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Vancouver Barracks, W. T., Dec 23<sup>23</sup> 1880 187

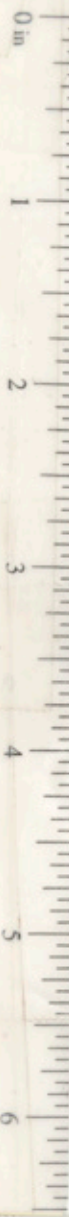
General -

I have finished your report and send it with enclosures by express - it is necessarily a brief document. I trust it will be satisfactory - I cannot begin to tell you how sorry I feel at parting from you - I did not fully realize how much attached to you - I was until I found you were really not to come back to the Department. I can never forget all your kindness to me. My heart fills with the dearest recollection of the past. Your influence over me as a Christian has been for my highest good. God bless you - and bless you -

Yours most affectionately  
Edwin S. Mason

For report see  
Special File





Wm. B. C.

A. B. C.

Enclosed

Dec 23 1880

Read

Headquarters of the Columbia

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The National Life Insurance Co. U. S. of A. 169

157 to 163 La Salle Street.

CHARTERED BY CONGRESS.

CAPITAL, \$ 1,000,000, FULL PAID.

Gen. O. O. Howard <sup>Chicago, Ill</sup> Dec. 23 <sup>1880</sup>  
 San Francisco, Cal.

My dear sir:

Your favor of Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> with to our representatives at Washington, D. C., A. S. Pratt & son, has been forwarded by them to us, with the request that we write to you at once concerning a reduction in the amount of the policy no. 23768, to \$5,000, etc, as requested in your said letter.

We therefore herewith enclose ✓ a blank application for a paid up policy, filled up, ready to be dated and signed by yourself and wife, and witnessed.

We also enclose a blank ✓ application for new insurance, which should be filled up and signed by you, & also by your wife. Question No. 17 should be answered by filling



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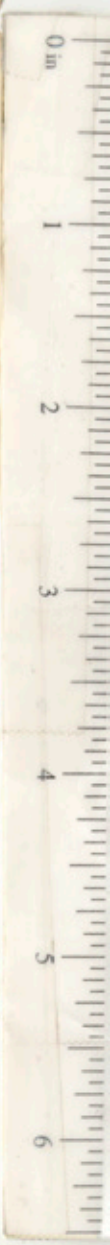
The National Life Insurance Co. of N.Y.

CHARTERED BY CONGRESS  
CAPITAL & FUND FULL PAID

Gen. O. O. Howard  
New Brunswick, N.J.

My dear Sir,  
Your favor of the  
15th inst. to our representatives  
at Washington, D.C., A. B. Pratt & Son,  
has been forwarded by them  
to me, with the request that we  
write to you at once covering  
up a subtraction in the amount  
of the policy No. 23768, to \$5,000.  
As requested in your said  
letter.

We therefore herewith enclose  
a blank application for a paid  
up policy, filled up, ready to be  
dated and signed by yourself  
and wife, and returned.  
We also enclose a blank  
application for our new  
policy, which should be filled  
up and signed by you, also  
by your wife. Insurances No. 17  
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in the name of your wife, as the policy to be surrendered No. 23768 is in favor of your wife. It should also be dated, and the said signatures witnessed.

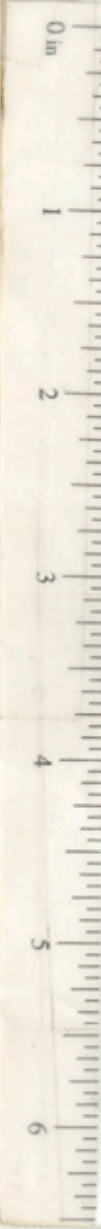
No medical examination need be made, nor need the "Friends" and "Family Physicians" certificates be filled.

We could hardly make an endorsement on the old policy which would make it at the same time a premium-paying policy for \$5,000 and a paid up policy. Therefore, complete the application, and we will write a new policy for the \$5,000, at half the rate in the old policy and also endorse upon it, that it shall date as from Dec. 1872<sup>r</sup> for surrender value, the same as the present policy dates from 1872<sup>r</sup> for surrender value. <sup>and Policy No. 13768</sup> With the application, please forward to us the application for the paid up policy.



