Belfast, March 1st, 1864.

Maj. Gen. Howard:

I am about to write a letter which may seem absurd and quixotic, but it has the old apology of good intention. I desire a position as Private Sec'y to some Maj. Gen. Commanding, in particular, to you. I ask no compensation beyond my most necessary expenses. To such a situation, I can bring the medicine of education in one of our best New England colleges, sufficient literary...
skill to have won a prize for an essay on an historical theme, correct habits, and a knowledge of the usages of good society. (I should like opportunity to write out the annals of a campaign.)

I am at present in the Law Office of the Hon. A. Abbott of this city—but it seems rather shabby at such a time to be pursuing a selfish course of ease and profit, and it would gratify me to contribute a little to the aid of the country, if not directly, at least by serving those who are giving so largely.

I am too well aware of my inability to command in the field to accept any one of the commissions that have been within my control.

I have written to you as the representative man of our state in the army, and I have written with entire frankness, well knowing that you would treat the communication as strictly confidential.

I can adduce recommendations from any person in this vicinity whom you may be pleased to designate.

With much respect,

A old friend

Albert B. Ems
Belfast, Maine
March 2, 1864

Dear Mr. [Name],

The United States Navy has about 15 minutes before this message will reach you. I must reserve this message for you just enough to let you know that we are both well. When I last wrote on May 24, I was in the mountains (mountain) yesterday. A pleasant day, known as Monday. Mr. Davis was in the afternoon and Mr. Johnson from Georgia joined us. Mr. Davis completed the party. Mrs. Davis and Revere completed the party. Mrs. Davis's only son has grown up and is about 15. He is a fine young man. His name is [Name]. We went to the mountains and on the pinnacle for the ambulance to take us home. If any photographs are taken from there, Mr. Davis will send

Your very humble servant,

[Name]
I awakened too early, having slept late. The morning sun shone bright, casting a warm glow across the room. I sat up, rubbing my eyes, and looked out the window. The birds were chirping, and the leaves rustled in the gentle breeze. I felt a sense of peace, knowing that I had the day to myself.

I decided to go for a walk and explore the nearby park. The air was fresh and invigorating, and the sights and sounds of nature filled me with a sense of wonder. I walked along the paths, stopping to pick wildflowers and listen to the babbling brook.

As I walked, I thought about life and its many wonders. I considered the beauty of the natural world and the importance of preserving it for future generations. I also thought about the challenges we face and the need for resilience and adaptability.

I returned home refreshed and renewed, feeling a sense of purpose and hope. I knew that I had much to do, but I also felt a sense of calm and contentment. The day was still young, and I was ready to take on whatever challenges lay ahead.
Richmond, March 5th, 1865

My dear daughter,

Yours of 22 ust. came safely to hand, in due time, and now indeed was very satisfactory to me in every particular and indeed my journey through with Oli was very pleasant. We arrived in Boston about Eight O’clock the day after leaving Maine, I well remember when I left. I stepped into the car at Leeds I found Ella, David and the lower gardener Ella in the car, on the way to Bath. My husband went with me to Brunswick, there I posted my letter above mentioned, it is now three weeks since the time I was to have started for home, Martha says I will stay one week more with her. She will not say one word about my going home, although very thought I would E stay six weeks, now will say more of my journey, when we stepped out of the cars in Boston Mr. Hazard and Mrs. Hazard were both standing at the foot of the steps Mrs. Hazard exclaimed Ohi and Mr. Hazard and me, Ohi ask Mrs. Hazard
what he would do with him, he said, take you to the Fremont house and brush you up a little and then to Mr. Tilly, who has invited 35 Gentlemen to meet you and he introduced, he did not require him to speak at all, I went to Mrs. Hazards and had a very pleasant reception, felt very little fatigue from my first days ride in the Car, sat with Mrs. Hazard and wife until nearly Eleven had nicely, laid down for the night when Otto came, and I think we were both of us well cared for, Mrs. Hazard slept with me, at half past eight we in the morning, we found ourselves, at the depot where we leave for the West accompanied by Mr. Hazard and who did all in his power for our convenience, we said good bye to him and were soon on our way to Albany, that day was very pleasantly spent in Ohio Company, in other respects nearly like many others nothing worthy of note, the sun was an hour high on more when we approached Albany, as we passed Kinderhook and view'd the surrounding the Car were going slow and all the way to Albany, it was very interesting to me for many reasons, my mind was readily.
Came back to my husband's admiration of all those scenes in his youth, and now at my advanced age my mind was taking in bad the same pleasure from those same views, and all the changes which have been made since, it was nearly sunset when we struck the shore on the other side of the river, and we were actually in Albany a few steps brought us to the hotel where we had a supper, and left that city for the next a 6 o'clock P.M. that might last about as you would expect 8 or slept some, & think after midnight the most of me, 8 slept some we arrived at Lycius at 3 o'clock, where we had a hour to rest and write, or soon to get in a train loaded with a regiment of soldiers, we decided to stop until 6 o'clock, there we had a good meal, and rested until we were called to breakfast, and soon we were away to Buffalo where we arrived 11 o'clock Sabbath morning by the way at Albany Ohi could not obtain any sleeping camp, so he was near me all night, it being Saturday night was the reason given, but it did not chime in the least as Buffalo we must lay over.
until Monday, as there was no train for
the west, until seven o'clock on Monday.

