19 February 1881.

My dear George,

The literary editor to whom the enclosed poems were submitted returns them to me instead of directly encouraging me.

"I fear they are too far below par for our use;" and I fear he is right. The truth is the conditions and circumstances of the writer are not favorable to cutting poetry; and the hope of earning a livelihood by pecuniary consideration...
to newspaper magazines. There is no hope; and it will be only kind to tell this lady so.
There is very little demand; there is an enormous supply.
The case is one of those which try sympathy; but a newspaper cannot be rated by sympathy, but by purely critical judgment.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
Rooms of the American Home Missionary Society.

BIBLE HOUSE, ASTOR PLACE,

New York, 19 Feb. 1881

Rev. O. O. Stewart —
West Point N.Y.

My dear sir — Brother,

Enclosed please find a note from the Rev. C. P. Halsey who seeks your influence to open
for him, if possible, some place for Chaplaincy
or other similar position.

I favor it, feeling that often a man’s own
note tells his story more fairly than another’s.

Mr. S. came to this country from England some
eight years ago. He has been employed in our Cong,
ministry in N.Y. & Vt. since then — appearing
himself to each place, faithful as a true man,
Christian, a reasonably successful minister. I
think his heart is in the work.

His “circumstances” are what he refers to them.
His love, books, study, are often applying here,
to secure for him theoretical books of high value.
I could do no less for him than write you as requested
by their hire to write on the subject. I wish him success,
but really I know not that you can fairly be expected
to do anything in the matter — except it be on the
road itself that any of the stranger ones among
us can to help the hvordan work one in
our care.

I need not say, my honored oldest friend,
that I welcome you back to the Atlantic Coast
now though it robs our missionary work on
the Pacific — so small as yet with up
one of its best friends. Whether there, to
shall hope, however, I have the strong support
of your (one) arm — do much stronger than
most men's two — in striking sort blow for
the missionary supply of that Coast. Forbid
indeed, but never forgotten or overlooked!

With most cordial personal regard I am

Your sincerely,

A. W. Hors

May 1861

[Handwritten notes and markings]
The Advance
Chicago, Feb. 19, 1881.

Your Advance had been
changed to your orders to
West Point. Have you inquired
at the Post Office? I misconstrued
your inquiry. Why you do not get
it and will look up the mailing?
Sawyer is all well. The rest party
will - C.H.B.
Gen. O. C. O. Howard
West Point
New York
Dear Sir,

You may remember being on my train on your way to California and my telling you I was having a blow at West Point. Well, I had just heard from home that he is in trouble and will probably be dismissed from the Academy, while on my train I thought you said if you could do anything for him you would be very glad to do so. Now all I ask is that you will look into the case and if there is any way in which he can be assisted I pray you will give him a chance. I will pledge my word he shall graduate honorably. By aiding him to live you will confer a very very
graff favor on me, very respectfully

[Signature]
P. P. 1301
U. P. R. R.
Fort Simcoe Indian Reservation, 74, I.
February 20th, 1881.

Brother Gena O. O. Howard

I send letter to you we know you
When you come in our Reservation and talk with us how to live right and you
Learn how to pray to God and I think
About that all the time I never forget what
you say to the people and now I say to you
About George Paul you know him very will
You see him in his face and he see you face
to and I tell you what dead he fine
One girl is sick rheumatism or consumption
And she dead about three or four weeks
And some of the Indian doctor say George
Paul will hear because Paul is a Doctor
And I say who is the man who lost his
girl his name Salines you know Salines
House is six miles from Fort and Joe Stiver
He is down where is battle range he is
There when the girl is dead and Salines
And tell to Joe Stiver tell him about
The Doctor and Jalines say to Joe Sturdivant. I think this I was George Paul to kill him because he kill my girl and Joe Sturdivant say to kill if a man stole my horse or kill my horse. I think I get my rifle and go to him who kill my horse I kill the man right off and Joe Sturdivant say to kill if Jalines and kill George Paul and let him what Rest he contine agent if he want kill all right. When Bell come Peck he say what Joe Sturdivant say and Jalines say to collect if you may kill George Paul and George Paul is in his house and he watch himself and one old man came to his house and George Paul in the house he front his door and Abraham is the name of the old man do Paul open to him and old man come in and Paul say to him when girl Perit and old man say when drive off and telling and one man came in with his bagget in his hand and tell him he strike him two times in his back.
This I send to you. You never see him again and now we want law what United States law and some of the people and Indian old law they want give some of horses and now we have very bad luck this year when cotton bolls is cut I want you send Pick to me if you recall this latter and we think some people to I know he never kill that girl and we know consumption is very bad Pick never get well and I want you show the law of the United States law I know little about law man you never kill Indian doctor because no Indian doctor kill man he is no power to kill only God who is know all things he know when man dead and when he go. Because he know two road one leads to heaven and one go to hell.

