



STATE OF VERMONT,  
ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
BURLINGTON.

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November 29, 1897.

General O. O. Howard,

c/o Frank P. Bye, Superintendent of Schools,

West Chester, Pa.

My dear General;-

Enclosed please find a circular in regard to "The American Magazine", which, with others, Mr. George S. Benson (who was a member of Co. C, 9th Vt. Reg't at the same time I was) is starting, and I think you will agree with me that it bids fair to be a grand thing. At my request Mr. Benson has sent you a picture of President Lincoln and a fac-simile of his letter to the mother who gave her sons to the cause of the war. It has been sent to your home, and I am sure you will be glad to own it. It would be a great help to Mr. Benson and to the magazine if you would give them a strong, encouraging letter. I have furnished such a letter, and so has General W. W. Henry, and they have also received letters from leading soldiers in Washington, New York City, and elsewhere, and if the programme is carried out it will be an instructor to the rising generations in patriotism. The sooner this is sent the better, and if you chose to send it through me I would be very glad.

Believe me, with kindest regards,

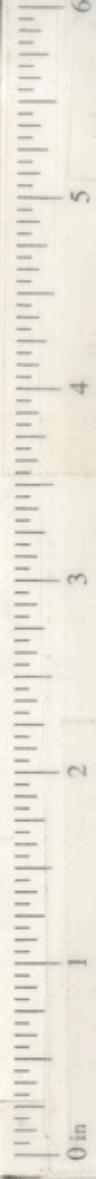
Sincerely yours,

*P. S. Peck*

Enc.



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Foster Command. 4<sup>th</sup> M. I. Regt  
and repeated by General  
Layton in his report  
of the battle of Richland  
Mo. Dec. 22<sup>d</sup> 1837.  
The index states that  
it refers to Major Graham  
Graham. The only Branch  
Major Graham in the Army  
at the date of this affair  
was Wm. Graham  
who was ~~a Captain~~ in the  
4<sup>th</sup> Infantry from June 1<sup>st</sup>  
1821 until 4<sup>th</sup> April 1834 when  
he was promoted Captain in  
same regiment and so remained  
until the 16<sup>th</sup> February 1847  
when he was promoted Major  
2<sup>d</sup> Infantry and was ~~at~~  
at the head of the 1<sup>st</sup>  
Infantry at the battle

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS.

COMMANDING GENERAL'S OFFICE.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

November 30<sup>th</sup> 1847

Dear General Howard

I have  
just read with absorbing  
interest and great pleasure  
your admirable life of  
General Layton published  
by D. Appleton & Co in their  
"Great Commanders" series.  
But I am sorry to  
see that great injustice  
is (unconsciously) done  
my dear noble Wm  
Monroe Graham.  
On page 67 a brief  
Major Graham is handsomely  
mentioned by Ch. Cal



of Col. Marcus A. B. B. B.  
Mexico Sch. 8<sup>th</sup> 1847  
he was brevetted Major  
31<sup>st</sup> December 1835 for  
gallant and good conduct  
in the affair at the ~~Whitcomb~~  
Tex. There was no John  
Graham in the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry  
at the date of the battle  
mentioned by Col. Col.  
Frederick and Gen. Taylor  
on page 67 of your  
book and undoubtedly  
the Graham there  
referred to was my  
uncle. 2<sup>d</sup> Lt. John Graham  
who graduated at West  
Point 1<sup>st</sup> July/34 was  
assigned to the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry  
at that time and served

with the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry as a  
pl. Lt. until the 1<sup>st</sup> of  
June 1836 when he  
was transferred to the 2<sup>d</sup>  
Infantry and resigned  
Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> 1838 - he never  
was a brevet Major.