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in the name of your wife, on the  
 basis to be determined by the  
 is in favor of your wife. It  
 should also be stated, and the  
 said registration certificate  
 of medical examination  
 need be made for need the  
 "Miners" and "Family Physicians"  
 certificate be filled.  
 We could hardly make any  
 statement on the old policy  
 which would make it at the  
 same time a premium-paying  
 policy for \$5,000 and a basis  
 up policy. Therefore complete  
 the application and we will  
 write a new policy for \$5,000,  
 at half the rate with the old pol  
 icy and also make over upon  
 it that total date as from  
 Dec. 1874 for business purposes  
 the same as the present policy  
 date from 1872 for business  
 value. With the application  
 please forward to us the ap  
 plication for the Family Policy



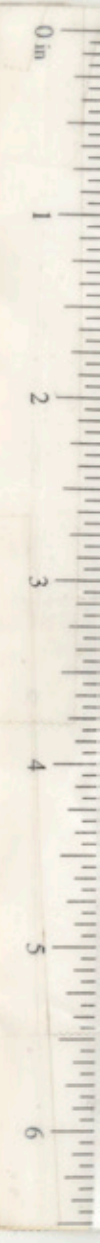


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duly executed and we will write  
the paid up policy for \$1,135.<sup>00</sup>  
and also the new policy as sta-  
ted, and forward them to you  
at any address you may in-  
dicate. We will receive the  
premiums upon the new policy  
as paid to June 19<sup>th</sup> 1881. Or, as  
suggested by Messrs. Pratt may  
be the case, if you prefer the  
cash surrender value of that  
part of the original policy sur-  
rendered, instead of ~~that~~ a paid  
up policy be issued for the  
\$1,135.<sup>00</sup>, we will do as above  
indicated as to the new policy  
for \$5,000, and pay you cash  
two hundred fifty eight (258)  
dollars. If this letter is  
performed by you, please ex-  
ecute in lieu of the applica-  
tion for a paid up policy the  
✓ enclosed surrender release,  
which, as you will notice, also  
provides as to the issuance of the  
new premium-paying policy.



They executed and we will write  
 the found liability for \$1.35.  
 and also the new policy as the  
 old and former then to you  
 at any address you may in-  
 dicate. We will receipt the  
 amount upon the new policy  
 as paid to June 1st 1881. O.K.  
 I regretfully observe that many  
 of the cases if you happen to  
 have numbered value of that  
 sort of the original policy has  
 been lost instead of that a pair  
 of policy being issued for the  
 \$1.35. We will do as above  
 indicated as to the new policy  
 for \$5.00 and pay you cash  
 two hundred fifty eight (258)  
 dollars. If this letter is  
 returned by you, please ex-  
 cuse in lieu of the other  
 on for a further policy the  
 usual number when  
 this as you will notice, also  
 provided as to the return of the  
 new premium-paying policy.





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The only object in having the new application made for the new policy is, that we may have a distinct application for each policy of insurance. Of course, nothing in your physical condition will in any wise affect the matter, as we will promptly issue the new policy without regard to the condition of your health at this time, which, however, we hope is good.

In this connection the writer takes pleasure in calling to mind a pleasant acquaintance with you some years ago, at Toledo, O., and also Newark, O., at the time when you lectured at those places.

Yours very truly

Chas. Griffin.  
Manager.

Accept congratulations for your assignment to West Point. You can change the opinion of the Public as to that Institution. C.F.G.







To be used if Policy is payable to the WIFE.

Note.—To be signed by the wife only; also dated.

I, the undersigned, the beneficiary described in the annexed Policy No. 23768 of the NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, do hereby request the said Company to accept a surrender of the said Policy and to cancel the same on the conditions named below

Dated at this

day of 18

IN CONSIDERATION OF Ten hundred fifty eight Dollars, and of a new pol. to be issued for \$5000.00 on the regular life plan of a rate of 7 1/2% annuity with expenses valued from Dec 1872

this day received by us from the National Life Insurance Company of the United States of America, we, the undersigned, the only parties in interest, and who are named and described in Policy No. 23768 do hereby surrender said Policy to the said Company, and forever release and discharge the said Company, its successors and assigns, from all liability thereunder.

Witness our hands and seals at this day of 18

Signed and Sealed in our presence by the identical persons above described.



