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Angel Island, Cal.

Jan 9th 1881

Dear General.

Referring to your Complimentary offer of a detail at West Point, I have thought best to explain the cause of my assenting to your proposal. In the first place, I would very much like to serve East. I have been West of the Missouri River nearly ten years, during that time I have been on four long Indian Campaigns, numerous scouting parties and served at Fort Juma two years and nine months. I am under obligations to render a sons helping hand - both financially and personally - to my aged Mother. Lastly, I would be pleased with such a detail as it will aid me in improving my mind in some branches of our profession.

I have been unable to fully master by myself
for want of proper books and Educated
Instructions. I deem it wise for us both to
say - a detail to Command one of the Cadet
Companies at once upon my arrival might
not prove judicious. I would like to remain
on duty in some Capacity where I could
observe fully the daily routine duty required
of an Asst Instructor in Infantry Tactics.
I consider myself well informed in this branch
of Knowledge enough so to drill both Company
and Battalions but there are numerous other
duties connected with a Cadet Company I
might not know at this time and for this
reason a little time in the immediate vicinity
would place me upon a firm foundation
to undertake that duty in future should
you think best. General Hancock now has
on his staff. Captain Sanno 7th Infantry as
Quartermaster Officer. Could you not request the

Sec of War to order me to report to you for
duty and then assign me in that Capacity.
Underhand Emil Schofield had an officer
on his staff who was specially assigned who
was Superintendent of police at the Academy.
I do not think this a very lucky position
for a Captain but it might reach our
future object if you so desire. I have
some reluctance in writing of another plan
that entered my mind after you left.
Of course you know I am not seeking any
more place and for the world would not
have any one in the Army or out of it
think I would do a dishonorable thing to
advance myself in any Capacity over either
my juniors or seniors. You know of course that
officers Acting as Tech Instructor Commanding
Cadet Companies receive the "pay of Captain
Mounted", which is a consideration to any
one stationed where so much interesting is

is done. If you are satisfied and Wood
of your staff is agreeable could it not
be satisfactorily arranged with him to take
one of the Companies and let me temporarily
use his place until he wants to come
back to the staff. I would willingly give
up the place any time he wished. This
plan would increase his pay over that
of A. D. C. besides Wood is conversant
with your present ideas on all subjects
and especially regarding your future plans
regarding the Academy. I do not wish
you to think I would for a moment
hesitate to resign this appointment when
Wood felt tired of the Company. I
mention this because I think I am doing
Wood a service and reaching our desired
object in a very favorable manner.
In a monetary point I would be the loser
by such a change. Even with additional pay

of A.D.C. and Wood the gainer.

There may be other places on the Department
and Academy staff I could file that I
know not of which will occur to you
when you make changes. I do not
desire to file any place to your
Embarrassment but on the other hand
will strive to make the selection
redound to our Mutual Credit and
advancement. I have taken this Early
opportunity to address you. Thinking you
might soon make some changes of the
officers detailed there at General Schofield's
request. Mrs Wells joins me in very
kind regards to yourself and family
If time will allow will you please
relieve my mind by dropping me a
line

To Genl O.O. Howard

West Point New York

I am your servant

Saml T. Wells

Wells

A. J. Wells
Capt. S. S. S. S.

Angel Island Cal
Jan. 9. 1881.

Recd by you Jan 23. 1881
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Peekskill, Jan. 10, 1880

Dear Sir:

I am collecting the
autographs of all the noted
generals of the late war
and, of course, desire yours.

Will you please
send me it?

Yours respy
Karl W. Sherman

Karl W. Sherman.

Rockville N.Y.

Jan 10. 1881

Ans'd by Genl. Jan. 25, '81.

Thos W Hyde,

Bath, Me

Jan. 10. 1881

Ans'd by Gen.

Jan. 23. 1881

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Bath, Maine

Jan. 10 - 1881

Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

There

is a young officer on duty
at West Point in whom I
have always taken an interest
since I was on the board
of visitors at his graduation.

It is Lieut J. H. Philbrick
of this state, who married a
daughter of Jarvis Patten of
this city. It would gratify
his friends very much, did you
find it a proper & suitable
thing, to have him receive

an appointment on your staff -

Very truly yours
Hos W. Hyde

Henry S. Gregory.

Telegraph City
Calaveras Co. Cal.

Jan. 10. 1881.

