Hoodenness N. H.
April 1st 1901

Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir:

Allow me to introduce myself as a daughter of General Armstrong.

I am engaged in writing a Life of my father and would like to consult you upon some points relative to his connection with the Freedman's Bureau.

I expect to be in New York

April 9th during the afternoon, and a part of April 10th.

Can you give me an appointment either at your house or office for a short time on either of those days?

My home, as you see, is far from New York, and I am coming on mainly in the hope of seeing you.

Yours truly

Edith Armstrong Talbot

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Brandy Station, Culpeper Co. Va.
April 1st, 1901.

Major General O.O. Howard, U.S. Army.
Nassau St. New York City. N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

Some time ago, (December 11th, 1900) to write you in regards to your personal knowledge of me and my service as a soldier or employe in the army corps, you commanded near Manassas, Va., during the civil war. your reply to the letter refered to with other papers, were refered to the proper Dept., with a view of establishing evidence sufficient to establish my identity. It now appears I have met with a failure, because of the question arising whether I was sworn in the service as a regular soldier or an employe in the quartermasters Dept., and inasmuch as the whole transaction was ordered by your authority, the question seems in my mind one which can be answered only by you, that is, whether my service was that of a soldier or civilian employe. You stated in your reply of my letter of Dec. 11th, last, that if you could see me you might remember my face. I have decided to call on you for conference, but in view of the fact that I am quite an old man now, and have a large family dependent on me for support, money is scarce and hard to get hold of, I am thus forced to ask your further indulgence, when you next contemplate a visit to Washington, will you be kind enough to let me know, I will then, try, and see you for the purpose stated, I ask this special favor because I have not the money it takes to make the trip to New York.

Trusting you will pardon the liberty I have taken in writing you further in this matter.

I am sir,
Very respectfully,

Alford Gillman

GEN. O. O. HOWARD, Managing Director, Burlington, Vt.
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LINCOLN MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY,

58 College Street, Providence, R.I.,

Cumberland Gap, Tenn., April 1, 1901.

Dear General Howard;--

I should have been in N.Y. before this but some ladies in Massachusetts have become interested in the new building and have requested me to come there again and tell them more about the work, hoping to get the Womens' Clubs interested. I dont know what this lead will produce but I am going to follow it. I have also had a very interesting correspondence with a Mr Forman of Franklin N.Y. who has agreed to do something for the work and he will soon, in a week or two, send a check to you. I requested him to make the check payable to you. He has written a neice of his who lives in N.Y. and who, he says is able to do more than he can, to call on me at the N.Y. office. He did not give me her nameand as I may be delayed in getting there, I hope you may see her or that in case you do not that you will leave word with those at the office to tell her what they can to interest her in the work. I dont know when I have received such an interesting letter as the one from this man. He has made many suggestions to me that I feel will help me much when I strike New York. I have also got hold of a N.J. Methodist minister who is very interesting, who will take my slides and do something for us in that line. I have had him in mind for some time. I am steadily getting pledges for the dormitory, carrying on the work at the Gap by correspondence and by the way, it looks as though they would get together on the basis I have outlined to Dr. Morison, and I am seed sowing. My work will begin to bring in money soon. I am in need of moneyfor my personal expenses. I am doing all I can to save and to gather.

I enclose you a page from Mr. Spencer's last letter which shows that things are getting into shape at the Gap. I dont think that Mr. Myers will be able to get any more boys away from Grant-Lee.

Yours Fraternally,

John Hale Larry.

P.S. I have had no funds whatever from Mr. Eager. If you can spare me some, it will aid the work as well as my needs. J.H.L.

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Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,
New York City.

Cumberland Gap, Tenn., Apr. 2 1907.

Dear Gen. Howard:- We have failed in our attempt to effect a union of the "Gap" schools.
While we have met the the trustees of the "New School" and had pleasant conferences with them, we have just discovered, that although they seem to be anxious to effect a union, there are are obstacles in the way that hinder.
We have just learned that many of the students who left our school, decline to return at present, also that their teachers object to the plan.
We have every reason to believe that if positions were offered them for next year, they would be declined, so we think it would be unwise to make them any further propositions. But at our annual meeting strive to make such changes as will harmonize the work here.
Our departments are all open again, with about the usual attendance, excepting those who are in the "New School" Several of the young men have gone home to assist in the work on the farm.
Mr. Rector & Mr. Spencer are getting along nicely with the work. Sincerely Yours

Chas. F. Eager Sec'y.

