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1775. LEXINGTON 1875.

April 19.

Lexington, Mass. Feb 1. 1875

Sir:

The citizens of this town have resolved to celebrate the Hundredth Anniversary of the "Battle of Lexington" on the 19th of April next.

The Revolution which made us an independent nation is worthy of the highest consideration, and no locality can be more appropriate for commemorating its opening scenes than the very spot where the first blood was shed, the first martyrs fell, and the first resistance in arms was offered to British aggression.

It is proposed to arrange for the celebration of the day regardful of the broad historic interest which pertains to the event. The citizens of the country generally are invited to join in the observances.

The prominent features of the day will consist of an oration, the unveiling of the Statues of John Hancock and Samuel Adams,—who had sought refuge from British proscription in Lexington, and were under its protection on that day,—and a public dinner.

It is expected that the occasion will be honored by the presence of the Executive of the United States, the State of Massachusetts, representatives of the different departments of the National and State governments, literary, and other organizations, and distinguished individuals of the Republic, whose words of eloquence and wisdom will add interest to the occasion.

You are cordially invited to be present and participate in the commemoration of the day as a guest of the town.

CHARLES HUDSON,
M. H. MERRIAM,
W. H. MUNROE,
} *Committee on Invitations.*

Gen. O. O. Howard.

Please answer before March 20.

GENERAL PLAN

FOR THE

Centennial Celebration

OF THE

BATTLE OF LEXINGTON,

April 19, 1875.

I. Centennial Salute at Sunrise.

II. Reception of the National, State, and other distinguished guests.

III. Grand Procession, 10 o'clock.

IV. Commemorative Exercises in Tent on Lexington Common, including Oration, the unveiling of Statues of John Hancock and Samuel Adams.

V. Dinner.

VI. National Salute at Sunset.

VII. Grand Centennial Levee and Ball in the Evening.

Trains will leave Boston and Lowell R. R. Station for Lexington at intervals until 9 o'clock, arriving in season for the exercises at Lexington.

A special train, for invited guests, will leave Boston and Lowell R. R. Station for Lexington (10 miles) at 9.15 o'clock A. M.

Leave Lexington for Concord immediately after the close of the exercises at the tent in Lexington.

Leave Lexington for Boston at short intervals through the afternoon and evening.

Wed Feb 25

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Vancouver Arsenal,

Vancouver, W. T.,
February 1st 1876

Dear General:

I understand you will lecture here on the 16th & 17th.

Please bring Mrs Howard & the children with you. My quarters are at your service and my Wife joins in hoping you will sojourn with us.

Very respectfully Yours
John A. Kress

Gen O.O. Howard.

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Hillsboro Or Feb 2 – 1873

Gen Howard

Dear Brother

It has come to my knowledge that you are expected to conduct religious devotion at the Congregational church in Forest Grove on thursday evening of this week.

On behalf of the Methodist society, I invite you most sincerely to lead the religious services at the Methodist church on Sabbath morning at 11 Oc

I would be pleased also to have you send an evening at Hillsboro and conduct religious devotion.

Yours in Christ

J W Miller

Pastor M E Church

Recd Feb 9
Ans'd Feb 19

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Fort Fremont W.T.
Feby 2nd 1875

Dear General

Your kind note reached me to day. The kind spirit is so like you. "If you are smitten on one cheek turn the other". Your Christian character was always my admiration, and in new yet. I have called you the "Bareback" of the American Army but from you whom the necessity arose to strike hard blows and telling ones. The loss of your right arm bears witness to the fact.

You express a wish that I should make up with Mr Weeks, and that General McMicken & Lindsley & others think I am mistaken I beg to assure you and the aforesaid Lady & Gentleman, that I am not mistaken in the character of the said Mr Weeks, if it is his character they allude to. Now General I know you do not wish me to do anything to lower my self respect, and I cant understand the cause of such a request. I need not tell you that I would do anything in my power to please you consistent with my honor. but "this making up" you mean that I shall make friends shake hands with Mr Weeks consider him a fast man invite him to my house. say that I was mistaken sorry for it &c &c. notwithstanding the injunction "Be reconciled" which injunction I venerate. I cant accede to your request.

