

E. W. Bass.

West Point, N.Y.

Feb. 10. 1881.

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West Point-N.Y.

February 10th 1881

Gen. S. O. Howard.

Superintendent - U.S. Mil. Academy

Sir.

In reply to your
communication in regard
to appointing Lieut. Wood
Librarian &c. I have to
state that I have not
the slightest ~~personal~~
objections to being relieved
of the duties of Librarian

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immediacy -

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

E. W. Bass

Professor W. S. McAllister

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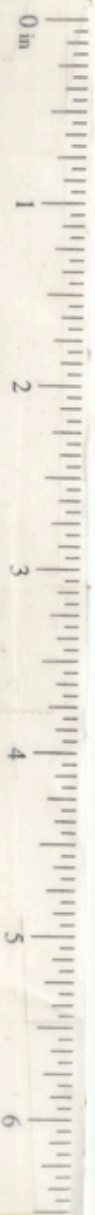
Dear Brother

Your letter
with enclosures for the Rail Road men
came duly. We have also been very
glad to get a letter from Johnny
and his mother and so learning
that he is better. We were quite
anxious about him. Mother watched
every mail with great solicitude.
I heard of West Point being specially
remembered on the day of prayer
for colleges in various places.
Dr Gregory, Pres of Lake Forest
University (Presbyterian) tells me that
one of the best books relating to Herbert
Spencer is by Prof. Borden C. Bowens
of Boston University. I thought perhaps
you would like to see the book and
possibly get it for the West Point

The Advocate

C. H. Howard & Co.
115 and 117 Broadway

My dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the purchase of a copy of the book entitled "The History of the United States from 1776 to 1876" by John P. Kennedy, Esq. I have the pleasure to inform you that a copy of the same has been forwarded to you by express of the 12th inst. at the rate of \$1.00 per copy. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours, &c.
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library, if it is not already there. Lawrence has been quite sick with ulcerated sore throat, but today he seems to be decidedly better and probably will not require the Dr any longer. The rest are as well as usual. Mother is better, she has had her room calomined and will have it painted today.

I received a good letter from Col. Ketchum a day or two ago. He seems pleased that you and your family are where he can see you most frequently. One of his children has had Scarlet fever. We saw account of Ed Fowler's dinner to Senator Platt, and that Guy made a speech. I am sorry to say that I have not very great confidence in Ed Fowler.

as to his sincerity of character
I hope I may be mistaken,
but a brotherly hint to you can
do no harm - With love to
all the children & to Susan
Affectionately
C. A. Howard

P.S. Did John get his
Chronos hint? I left it
for Arthur to mail.
You can address all
personal letters to me &
to mother just Glencoe.

Lulu

Dec 10, 1881.

Glencoe

using every influence they can bring
to bear on the Post, not only to defeat
George, but to place in the post office
here a man to whom neither you
nor I would be willing to entrust
our business affairs, - Their opposition
to George is not because he is not
capable, for there is no man here who
would be better fitted for the position,
neither is it because they can bring
any charge against him for dishonesty
for his character stands above reproach
but their ground of opposition is only
because he is opposed to them and
their calculations, - He has been closely
identified with the Republican party
here for several years, a good portion of
the time being chairman and now sec-
retary of the state central committee,
and in fact he has organized and I
might say "run" the Republican party
of the state, for the last two presidential
campaigns, and it was his hard
and faithful work that saved our state
from going Democratic like the balance
of our Pacific States. - It is no secret

Portland Oreg

Feb. 10. 1881

Dear General

If you were at home this
morning you were doubtless sur-
prised to receive from me a
telegram which I sent you last
evening and which read as follows
"Confidential, can and will you
"Co-operate with Congressman George
"at Washington in having my brother
"George appointed postmaster here,
"Communicate with him immediately"
I telegraphing you thus. I don't know
but what you will think it a
piece of presumption on my part
to think you will interfere in any
way with the civil appointments of
the government, but I know you
want to see good men and when
it is possible christian men filling
the offices of trust, and I feel that
your influence with Pres. Hayes
will go a great ways in securing

