Jan 5 1881 - I am on my way back to Henderson. They came with me as far as Baltimore. I there was to take the boat for J. Monroe. Mrs. [illegible] Hammond and with me on the train. On their way west to S.F. I will be with them to N.Y. City. The train is at Philadelph. Union. I am waiting to hear when Father will start east.

Love to all

Jamie
Mrs. O. O. Howard
Fort Vancouver,
Dept. West P. Wash. Territory
West Point Wash. Y.M.C.
Washington, D.C.
January 5, 1881.

Gen. Howard
My dear Sir:

To begin with my name is Tarrance. I am the man that got your autograph at the Y.M.C.A. rooms. I complained of albinism being owing me. If you think I am grinding so hard you are mistaken. That man borrowed money ($75) of me four years ago, he now holds a better position than I do. It is not his owing me so much as the way he has treated me. However I now have an amicable arrangement with him.
and shall take what I can get & let the rest go. He was brought up in an aristocratic style and will live well anyway. I went to school with him years ago. He was very devoted. I loaned the money on the strength of his Christianity. I back Christian institutions I don't mean to be and am not among those who never give. The Lord has been good to me, and I can trust him. My history is this. I was seven years of age when I lost my Mother. My Father went on to a new farm in Batteranue Co. N.Y. My brother fifteen months older than I, did the cooking, and Father & I logged the fall. We had potatoes for breakfast, milk and much for dinner and much and milk for supper.
Happy days those. When sixteen years of age in May, 1861, I enlisted at Dunkirk, N.Y. I joined Sickles’s Brigade on Staten Island. I lived near Gowanda, N.Y. That is the home of Col. Parker of the 64th N.Y. Vol. I think I’ve heard the boys of that best speak of Ken Howard. After the war I went to Neb. and took a homestead & lived in a “dug out.” Then I went to Colorado and mined a little.

Then here and worked in the Bank Printing Office as a laborer. In ’76 I was married and came back here, but I was crowded out of my place and could not get back. I sold our goods at a sacrifice went to N.Y. From there with
$500. that I had, I went to south-western Iowa. While I was away from home harvesting, my baby boy died with Cholera infantum and my wife had the fever and ague. I had to get her to Chicago for good medical treatment. Then sent her home to N.Y. She kept house once there a few weeks. Then we went to the Oil Regions and both taught school and boarded last winter. I have no trade or profession. In August last I was in Pa. canvassing for a book, and thought I would come here and try to collect some of the $75. While here I thought I would try hard.
to get a place under the roof. I went to congressman Hubbell and showed him my letters and he wrote a letter to Mr. Walker who appointed me a Carpenter at $600 per annum.

I have rented a couple of rooms and my wife is to arrive to day. I never kept anything from her except when I try for a political place. She regards "begging for a place" she is about 24 years of age. Her Father was starved to death in a Southern Prison. Her brother wore carpets & educated her fine Children. How well I leave you to judge by
reading a couple of my wife's letters which I enclose with copies of recommendations also her photograph with that of our baby. Please return the copies of recommendations and photographs. It is all I have of my wife. Now if you can assist me to get into some other Dept. (where I will feel more secure) I would like a little larger salary. If I could get a few hundred dollars I would buy a piece of land & till it.) I should ever be grateful for the favor. It may be presumptuous to ask you, but I served this country in the hour of peril & am glad I could, and would like a chance now & know I should save my money and appreciate any place.
I have a letter from you, Fenton, to Sec. Shirz, asking for my promotion, but I see there is a printed circular prohibiting a Clerk or his friends soliciting promotion. Still if a letter was written to Sec. Walker (unbeknown to me) asking him to examine any record and see if I would bear promotion I think I would get $10 a month. I don’t add figures fast but have tried to be accurate. I think I will get a letter from you, Fenton, asking my transfer to some other office in this Dept. I some time have thought that it would be a good plan to try to get a place as a teacher for my wife and
self among the Indians. I didn't expect to write so much. I beg pardon for intruding so much on your time. When you come to M. I would like to have you come to my house. I fought for the whole country and whether it is right or not I always felt free to ask any section or officer to assist me.