Mr Weeks is a bad man to say the least. is certainly no gentleman in my view of the term. and I cant associate

with him. I believe with you that it is better "sometimes" to suffer than to have a quarrel. this is the exception, and so quarrel be it. "I will fight it out upon that line if it takes all summer" "If Mr Cooke is really a bad man it might pay to prosecute him" It certainly would not pay me and he is not worth the powder.

you allude to his behaviour to me. I look upon that as now as I would upon a cow giving a large bucket of milk and then kicking it over.

I also beg to assure you that I never forget my promises or obligations, and that I prefer them always if in my power no more can any other man do.

entertaining a high appreciation of your friendship for myself

I am dear General

your old friend & comrade

Hugh W Sperling

San Francisco Feb 2d 75

My dear Cousin

Your kind letter of Dec 30th was duly rec'd -

I wrote Guy the next day, and trust it reached him in good time.

We were all very glad to hear of yourself & family, & that you were pleasantly situated, or as much so as a "webfoot" climate would admit - My wife says it is too bad that you were not sent to this department.

We have all been pretty well this winter, and have had much to be thankful for.

We want to know about Guy & his sister Grace coming in the spring - We are expecting

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them to come direct to our house - Tell them to arrange their baggage so that what they need here they can take with them to our house, & the balance can go to San Francisco, & remain till they are ready to go to Oregon.

I will write Guy before it will be time for them to leave, if you will let me know when they are to start - or near the time.

It has been rather unfavorable this winter for mining in our district, but hope the hard storms are about over.

Many thanks for the paper you sent - they have come to hand all right - I am glad you are away from Washington.

All join in much love to you & yours -

Ever your affect Cousin
A. M.

and that doubtless was caused, by his constant reiteration of latitudinarian sentiment; but he has destroyed the prospects of his innocent children, for ever upon this earth. What a farce in the name of justice, this huge trial, is. God grant that some angel may enter into the den, to shut the hungry lions mouths — I shall wave a day of mourning if the Court gives Tilton that hundred thousand dollars, that has been the annoyance, united with revenge of the whole suit. As to his caring for his wife, & children, or being hurt in his heart by any thing that could happen to them, no one will ever believe. But his name, with that of the treacherous Moulton, will be the synonym of infamy. Is it not strange that those to whom God gives the largest generosity & purpose, are scarcely ever to be numbered among the rich, among those who have the means, to carry out these impulses. Oh I so yearn to carry sunshine into the heart of this hair. Remember me kindly to your noble wife, & interesting children.

Respectfully yours. Mary H. Schoolcraft.

Mrs Gen
O.O. Howard.
Oregon.

315. E. Street, S.E.
Capital Hill
Washington
D.C.
1875 Feb 2nd

My very dear christian brother.

I am affected to tears, to learn that though you are four or five thousand miles away, you made such a generous effort to save Effingham Ellis. The woman who owns the mortgage, runs around to the most expensive hotels, to board. I do not believe she would have waited on me, a single day for the interest. Mr Cook, gave me five hundred dollars towards said interest, & a friend presented me the other fifty, so the mortgage cannot be foreclosed now, for six months, and during that breathing time, I may be enabled to sell it. I am in great perplexity & distress. Never having before been in debt, to mortal man, or woman, except to do them good, the bondage of obligations that I cannot meet, is intolerable. The most miserable people in Washington, are the owners of real estate.

I understand it is the same in New York whole columns of advertisements there of brown stone houses for sale.

My brother, I have written about you, all over the country, and have published articles in the newspapers. The persecutions against you, were truly satanic. — I have asked these men, "Do you not know that Gen Howard, is incapable of personal money covetousness?" "He is a born brother to the poor, erring, suffering, despairing human heart — Therefore a true apostle of progress to the masses!" Your friend, Capt Wilkinson, called on me, day before yesterday. I was much interested in his fervent zeal for you. I cannot feel resigned to your leaving the capital of this nation where selfishness has always grown to its most ignoble proportions, and where we so much needed the loving heart of Jesus, that you are so universally possessed of. The injustice practiced against the truest friends of the human race is one of the strongest proofs, that there is an existence somewhere, where justice reigns supreme. From my earliest childhood, I have hungered, & thirsted, to live in the truth — to die to all self worship, and realize that some noble purpose has been effected by my existence. But persecution has followed all my efforts, just as if wrong doing had been the habit of my life. I feel so sad about Henry Ward Beecher — a man who for forty, or more years, has, in season, and out of season, poured out the wealth of his genius, and the wealth of his heart for the enlightenment of thousands, upon thousands of his fellow men. There he sits to be judged, to be condemned by those whose life long God has been mean selfishness. There sits Tilton, a confessed experience liar, pretending that he has been injured, to the amount of a hundred thousand dollars, by the failure of his wife's virtue — not the wickedness of his own secret life of crime against her. What has he done not only to cut off all chance of repentence if she has sinned in the same way that he accuses her of doing,

