

New York, Nov. 21, 1865.

Office of the "Soldier's Friend,"
Major General O. O. Howard,
General,

I have sent you
Copies of "The Soldier's Friend," which I
publish, and which I hope have reached
your hands. Whether in the press of your
duties you have been able to spare time
to examine them I am in doubt.

Permit me to call attention to
a feature which is attracting a good
deal of interest. It is the Pennine
to the "Left-Arm'd Soldiers" for original
essays and Specimens of Pennmanship.
You will see by the prospectus enclosed,
that I have enlisted one eminent
Committee of Award.

I desire the influence of your

name and character to this effort
on behalf of our Soldiers. Already many
specimens have been sent in, and from
the assurances made I hope for a
very honorable representation of the
moral and intellectual character of
the Army.

While I hesitate somewhat
in asking you for your contribution
to the work, I still feel that with
the generous spirit you have manifested,
and your Christian sympathy with
all that concerns the best interests of
the rank and file, as well as the
lowly and the oppressed, you only
need to have your attention called to
this effort, in order to secure your favor.

I would deem it a privilege, not
less than an honor to have from your
pen, a narrative of your work in the

Army, and an essay on any one of the great practical topics of national or Christian reform in which you are interested.

I am endeavoring to make my paper a practical and serviceable instrument for the Army and Navy, and for the masses of the Community, North and South. I want the cooperation of true, earnest, Christian men in my work.

I know you will excuse my freedom in this application, and I trust you will find it within your power to spare an hour or two to the opportunity of thus aiding a benevolent undertaking.

I am very respectfully
 Your Obedient Servant
 Wm Oland Bourne,
 Ed. Soldier's Friend,

San Francisco

Bourne, Wm. D.

Send a con-
tribution from
West Stewart St
Church of Boston
to the
Society.

Quincy, Dec. 1st 1865
Recd. Nov. 24th 1865

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PREMIUM \$500

TO THE

Left-Armed Soldiers of the Union.

THERE are many men now in hospital, as well as at their homes, who have lost their right arms, or whose right arm is so disabled that they can not write with it. Penmanship is a necessary requisite to any man who wants a situation under the Government, or in almost any business establishment. As an inducement to the class of wounded and disabled soldiers here named to make every effort to fit themselves for lucrative and honorable positions, we offer the following premiums:

For the best specimen of left-hand penmanship,.....	\$200
For the second best specimen,.....	150
For the third best specimen,.....	100
For the fourth best specimen,.....	50

The specimens of penmanship must be written with ink, on fine letter-paper of the ordinary size (eight by ten inches), and not to be less than two pages.

The literary part of the work may be original or selected. Brief essays on patriotic themes, and especially narratives of the writer's experience in the service of the country, incidents, or sketches of the war, are preferred. In all cases the writer must give his name in full, his company, regiment, and rank; list of battles in which he was engaged, as complete as possible; the place where he lost his arm, with the date; and his post-office address. An inch margin must be left at the sides and top and bottom of the paper. Should a sufficient number of specimens be sent in, they will be placed on exhibition; and the proceeds, if sufficient, will be devoted to the publication of a memorial volume containing the prize essays, a list of contributors, etc., a copy of which will be sent to each competitor.

The undersigned has the honor to announce that the following gentlemen will act as the

COMMITTEE OF AWARD.

HIS Excellency REUBEN E. FENTON, Governor of New-York.

REV. HENRY W. BELLows, D.D., President Sanitary Commission.

WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT.

GEORGE WILLIAM CURTIS.

HOWARD POTTER,

WILLIAM E. DODGE, Jr.,

THEODORE ROOSEVELT,

Executive Committee

Bureau of Employment,

New-York.

After the award shall have been made, the editor of THE SOLDIER'S FRIEND is to have the right to publish such of the contributions as may be best adapted for publication, and the manuscripts will be bound up and preserved as a memorial of the brave.

The manuscripts must be sent in on or before the 1st of January, 1866. Time will thus be allowed for the men wounded in the last battles near Richmond to enter the lists as competitors.

The manuscripts must be wrapped around a wooden roller, to avoid folding or crushing in transportation, and must be addressed to

WM. OLAND BOURNE,

EDITOR OF "THE SOLDIER'S FRIEND,"

No. 12 Centre-street, New-York.