the appointments of my brother
George A. to the office of Postmaster
here, - and knowing George as you
do, I feel assured you will do what
you can to assist him in this
matter, so far as may be consistent
with the position you occupy, - Should
you for any reason decline to have
anything to do with the matter, it
will in no manner lessen the kindly
feelings, I have nor that which my
brother entertains for you, and no
harm will be done, but if you will
be so kind as to interest yourself
in his behalf, and co-operate with
Representative George, and Ex-Senator
Mitchell in their efforts to bring
about this desired result you will
confer a very great favor indeed, both
upon my brother and myself, - I feel
assured that a word from you to
Post. Wags will have great weight.
If you were in Washington and could
talk with the Pres. on the subject it
would accomplish much, but if that

is impossible a kindly letter in
George's behalf, would do much good
should you be willing to thus
favor us, I would suggest that
any letter you might write the
Pres. be sent to Congressman George
and let him present it to the Pres.
There is unfortunately - (I think)
a small clique of very ambitious, self-
ish, and unscrupulous men here who
have the ear of Post. Wags, and almost
^{not completely} control the Federal patronage here. If
the Pres. could read the hearts of the
men to whom I allude - Scott, Col-
Thompson & 2 or 3 others he would not
be influenced by them, but he does
not know the character of these men
and therefore he has allowed this
Cabal to name men for office whom
they can use and control to further
their selfish and ambitious purposes.
They are bitterly opposed to my brother
because he is not one of them, and they
cannot use him to accomplish any
of their dishonest designs, - They are

at our house and will probably re-
main within the balance of his life.
My wife joins with me in kindest
regards to Mrs. Howard & yourself &
family.

Sincerely your friend &c
James Steel

James Steel.

Portland, Me
Feb. 10, 1851

like claiming ² a great deal for one
man, but it is known to be a fact by
persons who are familiar with the
work of the late presidential contest
in our state, and now General Davis
considers it a particular & personal
favor if you will use your influence
with the Pres. to secure this appoint-
ment for George.

The plan of the Scott-Thompson Col
Cabal, is for Cole to resign (I understand
his resignation is now in Washington
to be handed in, whenever they think it
is the proper time) and have his suc-
cessor appointed before Hayes retires.
They have reason to suppose they can
control Pres. Hayes & get him to appoint
the man they may name, but they are
not sure that they can influence Pres.
Garfield. if Cole's successor should not
be appointed until the expiration of
his term of office, sometime in March
hence their anxiety to have the matter
settled before Hayes retires, - The only
reason for Cole's resigning is to have
Hayes make the appointment, because

they believe he will appoint the
man if he is not too strongly influenced
by good men in another direction - If
Wages should not make the appointment
will you not use your influence with
Sen. Garfield to have my brother appointed?
I know General this is asking a great
deal of you, but you will please pardon
^{me} for my importunity. In this matter, I
have now solicited a favor of this kind
before from any one but I am particularly
desirous that my brother should succeed
in obtaining this appointment - he has
forwarded most excellent commendatory
letters from the Chairman of the State
Central Com., all of the Presidential Electors,
all of our Supreme Judges, - the officers of
our late Legislature, besides letters from
other influential persons, and by the
outgoing steamer a petition will go for-
ward signed by most of our leading
business men. but still we want all
the influence that can be had from
yourself.

I presume you have heard of
the death of my noble father who

passed triumphantly away on the
5th of last month, after an illness of
3 to 4 weeks. - He suffered intensely
for two weeks before he died, but during
his suffering he was by his faith
and trust in Christ, enabled to bear
all with patience & resignation,
Christ had always been his best friend
in life and he could trust all to Him
when his body was racked with pain
and in the hour of death, - From the
time of his early manhood, his life
was consecrated to the cause of
humanity, in trying to relieve the
oppressed and set the captive free,
he reached a good old age (nearly 72)
and it was full of good works indeed
and all done in the name and for
the sake of our blessed Master, my
dear mother has been almost heart-
broken; but she does not mourn as
as those who have no hope, and she
feels that it will not be long before
she will join father in that better
land she now makes her home

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United States Indian Service,

Oakland

Agency,

Indian Ser. Feb 10", 1881.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Commanding, Dept. of Columbia's
Fort. Vancouver,

Washington, Ter.

My Dear General,

I hope this letter
will be acceptable to you, and may not
weary you in looking over what is contained
in this letter.