Very truly yours,
George S. Ferrance,
Washington D.C.

P.S. The man backed out on the house I bought. I think it was a good thing for me.
Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir,

We are arranging an Album for a Fair, to help on our new church enterprise. Will you please send your Autograph, and what else you may choose to write. By complying, you will confer a favor and receive our sincere thanks. Very Respectfully,

Miss Reba Thompson.

Will you please Penn's Grove.
Send Capt. Whitaker, New Jersey.

(Handwritten text)
Thompson
Miss R

Rensselaer, N.Y.
Jan. 5, 1881.
General O. C. Howard, U.S.A.,

Dear Sir,

Your note with personal description received. Will with several other officers of the Supreme Council and officers of the National Grand Commandery meet at Gen. Tannatt's room at 2 o'clock P.M. to-morrow, and we will then either at his rooms or at your own at the Palace Hotel be pleased to confer upon you the degree. Gen. Tannatt will have made the necessary arrangements accordingly.

Indulging the hope that you will be pleased and satisfied with our organization and with those with whom you will be brought into the closest fellowship.

I have the honor to be,

Respectfully yours,

Edwin M. Sherman

M. C. J. Gen. Grand Com. in Chief
Office of the General Grand Commander-in-Chief

[Signature]

[Red戳印]
Dated, Vancouver W T 5
To, Genl Howard
Palace Hotel 5 T.
Do you object to my being detailed on West point court martial

Jan 5 187

Edwin C Macon

22 paid

Inspector General

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.
Washington
Hillsdale D.C. Jan. 5th 1881
Hon. O.O. Howard
Dear Sir,
Permit me, very respectfully to solicit employment under you for I finds it very difficult to obtain employment here to support my family and knowing that you would have command at West Point & thought that you might give me same employment as I was at the Cobbitt House to see you and Capt. Sladen but you had left the night before. My respects to you, Capt. Sladen and family.
Please answer as soon as possible.
Yours very respectfully.
Edward H. Gibbons
Edward H. Gershin.

Washington, D.C.
Jun. 6, 1861.

Read by Haden
Jan. 27, 1861.
Chicago, Jan. 5 - 1881.

Gen. E. O. Howard,

Dear Sir,

Gen. E. O. Howard, Gen. E. O. Howard hastily leaves a message with me as he takes the train for his home, wishing me to mail the enclosed passes and say that he has a prospect of passes eastward from Chicago; at least he hopes to secure them, but in order to connect with your Erie passes you will be confined to a single route in leaving Chicago - the one known as the Erie. But as he hopes for a little visit on your way that you will at least stay over.
Sunday here with your family—the details eastward can then be arranged.

Very respectfully,

Carrie R. Moulton

[Signature]

Dec. 0, 1883
Dear Sir,

I am a young fellow collecting the autographs of the prominent generals of the late war. Will you give me one (or more if you are so kind) of yours? Hoping to receive an answer I am

Respectfully,

I. S. Fairchild

Peekskill Jan 5, 1880.
J. D. Yanchkoski

Reckless B. Y
Jan 9, 1861

[Handwritten text in a jumbled manner]
520-10th
Oakland
Jan 6, 1881

Sir;

I should be in San Francisco tonight after landing in boat if not if not already arrived here Monday night. At any rate I shall be here until ten o'clock.

In view of your message I intend to speak on Sunday night.

I shall call tomorrow at the Hotel looking for you. Mr. B. told me not to write you, since this is to say that I shall keep

Oakland
Jan 6, 1881
I had concluded then, that the only thing I could do to help is to write a letter to the newspaper. I am writing to you now in the hopes that you may be able to help.

In Sunday night, we met some people at the church and had breakfast. We also attended the Sunday school at 9:00 a.m.

I saw you at the church at 6:45 a.m., and you arrived at the church at 7:15 a.m. At that time, you asked me if you could speak on the same subject. As I have no other idea, I think you might consider this as an invitation to speak at the same time. I am sure that you would enjoy it.

I will send you a letter with some suggestions for future arrangements.

With kind regards,

[Signature]

Dr. K. M. Leon

[Note: The handwriting is faint and difficult to read, especially on the right side of the page.]
San Francisco, Jan. 6, 1881.