Vancouver W.T.
Feb 3rd 1875

General O. O. Howard

Dear Sir:

Your very kind note has been received - And I regret most sincerely that time has taught one to be less sanguine than you wish one. I am fully assured it would prove one more disapointment and I have had all I can bear - how could I have borne this much had not God sustained me; I fully forgive him the blight he has cast on my life. And most earnestly pray that the life he permitted to live may be fulfilled for his own and little ones sake. Thanking you dear Sir for

the kindness you have shown by interesting yourself in his behalf all of which will ever be greatly remembered by

Yours respectfully

Jerusha West.

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Washington D.C.,
Feb 4th 1875.

Dear General.

Nothing has yet come of my application for appointment as A.A. Surgeon for your Department. I have learned to my entire conviction of its truth - that the antagonism which the Security of War entertains to you is the reason I can get no favor from the Surgeon General -

I few days ago - a physician - a friend of mine, who has several times made application for a contract - had an

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interview with the Surgeon Genl. — who told my friend that he made no appointments the he invariably left that for the Medical Directors of Departments.

I am confident that he said so, as my friend is truthful.

On that proposition, if there is a vacancy in your Department, your Medical Director, with your approval, could give me a contract, and upon your order transportation could be given me from here & mustered — these facts and make the suggestions, because I am still in need of a place. This winter has been the hardest one I have seen in this city. For persons in no business which is self supporting & I am working very hard — but get my letter money — not only holy enough to live decently upon.

If there is anything which you can still do for me, I trust you will not long delay the effort.

Trusting you may succeed at once I remain

Yours truly

H. N. Howard

Ansd Feb 10 by Gen

Portland Oregon
February 5th/1875

General Howard
Dear Sir

I write to ascertain
if I could get a situation
in the Head Quarters as
Messenger or Clerk, I am a
Discharged Soldier from
Battery "F" 2d Regt Arty
and have lately arrived
in the City with my family
and am out of employment
and cannot obtain any
at anything and am very

anxious to get Something
to do as "I" have no
Money, and Cannot
get along in this County
Without Money or Work
"I" have called at the
Head Quarters twice to
see you but was unable
to do so, this is the first
time "I" have ever applyed
for a Situation under
the Government
And hoping you will
do what you can for me
"I" wait your answer
And Remain
Your Obt Svt
W. H. H. Carrison

Mr

OFFICE OF THE ADVANCE,

NOS. 151 & 153 FIFTH AVENUE

C. H. HOWARD & CO.,
Publishers.

Chicago, Feb 6 1875

Dear Bro

Thanks for your letter which came in my absence - I was gone 6 weeks -

I send Mr. Holdum's Obituary letter - Col. K. asked me to send it to you after reading -

We have had it very cold - Saw your letter in the Tribune this morning - Because you "never in your life wrote anything with due deliberation and purpose does not from that you might not - There were good points of general interest aside from the personal matters in that letter. Yours E. G. Good

write me a telling article on the difference between a political Senator and a Senatorial Statesman and it might win the standard of the true Senator in the minds of many — especially among the young men — If you should show that a leaven of Christian spirit and a basis of Christian, that is genuine morality would not in any case make a less worthy law maker and were essential to a true statesman it would be exporting — Try your hand — if you have the time — with love to all

C. H. [illegible]

re and from what part of
parts of the United States
the Majority of the American
Portion of the Population
come.

3d What is the nature of
the General business done
in the City Commercially
speaking and what is
its status comparatively
speaking. Is the business
of a substantial character
and likely to increase largely
in the next few years or
do the People devote them-
selves to speculations in
Town Lots and Mining Stocks
largely

4th What is the extent and
quality of the Agricultural
Country in the immediate
vicinity of Portland; and

Chicago Ills Feb 8th 1886.

