General:

For the completion of the Rebellion Record I find that I need a considerable number of the reports of operations during the last year of the war. Will you have the goodness to forward to me any reports of your which have not yet been published in the Rebellion Records, or which you have not already forwarded to me for publication? Besides the completion of the Record according to the plan upon which it was started, and with which I presume you are familiar, I propose to publish in a large volume and in style very similar to that of the Record, a series of case-denied military narratives, to be written in person by the Generals on both sides. The objects of such a work are to give to the world an authentic and thoroughly impartial history of the war, written by those who are in fact the only persons that can speak of the various operations with absolute fidelity to truth.

It is, of course not to be expected that such reports will embrace the full details of all the operations, and of every battle in which your command was engaged. This would swell my volume to a shape quite beyond the popular reach. Another design of this work is to give to the world in a shape, that is accessible, the true military record of every General prominently engaged on either side, at least, all those who purport to write their own reports. I am aware that there is a General Order requesting...
all Generals who have had important commands to forward to the War Department a resume of their operations during the war. Many such reports have been made and forwarded. But it is well known that many of the Generals will not comply with the order, at least in a plan to make their report of any special notice, and nothing of the sort is expected by the Government from the Southern Generals.

If printed at all, it will probably be by Conques, the printing will be in the ordinary style of public documents, in a large type, and with very imperfect indexes, so that practically your report to the Department will be preserved perfectly and will be accessible to historians and public men, but will be beyond all popular knowledge or access.

Embracing all the many designs does, the reports of Southern as well as Northern Generals, it will be the only volume in existence, in which the results of the various engagements are placed in such a form that comparison can be readily made.

On this account, as well as for other reasons, it is desirable that your report should be complete, and as accurate as you may have the means of making it, in respect to date, number and place.

I would thank you to give the siege, or about the siege of the particular corps or command which you enter into battle, and also to state to the best of your knowledge, the name of the Commanding officer who was opposed to you, and whose troops you met. You see it is my object to produce a work that shall be perfectly authentic, and afford the means of settling decisively the question as to whether a particular command was non-existent by the enemy, in this or that engagement.

I would also state that it is my design that the volume shall be embellished, with very handsome steel engravings of a large size of the Commanding officer, and that in typography and execution it shall leave nothing to be desired, and yet be sold...
at such a price, as to put it within the reach of the masses.

With regard to the length of these condensed military narratives,
I may say, that the recent report of Lieutenant-General Grant,
covering all the operations of the United States forces, from the time
he assumed command of all the armies down to the surrender
of April and May 1865, is a very good model for a narra-
tive of general operations.

It is very desirable in relating of battles, that
some condensed yet clear account should be given of the topography
of the whole field, or of that part of it whither you commanded.

It may be proper to add, that each narrative, will be preceded
by a geographical sketch, which taken in connexion with your
narrative, will give all the leading events of each general life
up to the end of the war.

Yours truly,

Frank Moore.
Dear Sir:

I learned through a friend that Col. F. Sickles who was recently mustered out with his Regiment, entertained some unkind feelings towards me and that he proposed to go to Washington and if possible do me some mischief. If this should prove true I should be very much surprised. I certainly am unconscious of having acted in a way to cause Col. Sickles annoyance and have not done any thing I would not be perfectly willing he should make known. As you will recollect, there was a close straw affair and that it cost a great deal of labor to make him understand what ought to be done. But I always thought he was honest and in earnest and I cannot find it
in my heart to believe that he can be guilty of such a piece of teaching. Still, I thought I would write you on the subject, to show how much I know of possible causes of complaint he can have.

I am Yours Very Truly,

David J. Ross

May 1st 1863

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Washington D. C.
Augusta Georgia
February 14th 1866

Davis Wilson
Pvt. 6th Ind
W. H. Combs

I have heard that Col. H. W. White recently mustered out, as per
reporting to go to Washington
and endeavor to do him some
favor and make some
Commentary upon the Colonel's
Characteristics etc.

Rec'd orders 8th inst. Oct. 6th 1866
St Louis Mo
Feb 1st 186-

Dear Sir,

On reaching this place I was much disappointed to find that General Sherman had gone to Washington.

You may remember the conversation we had on the subject of the increase of the Army & my getting a field position as it, the evening before going from your house to 3rd Street. If you can help me I earnestly beg you to do so. Be sure that I will be truly grateful to you for your kindness & help. I am much anxious about it for my children take more than their share of it.
They must be educated now, but I won't bother you with my reasons. I have done my best wishes you success in your life of simplicity.

Yours truly,

John M. Blair

To Major Gen.

