[ca-Jan 27, 1881]

Baldwin Pa
Lewis Co Mo

Jan 27 1881

Answered Feb 1 1881

General I am under the impression that you was attached or belonged to company B. the 4 ridgment of artillery during the war in Mexico if you was you will please tell me if you are the officer who I think you are you was a lutenent I remember lutenent Helfrid and lutenent Bill lutenent Helfrid was a ~~lieut~~ lurbet Captian commanded the company all through the war Captian Brown was a lurbit major Captian Brown is daid I don't know the where abouts of

any of those officers I have all ready wrote to the Adjutant-General I have not got an answer from him yet - I am shure if you did belong to company B. I am shure you will tell me I will inclose you a stamp and I hope General you will please answer it forth with

Yours with much respect -

L. A. Balch

(Copy)

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Hdqrs. Dept. of West Point
U. S. Military Academy
West Point, N. Y. Jan 24, 1881.

Frank H. Smith, Esq.

Dear Frank.

Please find the enclosed check for five hundred dollars. Will you please pay the note due the 2d National Bank, reducing the interest, if possible, for the half month. I am just getting established, one child, Johnnie, is pretty sick with a complication of troubles due to climate, but we think him better to day.

Yours truly
(Signed) O. O. Howard
Brig. Genl. U. S. A.

R. H. McIntyre

I have always been a republican –

Jacksonville, Fla.
Jan. 27. 1881.

Reed Feb 1. 1881.

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Jacksonville Fla.
Jan 27 1881

Genl O. O. Howard
Respected Sir
Perhaps you will think that I am presuming a great deal to thus address you – I must make my excuse –
You may recollect me as a Steward at the Soldiers Hospital for Insane in Dr Stiles time – I had to leave them & come to Fla – on acct of the health of my wife –
I was Capt of Co K. 72d 2nd Wals in the late war – was Born, discharged on acct of wounds rec – at-

the battle of Chickamauga
By Special order No 158
May 26, 1864 Adj. Office

I made an application
last fall for a position
as Mail agt. in the
R. M. Service which is
now on file in the office
of the Supt. Dept at Wash

I have no political
friends to assist me in
obtaining a place — & ask
you to do what you can
for me as an old
Soldier that is disabled
~~today~~ I understand it to
be the policy of the Govt
to assist such with places
by which they can earn
an honest living —

Please write me if
you can do any thing for
me or inform me how I
can best act to obtain
something of the kind

I am strictly temperate
& can give any amount of
reference as to character

I will know there is
many a rebel soldier
that done all they could
to destroy the Govt that
have fair more lucrative
places than I ask for
who lost all I have in
trying to save it —

Hoping my thus
troubling you

Believe me truly
Most respectfully
R. H. Offutt
Late Capt Co K 72nd Ind Vols
Residence Bangore Mich
P.O. Box 404 Jackson Mich

P.S. This is the first time
I have ever asked

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WAR DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON.

Jan. 27, 1881.

My dear General:

Yours of the 22d instant has been received. I am pleased to learn that you find Col. Lazelle so congenial. I have always held him in esteem as an officer of very fine ability, conscientious and painstaking in the performance of his duties. His hearty co-operation must necessarily prove of great benefit to you.

Trusting that in your new field of labors you may meet with that degree of success which I know you will aim ~~are willing~~

to achieve, I am

Sincerely yours,

Thomas H. Barr

Gen. O. O. Howard
U. S. Army

Jany 27th 1881

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My dear Emerson

I am decidedly in favor of the old system over any less number of posts than three all night: as you have decided against this, I recommend the former — I would suggest however the detail of three trusty enlisted men and one Corporal, to divide the night between 10 P.M. and reveille between them; one to be on duty at a time in the area, and to report at any time during the night, any thing unusual to the Officer in charge.

The Corporal to report to the Officer in Charge with one man at taps for Orders. — Let his orders be (I suggest) to prevent any improper persons entering Barracks; to guard against fire; to report at once to the Officer in charge anything unusual —

But not to interfere personally with Cadets. These men so detailed could be exempted from all duty during the day or such part as might be thought advisable: They would be on duty only 2 2/3 hours each

I am confident the houses to day or would come over to see you

personally — I hope your little boy is better.

