relative to whom the Secretary of War gave a statement to the press of New York City on the 16th of September, 1886
Of course, the wealthy and philanthropic individuals have a perfect right to give all the money they please to this man, but when this money is given with the idea that it is "aiding" the Army, the Army has an equal right to know something of the disposition of the money, to say nothing of its natural resentment at being unnecessarily made the object of charitable appeals.

At my own expense and considerable trouble, I have made an inquiry of every post in the United States, to ascertain how much "aid" has been received from this association. Up to date I have received answers from 75 posts ; the answer is, al most invariably, either that nothing is known of the association, or that they "have received no aid" from it. The two or three exceptions are those who have received some old tracts or shop-worn magazines.

I think the presumption, that the Army needs any "charitable aid" from anyone is, as Colonel Wade says in his reply to my letter, "an insult to the officers and men."

Cannot something be done by the Government to put a stop to this man's proceedings, and collection of money for "aid" to the Army?
I have at your service the replies received from the posts, the copies of the articles of incorporation, \&c.

War Department,
Adjutant General's Office, Washington, February 27, 1892.
Mr. John B. Ketchum,

## Secretary Army Aid Association,

P. O. Box 574, New York City.

SIR: The Secretary of War directs me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant in reply to letter of the $3 d$ instant from this office.
You are entirely mistaken in the supposition that the Depart ment has any desire to interfere with the workings of any philanthropic effort to improve the morale or to provide religious literature for the Army. On the contrary, its encouragement will always be extended to any and all well-meant endeavors to assist the military authorities in shaping and maintaining the moral character of officers and men. But it regrets to say that the result of its investigations into the means employed and the ends accomplished by the various associations under your management have not been satisfactory.
In 1885 a complaint was made to this Department of the workings of an association of which you were secretary, under the name of the "United States Military Post Library Association of New York City," and a circular letter was addressed to the commanding officer of every post and military station occupied by troops, calling for a report showing whether at any time during the past ten years any donations of books, periodicals, \&c., had been received from that institution, whether it had been of any service to the command, and what further knowledge, if any, the post commander might have regarding it. To this letter 199 posts responded, of which number 129 reported that at no time during the past ten years had any donations been received from such association. To the second inquiry 129 posts unqualifiedly responded that the association had never been of any service to the command. To the third inquiry 96 replied that they had no knowledge of the association. From the remainder the responses were variable, but generally unfavorable.
During the lifetime of this association, it will be remembered that at your request instructions were issued to the Depot Quartermaster at New York City to forward, free of expense to that association, such donations of books to post libraries as might be offered for shipment. Two years later, in response to an inquiry, the Depot Quartermaster at New York reported that the
pression to the postal authorities that the matter inclosed within the wrapper emanated from the Post of New York, a military station under the War Department. As there is no such post connected with the Army establishment as the Post of New York, and as a penalty stamp in the hands of private parties is a palpable violation of the postal laws, attention was called to the matter by General Howard, and you informed him that you were told by a commissioned officer that you might use the Government stamp or frank in forwarding your paper to the Army, and that you have been frequently furnished with genuine penalty envelopes by post librarians, to be used in returning to them such reading matter as they had ordered.

Inasmuch as this action upon the part of individuals connected with the Army is one that called for correction, you were courteously requested to inform this office of the names of the parties involved. To this you respond by an elaborate explanation of the good work that your association is doing in the Army, but carefully and somewhat persistently' evade the main question which is the purport of the correspondence.

In view of the foregoing, the Secretary of War is reluctantly forced to the conclusion that your anxiety to co-operate with him in enforcing the laws is not demonstrated by your performances. It is possible that had you at any time, during the fifteen years or more that you have been engaged in the work of supplying the Army with moral and religious literature, advised the Department of your labors, and asked its co-operation, some means might have been found to assist you without evading or violating the law, but during all this period its records fail to show that you have at any time asked for such assistance, or in fact that you have ever brought your work to its attention. With no desire to interfere with your labors in this connection, which in principle must commend itself to every one having the well-being of the Army at heart, the Secretary of War trusts that they will be so conducted in the future as to save the Department the annoyance therefrom that has too frequently been caused it.

Very respectfully,
J. C. KELTON, Adjutant General.

DR. D. S. LAMB,
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# ASSOCIATION OF ACTING ASSISTANT SURGEONS, U. S. ARMY. 

Washington, D. C., March 2, 1894.

Major General<br>Oliver 0. Howard, U. S. Army,<br>Governor's Island, New York, N. Y.

## Dear Sir:-

Will you kindly examine the enclosed House Bill, 5837, and preamble. This effort is simply to obtain an honorary rank without pay or emolument, and not affecting the rank of commissioned officers of the U. S. Army. A similar bill, 1594, is in the Senate.

In the discussion thus far upon this bill, a disposition has appeared to discriminate between those who served during and those who served after the civil war, as if the hardship and dangers of Indian campaigns were less than those of the civil war.

If you approve the bill, will you not kindly write a letter to that effect, and oblige the late Acting Assistant Surgeons. Very respectfully.


President of the Association, 800 10th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.