Yours truly Secumoch Yakotowit.
Orange New Jersey. Feb 21, 1861.

Gen. O. O. Howard
Commanding at West Point

Dear Sir,

As I am making a collection of autographs of great men I should be very much obliged if you would be kind enough to send me yours.

Yours with respect,

Edward H. S. Stanton

Age 13 yrs.

[Post Office Box 146]
San Francisco, Feb 21st 1881

My dear Cousin,

Your postal card from Chicago, and note from West Point were duly received. We were glad you escaped the storm that followed so soon after you left.

We were very sorry to hear of Johnny's illness, and trust long before this he is well again.

I was sadly disappointed in not seeing you the morning you left S.D. I went to your room at the Palace & not finding you asked...
for you in Captain Martin's room. They said you had left your room, but were somewhere about the Hotel.

I then went to the reception room that I saw your coat lying on a chair—but finding you did not make your appearance, asked the driver of the Army Ambulance to send you back there. There too late to see you at the Hotel.

I hope you are all pleasantly & comfortably settled and that you will be more than successful in your work. I know you will have difficulties that will require much wisdom to overcome, but I have confidence in business and distance will see this.
San Francisco, 188

Mrs. W. W. W. has been very ill at the Palace. Mr. W. W. Blancom has gone East, and you will probably see him before he returns.

We are all well. Some hard at work painting & giving lessons. Ollie is in the San Francisco police yard & very happy.

Our weather has at last become pleasant and flowers, fruit, show the appearance of Spring.

We shall be very glad if you write.
Write us a few lines now and then.

Please remember us kindly to your wife and children, and believe me ever affectionately yours.

A. Martin.

J. H.
Feb. 21. 1861
War Department,  
Quartermaster General's Office,  
Washington, D.C., Feb'y 21, 1881  

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

General:  

Yours of 17th inst. received.  

I reported officially on this subject to the Adjutant General; and I ask you to have your letter sent through same channel.  

I am glad to see that you have very much like opinions as myself on the subject.  

If you find Captain Hooyt not competent or not willing to do the work of the Quartermaster's Department, or prefer that a Lieutenant, as hitherto, I think
you should say so to the Secretary of War, and of course I should support you.

Captain Ho. is an officer of service and of merit. But that is no reason for clogging the Military Academy with superfluous officers, or the Treasury with officers not fully employed.

You will note what I wrote in regard to replacing men withdrawn by order of the War Department by others hired by your authority to be paid by the Quartermaster's Department. In this case is no economy, and the Secretary's authority should be asked before Quartermaster's Department insufficient appropriations are faced in this manner.

Very respectfully, Your olt. servant,

Momo

Quartermaster General,

Bot. Major General, U.S.A.
Walla Walla, Wash., Feb. 23, 1861

My dear Sir,

your kind favor of 27th ult. receiv'd.

Before it arrived, I had the honor to receive a personal letter from the President, and also one from Mr. Sumner, assuring me against reinstatement. I enclose a letter from Hon. B. B. Bristow, chief justice, which is only one of many warnings I have had from friends, that certain restless Pacific Sound politicians and my enemies here, will combine in a "grand assault" upon me as soon as President Garfield is inaugurated.

As yet, we do not know who will beatty Garfield, in the new administration, and I have no acquaintance with the new President. I have written to him, however, and took the liberty of referring to you, which I trust you will pardon me for doing.

I dislike exceedingly to trouble you still, but as you doubtless know President Garfield well, and will also know the reply to Garfield. I shall feel exceedingly grateful if you can feel warranted in expressing an
writing to etch or both of them in my behalf.

As I formerly stated to you, I have no reason to believe it will be necessary for me to apprehend any harm after I have had an opportunity to be heard in reply to any charges which may be brought against me.

Please accept my thanks for your disinterested favor and allow me to remain

my last year

S. C. Wingard.

J. E. Wingard

Walter Maller, N. Y.

Feb. 21, 1861
Seattle
10 July, 1881.

My dear judge,

In my note of a few days ago, I presume I informed you of the fact in the air to the effect that you, Allen, Hopkins and I are to be displaced — if possible — in coming of the new administration. I don't know that I'd what I need not say & yet what I will say (because it delights me to say it) that anything that I can do with a good conscience to sustain you I will gladly do.