When I was going from Port
land, to Vancouver for the purpose to visit
you, but while on my way, I fortunately
meet you, and accompanied you as far
as Cascades, as you was going up^{to} Spokane
country, during all this while we had
a talk about the Nez Perces of Idaho, as
well as Joseph's band.

I told you how the Nez Perces at
Lapwai were doing as² found, and how

United States Indian Service

June 10, 1904

Dear Mr. [illegible]

Very much interested in your letter of the 5th inst.

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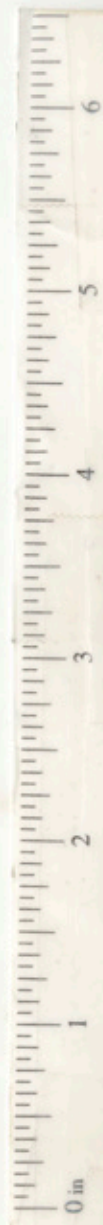
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they expressed their dissatisfaction of many things and in regard^{to} their present Agent and his assistants.

Again I told you that they did not have any Head-Chief. And they attempted to elect one as their Chief. accordingly they held a council among themselves to that affect. and as I thought and felt my duty to take part in the affairs of my people and did so.

Agency clerk interfered and stopped the whole business. also other whites done the same thing on the ground that the Indians need no head chief among them. Indians had to yield against their wishes or were rather compelled to give up the ideas.

I told you how I was treated on my return by the Agent and his clerk.

I told you that the Indians

requested me to make my report to Washington, ask the government to send out to them one of the U. S. Indian Inspectors.

I did not make my report as they wanted me to for this reason. I was told before I left that they ^{would} talk over the matters and whatever way they wanted me to lay their complaints before the Government. They would inform me immediately. And I have been waiting for further instructions up to the present time.

Today I am charged from Indian Department from Washington that I have
"created a pernicious influence over the Nez Percés in Idaho during my visit and by written letters and in case I continue in so doing I shall be dismissed from the service.

And it gives me no chance to defend myself. I did ^{not} create any influence among my people while in Idaho.

as "pernicious." I know nothing about it. I have always advised my people to maintain their peace and relations towards the Government and towards the White people.

I have said nothing or done anything that would ruin my people. As I said they complain about their Agent. And if that thing is getting worse and worse I think the Nez Percés ought to be heard in this matter.

And now General,

I humbly appeal to you for my protection. if you see that I need your assistance. I feel that I do need it.

If government dose not appreciate my services I am ready to resign my position as Interpreter & Teacher any time after this date,

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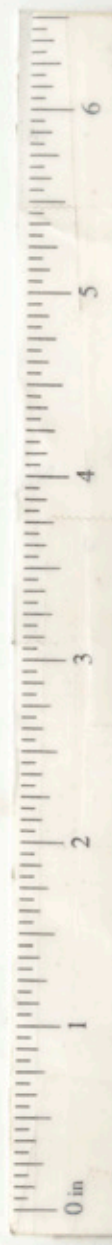
I know nothing about the affairs in Idaho at present.

Except one letter that I wrote ^{to} Rev Deffenbaugh. he wrote me first letter. I answered his letter. In my letter I asked certain questions and asked why he opposed the Indians having a chief. I also told him how kindly I ^{was} treated here on my return from Idaho. and how the employees at Lapwai treated me and ^{how} unkind they were to me while I was there.

I suppose this made them mad.

But outside of ^{this} I said nothing to the Indians in my letters in any way. that would create such a feeling that I am charged with.

I will wait for your advice in this case what I should do.



at the same time I expect you
to defend me in Washington
by your letters.

I greatly need your valuable
protection in the situation I am
in now. you promised me your
protection and I need it now.

I have explained the whole matter
to you and wish to hear from you
as soon as convenient.

let me have your kindness and
favor and protection immediately.

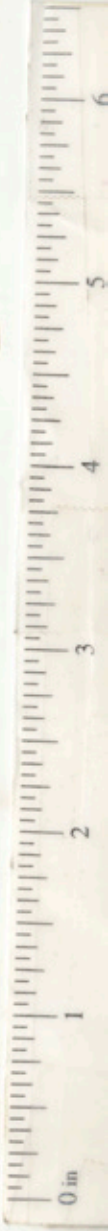
I remain as ever yours
obedient friend.

James Fubens.

Reuben James,
Per Pere Indian

Feb 10, 1887.

