Dear Papa -

I received your first letter from March 8th. Since then I have been indeed glad to hear of Harlem’s return. Thanks to your kind feeling and care, I am now well again. Your story was true. From all you will learn. Harlem has had a bad cold last week, and he feels well enough to attend Miss Brown’s Musical on Tuesday night. We must go to see a little play in which Miss Brown and Mr. Bonet play. Mr. Patterson owns the performers and we often come home for a short time. We returned to the hall for a few dances. It was very pleasant evening. Miss Uncle’s wills were the play - Miss Brown could be pretty in her pension dress of creamy silk with delicate trim and frills. We all love and admire her.
She acted admirably. We are the only
men here. I cannot see anyone
gentleman to return. Wind of
wind will not be strong enough
for our flight. I beg you to
think of another one.

I have thought several times of
speaking to you about my
appointment. Many times I have
seen you appear as my
friends, and yet I do not know
that I have any time to stay in the
military. I must assume that you
would ask the President for a
military appointment. I am in the
army for
sleep. "He has thought of
such a position and concludes it
that he would have me but we doubt
we can attend. So much influence
was used to secure these vacancies in
the Dept. Long before they occur. My
party of politicians. James says
there are so many more worthy
than he. But and if such a person
was offered that he should not
accept it."

"It is a very good thing for him.
Uncle Webster advised me not to"

"I am very sorry to think much of
it, but I shall be disappointed,
but I said that things will. In fact
of course would be a very good
time to try for it anyway. As
Civilian an appointed as such
because there is no reason
why your cross and star
be the other."

"Feb. 19, 1851.

Today I had a long walk down to
the clock of the 7th to Mrs.
Pierce's and back to. I am glad
of half an hour before dinner and
this evening I have been
talking care of Boice. Mary has
come out. "Uncle Webster's reception
at the help was a very pretty
affair. My love.
at her. She caught his foot. The
Troy day, and told both because
she will not let her take him
between too hands. When the
baby succeeded in drying him
off very quick, she turns his head
and smiles. We let Jamie take
lunch today also. As soon as the
baby gets to her bath, she wants his
in the same tub — and then insists
gets her basket. Mrs. Mason
came in and was very much amazed
at the birds actions the other day.
She said, "You are so disappointed
because they had a letter from
Bessie, and she had written to
Bessie without seeing a reply.
Her Mother found her letter had
not been dash — which explained
it. We are very glad to hear this.
Johnson is so much better. I fear
afraid he will gain very slowly
though — as is usually the case.
 pneumonia least. Prence is
the yard.
taking "Composite Oxygen" and he
just arrived since he returned
from S.Y ! It is very good for
a convalescent—especially from
any long or cerebral illness.
The inhaler is very small and
simple and the liquid is in
a large bottle—a certain measure
full of which is put into water in
the inhaler every other day of
taking it. Mrs. Pierce took a little
as it is often the case at first, it
affected her head, and she could
sleep and had the first really
good sleep for a long time, kept
her much troubled with sleep-
lessness. Old Mrs. Williams has
been again taking Oxygen and she
has renewed her youth, going
all over town, attending every
in the daytime and evening.
Col. & Mrs. Chambers are here now.
Some one spoke of a surprise party.
Washington, D.C., Feb. 12, 1881.

Gen. O.O. Howard,

Dear Sir:

I now send the letter which I mentioned in the note I wrote you a few days ago. The letter is in the nature of a request.

For three months past I have suffered from indigestion caused by malaria. I think I need a change of climate for a time, and am about to seek a consulate at one of the European ports in Italy, England, France, or Germany. As colored men, perhaps with one or two exceptions, has held a position of this kind under the government, I am led to believe that Gen. Garfield will recognize the claims of colored citizens by some appointments of this kind.
It is not my intention to sever my connection with the University, but, if I am successful, I shall ask the Trustees for a leave of absence for two or three years; I believe that I would return in a better condition to serve the University to which I am so much indebted, from which I have so deeply benefited. I am well. Your friends are not through rejoicing at your appointment over the Academy at West Point. Surely one and prefer not to do as till I shall have your Heavenly Father watches over the path of those who, under all circumstances and at all times, dare to do right.

Yours very respectfully,

[Signature]

Yours very respectfully,

[Signature]
HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE COLUMBIA,

Vancouver Barracks, W. T., Feb 12th, 1881

To Genl. O. O. Howard,

West Point, N. Y.

Did you confer with Secretary of Interior on Genl. Spence's Skagit River report? If so, please tell me your recommendation to him; his answer, and what is prospect of attention to the business before resumption of surveys in spring shall bring our collision.

(Signed) Wheaton

Comdg.

Official copy respectfully forwarded by mail.

Aide-de-Camp.