I felt very little fatigue and prepared
for church, an M. L. Service of the Presbytery.
It was a public funeral service of an officer
brought home from the war; a Free Mason C
should judge from the appearance, from the
morning, the Episcopal service it was all interesting
but the singing was beautiful. After that jested
at the Hotel, but I went to a prayer meeting.

I wrote to my husband, and received a letter
were called according to arrangements
at six in the morning, and made every
necessary arrangement for taking our departure
for the west at seven o'clock in the morning.

the lake shore route was open, the cars were
very much crowded but we continued to
enjoy ourselves pretty well, some of the pass-
angers were with us all the way from Albany
some of the soldiers were rude, drank whisky and
horsed each other, but that soon wore
off, I had some beautiful views of Lake
Erie, the weather was

it was a pleasant day, and we arrived in

Newark just in time to hurry into the camp.
...and said he was well, the Battle comes for Columbus, where the few-some very congenial friends to stop with. At noon brothers of Columbus. Toate, at sunset we stopped at a place for refreshments, rather a coarse place, when we entered the same one sang out General Howard, and then at the table several men recognized him, and he found nearly the whole of the regiment were there, which had been in his command when he was in...
the weather had Changed, heavy wind after attended with snow and rain, it grew colder all the way, about nine, in the morning, we started from the car at Richmond we look for a welcome reception, but no one was there not even Charles, he left and with the Thermometer below Zero trodged along through the streets and accompanied the way, and found while Hemisphere House, Martha was filled with condolence, we were near cold, it never occurred to her we should come that way, they expected us to arrive in the Rolls from Philadelphia so we took her by surprise Charles was gone to Chicago, Sunny at his mill, she wrote, was at the house and Carrie was at school, little Anna, was delighted to see us, I had written Martha the day we should leave home and they did not dream of any other route but New York City, and Philadelphia. His stay two days, it was better than cold, the thermometer below Zero he seemed to enjoy his visit and could not help thinking he bade his journey and some regret toward usual in leaving civilized life, he had some
Came here and rested somewhat, started back from Chicago, the following morning accompanied by Leslie, Hattie, and Eunice. Miss Young, Lady of the House, of nearly twentieth she had been in Chicago since last October. She is fine looking but not handsome, her father, Harriet the plays well on the piano and sings fairly well, she is always pleasant and happy. is a member of the Episcopal Church, goes to the church every day at half past and seems a good husband. Has prayers in her family. In the morning heard her had some talk on the subject of religion. Martha is a member of the Episcopal Church, finally I do think there has been a great improvement in Henny and Martha's domestic affairs, since I have seen them. Before Henny is a nice girl of thirteen, attends a good school in Richmond. Freddie is in business here and very much confined to her business. Henny obtained a free pass for Charles to go to Chicago and back since I have seen him. Henny and Martha and all the family have showed me every attention necessary to my comfort. Martha has asked for help very good
Mrs. Clingler lives near a few doors from
herself. I have seen her often the week in
since, & have been wishing, says, give my
love to Ohi's wife, she has a little girl two
and a half years old, quite a nice little
girl, you will recollect she is a widow
she is left in comfortable circumstances
she still gives lessons in music. Martha
and all Henri's family send love to
you, Ohii wrote from Louisville and from
Nashville and since his arrival has written
quite a long letter dated 26 February. Said
he had heard from Augusta and all were
in health. Charles left until the 25 of
Feb and arrived at Lookout Valley the
25th. Had a prosperous journey, wrote
me in two hours. After he arrived said
Ohii and Mr. Shiner seem well that
was our latest news from there, none
of Ohii's command had been on the
move yet. I have nearly covered my
second sheet, the mail has arrived and I
hear Henry reading a letter in the other room
the letter I heard them reading was something
I hope Berlin. She mentions a letter from John
Hoggard, she mentions a letter from thee
to her saying you know, and if you doubt
I know he wrote me many times and you have
written you many letters. I am very glad to hear from
Rebecca there is a very wet, I have half no direct Compton
Reads through your I have half no direct Compton
My dear Bay,

I have promised you a letter in two or three of mine written home of late. Now I will make a beginning. I had hardly begun when our dinner bell rang calling uncle Oakland, Uncle Dinon, Uncle F-.

Pomson and myself. Star G-lette has gone on duty up to McMinnville for a day or two. I hope you are very well this Sunday afternoon. It is a beautiful day indeed dear.

The atmosphere is very clear and warm; very much like May and June in Maine. Goodbye, mother! About a trip.
the officers and myself took to the top of Lookout Mountain.

