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2 O. H. PALMER, Sec'y. WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't.

Dated, Holly Springs Miss 1 187 [July, 1870?]

Received at P O Dept 8.36 am

To Gen O. O. Howard

Please assist in the senate in my confirmation as U S District attorney Senator Ames is my friend plese help me

G. Wiley Wells

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Dear Sir

Please send me the
Blank warrant in the
enclosed envelope
or if that otherwise
fender name is my
friend please help me

Yours truly
Neil

It will be of interest to you to know that the action of the class in sending the Stone to West Point has elicited favorable comment.

Hoping that all I have done in this matter and the manner of its execution meets with your approval as one of the members of the class — I beg leave to remain as ever —

Very Sincerely
Your Obt Servt
Lewis L. Langdon
Capt 1st Arty
Bvt Lt Col USA

Maj Genl O. O. Howard —
Washington City
D. C. —

Personal

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Fort Hamilton N.Y.H. —
July 1st 1870 —

Dear General —

You will be pleased to learn that the Head-Stone for Brevet Col B. F. Davis, our Class-mate has been finished and sent to West Point, where Major Tully McCrea has promised to have it properly placed and cared for while he is at the Post. The following is the Inscription on the Stone. It was selected from quite a number prepared with reference both to what I thought the class would most desire to say and also to the cost of lettering and the amount of money in my possession.

Inscription.

"Col B. F. Davis, 8th N.Y. Cav. Capt 1st Regt
"Regular Cavalry. Born in Ala. Graduated at
"West Point in 1854. Wounded in action with the
"Apache Indians at the Gila River in 1857. Served
"with distinction in several engagements in the
"Rebellion. Brevetted for rescuing his Command
" at the Surrender at Harpers Ferry by gallantry,

"cutting his way through the enemy's lines, and
"while bravely fighting to preserve the Republic was
"killed at Beverly Ford, Va, June 9th, 1863 - in
"the 31st Year of his Age -
" Erected in 1870 - by his Surviving Classmates".

I hope you will take it, for there is not a line in it that was not well weighed and considered with a view to express in the best possible manner what he did and for what he died. The stone is shaped thus.  and is from four to five inches thick and well proportioned, with two bases. It is considered just such a stone as usually costs something over $100.00 It is of handsome Italian Marble - The letters are cut deeply but not painted black as there will be no one to renew the black paint in the time to come - and if painted now they would look cracked and old in a year or two - and as they are not painted they are cut more deeply and clearly on that account -

(over)

The Stone and Letters cost - $77.20
There was expended for Postage and other Incidental Expenses - 2.27
I received from Nine Members of the Class $5.00 each = $45.00
I received from Seven Members of the Class $4.00 each = 28.00
Total Receipts - $73.00
Balance due Col Langdon 6.47 $79.47

If Six of the Members who originally forwarded me $4.00 each, will be so good as to send me another $1.00 - It will square the account. As you are one of those I have taken the liberty to make the request while advising you of the completion of our pleasant task. The Member of our Class having an invalid sister to support was obliged to decline, exhibiting through inability - Col Closson says that he will give another dollar and if you and the others who subscribed the amount of four dollars originally will do the same - the matter is ended - very easily -

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Govt Hosp'l for the Insane
July 2nd 1870

My dear Sir

You are hereby respectfully notified that the Annual Meeting of the Board of Visitors will be held at the Hospital on Tuesday next, July 5th.

A carriage to convey you to the Institution, will call at your office at 1. P.M.