State of County of } ss.

On this day of 18, before me personally came wife of, and to me personally known, and known by me to be the same individual described in the annexed Policy, and who signed the above request and release, and acknowledged to me that she signed the same, and on a private examination separate and apart from her said husband further acknowledged to me that she executed the same freely and without fear or compulsion of her said husband.

Note.—Certificate must be furnished that the person taking the acknowledgment is legally qualified.









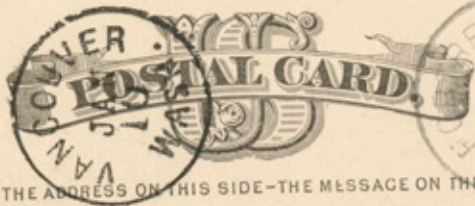
Fort M. Dec 23 1880

~~I~~ arrived this morning.  
~~I~~ splendid weather for  
~~travelling~~ for. Guy is  
well. Chancery left Bos-  
ton as intended for  
Titonville, Penna.

No snow here - very  
like spring in New Eng.  
Nothing special to be  
done here - just what  
I desire though - a  
chance for a good vest  
of travel & so on. Guy's  
rooms are very pleasant.  
I am a little curious  
to know who will  
return with father  
when he comes East.

I am well. "Job's carpenters"  
are gone wholly. I will  
write soon a letter. I  
think I passed in all  
studies. Dr. Bancroft told  
me that Chancery's demerits  
would cause him no trouble.  
Sannie.





WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE-THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Mr. C. O. Howard

~~Van Courgen~~

West Point

New York

~~Wash. Tert.~~

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**THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.**

The rules of this Company require that all messages received for transmission, shall be written on the message blanks of the Company, under and subject to the conditions printed thereon, which conditions have been agreed to by the sender of the following message.

WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't, } New York.  
GEO. H. MUMFORD, Sec'y, }

Dated VanCouver Barrack 1072 187

Received at Ogden Dec 23rd

To General Howard 4:15 Pm

on westward bound train  
today Ogden

wheaton telegraphs from  
wallawalla that he cant meet  
steamer tomorrow next steamer  
twenty ninth under the  
circumstances he could reach  
sanfrancisco overland on  
wednesday we have so  
telegraphed him

Mason

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TELEGRAPH COMPANY

Mason

WILLIAM GIBSON, Proprietor,  
400 N. MUMFORD ST., NEW YORK.

Dear General Howard  
Boston or Ogden Dec 23rd  
#100m

Our customary time table  
today open

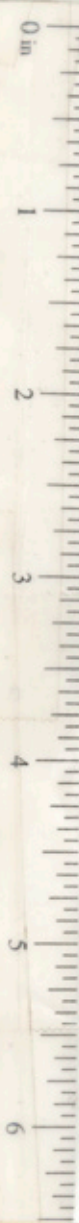
Ogden

Dec 23, 1880.

Steamer tomorrow next steamer  
twenty minutes under the  
circumstances the cable break  
inconvenience overland on  
Wednesday we have so  
telegraphed. Sincerely

Mason

38 Gold Street





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Headquarters, Department of West Point,  
UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY.

West Point, N. Y. Dec. 24, 1880

Dear Genl Howard

I received in due  
time your note of Dec.  
15<sup>th</sup> from Washington.  
I have since seen Genl  
Sherman and he thanks  
with me that it will be  
best for me to remain  
here until you arrive,  
on account of the Examina-  
tion which will be in  
progress, or until it is  
ended. The result of the  
examination always presents  
some nice questions as to  
discharges, &c, which should



know the action of the  
Government-Superintendent.  
Besides, the Commissary of  
the Department can not  
be turned over to the  
Comdt- of Credits, although  
the duties of Superintendent  
may be.

The examination will be  
ended about the 14<sup>th</sup> or  
15<sup>th</sup> of January and I  
presume you will be here  
before that time, but  
that of the fourth class,  
which takes place first  
should be disposed of much  
sooner, since it is very  
important to get rid of  
the deficiencies in that class  
without delay. I suppose  
it must fall to my lot



To dispose of the fourth  
class, but that the rest  
may be left to you.  
In any case, I will be  
ready to turn over the  
Command to you on your  
arrival, and there does  
not now seem to be  
any prospect of any  
thing to call me away  
before that time.