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58 College St. Prov. R.I.

~~Cumberland Gap, Tenn.,~~ April 2 1901

Dear General:- Miss Eller's letter came just as I was taking train for Boston. I had just written you a letter telling you of the Women's Clubs. If we can once get them at work they will handle the Girls Dormitory. But will they start? I thought it worth a trial. I see some rays of hope through the clouds that have gathered. Letters from the Gap read much better. I have had a copy of the Charter sent me and that makes me feel that there need be no failure if leading heads keep level. As you are in New York I will get to you just as soon as I see then Boston parties. I called on Mr. S. R. Shapleigh the one to whom I wished you to write and I think he will do something. Our plans are thoroughly settled and accepted

by our Southern friends and we can get means. Now I hope to see you the last of this week, though whether it will be in my way to the Gap or not remains to be seen. My plans have had to be changed by Mr. Fairchild's not connecting. I am just beginning to see that I must work alone. I guess it is just as well and will be better when I can get under way.

Mr. Forman's letter suggests the study of N.Y. as a good field. I will talk this over when I see you.

I wish I knew of a N.Y. church that wanted a supply this summer and I could work during the week in L.M.U. turning in what salary I would get towards the work. I must go now. Excuse the haste.

Yours fraternally

John Hale Lacy.

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Arthur Bardwell Patten, Secretary
South Hadley, Massachusetts

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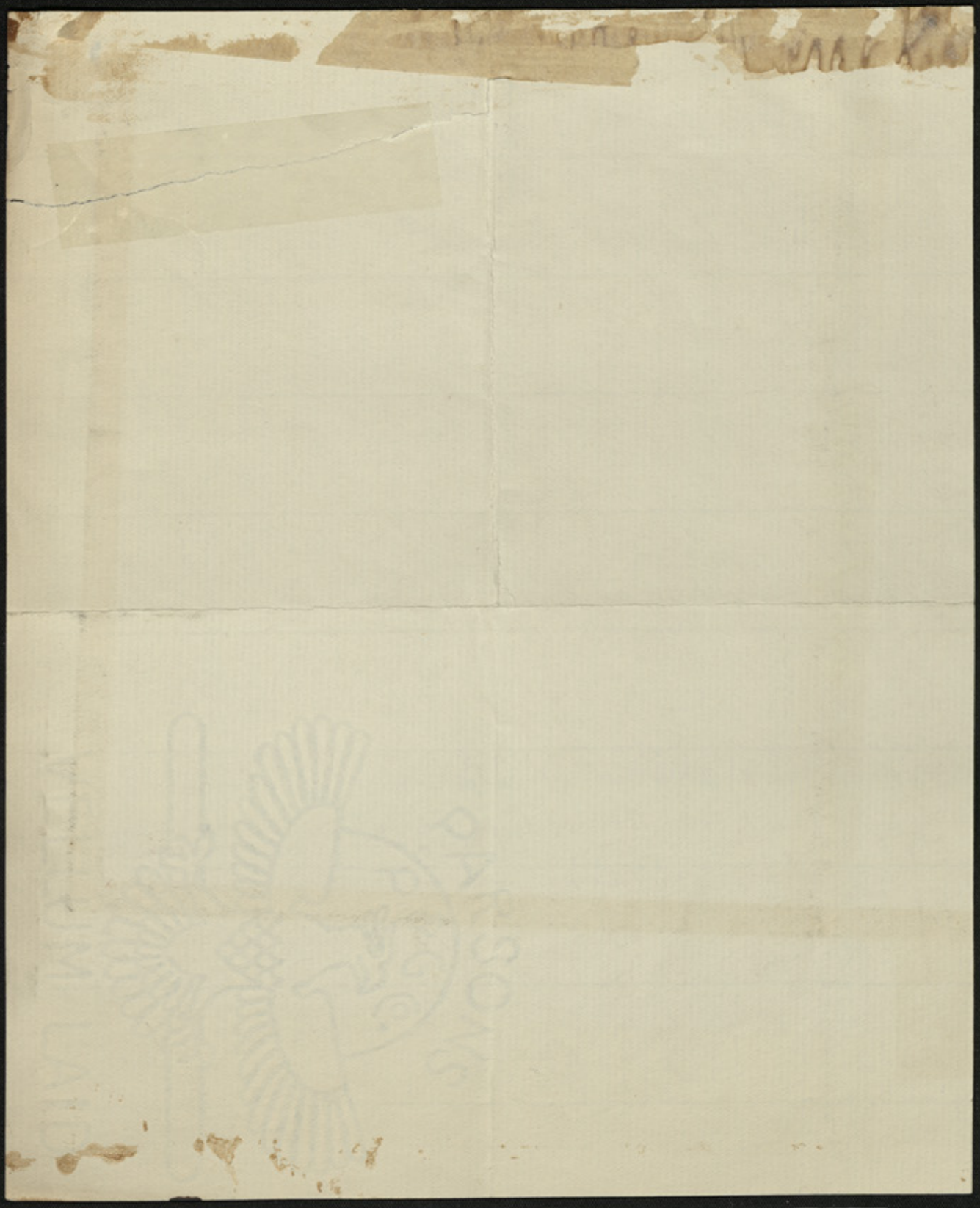
Maj.-Gen. O. O. Howard —
N. Y. City —

