Albert B. Otis. Letter.
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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 Secy 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 medium 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 ductly, 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 persons in this vicinity whom you may be pleased to designate.

With much respect,

Yr obdt Servt.

Albert B. Ellis
Belfast.
Maine.

Mt. Eu. Portland Valley, Maine.

March 1. 1864

Dear Ed – The Post Master gives me about 15 minutes before this morning's mail must leave, and I hitch to write you just enough to let you know that we came safe to the lettuce. Thursday on the mountain (Katahdin) yesterday – was a pleasant day, warm as summer. Mrs Dr Haven of 136 Mt. with her husband & son accompanied us – Capt. Pearson completed the party. Mrs Haven's only son has grown up, is about 15 & so she can go about with him for a team. We stood on the prospecting rock, on the pinnacle for the Ambrotypist to take our pictures. If any photographs are taken from these Ambrotypes I will send you one. I never go on the mountain but I long to have you with me –

I enclose two Sonnets written
from the tip top point –
Since then I have to add –
You know we got your letter
from off the 15 minutes –
The veteran regiments are
covering both – quite full
three hours arrived –
God bless you darling
Ever yours –
Walt

Richmond, March, 5th. 1865

My dear daughter,

Yours of 22, ult. came safely to hand, in due time, and ~~was~~ indeed was very satisfactory to me in every particular, and indeed my journey through with Otis was very pleasant, we arrived in Boston about Eight O, Clock the day after leaving Maine, I will here say when I ~~left~~ stepped into the Cars at Leeds I found Ella, David and the Contraband Girl Allie in the Cars, on the way to Bath, My husband went with me to Brunswick, there I parted with the above mentioned, it is now three weeks, since my arrival very near the time I was to have started for home, Martha says if I will stay one week more with her she will not say one word about my going home, although she very by thought I would I stay six weeks, now I will say more of my journey, when we stepped out of the Cars in Boston Mr Hazzard and Mr Lemond were both standing at the foot of the steps Mr Lemond Claimed Otis and Mr Hazzard me, Otis ask Mr Lemond

had passed away to her last home we cannot regret the loss, close suffering, but the tenderness of our feelings are to attend us they all know, never tell the Children they cannot tell how much loss them much kiss and man kiss to them give much love to Women wed Men weedmen and accept it large for yourself from your affectionate mother

Ellen Gilman

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had written here bringing the intelligence that

what he would do with him, he said, take you to the Fremont house and brush you up a little and then to Mr Tobey, who has invited 3,50 Gentleman to meet you and he introduced, he did not require him to speak atall, I went to Mr Hazzards and had a very pleasant reception, felt very little fatigue from my first days ride in the Cars, sat with Mr Hazzard and wife until nearly Eleven had nicely laid down for the night, when Otis came, and I think we were both of us well cared for, Mrs Hazzard slept with me, at half past eight we in the morning, we found ourselves, at the depot where we leave for the West accompanyed by Mr Hazzard 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 Otis's Company, in Other respects nearly like many others nothing worthy of remark the sun was an hour high or more when we approached Albany, as we passed Kinderhook and view'd its surroundings the Cars were going slow and all the way to Albany, it was very interesting to me for many reasons, my mind was readily

carried back to my husband's admiration of all those scenes in his youth, and now at my advanced age my mind, was taking in his 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 actualy in Albany a few steps brought us to the Hotell where we had a supper, and left that city for the West a 6 O'Clock P.M. that night part about as you would expect Oli slept some, I think after midnight the most of the time, I slept some we arrived at Syracuse at 3 O'clock, where we had 4 hours to rest and waite, or soon to get in a train loaded with a Regiment of Soldiers, we decided to stop until 8 O'clock, there we had a good wash, 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 Oli could not obtain any sleping cars, so he was near me all night, it being saturday night was the reason given, but it did not discommode me in the least At Buffalo we must lay over

until Monday, as there was no train for the west, until Seven O. clock on Monday morn. I felt very little fatigue and prepared for Church, an P.M. Service of the Presbyterians it was a public funeral service of an officer brought home from the war; a free Mason I should judge from the appearance, from there we went to the Episcal service, it was all interesting but the singing was beautiful, after that I dined at the Hotel but Oh! I went to a prayer meeting & wrote to my husband, and mailed it there we were called according to arrangement 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 ours, the cars were very much crowded but we continued to enjoy ourselves pretty well, some of the passengers were with us all the way from Albany, some of the soldiers were rude, drank whisky and hooted each others ears, &c. but that soon wore off, I had some beautiful views of Lake Erie it was a pleasant day, and we arrived in Cleveland just in time to hurry into the cars

inland and said he was well, the Baltimore
for ~~Columbus~~ for Columbus where Otis
found some very congenial friends to
talk with. two Mr Foote's brothers of Connecticut
Foote, at sunset we stoped at a place for refresh-
ments, rather a coarse place, when we entered
some one sung out General Howard, and
at the table several ~~say~~ recognised him
and he found nearly the whole of a
regiment were there, which had been in
his command when he was ~~Brigadier~~
Brigadier, we reached Columbus, ~~the~~ at ten
and half O, clock, Mr Foote went to the Hotel to get
us well cared for, or to show his politeness
he said it was not the best Hotel in Columbus
but as ~~to~~ we were to stop only a few hours
that was near the ~~depot~~ depot it was more
convenient, we had a nice slice of ~~tart~~
and a cup of tea, and were called at two
O, clock to pursue and close our journey
to Richmond, Monday was a fine day the
weather very mild and before we reached
Columbus the Cars were crowded to suffocation
tion, but when we ~~then~~ went from the Hotel

the weather had changed, heavy wind attended with snow and rain, it grew cold all the way, about nine, in the morning we stept from the cars at Richmond we took for a welcome reception but no one was there not even Charles, so Otis and I (with the Thermometer below Zero) trudged along through the streets and enquired the ways, and found uncle Hennies house, Martha was filled with consternation, we were real cold, it never occurred to her we should come that way, they expected us to arrive in the P.M. from Philadelphia so we took them by surprise Charles was gone to Chicago, Henry at his Mill, Freddie was at the house and Carrie was at school, little Annie 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, Otis stept two days, it was bitter cold, the Thermometer 10 degrees below Zero he seemed to enjoy his visit and could not help thinking he dreaded his journey and felt more regret than usual in leaving civilized life, he had some