Editors of newspapers throughout the country are respectfully requested to republish the above

"6. With the close of the rebellion, the time has come when the application of martial law and trial before military courts should cease, wherever civil law and government exist under the authority of a loyal State of the Federal Government, except as to persons in the military and naval service of the United States.

"7. That we heartily indorse the policy of President Andrew Johnson, on the subject of reconstruction and restoration, so far as that policy has been developed."

So heartily have the society and its principles commended themselves to the good sense

of all, that already numerous branches have been formed in this and sister States having in view one common purpose, and so eminent has been the success attending the movement, that at its last meeting the parent society, by resolution, authorized a call addressed to the officers and men of the Army and Navy, who have served during the late rebellion, and who have been honorably discharged the service, either by resignation or mustering out, to select delegates to a State Convention, for the purpose of taking into consideration the political issues of the day, and to determine on such other matters as may be brought before such a body.

To enable one desiring to unite with the society to do so, it is necessary for him to sign certificate as follows:

"UNITED SERVICE SOCIETY, S. N. Y.,

NEW-YORK CITY, ———, 1865.

I hereby make application for membership in the United Service Society, S. N. Y.; and I hereby certify on honor that I have been honorably discharged from the United States service, and that I know of no just cause or person by which I might be rejected.

Signed, _____

Company ———

——— Regiment, ——— Brigade,

——— Division, ——— Corps, U. S. A."

and present himself either to the Central, or to the society in the assembly district in which he resides, be elected, and enroll himself as a member.

The Central organization numbers several hundred members, and is officered as follows:

Colonel Wm. S. Hillyer, Vice-President and Acting President; Col. Wm. A. Lynch, Treasurer; Lieut. C. T. McClenahan, Secretary; Lieut. S. M. Berliner, Sergeant-at-Arms; Gen. H. Hobart Ward, Gen. W. P. Brewster, Col. George D. Kellogg, Col. Wm. A. Lynch, Col. Jas. E. Bendix, Lieut.-Col. Thomas J. Leigh, Capt. James Sherlock, Board of Control. Assembly District societies, or clubs, have been fully organized as follows:

FOURTH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT.—Headquarters, Hester-street.—Lieutenant Luke McGrath, President; Private Henry Rosenthal, Secretary; Captain John Barker, Lieutenant Herman Miller, Sergeant John Stinson, Delegates Central Committee.

FIFTH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT.—Lieut. Tony _____ President; Lieut. James Cox, Sec-

To Maj. Genl. O. H. Howard } 136. Oxford St
Washington D.C. } Brooklyn Nov. 21. 65

Dear General

I feel already
so well acquainted with you
that I cannot address you
as a stranger.

I write to
inform you that you have
been selected as one of
the Vice-Presidents of our
new "National Temperance
Society & Publication House".

We expect to
do a grand work & on
a good pecuniary basis

We have some

Brooklyn N.Y.
Nov. 21st 1865

Cuizler, Theo. S.

Inform Genl.
Howard that
he has been
elected Vice
President of
National Hungarian
Society. That
they desire Gen.
Fulk for Secy.

Recd. Nov. 22nd 1865.

Recd Nov. 23, 1865
Ans. " 23. "

thought in our Board
 of Managers of making
Geo. L. B. Fisk
 our working "Secretary"
 at New York.

It is said
 that he proposes to withdraw
 from the Freedmen's
 Bureau — that he
 would be a most
 efficient organizer in
 our new Society — &
 would probably be
 willing to accept the
 appointment.

I only know
 the General by
 reputation — & have

written to him today to
ascertain whether he
would entertain such
a proposition.

Any information
you can give our Board
of Managers through me
would be most wel-
come.

With kind regards
to your brother Col. Howard
- if he be with you -
I remain, Dear friend

Cordially Your friend

Theo. S. Cuyler

Pastor of Lafayette Ave. Church

49
Brookline, Mass.

Nov. 21, 1845

My dear Sir,

I send you two circulars,
and a report, referring to the
organization of the P. & F. Freedmen's
Commission. It was stated at our
meeting, by one or two gentlemen
who had seen you, that you would
give your full support to such a work.
I will be much gratified if you could,
if you think proper, give any
suggestions as to the plan and
working of such a Society.

Sincerely yours

Francis Wharton

Sir, Howard,

Bristol, Mass.

