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from R. I. all taken from Officers  
who served through the war  
with R. I. troops — There was a  
Board appointed to make the <sup>selections</sup>  
of which Board Gen. Beneside  
was President.

I understand that Officers  
are prohibited from attempts to  
influence general legislation for  
the Army but do not think that the  
restriction applies to special bills

Owing to my large family and frequent  
changes of station I have not been able to  
draw much of my pay and for men of my  
age there are not many openings for business  
in civil life — Should you feel disposed  
to help me in this matter by letter to the members  
of the R. I. Cong. Delegation or in other ways that may occur  
to you it will be a favor which I shall duly appreciate  
Very truly Yours  
R. G. Shaw Capt. 4th Regt

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Fort Hamilton N.Y.H.

March 12 1896

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

Burlington Vt.

Dear General

I shall be  
retired for age on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June  
next and have been hoping for  
favorable legislation by Congress in the  
way of such an increase of the Army  
as would enable me to leave the service  
with rank one grade higher than  
that of Captain — There seems to  
be no prospect of an increase at  
present however and the schemes  
of reorganization now before the Military  
Committee for consideration do not

~~contemplate~~ a change before the beginning of the next fiscal year — too late in my case.

There is a bill before the committee of the House which provides that officers now in the Army with rank not above that of Captain who served through the war shall, if they so elect be retired with the next higher grade, the bill to take effect upon its passage but I fear that it will not be favorably reported.

I believe that Congress intended when the Army was reorganized after the close of the war, that officers of the regular Army who had served with volunteers should have

credit for such service in the way of rank as well as pay but the wording of the bill did not bear that construction and our war service therefore did not help us except in the way of longevity pay.

I have thought of a special bill in my case if obliged to retire with my present rank and I venture to ask you aid in the passage of such a bill if you feel that you can consistently give it to me.

I was appointed from Rhode Island under the Act which gave the States appointments according to their respective Congressional delegations. There were (24) four appointees

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WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12, 1896.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

DEAR SIR :

A widespread desire has been manifested both in the United States and in Great Britain for the establishment between these two countries of a permanent system of arbitration.

With a view to the accomplishment of that end we hereby invite you to attend a National Conference, to be held in the City of Washington, on Wednesday and Thursday, the 22d and 23d of April next, to express the general conviction that such a system of arbitration should be speedily provided for by the proper authorities and with the most comprehensive application practicable.

It is earnestly desired that all parts of the country should be fully represented at this conference, and, in order that this may be assured, a similar invitation has been sent to representative men,

irrespective of party or creed, in every State and Territory in the Union—the combined membership of the two houses of Congress being taken as a general basis of numbers and apportionment.

Assuming that you share our belief as to the importance of the end proposed, we deem it unnecessary in this communication to enter into an extended statement on the subject. By repeated acts, as well as by repeated declarations, our Government has appeared before the world in advocacy of international arbitration, as a measure conformable to our own interests and the genius of our institutions, as well as to the cause of general justice and civilization. To this effect patriotism, philanthropy, statesmanship and religion have spoken as with one voice.

In confining the present movement to the promotion of arbitration between the United States and Great Britain, we are not unconcerned for the wider application of the principle involved. But, taking into consideration the importance and the value of practical results, it has seemed wise to concentrate our immediate efforts upon the attainment of a permanent system between the two great English-speaking peoples.

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Earnestly trusting that we may receive at an early day  
your acceptance of the invitation hereby extended, we remain,

Yours faithfully,

Washington :

MELVILLE W. FULLER,  
NELSON A. MILES,  
JOHN G. WALKER,  
GARDINER G. HUBBARD,  
JOHN W. FOSTER,  
GEORGE TRUESDELL.

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MARVIN HUGHITT,  
POTTER PALMER,  
CYRUS H. McCORMICK,  
WILLIAM C. GRAY,  
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SETH LOW,  
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WILLIAM PRESTON JOHNSON,  
B. M. PALMER,  
J. C. MORRIS,  
CHARLES E. FENNER.

Boston :

CHARLES W. ELIOT,  
WILLIAM E. RUSSELL,  
WILLIAM LAWRENCE,  
ROBERT TREAT PAINE,  
CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS.