First Adj't. Genl.
Parker, Hunting, Pa.

Parker City, Feb 13th 1881

Mrs. Howard

I saw your name in a paper that came from Washington and thought I would write to you as I have been trying for my pension for five years and the last time papers was sent was about one year and nine months ago and they have not been heard of yet and I dont know what can be the matter. The name of the attorney employed was Williams Jenkins that sent the papers I claim pension for my son Solomon Donamire he was killed in the battle of the Wilderness he was at the support I had my name is Valentine I have my second husband but he was reimbursed by a doctor appointed.
Mrs. Lavina Long,
Parkers Landing, Pa.
Feb 12, 1851

by the government and pronounced unable to work, would you please try if you could find out anything about the papers. The reason that I have written myself I thought maybe the lawyer employed did not do what he could and I need the money for I am very poor and have no support if you can’t find out anything would you please send me some other name that I could write to please answer in return mail.

Mrs. Lavina Long
Parkers City

[Signature]

[Address]
Washington City, Feb 14th 1881

My dear Sam,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of Feb 17th and to state that the matter you speak of has been and is being very favorably considered. By the way, and it may be possible that I may be called upon to recommend a cadet to West Point this summer.

As I desire to name one of character, required ability, and sufficient intellect, any suggestion or information you give at any time would be highly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
Washington.
Feb 14. 1881.

[Handwritten text continues below]
North Star Spokan Co. W.S.

Feb 4 1881

Gen. O.C. Howard

Sir,

I wrote you about the 1st. But by some mistake the letter was registered, & being anxious to have one reach you, I thought best to write again. If not intruding to occupy your time to read this, I will say I am desirous of something different from this lonesome branch life. I understand that there is to be opened a farm for the benefit of the Indians on or near the mouth of the Spokan.

I would like the appointment as or to superintend the same, or so short acquaintance with you it is lasting to much to. First, but thought it no harm to ask you for the position. The improvements that I or made on my place since last Apr., & the ability for improving of starting a farm. The Indians here I know their wants.

My family are very well. Speak of you often, hoping to hear from you soon.

Dear Sir, I am.

Yours very respectfully,

C.R. Stinner

P.O. Cottonwood, Spokan Co. W.S.
Turner - C. A.
Recd. Nov 13
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[Handwritten text in cursive, not legible]
Headquarters General Recruiting Service,
Office, Adjutant General,
ARMY BUILDING.

New York City, Aug. 14th, 1881.

My dear Samuel:

Your telegram of 12th inst. was brought to me at the Metropolitan about 3 o'clock Saturday morning. I have in my maid's club. Some months ago, the force of clubs at 7th Ave. was reduced, i.e. the Ten Service Club by one. The Club, I believes, was attacked by the Rambrooks at 10 o'clock, but they kept on duty here, and I do found the state of affairs...
on my discharging here. On the 5th of January he was discharged by expiration of service. We have had long service and have many good recommendations. We is a married man with one child. I wrote to him this morning and told him de want to go to Walt Point. Being a married man I cannot cause his attachment (See 2 O. 25, Par. 81. Colby ordered) but I have no doubt if you write him in application to the Adjutant General Authority for Robinson's attachment cancel we obtained. We will submit
GENERAL ORDERS
HEADQ'RS GEN. RECRUITING SERVICE,
UNITED STATES ARMY,
New York City, November 5th, 1880.

No. 6.

Paragraphs 31, 80, 90, and 93, of General Orders No. 2, of June 11, 1880, are amended to conform to recent orders and decisions from superior authority with which they are in conflict, and as amended are published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

MARRIED MEN.

31. No married man will be enlisted without special authority from the Adjutant General's Office; but, meritorious non-commissioned officers, who are married, may be re-enlisted within one month from date of discharge, without special authority, provided it is distinctly understood their wives will be entitled to no privileges as laundresses, and that they will not make the fact of their being married a ground for discharge before the expiration of their terms of service.

DESERTERS.

80. Deserters and stragglers from detachments of recruits assigned to regiments, when returned to depot will be reported to these Headquarters.

CONTRACTS.

90. Recruiting officers should make contracts for subsisting their recruiting parties and recruits at a rate not exceeding fifty cents per complete cooked ration. Temporary agreements for subsisting them may be made without advertising in newspapers, but only to run for such time as is necessary in order to advertise and make formal contracts under the law and regulations. It should be a condition in the advertisement and in the information to bidders, that the cooked rations or subsistence shall be furnished at a place convenient to the recruiting station.

93. A contract may be made to commence on a day subsequent to its date, but it must bear the date upon which it is actually made and entered into.

BY COMMAND OF COLONEL WOOD:

H. CLAY WOOD,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.
hi pater, which I will say.

Want to you, will freight for

Your decision to me. So far as

My information goes, he is a man of excellent character

and habilit.