I feel ~~very~~ sure  
my dear General that  
you will do my uncle  
~~justice~~ memory justice  
as soon as you know  
of these facts and so  
I write you - You will  
find the whole subject  
in Samuels's Register of 1779  
to 1879 pages 470-471-  
and Putnam's Historical Register  
1789 to 1889 pages 299-  
I hope Mr. Howard and  
your family as well as yourself  
are in the enjoyment of  
good health, and  
Mr. Graham and

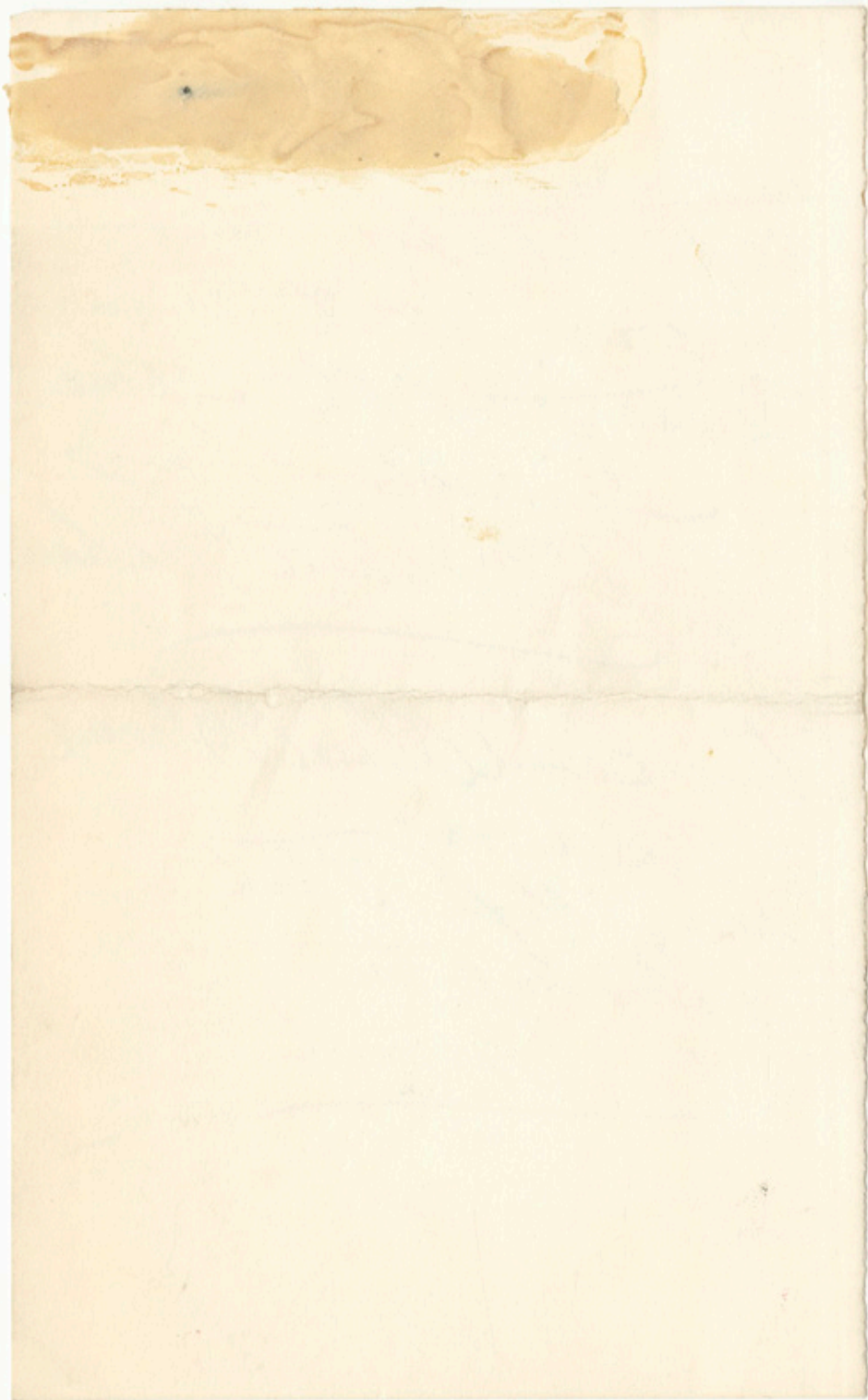


I wish you all  
a very Merry X-Mas  
and happy New  
Year, with many  
returns of the same.