My dear Gen. Howard —

I remember hearing you tell an incident connected with Gen. Sickles and Pres. Lincoln. As it comes back to me — Gen. Sickles was taken to Washington from Gettysburg wounded. Pres. Lincoln went to the Hospital to see him, and as Sickles spoke doubtfully of the issue, Lincoln said he had been in prayer and had received a token from the Almighty.

Am I presuming too much to ask you to give me Lincoln's words? I wish to use the reference in a Sermon before the G.A.R. Post here on May 26. I also speak to 500 Mt. Holyoke College women, and I wish to be accurate. Will you please excuse this intrusion and pass my question by, if your time is too limited?

Very sincerely. A. B. Patten.



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April 3, 1901.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Burlington, Vermont.

Dear Brother:

Seven of the proposed deputation to present the petition for the protection of native races have accepted unconditionally, and two more conditionally. Only two have declined, and there are four to hear from. I hope we may hear from you favorably within a few days that I may see the Secretary of State and arrange for the reception of the petition by him in behalf of our Government some time in May when we hope it may be convenient for at least a majority if not all of those on the deputation to be in Washington, and hold a great meeting on the day prior to the presentation, probably on May 12, although a week later might be substituted if found more convenient to the members of the deputation. We shall have by that time a petition large enough to festoon a great church about with this humane appeal to Christendom.

I had a long, full conference with Wu Ting Fang to-day, also with Senator Lodge and Congressman Gillett on this subject and the outlook for the triumph of this crusade seems to me to be bright. This accursed traffic must soon follow the slave traffic to the limbo of outlawed crimes against civilization

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Very truly yours,

Wilbur F. Crafts.

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Robert P. Kelly

The Byron Reed Company,
212 SOUTH 14TH STREET.

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Omaha, Neb. April 3, 1901

H. S. Howard,

150 Nassau St.,

New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 1st at hand, enclosing lease to Stoltenberg. Mr. Ellis has written a threatening letter on the matter of possession, but I think we will find some way to get rid of him. Will order the new roof for the Mt. Pleasant house. Will try to get Mr. Burkett to advance the money to pay for it. Mr. Sutton has promised to call in, but has not yet done so, but Mr. Berlin has agreed to secure us Quit Claim Deed to the lot in the name of his sister Mrs. White, for $10.00, and deed has been prepared and sent to California for signature.

