

Jan 5 1881 - I am on
my way back to
Henderson. My car
with me as far as
Baltimore & there
was to take the boat
for F. Monroe, Mrs. of
Miss Hammond and
with me on the train
- on their way west
to D.F. I will be with
them to N.Y. City. The
train is at Philadel-
phia. I am wait-
ing to hear when
Father will start East.

Love to all
Jannie



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

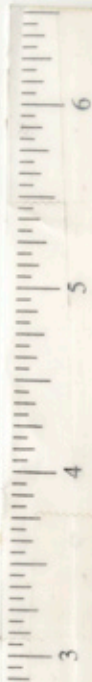


Mrs. O.O. Howard.

~~Fort Vancouver,~~

~~Dept of West Point Wash. Territory~~

West Point New York



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Washington D.C.
January 5, 1881.

Gen. Howard
My Dear Sir;

To begin with
my name is Torrance. I
am the man that got your
autograph at the Y. M. C. A.
rooms. I complained of a Chris-
-tain owing me. If you think
I am grinding & hard you
are mistaken. That man borrowed
money (\$75.) of me four years
ago, he now holds a better Govt.
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 Cattaraugus Co. N.Y.
My brother, fifteen months older
than I, did the cooking, and
Father + I logged the fallow.
We had potatoes for breakfast
milk and mush for dinner
and mush and milk for supper

Happy days those. When sixteen
years of age in May 1861.
I enlisted at Dunkirk N.Y.
We joined Sickles' Brigade
on Staten Island. I lived
near Gowanda N.Y. That
is the home of Col. Parker
of the 64th N.Y. Vols. I think
I've heard the boys of that Regt.
speak of Gen 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 Govt. 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. We
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 & try to collect
some of the \$75. While here
I thought I would try hard

to get a place under
the Govt. I went to
congressman Hubbell and
showed him my letters and
he wrote a letter to Gen.
Walker who appointed me
a Copyist at \$600. per Annum.
I have rented a couple of
rooms and my wife is
to arrive to day. I never
keep anything from her
except - when I try for
a political place. ~~She~~ She despises
"begging for a place" She is
about 24 years of age. Her
Father was starved to death
in a Southern Prison. Her
Mother wove carpets & educated
her five children. How well
I leave you to judge by

reading a couple of my
wife's letters which I inclose
with copy of recommendations
Also her photograph with that
of our baby's. 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 presumption
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 my place

I have a letter from Gov.
Fenton to Sec. Shurz, 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 Gen. Walker
(unbeknown to me) asking
him to examine my
record and see if I would
bear promotion I think I would
get \$100 a month. I donot
add figures fast but have
tried to be accurate. I think
I will get a letter from
Gov. Fenton asking my
transfer to some other office
in this Dept. I some times
have thought that it would
be a good plan to try
to get a place as ^{school} 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 W. 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
feel free to ask any
section or officer to assist
me

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

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

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Penn's Grove, N. Jersey Jan. 5. 1881.
Gen. C. 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 Respt.

Miss Reba Thompson.

Will you please Penn's Grove.
send Cadet Whittier New Jersey.
address or Autograph.

Thompson
Miss R

Poughs Cove, N.J.
Jan 5, 1881.



HEADQUARTERS OF THE

NATIONAL GRAND COMMANDERY
OF

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Knights Grand Commanders of the Sun,
Or SONS OF LIBERTY,
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Office of the General Grand Commander-in-Chief.

Meridian of San Francisco, January 5th 1881.

General O. O. Howard U.S.A.

Dear Sir

Your note with personal description received. Will with several other Officers of the Supreme Grand Conclave and Officers of the National Grand Commandery meet at Gen. Fannatt's room at 2 o'clock P. M. tomorrow, and we will then either at his rooms or at your own at the Palace Hotel be pleased to confer upon you the degrees. Gen. Fannatt 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 A. Sherman

M. E. S. Gen Grand Com-in-Chief

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Knights of the Sun

OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
OF SOVS OF LIBERTY

Office of the General Grand Commander-in-Chief

Residence of Gen. Francis P. Kennedy
1881



General V. C. Bennett

Dear Sir

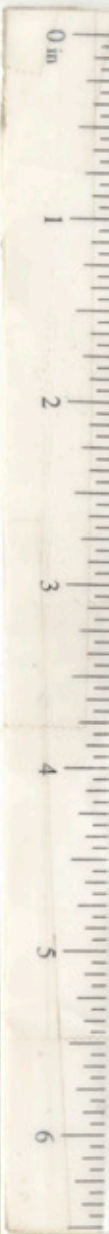
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be pleased to confer upon you the degree. Gen. Bennett will
have made the necessary arrangements accordingly.
Wishing the hope that you will be pleased and satisfied
with our organization and with those with whom you will be brought
into the closest fellowship.