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Telegraph City

Jan 7th 1881

Dear General

After my love and respects
I wish to know if you are
Sargent Major Howard of
the 4th Artillery that was
wounded in the foot
the morning we entered the
City of Mexico for which
you was commissioned if
so please drop me a line
I am one who assisted you
back to the command and
if you are the one my oft
repeated prayers are answered
if ^{what} I read in the papers are true

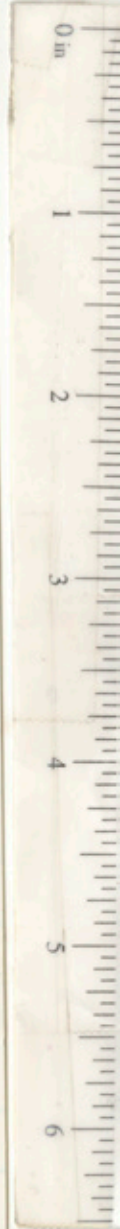
My name is Henry S.
Gregory formerly of Co. F.
4th Artillery I now live at
Telegraph City Calaveras Co. Cal.

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He will to come and work
his way up if he is permitted
to do so. I am a member of
Dr. Rankins Church and she
is a member of Sabbath school.
I have been employed in and
the Treasury Department but
have been out of work for
two years.

I am Yours &c.
Ellen Wilson 455 4th Ave

P.S. Please answer immediately

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Washington D.C. Jan 10th
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Gen. Howard,

Kind Sir,

I take the privilege to address
you - and it is this I have
a son whom I am very anxious
to educate he has been a pupil
at Swaine College Ga. since
he has a pupil seven years
at Howard University Wash.
He was raised in the South in
the State of Alabama and I am
now anxious to have ^{him} complete
his education at West Point.
But he has no other support
except a love mother and
feeling at the same time
that you are a friend to
a needy Race I appeal to you

Ellen Wilson.

Washington D.C.

Jan. 10. 1881.

Ans'd by Gladstone

Jan. 27. 1881.

For aid I hope you will
not refuse me as it is in
your power to assist. My
means have become perfectly
exhausted - and I find it
impossible for me to finish
his education & have to be
here and there and all over
every where until at ^{last} I feel
that hopes have all more
blasted. Kind Sir, don't refuse
if it is possible for you to do
so. For the sake of humanity
help and you will do the
kindness of a father. I have
kept him up in school until
Tuesday last. He is twenty years
old and you see this picture the
age to be made or to go ruin
he is my only child and I
have thought my way so far &
I beg of you to help me to farther

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Fort Assiniboine M.T.

11. 1. 1881

Jan 11, 1881

To General O. O. Howard
West Point

New York

General I have the honor most respectfully
to forward you enclosed a plan for a complete
history of the Indian wars of the United
States from the earliest period down to
the present time. Since 1850 no authentic
history of our Indian wars has been
published in this country and I have at
the solicitation of one of the largest and
most reputable publishing houses in America
undertaken this work. It is designed to
thoroughly illustrate the book and make
it as a history a standard work to
succeed as authoritatively on Indian wars
as other histories of older date.

You will be
assured General that it is my wish as
well as the desire of my publishers to
give an accurate account of your wars
with the red men and to correctly represent
to your countrymen the important services

J. D. Bullock
Major

Jan. 11 1881,
Fort Assiniboine
M.T.

Answer by Gen. H. H.
1881. Sent to the
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by Roberts & Co.

Recd Jan. 31. 1881

you have rendered the country in connection
with our Indian difficulties. May I beg
General your assistance. Will you please
give me the data in which to write out your
point not only as shown by the enclosed plan
of the unit, but also any other Indian
affairs of your doing or knowledge not em-
braced in the plan of the unit.

I should like to have just as soon as it
may be convenient for you to furnish
it. Please answer

I am General

Very respectfully

Your most obt. Svt.

W. S. Brisson

U. S. Army

P.S.

Any illustrations you can send me
I will feel obliged. And may I beg a
photograph of yourself.

The North American Tribes

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Some noble Red men, speeches,
personal character, &c

"Red Men of America"

By
Genl. J. S. Bristol

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Chicago Ill. Jan. 11th/881

Gen. O. C. Howard

Respected Sir

A few of our best colored Citizens held an informal meeting for the purpose of publicly thanking the out going administration, on the part of our race in this community, for its once again wise and efficient effort in trying to appoint right men in right places, in the country's service, who will dignify and render the most good to all classes without regard to race - in its every department. Especially the recent appointment of yourself, which is an entire satisfaction to our people, and to a great extent a relief to the best thinking people of the whole country.

But learning that I had been teaching for The Freedman's Bureau under your management, and having high testimonials from you and your subordinates, solicited me to tender you their profound and hearty congratulations upon your appointment to the Academy, with assurance of their entire confidence

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that no injustice nor partiality will
be tolerated under your management
of the school.

A side from your heroic
devotion to your country's service
of which you sustain and bare
distinguish evidence, in the case
of one of your best members, you
have also rendered many valuable
acts to the cause of philanthropy,
of which our race will bare unmis-
takable evidence. While we felt very
doubtful for our cause at the
beginning of ^{the} President's administration,
yet we feel that everything was
done in good faith, and to the
promotion of the best interests of the
whole country, and to the largest
number, for which our people have
cause to be thankful.