Sincerely Yours  
J. M. W. Hall

Miss Anna Maria Howard  
Newbury  
106 College Street  
Burlington  
Vermont

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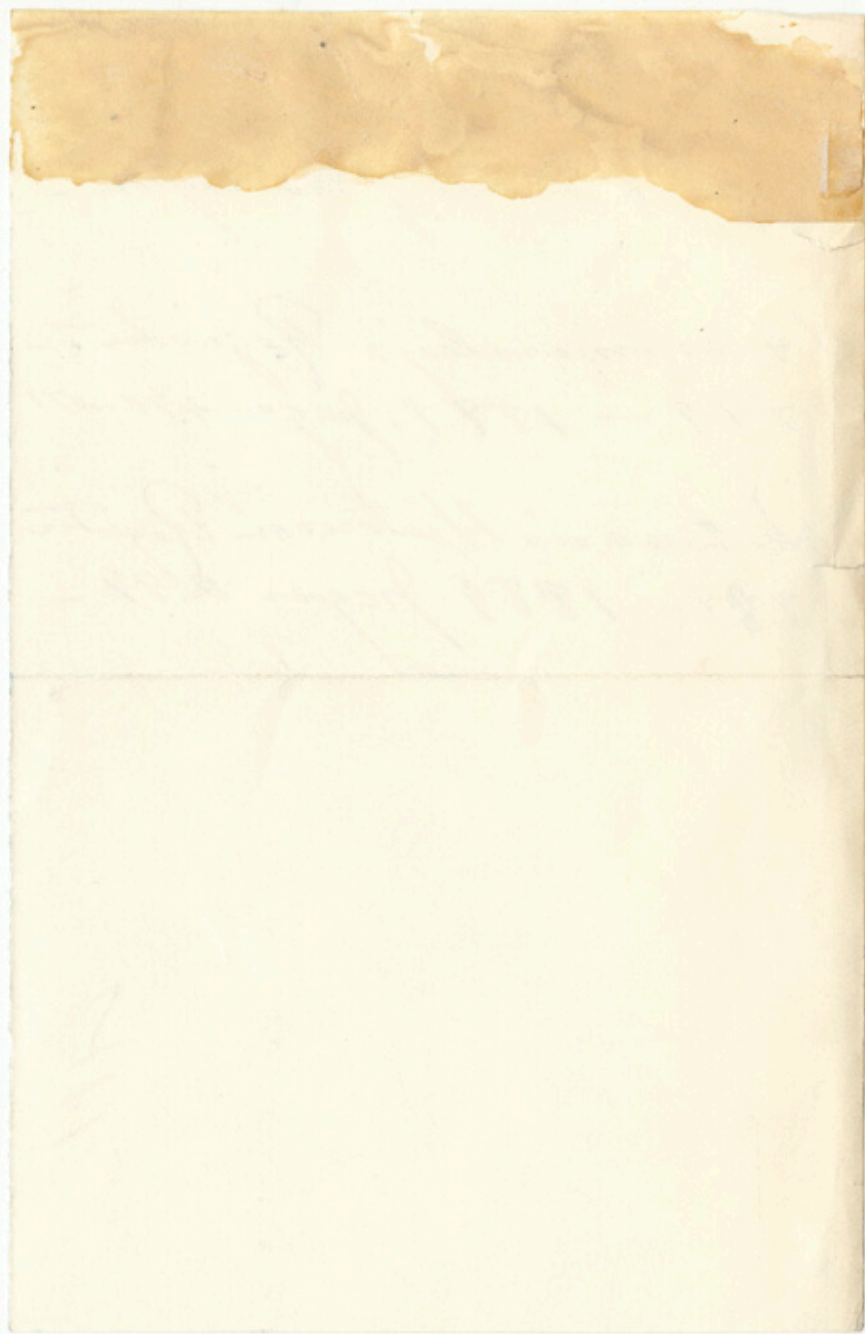
Wm. Montrose Graham  
page 67 Life of Gen. Taylor -

Hammersley's Register -  
1779 - 1889; pages 470-471

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3. 1/2 South 1 Building  
St Paul, Nov. 30. 1897-

Dear cousin Charles,

I hasten to thank you for your kind letter of 22<sup>nd</sup> inst., contents of which are noted with close attention. The matter stands just exactly as you put it, & I quite understand the position of Gen. O.O. I can only say that I believe the Gen. will do what he can for me, especially at your request. I fear I cannot work up any senatorial support here. I am not a politician, although a staunch Republican - & did no work during the last campaign except in the way of talking against silver. The position I covet is a desirable one, & if it could be made a Washington appointment all the better. You mention that the office comes under the control of Gen. Sherman. Are you quite right about this? The Comptroller is, as I understand it, an officer of the Treasury, & Bank Examiners are subordinates of



his; from which it would follow that Mr. Gay is the Cabinet officer who has the dispensation of such positions.