Nov. 21, 1892

My dear Sir,

I have been two or three
 and a half, referring to the
 organization of the U.S. Bureau
 Commission. It was stated at our
 meeting, by one of the gentlemen
 who had been here, that you would
 give your full effort to such a work
 with a view to the benefit of your country
 if you did not feel any
 suggestion as to the plan and

working of such a body

Respectfully

Thos. W. Higginson

Mr. Brewster

Appeal of P. E. Freedman's Commission.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,

The Protestant Episcopal Freedman's Commission met at the Rooms of the Domestic Committee, New York, on Friday, Nov. 10. The following members were present:—

Rt. Rev. Bishop Potter, Rt. Rev. Bishop Odenheimer, and Rt. Rev. Bishop Stevens:

Rev. Drs. Dix, Dyer, Eccleston, Haight, Howland, Littlejohn, Montgomery, A. H. Vinton, Washburne, Wharton; Rev. Messrs. Anthon and Aspinwall; Messrs. S. Brown, Minturn, Morgan, Welsh, and Winston.

Rev. John A. Aspinwall was elected Recording Secretary, to the Commission.

The following Executive Committee was then appointed:—

Rev. Dr. Haight, Rev. Dr. A. H. Vinton, Rev. Dr. Littlejohn, Rev. Dr. Eccleston, Hamilton Fish, Esq., F. S. Winston, Esq., G. D. Morgan, Esq., and John Welsh, Esq.

Rev. Dr. Wharton was elected Secretary to the Committee, and Robert B. Minturn, Esq., Treasurer.

At a subsequent meeting of the Executive Committee, it was resolved:—

1. — That the clergy be requested to take up a collection, in aid of the Commission, on the coming day of National Thanksgiving; or if this interfere with diocesan regulations, at the earliest period practicable.

2. — That contributions of clothing be earnestly solicited, to meet the destitution among the Freedmen that now exists.

3. — That this Commission heartily invites the formation of auxiliary societies, diocesan or parochial, to aid in its important work.

By the instruction of the Committee, these proceedings are now forwarded to you, in the trust that they will meet with an immediate response. The Committee will see that whatever clothing is entrusted to them, is promptly and wisely distributed; and competent teachers are now waiting at the North, ready, with the hearty co-operation of the Southern clergy, and with the support of the Chief of the National Freedman's Bureau, to enter upon the instruction of the Freedmen, as soon as the requisite funds are supplied.

Contributions of clothing to be sent to the Rev. John A. Aspinwall, Domestic Committee Rooms, to be marked, "Goods for Freedmen."

Remittances of money, to be made to Robert B. Minturn, Esq., (Grinnell, Minturn & Co.) New York.

Communications as to the general working of the Society, to be addressed to the Rev. Dr. Wharton, Brookline, Mass.