I would be glad if you  
would telegraph me a  
few days in advance,  
say when you start from  
San Francisco, at what  
time I may expect you.  
The house will then be  
ready for your occupation,  
except that it will contain



only a meager supply  
of old furniture which  
belongs to it.

With kind regards  
to your family, I am  
as ever,

Sincerely yours  
Wm Schofield  
Genl

Genl O. O. Brownell  
Care of  
Head Quarters, U.S. Army, of the Pacific  
San Francisco  
Calif.



~~Em~~

Cong. Parsonage,  
Mataga, Ill.

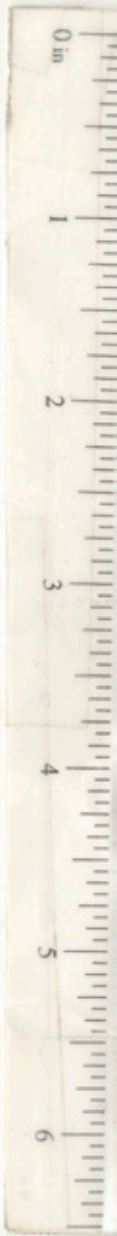
Dec. 25, 1880

General O. O. Howard.

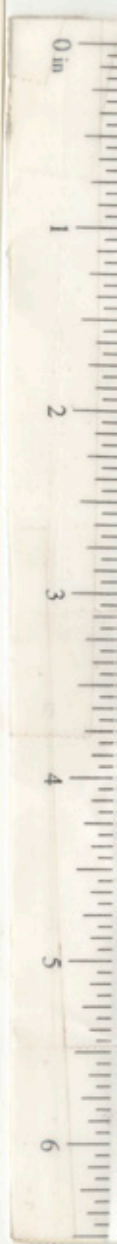
My dear Sir,

Permit me

who remembers with pleasure  
the times when you aided  
& encouraged him in his  
labors for Christ at "the Dallas"  
Agg., to extend to you his  
hearty congratulations on  
your appointment to the  
command of the Department  
at West Point, & the Superintendency  
of the Academy.







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at the first news I felt  
like singing a "Te Deum"  
& the more I think of it  
the better I like it. I told  
my wife I must express  
myself thus to you, I need  
scarcely add she joins in the  
congratulations.

Truly  
"Our God is marching on!"  
Very Respectfully Yours  
W. R. Butcher.

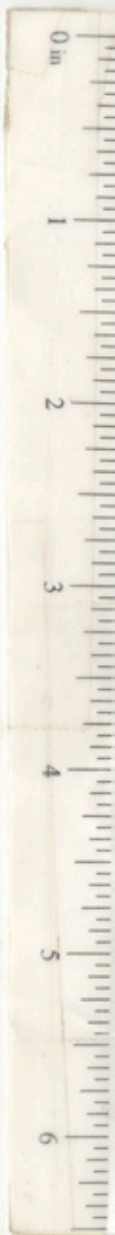


Rev. W. R. Butcher.

Malaya Ill,  
Dec. 25. 1880

Recd by mail  
Feb. 10. 1881

Recd Feb. 7. 1881





Monterey, Berks. Mass  
Dec. 26. 1880.

H. M. Manwood.

Recd by Sladen  
Jan. 31. 1881.

Recd Jan. 31. 1881.

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Monterey  
Berks. Mass  
Dec 26<sup>th</sup> 1880

General - We learn  
by letters from our son  
that you have befriended  
him therefore I  
take the liberty to write  
you

Early in Sept last  
he wrote that there was  
a probability that the  
post at Lake Chelan  
would be abandoned and  
he might go to Cal.  
Also enquiring of us how  
how much funds we should



need from that time till  
spring and he would send  
it at once —

We have not heard from  
him since and fear that  
he has met with ~~for~~  
some disaster since he  
left - (if he did leave)

I wrote the Command  
ant at New Past  
Lake Chelan about a  
week since shall probab  
ly hear from him in the  
course of a couple of weeks

Please inform us if  
you know any thing about  
him and accept our  
heart felt gratitude

Yours Truly  
J. M. Underwood



Dec 26. 1880

~~G.M.~~ Dear Genl.