Gratefully & faithfully
yours
R. M. Miller
Supt

Maj Genl O. O. Howard
Visitor. Govt Hosp for Insane
&c &c &c

Washington D.C.
July 2d, 1870

Gen. O. O. Howard,
Dear Sir,
The Bearer of this is native of the West Indies but has been a resident of Elmira N. York. His name is John Grantera. He has two children living in Cambridge, Mass. I found him in distress last night and took him in and have been so much interested in his conversation and information that I would further provide for his comfort but for want of the ability to do so. He has travelled much and is familiar with the French and his native tongue. He learned his

Ship Building there and has followed the same in this County. He came here in search of employment and if you can point out a way by which he can get it you will confer a great favor upon one who though a Virginian, would never turn the "Stranger" away from his door, whatever his color if he bore about him the unmistakable signs of distress and want as this man does when I now commend to your charity and the keeping of God,

Respectfully

H. Douglas McCabe

Druggist,

N. York Avenue bet. 4th & 5th

Washington D.C.

Pension Office 150

Wash. D. C.

July 2, 1870.

Dear General and Bro.

You will remember, that on the 26th Aug. 1869, at the meeting of Members of our Church, at Tom college, I gave my note of $100. to you, due one year from date — On that month, I had just moved into a house, for the purpose of keeping boarders, with flattering prospects, and thought at the time I could easily pay the amount within the year — After a trial of ten months, the operation has proved a loss, and have given it up, more in debt than when I started, so that with my mothers family in me, and my wife here, I have only been

able to keep my Pew Rent paid -
By right I can expect no favor,
but would like you to let me
pay $10. per mo. till the amount
is cancelled, that is, renew the note
in that way - By so doing you
will confer a great favor, and save
me some trouble - If not, of course
I must raise the money in some
way - It is unfortunate that my
expectation at the time, didnot realize
my wishes, to help you all I could -

An early answer will
greatly oblige

Yours truly
Geo. A. S. Meinfield

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Washington July 4/70

President O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

We regretted exceedingly that we had no opportunity on Friday evening last of expressing our gratification on witnessing the interesting exercises of the evening. We were most agreeably surprised by such an exhibition of legal knowledge with literary culture and good taste in elocution as manifested by the law students of your university. It seemed to us that such exercises would do credit to any class of students of the most favored schools

country and
that you may well be
proud of the success of an
experiment initiated in
the Howard University of
educating colored youth of
both sexes to the high
attainments fitting them
for the legal profession
in spite of all the disabili
ties that have hitherto de
barred them progress
Accept from us our
thanks for the pleasure
your kindness afforded
by inviting us to participate
in the enjoyments of that
evening — I speak in the plural
because my sister unites with
me in what I thus feebly ex
press.
With the highest return
I am yours truly N. M. Johnson

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Andover Mass.
July 4. 1870.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir,

Your money order of one hundred and four dollars ($104.00) was duly received and would have been acknowledged immediately had not Mother been called away suddenly on account of my brother's sickness and death.

Yours respectfully,
Annie A. Perkins.
for Mrs. Abbott.

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Washington, D.C.,
July 4, 1870

Major Gen. O.O. Howard
Dear Sir -

From a volume of religious hymns of my own composing, I have made a selection of a few pieces which I have supposed might have some special adaptation to the objects of the Young Men's Christian Association. This is a department of Christian labor in which, for many years, I have felt a lively interest, although lack of strength and time has prevented me from doing much in its behalf in the way of active service.

I would thank you, should you find it consistent with other duties, to look over the pieces, and to favor me with an expression of your opinion as to whether their circulation among the members of associations would be likely to serve any valuable purpose.

I would be glad to do what I may to quicken in any mind the spirit on which true success must so largely depend. A "Christian" Association must accomplish its work through a conscious faith in Christ as a perpetual protecting, guiding, strengthening life-giving presence.

The hymns might be printed in the form of a small tract and sent to officers of associations at different points; and, perhaps, they would gradually gain a wider circulation. They, with others in the volume from which most of them have been taken, have been referred to in favorable terms by distinguished clergymen of different Christian denominations, including some in this city. There may possibly be others in the volume quite as well adapted to the purpose indicated as those which I have selected.