Saturday afternoon uncle Charlie and I (followed by the good Mr. Donald) on "bad" and "Jack" started to ascend the Rainbow mountain that hunches up its bristly back just behind us so that we can never see the sun set. It streams clear green down away down hill, past the 33rd Well, nearly to the hospital bridge, by the hospital tents up the nursery path under limbs of trees, over lopped branches, over logs of stone, up steep inclinations, up into the gap, itself four thirds as high as the top of the mountain, won to the right of a steep steep hill; we made a resting place and found up on "Jack" about every ten steps "Jack" fell away alone, toils by me and takes the lead till he gets tired and then he drops back a little. At last, we go over round stones, felations till "Jack" and I meet the other ways get well on in the mountains. Here we wait for uncle Charles and Mr. Donald to roll up and mount. Oh! What a magnificent picture is before us as we stand facing eastward on the edge of the precipices on the Kennel foot, Chattahoochee, the wide valley, Missionary Ridge and ridge up in...
Heard from Washington today. I have taken
your advice without thinking how much you
would enjoy telling us all. You must not
bother yourself with this or anything else.

I have written to Mr. and Mrs. Sproul.
The photograph has one of the preceding
letters which never reached us. The photograph
was good. I have sent in a little note. I don't
think you would have done to write an additional
photograph when all the effort of color and
sentiment is not done in black and white. You have
your best row in black and white. You are
good to the old way, and I am going to keep
again. Where are any of your children? I am
quite interested in the many photographs you
mentioned, and I hope to hear from you again.

Your kindness in writing was acknowledged in a letter.

Yours regarding Mrs. Bronson's visit I got. May
come any time. I am interested in the idea of
the photograph. They have been in me since you
left, and can be put to use. My little friend,1 my little friend,
was in this room, and we started talking. My Medical
attorney is here. Bronson has been here every day.

Within, as I went to drink, two of your letters
of which I am Knaves. And the other morning up
all night, how can I live to each of my precious
little folks? You were in a ball, out in the
street, with all the children and my parents.
That it was quiet, and in a way that only a little
wife can. I am not with anything. I can
not write a letter, or even a note. I commit
you to the trust, knowing of those who write;
though so help me his in my
plains, your love is always known from that
the only child — from sometimes in
this morning. Mrs. Bronson, a young
man.
men are you with several others came to
see us while I was unwounded and whom
fattening your was the Herald to reach
arriving by way to take the place of clerks
to be. Warby. His with black. The man
on Rebecca mountain to the roughly they
walked along. We visited the people living
near. A family consisting of an old man
by the name of Scott a second wife
with daughter presented a picture of
wretched desperation very painful indeed.
I cannot think he was at first appointed the
dowry which looked to me like a character,
the head bowed up. The sorrow. The eye
clown the face dead. Walk and no
perishable breathing. I asked the small
of his wife was sick and in sick bed. The
little child was thirsty and half as much all. The
poor children were fine. I still thought the
woman must be dead, but suddenly a elloping
fell upon. The spent her black eyes and
clothed it everything so much miserable. Than before
she said she could not call many persons
to come to her. When I spoke of the little
lived at first mention in an honest but when
I spent they took this place. The old man
spoke of her could it even a good thing if
we other who had prayer. We had her
Christ was distant. She was was fully
enough not to rest until you remained!
She said she had wipe a hole for many years.
West Point, 1877
March 31, 1877

My Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 25th inst. inclining $27.
due to the Battle Monument is received. I am thankful you not
only for the amount returned but for the expression of
your warm sympathy in our project.

It originated from the
fact that the remains of
several officers were brought
here for burial - we are a tie
of the knot who by our loyalty to the flag was elevated
from relative once buried at
home and have no resting place
true under the shadow of the
the hills which serrate his
home country.

To the old friends and
companions in arms of their
heroes. This question is presented
shall their names remain unmarred
by the fame to the

unknown. A place we
from our private dreams exist
a memorial which their tale
to coming ages of their sacrifice
and later time as well as that
of others resting in very earth beneath.

We knew well that every
state will raise a memorial
distinctive and in detail. So
its own volunteers. That the
nation might to erect one to
all her own fallen in these
deadly struggle, domestic life
but who but these own brothers
were the men for the officers
with pride of that Regiment who
from their organizational

We shall a city, but the
Nation. This question, have
recognize the State's moment.
We raise no question of relative
merit between volunteer and regi-
men. I refer to every effort
to know the former and believe
that he can rejoice in our effort
to do like honors to the latter.

We have written here.
We seek for Thuringia
from your quarter here.

Your friends here, the fear
that we left are all well.
In all agitators in your bunch
and pray that a kind Providence
will have you in the
coming battles.

With our regard.

Very truly,

[Signature]

O. C. [Name]

[Address]
Gettysburg Pa. March 1964

Majr Gen. G.O. Howard,

Dear Sir,

Your kind letter of the 2nd inst. has been received. Accept of my thanks for your frankness in communicating to me the points in which my "Notes on the Battle of Gettysburg," require correction. So soon as an other edition shall be called for I will make the changes requisite in the book.