With the highest esteem
Very sincerely yours
W M Tecumseh

Maj Gen O. O. Howard
USA

Lonely Dept West Point

N. M. Lazelle,
Cond't Cadets

Jan 27, 1881
West Point, N.Y.

Recd Jan. 27. 1881

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Committee of Ways and Means,

House of Representatives,

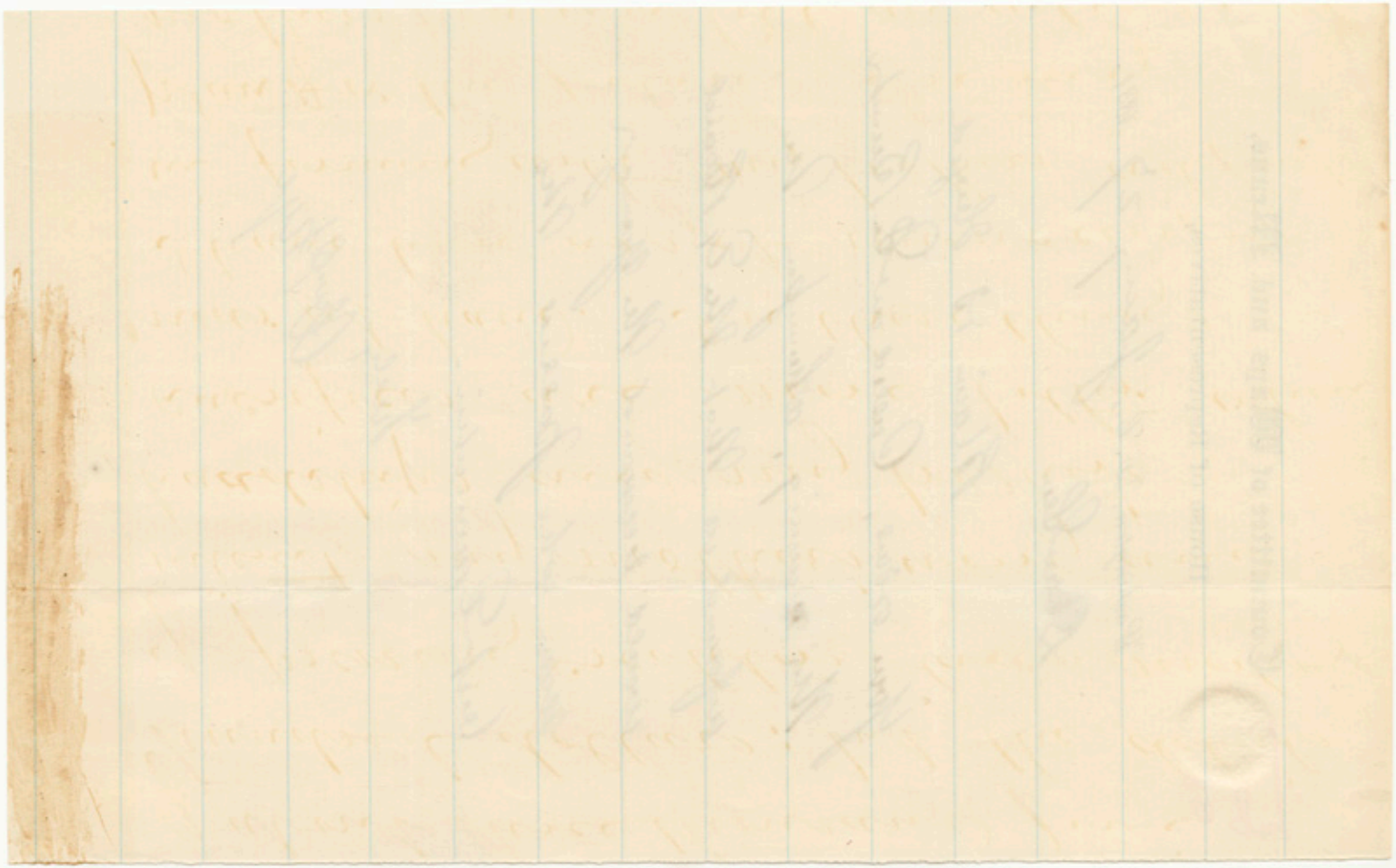
Washington, D. C., Jany 27, 1881.

