
3001 9/29/1865 *From:* Alonzo J Pope

To: Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard

OOH-2944

Sigourney Iowa

Source: Bowdoin

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Sigourney Iowa Sept 29th 1865

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 Ills on the 15th day of November 1865, that being the anniversary of the commencement of "Shermans 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"

CONSTITUTION AND LAWS
OF
"THE ORDER OF THE BLUE ARROW"
ESTABLISHED JULY 18TH, 1865.
[By-laws of the order not transcribed.]

OFFICERS of the Order,
President.
Maj. Gen'l Wm. W. Belknap, Keokuk, Iowa.

Vice-Presidents
Brig. Gen'l W.Q. Gresham, New Albany, Indiana
Brig. Gen'l B.F. Potts, Carrollton, Ohio.
Col. Isaac C. Pugh, 41st Illinois, ---, Illinois.
Col. John E. Gurley, 135th U.S.C. Infantry, Shellsburg, Wis.
Lt. Col. Justin C. Kennedy, 13th Iowa, Elgin, Illinois.
Maj. W.Z. Clayton, 1st Minn. Art., Vinona, Minn.

Recording Secretaries
Lt. Col. J.T. Herbert, 16th Iowa, Marshalltown, Iowa.
Lt. R.M. Woods, 64th Ills., Springfield, Illinois.
Lt. F.Y. Headley, 32d Illinois, --- Ills.

Corresponding Secretary
Maj. A.J. Pope, 13th Iowa, Sigourney, Iowa.
Treasurer
Lieut. Col. George Pomutz, 15th Iowa, New Buda, Iowa.

Historians
For the Division -Maj. Gen. W.W. Belknap
For the 1st Brigade -Col. R.H. McFadden, 53d Illinois.
For the 2nd Brigade -Brv't Gen. Cyrus Hall.

For the 3d Brigade –Lt. Col. Geo. Pomutz, 15th Iowa.
For the Artillery –Maj. W.Z. Clayton, 1st Minn. Art'y.

3002 9/29/1865

From: J. B. Van Petten

To: Major Gen O.O. Howard

OOH-2945

Source: Bowdoin

Head Qrs Post Harpers
Ferry
West Va.

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Head Qrs Post 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 superintendent of Freedmen's affairs in the Counties of Jefferson and Berkeley with Head Qrs. 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 consequent upon the many detachments into which the few troops are divided that another suitable officer is scarcely available.

Guards have recently been ordered by me for protection of your agents at Charlestown and Martinsburg West Va and there appears to me to be an immediate and pressing demand for the labors of an efficient Asst. Superintendent of your Bureau.

You will please therefore to secure the appointment of Capt Deitz and send to him requisite orders and instruction.

I have the honor to be
Your obdt Servt,
J. B. Van Petten
Bvt Brig Gen Comdg

[The letter from Dietz to Van Petten on Sept 29th 1865 was enclosed with this letter.]

Office Asst Com Musters
Harpers Ferry West Va.
Sept 29th 1865

Bvt Brig Genl J.B. Van Petten
Commanding Post
Sir:

I have the honor to state I have been detailed by an Order from War Dept., Freeman'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 meantime 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, Genl,
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servant
Lewis Dietz
Capt and Asst Com Musters

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3003 9/29/1865 *From:* Jeannie H. Grey

To: Gen. [OO] Howard

OOH-2946

Source: Bowdoin

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Sept 29th '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 Genl Fresill said he has sent it. No matter from whom it came, it is equally acceptable.

Another proof your <> goodness came to make us very happy last night. Mr Ryder the father of the boy about whom I wrote you some months ago, came to tell as his son was "ree"once more! His voice was husky with emotion, and his eyes overflowed many times. The boy had had a leave granted him on the 18th inst & was home five days, & when he parted from his mother he was so broken down that she said "Iky, 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 the Army had written to Preston King two days before & Mr Nelson was going to do several things, but when Iky returned to his post he found his discharge had arrived the day after he left! He flew home wild with joy & came to see me but I was in N. York, but mamma saw him, and made a long preach to him, and he made many good promises, and went home and went to bed sick! Poor fellow it was too much for him! He was seventeen 1st July last, and a wonderful penman they tell me, and has a first rate common-school foundation for an education and "Good" is written, regarding his conduct, on his discharge. I fancy if joy don't kill the boy he will not be a carpenter all his life. I saw in the paper yesterday about the many vacancies in the Cadetships, and almost wished I had the power of placing the little hero among the candidates! His discharge speaks of the battles he had been in, thirteen I <think>. A grand number for such a little red-haired chap!

Now my dear friend, this is the seventh or eight letter I have written to you since the "Surrender of Lee" and have only been honored by one autograph letter in return & that a profoundly formal one in answer to the one about Mr Hedley. Do I deserve utter neglect? I am not quite resigned to it yet! My mother sends her warmest love, while I subscribe myself

Very very gratefully and affectionately
Your friend -
Jeannie H. Grey

3004 9/30/1865

From: E.B. Webb

To: Maj Genl. O.O. Howard

OOH-2947

638 Tremont St.
Boston

Freedmen's Bureau
Washington

Source: Bowdoin

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638 Tremont St.
Boston Sep 30 1865

Dear Genl.

I have submitted your letters to the Young Men's + Association & they wish me to say in reply that Wed'y eve'g is the eve'g of the week on wh they have determined to hold their lectures, & that while they are exceedingly happy in the prospect of having your lecture they wld be glad if on your return from Portland you cld lecture for them on Wednesday eve'g.

When you have arranged your programme & fixed 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 Freemen need my efforts & influence? For what end? What shall I & my people do to be of the greatest real service.