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## 33D CONGRESS,

# IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. 

February 16, 1894.
Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Richards introduced the following bill:

## A BILL

To remove certain disabilities of the late acting assistant surgeons-
Whereas before, during, and since the war of eighteen hundred and sixty-one to eighteeen hundred and sixty-five, but chiefly during the war, private physicians were employed as medical officers, serving under the orders of their superior officers as such, agreeably to Army regulations, in the armies of the United States, in addition to the commissioned medical staff, because the number of the latter was not sufficient for the necessities of the service. This class of officers was known officially as acting assistant surgeons, because they performed exactly the same duties, and were subject to the same control as commissioned medical officers. These acting assistant surgeons were employed under contract made in accordance with paragraph twelve hundred and sixty-eight, Revised Regulations of the United States Army, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, and paragraphs thirteen hundred and four and seventy-one, Appendix B, Revised Regulations, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and were obliged to remain in the service of the United States for a stated time. Among
these officers were many of the eminent physicians and surgeons of the United States. Some of the duties performed by acting assistant surgeons were as follows: They were in charge and command of United States military hospitals, known as general, division, field, and post hospitals; they had charge and command of United States military hospitals for the care of contagious diseases; they were in command or in charge of hospital trains, hospital boats, and ambulance trains, and were executive officers of United States general hospitals; they acted as brigade and regimental surgeons, and at least one acting assistant surgeon acted as medical director of a department for nearly a year; they were responsible for hospital funds and property, and also post funds; they served on courts-martial, which the Articles of War require shall be composed of officers, and also on boards of survey, in camp, field, and garrison, on overland expeditions, and in Indian wars; they faced death and endured hardships like commissioned officers, and it is known that nearly one hundred and fifty died in the military service of the United States; and
Whereas these acting assistant surgeons were allowed fuel, rations, quarters, and transportation in kind, and to purchase rations from the commissary, and traveling expenses the same as commissioned medical officers with rank of first lieutanant, and were accorded, by order of the War Department, the same protection in their position, the same respectful subordinate conduct, and the same military courtesy from enlisted men as if they were commissioned officers, because they were placed in the position of commissioned officers so far as related to their duties. Many of them were also required to wear the uniform of an assistant surgeon. Acting assistant surgeons who were disabled by reason of disease contracted
or injury received in the military service have been granted pensions under a law which assimilates them to the rank of first lieutanant of the military or Marine Corps; and
Whereas because they were not commissioned as officers, but were employed by contract as such, they are denied admission to military organizations like the Loyal Legion and the Grand Army of the Republic; and to relieve this unjust discrimination, and to give a proper recognition to their patriotism, duties, responsibilities, services, hardships, and exposures, they ought to be eutitled to receive the rank for which they are allowed pensions and which will relieve them from these disadvantages. The appended bill is offered for this purpose. It involves no expense to the United States Government and no change in the relative rank of officers of the medical corps of the United States Army who have been or are now in the service of the United States; Therefore,

1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
3 That private physicians who were employed as medical offi-
4 cers in the armies of the United States for a period of not
5 less than three months, in accordance with paragraph twelve
6 hundred and sixty-eight of the Revised Regulations, United
7 States Army, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, and paragraphs
8 thirteen hundred and four and seventy-one, Appendix B, Revised
9 Regulations, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and who were
10 known officially as acting assistant surgeons of the United
11 States Army, and whose services were honorably terminated, 12 shall be commissioned by the President of the United States

13 as acting assistant surgeons of the United States Army; and 14 the date of employment as acting assistant sugeons to be the 15 date of commission and muster into service, and the date of 16 the honorable termination of service as acting assistant sur17 geons to be the date of discharge or muster out of service: 18 Provided, That no pay or allowance shall be made to any 19 such acting assistant surgeon by virtue of this act; and this 20 act shall not affect the rank, pay, or emoluments of commis21 sioned medical officers of the United States Army.

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Gen. 0. 0. Howard,
Governor's Island, N. Y.
Dear General:-
You will recall my letter to you sone months ago, in regard to the opering of the new build ding of the San Franc isco Young Men's Chr istrian Association. At that time expected to open the build e ing December list., next; but the contractors will save at least four months on the contract time, so we contemplate the opening of the build ding the eth. of September next.

At the last meeting of the Board of Directors a unanimous invitation was extended to you and Mrs. Howard to be present on this occasion as our fests, provided I should be able to secure transportation from New York to San Francisco and return whit ch there is but little doubt I shall be able to do.

What I wish to know is if you caul d be with us at this time (9th. September) instead of December? An early and favorable reply will greatly oblige as we are anxious to make our arrangements accordingly, and D.V., advertise your expected visit.

Trusting you are all quite well, I remain in, my dear General, Yours very cordially,


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My Dear General Howard:-
We want very much to publish a good article about you and your career. I have asked Mr. Clevel and Moffett, who is one of our best staff writers, to call upon you. He will go over to see you to-morrow morning about ten o' clock. I i. that you can be conveniently seen at that time. of course, if not, h. Moffett will come at any time that you like.

I should like you to tell in an interview (which will be submitted to you for revision) about your experiences in war times and in the reconstruction period and later out West. Of course, it can't be done as you will probably do it yourself sometime if you write your memoirs, but you might give Mr. Moffett material for a very splendid article which I am sure will be of great popular interest. I wish to illustrate it, and it seems 8 yr
to me that pictures in war time and the present time and some views of your quarters, within and without, on Governor's Island would contribute an additional interest to the article.

Very sincerely yours,


Gen. O. O. Howard,

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Dear Sir;-
I beg to acknonledge receipt of your favor of 28 th ult., addressed to Kr. Flagler, who I am sorry to say has been suffering for the past ten days mith a severe attack of neuralgia. He is very much improved today, and I hope will be all right in about a meek. As the Doctors say he must bave absolute quiet, I have braught no matters whatever to his attention. When I do, mill take pleasure in showing him your letter. In view of his illness, I hardly think he will be able to accompany you on your trip South.

Will take pleasure in conveying your message to Mrs. Flagler.
If you will kindly telegraph me a day or two in advance of the time you nill arrive in Jacksonville, I will advise Sup't. Crawford of your coming. Yours truly,
Priv. Sect'y.
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