Sincerely yours,

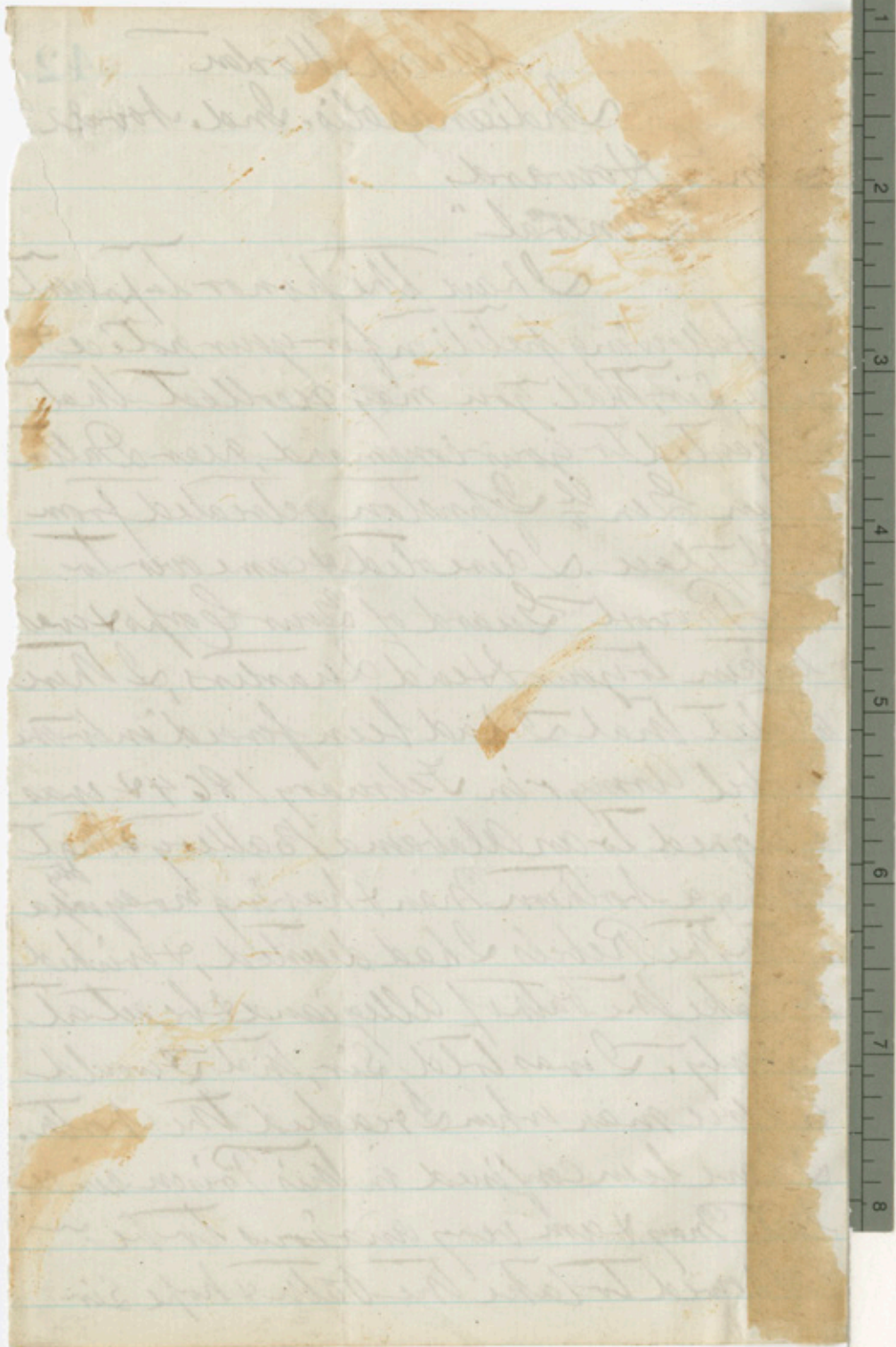
FRANCIS WHARTON, SECRETARY.

Nov. 11, 1865.

Camp Morton 42
Indianapolis. Ind. Nov 22^d

Gen^l Howard
"General"

I have the honor to present
the following petition for your notice &
hope, Sir, that you may recollect that
I deserted to your command, near Dalton
when Gen^l Johnston, retreated from
that place. I deserted & came over to
the Provost Guard of your Corps & was
taken to your Head Quarters, I there
stated that I had been forced into the
Rebel Army & in February 1864 & was
assigned to an Alabama Battery & that
being a Northern Man & having no sympathy
with the Rebels I had deserted, & wished
to take the oath of Allegiance & be set at
Liberty. I was told Sir, that I would
be a free man when I reached the North.
I have been confined in this Prison since
last May & am very anxious to be
allowed to take the oath & hope Sir



that you will kindly intercede
with the Authorities in Washington,
that I may be released. Hoping Sir
that you will pardon the liberty I have
taken I remain With Respect

Yours Obe Ser^{at}
Matthew Prime
Division 11

Prine, M.

Rebel deserter

Indianapolis

Nov. 22. 1865.

Answered

43 Wall St. N. Y.

22nd Nov. 1865.

May. Gen. O. O. Howard.

Chief Freedman's Bureau -

General -

Parties in
this City desire to place in my hands
a large amount of Southern claims
for collection. I beg leave therefore
to ask you for information
upon two points: as to the personal
safety and security of one travel-
ling through the South as a Collector,
and second, as to the ability of
the Southern States to discharge, at
present, any large proportion of
their Northern indebtedness.

Your kind attention will greatly
oblige,

Yours, with much esteem,

Hezekiah Watkins.

Late Lieut. Col. 143rd N. Y. I.

Robinson's Brigade -

Williams Division -

20th Army Corps.

