Cemetery Grounds, Gettysburg
July 2, 1863

To
Gen. Howard
Commanding Corps
U. S. V.

Sir:

The Subscriber, the Sexton of this cemetery most respectfully requests you to accede to his request for the removal of the bones of his property by the authorization of this Cemetery Ground and the destruction of his private property by you doing the following property has either been destroyed or has been used by your
and other troops of the
U.S. C. V. I. Army, to wit:
5000 bales of hay
825.00 worth of hay
25 bushels of potatoes
815.00 worth of swedes greens
and good melon one.
I remain,

Yours, Most Respectfully,

John Möser.

Sexton.
Washington
July 30, 1863

Maj. Gen. Howard

Dear General:

Soon after the battle of Chancellorsville, Maj. Gen. Meade furnished me with a copy of a letter he wrote addressed to Gen. Gibbon, giving himself the subject of a difference of opinion between Gen. Meade and myself growing out of your command of forces command at Chancellorsville. I have received your letter in reply to my note and direction will be given to be furnished with a copy of your note.
I am afraid that a purely
true Commander is required
to much from us; every
must be as a peer
in fortune to me—especially
in my case. Nor is it that
one to have another
Commander, but when
or where I come with
the slightest idea I
presume that I shall
know on the day
May. Hope that you
are well.

My Sister
Joseph
May 18.
Gettysburg, Pa.

July 5, 1863

Dear Sir,

We are still another terrible conflict of 3 days. The enemy has been whipped & is gone. We are now in a complete victory. May 1, immortalize the Children of the Nation. This is the writing of one Father in honor of his country.

Otos
Head Quarters 14th Corps

Head Quarters Fifty second from

Hannibal, Pa.

9.40 a.m. July 6th 1863

Dear Mr.

We commenced a movement

luck right toward the enemy

but have been halted here.

Poor Henry is very sadly wounded.

He has lost his arm & I fear will

lose his life. Rowland says he

is very weak & cries considerably.

I made a reconnoissance today

in person with some 15 or 20

troopers. We saw some men
A cocoa was made by the family led by Schuyler, Scott, and Griffiths. The family was very kindly welcomed by a sudden fine from the woods. The visitor also drew on them of the means. We all love Griffiths very much. He is a fine man, and was a wise in mind. The ball was quite fine. Mr. He is at the 1st. Retiring in gettysburg and is comfortable. I talked with him for strong expressions of his faith in God. I wish him to wish him before.
Head Quarters 11th Corps
July 9, 1863

Dear Sir:

I am quite well but cannot yet write much. I am ill in bed and have not yet slept the night. I

am with the army. We are near the enemy. We have not yet crossed the river. We

must have our men more trained. Hope your success in this great battle. We have preserved

so many times I begin to feel as though we might do so to the end.Give much love

to Miss Atis and to the little

child. Good night darling

Marley

Atis
[Handwritten text difficult to transcribe accurately due to handwriting style and quality]
The 14th came forward and occupied the right of the front line. I was not aware of the town being攻克至 somewhere as it was not a time to be stopped. I felt brave and attack my great forces. The battle was fought on June 1st, full account of the battle was written. The 14th and 15th corps passed 2 days in the town. On Sunday morning we were ordered to occupy the 14th and 15th. Heavy guns near the town. We saw some Rebel Pickets about a mile away when we got within my range. The 1st. were sent to the rear. We found a lot of them by the 5th, when they were still firing. The bullets came from the Pickets, whom we captured. They told us that they were not trained. We continued until there were 3 or 4 men up to find out what.
Hd. qrs. 11th Corps
Boonesboro Gap Md.
July 9, 1863

My dear Major

I received your letter while we were at Gettysburg and feel grateful for it. You know very well how difficult it is to write upon an active Campaign and I have never written so few letters as since we reached Md. and Penna. In fact we never drove business quite so hard before. Day about before yesterday we marched ^ 30 miles. Our Corps is in advance of all Schurtz [sic] Div. went forward beyond Boonesboro last night to support Buford's Cavalry which had been fighting all day - The other two Div. took (west) up position on the sides ^ of the moun-
tain to hold the Gap at all haz-
ards until the other Corps get up
The 1st has come forward and
occupied the right of the road but
has now advanced to the town. Schurtz [sic]
acts now as an advance guard &
is instructed to fall back if attacked
in any great force.