Callers here and rested somewhat, Charles returned from Chicago, the following morning accompanied by Lizzie Strickland an accomplished young lady of nearly seventeen she had been in Chicago since last October she is fine looking but not handsome, her fathers pride she plays well on the piano and sings pretty well, she is always pleasant and happy is a member of the Episcopal Church, Henry is every day at his mill and seems a good husband has prayers in his family in the morning he and I had some talk on subject of religion Martha is a member of the Episcopal Church, finally I do think there has been a great improvement in Henrys and Marthas domestic affairs, since I have seen them before Carrie is a nice girl of thirteen attends a good school in Richmond Fredie is in business here and very much confined to his business Henry obtained a free pass for Charles to go to Chicago and back since I have been here Henry and Martha and all the family have showed me every attention necessary to my comfort Martha has called help very good

Mrs Schyler lives near, a few doors from Henrys & have seen her often she was in since, & have been writing, says give my love to Otis'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 Henrys family send love to you, Otis wrote from Louisville and from Nashville and since his arrival has written quite a long letter date 26 February said he had heard from Augusta and all was in health Charles stopt untill the 25 of Feb: and arrived at Lookout Valley the 28th. had a prosperous journey wrote me in two hours after he arrived said Otis and Mr Stinson were well that was our latest news from them none of Otis command have been on the move yet, & 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 from Mrs Hayzard, she mentions a letter from Mary to her saying you had not heard from Otis & know he wrote you here, and has no doubt written you many times since and you have received them & was very glad to hear from you, & have had no direct conveyance lately through you, & have had no direct

has written here lately to her but have one letter from Otis

Kattie

Head Quarters 11th Corps
Lookout Valley Mar. 6th 1864

My dear Guy

I have promised you a letter in two or three of mine written home of late. Now I will make a beginning. I just hardly began when our dinner bell rang calling Uncle Charlie, Capt. Stinson, Capt. Pearce and myself - Mr Gilbreth has gone on duty up to Mt. Minnville for a day or two. I hope you are very well this Sabbath day. It is a beautiful day indeed here. ~~The~~ atmosphere is very clear and warm - very much like May and June in Maine - I wrote Mamma about a trip

ridge as far as the great mountains in North Carolina called the Blue ridge - I said to Guy Uncle Charlie, how Guy would enjoy this and thought how much I would give to have Mamma then with me to see the indescribable beauty and grandeur that God has furnished. I couldn't help praying to Him up there - Jesus went up into a mountain to pray - We couldn't stay long - We rode almost to the river on the mountain top & then followed down a road that was less steep, winding slowly and at length almost up to our camp - Uncle Charlie wanted me to describe a chair I have made of red cedar by the pioneers - I don't think I could. I think I will bring it home as a Rush satchel and to remind us of Lookout Valley - Give much love to all - Tell Julia I haven't seen her uncle - The cavalry is away somewhere doing duty - Sam is a good man and takes good care of Papa - Uncle Charlie sends his love and says he wishes you were with us on Beaver yesterday - The band is playing Yankee Doodle - God bless you, my dear boy

Yours with love
C.V.A.

the officers and myself took to the top of Lookout mountain. Yesterday afternoon uncle Charlie and I (followed by the good Mr Donald) on "Lizzie" and "Jack" started to ascend the Raccoon mountain that hunches up its bristly back just behind us so that we can never see the sun set. I steamed away down hill, passed the 33d Mass. camp, crossed the hospital bridge, by the hospital tents up the narrow path - under limbs of trees, over lopped branches, over logs & stones, up steep inclines, up into the gap, itself two thirds as high as the top of the mountain, now to the right up a steeper steep - here uncle C & Mr Donald dismount and Jasper goes on, resting black, "Lizzie" about every ten steps - "Jack" pulls away alone, trots by me and takes the lead till he gets tired and then he drops back a little - up, up, we go over round stones & flat ones till "Jack" and I and the others may get well on the summit. Here we wait for uncle Charles & Mr Donald to toil up and mount. Oh! what a magnificent picture is before us as we stand facing eastward on the edge of the perpendicular side. There is Lookout Creek, Lookout mountain the Tennessee river, Chattanooga, the wide valley, Missionary ridge and ridge after

peach trees in blossom today - I wish I could take them rides without thinking how much you would enjoy them with me. You must not burden yourself with, or I must overtake you with "Elliot branches" to bear and to train - for I shall want you to come with me - the train shows & no visitors to parties - and the sitting up nightly till eleven and twelve will wear on. A rested body and a healthy look & feeling are so much better for you, for the children and for your loving husband. I am anxious to get your last letter - only the note with the photographs has come since you heard from me. My Richmond, Louisville and several Lookout Valley letters have not been acknowledged as received. Your letter regarding Gen. Burnside's visit I got. Maj Osborne my Chief of Artillery broke his leg, jumping from a train of cars during a R.R. accident, the Gilbertsville was abroad but escaped unhurt. My Medical director Dr. Brinton has been ordered away. Mother came to enjoy his visit, spoke of your letter - if pleased her I know. I did the business up all right. Give my love to each of our precious little flock. You met me in a lovely dream the other night, with so much archness and joyous reciprocity that it was quite real and in a way that only a little wife can. You may so come oftener dearest, for besides I am not easily weaned from home. I commit you all into the kind keeping of Him who makes all things so happy for us - Mr Julian Sam is always pleased to hear from you - he is real good & capable - From your loving hus[illegible]

Head Quarters 11th Corps
Lookout Valley March 8. 1864

Dearest - I received your note and the photographs - but one or two preceding letters of which I have written. The photographs are good - Charlie says: "a little worse" - I think think they could be improved as photographs where you lose all the effect of color and everything is set down in black and white. You have your back to the good old way and I am your dearest again - when I am only your dear husband I am quite jealous a thousand of things might come between us - honor, riches, learning, children, amusements, society and what not? but when I am your dearest and you are mine, that settles everything and this love is not inconsistent with religion but positive by it - for together and for each other we will go to the Lord. If I came between you and Christ or if you came between me and Christ in any way to hinder the one or the other from being the chief object, duty would constrain the putting away of the idol - but knowing that God has given each to the other to be one in love, in sympathy, in joy, in sorrow it may be, and in what we to be one in his love and worship - I conclude you may be my dearest and if possible I yours without any species of idolatry - It is not often that we write one another by love letters, technically so called - yet all letters between those that love are love letters - I am sure my precious wife that you are far dearer to me now that we have grown into the complete sympathy in all things - [illegible] This morning Mr Reynolds a young

man you will remember who came to see me while I was wounded and whom Father gave me the Herald to read - arrived by ears to take the place of clerk to Col. Hayes. He rode with Charles Mc over Raccoon Mountain to the rough, stony valley beyond. We visited the people living there - one family consisting of an old man by the name of Seth & second wife & little daughter presented a picture of wretched desolation very painful indeed. As I entered his log hut - just opposite the door-log which looked to me like a coffin, the head bowed up, the arms thin, the eyes closed, the face deadly pale and no perceptible breathing. I asked Mr Seth if his wife was sick and he said yes - the little child was dirty & pale as nearly all the poor children are here. I still thought the woman must be dead, but suddenly a coughing fit came on - she opened her black eyes and looked if anything more miserable than before: she said she couldn't cough many more times like that. When I spoke of the better land - at first neither understood me - but when I said beyond the grave, the old man brightened up and said it was a good thing if he were only prepared. He had always in Christ but didn't think he was holy enough - I asked how is it with you Madam!! She said she had been a hope for many years - and then wanted to know if I was a "perfecter" yes - What did you belong to - a branch of the presbyterians - Her friends were presbyterians - that seemed to please him - As soon as they found my name was Howard, they seemed like near people - Certainly had been there before, but Satan hardly & protected their corn when we first came to the valley - but Oh, the poverty, the misery of these poor people - no clothes but rags, no bedding but filthy old coverlids - no sheets no cleanliness, living on meal & hard bread. "Oh," I can't eat that" she said - he has money but nothing else and cannot buy. The old man was quite familiar with Scripture. Thousands will die from want of a digestible diet. All the people look thin and haggard with a sort of chagrin-pallid expression of countenance - We have to feed every family within five miles of us out of the common crib - We turned homeward up the steep paths - over the clear running brooks - My gray horse "Dan" is allowed to drink just a little - We walk up the steepest, rugged slopes - then on top there wind slowly and gently down the mountain by a pathway almost but not quite parallel with the crest. It was dark as a pocket when we reached this place and began to rain - it was as I entered the tent door. We found some

West Point N.Y.
March 8th 1864

My Dear Genl.

Your letter of the 25th ult enclosing $27. Subs to the Battle Monument is received. We thank you not only for the amount subscribed 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 — one a son of the South who by his loyalty to the flag was alienated from relatives and friends at home and had no resting place save under the shadow of the

the hills which surround his "Alma Mater"

To the old friends and companions in arms of those of them the question is presented shall their graves remain unmarked and the brave spirits ~~-~~ ~~-ty~~ unknowned or shall we from our private means erect a memorial which shall tell to coming ages of their sacrifice and patriotism as well as that of others resting in every quiet glen of the land.

We know well that every state will raise a memorial, distinctive and in detail, for its own volunteers. That the nation ought to erect one to all her sons fallen in this deadly struggle for national life but who but their own brethren shall do this for the officers and men of the Regulars, who from their organization know no state or city - but the Nation. This question has engrossed the Battle moment. We raise no question of relative merit between volunteers and regulars. We rejoice in every effort to honor the former and believe that he will rejoice in an effort to do like honor to the latter.

We have nothing new here. We look for stirring news from your quarter soon.

Your friends here, the few that are left are all well. We all rejoice in your success and pray that a kind Providence will spare you in the coming battles

Mrs C joins me in kind regards to yourself.

Very truly
Your friend
A. E. Church

Gen. O. O. Howard.
Chattanooga, Tenn

Gettysburg Pa. March 10/64

Major Gen. O. 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 those terrible scenes which transpired on and at. 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 history, I think I have succeeded in the main

With sentiments of high regard, I am yours
very respectfully — Mr Jacobs

Hd. Qrs. Lookout Valley March 14. 1864

Dear A.

I wish to write you a few lines before the mail leaves this morning. I have received two letters from you since I wrote, but one of your letters and perhaps more has never come. I talked about the pants. If they really started with me and were lost on the way - I have not yet found them. A man is coming in and I fear I shall lose the opportunity of finishing my letter for this morning - Yesterday we had a very pleasant skirmish. In the morning - Genl. Geo. Stanton. Mr Reynolds & I went over to Chr. Cove. Started for

teachers in a Sunday School for the poor children of the Valley — we had a very good attendance — a large class of little boys, another of little girls and another small one of larger girls. The grown women constituted still another. Besides we had two clusters of soldiers — I am sorry the Bloomer is ill. Give him my sympathy & love. I am glad Mr. Hall did not take up with the offer — I suspect it is premature. We can discover what is God's will concerning us. Give much love to each one I write you this in haste as Mr Palmer & another officer are waiting for me with a bundle of papers. Sara has dictated a letter to Julia. You will probably have to read it to her as I wrote it. Sara is a real good man, just as capable as can be. He is learning to read & write & takes much interest in Scripture readings. Many kisses to yourself and the children. ~~Hannah~~ Mrs Gillmore & Mr Stimson are well. We still have occupied quarters. Love to ~~the~~ Mrs Woodman & Mary & Mr & you all. Loving

Ch.

(Copy.)

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Philadelphia Pa.
March 14 1864

My dear General,

Your letter of Feby. 25th 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 never saw it, nor was I aware of its publication until a week afterwards. I then only learned the author. I have my views concerning the battle of Gettysburg, but I have not yet put them in print, nor shall I do so, so 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 singling out any Corps Commander

Letter Concerning "Gettysburg" to Congress

Maj. Genl. Meade
Philadelphia Pa.
March 14th 1864

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at Gettysburg for his services there, and I do not consider that any one receiving the thanks of Congress was impelled by any motive to decline such honor, even were it proper for him to do so. I thought, myself the act of Congress might have been induced by a desire on the part of the Administration to make you prominent, to have an Effect in case it should be thought wise or advisable to use your name and reputation in the coming Presidential or Vice Presidential Campaign. It was a thought of mine, and has not been borne out by anything I have heard since from people who ought to know. I have always done justice to your gallantry on the field of battle, on every occasion when it was proper for a friend to do so.

My temperament is such that the fact that Congress chose to thank you for services in a battle where I had a like command, and did not do the same for me, could not cause me to cease speaking of your gallantry, nor would I consider it a matter personal between ourselves, should I think my services had been overlooked by any tribunal having the authority to judge, and that yours had not been. I consider your note to me private of course.

I am very truly
Yours
Winfield S. Hancock

To Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard
Comd'g 11th Corps A.P. Army

Philadelphia Pa.
March 14/1864

My Dear General.

Your letter of Feb 25th was rec'd a few days since while in New York, but when time I have not had time to reply till.

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right to know. I have always seen justice to your guardian on the part of Lincoln in every occasion when it was appropriate for a friend to do so. My temperament is such that the fact that Congress chose to thank your father in a letter when there was a letter commenced, and not in the same form, caused me to cease speaking of your guardian. Nor do now I consider it a matter pertinent to the occasion. ~~and~~ I might thank my senior has been overlooked by any Lincoln having the authority to judge, and that judge not him. I consider you not responsible for cause.

I am very truly
Yours
Mrs. Sarah T. O'Connell

To
Mrs. Geo. O. O'Connell
Care of Capt. Lusing,

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the old Prest. – Abe – is well disposed. I have talked with Blaine before about the matter. The army is your place, – don't mention the matter from me until you are in some other way informed of it.

Now you will put before all these telegraphic sentences "please" & "I sh^d say if asked" &c &c. or you may say this is a brother's direct, free, honest utterance –

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

My love to your Brother – Maj. H. & to the other members of your family.

Mrs Nichols is in Scotia – members of estate for sale for speculation

We are most in the red ink – all paid for – I think

Running on 6 Nichols – right about 1 to 10 Prest.

Fraternally E. B. Nichols.

Boston March 15. 1864.

My Dear Brother.

I rec^d your welcome letter with grateful & lively emotions. I am glad you c^d commemorate the Lord's death in the Camps – glad that Douglass is with you & that you like him – he is a good fellow. – Am glad for the minute description of your life. We remember you quite frequently at the family altar.

But now as to your confession, as to a priest. Will you know, my dear Son, that I love you well enough to tell you the truth. You do love

applause. So does every man who is fit to live — I.e. the commendation of wise, discreet, good men. You do not covet the applause of the wicked — nor the senseless babble of the fickle mass, who shout because the sign is given. And to add, I think your love of approbation is under christian control — is n't it? All is done, all is accepted as Christ wd have it — that is your prayer Sam! Now don't be troubled — don't be over nice in your introspection.

The truth is you are entitled to great praise for what you have done. Your host of friends see & appreciate this. And your name associated by Congress in a vote of thanks with the highest officers in the army, will of course provoke criticism & carping & jealousy & envy. Keep your christian simplicity — read your Bible, & say your prayers —

I have just seen Blaine — he told me of Sherman's most flattering & fraternal letter of commendation. How glad I am. I hope you will beat him again on the march & in the fight. I wish you & he cd be more directly & closely associated. Keep that letter to be published after you are dead.

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

Gettysburg Pa. March 15th 1864.

Gen. O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir: (& Inf. H letter)

Yours of March 4th came to hand last Eve.

I read it & the accompanying letters from Maj. Howard & Capt Hall, & immediately determined to assure you & your friend Prof Coppée of my sorrow that I should have been innocently led to deprive you of any credit which may justly be due to you.

The following ~~letter~~ is a copy of the letter I addressed to him. I hope it will at least satisfactorily explain the manner in which I was led to write as I did in the Jan. No of the U. S. Sch.

(Copy)

Prof H. Coppée, Dear Sir,

I am really sorry that the reference I made to Gen. Howard, in the Jan. no. of your magazine has not given entire satisfaction. I regret this the more, because all that I have learned to know of him has been calculated to impress me with a high regard of him as a man, as a christian, & as a soldier.