Dear Friend,

I am greatly to understand that your card for "Twelfth Night" had been received and had reached you, and I have succeeded in procuring another ticket for you. As I enclosed.

California Theatre
7:30 P.M. (This evening),
Keep kindly yours,

K.H. Freidberg
Mr. J. H. Lee, Esq.
Old Colony Railroad.

Passenger and Ticket Department.

J. Sprague, Jr.,
General Passenger and Ticket Agent.

Boston, Jan'y 7th 1881.

Bfg, Gen'll O.O. Howard
Commander, U.S. Military Academy

Drf

Will you have the
Kindness to send me your
written "Official Signature"
for my Autograph Album
on the enclosed card.

Obliged

Yours very truly,

F. E. Kendall

Enclosed please find stamp

Address:

F. E. Kendall

Gen'l Ticket Office

O. C. R. R.

Boston, Mass.
F. A. Kendall

Bozwi, Mass.
Jan. 7, 1881

Passed by Sec. Jan. 23, 81
Jan 21/81

I want you to know my intimate Christian friends, Mr. J. Combs of Combs Bush & Eddy, 16 Cliff St. NY, and Dr. James R. Parkhurst of Parkhurst & James, 123 Maiden Lane, N. Y.  

I will send you introductions if mail to me whenever you have leisure. I don't know when my son Fred EVB is now but the Combs may know. 

Wishing you may have a pleasant holiday and all friends in good health, 

Yours sincerely,

Albany, 21/81
Jan. 8, 1881.
Post Office, Portland, Oregon.

Money Order Division

January 8th, 1880

General O. C. Howard
Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir,

I hope and trust you will pardon me for taking the liberty of addressing you on the subject that I am about to mention. You have always been a good and kind friend to me, and I believe that you feel kindly towards all old soldiers that served during the war. And for that reason I do not feel the hesitancy that I otherwise would, had I been present last evening as he was starting for New York and in the course of conversation I told him that the Grand Army of Oregon, of which I am a member, had expressed a desire that some appointment at the hands of the President for me that will pay a little better than
the place I now hold. I have worked hard (as you know) in the Railway Mail Service for five years. Four years I worked for seventy-five dollars per month, from three o'clock in the morning until six and seven in the evening, and was only off duty fourteen days in the four years. A year ago last October I was promoted to Local Agent R.M.S. and perform the duties of a Chief Head Clerk or Post Office. I have fourteen Rentz Agents under me. And all the mail routes in Oregon and Washington Territory. I look after and I suppose I have a great deal of traveling to do. I receive one hundred dollars per month and have all my expenses to pay out of that. And at the end of the month I am in luck to come out even. I was in active service in the Army from April 1861 to August 1865, was in the first battle of Bull Run, and at the Surrender of Genl Lee. And I don't see why I shouldn’t be as much entitled to an Office that will pay more than my board, as some of the
Post Office, Portland, Oregon.

Money Order Division.

Men that are now holding the highest office 1880 in the State of Oregon. Men like our Postmaster Geo. E. Adair who was a Democrat during the war and only became a Republican with the promise of a good office, which he received and has held for eight years and is now working hard for an appointment for four years longer. I am going to make application for the office of Appraiser of Merchandise for the Post Office and would be very thankful if you could assist me in any way. I hardly know whether it is best to make the attempt before President Hayes goes out of office or not. This is different from most appointments, the Commission runs for life. The appointment is for during the pleasure of the President, so it would not be a removal any more now that it will be twenty years since Mr. T. H. Pattee the present incumbent was appointed.
by Genl. Grant and had held the office some
or eight years. He is a man of wealth and would
not miss the emoluments of the office at all.
I can furnish all the recommendations that
may be necessary, but I don't know whether
it is best I have them addressed to President
Hayes or wait until Genl. Garfield takes his seat
in Senate Mitchell and Congressman Edg. Hayes
on both warm friends of mine. Unfortunately
our present delegation in Congress is all Democ.
and as I have been all my life a strong Republi-
can I could not ask support from any of them.
President Hayes seemed very kindly disposed
for none the Grand Army boys, and he met one
one at one that had charge of his party on the
Trip to Forest Grove, and I also met them at Teri-
na and Olympia. Sang Hold the Fort and other songs
with Mrs. Hayes. And I think most I would put
in a good word for should an opportunity
offer. I would like to ask you should it come
Convenient and you think it convenient.
Your duties and position, to mention this subject to President Hayes or Secy. Sherman, and if the President feels favorably inclined
and most cordially incline to make an appointment
before he returns from office I will send in any recommendations he may require.