The papers have from you pret-
ty full accounts of the battle of
Gettysburg. The 1st & 11th Corps fought
3 days - The others 2 (Thurs & Friday)
On Sunday morning we were riding
out to reconnoiter with the Gen. &
forty guard - the enemy having left
the town & immediate vicinity - We
saw some Rebel Pickets about a mile
out when we got within ½ mile - The
Gen. waited while the rest rode forward -
We found a lot of stragglers &c
in a house about 20 rods from the
Pickets whom we captured & then
[started?] forward upon the Pickets - I
had cautioned Capt. [Shorra?] to send
3 or 4 men up to find out what
force was there & he did; but the
whole guard went galloping on so
close that it did no good and
suddenly a company of concealed
Rebels opened fire from a woods
upon us - Griffiths was badly woun-
ded through the body near the hip.
This occurrence maddened us
all very much because it seemed
so uncalled for. We left him at
G. Rowland [B. Howard] had been with us,
or near in the hospitals during the
battle & he will probably be with
Griffiths till his wife comes.

We had a very strong position at
[Howard]
C. selected by the Gen. the first
day & occupied by his Reserves.

He would not have gone forward
beyond the town on Weds. had not
Reynolds (who was in command of both Corps)
already commenced the fight & sent back
for help - As it was, both Corps were
out flanked & the Gen. sent orders for
them to withdraw in good order to
the position occupied by his reserve.

He had hoped that Slocum would
come up to assist in the retreat
as he was but two miles away but
he was too willing to demonstrate the
fitness of his name Slow come - In
saying he would not assume the
responsibility of that day's fighting & of
those two corps - His Div. were
finally sent up but too late &
the 11th & 1st Corps suffered most
terribly in their retreat - losing many
prisoners - more than had been previously
taken from the enemy which was considerable.

Barlow was badly wounded & left in town
It seems they did not bind him, however,
& he escaped without parole when
Mrs. B. is now with him tho' she could not get into town for two days.
They left - A I cannot begin to give you
an acct. of the fighting - We never have
had so complete a battle - reinforcing
one and another part of the line when at-
tacked in overwhelming force - We held it
most determinedly - The 11th Corps did better
than ever before - though Barlow's Div. did
not fight very well the first day - The Gen. &
Howard & staff were in the hottest artillery fire I ever saw
and remained in the same place night & day as
long as the Rebels remained except that when
they made an assault upon our front the Gen.' went up
to the front (some 2 or 3 rods) & stood between the guns of
[Dilger's ?] battery while they poured the grape and can-
ister into them - At
that time we were
subjected to a concen-
trated fire from 3
directions and a hun-
dred guns were open-
ed upon us - We
saw there the sub-
limity of the battle - The
enemy's lines gave
way and they went
scattering back as
Humphrey did
at Fredericksburg
(you will remember)
The losses are im-
mense - Maj. Lee
had his arm shot off &
amputated afterwards at
the shoulder - his
survival is doubtful.

The army is in ex-
cellent spirits though
terribly exhausted by
marches & without shoes
& supplies but during
last night we got shoes
by superhuman exertions
from Frederic also three
days rations - after one day's
fast - We will fight

them again tomorrow or perhaps this P. M. Gen Howard seems
to have the fullest confidence of Gen. Meade and has had the
command of two Corps 11th & 5th (a good Corps you know) - The
6th Corps has just marched past to the front - The 6th was less
engaged & suffers less than any other at Gettysburg. Please give
my kindest regards to Mrs. Whittlesey & if [Rodelphus H.] Gilmore
please allow him to read this. Was struck by a piece of shell but
not hurt - only had my clothes torn & made my back tingle a little.

Capt. Hall was considerably hurt by a shell but is on duty.
Would be glad to see you back again especially
I & the Gen.. Truly yrs. C. H. Howard

P. S. The boys were delighted
to hear from you. Walter read
the letter to them - Charlie is a
very good boy & useful - ["Ward" ?]
is worth his weight in gold to
Capt. Stinson & me——

[Note at top of p. 2, in Harry Stinson Howard's hand:]
(To Major E. Whittlesey than in Brunswick, Me.

