April 10th, 1897

Redpath's Lyceum Bureau,

120 Tremont Street, Boston

Gentlemen:

Your letter recd. [ ? ] to me that I should be obliged to pay the expence and pay you $100, besides, was considered. It will be a little [more ?] convenient for me to go from New York as a [centre ?], and I have an offer which I regard as far better than yours, so please consider us off your [books ?]

Will you have the kindness to send us the circulars which I enclosed you, if they are not destroyed, and so greatly oblige me. These were the last I had in my possession, and I want at least one copy for retention and renewal.

Very truly yours,

O. O. Howard
Burlington, Vt.
Dec. 26, 1899

Dear Major Grebe:

You will notice that I have verified my letter to you – and also written you a copy in my own hand. I am not an expert, & so will not venture to certify to Logan's signature. As nobody doubts it, why be anxious?

Further, you have official endorsement of notary &c.

Yours truly

(sgd) O.O. Howard

To/

Major M. R. Wm Grebe
Bonner Springs
Kansas
Jan 1/1900

Major M. R. Wm Grebe

Dear Major:

It would be wrong to put anything into a copy that was not there in the original. Again though the signatures appear all right, I am not able to certify to them, but do & have endorsed the sentiments expressed by your Generals. Further, I have written separately what you wish for Germany. While a Duel was against our law, it is not yet against German usage, or was not at the time you acted. Please let me up - and as I have so much work do not worry me. Yours truly further. (sgd) O.O.Howard
Burlington Vermont
January 1st 1900

Dear Major Grebe:

According to my best recollection & belief I do endorse the sentiments expressed by generals Grant, Sherman, Logan & Blair in the letters which I have seen & read. I am sure that Grebe served our country well in times of need & has not dishonored his native land.

Very truly yours

(sgd) Oliver Otis Howard

Major General U.S. Army

To/

Major M. R. W. Grebe

Bonner Springs

Kansas
Jan 8, '00

Major Grebe

Dear Sir:-

Sorry our efforts can't suit you yet.

I return your letter for you to write one a single sheet and on one side only just exactly what you want the General to say; and if it meets with his approval he will write it out on his paper & sent it to you.

Send back his letter, the last one, you do [such?], like with your copy for a new one-

Don't send any other papers.

We will then see if we can't finish this business once & for all to suit you.-

Yours truly

(sgd) H. S. Howard