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120 BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

January 22, 1897.

General O. O. Howard,  
156 College Street,  
BURLINGTON, Vermont.

Dear General Howard:

Yours of yesterday is this morning received.

Upon thinking over the situation, I telegraphed to Major McKinley as follows:- "If any Cabinet officer is to be selected from this State, I beg to add my testimony to that already offered that the selection of General Horace Porter would contribute most largely to the public welfare and would give most general satisfaction."

The Republican State Machine here has lately sent a representative to Canton to demand from Major McKinley formal recognition of the Machine as such. Yesterday, it is supposed, a delegation of prominent New Yorkers left here to make an antagonistic request in behalf of General Porter. It may be that the effect of this will be to deprive this State of representation in the Cabinet, and it is not necessary to assume that you have no prospect of appointment; though my own feeling of late has been that the political forces back of each of the prominent candidates for position in the Cabinet had become so great and fierce that the President-elect in self-defence would have to select from among those most strongly backed.

Yours very truly,

Wager Swayne



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General H. H. H. H.  
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Dear General H. H. H.

Yours of January 12 is this morning received.  
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Very truly yours,



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2 PM. Jan 22<sup>d</sup> 1897

My dear General:

I am on my way to Washington D.C. to the annual meeting of the Mast & Pilots which assembles the 25<sup>th</sup>. Will probably hold until the 29<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>. Have seen Mack and John the latter on his way to rejoin his Company at Detroit. Grace was quite well when I left Portland the children also. I do not think it advisable to try to visit Burlington. Do not take the trouble to come to Washington as the expense would be considerable and my time will probably be fully taken up. I am rather discouraged but have made up my mind to save money & keep



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I am very sorry that  
Washington D.C. & the General must  
be at the West - that which seems  
the 25th mile probably had made  
the 25th or 30th. I have seen Mack  
and from the latter in his way to  
join his company at Detroit  
I have now given him when I left  
Gottman the children also & do  
not think it advisable to try to  
visit Washington. So and later the  
trouble to come to Washington  
as the expense would be great.  
I will see my mother with love  
and feel taken up. I am  
with affectionately but have made  
up my mind to have another trip



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pushing doing the best I can.  
I have not many more years  
in which to recover financially.

Please remember me kindly  
to all at home.

In haste Sincerely yours.

James Thray



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Respectfully  
I have not meant to say  
in this little book  
I have mentioned one thing  
I am at home  
I have never before  
James O. Jones



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Panama, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1897.

Mr. Clem. Garrison.  
New-York.

My dear Sir,

I have been unwell lately and  
unable to attend General Howard affair.

To-day I feel all right and will  
study said matter carefully. You certainly will hear  
from me by next mail.

I am, Dear Sir, truly yours,  
F. H. Allen



Dear Mrs Temple;  
Please read &  
return -  
C. O. K.

Feb. 9/97  
Burlington N.H. }



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Canal Dover Ohio.  
Jan'y 23<sup>rd</sup> 1897.

Genl O. O. Howard  
Burlington Vermont

My dear Genl.

I am a candidate for the Post Office here, or something better & have recommendations from quite a number of my friends here, all the Ministers of the City, all the soldiers & a large part of the business men & citizens generally, Ex Sec of State Townsend, now a candidate for Comr of Pension, Adjt General Axline, Supreme Court Clerk Allen Genl Belle. S. Jones W.A.C. & very many others & I would like yours also - Such a few lines saying what you know about me as a soldier & citizen, I have not held an office since the war & I am therefore not a chronic seeker. On your tour last fall you were here at New Phil<sup>a</sup> Ohio & I shook hands with you at the car. Your coming did us much good. Address your letter to P.M. General or Pres W<sup>a</sup> Kinley & send to me & oblige - I hope you are well & family. Also hope that Genl Porter will go in the Cabinet he is good timber. Our Gov Bushnell seems to be earning his money as Gov these days, Sherman's let go, gave him



job & one in which self is mixed into, as we think  
wanted to be Senator himself, & now is forced to  
appoint some other fellow. If I can do you any  
good, now or hereafter, let me hear from you.

