Support these letters this night.
I am long yours.

Wm. Sherman

[Marked 107]

Headquarters Army of the United States,
Washington, D.C. Feb 24, 1881


To: General

Dear General,

Your Maj's letter in the copy not pleased with dearly hoping to your
dearly missed — He is my
dearly known all my life —

The ones not illuminated
effectively and into the army,

You will be in receipt in a few days of the

Mississippi, and I am sure you will be pleased to receive it. I trust you will find the letter satisfactory. I

have been informed that the Commanding General has directed that the

reserves of the staff be increased in the Reserve of the Staff. It is

my opinion that this increase should be made at the end of the academic

year. The Reserve of the Army should be increased similarly, and I trust that I will be able to approve of

the increase of the staff to the

reserves of the reserve. I trust that you will take

It is at the

request of the

Secretary of War.
Edwin Smith

Matter what the color of his hair may be, or whether
he be your friend or foe,
I have intended to have selected that path for some
time, but the weather and a severe attack of Rheu-
matism of the Muscles of the chest approaching the
heart has prevented me, I must now indefinitely
postpone the bout, for I cannot bear to see Edwin
with his chains off and reduced to the toot.
Then I do come, I shall certainly accept your Kind
invitation to call on you.

I have placed black on the Margaret school for
jails in Middletown, Connecticut. With the above I must
impart that James is becoming more humanly. That reminds me
much of my dear departed Mother, as the possess
many of the same qualities.

I beg you to write me this long letter, and to close by sending the love of all the family
to you Mrs Howard and Children.

Your Truly your Friend
Edwin Smith

No. 128 to 19th St. February 23, 1841

Dear C. C. Howard D. S. T.

My dear Friend,

Your letter of yesterday has been a great relief, as I have been much depressed by the
diseases brought upon Edwin. I trust by his unaccountable conduct in violating the rules of the academy by
crossing the river to Eames's, and consequently his pun-
ishment by being deprived of his office and chains;
that he merited punishment is unquestionable, it is
well that he was stopped in his career, as he may have
gone on to more serious violations of the regulations.
The fact is, Edwin has been too much favored by
his relations and friends, all his requirements even from
them necessary have been furnished him done against my
approval a permission, he became a favorite with all
who make his acquaintance, has been so courted and
humored, that he has forgotten himself and the responsi-
bility depending on his position as an officer and ward,
with all his failings and I know but very few, Edwin
is a noble fellow and I love him dearly, to me he is the

I am of my own son and I feel his disgrace. Recently, he has written two letters to me. Since the occurrence giving an account of his misfortune, they are written in a frank, cheerful manner, butting no excuse and condemning only himself for his conduct, rejecting deeply the pain it has given me and his family.

I wrote to him severely accusing him for his conduct. I appealed to him for the love he bore for his mother, for the promise of his father, for the benefit of his studies, to show his own the best of the regulations of the Academy to associate with me who was inclined to do so; to keep from the society of young and idle females, like the decent to his position and as he had for four months before graduating time, he could repair his good name and write the friends of those who had been made sad by his folly.

By the same post I received your letter, one came from Edwin, he is content and regrets his conduct. and says, "It was just bad luck caused by an ultra word of thought." Honestly, I think the pull up was a good thing for him. My friends have done too much for me and they have done too much for me and they have done too much for me.

Do me a favor and there was letter to write for.

I will make them heart extracts from his letters so that you may judge of how he views his situation. I feel to think that you and the Howard regard Edwin as though he were your own child, and both advise him as much for the sake of his noble father and sainted mother, and I pray that the Almighty may look favorably upon him.

I will try to do as you advise, to encourage him to stand high. I have lectured him pretty strictly to do those might depress and make him despondent or indifferent, I shall therefore encourage him as you suggest.

I request that you and your family do not come on the way of Philadelphia. I had Mr. Archer to look out for you and bring you to my house, where the front chamber has been prepared for you and the Howard and others for the children, there being plenty of room and nothing to receive you all.

Let me, although it is rather late, congratulate you on your appointment to Great Pikes. In my opinion and in that of all I have conversed with (Republican) you are the only person best qualified for the place, for we are confident you will do justice to all.
Feb 24, 1881

Gen. O. O. Howard
West Point

My dear Sir:

We have your favor of the 23rd and are more sorry than you can be that the poem does not seem to justify us in accepting it for Scribner's. An editor acts in a fiduciary capacity not only toward his employees but toward his audience and has no right to oblige his natural inclinations to retain a point in a case like this.

Very respectfully yours,

E. LeRoy SM.
New York City
Feb. 21, 1881

My dear Mr. [Name]

I am pleased to hear of your success. I have been
in correspondence with Mr. [Name] and am in favor of your
proposals. I shall be pleased to meet you at the
American Institute on [date].

Yours truly,

[Signature]

[Note: The handwriting is legible but some parts are slightly crossed out or unclear.]
Charles Whitehead,

New York, Feb. 25, 1881.

My Dear Sir,

Lieut. Wood mentioned to me some time since that you were expecting to come down from Saturday to attend the meeting of the Century.

It would give me great pleasure if you & Lieut. Wood...
Could come down
The 5-1/4 of March
to spend Sunday
with me. 
We
will visit the Century
that evening as
that is the monthly
meeting night.

We dine at
half past six 
and expect you
at dinner

If this plan is
not convenient for
you I trust some
other day will
give me the plea
use of your
acquaintance.

Your truly,

The E. Whitehead

64 W 35th

New York

7th Feb. 1871
New York, Feb. 25, 1881

O. O. Strong
West Point, N.Y.

Dear Sir & Brother,

Many thanks for your kind note of 23d. We shall certainly avail ourselves of your most effective assistance, some day, to give fresh impetus to our work on the Pacific Coast—having this year seven missionaries at hand.

I hardly thought it possible that the Superintendent's request should fall within your province, but I could not refuse his desire. May it open you. Very sincerely & cordially,

O. M. Strong
Rev.
Chicago, February 25th, 1881

My dear Howard,

Your note I found on my desk and was very sorry not to have seen you. I should have written you before now but have been prevented by other matters. I thought possibly you would call again for I really desired to take you by the hand and have you & Mrs. Howard dine with us at my house. You know Mrs. H. and myself are all alone now. Henry is married, is in business and at housekeeping. If I had known you were in town I should have called upon you if you had been at an hotel. It has been a long time since we have compared notes and it would have given me great pleasure to have had a good long chat with you. I am not glad you are at West Point. I should think you would enjoy the change immensely. When you find leisure write to me of yourself, your family. how many children you have, when they are what they are doing. We are getting into old people now. Our sons and daughters married and filling the places we once occupied. I can hardly realize it. in fact have to stop and think of it if it is so. You are now situated so we may see each other occasionally but in Oregon, you might as well have been in Africa.

Remember to Mulliken. I myself very kindly to Mr. Howard and your family and believe me very sincerely your friend C. H. Mulliken
FEB 25, 1881

Headquarters, Department of West Point,
United States Military Academy.
West Point, N. Y. 4th Feb. 1881

General
B. O. Drum,
Adjutant General U. S. Army
Dear General:

That you may see that I am working toward some specific end and I wish you this following as my present purpose.

1. In the line of economy, much of my two aides here are for Adjutant of this Post. I adjutant generally with others for Adjutant of the Academy.
2. I have three officers and commissioned clerks - I want last two one for this capacity one for this post.
3. I would like to fill my engineering

Earl W. Sherman

To make sure of this we are in the course of a study to make specific recommendations for all the science changes, new Board thinking.

W. T. