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Figourney Iowa Sept 29<sup>th</sup> 1863—  
Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard.  
General.

I have the honor to forward herewith copy of the Constitution & Laws and list of Officers of the "Order of the Blue Arrow," the first annual meeting of which is to be held in the city of Chicago Ill on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 1863, that bring the anniversary of the commencement of "Sherman's march to the sea"

By direction of the President I am instructed in behalf of the members of the "order" to respectfully extend to you a cordial and earnest invitation to attend the said meeting, assuring you that it would be a source of infinite pride and pleasure to us should the esteemed chief of our glorious old "Army of the Tennessee" honor our meeting with his presence

I am General

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

Alonzo J Pope

Cor. Sec. "Order of the Blue Arrow."

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Received from Mr. C. O. Howard  
Sept 27th 1880

I have the honor to forward herewith  
Copy of the Constitution & Laws and list of Officers  
of the Order of the Blue Cross, the first annual meet-  
ing of which is to be held in the city of Chicago on  
the 1st day of November 1880, that being the commence-  
ment of the Commencement of the year.

By direction of the President I am instructed in  
behalf of the members of the Order to respectfully  
extend to you a cordial and earnest invitation to attend  
the said meeting, assuming you that it would be a  
source of infinite pride and pleasure to us should  
the external chief of our glorious old Group of the  
"Knights" have our meeting with the presence  
of our presence.

Very Respectfully  
Your Obedt Servt  
Chas. F. Pope  
Care of "Order of the Blue Cross"



# CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF "THE ORDER OF THE BLUE ARROW."

ESTABLISHED JULY 18th, 1865.

This Association shall be known as "THE ORDER OF THE BLUE ARROW."

*The object of the Association.*

## Article 1st.

SECTION 1ST. The object of this Association is to cherish, preserve and perpetuate the kind and mutual relations that have ever existed between the officers of this Division, and in connection with "The Association of Officers of the Army of the Tennessee," to render assistance and material aid to the Widows and Orphans of Officers and Soldiers of this Division who have been killed or disabled during the war.

## *On Membership.*

### Article 2nd.

SECTION 1ST. Any person who is now, or has at any time been a Commissioned Officer in the 4th Division, 17th Army Corps, and honorably discharged, shall be eligible to a membership in this Association on the payment of the sum of one Dollar to the Treasurer of the same.

## *Officers and their Duties.*

### Article 3rd.

SECTION 1ST. The officers of the Association will consist of one President; Six Vice Presidents; Three Recording Secretaries; One Corresponding Secretary and one Treasurer. They will be elected annually at the annual meeting of the Order.

SECTION 2ND. The President will discharge the duties usually devolving upon a presiding officer, and shall have authority to determine the time and place of meeting unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

SECTION 3RD. The Senior Vice President will discharge the duties of President in the absence of that Officer.

SECTION 4TH. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretaries to neatly record the proceedings of each meeting of the Association in a book provided for that purpose.

SECTION 5TH. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct all the correspondence of the Association, sign orders upon the Treasurer, provide a Hall for the meetings, procure stationery and other articles necessary for the transaction of the legitimate business of the Association.

SECTION 6TH. The Treasurer shall collect the fee of membership and all other assessments made upon the members of the Association, and disburse upon the order of the President, countersigned by the Corresponding Secretary. The money remaining in the Treasury to be invested in United States Stocks and deposited in one of the National Banks in the West, nearest the residence of the Treasurer for safe keeping, and payable to the order of the Treasurer or his successor in office.

## *Miscellaneous.*

### Article 4th.

SECTION 1ST. This Association will have annual meetings at such time and place as the President of the Association may direct.

SECTION 2ND. It shall be the duty of each member of the Association to attend each annual meeting in person.

SECTION 3D. When any member of the Association shall die, it shall be the duty of the member residing nearest him to report at the next annual meeting, the time, place, and circumstances connected with the decease of his comrade, the number of his family, its condition and wants.

SECTION 4TH. Every member in attendance on the meetings of the Association will wear the uniform and insignia of his rank at the time of his leaving the service; and will at all times wear the badge of his Division.

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CONSTITUTION AND LAWS  
OF  
THE ORDER OF THE BLUE ARROW.

ESTABLISHED JULY 12th, 1868

This Association shall be known as "THE ORDER OF THE BLUE ARROW."  
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COL. JOHN E. GURLEY, 135th U. S. C. Infantry, Shellsburg, Wis.

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### TREASURER.

LIEUT. COL. GEORGE POMUTZ, 15th Iowa, New Buda, Iowa.

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For the 1st Brigade.--COL. R. H. McFADDEN, 53d ILLINOIS.

For the 2nd Brigade--BRV'T BRIG. GEN. CYRUS HALL.

For the 3d Brigade--LT. COL. GEO. POMUTZ, 15th IOWA.

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Head Quarters Fort Harpers Ferry  
West Va. Sept. 29th 1865.

Major Gen O. O. Howard

Commissioner Freedmens Bu.  
General

I have the honor to transmit to you a communication from Capt Deitz. I would earnestly recommend Capt Deitz to be retained in the Service and assigned to duty in the Freedmen's Bureau and made superintendant of Freedmen's affairs in the Counties of Jefferson and Berkeley with Head Quarters at Harpers Ferry. The Captain is well qualified for the position and there is great need of such an officer. There is a large number of freedmen in this locality and in view of the bad animus toward them there is a pressing necessity for a sterling man to look after them.

I would further state that in view of the great paucity of officers in this vicinity and the amount of duty to be performed con-



quent upon the many detachments into which  
the few troops are divided that another suit-  
able officer is scarcely available.

Guards have recently been  
ordered by me for protection of your agents  
at Charleston and Martinsburg, <sup>West Va</sup> and there  
appears to me to be an immediate and pressing  
demand for the labors of an efficient sub-  
Superintendent of your Bureau.

You will please therefore  
secure the appointment of Capt. Seif  
and send to him requisite orders and instruc-  
tion.

I have the honor to be  
Your obt. Servt.,

J. M. Van Pelt  
Robt. Baylen Comd.



Officer asst Com Musters.

Harpers Ferry, West Va.

Sept 29<sup>th</sup> 1863

Brig Genl J. B. Van Patten,  
Commanding Post.

Sir:

I have the honor to state I have been detailed by an Order from War Dept., Freedmen's Bureau, as Superintendent of Freedmen's affairs for this station and vicinity. Said order was referred to the Adjt Genl of the U. S. A. for the purpose of having it, if permissible, approved retaining me in service (as my Regt has been mustered out) when relieved as Asst Com Musters. Said order has not yet been received. In the mean time orders have been issued that all Officers retained as Mustering Officers will muster out. It is respectfully asked which I shall do in the dilemma these conflicting orders place me. Shall I remain here for further orders from the War Dept or shall I proceed to muster out?

I am, Gent

(over)



Office East Room  
 Washington, D.C.  
 Sept 29th 1891

Prof. J. R. Van Dine  
 Remonding Book

I have the honor  
 to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th inst.  
 in relation to the Remonding Book, and in reply to inform you  
 that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities  
 for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
 Yours, very truly,  
 J. R. Van Dine



Very Respectfully  
Your Obedt Servant  
Lewis Deitz  
Capt Ed Asst Com Mustang



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*Very Respectfully  
Yours  
John C. Smith  
Capt 2d Regt*





a grand number for such a little red-haired chap!  
Now my dear friend, this is the seventh or eighth letter  
I have written to you since the "Lover's letter" and  
have only been honored by one autograph letter in return  
what a profoundly formal one in answer to the one about  
Mr. Keadley. also I deserve wither night? I am not quite  
regard to it yet! My mother sends her warmest  
love, while I subscribe myself

Very very gratefully and affectionately  
Your friend -

Leavin A. Gray

HC

Sept 29 '65

My very dear friend, Gen. Howard!

Last week

I was the happy recipient of a picture  
that gladdens our eyes whenever we  
enter our little parlor! I wrote to  
thank your brother for it, as Mr. Fessile  
said he had sent it, no matter from  
from whom it came, it is equally acceptable.  
Another proof your unvaried goodness  
came to make us <sup>happy</sup> ours, last night - Mr



Mr Nelson was going to do several things, but when they returned to his post he found his discharge had arrived the day after he left. He flew home with joy & came to see me that I was in N. York, but mamma saw him, and made a long speech to him, and he made many good promises, and went home and went to his bed. Poor fellow it was too much for him! He was surrounded the 1st July last and a wonderful personage they tell me, and has a first rate common-school foundation for an education. and "Gao" is mother, regarding his conduct, on his discharge. I fancy if you don't kill the boy, he will not be a Carpenter all his life. I saw in the paper yesterday about the many vacancies among <sup>the</sup> Cadets, and almost wished I had the power of placing the little hero among the candidates. His discharge speaks of the letter he had been in, fourteen days.

Ryder the father of the boy about whom I wrote you some months ago, came to tell us his son was free once more! His voice was husky with emotion, and his eyes overflowed many times. The boy had had a leave granted him on the 18<sup>th</sup> inst & was home five days, & when he parted from his mother he was so broken down that she said "Oh, I feel as if you would find your discharge waiting for you when you get back!" She saw a sad smile flit over his face for he had no faith, although Mr Avery had written to Preston King two days before.



638 Tremont St.

Boston Sep 30 1865

Dear Genl.

I have submitted  
your letter to the Young  
Men's & Association. &  
they wish me to say in  
reply that Wed: eve'g  
is the eve'g of the week  
on wh they have determined  
to hold their lectures,  
& that while they are  
weceding happily in the  
prospect of having your  
lecture they wd be glad  
if on your return from  
Portland you cd lecture  
for them on Wednesday  
eve'g. When you have ar-



range your programme &  
fix your time. please  
let us know.

You will, of course.  
Consider my house your  
home while you are  
in town. And do spend  
a Sabbath with us, if  
possible, & a Friday eve'g.

Do the Freedmen need  
my efforts & influence?

For what end? What  
shall I & my people do to  
be of the greatest real Ser-  
vice.

One day with you at Peters-  
burg is not just what I want  
Gen'l., but a good long tour.  
& time to see, & hear. &

talk.

We are all pretty well,  
& getting fixed down, & up,  
for winter work.

With kind regards to  
Mrs Howard, in wh Mrs W.  
w<sup>o</sup> join her in the  
Study, as ever.

fraternally  
E. B. Webb.

Maj Genl.

C. O. Howard

Freedmen's Bureau.

Washington.



Richmond Sep 30<sup>th</sup> 65

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Genl - Hancock

I very much regret that  
you were not here on the receipt  
of the enclosed, that I may have  
had a personal interview  
with you on the interesting  
subject embraced in it. Should  
it be your pleasure to give  
this letter your consideration  
I will address Mr. Wiley to the  
care of The Church of this  
City it will be forwarded. You  
may prefer sending it through  
Genl Gibbon at Petersburg if  
so - let it be directed to Blacks  
& Whites both for you. I am well  
acquainted with Genl A. Jones - who  
sightly with Genl H. Blair this  
brother ~~Henry~~ Montgomery Blair of  
W. City

Yours obedient servt  
Thos Branch



Richmond Va. Sept 30. 1865.

Branch, Mo.

