

Brigadier General Warfield, N. G. C.,
San Francisco;

Dear General—My son, Stockmar, who is attending college and is not, therefore, able to report to you personally, has requested me to see you and have him enlisted in the heavy battery of the United States Volunteers. He belongs to the cadets attached to the First Regiment, is over 18 years of age and has received the appointment from this district as alternate to West Point.

He will report to you whenever required; also to the mustering officer, Captain Carrington. You would oblige me very much by keeping a place open for him. Very truly yours,

H. BENDEL.

Colonel Herman Bendel is an old soldier, having served through the late war and since then done active duty in the State National Guard. He is an enthusiastic soldier and his son has no doubt inherited his father's military spirit.



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H. BENDEL, PRESIDENT
W. H. WRIGHT, MANAGER.



San Jose Cal. May 16th, 1898.

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But now I am coming to the main point. My son Stockmar, as you will see in the enclosed paper-slip, was one of the first to volunteer in the Heavy Artillery and is now serving in Battery B. He is of excellent habit, does neither drink nor smoke and his only ambition is to gain the confidence and satisfaction of his superior officers and receive a thorough military education; and my dear General I would like to ask you, *is there any chance or* what chance has an Alternate to go to West Point, if he has served his time in the Army with the best recommendations from his superior officers, which he no doubt will get?

It is very much to be regretted, that old experienced Commanders like yourself and General Schofield are now on the retired list, as thousands of soldiers would only be too glad to serve under Generals, who have led their men to victory in many a hard fought battle.

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Very truly yours,
Battle.



C. W. McAffee.

McAffee Brothers
Real Estate Brokers
and
Financial Agents.
108. Montgomery St.,

San Francisco. May 16, 1898.

General O. O. Howard,
"The Buckingham",
5th Avenue and 50th St., New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

We have this day received a deed from the California Investment and Colonization Co. to O. O. Howard for certain lands in Kern County. As the deed has not the seal of the Colonization Co. stamped thereon, we have returned it to the Secretary to attach the same thereto.

In the mean time we send you release of mortgage, which you will please sign and acknowledge before a notary public and return to us, together with the mortgage and the notes of Edward E. Elliott, without cancelling the same, and we will deliver them, cancelled, upon receipt from the Colonization Co. of a deed properly acknowledged and sealed.

We also inclose two copies of Agreement between yourself and W. E. Deacon, which you will please sign, acknowledge before a notary public, and return both copies to us at your earliest convenience with mortgage and notes above specified.

Yours truly,

(Inc.)

McAffee Brothers

Forwarded this day from
Chattanooga without letter
this 27 May, 1898.

Duplicate Agreement dated
3 May 1898 and Release
of Mortgage. O. O. Howard

Real Estate Brokers
McKee Brothers

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108 Montgomery St.
San Francisco, Cal.

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Lee, Mass., May 16, 1898. /

Mr. R. L. Ellis, Secretary,

156 Colleges St., Burlington, Vt.

Dear Sir;-

Your favor of the 14th duly at hand. We thank you very much for the address of Major Pond, but after consulting with our executive committee I find that the expense would be more than our Treasury at the present time would warrant, and for this reason we shall be obliged to give up having Gen. Howard much as we would have enjoyed hearing him.

Yours very truly,

Aug. R. Smith

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Nov. 10, 1933.

Mr. W. L. Ellis, Secretary
155 College St., Burlington, Vt.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 1st inst. is received. We thank you very much for the address of Mr. Bond, and after consulting with our executive committee I find that the expenses would be more than our treasury at the present time would warrant. We are sorry we shall be obliged to give up having sent him. We would have

Yours very truly,

Chas. P. Pollock

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National Temperance Society,

AND

Publication House,

JOSHUA L. BAILY, PRESIDENT.
Wm. D. PORTER, TREASURER.
JAS. B. DUNN, D. D., GENERAL SECRETARY
AND EDITOR.
J. W. CUMMINGS, PUBLISHING AGENT.

P. O. BOX 150, MADISON SQUARE BRANCH POST OFFICE,

3 AND 5 W. 18TH ST., NEW YORK, May 16th, 1898.

Dear Sir:-

The regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Managers
will be held on Thursday, May 19th, at 3 P. M.