Please have your friends in Wash. advised for you to be on the alert. With love to you, Mrs. W. & Benny from mun. police William Waller & John Robinson.
Howard University
Washington, D.C.
Feb. 21st, 1881

Dear O. O. Howard,

My dear friend,

I do not know that you remember me by name, but I am confident that you would see me in the enclosed letter. It will be another year before I finish my course here where I intend to go as a missionary to Africa. Meanwhile, I would like to obtain government employment in order to procure sufficient means to pay a visit to my aged mother and render her what I have not seen for nine years. Some pecuniary assistance before entering on my life work. I have an
application on file at the War Department endorsed by Gen. DeWade and Lieut. P. Morton both of N.Y. of which state I have become a naturalized citizen. If you know personally Sec. Ramsey will you kindly send me a letter of introduction at your earliest possible convenience if you grant me this favor I will spare no effort to justify my confidence placed in me or any aid accorded me.

Very truly,

Your ob't servant,

Lionel C. Joll

P.S. Please return enclosed letter as soon as possible.
Cherokee, this measure should be secured from a similar fate; and to render it acceptable to the South, I think it would be both just and expedient to make the distribution in the South irrespective of color. I am sorry that my duties in connection with school work in Jonesboro prevent my giving to the matters above mentioned the time and support I hope is will find more able advocates.

Truly yours,

[Signature]

Jonesboro, Tenn.

[Handwritten] 2/21/1881

Dear Gen. Howard,

The thought just now strikes me that no person can more fit than the former head of the Freedmen's Bureau more foremost in the application of the surplus of the General Fund to the education of the Freedmen. There is no time for Congressional action this session. I regret the idea of writing to you did not sooner occur to my mind. I have been nearly five years in England, and just home. While abroad the thought first dawned upon me, and I wrote to John Bright. He gave me an answer favoring it. Several other members of Par...
P.S. The prominent thoughts with regard to the use of the Surpluses is that in this way, as proposed, it would continue or supplement the work of the Breedmen's Bureau which was an aim cherished warmly by Thaddeus Stevens and other able men when that Bureau ceased by its own limitation. As the Public Lands Bill was shown of its usefulness by diversion away from Common

Truly

Yardley Warner

[Signature]
FEB. 22, 1881

Genl O.O. Howard
West Point, N.Y.

Dear General:—

Upon my return from the West, last evening, my wife handed me your note of the 15th inst., with its enclosure, and I have endorsed the pay receipt upon the note, of the date 15th Feb'y.

Don't give the matter a single thought. Pay the balance when due, it will not you. Signed,
I need the money at any time. I will not hesitate to let you know.

Your truly,

O. W. Roe
H. T. Tabor

Brig. Gen.
M. P.
Feb. 22, 1881

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as about 6.00 P.M. and the
Drugs meeting as occurring
half hour later,

Tusting you will
understand my regret
at the mistake, on which
I could not have made for
a great deal on account of
my level interest in the
welfare of the Prayer meet-
ing. Donmain.

Very Respectfully,

Your obedient,

A. J. Saber,
1st Lt. of Eng 74.
BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY,

Bangor, Maine, Feb. 22, 1881

My dear Howard,

I suppose you receive many letters of congratulation on your transfer from the far West. I want to add mine. There are none who rejoice more than I the West Point is at last under the command of a Christian man—a man who has notions of justice. What the truth may be about Whittaker of course I have no means of knowing, beyond the papers, but the system of
Bangor, Me. Feb. 22, 1881.

John S. Sewall

Anxiety under which the new fellow suffered needs to have the sunlight let them. I think you are the man to do it. I fancy the command of West Point is not altogether a bed of roses; yet I heartily congratulate you on your return among old friends, in a position of such honorable responsibility.

I trust the Lord will guide you. I bless you.

I see by the papers the yr. family is growing up, as well as mine. The little daughter you took in yr. arms at the station in Brund's has long been in heaven. Our sole remaining child is now nearly thru his Sophomore year at Bowdoin. Our classmates Harding & Jewett have been thru Maine.

My nephew — The Lord be with you in yr. new duties. Your friend & classmate,

John S. Sewall
C. F. P. Bancroft,
Principal.

Andover, Mass.,

Feb. 22, 1880.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard, U. S. A.,
West Point, N. Y.

My Dear Sir: I make no doubt that you have had almost no end of congratulations for yourself and the country that you have been appointed, assigned, to West Point. There is a world of rejoicings and of justice in it. I take some pride in the fact that Chamberlain and Green are both 'old Phillips boys' and are doing their best for the 'color-squad' of the Academy. It is some satisfaction to have a man at the head of the Academy. This is more than a soldier and takes orders from the Bible as well as from the commander in chief of the Army. With sincere felicitations,

Yours truly, C. F. P. Bancroft.