In my "Notes on the Rebel Inv. & battle of Gettysburg", I had given him the credit of having, on account of a just appreciation of its strategic value selected Cemetery Hill, &, prompted by his own judgment & foresight, taken all the requisite steps for its occupation by our men. This was my first impression. I knew that he had arrived in Gettysburg in advance of his corps (the 11th); that he could scarcely have seen Gen. Reynolds before his death & have learned from him the intended details of the day & the mode of meeting its contingencies; that he had visited the observatory of Mr S. Tahneystock & other localities with the view of acquainting himself with the surroundings of the town; & that the command of the field, for the day, had devolved upon him. Hence I supposed that he alone deserved the credit of selecting that position.

But when I was informed by one of Gen. Reynolds' staff officers that he (Gen R.) understood & appreciated the ground upon wh;

that he had ordered up all his troops for the express purpose of holding the town & Co. Hill; & that he had sent a staff officer to Gettysburg, informing him of the steps he meant to take to carry out this design; & when I remembered conversing with one of his signal officers, (Lieut—) as early as 8 O'clock of that morning, concerning that locality, it was easy for me to come to the conclusion, that he, being thus informed, would have provided against the contingencies of meeting a heavy force of the enemy by ordering so eligible a position to be occupied as a place to fall back upon & to hold against the rebels. That has been the impression made on more minds than mine by the information referred to, & I presented the matter in that light in your Magazine, believing I was thus doing justice to the "living & the dead".

It appears however, that whatever the intentions of Gen. Reynolds may have been in regard to this subject, he communicated no ~~such~~ order, directly or indirectly, to Gen. Howard for the occupation of Cemy. Hill, but a more general one for the bringing up of his corps to the town. Immediately upon the receipt of the melancholy intelligence of Gen. R's death, Gen Howard began to arrange a plan for the occasion, one feature of which was the occupation of the hill by one division of his corps & 3 batteries of artillery, as a reserve, or as a place to fall back to if necessary.

His corps was two hours & a half later in coming to the field of battle than the 1st corps, because they left Emmittsburg that morning at 8 O'clock, & two divisions were marched 12 or 13 miles by a circuitous route, in order to avoid crossing on Gen R's rear. When they halted through our town we noticed how much fatigued they were, & how eager they were for the fight.

Both officers, Gens. R. & H., must therefore, independently of each other, have been impressed with the great importance of occupying that position which afterwards, under the Providence of God, proved the salvation of our noble army & of our country; but the early death of the former prevented him from communicating his convictions & wishes to the latter. These facts should be made known to the public & to posterity as an act of justice to two highly deserving generals.

Yours very truly

M. Jacobs

P.S. Should the above be satisfactory, you are at liberty to use it as you see best. Perhaps Prof. Coffin would publish it in his magazine if you desire him to do so.

I am very thankful to you & Maj. Howard for the valuable facts stated in your letters. Should opportunity offer, I will gladly avail myself of them in giving a more detailed history of the battle of G.

With sentiments of high esteem

I am yours M. Jacobs

Headquarters Eleventh Corps,

Lookout Valley March 19th 1864.

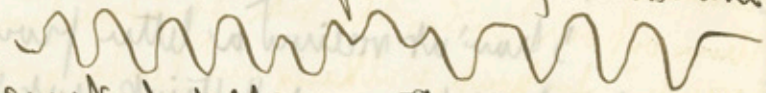
Dearest,

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. You have received the 90 dollars, but fear you might have to send it to Louisville Ky. I think I have supposed that some Bank of Augusta would have cashed any U.S. Draft. I was glad you took the ground you did about the house. I would on no account consent to giving Capt. Wall a cent more than my offer. In fact the thousands of cases of extreme poverty that constantly present themselves to me make me feel that we ought to comply simplicity now and I rather regretted that our minds had fallen on so costly a place. On Wednesday a half hour before sunrise myself and staff set out for Trenton, Ga.

We found on reaching it that we had ridden that day about twenty eight miles. And I was tired as you can imagine, when I got into a chair in my own tent. The fifty day the weather was cold & raw and this took much from our pleasure. We are waiting to see what Gen. Grant is going to do. We believe he proposes to try his hand at Richmond! Last night, Mrs Hooey (wife of Surgeon) the only lady in the Corps invited Chas. "Fine" and to tea". Gen Steinwehr was there - we had good things - a pleasant talk & then back to tents - today we have had a review of Gen Wood's first Brigade. After which the Gen & four of his Colonels, two Lieut. Cols & two Captains dined with us. I did not tell "Aunt Ann" all Julia till I brought them home at 12 M. A fine dinner was served up at one P.M. Sam is a good Cooper and a tailor by trade. Col. Mergenthaler has asked to go back to Gen. Sigel (Sigel) and I have applied for Mr Whittlesey to be Lieutenant Colonel T.A.D.C. in his place. Gen Sigel is a little over it. Stinson & Gilbreth will be a little disappointed - for if I promote Chas. Stinson would be Major & Gilbreth Captain. But I want to get Mr Whittlesey back if I can. Kiss the dear little ones and accept much love from your own dear self. Good bye, love all. Otis

My kind regards to Franklin. Remember me kindly to Julia & Gen Wilder.