As this is the last meeting of the year, it is earnest-
ly hoped there will be a large attendance.

The Annual business meeting of the Society will be held
at 3:30.

Respectfully yours,

James B. Dunn,
Gen'l Sec'y.

Dictated.

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James B. Dunk,
Gen'l Sec'y.

Enclosed.

402 Pomeroy St. N. W.
Washington D. C. May 16th 1898

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir;

I was a student during the early 70's and the University which bears your honored name. While there I often had the pleasure to hear you read the scripture lessons, and make short speeches to the students. It is the memory of your kind voice and words which gives me courage to write to you in this hour of trouble. Hoping that you will at least read what I have to say, and that you will become sufficiently interested to aid me in what I seek if it is in your power to do so. I remained at Howard three years then went into Maryland to teach. After teaching several years I married J. C. Hunt who also had been a student at Howard. A little over two years after our marriage Mr. Hunt was appointed to a clerkship in the Pension Office which position he held for thirteen years. He was dropped from the rolls during the second Democratic administration for no cause only to reduce the force as papers in his possession now show. He could not be reinstated under the present administration because of civil service rules, but he hoped to

secure a Presidential appointment, so applied
for a consulship: he was well endorsed but failed
to get it. While in Office he had studied law at
Heoward, was admitted to the Bar, and when he lost
his position attempted to practice, but has made very
little in that way. I have been looking around
for something for myself to do. But, of course
can get nothing in Gov. service without the
aid of some influential person and this is why
I write to you. I am in a worse condition
financially today than I have ever been
in my life, and would be thankful for the
smallest place in the gift of the Government.
While Mr. Hunt was in office we saved nothing
because of much sickness and many deaths in our
respective families, and his unfortunate business
ventures etc; he undertook to buy a modest home but
lost it when he lost his work. I imagine Gen
Heoward that a man so widely known and highly
respected as yourself could easily secure a place
for a worthy and needy person could you be con-
vinced that he is both of these. Please have
the kindness to let me hear from you at
your earliest convenience and greatly oblige
Yours Respectfully

Mrs. Rose Ward Hunt.

May 17, 1898.

General Oliver Otis Howard,
Burlington,
Vt.

My Dear General Howard:-

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant in which you request a commission for Major in any regiment for your son, Lieutenant John Howard, and speak also of your son, Mr. Harry S. Howard, now a member of the 7th regiment, New York City.

The Governor desires me to assure you that he would be very glad to favor you in this matter, especially in view of the distinguished services which you have rendered your country. It certainly would seem as though the sons came from good fighting stock, and if opportunity arises, he will be very glad to consider carefully your wishes.

Of course you appreciate the fact that at such a time as this the applications are many and the places are few.

Very truly yours,

Wm. W. Chaffin

Private Secretary

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May 14, 1888.

General Oliver Otis Howard,

Washington,

VI.

My Dear General Howard:-

I am directed by the Governor to an-

knowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant in

which you request a commission for Major in my regiment for

your son, Lieutenant John Howard, and speak also of your son,

Mr. Henry B. Howard, now a member of the 7th regiment, New

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Private Secretary



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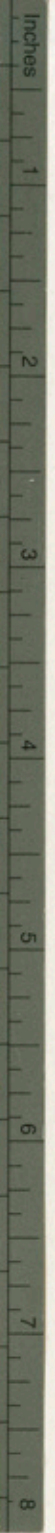
General Agent, S. E. Missouri Dep't
of ST. JOSEPH, MO.

Agency at POPLAR BLUFF, MISSOURI, May 17/89

Rev. O. D. Howard,
Burlington - Ver.

Dear Sir & Brother - I was very glad to see in a recent Daily that you were making an effort to reorganize the Christian Commission work in our Army. I have thought much lately it should be done if the war did not come to the end in "30 days" or "60 days" - as some of our wise men predicted - and have waited the end should it come as prophesied. But the end seems very far distant, and I believe now is the time to act promptly.

I was in 1863-1865 the Secy and agent in charge of the work of the St. Louis Branch of the A. S. C. I had charge of the supplies sent the S. L. Branch by the Chicago, Milwaukee, Detroit, Gonia, Burlington & Keokuk Branches, of distributing them to the Army Corps in Ky, Tenn, Miss, La, Ark & Mo; and also of receiving, commissioning, and assigning to their fields of labor - the delegates in the work.