With kindest regards & best wishes for your  
health & success I am -

Sincerely yours

Enclose copy of Genl Axline's  
recommendation.

Geo. H. Hildt Lt Col  
2<sup>nd</sup> Div 15<sup>th</sup> A.C. Army <sup>of Pa</sup> Penn



Copy

State of Ohio.

Adjutant General's Dept.

Columbus Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 1896.

Hon William McKimley

President United States

Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:--

I take great pleasure  
in recommending Colonel George H.  
Kildt, as a suitable person for the  
postmaster at his place, Canal Dover O.

I have known Col Kildt for many  
years. His war record is brilliant.  
He served his state faithfully in the  
office of Secretary of State some  
years ago, & is recognized wherever  
known, as one of our best & most  
reliable citizens. His recognition  
would be a most worthy bestowal of  
public patronage.

Very respectfully.

H. A. Axline.

Adjutant General



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H. A. Allen  
Adjutant General





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St. Johnsbury, Vt.,

Jan. 23 1897

Genl. O. O. Howard:

Dear Sir:

Your kind letter of 21<sup>st</sup> at hand.  
We shall be pleased to have you with us  
on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>. Will advise you later as  
to the plans of the day.

Yours sincerely  
E. B. Read  
Gen. Secy.



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27 TREMONT ROW,

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Boston, Jan. 25, 1897.

General O. O. Howard,  
Burlington, Vt.

My dear General:-

The grandfather of Charles F. Sprague of Brookline, Massachusetts, Congressman elect from my district, was Pelig Sprague, who practised law for a number of years in Maine and afterwards became a judge in our courts, but who was not a native of Maine. I think there is no question but that he is the Sprague you knew.

Now, Mr. Sprague is a man who sets a good deal of store by family and associations, and business qualifications. I wish, therefore, in writing him you would assure him that I am not lacking in these particulars. It is a little embarrassing for me to tell a man that my family have been in this country for upwards of two hundred and fifty years and have occupied a position of dignity and honor in Maine, and that I am supposed to have the breeding and sterling qualities of a gentleman.

I wish you would also address a letter at this time to Senator Hoar. It will pave the way to my application a little later on, and, I think, will have great weight with him. You see, as Mr. Lodge said, he and Senator Hoar were going over the applicants for consuls pretty soon, and they will weed out those whom they do not feel disposed to assist personally. Now, if they get committed to me in advance, they will stick to me.

Let me especially enjoin upon you to state in



1897. Jan. 25. Boston.

General C. C. Howard.

Burlington, Vt.

My dear General:-

The President of the State of Vermont.

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that I am an applicant for a position in the Diplomatic, or Consular  
service, and please do not mention any particular country. I empha-  
size this, because some things have developed in reference to my  
application since I saw you which makes it possible for me to get an  
appointment in the Diplomatic service, which, of course, is superior  
to the Consular service. I am not at liberty at this moment to state  
what it is, but if anything comes of it you will be the first man to  
whom I shall give my confidence. *Sincerely for your own*

Now, you will notice that there is a conflict on  
between Governor Long and Mr. Coolidge for the New England seat in the  
Cabinet. Governor Long is committed to my interests, and I should  
therefore like to see him get the appointment to the Navy, as that is  
the position he wants. If the Navy goes to Governor Long, the  
Treasury will probably go to Mr. Gage of Chicago. If the Treasury  
goes to Mr. Coolidge, of course Mr. Long is out of it. I had a talk  
with the Governor this morning. I claim that he preeminently  
represents the New England people and that no man of those mentioned  
could be selected from New England who has such a strong hold upon the  
people of all the <sup>New England</sup> states. Everybody in Massachusetts knows him and  
admires him, and the same is true ~~in~~ Maine. He is very near to  
the masses, and, as far as controlling votes is concerned, would  
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know. I shall give my conditions.