Dear General

Having recently learned
that your present Head Quarters
are at Portland Oregon, a place
I am desirous of obtaining more
information about than I now
possess, I take this liberty of
writing you to ask you to
give me what information
you can on the subject;
I have for some years had my
attention turned to that section of
the Country, believing that
if I should ever make
a change in my place of
residence, it would be
advisable both on account
of the health of my wife and
that of my self to seek a locality

that is blessed with a milder and more congenial climate than we have here in Chicago particularly in the Winter and Spring. And from all that I have been able to learn I have often thought that Portland might in a measure at least possess such a climate and at the same time be a good place for business I gave up my practice some three years ago & took charge of the Land Department of the Chicago and North Western Railway Company, but I find the duties very arduous and the responsibilities very great and that they are constantly increasing and wearing, and of late I have felt the desire to return to the practice of my profession the Law growing greater and stronger from day to day.

Now if it will not be too much trouble to you I wish you would write me giving me all the information you can relative to the Climate of Portland in Winter & Summer and in fact during the whole year. What is the coldest weather you have & how long it lasts & in what months. Whether it is wet or dry here & the extent of the wet or rainy season & in what months it prevails 2d What is the Present Population of Portland & what is the proportion of foreign element to that of the American & of what the foreign element consists, whether Irish German

What are the principal products? As no city can grow & prosper without a good agricultural country to support it. Now I am afraid I have asked you too many questions but I hope you will be willing to answer them remembering your patience & urbanity in our College Days.

If you can send me any statistics published by authority of the State or City they will be paid for to me, & will also be obliged if you will send me a copy or two of your best newspapers as a sample. I saw Frye several times when I was in Washington in December last.

Very truly yours
Geo. P. Goodwin

P.S. Your address? Mayor Chicago? Is it as fast as our mission of Chicago? Washington Railway Company? Will it be built?

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I particularly like the letter of Gen. O. O. Howard in last week's issue and hope the correspondence may be continued —

Respy Yours

Wm B. Holmes

Montclair N. J.

Brought to my attn
when letter to
see this —
C. H. C.

OFFICE OF THE ADVANCE,

NOS. 151 & 153 FIFTH AVENUE

C. H. HOWARD & CO.,
Publishers.

Chicago, February 9 1875

Major Gen. O. O. Howard;
Dear General:

I am requested by the publishers of "The Advance" to enclose five dollars to you in payment for your letter published in issue of Jan 28. —

Personally, I was happy to hear from you in this way and I doubt not a host of friends share in this pleasure. I was glad also to see your letter to Ed. Chicago Tribune - and although not on the first page in large "Caps" yet it will do good among thinking, fair minded men.

You remember my Father, I presume, who has visited me in Washington. He was struck down in an instant by Apoplexy on the last week of last year, and expired without utering a word that could be understood. I can hardly realize the greatness of this loss, for

few are blessed with such a father as he has always been to me.

My family is rejoicing in a valuable addition to our circle. — A little girl — Mr. Cole is gaining strength daily and we hope for complete recovery.

Please remember me very kindly to your family and to Capts Slader & Wilkinson and their families —

By the way my sister is keeping house in Oakland. — Mr. Barnes' office is at 1218 Market St. San Francisco. —

They would both be very happy to see you if you pass that way.

Very truly yours,

John A. Dole

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Vancouver W.T. Feb 9th [1875]

Gen, O. O. Howard U.S.A.

Dear Sir

Allow me to state some facts

Chaplin Vanhorn lectured here some time since, and the proceeds were only about $40, which he gave to the Church We are still in debt and our brethren to day feel that the Church is so small that it will be impossible, to raise more than pay your expenses to this place and back to Portland

We are all anxious for you to come and lecture, you can do a good work for Jesus here, Be sure to come

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I am sorry that our Church is so much difficulted financially, but so it is. The only trouble with people is the want funds. They would be glad to give you $100, but you will see how it is. We have published a notice in our City paper as to your Lecture both as to time and place

Please write me by return mail as to whether you can afford to come on those conditions

God I trust will bless you in so doing. Our Church is small and poor

Yours in great kindness

I G DeVoe

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Vancouver Feb 10 1875

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To Gen O. O. Howard

He will

effect your lecture as per engagement

at Vancouver

J F DeMore

10 paid J.F.

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