The "Notes" were prepared soon after the battle, not for publication, but for the purpose of preserving for myself & family, a lively remembrance of these terrible scenes which transpired around us. Solicited, however, by many of my friends to give them to the public, I yielded to their solicitations. I am sorry that I had not then the means of accurate information in every case. Still, having aimed at presenting a truthful his-
With sentiments of high regard, I am yours very respectfully,

Mr. Jacobs
Red H. Portland Valley March 14, 1864

Sirs:

I wish to write you a few lines before the mail leaves this morning. I have received two letters from you since I wrote, both of your letters are efficient and very friendly. I have been looking about the house. If they really needed both curtains some cost on the way I have already paid for them. A man is coming in and I fear I shall lose the opportunity of sending my letter for this morning. Matters in hand are very pleasant. In the morning when Capt. Bourn, Mr. Reynolds, & I went over to Mrs. Green. Whitfield for
I believe it is a duty to the poor children of the Valley to do my best to get them good education. Always a class of little boys, another of little girls, and another male. Now I am sorry the school is now gone. I am sorry the school is gone.

The poor woman has consulted with another. Besides, she had two classes of soldiers. As I wrote it, I wrote it. Same is a real good man. Just as capable as can be. He is learning to read and write. I have much interest in Scripture readings.

Many times to yourself, my dear, and the children. May they be well. With much love and affection. Come to see you soon. I write you love. In haste.

Alicia.
Philadelphia Post
March 14, 1864

My dear General,

Your letter of Feb. 25 was received a few days since while in New York, but to this time I have not had time to reply to it.

In reply to the subject of your letter, I can state that I have not written anything for the press concerning the battle of Gettysburg, nor am I responsible for anything that has been written as to the article in the Evening Bulletin concerning which you make reference in your letter. I can state that I saw it nor was I aware of its publication until a week afterwards. I then only learned the matter from my news concerning the battle of Gettysburg, nor have I ever put them in print, nor shall I do so. As far as I know now, I have seen many things in print which I consider unjust, but I do not think it wise to reply to them.

I do consider that an act of injustice was done by Congress in drafting out any Corp's Commander...
as delighting for his services, these, and I do not consider that any one receiving the thanks of Congress was compelled by any motive to decline such honor. Even were it proper for him to do so. I thought, myself, the act of Congress might be construed by a declarer on the part of the Administration to make you prominent. I have an effort in case it should be thought

To Maj. Genl. A. A. Howard

Com'd 11th Corps

I am very truly

Yrs.

Wm. S. Hancock

Mr. Geo. A. Howard

Com'd 11th Corps

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I have always done justice to your gallantry in the field of battle, on any occasion when it was proper for a friend to do so.

My commencement to such, then, the fact that Congress chose to thank you for services in a battle where I had a unit command, and did not do the same for me. Can we cause me to cease speaking of your gallantry, you would I consider it a matter personal between ourselves, should I think my services had been neglected by any tribunal having the authority to judge, and that year should not have

I consider your note to me private. Of course...
Philadelphia, Sa.
March 17, 1860,

My dear friend,

Your letter of Feb. 23rd now are of days, brain while in town and lack time to reply. I am just under sure of your letter, I can state that I have not written anything for the press, concerning the death of G. I have not written for anything that has been written to the article in the Evening Bulletin concerning which you make reference in your letter. I can state that no new laws in my 21,000. I have not learned the Aerobus, I have never learned the letters of Greek.
right hands. I have always beenjnute
your generous, and (as I knew of
my enemies when it was opportune to
procure it, etc.). My temperament is such
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fruitfulness as a letter when need a letter
Command, and want both. Some forms, ones
one can on it can speaking of your generosity:
most I consider is a manner, persons
become considerate, and then, I might think may
some have been overlooked, if my avenues
having the author's license, and that perhaps not
been.

of course,

[Signature]

[Postscript]

[Signature]
My Dear Brother,

I received your welcome letter with grateful, deep emotions. I am glad you are in good health and that you are back from the war.

Now you will put before all these telegraphic sentences in a letter. I am glad to hear that the news you received is a brother's choice, free from worry and unhappiness.

Can I do anything for you here? I shall look with interest for your monthly letter. The more of a diary— the more personal the letter.

My love to your Mother, Maj. H., and to the other members of your family.

Boston, March 15, 1864.

Yours affectionately,

[Signature]
applause. So does every man who is N to live - I see the Commendation of Vice. This creek, pool, mud. You do not cover the applause of the Wicked. Nor the Jealous battle of the fiddle Mass. Who shall tell because the sign is given. And to add, I thank you for your love of approbation. I understand Christian Counsel - is not it? All I have, all is accepted as Christ to have it. That is your prayer. Sea! Now don’t be troubled, don’t be too nice in your introspection.

The truth is you are entitled 5 peal praise for what you have done. Your hosts of friends, see, appreciate this. And your name associated with Epes.

As a vote of thanks write the highest officers in the term. With of course proper caution and caution. A faithful & careful & true. Keep your Christian spirit read your Bible, & say your prayers.