I quite approve the sending of my letter to Gen. O.O. as it will secure much explanation & present my case frankly, & I await his disposition of the matter.

You are very good to take so much trouble in my behalf & I appreciate your good offices.

I hope you are all well in Glencoe. Our Patty had a letter from your Lawrence a few days ago, giving an account of a foot ball game in which he kicked against Arthur! Rather amusing.

From brother Frank I heard that cousin Carrie Bartlett's daughter Harriette had recently passed the day at Weston with him.

Affectionately,  
Frederick O. Foster





The Virginia,  
Chicago. Nov. 30. 97.

My dear friend Howard, As there will  
be a special meeting of the Order of  
Indian Wars held in Washington  
in the latter part of December  
it has occurred to me that you  
may desire to be enrolled in our  
order. If so I need not say  
how very pleased I will be to  
become one of your sponsors  
on that occasion.

General O  
Wiles & Mills and several officers  
distinguished in Indian warfare



me applicants for company  
and I hope to see your name  
also on our list of companions.  
I remain, dear General,

Yours sincerely

B. J. D. Drum,

Major General O. O. Howard  
U. S. A.  
Washington, D. C.





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Everett House, New York, Nov 30<sup>th</sup> 1887

Gen. O. O. Howard

Burlington, Vt.

Dear Gen. Howard:— I have sent letters to all the place mentioned in your letter of Nov 19<sup>th</sup> and also to quite a number of <sup>other towns</sup> cities in the West.

Your letter calls my attention to Mr H. O. McCoy, Secty Y. M. C. A. who would give me information or send to people who would apply to me around in California, but you do not say where a letter could reach him or where he is located.

Yours very truly  
J B Pond

Use the CHICKERING PIANO, whenever it is possible, at Major Pond's Concerts.







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Boston, Nov. 30, 1897.

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Under the same date, Governor Long wrote me advising me to take this position.

I wired my acceptance, and wrote a letter at the same time both to Governor Long and Mr. Cridler, stating that I accepted the position.

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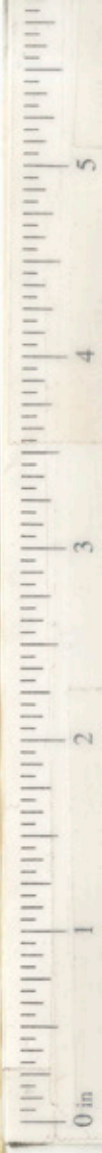
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My dear Mr. Achorn:-

I have received your letter of Nov. 22nd. I shall always be glad to be of service to you in any way I can, and of course if the President should nominate you as Secretary at St. Petersburg I shall be glad to give it my support in the Senate. The present Secretary at St. Petersburg however is a very old friend of mine, and although appointed by Mr. Cleveland supported Mr. McKinley at the last election. He has made a most excellent officer in his present position, and I was in hopes that he might be retained, having no idea of course that you were a candidate for that place, which you have never mentioned to me when we spoke together. I had understood it was your desire to go to Ecuador, and I had urged your appointment on the Department for that post. I have no doubt that the administration intends to give you some very desirable place from the fact that they have been considering your name for St. Petersburg.

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A day or two ago I met a classmate of Pierce, who, as you may know, is a son of the professor at Harvard of that name, and he informed me that Mr. Pierce was, he understood, very anxious to retain his position at St. Petersburg and he thought would use all means to that end. I then began to wonder whether Mr. White's and the other letters Mr. Hitchcock referred to had not been inspired, and whether after Mr. Hitchcock reached St. Petersburg Mr. Pierce might not convince him, already evidently somewhat uncertain of himself, that he (Pierce) was indispensable to the mission. Mr. Hitchcock told me that he was going as a favor to the President. If he found that the retention of the old Secretary would make things easy for him, he might ask it as a favor in return.