A.O. Howard

The Truman Hotel

Washington, D.C.
Saint Louis Mo.
February 1st, 1866

John W. Oliver

Earnestly begs the General to aid him in obtaining a field officer's appointment in the regular service.
Very private suggestion

Dear Sir C. B. H. F.,

for Florida, I would write to

and ask him

gent. Howard to give me the

details of a representative

made him by an outsider in

long since, and by whom,

Cardle to Mr. F. L. F.,
Jacksonville, Florida
Feb 16, 1866

My dear Col. Howard

My dear General,

This is a strange day for a letter which I am done with. Come to see me to try from the scene of the affair. The State who have removed to Jacksonville after the performances of the fighting. I am entirely unable to conjecture what it means. The Captain is not a man to get up a stormy sea for a storm. To do all I have found is something behind this which I do not know. I am not aware of having given occasion for any serious attack from any hostile persons or so send you this. I would prefer to meet any thing square & if a question or an acknowledgment of a wrong or a misrepresentation is necessary to make it.

Pardon me if I am taking too much for granted or so slight. 
I have attempted to do justly, honorably, and in every capacity to take all men alike, when no known
into or without regard of their service to maintain myself as an officer of a gentleman. I trust General you
will treat this matter kindly to give me any information that I may be proper.

Dear General,
Very truly yours,

[Signature]

[Address]

Dear Sir,

The undersigned would most respectfully address you in behalf of the National Temperance League of Allegheny City to know at what time and on what terms you could give one or two lectures (if at all) in this place on behalf of the Temperance cause. The friends of the cause here need the aid and assistance of great and good men both at home and abroad to enable them to successfully stem the tide of intemperate sin in our midst. Feeling that
You will have a desire to visit Pittsburgh and as we have only the River between us, therefore hoping to receive an early favourable reply. I remain yours respectfully.

R. H eerkerk.

Elleg, Feb 20th 1866.
Allegheny City Co.
February 2, 1866

A. Leek

James Mcgee [illegible]
Howard to lecture at
Frank City.

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Superintendent Office
Victoria, Texas Feb. 4th 1866

My dear O.C. Howard,

I have the honor to call your attention to the following statements. When Gen. Stanley came to this department he placed me in charge of the rebuilding of the rail-road from this point to Seavox (on Atascocita Bay) a distance of thirty miles. The road is now open, and though not fully finished yet, it answers the purpose, to bring east freight to this place and will soon be in good condition. The road passes through what is called the Hog-creek point which in wet weather is almost impassable. I look upon the building of the road or from here to San Antonio a distance of
one hundred and ten miles a
one of the most important
roads in the State, and my
object in calling your attention
to this road is to try and
enlist your influence to pre-
cure on appropriation by Con-
gress to help build the road
at once. I think the building
of the road would be of benefit
to the Government in two ways
1st. It will ensure the Government
a much cheaper line of trans-
portation from the Gulf to the
borders of Texas. San Antonio
has always been the ship
for troops on the borders, and the
Supplies have passed through this
place. It has cost the Government
the past season three (3) dollars
a hundred pounds to get the
supplies from the Gulf to San
Antigua, and if the rail-road
was deep it could be done for
half of one dollar. I propose
the government will help at least
ten thousand troops on the border
of Texas, so that must be supplied
from San Antonio. (That is if they
wish to keep things quiet) and
they will save some two hundred thousand
dollars a year by the building of
the rail-road. The rail-road company
have a grant of sixteen sections of
land (or 16,240 acres) for each mile
of road built, which are nearly by
for the building of the road when
it can be brought into market.

The trouble now is to get the ready
money, and I think if the legislature
would show that they have confidence
in the road by a loan of a billion
of dollars, it would insure the
building of the road at once.
and the Government would save money in the end. 1/2. The building of the road would give employment to the Freedmen of the state, and bring in a large number of men from the north and in that way the country would improve very fast, and that would tend to turn the minds of the people, from that dark subject (the liberation of their slaves) to the more active pursuits of business, and in that way trouble would be prevented.

I am ready to say with a full conviction of the fact, that if the Government intend to uphold the Freedmen in his new position they must assist him in this state by the presence of troops. The building of a rail road will in a few years do away with this necessity for it will bring enough northern men here to rule the country as the Dallas Boys. Capt. Scott is the agent for the American here and I think it will agree with me in saying that the Government cannot make a better investment than to lease the Company, which is color
San Antonio & Mexican Gulf

A. P. money enough to help build
the road. I hope A. French, the
President of the road, will visit
Washington soon and I will
give him a letter of introduction
to you and if you can do
any thing for him which will
eventually be of benefit to the
Government you will confer a
favor upon me. I have written
this letter thinking that if any
facts in regard to this subject
should happen to come to your
notice you would take more notice
of them. Excuse me General if
I have taken too much liberty
in writing to you upon this
subject, and believe me to be

Your Most Respectfully

W. H. Greene

Capt. U.S. M. R. R.
Victoria, Feb. 4th 1866.

Graham's Ck.

Sends Mr. Howard to use his influence to introduce a bill into Congress to loan $27,000,000 to the San Antonio and W. C. R. R. Co. to build their road.