Dear Sir

Blaine has obeyed your orders, called on Dr Bunter this morning, whereupon he informed us that the Ex Board would recommend the young man who passed the best examination.

Truly

Wm Pye



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Dear General:

Until I saw the announcement of your arrival at West Point I continued to wonder what had become of you. I was anxious to know your whereabouts to send you the good news of a second promotion on the strength of your last letter to the P.M. Gen.

I held the letter some days thinking it not worth while to annoy Mr. Maynard further, when the thought occured to me to file it in the Appointment office with my other papers. So I gave it to Mr. Rose, the Appt Clk. (by the way a great admirer of yours) and that same afternoon he had me designated for examination for promotion. I went before the Board next morning & passed successfully, and on the 21st of Dec. was promoted to a first-class clerkship. How much I owe you, General, for all this is

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the Office of the Auditor of the Treasury for the Post Office Department,

Washington, D. C.

beyond my power to tell you. But I shall endeavor, in my new position to give such an account of myself to as to never make you regret the great interest you have taken in me.

I hope you and family are nicely fixed in your new quarters & that you are all as happy as Mrs. C & myself. We join in sending best love to you all. (the "all" always includes my good friend Sladen & family).

Do you think of coming to Washington shortly?

We would be delighted to have a line from you.

Truly & gratefully yours
Cudlip,
Room 14-B.

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WASHINGTON, Jany 27 1881.

Mr Genl. O. O. Howard Room 218

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TO EBBITT HOUSE, DR.

Corner F and Fourteenth Streets.

C. C. WILLARD, PROPRIETOR.

ALL BILLS WILL BE PRESENTED WEEKLY, AND PROMPT PAYMENT REQUIRED.

Persons without baggage and strangers taking meals will be required to pay in advance.

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☞ No Money Loaned.

C. C. WILLARD.

OCTOBER 1, 1870.

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Received Payment,

B W Frazier cshr.

Per Murphy Clk.

C. C. WILLARD, Prop.

Ebbitt House,

Washington, January 28th 1881

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Genl O. O. Howard,
Supt Military Academy.
West Point N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Your letter dated January 26th containing check for Fifty Dollars ($50) in settlement of your account came duly to hand.

Enclosed you will please find receipt also check for balance Four 72/100 Dollars ($4.72)

Please accept our many many thanks and greatly oblige

Yours very respectfully
C. C. Willard.
Per Murphy Cash.

C. C. Millard

Jan. 27, 1881,

File,

Rec'd Jan 27, 1881.

more liberally-
Mrs Perine was in the other morning and said they were enjoying their stay at the Palace.

I hope you and Father will be able to meet while he is East for I know it will give him great pleasure. I cannot tell you how he did enjoy your stay with us - It was to him like a visit of an old friend.

With kindest regards
Sincerely yours
Elizabeth Van Blarcom.

Elizabeth Van Blarcom

Jan. 28. 1881

Mrs Blarcom, E.

Fruit Vale, California
Jan. 28th 1881-

Dear Gen. Howard.

I thought it would be nice to make Father a letter carrier and not let him know he was one, so Mother will tuck this away in the pocket of your cloak. You see my thoughts are making a "fee line" for you. We followed you across the country and hoped you were ahead of the storm that cut us off from the world for three days, and noticed the thermometer was as far down at Council Bluffs the morning we thought you might be there it took a spirit one to record it. Then we were glad we

me in California. After all as Mr McLean once said to me there is always some compensation in everything if we only look for it. Millie is ungrateful for she says that climate is damp! Well we cant have everything to pleases' and she said it was cold in New York! what would she have said if she had been with you lately?. We have had lovely sunny days and only one or two frosts, now after trying very hard to squeeze out a few drops last evening it began to rain and it has poured since. I like to hear the rain on the roof always did though on the tin one of this house it sometimes interferes with conversation. We have also been treated to some earthquake shakes this week. One quite lively rock. Knowing this house to be "earthquake proof" I rather enjoy the shaking.