I propose at no distant day to publish the whole volume in a form very similar to that in which you see it arranged. Should you have time to examine it, I would thank you for a word of encouragement, if so disposed. Perhaps I am asking too much of one so pressed with public duties — but the kingdom of God does not always come with observation, and we may sometimes scatter the seed silently along the wayside, which will spring up a rich harvest to refresh the weary traveler

Yours very truly
E. Turney

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Gen Howard

Dear Friend

I see the committee have completed their investigations in your case = when the report is published, please send me a few copies for distribution. I can place them where they will do you good.

My regards to your wife & family

Happy to see you at our house.

Yours Truly

M. W. Rawson

July 5th 18

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Reports sent

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Brunswick
July 7. 1870

My dear Howard

I am very sorry to get your letter & learn that you cannot be with us. We were counting a good deal on the pleasure of yr. company.

Willard's picture of you is not satisfactory, & does not stand the test of criticism. He writes me that he will paint another according to contract at any time that you can afford the leisure for sittings. But the class wd. never allow that he shd. come & quarter himself upon

[illegible] — I say
you will not dread any such
infliction. If when you are
on yr. vacation some time
you cd make an appointment
to meet him in Boston, or
Worcester — & afford him the
time, perhaps that wd be
the best way of doing it.

Let me hear from you
when you can spare a
moment to write — & tell
me what can be done.

With kind remembrances to
Mrs. Howard —

Yr. friend & classmate

S S Sewall

Brownsville Texas.
July 8th 1870.

Maj: General O. O. Howard
U. S. A.
Washington D. C.

Dear General,

A vacancy has occurred in this Regiment — 10th U. S. Infty. occasioned by the transfer of Capt. & Bvt. Lt. Col. J. F. Crimes (to wating orders, or unassigned).

I am the ranking Captain of the regiment superimmerary by the consolidation of the 10th & 26th.

As many Captains, below me in lineal rank, have received assignments already, it would seem that, in justice I should receive the place thus rendered vacant.

If my assignment, has not already been secured I should esteem, as a great favor, any effort you may do me the honor to make in this direction.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Serv't.
W. A. Crafts
Capt. & Bvt. Lt. Col. U. S. A.

At Home

1870

Maj. Gen O. O. Howard. Harlem Friday aft. July 8.

Dear General We reached the wharf punctually and reached home in good order and well conditioned, as the bills of lading say. But how we rolled! The wind was fresh in the morning and freshened more and more all day the white caps being splendid and the "Ham Belle" as active in rolling from side to the other as the walking beam was in its endless motion. She is a fine vessel but was without ballast & had her cargo of fruit &c. between decks. None of us were sick & had good appetites and got a good welcome home. The miserable B. is at it again I see in Tribune of the 7th. "The report of the committee will be exculpatory of that officer

So far as he is individually concerned" (intends, false of course — that it will convict him so far as his subordinates are concerned)." Rep: Regn will &c. strongly condemning Gov't Hayward"

See the difference in verse: — (from Pope)

When Ajax strives some rock's vast weight to throw
The line too labors and the words move slow:
Not so when swift Camilla scours the plain
Flies o'er th' unbending corn and skims along the main

or in prose: (from the Stable door)

The balky horse can scarce be driven away from his stall and fodder even with whip and cudgel but how readily he comes with his head turned stable-ward!

Truly a liar is loathsome and cometh to shame, as saith the Scripture.

I have been strongly tempted to give this scene shifter another sample of my severity in me: fearing me my own name through the Tribune as I did once a year or two ago — but the Committee has not yet reported and I am to say nothing till they do — and won't even on their bit of malice.

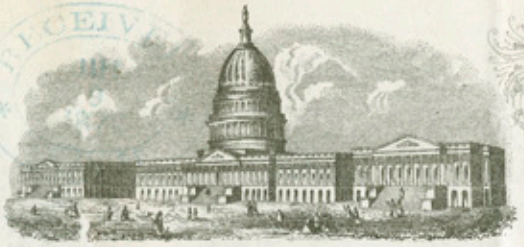
Your good letter awaited my arrival, and looked very different from the "associated Press" report. The Comm: will not only report favorably but will introduce a resolution of thanks like that of 1863 for Gettysburg"! Well: is it possible (let B. say) "So far?"