We took an escort from Gen. Wood's command of two hundred mounted infantry. The road lies between Lookout and Raccoon all the way — Lookout Creek about sixty feet wide winds its way through the whole distance for twenty miles — like this



The crookedest stream, ~~about~~, you ever saw. The valley is no where level but full of ridges and knolls. We came past many fine farms — One large one on our return — between the Creek and Lookout, where the depredations have not been — the owners name was Brooks (remaining uncle of West Point) He has a fine two story brick house, almost hidden, it being on that by road — pecan all up. Sheep in his pasture — negroes all at home, &c. Two or three cabins appeared in sight as we passed — They looked bitter — as is related — in the heyday of its prosperity. Trenton is a little village of some half a dozen houses a Church & "Village Green" — We stopped at the Cotton — Widow Gardenhire who lives there has an aged mother in bed and a "little son" — some ten or twelve years old. We ate our own lunch here and were permitted to put it on her table. All the people of this village are secesh and impudent — it is a mystery where they get enough to eat — In returning we crossed the Lookout Creek — skirted the mountain, passed the Brooks & other farms hidden away behind the ridges & woods — some three or four miles this side of Trenton we ascended Lookout, walking and leading our horses, up the Nickajack Trace — This rough, steep mountain path was obstructed by the rebels near the top by felled trees — They are now partially cut away and a gateway is made through their breastwork-wall which did completely close the road at the top. We now took along the crest of the mountain so as to take in the whole Valley at a glance — The top of Lookout is rather rough and for the most part covered with forest. On pretty good road runs lengthwise along its back — We came this side of Summerton Town and then descended by a very steep path — very difficult! plucked the Spiræa or May flower on this side of that path (see inscription on accompanying chart) We reached camp a little after dark having made about forty miles in one day besides ascending & descending the mountain. The next day Charles & I rode to Rossville and accompanied by Gen. Davis and Capt. Dooley his aide-de-camp — went over the battle field of Chickamauga —

him on his return to duty, & had an hour's conversation with him. He made many inquiries about you, & spoke of you in the kindest terms.

I wanted to ask him some questions about the Report of the Gettysburg battle, but feared I might seem to be meddlesome. By the way, that order to retreat has been making a great fuss in Congress, & it is likely to throw Gen Meade overboard. It seems to me that they are making more of the matter than it deserves. If he had selected another position for a general action, & supposed Reynolds to have merely only a reconnoissance, what blame can be imputed to

Brunswick March 21st
[1864]

Dear General

A bright cool morning after a dark, snowy squally 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 first 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 y name or that of y our command, nor heard

one word about you
since we parted in the
Depot. So I suppose you
are all quietly awaiting
orders in Look-out valley.
Now that Sherman is safe
in Vicksburg, I do not
anticipate any general
movement for some week.
With a new head, new
combinations & plans will
be necessary. There is
much rejoicing over Grant's
promotion, & the announce-
ment that his Hd. qrs. will
be in the field with the
Army of the Potomac. But
I confess that I rejoice
with trembling. I fear
the promotion was un-
wise & premature. Still
we will pray & 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, & the forces furnished,
Even if a draft shall be
necessary to raise them.
You will have heard before
this reaches you of the release
& return of Gen. Neal Dow.
Butler is managing to
continue the Exchange of
prisoners, in spite of all
the growling at Richmond.
Isn't the death of Col.
Dahlgren a sad Event?
I remember him well,
having seen him at Gen.
Hooker's Hd. qrs. I think
I have heard you speak
of knowing him.
Gen. S. Williams has been
at Augusta. I saw

him for 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 specially interesting that has occurred here. Some of our students have lately tried to make beasts of themselves, & we have sent three 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 in

progress, & we hear very good news from some portions of the Army.

Please present my respect & best wishes to Chas. Stimson Bullock, Assmussen, Meyenberg & all the good friends about you. And for yourself accept my assurance of unchang regard & love.

May you live to see the end of Rebellion & Slavery, & to enjoy many years the fruits of this wearisome struggle, is the prayer of

Your friend & brother
E. Whittlesey

Gen. if you can get for me a photograph of Gen. Howard & his Autographs also I will be so much obliged to you — I admire him very much & my husband speaks in the most complimentary manner of him as well as the Public. —

1339. Spruce Street

Philadelphia Jan 22 [1864]

My dear Gen.

I am getting up an Album for the "Sanitary Fair" containing the Photographs of all the Generals whom I like best & I hope to have you — will you send me a good Vignette of yourself with your Autograph on it written so as to be seen when in the book. & please send me a half dozen extra Autographs. —

I must tell you that I think you are a right mean fellow, & you may as well plead guilty, for I heard through Mrs Meade you had very recently been in Philadelphia & I do not believe

you even thought of us, now this is a nice way to treat old friends -- never mind

Mamie has just had a long letter from our old friend Maggie Nelson. he writes that some of the young ladies you used to adorne so much are now married - Alice Patterson & a Mr Thomas of N. Y. Emily Pope & Mr Litchfield of the Rail road George Sibley & Capt Pope Peggy Whipple & Mr Fanham of this place - all to be married soon. some talk too of Miss Emily Colem & Mr Cathcart, so you see Cupid has been busy out there.

Are you not sorry to hear of poor Mollie Sanders' affliction. she was to be here this spring.

Your dear husband is now in Texas but has written to be allowed to visit a few days at home, this he is in hopes will be granted & then he will be ordered to join some in Texas & have begged a furlough for Cavalry.

Son Geo sends love & so do we all forget when you come to Phila. that you have friends who will give you a cordial welcome.

Emily & Mamie sends love.

L. S. Dana.

Mr Geo. H. Stuart
Philadelphia
Mch. 23/64

impressed with him.

I shall send papers which are published from time to time to your wife's adress in Augusta, Maine.

Wishing you God's blessing and the confidence of your soldiers,

I am yours
very truly and sincerely

Geo. H. Stuart

P.S. I need not say that I shall always be very glad to hear from you – especially any suggestions about Commission work – and so on

G.H.S.
per T.

GEO. H. STUART, Chairman, 11 Bank St.
JOS. PATTERSON, Treas., Western Bank.
REV. W. E. BOARDMAN, Sec'y, 11 Bank St.
Philadelphia.

U. S. Christian Commission,
11 Bank Street.

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Philadelphia, March 23. 1864.