I have not seen Grandma Moses since you left but as Mother saw her trotting around Mr Bray's yard yesterday when she was giving me my lunch, and remarked she walked as lively as though she was a girl of twenty. She must be as well as usual. Darling old Lady she feels she does so little because she can give so small an amount of this worlds "filthy lucre" but of the pure gold of Christian love I know no one who is so rich and gives

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Private

Lamont, Delaware
1-28-1881.

Dear General Howard:-

Your note of the 26th is just at hand.

I wrote for the other day stating what my trouble was. Col Morrow has put himself to a great deal of trouble to have me ordered back to Vancouver, so much so as to bring into notice the indulgence that I am now enjoying, a source among my friends.

In justice to Mrs Farrow, I will not return to Vancouver, and should it come to the worst, I am ready to tender my resignation.

I am largely interested in real estate in Salem Oregon & elsewhere and am financially independent of my pay, but I must confess that I am

Genl. O. O. Howard,

Lamont, Delaware
Jan. 28. 1881

Answ'd by Letter
Feb. 1. 1881

Rec'd Feb. 1. 1881.

devoted to the service, & take delight in faithful & thorough execution of Military duties. I am perfectly contented so long as I am in good company. I expect to return to Oregon in a few weeks, on business - but do not wish to be ordered there.

Perhaps I was not sufficiently explicit in my last note. Should I be detailed to West Point, I would not want to enter upon it for a few months hence.

So General, if it is in your power, I write request you to ask that I be ordered to West Point in June, or such time as you like. If that request is now made - my friends in Washington will attend to me in the meanwhile - having an excuse to keep me from Vancouver. Mr F. joins me in very kindest regards to you & family. I write to you in Washington next Thursday (Feb 3). In the meanwhile, please drop me a line to Baltimore.

Sincerely Yours
E. Farrow.

P.S.

The check & crew for June, in Washington, is my 40 cy. But please do not hurry about that - I can do in no need. If at any time you should desire a service from me in my power, I write to take great pleasure in confidentially complying.

E. F.

Gen. U. S. Grant.
Detroit.

Fort Monroe, Va
Jan. 28. 1881

Answer by Cont
Jan. 31. 1881.

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Fortress Monroe Va
28th Jan. 1881.

My dear General,

They have pulled me up at Leavenworth to go to Little Rock. As I have spent most of my life in working up to go some place else, I work a station of some permanence, which the Army retirements settle on to. Do you mind giving me a note to Mr. Blaine, to be used in case it should

be described or
necessary.
I have no special
reason to suppose
that the Secretary, who
is favorably inclined
will not act upon the
merits of the case
alone, except that
we may anticipate
a strong draft of Senator
Sumner's political influence.
From what you have
come East, if it
pleases you to hope
you may see fit
to please and oblige.
Give my love to Sweden
Stowe, & remember us
as affectionately to
Mrs. Howe.

Very truly Yours
Geo. H. Lewes

Gen. S. G. Howe

I shall be at the
Ebbitt House after
31st inst.

G. H. L.

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Genl O. Howard
West Point

Dear Genl,— I have just learned that you have been "settled" at West Point and I merely write to congratulate you upon the prospect of peace and comfort after years of hard service and severe trial— Probably you have forgotten your visit to us with my friend Mr Brunot— However, I shall long remember your graphic account of your work among the Indians and elsewhere— Thus I add the good wishes, and hopes that you & Mrs may make us a visit— a good long one— at no distant day

Sincerely
Robert C. Matlack

Rev. Robt. C. Matlack

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Jan 28, 1881
Phila, Pa.

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1. *Resolved*, That it is not the purpose or desire of this Society to *support* candidates for the Ministry, but *only to aid them*, that untoward difficulties in their way may be surmounted; and, further, that preference shall be given to those students who, other things being equal, shall *largely provide their own support*, and that the stipend granted by this Society shall be restricted in general to about $150 for the Academic year.

2. *Resolved*, That in granting aid preference shall be given to Candidates for Holy Orders who possess *full literary qualifications*, and who are *worthy on account of Christian character, high scholarship, vigorous health, and natural energy and force.*

Rec'd Jan 29, 1881.

CONCLUSIVE TESTIMONY.