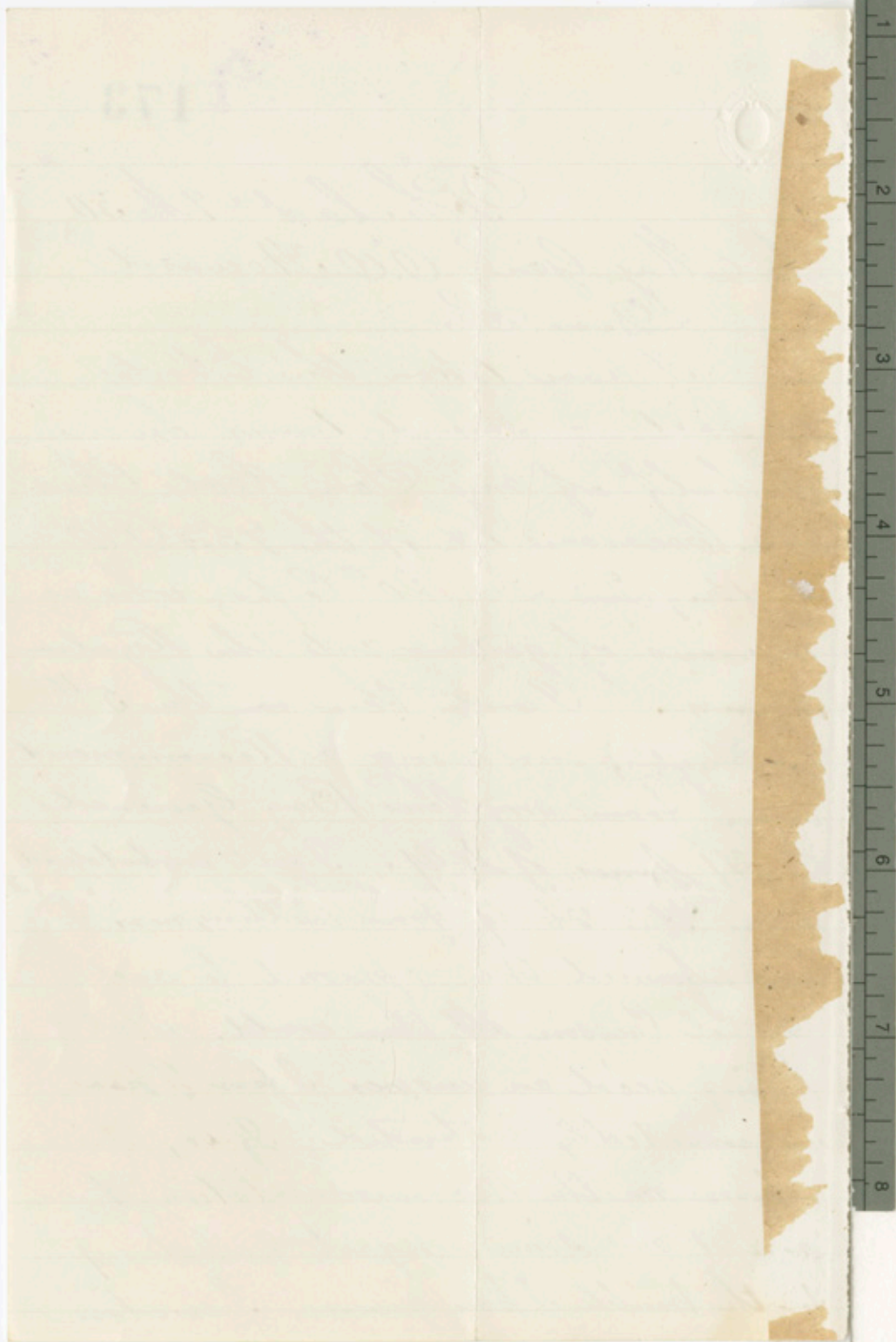
Enclosed letter from  
Mr. J. J. of St. Lawrence  
County.





Philad<sup>a</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> Mo 30<sup>th</sup>  
To Maj Gen<sup>l</sup> O. O. Howard  
Dear Sir

I have taken the liberty  
of writing several times on  
behalf of my Son Col Chas  
C. Crosson late of the 73<sup>rd</sup> P<sup>vt</sup>  
2<sup>d</sup> Brig 2<sup>nd</sup> Div 20<sup>th</sup> Corps; who is  
desirous of getting into the Regular  
Army. I wrote thee on the 5<sup>th</sup>  
of Aug<sup>st</sup>, enclosing a Recommendation  
from my Sons Brig General  
T H Jones, of N Y. I felt emboldened  
to use this liberty, from colleagues I  
was informed thou appeared to aid  
Lt Col Crosson all thou could. Not-  
having rec'd an answer I fear I have  
unwarrantedly intruded; If so, please  
return me the Recommendation &  
accept my sincere regret & apology  
for the trouble I have given, I enclose





an answer to my 1<sup>st</sup> letter (recd at  
Washington, while there was absent **174** in  
Maine) from Maj: R. M. Stinson

Plan direct to J. B. Cresson Care  
of Powers & Weightman 9<sup>th</sup> & Parish St.  
Philed<sup>a</sup>. Respectfully thy

Most Obedt  
John B Cresson  
1618 Mt Vernon St

Phila. Sept 30. 1865

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Bresson, John B.

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Asks for recommend-  
ation of his son  
Levt. W. Bresson for  
position in the  
Regular Army

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Camp Howard. Paducah Ky  
September 30<sup>th</sup> 1865

General:

I have respectfully to inform you that by an order of which the enclosed is a copy. I announced the name of the camp of my Battalion (4<sup>th</sup> U.S. Col. Art<sup>y</sup>) recently stationed at this Post, to be "Camp Howard" in honor of yourself.