H.S.H.

[NOTE: Portions underlined in red are in the hand of Oliver Otis Howard.]
To be married in August or Sept.
I can't realize it at all.
I will let you know when I am getting late. I don't know how much you can read this decent love. I can't picture to myself.

Love to yourself. The children.

Evelyn

Dear Aggie,

I was very glad to hear from you again. I wish I could see you which would be for better. And we are getting home and I don't know what I will write. Though I think you are living in a very small place and I am a little boy. I think she will go to Augusta if she can. But she

Best also. Diar. Ju. 8th.

Love to yourself.}

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Love to yourself.
which me - Romland said to
was my much just talked to it.
He thraek to let systica was very
great - his wife had gone on
last. Alprésent of me here, is commended
in the lip. of it coming home
with Romland. I believe,
I shal to my good wicked to
me. Day come up t make us
a visit. I shal be going to
Commencement in about 2
fortnight. I expectly (up Romland
returns in leaving) to beeing on the
week before. Though the Bough
proposed, it very next certain
mother is knowing our time was
but Drie must make no difference
about it. Day is coming. I shal be
glad to see him now, a others
we pursue from Commencement
just for it would convenient for
you - if you come to Luck to
make you came up her? I should
be so glad to have you. I do
want to see what it do arrange.
Litty says Bous was splendid.
Drie told a good secret that
learned a great deal since
his father went away by
I love a new girl - a little
one. Why is there. I have all at
that - but I like her very much.
She is very neat; quiet, I underst
and I get along nicely with
her. Felic mill me that
brother Gilmore is come - but
says nothing more about it.
She is at home now. Because
needed me to say to you that
she would be very happy to have
you come to the house at Commen
time, without any
ceremony. I the idea shall be taken
care of whereas you can leave it
She is very much engaged and
with Lizzie's matters, also expla...
July 14

Emmett, Pennsylvania. 

The enemy has got away from us again.

Your track having kept a strongly fortified position.

We do not know yet whether they have crossed the river or not. 

Emmett very hard hit, heavy casualties.

Columbia & I am pretty well.

Spent much time riding & writing.

Senator Wilson of Pennsylvania passed through in the morning.

Where we get the rebels I have no idea.

Everybody will be able to move.

N.Y.


I don't hear from Denver long.
Pitts July 17, 1863

dear sister Lippie, I am to go on my way here to-morrow I must go via Augusta. I have not seen Mr. Chiles since a week ago last Sabbath. You have doubtless heard from them a no. of times since.

Gen. Mcc Lifts has great confidence in Mr. Chiles & the office stands better with the army today. So other to say - I left Perry with his wife last Monday. He was hardly out of danger.

I attended Capt. Griffith's funeral on Wednesday. I could speak with confidence of his Christian character & life. He died triumphant. Mary is no better and is now at Seers W.P. a watering place. She buried like this week. Tuesday - I could get no trace of Capt. Reeser's body.

Abby sends her love. Mrs. Reeser sends her love and says she will
Dear [Name],

I am happy to hear you came here Commencement time & bring this boy. - Lizzie Patten sends her love too. - Ella has a nose full of camphor. I hear = Abby says "Tell Jamie not to forget me." Give Guy much love from Uncle Revland and George + Janie. 

Tell Guy I want to see him. Write him about the battle + his father. In great haste.

Your off. Brother

[Signature]
Dear Brother,

I have just received your letter of the 14th instant. I hope all is well with you and that you are keeping up your health. I continue to work as usual, and all is well here. The weather is very pleasant.

Best wishes,

D. B.
of long marches. The roads in
A. York are beautiful, but can
not always be traveled. And uncondi-
tional love for nature is in it.
Place names will naturally bring
upon us. I was AX made happy
by a letter from you with the
short phrase & sun & smile of an
shining little boy. Janine
I read a short account of the
serenade of Blaire's speech
in the form and also will mention
Shy of the valley
May God bless you
as you requested. At Buffalo all,
My kindest regards,
your friend much & Williams often. Remember
that my sister of praise, much & Williams often. Remember
A. committal with all
the kindest wishes of
Williams. Harry L. is well.
Oxon July 20, 1865

Dear General,

Thank God for what you have done & are doing for you know not the humane race! I have all along, reproved ye in your triumph, now that you communicate General Scott's ability, by ye noble position in the matter of the pen. Duard of Lee, are known to be capable of the country, every loyal & honest man in allmen is my associate
In admiring hearing you,

Excuse me General, but my heart would not permit me but to hold these words, I urge me to tell you how truly I am yours always.