Yours truly,
The Byron Reed Co.,

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Yours truly,

The Byron Reed Co.,

THE LAUREL HOUSE
LAKEWOOD, NEW JERSEY

DAVID B. PLUMER, MANAGER
A. J. MURPHY, ASSISTANT MANAGER

April 3rd
[1901]

My General Howard 1901

I feel really honored by your enclosure for this
I am counting of a lecture
There are twice alone, in my
room, Wm & Grace for some
thing to do in the great work
of life. But my friend's infirmity
does cut me off — that is a fact.
I really could not do so — if
the world put an original
thing, we without half way, but
it does not — do that.
I shall send by this mail one
of the enclosures to a rich
woman at the Savoy —
& do not —

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Amos was at all, but a dear
there said. Oh she is a
little prim, but she is kind
hearted and does most
good - My friend said, she
is a woman to be avoided
which means, to my thinking
that she spends more money
and has more of kindness than she has
rooms and gowns - for the
owner of an inoffensive, plain
little body - She may help
you, I wish you could meet
her - a very joyful kind of
she is fond of music and
lived, for all the time with her sister, that
music room above
the

THE LAUREL HOUSE
LAKEWOOD, NEW JERSEY

DAVID B. PLUMER, MANAGER
A. J. MURPHY, ASSISTANT MANAGER

1901

Gorgeous gift from
where they have
so many private dinner
parties. Now I go
and this with a few lines
thankfully saying I have
had the pleasure of sending
you but hoped say at
least that you would kind
ly accept a power for good
in the world — for P.S.
We about ale — and you
with your beautiful, gracious
personality could follow
Mrs. Eberline & the
would do some thing.
Surely you will find

a way to reach her.

I want more Homer
Lounsbury & London my
note: I don't reach facts
readily, or already your
letter and hearing nothing
from you, my imagination
has you, perhaps bettered
as I was in 99 - and I
felt that kind note of
Mrs Murphy's should reach
you. You very helpfully
arrived here and
the change of food, air
and chores effected
open pores, together to form
a force for recovery —
Shall I send

Mr Lounsbury

THE LAUREL HOUSE
LAKEWOOD, NEW JERSEY

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A. J. MURPHY, ASSISTANT MANAGER

From Rheumatism
I think I said he had
helped B. F. W. that
spring so I wrote in ~~1901~~
a joyous letter and added
as I had just found
a chiffonier a beautiful
antique from my
daughter in Europe I
enclosed it hoping it
might benefit him.
An old thing but I
dared do it for auld
lang syne.

Never yours truly

Julia Berry

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ADELPHI COLLEGE
BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN
NEW YORK

Apr. 3, 1901.

Gen. O. O. Howard,
New York:

My dear Gen.

I note that you will be at No. 40 Livingston Street, Brooklyn, on the morning of the 15th at which place I will call for you with a cab at about 8.20 to convey you to the Adelphi.

Yours very sincerely,

W. C. Peckham.

Morrisville, Vermont,
April 3d, 1901.

Gen. O. O. Howard,
Burlington, Vt.
Dear Sir:-

On behalf of our old soldiers and others, I take the liberty of inviting you to be with us on Memorial Day, next to come, and to address us on that occasion.

It is not necessary for me to state the many reasons why this community would be highly gratified over your presence here at any time, especially on Memorial Day.

Trusting that you will accede to the foregoing invitation, I will ask you to kindly favor me with an early reply to this communication.

Respfy Yrs. W. Partridge

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Harmony Grove, Maryland,
April 3, 1901.

Major General Oliver O. Howard,
Burlington, Vermont.

My dear General:-

I have the honor of dedicating to you my poem "Asleep at his Post," a copy of which I present you herewith. Before its publication, I would be pleased to know that the dedication is agreeable to you. Kindly favor me with the desired information over your signature.

The poem will be included in my forthcoming volume "Our Country's Glory and Other Patriot Poems." The poem "Our Country's Glory" is dedicated to Ex-President Harrison. Two weeks before his

death he wrote me cheerfully granting his permission to dedicate it to him.

I am a Presbyterian minister, my pastorates having been in Frederick City, in Kansas City, and in Philadelphia, where I am Honorary Pastor for life.

I have a very pleasant remembrance of meeting you at the Indiana (Pa.) State Normal School June 30, 1897.

Trusting that you will honor me by giving me permission to dedicate my poem to you, I am

With great respect

Very sincerely yours,

Irwin P. McCurdy.