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I have proceeded upon the theory that there could be no question of my appointment, the President having given his promise, and in the last two months have sold my house, stored my furniture, adjusted my private affairs, including the care of my baby, arranged for someone to take my office business, and advised my clients and friends that I am going away; so that today I am waiting for my marching orders.

Now, I understand that while English is generally spoken at St. Petersburg, a knowledge of French is quite essential to my position, and so I have been working every spare hour under a French teacher for the last month. I have a fair knowledge of German, but have neglected my French since my College days. In the last thirty days I have made sufficient headway, so that I can read any article in a French newspaper practically at sight. I have no question now but that I could translate any document in French that might be addressed to the department. I have accomplished something in speaking and writing also. I want to acquire the language, however, as speedily as possible, and I therefore wrote to Mr. Long to suggest that if the President would make my appointment as soon as Congress convenes and give me my papers, I would sail at once for Paris and spend my time there upon the language, until Mr. Hitchcock has had a fair chance with the old Secretary, say two months. That would take it into the middle of February, and by that time Mr. Hitchcock ought to be fairly well into his seat, and I shall have acquired enough French with what I already know to be master of the situation.

Thinking that courtesy demanded that I should notify the



I have proceeded upon the theory that there could be no question of my appointment, the President having given his promise, and in the last two months have sold my house, stored my furniture, adjusted my private affairs, including the care of my baby, arranged for someone to take my office business, and advised my clients and friends that I am going away; so that today I am waiting for my passport.

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EDGAR O. ACHORN,  
COUNSELLOR AT LAW,

27 TREMONT ROW,

Boston, Nov. 30, 1897.

he did, you can see in what a mortifying and humiliating position I should be placed. All my friends and clients are advised of my intended departure, and I have allowed much of my business to slip out of my hands already, besides having done everything except pack my trunk.

Will you be kind enough on receipt of this to let me know what steps, if any, should be taken in this matter?

Very sincerely yours,

Edgar O. Achorn

P.S. I don't suppose it will be advisable to stir up any trouble or do anything or say anything till we know that the President is being influenced by Lodge or is intending to go back on the action he has already agreed to take  
E.O.A.



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Nov. 20, 1877

My dear Sir,  
I am glad to hear that you are in what a satisfactory and promising position I should be pleased. All my friends and clients are advised of my intention to leave, and I have allowed much of my business to slip out of my hands already, besides having done everything except pack my trunk. Will you be kind enough to recollect of this to let me know what steps, if any, should be taken in this matter?  
Very sincerely yours,

Wm. A. Johnson

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I have no more to say on this subject. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
Wm. A. Johnson



Guthrie Okla.

Gen Olive O Howard Nov 31<sup>st</sup> / 1897

Dear Sir

West Guthrie Okla, is separated from the City proper, by the Cottonwood River. It is largely populated by the working people. In their midst there has been built a Congregational Church. It has stood unfinished until the present time. The great flood of April last swept over this part of the city destroying all of some & damaging the property of these poor people. The Church edifice was materially damaged. We have not asked help until we had exhausted our own resources. About \$200. has been raised & expended, finishing the inside wood work, plastering & painting. Now



We need help to seat the house comfortably. As we have only wooden benches, ungainly and uncomfortable. A Sunday School requiring one hundred is one of our most hopeful works.

Our little band is encouraged and we are praying for and expecting a revival. That you may know our work is endorsed by our Missionary Representatives we need only to say that Rev J. H. Parker of Kingfisher Okla., Sup't C. H. M. S. preached our dedicational sermon Nov 7 and gave \$2.00 toward our fund. Rev J. E. Platt Sup't S. S. work for Okla., is a member of our Church, contributed \$12.00. That you may know this work means sacrifice for us allow me to mention a few gifts: \$5.00 from a man who has five in family and two of whom are invalids, and no prospect of recovery. He works for one dollar per day. Several gifts from devoted women who had to do extra work from family duties to earn it.



\$5.00 from the pastor who lives on  
less than \$500. and pays \$84. of this  
for house rent.

Will you help us with a gift,  
small though it may be consecrated  
by your prayer & faith and loving  
sacrifice for our work.

Any donation you will kindly  
send will be greatly acknowledged  
and appreciated by

T. W. Spaulovich  
Pastor West Lutheran  
Cong'l Church.



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