One day with you at Petersburg is not just what I want Genl., 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. wld join were she in the study. As ever,

fraternally
E.B. Webb

Maj Genl. O.O. Howard
Freedmen's Bureau
Washington

3005 9/30/1865 *From:* Thos Branch

To: Genl [OO] Howard

OOH-2948

Richmond

Source: Bowdoin

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Richmond Sep 30th 65

Genl Howard

I very much regret that you were not here on the receipt of the inclosed, that I may have had a personal interview with you on the interesting subjects embraced in it. Should it be your pleasure to give this letter your consideration & will address Mr Irbey to the care of the <> 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 of <Va>. I am well acquainted with Genl A Ames, <> slightly in with Genl F. Blair & his brother. <Hon [smudge]> Montgomery Blair of W <like>.

Your obedient Servt
Thos Branch

[Written sideways on the back page, in a different hand.]

Richmond Va. Sept 30 1865

Branch, Thos

Encloses letter from Mr Irby of Nottaway County.[OOH-2928]

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3006 9/30/1865 *From:* John B Cresson

To: Maj Genl O.O. Howard

OOH-2949

1618 Mt Vernon St
Philad'a

Source: Bowdoin

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Philad'a 9 Mo 30 [1865] [The year was written in pencil]

To Maj Genl O.O. Howard

Dear Sir

I have taken the liberty of writing several times on behalf of my Son Col Chas C. Cresson late of the 73rd PV2d Brig Ind Div 20th Corps, who is desirous of getting into the Regular Army. I wrote thee on the 5th of Aug'st, enclosing a Recommendation from my sons Brig General PH Jones, of NY. I felt emboldened to use this liberty, from willingness I was informed thee expressed to aid Lt Col Cresson all thee could. Not having rec'd an answer I fear I have unwarrantedly intruded. If so, please return me the Reccomendation & accept my sincere regret & apology for the trouble I have given, I enclose an answer to my 1st letter (recd at Washington, while they was absent in Maine) from Maj. RM Stinson.

Please direct to JB Cresson care of Powers & Wrightman 9th & Parrish Sts Philad'a.

Respectfully thy

Most Obedt

John B Cresson

1618 Mt Vernon St

[Written on the back page, in a different hand.]

Phila. Sept 30, 1865

Cresson John B

Asks for recommendation of his son Col. C.S. Cresson for position in the regular army

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3007 9/30/1865 *From:* William D. Hale

To: Major Genl. O.O. Howard

OOH-2950

Camp Howard
Paducah Ky

Chief Bureau Freedmen and
Refugees
Washington D.C.

Source: Bowdoin

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Camp Howard Paducah Ky
September 30th 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 (4th U.S.Col. Arty Ky) 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 camp of Vol. Troops at this place.

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

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
William D. Hale
Major 4th U.S.C. Arty Ky

Major Genl. O.O. Howard
Chief Bureau Freedmen and Refugees
Washington D.C.

[Written sideways on the last page, in a different hand.]

Camp Howard
Paducah, Ky Sept 30, 1865
Hale, Wm D.
Maj. 4th U.S.C.A.

States that he has name his camp in honor of Gen Howard
[STAMP] BUREAU R.F.&A.L. WASHINGTON REC'D OCT 7 1865

3008 9/30/1865 *From:* Ellis Yarnall

To: Dear Sir [OO Howard]

OOH-2951

Philad'a

Source: Bowdoin

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Philad'a Sep 30, 1865.

Dear Sir

The Penn'a Freedmans 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 11th of October to inaugurate the American Freedmans Aid Commission. The Commission is to assemble here on that day & will remain in session perhaps two or three days. We have engaged the Academy of Music for the evening meeting & it is hoped the Right Rev Bishop W Haine of Ohio will preside. The Episcopal General Convention will be in Session in this city at that time.

We have to ask the favour of you to be present & take part in the proceedings on the evening of the 11th. 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 Beecher Mr Custis & Mr Sumner are to be applied to. Other names also we hope to be able to announce.

Trusting that you will be willing to favour us with your presence.

I am

<yrs> very respectfully

Ellis Yarnall

Chairman Com of arrang.

[Written on the back page, in a different hand.]

Phila. Pa

30 Sept 1865

Yarnall Elias [The first name should have been Ellis.]

Asks Genl to address a meeting on the 11th of Oct in Philadelphia

<[CHECK ORIGINAL Very faint writing.]>

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3009 9/30/1865 *From:* H.B. Scott

To: Major General O.O.
Howard

OOH-2952

Bureau R.F&A.L.
Richmond

Source: Bowdoin

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Private

Bureau R.F&A.L.
Richmond September 30, 1865

Major General O.O. Howard
Commissioner &c
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 experiment 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 Government, I have that claim.

I am General with great respect
your obedient servant
H.B. Scott
Lieut Col. 4th Mass Cavalry
Ins. Genl. Bureau RF. & AL

3010 9/30/1865 *From:* Louise M. Skinner

To: Maj. Gen. [OO] Howard

OOH-2953

Woodstock, Conn.

Source: Bowdoin

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Woodstock, Conn.
Sept. 30th 1865

Maj. Gen. Howard,

Will you please write me at your earliest opportunity to whom I should apply for transportation from New York to New Orleans, as I am quite anxious to leave for teaching. I sent your order to Gen. Van Vliet was replied that they were moving in <Government> Transports between the two places. Consequently am obliged to again refer to your

Very respectfully,
Louise M. Skinner
Woodstock
Conn.

[Written on the back page, in a different hand.]

Woodstock, Conn. Sept. 30 1865

Skinner, Louisa M. [From her signature, her name was Louise.]

Desires transportation to New Orleans

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