I have just seen Blanche. She tells me of Herron’s most flattering & fraternal letter of commendation. How glad I am. I hope you will hear mine again on the March of the right. I wish you to be more direct & closed associate. Keep that letter be published after you are dead.

Blanche & Hamilton are going to get you restored as a Brigadier in the regular army if possible,

Gentlemen,

I have this afternoon received a copy of the letter addressed to you by Maj. Gen. Sheridan of March 4th, and I beg to say that, in answer to it, I will send you a copy of the letter addressed to you by Maj. Gen. Sheridan of March 4th, and I beg to say that, in answer to it, I will send you a copy of the letter addressed to you by Maj. Gen. Sheridan of March 4th, and I beg to say that, in answer to it, I will send you a copy of the letter addressed to you by Maj. Gen. Sheridan of March 4th, and I beg to say that, in answer to it, I will send you a copy of the letter addressed to you by Maj. Gen. Sheridan of March 4th.

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that he had ordered all his troops for the defense of the town and the state, as well as for the protection of the settlers in the vicinity, and that he had sent a staff officer to express his feelings of sympathy to the family of the deceased. He then related how he had received the news of the death of Mr. Jacobs while he was in the city, and how he had immediately proceeded to the scene of the tragedy. He stated that the body of Mr. Jacobs had been found in the early hours of the morning, and that he had immediately ordered the body to be removed to the city for proper burial. He expressed his sincere sympathy for the loss of Mr. Jacobs and his family, and stated that he would do all in his power to assist them in any way possible. He concluded by expressing his desire to have a memorial erected to the memory of Mr. Jacobs, and asked for the assistance of the community in this matter.

P.S.: Should the above be satisfactory, you are at liberty to use it as you see fit. I will be pleased to make it a regular part of my magazine if you so desire.

I am very thankful to you for your kind offer, and I will gladly accept your offer. I will start at once to give a more detailed account of the battle of the following:

With the utmost of high esteem,
For yours,
Mr. Jacobs
Headquarters Eleventh Corps.

Lookout Valley March 19th 1864

Dear Sir,

I have not received a letter from you since Wednesday and I think not since Tuesday last and the last I wrote was written very hurriedly. I am anxious to get a letter from you and have sent you 90 dollars, but you might have to send it to Danville KY. I have been obliged to receive Bank of Augusta would have cashed any U.S. Note. I was glad you took the ground you did about the house. I would on no account consent to giving it to all a cent more than my offer.

To you who have in person this letter and have not been with me this morning I make no ind that we ought to stand simplicity now and I rather hoped that one might have gotten you in exactly a place.

On Wednesday a half hour before noon I happened myself to and put up and for Washington, D.C.
We took an excelent from Mr. Ward's command up into high and mountain
inhabitancy. We now the aliments forests
and Necessity all the way--to short break
about sixty feet wide. We wove through
the Wild Westen for twenty miles like
the exoclistic Nevis. The此种 common
the valley is no where near that big full of
wind and springs. We saw many fine farms, and things on one another
between the bank and for lands where the
depopulation haves not Lows.- We Visits

new Bronte (receiving gun with rifle.) We had
a fine two story brick house, almost
floating on one that by pror. once all up
Mops in his jugion. ing east all of horse
etc. this on time leaving afternoon in so big
as. we paste they brother. sister.-- a island
over in the say they off prosperity. Florena
is a better villige of Gene. with the more house
acclimated to Village Chief. We take
of the Chief-- William Conshixon who lives
there has an age woman in bed and a "bitter
"woman" men or ten of men. We are our
own liver and were permitted to plant in our
area.

With all the people of this village we
reach and impression. It is a interesting
when they get enough land for returning
we explored the woods near. Shown the
mountains, part the roads of the people
hidden away behind the ridge. Edared us
some of our miles to the side of Freedom we
ascended fork's walking and leading our
lives. My Massachtis. Through this mountain
they was obstructed by the woods near the top.
by fell trees. They are now partially cut off
and a gateway is made through these structures
well which can completely close the front to the
top. We now move along the east of the Mountain
so as to take in the whole. The valley is a glaze.
the top of forest is rotten rough and for
the most part cannot with force. Our party
are just now many longs, leading its back. We
climb the side of the mountain and then
descend by a new path onto the big path!
we climb the ridge or may be on the side of
the path (as inspection a coming along clearly)
we found a little after the sky. Having reached
above forty miles in one day descended
of ascending the mountain.-- The fifty day
Church of the Werther and accounts
visited by Mr.atinum and Capt. Darby. He high
Covent from the battle fields of Chicago.
Brunswick March 21