J. Washburn

Capt. O. O. Howard
July 22d
Mount Airy, Va.

Dearest,

We heavens get back into Virginia again as you see. Anna brought me a letter, it is because she does not write. More is now a high mountain and a deep river between the two mountain armies. I send you Anna Berlin a letter containing two hundred dollars. I hear little Jamie's picture is passed with the rest. How kindly you can stand exercised. The

He looks as youthful as ever. He says he has a good brigade now. He has one or two new regiments. We exchanged his Division. He does not have any fancy for German troops, is almost unused to them. Ann Barlow still keeps doing well, so is Henry by last account. Is it Randolph going so well? How is the darling lady. He is such a little stranger. How could I know him in his present home. When you I the little household.

Lovingly,

[Signature]

1863
Wrote in this land of the
country our excursions strong
enough for both illness of the
old style living in vicinity and as
posed to be observed and this
suitable. In time of peace this
valley of Kentucky would be a
beautiful place to
visit. There is a beautiful
young lad here at this moment
and daughters. A native of
Kansas but a strong little rebel.
I should wonder if she con
vected of March 1st.

3. Mr. and Mrs. Under
much since we came.

Thanks to friendly treatment &
a good hand. The soldiers are
much inclined to visitate
the homes of everybody upon
the people here. How is Ed
returning. He must have a vic
eration now. Does mamma occ
my turn there. I write
Blaine are
drafted. Well stay out family
or infantry? I hope everybody
will stay long and save all. May
be. When I am quite well
now, are we getting a nice rest.
Many times the same. Mr. Amy
was in to see me last evening.
General.

I am not satisfied with the manner in which my Quartermaster conducts his Department. He has at times displayed great energy, particularly on the march. His attention towards me has been unceasing. But he ignores details to a great extent, and from lack of personal supervision troubles are continually arising. For example, yesterday he ordered to send out a train for baggage to the vicinity of Culpeper. I gave him the permission, but instructed him in no case to send a train without a guard. The guard was sent out and reported, but the train had already gone. Yet this was away, and no officer, clerk, or agent of his Department could direct the guard, so that it could follow the train, until it was too late. The train of eight or nine wagons was captured, but the wagons were recovered by Lieut. Buck. The mules and horses have gone to the enemy. All this arose from neglect on his part to see that the train did not start till the guard had arrived.

I would not inquire at Lebon, but I do not feel safe as far...
as concerns my transportation, with him at the head of the
Quartermaster's Department of this corps. I therefore ask that
he be assigned to duty elsewhere.

I would recommend, in case this application should
be granted, that Capt. H.B. Day be allowed to temporarily
perform the duties of Chief Quartermaster of the corps.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient,
O.O. Howard.

Major, Genl. Comdg.

Brig. Genl. Rufus Ingalls,
Chief Quartermaster,

Army of the Potomac.
Papa would like to leave heart with me. Did he speak up boldly it is a
manly style. I suppose his check
burnt some. If he is to go to buy
substitution? I have not had any
letters from the children lately.
Perhaps it is because I have
written any. Well, you must
tell them before they get too tired to
write. Today by much writing,
help I have answered a good
many letters, and in my own hand
written a letter to poor Mrs
Crumpetts. Many kisses, prayers
for yourself and the children.
Your loving husband, E.
around in the vicinity of
Richmond once more. An
attack was made upon them
as Manasseh Rife & of Chester
some prisoners taken. I was
sent to Battle a large
number of sheep from
shorn. Whether we shall
get on or not from this
point is a question. The
enemy has forlorn our
wheat field. Yet as things go
it will not affect much for
now we must end the war. I
shall have to photograph the
baby myself in his cradle. My
Jamie frecuency in rocking the
cradle. I am glad they all have
so nice a tent. What fellee
did they speak at the exhibition?