Ans Feb 17.
C. A. W.



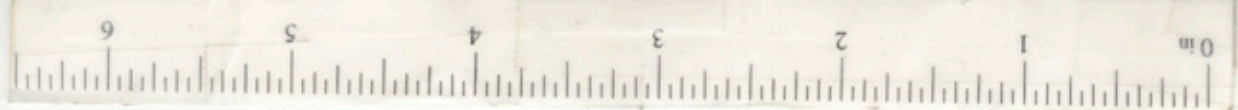
Fort Clark Texas Feb. 11th 1881
Gen. O. O. Howard U. S. A.
West Point N. Y.

Sir:

I have been shown by Lt S. W. Fountain of the 8th U. S. Cavalry a letter addressed to you; in which He asks to be detailed as an Instructor of Tactics at the Military Academy. In the hope that my so doing may aid him in obtaining the position He desires, I desire to bear testimony to his Soldierly appearance, and abilities, and to his fidelity to duty. Lt Fountain is a Christian Gentleman, thoroughly consistent in his daily life, and is a man of irreproachable character, free even from the petty vice (as it is termed) of using tobacco. If chosen to fill the position for which I deem him so eminently well fitted, I am fully satisfied, that He will exert a more healthful influence upon those under his charge than almost any other Officer with whom I am personally acquainted.

I pray you pardon the liberty I have taken in thus writing, and believe me to be one among your admirers, and well wishers.

Very respectfully Yours. Malvord C. Blaine
Chaplain U. S. A.



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Vancouver Arsenal,

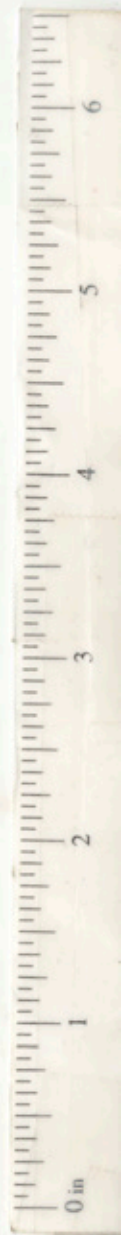
Vancouver, W. I., February 11th 1881

Dear General.

I wrote to Sladen a few days ago detailing the personal news, and will therefore confine this letter to the particular matter which causes me to write.

Capt Pierce went to San Francisco shortly after Capt Sladen left here - intending to go to Southern California for two or three months but sprained his ankle in San Francisco and returned home. He has nearly recovered now, and has no cough - he feels very cheerful. I called on him night before last and of course the conversation turned on West Point and the absent friends: I quickly perceived that he would be highly pleased to be detailed there as instructor in mathematics and I

1871
The first of the year
has been a very
successful one for
the business of the
firm. The sales have
been very large and
the profits are very
good. The business
has been very
prosperous and the
firm is very
satisfied with the
results of the year.



Vancouver Arsenal,

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Vancouver, W. I.,

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note to call your attention to his excellent
qualifications for that duty - I have had
frequent occasion to know of his acquire-
ments in pure mathematics, including
analytical geometry, Calculus and Mechan-
ics. He had six years experience
in teaching, in West Virginia also.

I believe that he would do credit
to your selection and that he would
give entire satisfaction - I have never
~~seen~~ known a non-graduate of West
Point (and but few graduates) whose ac-
quirements in mathematics were equal to
Pierce's

Sincerely & respectfully Yours
John A. Pierce

Genl Howard.

Capt of ord

L. A. Knox

Answer

Feb. 11. 1881.

Answer by letter
March 3. 1881

Will Prof. Good please send
and return this communication.

By order of Brig. Gen. Demuth.

J. A. A. A.

W. H. Smith, M.
Feb. 28. 1881.

R. H. GILMORE,
LAWYER.

Golden, Colorado, Feb. 11. 1881.

My dear Brother:

It was the occasion of much regret and disappointment to us that you and your family were not able to call on us on your way east. Mamie wrote Lizzie a long letter, in season as she supposed to reach you before you left Oregon but as Mamie has received no reply we conclude that your must have started before her letter reached you. and that her letter has not since been forwarded.