In Dec 2nd I nova done

at doctor R. Dr. David S.

Cand. I doubt if they would

counsel to let you go, but

I have no doubt we can

build you an accessible

and competent clerk at

an depot.

I must inform you at

have no difficulty to go.

Want detailed to any joint

without previous sanction

from the authorities. If you
without an Adjacent Knowl and
desire him to order up to ar-
cit. His Order for you, to supply.
them. I will do order. I pre-
dent. But if you desire
Rotterdam, especially, it is
better to call specially for
his acquaintance. I will call
no further action (except to
make inquiries) until I
dear from you again.

Very truly yours,

W. Clay Wood.

Mr. Howard

x x

Mr. Clay

Feb. 14, 1862
New York, February 14th, 1881.

To The Commanding General Department of West Point West Point, N.Y.

Sir:

Colonel H. Clay Wood, Adjutant General, having recently informed me that the services of a list are required in the Quartermaster's Department at your headquarters, I would respectfully ask that I be selected for the General Service Department to fill the position.

I enclose herewith my discharge and recommendations, and will state that I have a wife and child.

I am, sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

10th Ensign
Edgar Robertson
Chicago Feb 5 1897

Dear Brother:

I have mailed to you a little Mississip.

I was told that you had a little Mississip. paper (Presbyterian) having account of Alaska.

I was told also that you had a little Mississip. paper having account of the Presbyterian Mission.

I think you should make a very careful account about what you now have and write me in some of the historic facts revealed in this letter.

In your letter to mother you kindly mention the matter of your employment to [rest of text not legible].
Meet my story— which I certainly need. Now for seven a year I have received no income from my investment in the Alexandria firm from Real Estate. The Cotton Co. which has been a surrounder has not been to me. I have heard of a plan that would just hold me if it would become vocal as it is possible. It is a Special Agent of the Treasury, like that of Gen. Sewell. There is one now filled by Hands whom you may remember is for many years, Mr. Morrill's Clerk. He is assigned to Chicago. It seems
they keep one here. Still he is not attached nor under the
Custom House here. Thence for no local political objec-
tions or duties. They seldom like. Now Hicks is a
particularly famed "striker" for Rhone and probably will
wish to get some promotion or at least transfer into the
State Department of Rhone
be that. In that case that
would be a vacancy and
Mr. Rhone would perhaps
help me to get the appoint-
ment. If Ellison is Secy
of Treasury he would know me
I think, but Levi P. Martin I do not know nor any one else likely to come from New York.

I do not wish you to do anything about it now. Let it be known but at the proper time. May ask you to assist me. I must get the field hurriedly and only fix it if there were a vacancy. The duties are such that I could attend to them & keep all necessary over sight of the Adrana.

Another place that I have bill is that of Special Agent of the P.O. Department. Nothing of that appointment involves any
money responsibility. It is
more like my old plan
I expect to go as ordered
to make a careful investigation
and Clear Report.

I have looked into your
Claim upon C.B. & Co. It
can be settled by my letting you
have a part of my interest. The
firm cannot defend anything
as the stock is all owned by the
individual members. More
also, I am trying to form a stock
Co. if you want to own some stock.
But as we are not get-
ing any dividends I think
it would be better for you
to give us to make some cash
settlement - especially as you
need money now. According to the proposed plan there is due you in stock $380. I find that the firm has a feeling that the very large orders were not worth the total value that they were credited to you for. You are aware that when I made the contract it was not expected there would be more than ten or twelve of them but there were 33 at $5 each to $165 instead of $50 as I had estimated.

Now the firm are willing to pay you cash $100 or to have you trade in the Company stock at a similar for the $380. Of course we hope that our proposed terms are open to you and that we may in a year or two receive dividends. Please write me what you conclude.
From the Neg Places book is out a will be soon. Is it to be illustrated? I want the yoke taken from this. It would add much to the tale if it could be well illustrated and Iaffen your side. Scant Moon, could make the drawings together with some watercolors of the National Park which would be worthwhile, and would furnish all needed. I trust you had some good shots in it. This would be almost indispensable. "H. H." in her book with introduction by Bishop Whipple and another by Rev. Seelye in the Neg Places Chapter leaves a very unpleasant impression as to your intercourse with them.
Feb 10, 1868

Sirs: I regret to know that you are not going into history in that way. I am reviewing it and I wish I could hear some stories from you. Did you do anything to clear the agreement with Joseph carried out or to this being written before it takes place? If so what are these documents to how not? I am writing to you kindly relating with your kindness and to bless this people and to demonstrate that you were kind to all and considerate of all their friends. I would like to bring them out. This book includes you often as kind and heartless as all the knowing officers and others. I have dealt with the Indians and feel that it is very unjust. Kitty is pretty sick from...
National Soldiers Home
near Dayton, Ohio. February 13th, 1881.