Genl. M<sup>r</sup>. Dawell  
requests me to say that  
he has this moment learned  
of your presence in the  
city - & requests yourself  
to hail, if possible, to  
come to Block Pt. &  
meet his dinner guests  
at tea. The bearer of  
this will bring you to  
Block Pt. - if you can  
come.



Yours in haste

A. B. Keeler

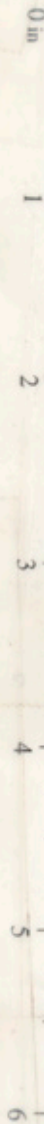
at d - de - Camp.

Genl. Howard

6.30 Pm + Mos.

Dec 26, 1880.

W. M. C.





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San Francisco-

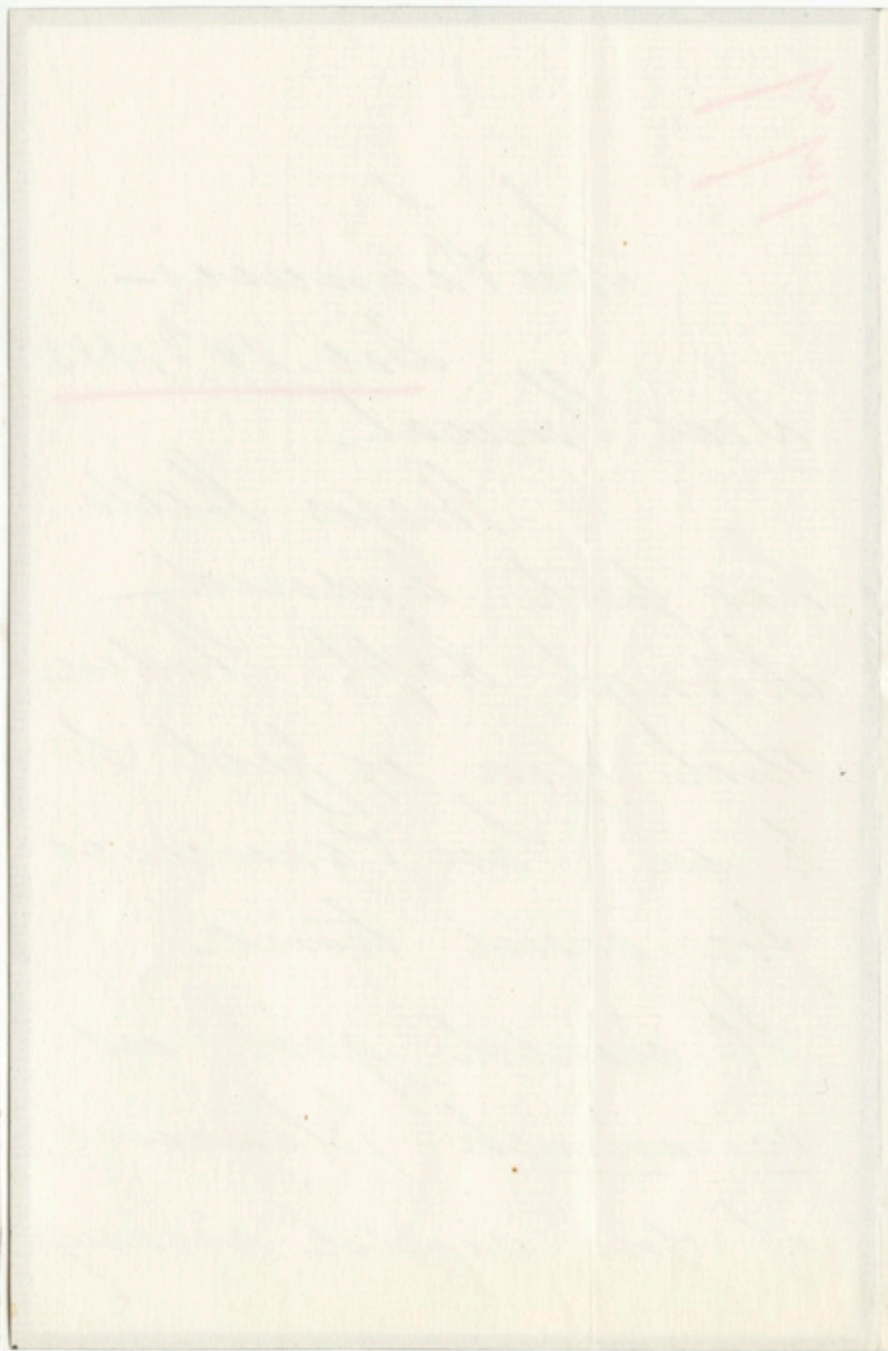
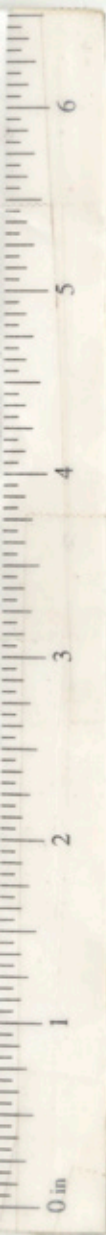
Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> 1840.