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Agency at POPLAR BLUFF, MISSOURI, May 1892

[The body of the letter is written in cursive and is mostly illegible due to fading and bleed-through from the reverse side. The text appears to be a formal letter or report.]



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OF ST. JOSEPH, MO.

Agency at

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My experience I think will be valuable to me in a similar work now and I am anxious to give the balance of my days to the work if so long needed and spared. I am 65 - but hale and hearty as ever. I think my handwriting shows a steady hand and no nervousness. I have no incumbrances to hold me back - having recently lost my wife who was my companion 42 years. She has gone home, and I am ready to meet her whenever He calls. I will stop my present work - Fire & Life Insurance - any time my services are accepted as the way may be opened.

I was 1888 to 1891 in another blessed work - was Field Agent of the Mo. State S.S. Army & organized 48 of the Counties of Mo., and as Field Agent - held County S.S. Conventions in 11 counties - in some four, some three, and many two times, annually. I refer to B. F. Jacobs Chicago - Chairman International S.S. Conventions of

which I was the No. Member 1887-1890-
who knows of my W.C.C. and my S.S.
work. Also I refer to Dwight L. Moody,
to whom I have just written of my
desire to re-enter the work - if needed.

May God bless your efforts, and
bless thy dear Soldier boys away
from home - keep them from the
evils of the world and save them -
is my prayer.

Yours in the work
J. P. Sawyer

Letter to some prominent official
say Gen. Alger. Secy. of War -
on the same lines you wrote
me immediately after Col's death.
I have abandoned the idea of
ever obtaining a pension - knowing
it is next to an impossibility for
a woman to have an act of
Congress passed -

Very respectfully yours
Eillian Barker -

Mrs. L. O. B.
Baltimore Md.

May 17, 1898.

Genl O. B. Howard,

My dear Genl:

I am very sorry to
trouble you again, but as I am
so alone, I must appeal to my
husband's friends for assistance.
The letters you so kindly wrote
me years ago regarding my
husband's services in the late

rebellion, have been either
worn out or lost in my search
for employment - I was nearly
a year and a half after
you wrote the letter, before
I was given a place - and
then not until it cost me
money - I really bought and
paid for my position -

I am thrown entirely with
people who were on the
Confederate side - and
everything possible to make
it disagreeable and hard for

me, has been done, ever since
I was brought to this office -
My duties are exceedingly menial
and the treatment I receive
most unfair and humiliating.

I have myself and my aged
mother to care for, my expenses
here among strangers are necessarily
heavy - and I must leave no
effort untried to be transferred
to Washington - to some other
department - where the hours
are not so long, and I can have
more leave of absence - only
fifteen days are granted in the P.O.D.

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Lake City Fla
May 17th 1898

Genl O. O. Howard
Tampa Fla.

Dear Sir

I see from the papers you are in Tampa. I remember our first meeting upon the plank Road near Fayetteville N. C. in 1865. Met you and Genl Sherman near the tall House, I was the bearer of secret dispatch from Genl. Schofield and Terry from Wilmington N. C. We all rode into Fayetteville. Head quarters at Fayetteville Hotel, Genl Sherman had me to return to Wilmington with dispatch for Genl Terry, and you all marched on to Goldsboro N. C.

From C. J. Johnson and
Company, Secy.
Care. City of Wash.
May 17th 1858

Dear Sir
The papers you are in charge of -
concerning our first meeting upon
the subject of a new paper
at the 1855. Met you and only
Johnson near the the house,
was the owner of a great quantity
from your collection and
sent from Washington to N. C. W.
all made into paper. And
agreed at paper to be made, and
Johnson had me to return to
Washington with dispatch for
him to send, and you are much
as to be satisfied. N. C.

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I am an applicant for Postmaster
at Lake City, Columbia Florida,
and would be pleased to have
an endorsement from you if
not inconsistent, I have the
endorsement of Senator Hawley
of Connecticut, and I know if
I could procure your endorsement
it would be have weight
with the P.O. Department. God
has been merciful both to you,
and myself in sparing our lives
so long, and I pray He may
so guide, and direct us in the
future, as in the past Gens. Sherman
Terry, Logan, Slocum and Blair
have all fought the last battle
upon earth, It is hoped they have
been as successful above.