Some months since we sent a "private and confidential" letter to each of the Bishops in whose Dioceses our graduates are engaged in the work of the Ministry, asking their opinion of each one, as to "*piety, learning* and *general usefulness*," and then "of the whole number *in comparison with the other clergy* of the Diocese."

The response from every quarter has been most gratifying.

We select a few reports from Bishops who have charge of the larger portion of our graduates. Bishops who represent *widely separate sections of the country* and *various schools of churchmanship.*

A voice from the North.

Bishop Paddock, of Massachusetts, writes: "Making one exception, *my Diocese would be greatly the poorer for the loss of your men.* All are true and loyal men, for whom any Bishop might be thankful. I do not know a man among them whose personal piety and consecration a man among us would think of questioning."

Bishop Clark, of Rhode Island, says: "They are regarded by us all as *men of the highest ability,* and they have all been *most active and useful laborers* here. They have exercised their Ministry to the glory of God and the edification of His church."

The voice from the South is even more emphatic.

Bishop Pinkney, of Maryland, writes: "All of them stand high in the list of clergy. Most, if not all of them, give promise of distinction in after life. *They are presbyters of whom any Diocese might be proud.*"

Bishop Whittle, of Virginia, writes: "With few exceptions, they will compare most favorably, for piety, ability, learning and general usefulness, not only with the other clergy of this Diocese, but with the clergy of *any* Diocese. If these are fair samples of the men the Evangelical Educational Society is sending into the Ministry, then I say, *may God bless and prosper the Society a thousand fold.*"

Turning to the great West.

Bishop Clarkson, of Nebraska, writes: "As good men as we have in the West for zeal, piety, efficiency and usefulness."

Bishop Vail, of Kansas, writes: "Capital, excellent, faithful and true. *Above the average.*"

Bishop Perry, of Iowa, writes: "They are men not to be ashamed of as to scholarship, intellectual ability, pastoral success, and peculiar adaptation to the work. *God give us more and more such men.*"

Bishop Whittaker, of Nevada, writes: "I am certain that the average ability, fidelity and fitness for usefulness of these men is higher than the average of the same qualities in any Diocese in which I am acquainted. *I only wish that the whole body of the clergy could become as good.*"

A large proportion of our graduates are now laboring in the more distant and poorer Dioceses, which have sent little or nothing to our treasury. We have given *most* largely to students of the South and West. *It is believed that nearly a third of the clergy west of the Mississippi River were educated under our care.*

We are assured by the Bishops from that region, that *their main dependence is upon this Society,* and that *their need of men and money is very urgent.*

ENDOWMENT FUND.

A gift or bequest of $5,000 will endow a SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP.

$2,500 will endow a GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP, and entitle the donor ever to have a student upon our roll, and to send from time to time perpetually a young man into the Ministry of Christ.

Less sums than a Scholarship will be gladly received and placed to this account.

The subject of making *large gifts and bequests* to the cause of Christ was referred to in a previous report with marked effect. We have already received a considerable sum for the "Endowment Fund," and we have also the satisfaction of knowing that our work is generously remembered in the last will and testament of several of our friends.

Should not this great work of Christ receive at least equal consideration with those secular and semi-religious institutions which are ever receiving such large gifts and bequests from our wealthy and generous citizens?

Hospitals, Colleges, and even Art Galleries are remembered munificently by our Christian laymen, in common with men of the world.

Should not even a greater liberality characterize the Christian's gifts and bequests to those Institutions and Societies which bear most directly and powerfully upon the conversion of souls, the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ and the glorification of His blessed name.

Let such liberality characterize the benefactions of Christians to the Societies which prepare and send forth the missionaries of the cross, and furnish them with the books and tracts which they need in their work, and at no very distant day we shall see the Christian School and the Church of God in every smiling valley and upon every beauteous hill-top of our fallen earth.

Oh that we could ever ask in all our expenditures and benefactions, what will be *most gladly remembered, most surely approved, and most richly rewarded at the great day of final account?*

If we were conscious of our indebtedness to Jesus, and were baptized into a fuller measure of His love; if we were more deeply impressed with a sense of our stewardship, and could keep vividly before our minds the glory of Christ and the reward of His service, it would become the business of our life and the joy of our heart, to deny ourselves that we might CONSECRATE OUR BEST GIFTS TO THE SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL OF SALVATION."