Dear General,

A bright cool morning after a dark snowy Sunday, makes one feel like settling up old accounts. And here lies your letter (which came about a week after you went) giving an outline of the expected spring campaign, which just demands my attention. The letter I mean not the campaign. When the latter takes place we shall be sure to give it our attention. But where are you? Charles & all the rest? I have not seen your name on that of your Command, nor heard
one word about you since we parted at the Depot do I suppose you are all quietly awaiting orders on Lookout Valley. Now that Sherman is safe in Macon I do not anticipate any general movement for some weeks. With a new head, new combinations, plans will be necessary. There is much rejoicing over Grant's promotion and news of his great success will be in the field with the Army of the Potomac. But I confess that I rejoice with trembling. After the promotion was proposed a rumour still we will pray a hope for the best. A desperate struggle seems to be at hand. The President's call for 200,000 more men will be cheerfully responded to if the forces furnished. Even if a draft shall be necessary to their them, you will have heard before this reaches you of the case of a return of Hon. Neal Dow Butler is managing to continue the exchange of prisoners in spite of all the growing at Richmond. Isn't the death of Col. Oaklawn a sad Event? I remember him well having seen him at Gen. Hooker's head, yrs. I think I have heard you speak of knowing him. Hon. D. Williams hushed at Augusta, I saw
In giving the order it was simply a mistake arising from his ignorance of the position of affairs at the front. Fortunately for the country the order was not obeyed.

I do not think of anything especially interesting that has occurred here. Some of our students have lately tried to make hearts of themselves, and have sent them home to return no more. A little military discipline in this college would do it good.

I still preach at Waterville. There are some indications of an awakened interest in religion there. In many places revivals are on.
progress, & we hear very good news from some portions of the Army. Please present my respect & best wishes to Col. S. Ballou, Assroner, Irregulars & all the good friends about you. And for yourself accept my assurance of sincere regard & love.
May you live to see the end of Rebellion & slavery, & to enjoy many years the fruits of this wearisome struggle.

The prayer of
Your friend & brother
E. Whittall
Jan. 4. you can get for me a photograph of Gen. Howard and the autographs also I once be so much obliged to you. I adore him very much. My [illegible] theater in the present complimentary manner of him as one of the officers.

1339. Cape Fear

The Wilmington Jan. 22

My dear Gen.

I am getting up an album for the Stanley men. I am putting the photographs of all the officers whom I like best. I hope to have your signature or a good photograph of yourself with your autograph on it. With as great a care as I am with the book. I shall send you a half dozen extra autographs.

I must tell you that I think you are a right mean fellow to your own men. I feel guilty for I heard through John [illegible] you had been very severely beaten in Philadelphia & I do not believe.
you even thought of us. now
this is a wise way to treat
old John D. Truman. His
name has just had
a long letter from our
old friend George Baudet.
He writes that some of the
young lawyers you want to
adore are too much
be married. Alice Patterson to
a Mr. Thomas of N. Y. Family, they
at the site of the hotel
Edward Sibley to Capt. Pope,
Leslie Whipple at the Fair
of the three are to be married
cross some talks of their
Franklin Avenue at the Cathedral, as
you see, Cumber has been busy
out there.
Are you not going to
hear of your brother, Frank's
affairs? She will be here this
afternoon.
impressed with them.
I shall send papers which
are published from time to time to your
wife's address in Augusta, main.
Wishing you God's blessing
and the confidence of your soldiers.
I am yours,
very truly and sincerely,
Geo. H. Stuart

Major General Howard,
HeadQuarters: 11th Army Corps.

Dear Sir,

In answer to your
welcome letter of the 8th inst. I need first
to express the hearty satisfaction I felt
on receiving it. The Christian senti-
ments contained in it and the hearty
appreciation of the efforts of the Commis-
sion are, you may be sure, extremely
pleasant to me. I must confess the
gratification I feel at finding that you
take such an interest in our station
at your Head Quarters; and in the labors
of the Rev. A. D. Douglass, our agent.
I should have liked to have been with
you on the Sabbath you describe in
your letter. It must be an universal
thing to have such blessed privilege
as the dispensation of the Communion.
You grant that soon the cloud of war may soon be rolled away and the soldier at his quiet home, in peaceful surround, may be able to enjoy the ordinances of the Church.

God seems to be opening up a grand and wide and glorious path.

From every corner of the country came to his calls and at the same time thanks:

- call for the gospel and for every kind of reading matter - and thanks for what we have been enabled to send.

I humbly trust that God will enable us to reach the whole extent of the work before us.

Accounts of religious interest and even of revivals in the army of the Potomac - and elsewhere reach us nearly every day. Delegates are continually coming home, full themselves and filling us with the tale of what God is doing - and much more also of what might be done, if there was ability.

Your speech at the Anniversary meeting is now being got ready for the public eye; we hope to make a great deal of use of it. We have taken the liberty to fulfil my promise once made namely to send you samples of the various publications of the Commission and hence have ordered a small box to be filled for distribution and use at you Head Quarters: although the corps is supplied from Nashville I have thought it best to send you this box for which an invoice is enclosed. You can at any time get from our agent here for your Head Quarters, what ever you need and - if necessary, from the office here.