Respectfully
W. F. McFarland.

I am an applicant for admission
at Law City College
and would be pleased to have
an opportunity from you if
not inconsistent. I have the
recommendation of the other
of the committee and I think
I could prove your confidence
it would be true enough
with the Department. I
have been successful both to day
and yesterday in opening our line
to law and I pray the way
to justice and truth in the
future as in the past. I think
(I am) I am the one and I
have all faith that I will
upon that. It is hoped they have
been as successful above
Respectfully
Wm. H. H. H.

in extending condolence.

COLD BLOODED MURDER.

Negro Troops on the Rampage in the Town of Lakeland.

Negro soldiers belonging to a United States Cavalry Company committed a cold blooded murder at Lakeland on Monday night. Five or six of the negroes walked into a barbershop and demanded to be shaved, whereupon they were informed that people of their color were not shaved in that shop. They then repaired to the street and opened fire upon the shop with their pistols, killing a Mr. Collins, a highly respected citizen of Polk county, who was waiting to get shaved.

The affair created a storm of indignation in the community, and it is a miracle that no more trouble ensued. The reporter learned that the negroes had been arrested and the company ordered to move to another camping place.

If this thing keeps up much longer the negro troops will be given an opportunity to do some real fighting. Floridians will not put up with such action and a repetition of recent rodyism on the part of the negro troops will result in a goodly portion of them finding graves in Florida sand.

MELROSE.

THE WEEKLY SUN

OUR NEW POSTMASTER.

The appointment of Judge James Bell as postmaster of this city gives universal satisfaction. Judge Bell has been a citizen of Florida and of Gainesville for many years, and has numerous friends in all parts of the state. He justly enjoys the reputation of being an upright, honorable gentleman, and no one will dispute his competency to discharge the duties of the office to which he has been called. The Judge, since his appointment was confirmed, has received the hearty congratulations of hundreds of his republican and democratic friends. If it was the aim of the president to appoint a postmaster who would be entirely acceptable to the citizens of Gainesville, he made no mistake in the man. That the business of the post office will be conducted in a manner reflecting credit upon Judge Bell, and to the satisfaction of the people of this vicinity, we have not the slightest doubt. We have but one objection to Judge Bell. We do not agree with him politically. We would gladly reform him, politically, if he would listen to democratic logic, but we confess that there is little hope for his redemption. He went wrong in politics when he was young, and seems as impregnable to change as the Rock of Gibraltar.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28,

SYRUP OF FIGS



ONE ENJOYS

Both the method and results when Syrup of Figs is taken; it is pleasant and refreshing to the taste, and acts gently yet promptly on the Kidneys, Liver and Bowels, cleanses the system effectually, dispels colds, head-

the office of the democratic primary to the action of the democratic primary election. I promise, if nominated and elected, to faithfully discharge the duties of the office, and respectfully solicit the support of my fellow democrats in Old Alachua. Yours appreciatively.

W. D. DICKINSON

For County Treasurer.

I take this method of announcing myself for re-election to the office of county treasurer, subject to the action of the democratic primary election. I promise to fulfill the duties of the office in the future as faithfully as I have done in the past. Fully appreciating the support of my constituents.

Very respectfully,

R. B. PEELER,
County Treasurer.

For Prosecuting Attorney.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Prosecuting Attorney and respectfully solicit the support of the voters of Alachua county at the Democratic primary election to be held for the nomination of candidates for county officers.

Respectfully,

JOSEPH M. RIVERS.

For Member School Board.

The many friends of Rev. George Leitner announce him as a candidate for member of school board.

The public is hereby informed that Hon. Wm. H. Robertson has consented to allow his name to be used as a candidate for member of the school board.

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W. D. DICKINSON
For County Treasurer.



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Gainesville Fla May 18th 1898

Genl. O. O. Howard

Tampa Fla

My dear Genl

You can see by the enclosed paper clipping that "our man & Brother", has not been improved by Army discipline; A party from our town said this shooting was one of the most brutal-unprovoked attacks he had ever seen, Such acts makes the enlistment of colored troops ^{not only} very unpopular, but quite impossible, I wish you could find out the full particulars from the officers, and see what was the provocation if any -

You know I wanted to raise a Col Regt, but the colored people believe that such stories are either entirely false or that the accused was justified, in doing what they did. in "self defence". An excellent defence for whites but it don't go for colored

Very respectfully
Jas Bell

and
C.D. J.