And then good Dr. Nichols: what letters he writes: and what an inscription he sends me from the good and able — ah! almost, if not quite the whole "Ring" puts it — (or considered a Norm of multitude — but then) sequel to it. Indeed I prize this manifestation of good will and generous feeling very highly — and so I do the good Doctor's abundant expression in his separate letter.

The pictures will come by and by and then I will answer the highly valued friends who so kindly remember me.

My wife thinks now that indeed she never will go on the sea again — altho' she has fared so well upon it. She sends affectionate remembrance and so do I, to you & yours

Ever faithfully Yr friend Edgar A. Poe



Forty-first Congress U.S.

Washington, D.C.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

July 8th 1870

Major Genl O. O. Howard

Dr Sir

I have the honor to address this note to you, as I cannot see you in your office,

In the first place I must say that I am exceedingly happy to congratulate you upon the report of the investigating committee which will be submitted in a few days.

The other object of this note, is to ask, that you will be so kind as to inform me how soon can I get a lot in the Campbell Hospital grounds? — I desire to build as soon as posible.

I am Most respfully
Your Obt Servt
W. C. Johnson. No 1740 L St

Lane Semy, Cin'ti,
July 8, 1870.

Genl Howard-

My Dear Brother-

The Committee of arrangements for the Evangelical Alliance, to be held in New York in Sept. have assigned to me "Intemperance & its ~~Remedy~~ "Suppression," as the subject of a Paper to be read before that body. I am of course anxious to make it a paper worthy (as far as I can) of so august an

thankful for any help you can give me.

Most fraternally-

H. A. Nelson.

an occasion [illegible] during the call war & since –

One of many topics wh I wish to embrace, is the present aspect of the cause in its relations to our national government, & the social usages of our national capital.

Will you favor me with the results of your observation on the following points –

1. The practice of the Prest & V. Prest & their families – also members of the Cabinet & of Congress, &c –

2. The use of intoxicating liquors in the army, &c –

3. The same (if you have information) in regard to the Navy –

4. Any other part of the general subject, on wh you may have information.

I am not forgetful, my dear Sir, of the multiplicity of your cares & the value of your time, but believe that you will regard an important Christian interest as somewhat concerned in this matter. I shall also be personally very

[CS - July 9, 1870]

Saturday Morning

Gen. & Howard

Dear Sir

Trusting to your well-known kindness of heart, I have taken the liberty of requesting you to call and see my Husband and converse with him upon religious subjects - & this I do, desiring that the visit may appear to him merely accidental, and without having been suggested by a friendly intimate, on your part.

Lest I alarm you, dear General, let me say that he is not sick, tho suffering

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which has caused me, to
fear for his safety. and to
realize the responsibility which
rests with me, to lead his
mind into that state of
preparation which should fit
him for the great change
which must come to us all.

Please to excuse my
hastily written note & remain

Yours very sincerely
L. M. Whittlesey

July 9, 1870

83 Nassau St
New York July 9. 1870

Dear General

Your good letter is received and I am quite happy to hear such good things of the Committee. So Messrs Hoar and Tyner will suggest and amend! I always thought so. And I shall be very glad to learn what is the result of the combined wisdom. The folly I see goes by itself – in a minority report.

I trust the report will be in time to secure action by the House before adjournment. It would be too bad to fail of that the present session. I really feel that if they put that argument of mine in type I ought to have one day in Washington to look over proofs & I should not like to be distorted in type. That would be as bad as to have B. "going after" me.

To day the Express package has reached my office and I bear it home with me, to enjoy the pleasure of inspecting when I arrive there. Then I will tell the dear friends who sent it how I appreciate it.

Adieu

Yours sincerely faithfully
Edgar Ketchum

Had the pleasure of seeing Mr Whipple here to day. He has just got back and is warm as a bee.

I am in full tide again here – busy as 10 bees.