Major General O.O. Howard
Commanding Military Academy
West Point, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Upon the advice of an
U.S. Army Officer, a Graduate from there,
with whom I by chance conversed in Cincinnati.
I take the liberty to address these lines to you.

I am a fresco painter by trade, a soldier
of the late war and for a long time employed
with, what one would call, Government's work.
I would respectfully ask you, if I could in
any way as Frescoer or Decorator be of service
in the Department under your command.

As I have here and in the other Branches
of the National Homes at Milwaukee and
Fortress Monroe, in the course of eight years
frescoed and decorated the Main buildings
and
and all the Officers' Quarters so far, that my service is not more needed for the present in this Department and before I make any other agreement elsewhere, not coming up that way myself, I take the liberty to put this question, as you might have some things to do in my line for the coming season, which I could do perhaps with a great deal less expenses as any other party, which I know some years ago, was procured from New York City.

Concerning my ability in question I allow myself to enclose a testimony of the Inspector General as also from the Steward of this, the largest Branch, which I beg, you will, hoping to favor me with an answer, kindly return.

I have the honor to sign

Very Respectfully

Victor G. Hentjen
War Department,
Quartermaster General's Office,
Washington, D.C. February 15, 1881.

Genl. O. O. Howard,
Commander, Dept. of West Point,
West Point, New York.

My dear Genl.:

Your letter presents a case requiring reform and you bring the Comdy. Officer are the person to inaugurate the necessary reform.

I advised that Captain Shobt be assigned to West Point when his predecessor was relieved and when I was directed to name an officer for the Post.

I took it for granted that one quartermaster was enough for so small a command as that at West Point, which
is increased, by being constituted a Department, only by the officers whom the Commanding General may be allowed to take there, as of his personal staff.

While it is a Department it is still only the Military Academy; The Post of West Point.

If the status of a Department is to be allowed to increase the cost of the Military Academy, so much the worse for The Military Academy, which Congress is studying. The Congressional visitors report recommending that no officer of higher rank than Colonel be allowed to be stationed there.

Capt. Boyl asked for the salary of a clerk, not hitherto charged to The Quartermaster's Department, for West Point. I declined to recommend or aid in allowing any such increase. $1,300, a year is not to be spent.
for the gratification of an officer's friendship for a clerk and as the work was done before without another clerk I assumed, and think I was not mistaken, that another was not necessary.

I note too that a printer for the Military Academy, Post of West Point or Department of West Point, was lately estimated for. This is a new addition to the expenses paid by the Quartermaster's Department, while the Academy is specially and separately appropriated for yearly by Congress.

To spend the appropriation of the Army generally on the Military Academy, except for pay and allowances of officers of the Army and shelter &c. of soldiers stationed there, is of doubtful legality.

The addition of a few staff officers ought not to cause an additional and new
expense from funds of the Quartermaster's Department appropriation.

I note that the Military Academy Bill is very specific in its providing appropriations for certain clerks, assistant mechanics &c., and all this is against the Quartermaster's department, the Army appropriation properly used there.

If Capt. Hoit is not willing and competent to do his duty, when you so report I will recommend that a more competent officer relieve him.

But this trouble only goes to show that it was an unfortunate error which put a Major General into Command, not merely as Superintendent— as a Major General or a Captain may by personal qualities and by experience be the fittest officer in the Army to be Superintendent, but as Commanding a
Department of the seat, all band or
250 school boys.

It has injured the Academy much
and Genl. Scholfield's popular standing and
I fear will still do more harm. notwithstanding
your honest and faithful and cons.
sciences efforts to do good.

Yours Truly

(Handwritten name)

Quartermaster General
Brevet Major General
U.S. Army

374-2. em. 9. 0-1881.
My dear General,

I engaged the cook for you today. She showed me a number of references and offered me that she was a thorough cook and thought that she could please you. She will leave New York on Thursday by the 3 P.M. train for Garrison, Hudson River R.R. Will you please have some one meet her there on arrival of the train, which leaves New York at 3 P.M.

I paid the office fee $2, which entitles you to procure another if this one does not suit, and I also paid the fare of the woman to Garrison, 98 cts 50 cts for her trunk.

I really hope you will find her satisfactory. Her references were good and seemed to indicate
that she was the sort of person
which you described. There was
no woman in the house but if you
would like a colored woman I
think I could find one for you.

With respects to Mrs Howard

I am

very respectfully and truly yours

Edgar Ketchum Jr

I meant to say that the woman
was engaged at $16 per minute but
she said that if she pleased she
hoped she would leave some
after a while. Her name is Bessie.