Our *Divine Master says:* "It is *more blessed to give than to receive,*" and that, "He will *reward every man according to his works.*"

Bishop Potter has said: "I do not pretend, I do not dare to suggest *what* ought to be the *extent* of a *Christian's* benefaction; but this I do say, under all the responsibilities of my sacred office, that we have no purely personal rights over the substance which God's gracious Providence has cast into our lap until we have first separated and set apart *at least one-tenth part for sacred uses.* Surely it is not a hard or severe apportionment: *one*-tenth for God, the Giver, His Poor, and His Church; *nine*-tenths for our own personal use."

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Syracuse, N.Y. Jan. 28. 1881.

Gen. Oliver O. Howard,
West Point,
N.Y.

Dear Sir: I wish to add your autograph to an extensive collection of names of distinguished men, and trust that you will kindly favor me by granting the request.

I am,
Very Respectfully, &c.
J. T. Deering.

J. T. Deering

Syracuse N.Y.
Jan. 28. 1881.

Answ Jan. 31. 1881.

before the retirements were made and the future list of appointments is all mapped out to the end of this administration and it will take superhuman efforts to change the list.

I presume you have seen Guy. I know he and you all must feel anxious for the result of his examination. I do myself and while I believe he will outstrip his competitors I will be very glad when I hear it is an accomplished fact. He has my heartiest wishes, and Mrs Woods also. To return to my own affairs. She and Erskine are well and happy and are being quite *feted* on all sides. But the journey did put Annie in bed for a few days. I have been hoping to see you here or in

Baltimore Jan 28. 1881

My dear General.

I have not written before because I had nothing definite to say. I found our family affairs here a little worse than I had anticipated. It is all summed up in the lack of about three thousand five hundred dollars; but the details of pressing creditors. taxes. mortgage interest, my mother's worry and hardships and my brother's sacrifices are more bitter when near at hand. In these things I have been as yet unsuccessful in forming with my brothers a definite plan for the future. In my mothers pension bill an adverse

report
~~bill~~ was rendered prefaced by the most absurdly inconsistent eulogy of my father. I mean the eulogy is inconsistent with the conclusion or denial. At present my mother has no pension whatever but we hope for better luck next Congress. Sec. Ramsay was absent during my stay in Washington but Barr advised me not to bring our transportation matter up. That it was sure of refusal from the fact that it was so plain ~~an~~ hardship and so common a one that no precedent such as we asked would be established by the Sec. as I could point to no previous case for support I let the matter go. Though it is important to both of us. I hope you did not anticipate success.

Barr is hugely disgusted at Swain's nomination and much disappointed also. Nickerson is the same sick. Crafty and working for himself and Crook. Crook was with him when I saw him. I was much annoyed though I can hardly say disappointed to find Sladen again overslaughed: one of my friends I am sorry to say has put his son-in-law in over Sladen's deserving head I mean Mr. S.M. Shoemaker of this city. Barnett married Sallie S. I tried to say what I could for Sladen in Washington but of course I have no influence direct or indirect. I was told by good authority that all these new appointments were determined on

Washington at least but hear nothing of you or your movements Col. Morgan. my sisters brothers my mother and many others send various kind and affectionate messages to you and yours.

You may be sure of a hearty welcome from any of them. Daisy Douglass whom I have known from babyhood was telling me of Andover and Jamie.

I presume Mrs Howard ere this has taken Andover by storm. Give her my love wherever she is. I miss you all very much. from Bessie up.

Every one is expecting great things from your administration at West Point and the general opinion seems to be that the negro question

is a dead issue but that if it gives you stand on the great advantage ground of being able to do exactly right without fear of being assailed from the side of the philanthropists

What is this death I read of from spider bite? I remember taking a great many mosquito bites rather than risk a report. But it is hard to realize a man standing still while a spider crawled down his ear. It is thought at W. that "Blaine of Maine" will be the Sec. of State, and next President. That will be good for you. I doubt the next President part of it though. He be a very, very wise and popular premier and wisdom and popularity do not often blend. The social and semi-political gossip takes too long to tell and you would not care to hear it. I am afraid that either I am of very little use or that you must want me. However telegraphing is quick and easy — Yours affectionately

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