Mamie is constantly improving we think in this climate, though the sudden changes of the weather are not favorable to the best progress. I think a high altitude farther south would be still better for her. Her cough has very much improved and the Doctor says that her lungs are nearly if not quite well. but she has some bronchial irritation as yet which causes some cough, and there are some other difficulties that still linger. Ralph is with us and is

with us and is making commendable
progress in his studies. He has recently
jumped one grade, i.e. one year, in his
school. He finishes arithmetic today
and Commences Algebra on Monday, and
at the same time commences the study
of Natural Philosophy and Zoology.

Ellie is still in New York with my wife
father & sisters. We are all the time
trying to arrange to get her here but so far
our efforts have not been successful. She
is at Almond - a village about four
miles from Hornellsville.

Business has opened up very well. There
is I am having an abundance of work
to do though not ^{much} income as yet, owing
the fact that clients hardly expect to
pay much on new business until they
begin to see the end of it and some
results accomplished. I am beginning
many new actions and hope in time
build up a good business here
though it is not a point where there
will ever be much work for lawyers.
The County contains about 6000 people

R. H. GILMORE,

LAWYER.

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Golden, Colorado,

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of which about half are in this city which is a manufacturing and Coal mining town. In fact I did not select the location so much with an eye to business as with reference to the healthfulness of it. I think it is the most healthful location in Colorado for one ~~to~~ in the condition that ~~the~~ climate is in.

You remember last summer that I wrote you that I would like to get an appointment as one of the Federal Judges. I believe my habits of mind and of study fit me for the bench rather than the bar and I have no fear of my ability to discharge my duty as one of the territorial judges with success.

There are three (3) judges in each of the territories... I think three terms of office all or nearly all expire sometime this spring. I am certain that such is the

the case in New Mexico, Utah and Montana. I know that four years ago judges were appointed for each of these territories by the then incoming administration. The appointments are for four years. Just whose terms expire just at this time I cannot tell but there will be a general ~~a~~ reappointing or new appointing in all the territories. My preference would be for appointments in the territories named in the order above. New Mexico would be however the most preferable point to go in account of climate. The air is bracing in summer and warm in winter.

The salary ~~is~~ of the Judges is different in different territories ranging from \$3000 to \$4000 per year.

I am satisfied that your influence with Senators Blaine, ~~Faye~~ and others and Congressman Frye and others, as well as with the new administration, is such that if you thought best you could secure for me one of these Judgeships.

R. H. GILMORE,

LAWYER.

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Golden, Colorado,

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I am acquainted with Congressman
Wm. S. Thompson of Iowa who has prac-
ticed law with me in the same County
for 15 years and I shall tomorrow
write to him in regard to the same
matter and shall tell him that I
have written you and he will gladly
I am sure cooperate with you and
also give you what I am not now
able to do the dates of the expiration of the
office of
the several incumbents whose terms
expire this Spring. A large proportion
of the judges do not care to have their
appointments renewed as they form
acquaintances in four years which
enable them to enter upon the practice
if they care to remain in the territory,
with incomes several times in
excess of the salary of a judge.

I am aware that it is unpleas-
ant to for you to recommend your

relatives to official positions as there is
thought to be grounds for the appoint-
ment other than fitness. If I thought
there would be any possibility of my
failing to fill the position with credit to
myself and friends I would prefer to
continue in the practice. As my name
is not the same as yours you can if
you prefer omit to mention the relation-
ship in order to avoid the suspicion
of nepotism. However with Senator
Blaine or Frye or Fairbank, I think
no such delicacy would be at all
necessary. I have a slight acquaint-
ance with Senators Allison, & Luskwood
of Iowa, and Senator Teller of this
State who would lend me their aid.

As I am now banished into this
wilderness I am anxious to obtain
the best position for myself for an
income and the best location for
my wife on account of her health.
I am very certain my wife's health

R. H. GILMORE,

LAWYER.

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would continue to improve in New Mexico as I am satisfied it is the best Climate for Consumptives in the world. There are towns now rapidly building up along the railroad lines and the schools will keep pace with the progress of population.

Remember me to Lizzie & the Children with much love

Your affectionate brother

R. H. Gilmore

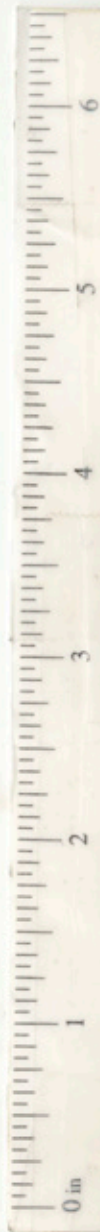
R. H. Gilmore,

Holden, Cal.