Dear General-

Major Wells  
has just learned  
through Capt. Taden  
that you expect to  
be in San Francisco  
for some time.

It would give us  
so much pleasure  
if you could arrange





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at 20 - you could  
come over to Angel  
Island + stay  
with us. We have  
a very comfortable  
room at your dis-  
posal - The boat  
leaves every evening  
at 8.30 - + we take  
return trip leave San  
Francisco at 3 P.M.  
gives the best  
part of the day for  
business in town -

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Trusting we may  
soon have a favor-  
able answer & that  
was Howard's <sup>is with</sup> business

Yours truly  
Wm D. S. Wells.

Thos W. Mason

Baltimore Md  
Dec. 26. 1880.

Adm'd by Student  
Jan. 28. 1881.

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# 41 St Paul St

Baltimore Md  
Dec 26<sup>th</sup> 1881

Hon Genl O O Howard

Dear Sir

Permit me to ask of you a  
favor Dear Genl I would like  
very much for you to exert  
your influence in getting me a  
place in some of the Departments  
in Washington under our President  
Elect Hon Jas A Garfield.  
Dear Genl if you remember me  
I am one of your old students  
who was under your tutorage  
when you was President of  
The Howard University if you  
Remember that I had the misfortune  
to get my leg broken at the time.



so Dear Gene you can return it  
to me again I truly hope you will  
Exert Every Effort in my favor  
being I was one of your old pipie

I hope you will not forget  
me please do all you can  
for me & you will never regret  
it The longest day you live &  
god will bless Dear Gene I shall  
look to hear from you soon  
& after your Examine my  
Certificate you will please  
return it to me Dear Gene please  
do all you can for me

Ever Yours

Thomas W. Watson

# 41 St Paul St

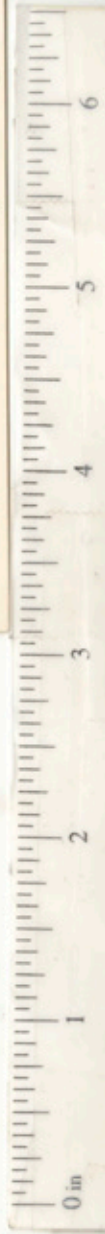
Baltimore Md

I was just getting along nicely  
with my study do you remember  
what you & Capt Wilkinson  
Red to me when I had got my  
leg broken you & he both gave  
me credit for my bravery in  
the way I bore my pains & you  
both Red you had been on a  
many battle field & seen many  
a soldier shot & wounded but  
you never seen such bravery of  
any one as you did I do dear  
Gene I truly hope you will do  
Every thing for me you can  
or even if you could get me  
a place to be a messenger for  
some of the officers in the  
Army Dear Gene please do all  
you can for me I shall in  
close in this letter to you my  
Certificate so it will refresh  
your memory



My dear friend,

I have told Papa and  
Mamma about you, and the  
plan for your coming over Friday,  
and we all agree we would like  
to have a longer visit, if it would  
be convenient to you. So I shall  
send Papa to introduce himself  
to you, and come, they note, and  
ask you to come. Will you?





Van Blarcom

Gen. W. W. Howard  
Palace Hotel.

Price \$7-1880.

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We shall be very glad to have you  
here and will try and be good to you.  
Papa would be your pilot - Tuesday  
afternoon or any other most convenient  
for you. It is very easy to get to the  
city from here whenever you desire - it  
is almost the same as being in the city.  
Hoping you will come & at home,

Very sincerely

Willie Van Blarcom

Fruit Vale

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