And Morrow suggested that I should make an effort for the appointment of Postmaster
at Portland, as I had had so much experience
in that business. Of course I would like to get
that, but there are a number of persons
of all political factions after it, so that I am
wishing to mix up in the fight. Although I
am friendly with all factions, but might
satisfy all should I get the appointment. Mr. Howley, of Connecticut, might help
me, if I could see him. I served in the same
Regiment with him as the first battle of Bull Run, he was Captain of the Hartford Company and I went in Co. H of the regiment. Tell my family that in Conn. and I was born raised there. Most in Con. Regiments during the entire war. Was home Captain of Co. D 1st Conn. Cav. Should you see him at any time and mention these facts to him he would help me. I was very sorry I did not know that you were going East, would like to have seen you before you departed for your new home. I hope that I may have an opportunity to return some of your many acts of kindness to me.

With kind wishes for your welfare.

I am

Very Truly Yours,

D. F. Tuttle
HEADQUARTERS OF THE
NATIONAL GRAND COMMANDERY
OF KNIGHTS GRAND COMMANDERS OF THE SUN,
OF SONS OF LIBERTY,
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Meridian of San Francisco, Jan 8th, 1881.

The Knight General Grand Commander Oliver C. Howard
Meridian of West Point New York.

Dear Sir and Eminent Brother,

I trust that when this reaches you that you and your family together with those of your staff will have arrived safe and sound to the place of your destination.

It will of course take some little time before you will have become settled down in your new quarters, and not until after then is it to be expected that anything will be done towards any advancement in our work.

I enclose three cards on which I have written out nearly in full, the Signs, Companions and Tokens of the first three degrees.

The rule adopted in regard to the fees including the Commission in duplicate for all officers serving in the Army and Navy of the United States is in consideration of the services they are rendering their Country, to waive one third of the Constitutional Fee which is $15.00 and only charging them $10.00. Depiutes are allowed 25 per cent or one fourth as a Commission compensation for propagating the Order, and reasonable expenses not exceeding the one half of the amount of the fees in all. Ministers of the Gospel are entitled to receive the degrees without charge, excepting the fee for the Commission which is $5.00. The Constitutions have been amended since they were first adopted, a copy of which I sent you in the package express. My aid neglected to pay the express charges in advance.
which I regret. You should have been paid here. You are authorized to confer the degree upon your Aid de Camp Capt. Hadorn without other charge than of the Commission Fee of $5.00 and make him your 2nd Adj. Gen. of your Division, if you so desire. You will find the blank descriptions in the package sent you, which are to be filled up and transmitted here with the fees less the compensation allowed.

As the work you speak of translating from the French of Sutherlin in Europe, or something of that name and character, which work when published may be of benefit in aiding our cause, disseminating its principles and advancing the interests of Freedom of Truth and of Right, you are authorized to reserve one half of all the fees you receive for the conferring of the degree, to aid you in the preparation of that work, which you will regard as a subscription from the National Grand Commandery, deducting therefrom for your own compensation the one fourth allowed to Deputies.

You have the authority to appoint as many Deputies among the Officers of the Army, and of the National Guard of the County as you may deem proper, to attach to the National Reserve of Military Division No. 4 of which you are the Field, Gen. Grand Com. in Chief.

Every facility and aid will be extended to you from these Headquarters that can reasonably be given, and to aid you in the sale of the work when it is published; for that will be ammunition for the Cause.

I shall send you other matter in a few days with explanations in connection therewith for your direction and guidance.

With my kind regards to yourself and family. I have the honor to be

Sincerely Yours in Union Harmony, Concord.

Edwin A. Sherman

Gen. Grand Com. in Chief