Major General Howard.
Head Quarters: 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 sentiments contained in it and the hearty appreciation of the efforts of the Commission 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. R. 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 unusual thing to have such blessed privileges as the dispensation of the communion

God grant that soon the cloud of war may soon be rolled away and the soldier, at his quiet home, in peaceful contemplation, 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 army come to us calls and at the same time thanks: - calls for the gospel and for every kind of reading matter - and thanks for what we have been enabled to send. We 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 alas 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 your 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 there, for your Headquarters, whatever 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

is well and acting in the place of all detachments at Headquarters during the absence of Capt. Crofs who has gone home sick. The Sibbath is building a structure for a School House - quite interesting. The pioneers are getting out the lumber - Major Hoffman is charming a flourishing Sabbath school flourishing - this has done a great deal of good already. excited an interest in cleaning up, washing faces &c &c. Sam is here. I have set between 4 & 5 while I write you this letter to read a couple of pages of a book, marking the words that he cannot make out. All my regiments are back but three. They are pretty well filled up some of them. Give mother & many kisses from papa (though the lips are sore) to all the children. Many kind words for Julia and her children. I hope she will remember Sam says: he is in tolerable good health, has (needed) rough - sent a letter to his mother the other day, but not got an answer yet) - Good Night darling & may God bless & protect you and the rest. Lovingly

Otis

Headquarters Eleventh Corps,

Lookout Valley Tenn. Mar. 24th 1864.

Dearest,

I received your kind letter mailed the 14th inst. day before yesterday and was quite happy to get it for owing to an irregularity in delivering mail matter I had been some days without a letter. I am vexed somewhat anxious about Jennie - am sorry at this "hacking kind of food". My weakness lies in a faulty digestion and so it is with all the family. I hope my children will never use tobacco to impair their as I foolishly did while I was growing, thus adding to natural weakness. I dread my being away so long from our little ones - but it is a measure compensation for in the thought, that by doing my duty faithfully and conscientiously in these times my character and influence will not be impaired by them. I do not regard my military success as anything remarkable, but if I can live a sincere follower of Christ, say, Jennie

and Chaney may imitate their father with perfect, whatever be their profession in life. And I trust by the Divine blessing they may each be able to improve upon it. As it is a noble trait in a son never to be ashamed of his father. I would like to live so that my son should have no reason to be ashamed. I know that Lucia improves. I do not fear for her studies. I want her not to get bent shoulders, nor inelastic limbs. One of these days she will read books to papa. But now papa thinks the number of story books should be limited. While for long it would suffice him to increase the number he reads. Jennie's imitative powers are good. She talks well. There is no hurry about her letters. The children will teach him when he gets a little bigger. The picture of Chaney in the crib. His waking, his weeping and pushing chairs are beautiful

some pictures for his father. He would like to speak to him, even if he did go to sleep just as he was going to leave him.

Who should walk into my tent yesterday but Dr D. Palmer, my old Regimental and Brigade Surgeon. He is to come to us temporarily as Medical Director to try the experiment whether or not he can stand the field service. Dr Brinton my Asst. Director is sick and obliged to leave. Frank Gilman is coming to us as my private clerk besides what Capt Bartlett may require in the Commissary business. He has reached Louisville and probably will be here tomorrow morning. Young Reynolds is here and at work. Capt. Stinson is well and as good as ever, tell Mrs. Stinson. So also Charles. We have had a very heavy snow storm. But yesterday's & today's sun have melted it. Strangely it began to blow furiously and finally to rain & hail. The Yankees seem to have imported regular March weather. Mr Gilbertie

Phil. March [illegible]

[24?, 1864]

Maj. Genl. Howard.

My dear General,

Will you be kind enough to send me your photograph, with an autograph directly 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 excuse the liberty I take I remain

Very truly Yours

Margaretta L. Meade

2087 Pine St.

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United States Military Telegraph.

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By Telegraph from New Berne

Dated March 25th 1864.

To Maj Genl O O Howard

Comdg wing

Col Howard is not here I understand he went North a gain from Charleston I sent for him immediately on my arrival at Morehead Have not yet heard from them

J Conklin

Col 2nd

New Berne March
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Cochlin J. S.
Col & Ch. 2d Mn.

Col. Howard has
gone North.

Philadelphia March 26.
[1864]

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

complied with Apr 16/64 Lr.

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Phila

Apl Mch 26/64

Sam continues the best man in the world. He begins to read quite well - he reads to me every night or morning and keeps up his interest in the Bible - Julia wants him to become a Christian? He is trying - I am glad Helen & Mrs. are doing so well. and hope they do not burden you. I am glad to hear Mother has got home. Did you hear that Oscar T. Solomon Letterlough - had become Christian - Give much love to Guy - to Gracie and a smart kiss apiece to Jamie and Chauncey - and as many as you will for yourself and precious self. I do hope you are well - and so are the children. Mr Webb writes me a kind letter; so does Professor Whittlesey - he has at last got the letter about his appointment. My sympathy to Isabella - Remember me kindly to Julia.

Good night Dearest

Your ever loving Otis

Headquarters Eleventh Corps,

Lookout Valley Mar 29th 1864.