We feel assured that
the solemn repetition of unjust and
unmanly treatment which has assailed
our colored cadets on several
occasions, will to a certain degree
disappear. Confidence and hopefulness
for the future may be found in a
high degree among all classes for
the Academy under your supervision.

Allow me to add the promptings
of my own feelings, esteeming
goodness preferable to greatness, you
studied the cultivation of the
soul together with the intellect,
and shunning a presumptuous
reliance on your own abilities,
you have sought from above the
strenght of purpose necessary in a
contest with the evils of this
world, which has so grandly
established your name in history,
and your labors for the ignorant
and sympathy for the oppressed
are still remembered by those
whom it has borne the heaviest
upon.

Hoping you may have an honorable
success, and continue to enjoy the
full measure of happiness in the
future as you have in the past,
which has been the result of your
sense of justice.

I am Your obedient servant

Josh. Brooks

#22 4th Avenue
Chicago Ills.

Jul. H. Moore.

Chicago Ill.
Jan. 11. 1881.

Recd. by Henry
Jan. 24. 1881.

Recd Jan. 24. 1881

James McAuliffe
Mayor of

Walla Walla W. B.

Jan 11. 1881.

Ans. by Genl. Jan 27. 1881

Recd Jan 25. 1881

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Walla Walla W. B. Jan 11th 1881
Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

While I was sorry
when I heard you were going to leave the
Dept. to assume command at West Point
yet, I was glad on your account that
the Government has placed a man
in charge of West Point who has the
winnings to use all men alike. and
takes you a way from a field of
labour and hard toil which you
have been placed in for the last
seven years that you were in
command of the Department of
the Columbia. during the Indian
Campaigns you were seized at by a
portion of the public press, which
I was sorry to see but who have
now had a rougher life when
they found out you were right
to take back all they have said
and give you the praise you

honestly deserved, a man who held
the position of Gen in Command
of the Dept. who took the office in
all occasions. Shows the spirit of
a true Soldier and true to his General
you will excuse me in the
plain way, I have of writing but
I can assure you, what the
Captain comes from one who
has watched carefully your
actions while in Command
of this Dept. I will now stop
wishing you may live long and
prosper

I Remain Your True Friend
James M. Culbert Major
Waco Texas City Tex

P.S. Please give my kind regards
to Capt Sladen and St. Woods

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Vancouver Barracks.

W. C. Jones (2). 1881.

Jan 12, (22)

Dear Papa,

The letters written
sometime ago have been delayed
our two steamers. & I send
them today. We are quite well,
and I am busy getting the
house in order, paying bills
for Maanua and especially
taking care of Baby. We hope
you are having a comfortable
trip east. very cold in Chicago
we hear. Maloney is very
obliging about helping me
put down carpets & more heavy
furniture. Carrie Broadhead

writes that she hopes the next
time you go to Boston you
will call & find them at
home.

Your loving daughter

Grace E. N. Gray.

Grace

Answer
Jan 12, 1881.

Grace

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GEO. M. PULLMAN,
President.

L. M. BENNETT,
Gen'l Supt.

Pullman Pacific Car Company,

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

Omaha, *July 12* 1881

Dear Genl

I herewith hand you
papers to take the plan of others
sent to Ogden by Pres. Pullman,
but failed to reach you in time

Very Respectfully
L. M. Bennett
Genl Supt

Bennett, L.M.

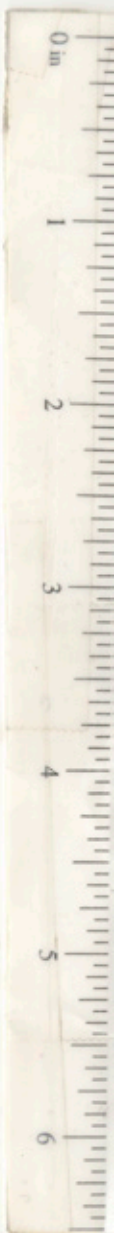
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Cleveland, Ohio. Jan'y 12th 1881

Genl O. O. Howard.

West Point. N. Y.

My Dear Sir.

Permit me to extend hearty congratulations on your late appointment. The country has one more "right man in the right place". It is simply "poetic justice" to the Colored Race. The appointment must afford no little pleasure, since it cannot be considered either by the country at large, or by yourself, other than a most emphatic endorsement of your Christian character while a student & teacher at West Point, & a soldier in the army. No appointment of President Hayes's pleases me more.

Glad you decided to publish the manuscript shown me on the cars en-route from San Francisco. The book is just the thing to stimulate the young people to noble lives. I too may bring out a Christmas book for boys & girls. Shall be pleased to have my boy Charlie meet you sometime; possibly at West Point. Though late, I wish you and yours a very Happy New Year.
Yours sincerely, C. E. Bolton.

Arthur Q. G.

Chas. C. G.
Jan 12, 1881.