The baby. Although this be so, she
didn't get my picture case full.
I have lost Uncle's picture
in the baby's place. I should
take a photograph that did you
justice. The room is too lofty
and the floor too warm for
this hot weather. So I went
one bonnet, without the first
good like your own self. I
shall have to photograph the
baby myself in his cradle. Boy,
Jamie frecuency in rocking the
cradle. I am glad they all have
so nice a tent. What fellee
did they speak at the exhibition?
Headquarters Eleventh Corps,
Army of the Potomac.

Warrenton Junction, July 23, 1863.

General,

Allow me to introduce Maj. General Schenck. In case the proposition of General Meade, which was telegraphed to-day respecting the Eleventh Corps should be acted upon as desired, General Schenck would be left with our independent Division. In furtherance of this view, which he will present in person, I wish to say that the General has been prompt and energetic and able during the operations in which I have been associated with him. Shall you see fit to occupy the Shenandoah valley with a small force, 2000
to cooperate with the army's present occupation by the rebels, I believe I do not flatter him when I say that General Schurz will not fail to give complete satisfaction.

As to the changes proposed among the divisions of this corps into the 11th and 12th respectively the share my approval as also that of the division commanders concerned. We feel sensitive under false accusations but considering the existing prejudices in this army against the 11th Corps and the great difficulty of overcoming them we regard it better for the service to make these changes proposed.

The different corps are now so small that a consolidation is advisable. General Stimroth desires to go with me to the 11th Corps. General Gordon with his division to the 12th. Personally, it will be gratifying to me to return to the Second Corps, but I do not feel dissatisfied with the Eleventh during the present campaign and hope the changes referred to will not be regarded as a reflection upon the officers and soldiers of this command who have worked so hard and done so much to carry out every order.
July 29th, 1863.

Maj. Gen. A. C. Howard,

General,

Do the correspondence of

the New York Times, Col. Grimes, in a letter
to their paper of date of 28th July last, contain the
following statement?

"And before the close of the battle one
shattered battery in the Confederate
clearly lay upon the ground, a tale of blood,
shrieking dollar damage to be presented for
payment by the President of the Evergreen Cemetery,
which is referred to in the above quotation, and at the
request of the Board of Directors, it is made my
duty to call your attention to this injustice"
charge. You may perhaps remember, Colonel,
your friendly call upon you on Saturday the 1st
of July inst. at your request. Upon the same
day I made a friendly congratulatory visit to
Gen. Carl Schurz and Gen. Sherman in the midst of the cemetery
grounds. Upon and they will bear testimony
that not the most distant allusion was made
by one to the injury to the cemetery, that the
I acted as if wholly unconscious of them—
regarding them as nothing, as compared with
the glorious achievements of our Army and the
blood with which our brave soldiers con-
tribute it, and the grand consequences of
the victory they there achieved.

At once, upon seeing this damaging ac-
ception, I called our Board of Directors togethe

and they all stated that the action was
utterly without foundation, and that no demand
of any kind had been made, nor any complaint.
Will you be kind enough to state in reply
whether any demand for damages was made
by any one professing to speak on behalf of
Evergreen Cemetery, and if not, then to regulate
it, and thus vindicate us from what in our
judgment is only left infamous than the lack
of publication of so offensive a slander.

Most respectfully,

Your obedient Servant,

D. W. Conant
President of
Evergreen Cemetery.
Mr. Hon. H.W. Coyle
Near Washington June
July 31, 1863

I must, I have written you a number of letters by dictation. I believe with myself, it requires too many circumstances except to you and I feel you think I do not write often enough. I saw last Sunday Capt. Platt whom you knew at West Point. My brother yesterday and my aunt. He writes to Mrs. Platt every day. I felt quite rebuked. Miss C. Platt’s letter came this morning. She has not written before yesterday. It seems he is enjoying his vacation much. I hope much will come of it. Well, I am a little afraid my family is going to be away as he left his cow at me once in a while. Whether he will be kind to little boys or not remains to be tested. I wished today for the first time a reference to the death of our General, my father. I cannot say anything about this news to the