Boston, Mass. Nov 22^d 1865

Dear Sir -

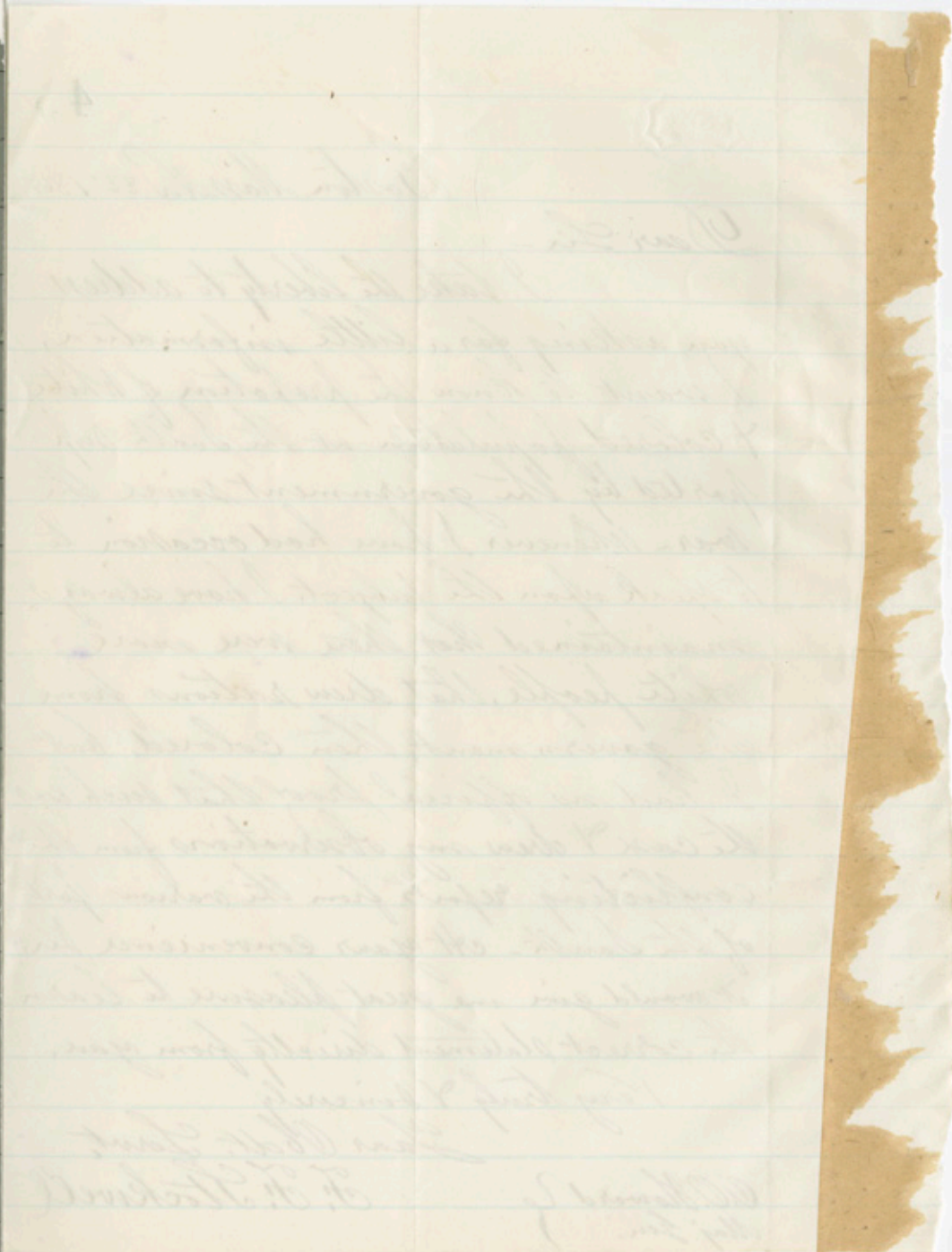
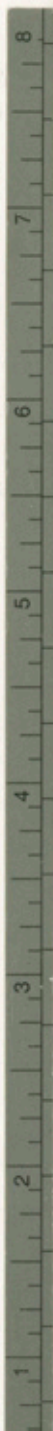
I take the liberty to address you asking for a little information, I want to know the proportion of white & colored population at the South supported by the government since the war - Whenever I have had occasion to to speak upon the subject, I have always maintained that there were more white people, that drew rations from the government, than colored, but I had no official proof that such was the case & drew my observations from the conflicting reports from the various parts of the South - At your convenience, Sir, it would give me great pleasure to learn the correct statement directly from you.