The camp is beautifully situated on the plateau one mile below the town near and overlooking the Ohio River.

My men are working with great alacrity, and no little skill in constructing really excellent barracks from the abandoned material collected in the camps of Vol. Troops at this place.

Hoping, Sir, that you will not consider discountenancing this use of your name without first asking your consent, and that it will meet your approval.

I have the honor to be,

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Dear Mother  
I have been thinking of you  
very much lately.

I am very well at present  
and hope these few lines will  
find you the same. I have been  
very busy lately with my  
studies and have not had time  
to write you more often. I  
am now in the city and  
will be home in a few days.  
I am very much interested in  
the progress of the war and  
hope it will soon be over.  
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Very respectfully.

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Your obedient servant

William D. Hale

Major 4<sup>th</sup> U.S.C. Artz Bty

Major Genl. O. O. Howard

Chief Bureau Freedmen <sup>U.S.</sup> Refugees

Washington D. C.



"Camp Howard"  
Paducah, Ky. Sept 30, 1865

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Male. Wm. D.  
Maj. H. U. S. A.

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States that he has  
named his camp in  
honor of Gen. Howard

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C. B. / 234





Philad. <sup>25</sup> Sep 30. 1868.

Dear Sir

The Penn<sup>a</sup> Freedman's  
Relief Association is charged  
with the duty of arranging  
for a public meeting to be  
held in this City on the  
evening of Wednesday  
the 11<sup>th</sup> of October to  
inaugurate the American  
Freedman's Aid Commission.

The Commission is to  
assemble here on that  
day & will remain in  
Session perhaps two or  
three days. We have en-  
gaged the Academy of  
Music for the evening  
making & it is hoped the  
Right W<sup>or</sup>shipful Bishop McHarris  
Wm Sew C. O. Howard  
h h h





of Ohio will preside. The  
Episcopal General Convention  
will be in session in this  
city at that time.

We have to ask the favor  
of you to be present & take  
part in the proceedings on  
the evening of the 11<sup>th</sup>. We  
hope to make the occasion  
one of importance in every  
way. As yet the speakers  
for the meeting have not  
been determined upon.

Mr. Geesher Mr. Curtis &  
Mr. Sumner are to be  
applied to. Other names  
also we hope to be able to  
announce.

Trusting that you will be  
willing to favor us with your  
presence I am &c

Yours respectfully

Ellis Yarnall

Chairman of Com<sup>y</sup> of Managers

Phila Pa.

30, Sept 1888.

Garnett Elias.

asked him to address  
a meeting on the  
11<sup>th</sup> of Oct. in  
Philadelphia

LB 207.

am Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 1888.

Recd BRP Feb Oct 1.



Private

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Bureau B. F. & A. L.

Richmond September 30. 1865

Major General G. O. Howard  
Commissioner to

General

I desire to renew  
to you in writing the desire I expressed  
to you at my interview with you  
here to be transferred to Florida.

In my original application for detail  
in the Bureau I asked to be sent to  
that state, and I still urgently desire it.  
My health is not good here, and would  
be much improved by the change. I  
intend, when mustered out of the service,  
to make Florida my home and by  
taking a plantation, show how the ex-  
periment of free labor may be made  
to succeed in the South. One assistant  
from the Invalid Corps has already



reported here who can fill my place,  
in Colonel Brown's office, and another  
can be obtained if required. Finally,  
General, if four years constant service  
in the field have given me any claim  
upon the consideration of the Govern-  
ment, I have that claim -

I am General with great respect  
your obedient servant  
H. B. Scott

Lieut. Col. 4<sup>th</sup> Mass Cavalry  
Ins. Genl. Bureau R. F. & L.



Worcester, Conn.  
Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> 1863.

Maj. Gen. Canby.

Will you please write me  
at your earliest opportunity to whom I shall  
apply for transportation from New York to  
New Orleans, as I am quite anxious to leave  
for home - I sent you word to Gen. Jan  
that was written that they were organizing my  
Immigrant Agents between the two places.  
Consequently am obliged to again refer to you.

Very respectfully,

James M. Skinner.

Worcester,

Conn.

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Hoodstock, Conn. Sept. 30, 1865

Skinner, Louisa M.

Dr. J. W. Skinner  
Hoodstock, Conn.

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