Feb. 11. 1881.

Ans. Mich 4/81.

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Fort Clark Texas

February 11, 1881

General O. O. Howard

U.S. Army, West Point New York.

General.

I have the honor to request, you to take into consideration my name, when you are in need of an officer of the line, for duty in tactics at the Academy.

You may remember me, as an officer on duty at Fort Wingate New Mexico when you visited that Post in August 1872. I can only say for myself; that the detail to the duty, is, and has been, my constant desire and greatest ambition, and my assurance to you that you would find in me an officer, willing and anxious to do his duty, strictly sober and industrious in habits, and one, who appreciates your views in regard to races and influences to be exercised over young men, in forming their characters for the duty in life before them.

I met General Lipton at Fort
Ringgold Texas, in February 1877, and had
some conversation with him about such
a detail, I believe that he will remember
me, and give a just account of my standing
among officers, and fitness for the duty.

My health is good, constitution strong
and I weigh 156 pounds, and am 5'10 $\frac{1}{2}$
inches high.

(S. W. Fountain)

I am General Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
S. W. Fountain
1st Lieut, 8th Cavalry

I must say I feel hurt
to think General Hemm
has not visited the little
Chapel under the hill
for the sake of my Boys
Sincerely your humble
friend
Marie L. Stewart

M. L. Stewart

Highland Falls
Feb. 11. 1881.

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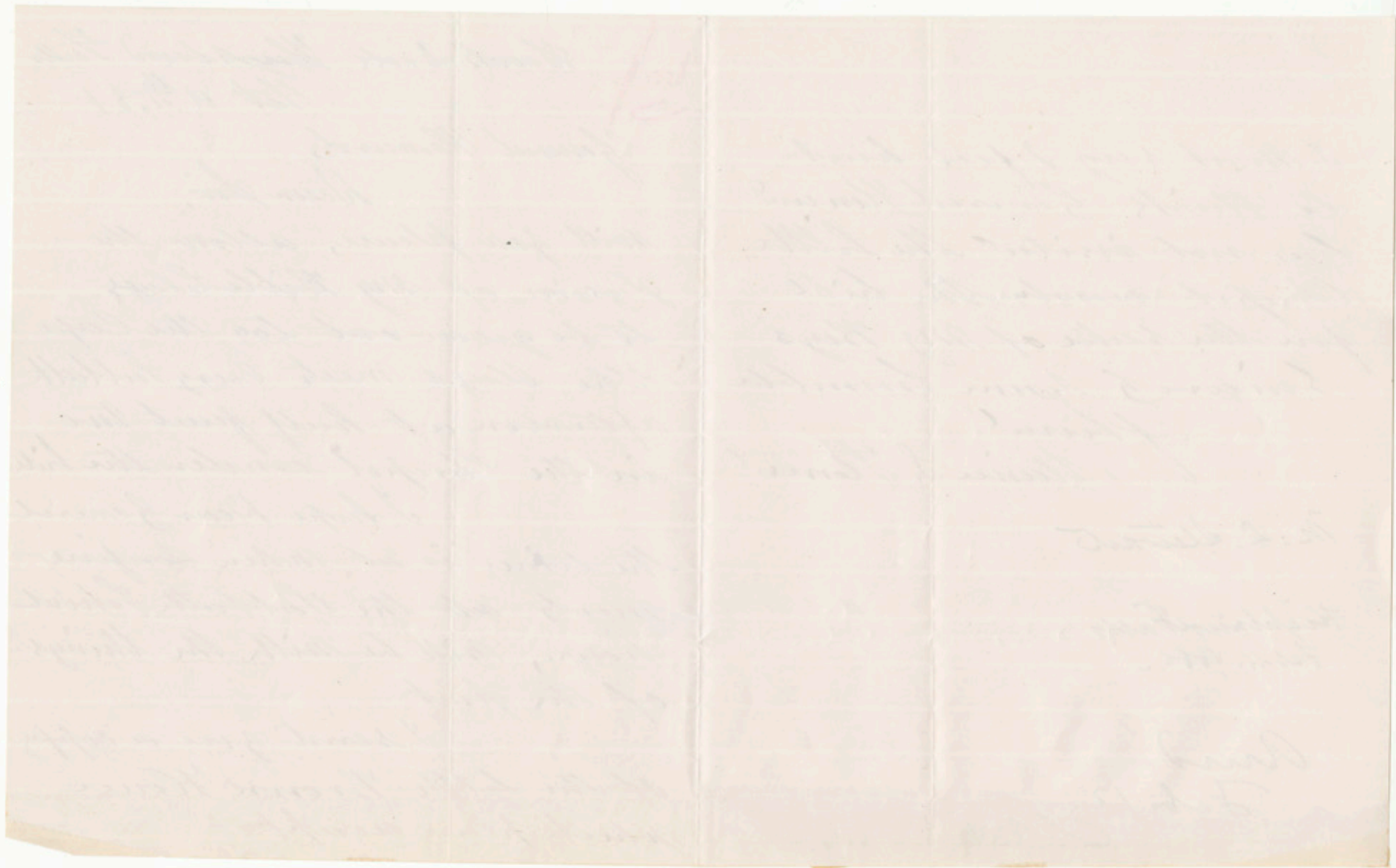
General Hemmels,