Dearest - I received your letter on returning from Chattanooga to-day. It was written just before Col Woodman was to leave, and at different sittings - I felt that you must have been tired and that you were doing too much - thought you did not say that and I shall fear you will overdo and get ill. I feel too, as you about Gracie - Cheerfulness is thinks good wholesome food is better than wine of iron - When the spring weather is over and we can run out of doors and play she will be better - It would be a great relief if I could go home to help you - I could not help saying to-day how much less work it is to manage one army corps than

a family of little children. Why
can't you write a little darling —
Pray write a few days before
you really get so. Gen. Thomas said
to me today "that he always
had to work — when he com-
manded a post, he had to
stick by and attend to every-
thing or else affairs went wrong —
other people didn't seem to know
to keep or it can be done." So it is with
you Lizzie. You always have to work —
I wish mine he set it standard so
high that it requires his constant
attention. You and he must lower
your standards a little — and
approximate perfection. Frank
Gilman has arrived and been
with us four days. He is very
favorable specimen. He is copying
all my letters, orders, reports,
letters etc. into a single blank
book and very neatly for my
own preservation — for your
perusal and that of the children
if they should ever desire to
do so. We are trying to harden
him into a soldier by strong
rides daily. The weather has
been quite unpleasant for the
past week but is still
inclemency. Gen Thomas went
over to Chattanooga yesterday, but
today proceeds to Knoxville —
I shall expect to see him on his
return. I do not expect Mc Neill
to be back, to carry of Thomas
because I do not wish to have
to send him away.
I am within anticipating Johnson's
undertaking some game before
long. If he takes the initiative
he may bother us considerably.

exceedingly pleasant to myself – and many more who heard it read.

I am greatly delighted to hear of your efforts in organizing a Sabbath School. – I trust it will be successful and the means of much good in the hands of God.

With my kindest regards
I am yours very truly
in Christian bonds.

Geo. H. Stuart

GEO. H. STUART, Chairman, 11 Bank St.
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REV. W. E. BOARDMAN, Sec'y, 11 Bank St.
Philadelphia.

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U. S. Christian Commission,
11 Bank Street.

Philadelphia, March 30. 1864

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. To extend our operations we are very anxious. In the Army of the Potomac we have covered and supplied fifty chapel tents and have erected fifteen stations – where religious services are regularly carried on: we cannot make less what we would rather make greater without injuring the cause of Christ in the

Letter Geo. H. Stuart
Philadelphia Mch 31/64

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 or more 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 of your own experience of our 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 13th of April - and hence it is necessary that we should have your letter very soon. Their object would be to read it in meetings and to refer to it when needed. If it meets your approbation, you might send a friendly letter to me - something like your last, - omitting of course personal allusions and - also - for the sake of Baptist brethren of the close-communion belief - the church-communion history, which was so

sent – to make true answer as should be stated in writing previous to the answer.

Mr Stiles begs that you will take an early occasion to attend to this matter. There is one circumstance that I will mention to you – The whole damage to the farm is not included in his petition – for two reasons the first that by making the amount claimed $3000. he escapes the expense of printing and the second is that the United States have a right to confiscate the rent of the farm due the Commodore –

I shall be obliged to you if you will notify me when you send the answers and of any expense that you incur herein that I may immediately remit the amount

Very respectfully yr obt Svt
Thomas B. Saunders

General Howard U.S.A.

(Answered Apr 16/65)

Thomas B. Saunders
Jan 4th 1865
Respecting claim of Mr Stiles

1 Edward St
New York Nov 30 '64

Sir

Mr Edward Stiles the petitioner as within in order to preserve his rights and relieve his necessities finds it necessary to petition for compensation for injuries suffered by him while in Virginia He informs me that you boarded with him for a time while certain regiments were encamped on some land that he had hired from Commodore Forrest and was then cultivating – The lease from the Commodore is now in evidence –

Under these facts you are one of his most necessary witnesses. Therefore the hereunto enclosed interrogatories

The important points are Loyalty and the occupation of the fields called Clermont bottom which are located it is not necessary that you should know the precise boundaries of his farm – because that and the character and amount of the injury can be proved by others. Still any knowledge you possess on those points would be valuable to Mr Stiles – therefore the questions relating to those matters –

The terms of the "consent" should be followed as closely as possible. The interrogatories and answers should be enclosed and mailed to Samuel H Huntingdon Esq Clerk Court claims Washington D.C. The fact of your having taken the oath referred to in the cir-

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 any way voluntary or involuntarily aided or abetted or given encouragement to rebellion against said Government.

That on or about the 19th 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 2d Vermont and 3d, 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 Fodder, at least,	70 00
20 acres Oats, 500 bushels *a* 50c. per bushel	250 00
Oat Straw	30 00
35 tons of Hay *a* $15	525 00
	$3150 00

That of said sum he 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.

Fifty Cents 50 UNITED STATES INTER. REVENUE. 50 Orig. Process.

EDWARD STEERS,
Care of Theodore Buckhout,
SING SING,
Westchester County,
New York.

STATE OF NEW YORK,
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } *ss.*

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 justly 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.

U. S. Inter. Revenue. 5 Cents. Exd Ex. 5 Cents. Int'l Exchange.

Sworn to before me, this Sixth day of October, 1863.

HORATIO DORR,
Notary Public, New York.

A. M. Carter
Baltimore Md.

Enclosing Tract
"Watch"

Asks about
Col. Morehead

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Bank of Baltimore
Baltimore Md
Mch 31st 1864

Major Genl Howard
US Army
of the Cumberland
My Dear Sir

I take the liberty of enclosing to you a copy or two of a little tract "Watch" which I, a plain layman, have ventured to write which has been published widely circulated by the Amr Tract So of New York & the Presbytn Board of Philada which I pray God to bless to the good of some precious souls.

It has been copied in the "New Observer" - the "Episc Recorder" - "The Pacific" & other papers & I do hope it is grappling on blessed

Master in the conversion
of souls for whom he died.

In your excellent speech
before the Christian Comm.
at Philadel. you made a
touching allusion to my old
playmate (a native of Balt.)
Col Moorhead of Philadel.
you spoke of him as among
the slain — this I was
greatly pained to learn.

May I ask you
to let me know when —
where & how he died — was
he a God fearing man?

I wish to send a word
of consolation to his widow.

I will be glad to send
you some Sunday School
papers for the children
in your S School if you
will favor me with your
address.

May God bless
you & keep you in His
holy keeping.

And may he save
our blessed land.

Very resp.y
truly yours

A. M. Carter