Very truly & sincerely

Yours Obedt. Servt.

O. Howard
Maj Gen.

F. F. Stockwell



1223 Spruce St Phila

Nov. 22^d 1863.

Major Genl Howard

Dear Sir

You will be surprised at receiving a communication from me, but having seen by the papers that you were in Washington, I write at the earnest entreaty of friends - to ask of you to do what may be in your power to get an appointment in the Army for a young friend.

His name is William Mc Clure, son of William Mc Clure an eminent lawyer of Harrisburg Pa. long since deceased. This young man joined ^{the} "Anderson Cavalry", full of patriotism, before coming of age - and served as a private thru' years. He was one of the 300 who went into the fight when the rest mutinied - and never took a furlough. I need not tell you that

It is often most humiliating for
a gentleman to serve as a private,
especially treated as the Anderson
Loop men - under such officers as
they had. And you know full
well that those young men who
entered the Army so early, gave
the years most important to them
for preparation for usefulness in
after life - to their Country.

Mr Es Mather is a widow, now
in straitened circumstances, and
he is a youth of sterling principles
and irreproachable character.
(I do not mean a Christian.)

The family think a word from
you to Mr Stanton would ensure
his appointment. If you can
speak that word it will give
a great deal of happiness.

He wants a First Lieutenantcy of
Infantry and is led to apply
for it to Mr Stanton & Thompson

to others by a notice in the papers
of a Board about to convene
in Washington to examine the
claims of applicants for Com-
missions in the regular Army.

I cannot let pass this opportu-
nity of congratulating you upon
the career of usefulness - which has
been permitted you - I have
watched with pride and pleasure
your course. I know that the
military glory which has been
added has been no part of your
ambition. May your true reward
be that of those who turn many
to righteousness - a glory which
fades not away.

Please give my love to Mrs. Howe
when you see her.

I hope in the multitude of your
causes & duties you will not think
me intrusive. Very sincerely, your friend
Orlando Wheaton

Phila. Nov 22nd 1865.

Whealon, Maria

Desires that Gen.
Howard will use
his influence to
secure W^m Mc-
Clure a position
in the Regular
Army.

Recd Dec. 23, 1865

A sister's earnest longing for
her brother's good leads her to
add a word to her friend
Miss Wheaton's letter - and to
beg of Genl. Howard to use
his great influence in getting
for him an appointment in the
U. S. Infantry. He can furnish
any number of testimonials from
citizens as to his integrity of
character - but being a private
he has no military friends.

The letter arrived in your hands
 on the 10th inst. and I have
 been a week to be found
 Miss M. thinking that - and I
 hope of her - however to me
 in great - in great
 in an effort to be found in the
 in a chapter - the same
 in a number of instances
 in a letter - in a letter
 in a letter - in a letter
 in a letter - in a letter

Portville Cattaraugus Co. N.Y. Nov 22nd
1865

General,

Having made application for an appointment in the Regular Army, and judging, that you know something of my services, and fitness for such position, I take the liberty of asking the favor of a letter from you, with such recommendation, as you can consistently give.

Although not under your command during the last year of the war, yet you undoubtedly know enough of my military career, to judge of my fitness for the position for which application has been made.

So far as attention to duty is concerned, I think I can say

what but few Volunteer Officers
can, with equal truth declare,
that during the three years I was
in the service, I was never absent
a day from my Regt, except
when in Winter Quarters,

Although, for the larger part
of the time, I held no higher rank
than Major, yet I was in command
of the Regt for nearly one half
of my entire term of service,
and I do not think, the reputation
of the Regt suffered thereby.

I was Mustered as Lt. Col. last
January, and commissioned
as Colonel in Germany, but
was unable to Muster in that
grade, in consequence of the
reduced strength of the Regt.
Any enclosures you can
consistently give will be
gratefully received. My
pecuniary circumstances are

My excuse for applying
for either a Military or Civil
appointment inside the Government.

I am General very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

L. Dummer

Late Lt. Col. 69th Regt.

154th N.Y. Vols.

Maj Gen C. O. Howard.

Chief of Freedmen's Bureau

Washington D.C.

Portville N.Y. Nov. 25th /65

Wm. L. De
Sali Wheat,
154th St. N.Y. Regt.

Desires recom-
mendation for
position in
the Regular
Army.

Recd Nov. 24, 1865.