I met General Grant yesterday - during his stay while passing through the city and had a very pleasant conversation with him about the Commission. I was very favorably
in well and acting in the eye of all duties
ments as Second Lieutenant during the absence
of Mr. Geo. Washington, your kinsman. He
will start a subscription for a
school teachers - quite interested. The
promises on getting our little daughter
Major Hoffman is chairman a plan
for a private school, flourishing. He
has done a good deal of good already.
created an interest in cleaning up, washing
sheets, etc., and more. Same here. I have
to make 45 cards which I will send you in a letter.
read a couple of copies of a book, marking
the spots that the engineer made out.
All my regiment are back but there is
they are pretty well. Some of them
have written me long letters (they are
angry) to all the children. Many kind words, for
Garden and his children. Hope they will remember.
Some say, "It is in the best of health, had
enough - such a letter to his brother than other
day. May we gave an answer yes? - how
night" and "How are you and the kids." Seriously,

"Hon. J. B. Hull

"Dear Sir,

I received your kind letter yesterday and was
quite happy to get it. I am
in good health, as delivering hospital.
I have
been some days without a letter. I am
understood.

"Sorry at being silent. I have
not had time to write you.

My words

are in a family letter and as it is with
all the family. I hope my children will write
an letter to keep them in writing.
Shall bring away some paper
our little ones. But it is a
necessary accomplishment.
"In the thought, that by always being called
faithfully and conscientiously in their time,
my children and influence will not be
imperiled by them. I do not regard my military
success or anything remarkable, but if I can
live a sincere follower of Christ, then..."
and bravery may lead their fathers into the path. Whatever be their profession in life, may it be a noble or humble one, it should be to improve their country. As it is a noble task to be a wise and good father, I would like to see him so that they may have no reason to be ashamed. I know that I am not perfect, I am not from far away, but I think, the more books, the more books. Should not the man who reads them increase the number he reads?

In a similar vein, I am glad to hear that the children will teach him when he gets a little bigger. The fiction of slavery in the South is a shocking thing. The teaching, the clothing, and washing his hair, are beautiful.

Dear Mr. Lincoln,

I hope you are well. It would be nice to speak to

the room of the dead. I will send you a

letter today. - You will be joining me soon.

His health would be very much better yesterday.

Dr. W. Palmer, my old regimental

and Brigade Surgeon, Mr. C. is coming to

us temporarily as Medical Director.

Dr. Bruno

Magid at.

... in mind. The field.

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Ph: March 4th, 1864

Maj: Genl. Howard:

My dear General,

Will you be kind enough to send me your photograph with an autograph bidely under it, to place in an album, which I intend to present to the Great Central Fair of the Sanitary Commission. Hoping that you will locate the liberty I take remain very truly yours,

Margaretta L. Read

2037 Pine St.
United States Military Telegraph.

By Telegraph from

Dated March 25th 1864.

To

Comd: to

Col. Howard is not here. I understand he went north again from Charleston. Sent for him immediately. On my arrival at Morhead have not yet from them.

Col. In
New Berne March 1868


Col. Howard has gone North,
Sir:

May I solicit the favor of half a dozen of your autographs, I am about preparing as many Photograph Albums for our Great-Sanitary Fair and wish to place the autograph of each distinguished person underneath his Photograph.

Please direct care of "Col. G.H. Crosman" U.S. A.

Philadelphia.

Yours respectfully,

Mrs. G.H. Crosman

Philadelphia.
Headquarters Eleventh Corps, 7th March, 1864.

Dear Mrs. [Name],

I received your letter on Monday morning from Chattanooga a day or two after you. I was written just before you left Washington, to wit, the 20th of February. I wrote you then to Inform you of the difficulties I have been meeting with, and that you were doing too much. You also told me that you were very well, and that your health was not affected by your recent illness. I shall soon have a visit from you, and we shall see you with our families, and I am hoping you are well, and that your children are healthy.

Mrs. [Name] writes me a long letter, of which I have lost part, and I hope you will send me a copy. My address is Baxter, Tennessee. My name is [Name].

I am very much obliged to you for your kindness and consideration. I am very much obliged to you for your kindness and consideration. I am very much obliged to you for your kindness and consideration.
a family of little children. Why can't you understand? My mother's sister, Mrs. Woman, said to me this week that she always shall to work. When she come...
My Dear Brother.

The work of the Commission throughout the army is extending. The number of calls made upon us from every quarter is really astonishing. Unfortunately just at the present time in the midst of these continued demands upon us, we find ourselves cramped and crippled by the want of funds. The interest attaching to the Fairs in progress or in prospect throughout the country is telling severely upon our treasury. So extend our operations we are very anxious. In the Army of the Potomac we have covered and equipped fifty Chapel tents and have created fifteen stations—where religious services are regularly carried on: we cannot make less when we would rather make greater without injurings the cause of Christ in the

With my kindest regards

I am yours very truly in Christian bonds.