Now, you will notice that there is a conflict on  
between Governor Lusk and Mr. Coolidge for the New England post in the  
Consular service. Governor Lusk is committed to my interests, and I should  
therefore like to see him get the appointment to the Navy, as that is  
the position he wants. If the Navy goes to Governor Lusk, the  
Treasury will probably go to Mr. Case of Chicago. If the Treasury  
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with the Governor this morning. I claim that he presciently  
recommended the New England people and that he was of those who  
would be rejected from New England who has such a strong hold upon the  
people of all the states. Everybody in Massachusetts knows him and  
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friends in New England voice their sentiments to the President in his favor, but he is absolutely in a position above asking them to do it. If you thought well enough of this matter and agree with me touching Governor Long, and should see fit to write Mr. McKinley a letter to that effect, I am sure the Governor would very much appreciate it; and if you do so, will you be kind enough to send me a copy of your letter? I should like to show it to the Governor.

I received a letter from Harry, and in whatever way I may be able to be of advantage to him, I shall be glad of an opportunity to render the service.

Very sincerely yours,

Edgar O. Achorn







United States Pension Agency,

Philadelphia

Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>, 1897

My dear General

I write to invite you  
to be present at the Annual Dinner of  
the Hibernian Society of this City March 17<sup>th</sup>.  
This Society is composed of the most  
eminent men of our State and the  
Annual Banquet is the dinner of the  
year as far as this City is concerned.  
I mail you an assembly last years  
dinner and by looking over the pages  
you will see the character of the affair.  
Genl. Sickles, Alger and Stewart  
will all be there and if you will honor  
us by your presence we will have  
"The Aggregation" together once more.  
We will not ask you to speak unless  
you wish to do so. We just want  
you to come and enjoy yourself and  
if you do come we will do our best  
to send you away happy and glad  
that you came. A formal invitation



will be sent to you by and by in the  
mean time be kind enough to drop a  
line and say "Yes" to your sincerely

Cyran A. Mueholland

Magdalen B. Howard  
Burlington



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Elgin, Ills., Jan. 25th, 1897.

Gen. O.O. Howard,  
Burlington, Vermont.

Dear General:- You will see by the enclosed letter from our old comrade and friend, that I am an applicant for the position of Deputy Commissioner <sup>of Assurance</sup>. I will be very grateful for a letter from you to file with other endorsements which I shall present to Maj. McKinley soon after March 4th, 1897. Lieut. McQueen has covered the ground so thoroughly that I have but little to add. I think I told you, when you were <sup>here</sup> last Fourth of July, that I was, and am still a member of the Loyal Legion and Army & Navy Club of Washington, D.C., which will give me a very general endorsement of Army friends. In addition I have the two U.S. Senators from this State, and my own member of Congress Mr. Hopkins, besides a large number of ~~my~~ officials. I trust that I may, as soon as convenient, hear from you in this matter.

Faternally yours,

L. M. Kelley

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OFFICE of the Sec'y.  
NORWICH UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF BOSTON.

27 SCHOOL ST., Boston, January 25th, 1897.

Gen. O.O.Howard,  
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My Dear Sir:-

The Executive Committee of Norwich University Alumni Association of Boston, extends to you a very cordial invitation to attend the annual banquet of the Association, to be held at Young's Hotel on Friday evening, February 19th, 1897.

Yours respectfully,

*W. H. Allen*

Secretary.





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D. S. MURRAY, GEN'L SUPT.

*Salt Lake City, Utah,* January 25, 1897.

Gen'l O. O. Howard,  
Burlington, Vermont.

In pursuance of Article 1 of the By-Laws, the regular annual meeting of this Company should be held at the General Office of the Company, "Telephone Building," Salt Lake City, Utah, on Monday, February 22nd, 1897; but as that date is a legal holiday, the Board of Directors has passed the following resolution:

"Whereas, The regular annual meeting of this Company for the year 1897, for the election of officers and the transaction of other business, comes on February 22nd, which is a holiday, and it is therefore undesirable to hold said meeting on said day:

Resolved, That said regular annual meeting be and the same is hereby postponed until Tuesday, February 23rd, 1897, at ten o'clock A. M., and the Secretary is directed to give the usual notice for the meeting on that day."

In case you cannot be present in person, will you kindly sign and return enclosed Power of Attorney, in favor of some one who will be present?

Very truly,

H. C. HILL,

Secretary.



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