I have the honor to be

Respectfully Yours,

William L. Brown

W. L. Brown Grand Commander-in-Chief



January 21, 1881

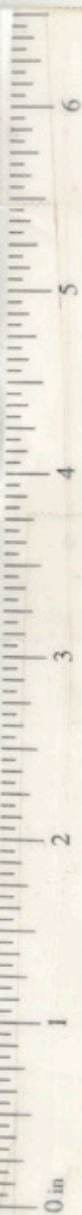
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Dear Mr. [illegible]

Stearns, 1881

San Francisco.

January 5, 1881.



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JAS. GAMBLE, Gen'l Sup't,
SAN FRANCISCO.

NORVIN GREEN, Pres't, }
A. R. BREWER, Sec'y, } NEW YORK.

3. 24 Pm

Dated. Vancouver Vt I 5- Rec'd at SAN FRANCISCO,
To Genl Howard Jan 5- 187
Palace Hotel S F.

Do you object to my being detailed
on West point court martial

Edwin C Mason
Inspector General

22 paid

600

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

Watson, G. C.
San Francisco

Dec 5, 1881.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

SAN FRANCISCO.

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

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Washington

Hillsdale D.C. Jan. 5th 1881
Hon. O.O. Howard

Dear Sir.

Permit me, very respectfully to
solicit employment under you
for I find it very difficult
to obtain employment here to
support my family and knowing
that you would have command
at West Point I thought that you
might give me some employment
So I was at the Ebbitt 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. Gibson

Edward H. Gibson,

Washington D.C.
Jun 5. 1861.

Wash by Gladwin
Jan 27, 1861,

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The Advance.

C. H. HOWARD & Co.

PUBLISHERS

155 & 157 Dearborn Street.

Chicago, Jan. 5 - 1881.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir,

Gen. C. H. H.

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 F. Moulton.

Chicago
Jan 5, 1891.

Moulton, C. F.

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Peekskill Jan 5. 1886.

J. S. Fairchild.
Peekskill
N.Y.

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

J. S. Fairchild.

J. S. Yarcher

Puckett & Y

Jan 7, 1881

Went by Gen. Jan 28, 1881

McLean, O. K.

Auckland
Jan 6, 1881.

Jan 6

520-13th St.
Auckland

Jan 6, 1881

Gen A. O. Howard
My dear Sir + Bros.

I hoped
I should see you again last
night after landing in art of an
mutiny or some emergency;
but was deterred with inquiries
until too late.

You see me now when first
expected to speak on Sunday
night. I shall call tomorrow
at the Palace hoping to see you. But,
lest I do not find you, send
this to say that we shall have

on Sunday night many more
people than in church withal.
- have left Sunday.

As if in many instances to
~~travellers~~ upon your found
stations we wish to hold a
double service: one at our
church at 6.45; another at
the Methodist at 7.15; at
both of which you shall speak, saying
of course the same matter. As
before but Mr. & Mrs. Stibbins
will go from one to the other.

By the arrangement you will
get notice of some 3,000 people.

We had concluded to have this
double meeting in any case, &
to will not appear the any kind
of special favour.

Will you kindly signify to me

by telegram tomorrow whether you
will consent to this. The address
about 25 or 30 minutes long, at
your discretion.

Let me furthermore an invitation
to spend the night at my house with
Mrs. Howard: or, if you dislike to
cross the bay on Sunday, stay
night also. We will feel our-
selves highly favoured by such an
arrangement.

With highest esteem,

Very cordially, J. M.

J. K. McLean.

Smedberg, W. P.
Capt. U. S. Col. U. S. A.

San Francisco.
Jan 6, 1881.

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San Francisco
Jan 7 6 4881

Dear General

I am given to understand that your card for "Twelfth night" had been mislaid or had miscarried and I have succeeded in procuring another which I enclose.

California Theatre
7³⁰ P. M. (this evening).

Very truly yours

W. P. Smedberg

Capt. U. S. Col. U. S. A.

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Old Colony Railroad.

PASSENGER AND TICKET DEPARTMENT.

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

Boston, Jan'y 7th 1881.

Brig. Genl. O. C. Leonard
Commander, U.S. Military Academy,
Dfw.

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

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Yours very resp'y.
F. E. Kendall.

Enclosed please find Stamp

Address

F. E. Kendall
Genl. Ticket Office
O. C. R.R.,
Boston Mass.

F. Le Kendall

Boston, Mass.