St. Louis :

HENRY HITCHCOCK,  
GEORGE E. LEIGHTON,  
JAMES A. BROADHEAD,

San Francisco :

HORACE DAVIS,  
I. W. HELLMAN,  
WILLIAM H. BEATTY.

JAMES Cardinal GIBBONS, . . . . . Baltimore.  
TIMOTHY DWIGHT, . . . . . Yale University.  
CHARLES DUDLEY WARNER, . . . . . Hartford, Conn.  
JAMES B. ANGELL, . . . . . Ann Arbor, Mich.  
J. L. M. CURRY, . . . . . Washington, D. C.  
W. M. THORNTON, . . . . . University of Virginia.

Please reply to Hon. C. P. DALY, Chairman, care American Geographical Society,  
No. 11 West 29th Street, New York City.



Washington, D.C.,

Mar. 12, 1896.

Henry Holt,

To E.L. Poplar Monthly,

42 Bond St., New York City.

My dear Sir:-

Your letter of 10th inst., has followed me here.

Where I am now preparing some articles on the battles of the war. I think I could give with such fairness an exhibit of Genl. Robert E. Lee's campaign work and include my personal recollections of him. He was graduated at the head of my class at West Point and he himself was Superintendent of the Academy while I was a cadet. Of course from such a Yankee as I am, you would anticipate some coloring from our National standpoint.

Please tell me how much you would like me to furnish and what price you can pay me. I am receiving now for my present work about ~~twenty~~ five dollars per thousand words. Please also tell me how soon you would require the article. I desire to write with much accuracy so far as facts and dates are concerned.

With much esteem,

Very truly yours,

O. O. Howard  
 Maj.-Gen. U.S. Army (Retired)

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Washington, D.C.,

Mar. 12, 1896.

Henry Thoreau,

17 E. L. Poppleton Monthly,

48 Bond St., New York City.

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O. O. Howard  
 Genl. Secy. (Retd.)

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Chicago, Ill. March 13th. 1896.

Gen'l. O. O. Howard,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Brother:-

I have received an answer from Crowell & Company, which is rather more advantageous than they had proposed before. They now say twenty percent on the retail price, and they have proposed a five dollar work in two volumes, two and fifty cents each. This would give you a dollar on every set sold. And they would be willing, if you desire it, to advance a thousand dollars on the trade, which, of course, would be desirable, as you would have the use of the money meanwhile. I am sure they would do the work in excellent style. The only drawback is that it seems they do not publish by subscription, and I agree with you that by that means you would be likely to obtain much greater sales. They are a very respectable house and I would rather have your name connected with their publications than with some unknown subscription house. Still that is not a very important matter as compared with a few <sup>dozens or</sup> thousand sales or so and the increase of profit which you might have from some enterprising subscription publishing house otherwise unknown.

These facts will enable us to get at something better in

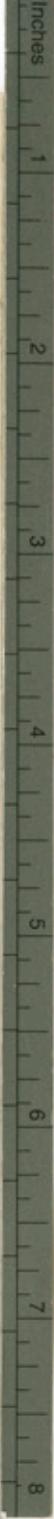
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M. FIELD AND FIRSIDE  
CHICAGO  
W. E. FLOYD, ASSOCIATE  
BETHA BOSTON, THORNTON

Chicago, Ill. March 13th. 1888.

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I will show you the letter when you come, but would not advise you to write to them at all until you see us here unless you receive another letter from them, and on no account would I advise you to close with them or with any company at present. We must obtain the best possible terms for you and from a publishing company which is perfectly reliable financially.

Affectionately,  
C. H. Howson

P.S. When are you coming? Lawrence talked of going to spend Easter vacation at Burlington but of course, as you + the family will be absent, he will give up the plan -

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*A. H. Hoover*  
Affectionately,

*P.S. When on your way to Denver  
visit J. P. [unclear] [unclear] or  
[unclear] but of course, as you  
+ the former will be [unclear], he will  
put up the [unclear]*

**Lake Mohonk Conference  
on International Arbitration**

MOHONK LAKE, N. Y.  
March 14th, 1896.

My dear Sir:-

The Second Annual Mohonk Conference on International Arbitration will be held here Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, June 3d, 4th and 5th.

