

Pocantico Hills, N.Y.
August 27, 1900.

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From: Lawrence Riggs
Howard

To: Charles H. Howard

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Glencoe Illinois

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Much love to all,

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GEN'L O. O. HOWARD,
U. S. ARMY, RETIRED,
156 COLLEGE STREET,

BURLINGTON, VERMONT. March 7, 1902.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF RAILROADS.

Washington, September 10, 1902

General D. E. Sickles,

Gettysburg, Pa.

My dear General Sickles:

My plan and desire was to meet you at Gettysburg on the interesting ceremony attending the unveiling of the Slocum Monument; but to-day I find myself in no condition to keep the promise made you when last we were together. I am quite disabled from a severe hurt in one of my feet, so that I am unable to stand more than a minute or two at a time. Please express my sincere regrets to the noble Army of the Potomac, and to accept them, especially, for yourself.

On that field you made your mark that will place you prominently before the world as one of the leading figures of the most important battle of the Civil War. As a Northern veteran once remarked to me: "General Sickles can well afford to leave a leg on that field."

I believe that it is now conceded that the advanced position at the Peach Orchard, taken by your corps and under your orders saved that battlefield to the Union cause. It was the sorest and saddest reflection of my life for many years; but, to-day, I can say, with sincerest emotion, that it was and is the best that could have come to us all, North and South; and I hope that the nation, re-united, may always enjoy the honor and glory brought to it by that grand work.

Please offer my kindest salutations to your Governor and your fellow-comrades of the Army of the Potomac.

Always yours sincerely,
(Signed) JAMES LONGSTREET,
Lt.-Gen'l Confederate Army.

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Washington, September 10, 1902

General D. W. Dickinson,

Washington, D. C.

My dear General Dickinson:

My first and desire was to meet you at Washington on the interesting occasion attending the unveiling of the Lincoln Monument; but to-day I find myself in a condition to keep the promise made you when last we were together. I am quite disabled from a severe hurt in one of my feet, so that I am unable to stand more than a minute or two at a time. Please express my sincere regards to the noble lady of the Potomac, and to accept them, especially, for yourself.

How glad I am that you will still place your hands on the work as one of the leading figures of the most important battle of the Civil War. As a Northern veteran once remarked to me: "General Dickinson can well afford to leave a leg on that field."

I believe that it is now conceded that the advanced position at the Beach Orchard, taken by your corps and under your orders saved that battlefield to the Union cause. It was the bold and radiant reflection of your life for duty, duty; but, to-day, I can only, with sincerest emotion, say that it was and is the best that could have come to us all. I hope and believe that the nation, reunited, may again enjoy the peace and unity brought to it by your great work.

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Lt.-Gen'l Confederate Army

9/10/1902

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OFFICE OF THE
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RAILROADS.
Washington, D.C.

To: General D. E. Sickles

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Gettysburg, Pa.

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United States Senate,

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I write this to you personally and privately, and not for publication.

Sincerely yours,

Wm Bullom

Chicago, Illinois

November 1, 1903

Dear General:

General C. F. Howard,

Massachusetts, Chicago.

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Richard D. Webb

2/7/1903

From: Senator S. Moore
Cullom

To: General C. H. Howard

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[Illinois Senator Shelby Moore Cullom]