George Stuart
army. For some time we have had in contemplation sending two of our best speakers on an expedition to California for the purpose of representing the Commission to the people there. It is our wish to send with them a letter from one of our Union Generals, containing the appreciation they have for the Christian Commission operations in the army. I send this to you with the request that you would write for us a letter if you can experience of your work, such as would be of use to us in the way we have said. The delegates who are going to California leave for their destination on the 15th of April, and hence it is necessary that letters should have your letters very soon. Their object would be to read it in meetings and to refer to it when needed. If it meet your approval, you might send a friendly letter to me—something like your last—omitting of course personal allusions and—please—for the sake of Baptist brethren the above communion belief, the church-communion history—such was as
Dear General Howard,

I am aware of the answer you have filed in accordance with the previous court order. Mr. Sears was right to include the issue in the petition, as it arose from the same transaction as the one in question. Your decision to address the amount claimed and the expenses of printing on the record is likely to be of interest. The United States has a right to recover the cost of the forms and the encumbrance.

I shall be pleased to inform you if you notify me where you intend to file an answer and any expenses that you may incur in this matter. I am writing to you respectfully,

[Signature]

Honorable

New York, 1860

Mr. Exceeding the petition as written, in order to preserve the rights and dispose of necessary expenses, is necessary and proper for compensation for damages suffered by persons in Virginia. It is for you to decide when to file a petition on this matter, and whether to give notice in the manner prescribed by law.

The facts are as follows: The question of the occupation of the property by General Howard is based on an earlier decision. The property is not the same, and the character and amount of the damages are different. The questions relating to these matters should be followed as closely as possible. The facts presented here should be entered and agreed to by General Howard. It is the duty of the court to determine the facts of your case.
In the Court of Claims.

EDWARD STEERS,

vs.

THE UNITED STATES.

Petition,

THE PETITION OF EDWARD STEERS TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF CLAIMS OF THE UNITED STATES, RESPECTFULLY SHOws:

That he is a native born citizen of the United States and has at all times borne true allegiance to the Government thereof; that he has not in any way voluntarily or involuntarily aided or abetted or given encouragement to rebellion against said Government.

That on or about the 15th September, 1860, he leased one hundred and fifty acres of land, being part of the Estate known as Clermont, and situated in Fairfax County and State of Virginia, for a term ending December 31, 1861, for which he engaged himself to pay a sum equal to one half of the proceeds of said lands for said term; and that he occupied said lands and planted and cultivated certain crops thereon.

That during said tenancy, and commencing in the latter part of the month of June, 1861, and continuing at intervals during the remainder of the whole time, a part of the United States forces, to wit, the 28 Vermont and 34, 4th, and 5th Maine regiments, under and by command of Col. O. O. Howard, took possession of, occupied and fully controlled said premises.

That during, and by means of this occupation, he has been injured in his property to the amount of three thousand dollars in the following particulars, to wit:

- 65 acres Corn, 650 barrels a $3.50 per bbl. ........................................... $2275 00
- Corn Foolher, at least ................................................................. 70 00
- 20 acres Oats, 300 bushels a $2.50 per bushel ...................................... 250 00
- Oat Straw .................................................................................. 30 00
- 35 tons of Hay a $15 ...................................................................... 525 00

$3150 00

That of said sum be received from the Brig.-Quartermaster, one hundred and fifty dollars.

And your Petitioner further shows, That this claim has been submitted to the War Department of the United States and that the answer has been received; "That there is no appropriation from which claims of this character can be paid nor any law for their adjustment."

And your Petitioner further shows, That he is the only and sole owner of this claim, and the only one interested therein.

Your Petitioner therefore prays, that he be indemnified for the loss and injury aforesaid in the sum of three thousand dollars.

THORNDIKE SAUNDERS,

Attorney for Petitioner,

16 WALL STREET,

New York City.

EDWARD STEERS,

Care of Theodore Buckholtz,

SING SING,

WESTCHESTER COUNTY,

NEW YORK.

STATE OF NEW YORK,

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

Edward Steers, being duly sworn, says, that he is the above Petitioner, and that no assignment or transfer of said claim or any part thereof, or any interest therein has been made, except as in said petition stated; that said claimant is fully entitled to the amount therein claimed from the United States after allowing all just credits and offsets; and that he believes the facts as stated in said petition are true.

EDWARD STEERS.

Sworn to before me, this Sixth day of October, 1883.

HORATIO DORR,

Notary Public, New York.
Baltimore, Ind.
Maj. Gen. Howard
U.S. Army
The Cumberland
My Dear Sir,

I take the liberty of sending you a copy of a little tract, "Watch," which I, a plain layman, have ventured to write, which has been published widely circulated by the Army.

Gen. Howard, 1st of the bridge in Philadelphia, I pray God to bless the good and precious souls.

The city of New York, the Ephraim Records. The Pacific, other papers I do hope is getting on. Blessed
Master in the conversion
of souls whom he did.
In your excellent speech
before the Christian Council
at Philadelphia you made an
enriching allusion to my old
playmate (a native of Belfast)
Col.everhead of Philadelphia
you spoke of him a among
the slain—This serves
greatly shines to learn.
May I ask you
tell me Know when
what than he died—was
he a God fearing man?
I wish to send a brief
gramotation to his widow.
I will be glad to send
you some Sunday school
papers for the children
in your Sunday school if you
will pass me with you
address.
May God bless
you. Keep you in His
keeping.
And may he save
in blessed land.
Yours very truly yours
A.M. Carter