Mrs. Smiley joins me in extending a most cordial invitation for you and your wife to be present as our guests. We would be glad to welcome you on Tuesday so as to be at the opening meeting Wednesday morning. The last session will be held on Friday, and you are invited to remain until Saturday morning.

A time-table is enclosed giving trains as now running. Tickets should be taken only to New Paltz where my carriage will meet you.

I think you have a report of the last conference. Events of the past year have aroused widespread interest in the object of this meeting, and it is expected that a large number will attend. We hope to hear that you will be present.

Very cordially yours,

Albert K. Smiley,

By *A. Smiley*

To Gen. O. C. Howard.

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THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Washington, D. C.  
March 11, 1934

Dear Sir:

The Bureau has received information that you are interested in the activities of the Communist Party in the United States. It is requested that you advise the Bureau of any information you may have regarding the activities of the Communist Party in your area. This information is of great importance to the Bureau and will be used in the preparation of reports to the Department of Justice.

A list of the names of the members of the Communist Party in your area is enclosed for your information. It is requested that you advise the Bureau of any information you may have regarding the activities of the Communist Party in your area.

I believe you have a report of the activities of the Communist Party in your area for the past year. It is requested that you advise the Bureau of any information you may have regarding the activities of the Communist Party in your area. This information is of great importance to the Bureau and will be used in the preparation of reports to the Department of Justice.

Very respectfully,  
Special Agent in Charge

W. J. C. [Signature]

CYRUS KEHR,  
1101 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,  
CHICAGO.

LYCEUM ENTERTAINMENTS.

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CHICAGO, March 14, 1896.

General O.O. Howard,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear General:-

Your letter of the 12th inst. has been received. It is the Platteville, Wis., engagement that you are thinking of in connection with March 20. It was intended at first to place this for ~~Marbh~~ 20, but it was afterward definitely fixed for March 27.

I have not yet had a reply to my written proposition to the Werner Company for your encyclopaedia articles. As I wrote to you the other day, they may write to you direct. They may assume that I am making the contract with them and buying the manuscript from you at a lower price. I told them that I am managing your lectures and was looking after this matter as an accommodation to you.

I send in a separate package 4 dozen small circulars and 4 dozen large circulars. The biographical sketch in the small circular is according to your <sup>copy</sup> directions made about a year ago. The large circular has not been reprinted since you revised one of them for me. I have not been using any of these larger ones, so have not had the reprint made.

I will see your brother further about the memoirs.

I enclose a sealed, personal letter from San Francisco.

CYRUS KERRY,  
FIRST CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,  
CHICAGO.

LYCEUM ENTERTAINMENT

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CYRUS KEHR,  
1101 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,  
CHICAGO.

LYCEUM ENTERTAINMENTS.

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CHICAGO, \_\_\_\_\_

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The Dakota engagements have not been made. I submitted to the President of Redfield College a proposition for an equal division of receipts, coupled with the guaranty that your portion shall be no less than \$75 for each engagement. Mr. Patch thought they could hope for success only if the division is made even, without any guaranty. I believe that it was well not to make these engagements at all. It does not seem to me that they would have been successful. Mr. Patch does not impress me as being a man of systematic executive ability. The letter which I received from him this morning is written on five narrow slips such as he uses in procuring pledges for Redfield Collage, and these were enclosed in a Plankinton House envelope. I should be afraid that one who is so slip-shod in correspondence, might also be slip-shod in advertising and managing a lecture engagement.

Yours truly,

Cyrus Kehr.

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LUCIUM ENTERTAINMENTS

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Yours truly,

*Cyrus Kehr*

Norwich University.

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Northfield, Vt. March, 14<sup>th</sup>, 1896.

General A. A. Howard

My dear General:-

I express you today the Gettysburg map which Mr. Carleton finished long ago but we did not send as he thought you would write us about it stating to what point you wished it sent.

The expenses are as follows

Mounted paper	\$ 3.15	} \$ 5.33
Drawing Platform	.68	
Cartage & Expn.	.50	
Mounting and boxing	1.00	

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Hoping this will be satisfactory I remain  
Yours Respectfully,

J. B. Johnson.

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Scientific University  
Northfield, Ill.