Jan. 7. 1881

Ans'd by her Jan 23./81

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Jan 8/87
I want you to
know my intimate
Christian friends

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W J Croombs of
Croombs Crosby & Eddy
18 Cliff St NY

and
J R James of
Packard & James
123 Maiden Lane
N York

I will send you
introductions by mail
to use whenever you
have leisure

I don't know where
my son Fred L VB
is now but W Croombs
may know

Wishing you may
have a pleasant trip
& all keep in good health
Your sincere friend
Shines Van Blarcom

Sam. L. Barcom

Jan 8, 1881.

~~Geo. E. Cole, P. M.~~

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Post Office, Portland, Oregon.

~~Money Order Division,~~

January 8th

1880.

General O. O. 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 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. I met Emil Morrow 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 to ask 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. but perform the duties
of a Chief Head Clerk or Asst. Supt. I have
fourteen Route Agents under me, and all the
mail routes in Oregon, and Washington Territory,
to look after and of course 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 should not
be as much entitled to an office that
will pay more than my board, as some of the

Geo. E. Cole, P. M.

Post Office, Portland, Oregon.

~~Money Order Division,~~

men that are now holding the best offices in the State of Oregon. Men like our Postmaster here Geo. E. Cole 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 Port of Oregon 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 never expires. 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 hence Mr T. H. Patten the present incumbent was appointed

by Gen Grant and has held the office seven
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 to have them addressed to President
Hayes or wait until Gen Garfield takes his seat.
Ex Senator Mitchell and Congressman Elect George
are both warm friends of mine. Unfortunately
our present delegation in Congress are all Democrats
and as I have been all my life a strong Republican
I could not ask support from any of them.
President Hayes seemed very kindly disposed
towards the Grand Army boys, and he will remember
me as one that had charge of his party on their
trip to Forest Grove, and I also met them at Fenimore
and Olympia. Sang "Hold the Fort" and other songs
with Mrs Hayes, and I think Mrs H would feel
in a good word for should an opportunity
offer, I would like to ask you should it come
convenient and you think it consistent with

~~Geo. E. Cole, P. M.~~

~~Post Office, Portland, Oregon.~~

~~Money Order Division,~~

1886.

Your duties and position, to mention this
subject to President Hayes or Secy Sherman
And if the President feels favorably inclined
and would consent to make an appointment
before he retires from office I will send in
any recommendations he may require
Gen Norron 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 that I don't
wish to mix up in the fight, although I
am friendly with all factions and might
satisfy all should I get the appointment.
Gen Howley of Connecticut might help
me if I could see him, I served in the same

1815
Regiment with him at the first battle of
Blue Run, he was Captain of Hartford
Company and I was in Co "H" of Bridgeport
All my family reside in Conn. and I was
born & raised there. Was in Conn. Regiments
during the entire war. Went 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 liked 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 with respect
B. B. Tuttle



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(OF)

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OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Office of the General Grand Commander-in-Chief.

Meridian of San Francisco, Jan 8th 1881.

Sir Knight General Grand Commander Oliver O. 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, Countersigns 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. Deputies are allowed 25 per cent or one fourth as a Commission

or 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 by express. My Aid neglected to pay the express charges in advance

1881

National Grand Commandery of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan

OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Office of the General Grand Commander-in-Chief

Headquarters of the



Minister of War, Washington, D.C.
Minister of the Interior, Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir and General Officer:

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. All will of course take some little time before you will have become settled down in your new quarters, and not until after this is 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 degree, position and duties of the first three degrees. The rule adopted in regard to the fee including the Commission in duplicate for all officers serving in the Camp and King of the Grand State is in consideration of the service they are rendering their Country, ~~it~~ to receive one third of the Constitutional fee which is \$15.00 and only charging them \$10.00. Deputies are allowed 25 per cent or one fourth as a Commission or compensation for propagating the Order, and reasonable expenses not exceeding the one half of the amount of the fee in all. Ministers of the Temple are entitled to receive the degree without charge, excepting the fee for the Commission which is \$5.00. The Constitution has been amended since they were first adopted, a copy of which I sent you in the package. My kind respects to pay the express charges in advance.

which I regret. ^{They} ~~It~~ should have been paid here. You are authorized to confer the degrees upon your Aid-de-Camp Capt. Gladen without other charge than of the Commission Fee of \$5.00 and make him your Asst. Adjt. 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 "Luther 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 degrees, 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 Country as you may deem proper, to attach to the National Reserve of Militia, Division No. 1 of which you are the Lieut. 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 Order.

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
Fraternally Yours in Union Harmony & Concord.

Edwin A. Sherman
Gen. Grand Com-in-Chief

Gen. Grant Com in Chief

Washington, June 11, 1864

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

convinced that your discretion and guidance

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Charge them of the Commission fee of \$2.00 and make him your due,

ized to confer the degree upon your old friend Capt. John without other

which I regret. I should have been paid here.

You are another