Dear Sir,

Will you please, allow the
Session of my Bible Class,
to be given out too the Corps
The Class meets every Sabbath
afternoon at half past two
in the Chapel under the hill

I hope Dear General
the time is not when confine-
ments at the Sabbath School
hour, will be with the things
of the past

I send you a copy
of the Little Brown House
which please accept



C. G. Sawtelle.

Vancouver B. T.
Feb. 11, 1881

Ans. by hand Feb. 23/81

Recd Feb. 22, 1881

C. G. SAWTELLE.
BVT. BRIG. GEN. & QUARTERMASTER,
U. S. ARMY.

Personal

Headquarters Department of the Columbia,

OFFICE OF CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,

Vancouver Barracks, W. T.,

February 11th, 1881

My dear General:

In view of what you
wrote me & what Saden
said after his return from
Washington, I have been
hoping & expecting an order
to join you at West Point.
No such order has come, &
no response to my official
application for a transfer
to an Eastern Station. So
you know where the fault
is? Of course it will
be a great disappointment

to me if I am not ordered
East - and that Point would
have been most acceptable -
but if there is no chance
of it I should be glad
to know that fact as soon
as possible, and I should
be greatly obliged if you
will let me know what the
prospects are of my coming
to you - There is nothing
especially new & interesting
hereabout - I miss you
all daily & greatly -

We have been most sorry
to hear of Henry's illness
& hope earnestly that he
has, long in this, fully

recovered - I presume
you find more than enough
to keep you very busy in
commencing your tour
at the Point but if you
can find a moment to
write me a few words in
the matter of my assign-
ment I shall be much
gratified - Kind remem-
brances "in which his
wife joins" to you all, in-
cluding the Gladys &
broods - please give my
regards also to Sagalla
Wheeler & Andrews -

Very Sincerely Yours
E. D. Howard & Chas. G. Fawcett
West Point N.Y.

S. B. Chittenden

Washington D.C.

FEB - 11, 1886

Ans. Feb. 12.

Chittenden

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb 11, 1886.

Dear Genl Monard,

I have your note of yesterday. Your previous note distressed me. I first felt that I must leave for Fort Ponit by the first train; fearing I might mis-
gore. I wrote to inquire if you were coming here. Failing to get a prompt reply to my second note, I called upon Genl Sherman for advice.

I did not show Gen. S. your note, but told him the substance of what you said about my nephew's drinking habits. He told me that

Col. Morron could tell me the exact facts and gave me a note to the Col. I wrote to him and asked him to tell me the worst. His reply, received to day, gives me great encouragement. He says, explicitly, that Lieut. B. is worthy of something much better than I sought for him at the Point. ~~He so~~

I must tell you, in all kindness, that I think your note does him (B.) very serious injustice. I have, of course, no desire to have him at the Point while you are in command.

When you can print be convinced that you have mistaken his real character.

I have said nothing painful to his parents. For the moment it is impossible for me to leave here, but I shall be at an early meeting with you and ask you to explain your note.

Meriden, December faithfully yours,

J. B. Chittenden

May Bevil A. D. Howard.