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seeing you in Chicago
sometime soon.

With kindest regards.
I remain

Sincerely Yours
Mary Logan Benson.

378 W. Monroe Street
May 18. 1898.

My dear Gen. Howard.

Can you arrange
to give the young ladies
of the Matheon Club of
this city, one morning
of your time sometime
during the next winter?

We are very anxious to
have some distinguish-
ed soldier ^{talk to us} and we

We do not know just how much
money we will have but are sure
of twenty-five dollars at least, and
perhaps more. Please let me hear
from you, as we have a meeting
of our committee in two weeks, and
I would like to have your reply
by then. I hope you are well. And
that we may have the pleasure of

would rather have you
than any one else. I
am a member of the
program committee
and promised to
write you. It would
need to be the first
^{morning} Saturday in the month,
but other than that we
could suit our time to
your convenience, and
other engagements.

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To

Mrs. O. O. Howard

Burlington Vt.

Please cause all mail matter
sent here Tampa Bay hotel
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O. O. Howard 1Pm

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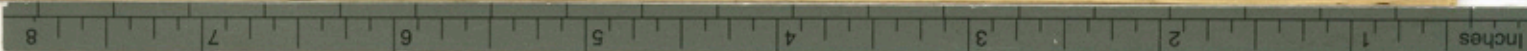
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Burlington, Vt.

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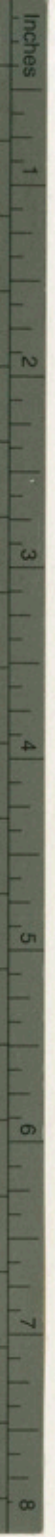
J. H. PARSONS

General Agent, S. E. Missouri, of ST. JOSEPH, MO.

Agency at POPLAR BLUFF, MISSOURI, May 18 1898

Gen. Howard,

Dear Brother - Since writing yesterday
I have referred to a pkg of old papers - some
referring to the U.S. C. C. work - and am glad
I find among them a copy of the S. S. Times
of Feb. 24-1866 - containing an account of the
"Grand Final Gathering
of the
U. S. Christian Commission
Held in the
Hall of the House of Representatives
Feb 10/1866, Washington D.C." Copy of the
leading paper of the
gathering.
and the "Grand Anniversary Meeting
Jan 1866" Feb 11th 1866 (Sabbath evening)
The account is about 15 columns - over 2 pages.
In it I find copy of letter from yourself to
H. Stuart Esq Chairman of the Commission - and
read by him. I enclose it,
I also enclose a few items of my own connection
with the U.S. C. C. work & also the blessed S. S.
work since. Please return the clips - for reasons
I need on them. Yours sincerely, J. H. Parsons



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D. B. OTT,
W. B. BOYD.

Rockville, Ind., MAY 18 1898 189

Gen. O. O. Howard.

Burlington. Vt.

My dear Sir-

We are planning for our celebration of July 4th and the Committee instructed me to write to you, to learn if we could secure your services as a speaker on that occasion, and on what terms you would be willing to come.

I understand you are to give an address at Nashville during the Inter National C. E. convention, July 6-12. Why couldn't you come this way and speak for us July 4. We are only 12 to 15 hours from Nashville.

We would appreciate your reply by return mail, as to your terms &c.

Yours Sincerely,

Frank Boyd.

At Tampa Bay Hotel
May 18th 1898.

Gen. O. O. Howard.
Tampa Bay Hotel.

Sir: We beg to tender
you an invitation
to an informal lun-
cheon to be given to
Governor Blochauer
and staff at the Tampa
Bay Hotel at one
o'clock this afternoon.

Trusting you will
honor us with your
presence on this
occasion, I am,

Very respectfully,
Franklin Q. Brown.

Rev. O. O. Johnson, D.D.
 New York City, N.Y.
 May 12, 1872.

Sir: We beg to thank
 you for the interesting
 paper on the subject of
 the origin of the
 word "staff" at the
 end of the paper.
 I have read this afternoon
 and find it very interesting
 and useful. I am
 very respectfully,
 Dear Sir,
 Yours,
 Franklin D. Brown.