

October Fth 1894.

## My dear General:-

I have opened your letter to General Howard in his absence at Council Bluffs. He will return Sunday.

I write to say that the General has accepted Mr. Smiley's invitation for Mohonk for himself and Mrs. Howard, and I presume he will go.

If your telegrain about N. Y. C. pass comes before the General's return, I will see Mrs. Howard and send it if she has it.

I enclose copy of letter received in this mail in answer to the Depew letter which explains itself.


General Chas. H. Howard,
c/o Farm, Field \& Fireside, Madison \& Franklin Streets, Chicago, Ills.

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## Subject.



Major General O.O.Howard,U.S.A.,
Governor's Island,
New York Harbor.
Dear General:
Referring to the incident of my declining to serve on a committee at Council Bluffs to which I was appointed and which I subsequently ascertained was in connection with the annual meeting of the Society of the Amy of the Tennessee, in regard to which so much feeling appears to have been manifested, the newspapers report you to have been greatly offended and, as the only surviving commander of that Amy, that you "felt that it was almost a personal insult," and that when pressed for a possible explanation how I could claim not to know about the Army of the Tennessee you "replied with a good deal of vigor - 'I cant account for such a statement except on the theory that he lied about it. He surely must know about the Army of the Tennessee.'"

Yes, General, I know about the Army of the Tennessee and have never stated, intimated nor implied that I did not. I do not know whether or not you took the trouble to read my notes to the local committee, which seem to have occasioned so much unnecessary warmth, but if you had it seems to me you would have observed that I did not refer to the Society


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of the Army of the Tennessee, but stated clearly that I had never heard of the organization - meaning the local committee - who assumed,without consultation, to put me - a complete stranger in Council Bluffs and almost so in Omaha - on any committee whatever. I kept no copy of my first note, supposing that I was dealing with some local organization for some local occasion, but I can see now that my use of the word "organization" was not happy and that it will perhaps admit of the unfortunate construction put upon it, and I am very sorry that any one found occasion to so contrue me; but,surely,a moment's reflection ought,I think, to have convinced every member that it was impossible that I should have intentionally given offense to that distinguished society and $I$ was never more surprised than to see in the papers that the society had drawn such a conclusion; for the incident had completely passed from my mind. I enclose you the article on the subject published this moming in the Omaha Bee and have indicated that portion in which you are quoted as referring to me and the remarks to which I have alluded,published under quotation marks as giving your exact language. Is it possible that you made the remarks adtributed to you? I do not believe you did, as they are so unlike anything and everything that I have ever known or heard of your expression. I enclose you also a short article published in the Bee this evening in which I am quoted in regard to the incident which I will thank you to read. How could I or any other reputable Amy officer gratuitously insult the Society of the Amy of the Tennessee? My correspondence was simply with an unknown local committee, call-

























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ing their attention to the impropriety of their action, so far as $I$ was concerned - and nothing more - and if the feeling it occasioned is corectiy reported it seems to me that the distinguished gentlemen concerned overlooked the fact that the issue I took was with this cormittee entirely, and not with the Society at all.

In conclusion, General, I feel that I have been treated very unjustly and very unfairly in this matter. Acting hastily on erroneous impressions of a very trifling matter, a hue and cry has been started against me and published in the newspapers with all the corments and temper to my prejudice that are calculated to attract the attention of the public and do me the greatest injury. It was imputed to me and accepted as an established crime that I declared I did not know anything about the Society of the Amy of the Tennessee when in fact I never made nor intended to make any such assertion at all. My only offending against that society (if offending it can be called) was that $I$, a complete stranger here, was not aware of its contemplated meeting at council Bluffs, and I was neither called upon to make an explanation nor given an opportunity to do so. I consifer this very unjust and very unfair nd I hope that in the light of this explanation you will come to the same conclusion.



















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9 Pleasant St.
BALTiMORE, MD,
October 51894

Dear General: to a close and I wi sh to be his successor. When he goes out next May my two seniors, Wendell and Abbot, both my friends and most deserving men, will have respectively five and three months to serve before the law cuts off their official heads.

It seems to be thought by well informed men that the President will not appoint either of them for so short a time. I would be glad to see them both pass through the grade of Brigadier and both deserve it for long and faithful service.

But I don't want any junior put over my head and I see no reason why I should not succeed Casey, as I would have more than two years left, and having been in the Bureau between 1866 and 1870 and learned the ways there I could at once take hold actively.

I would like it to be known to the Secretary of War and the President that in your judgment I am a suitable man for the office of Chi of of Engineers of the Army. If you think so and will say so in a letter to the Secretary of War and send it to me I would appreciate it very much. And I would be glad of your aid in other ways in the same direction.

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Mr. B. B. GREENE, Publisher, \# 6, Park Place, New York City.
Dear Sir:-
In the absence of General Howard in the West, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4 th inst.

General Howard has not been, and is not to be, connected in any way with the "Magazine of American History". The publication of his name in connection with that magazine in the public press and in circulars was a fraud. A Mr. George $S$. Benson was at the bottom of this; he, after General Howard had declined to be associat ed with the Magazine, sent out circulars, soliciting subscriptions in the General's name. This coming to the General's knowledge, efforts were made to stop the scheme by announcements in the public press. It was then discovered that Mr. Benson had swindled his associates, and it appears that he was arrested for passing fraudulent checks in Brooklyn.

I understand that the Patriot Publishing Company, No. 60, Broadway, has bought out Mr. Benson's rights to the Magazine, but I do not know whether the Magazine will be published or not under the new management.

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October Fth 1894.

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    GEORGE HALL,
    Late Troop "K" 8th U.S. Cavalry,
        336 Rast Forty-second Street,
                        New York City.
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Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter asking General Howard to secure you a position.

General Howard is absent in the West to be gone some time. I regret to say that it is not in General Howard's power to do what you ask; he retires from active service in November, and then goes to California. He has no patronage of any kind, and is compelled to state in reply to all such requests as yours, that he is utterly unable to do anything.


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TELEPHONE, 3®0 18TM st.
New York, October 5, $\quad 1894$

Capt. William W. Wotherspoon, Governor's Island.

Dear Sir:--

We return Mrs. Beecher's letter to General Howard with thanks.

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Wr. Nod Arden Flood, c/o The Chauteuquan, Meadville, Pa.

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Aide-de-Camp.


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## October 6th 1894.

Herbert Valentine, Esq.,
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Dear Sir:-
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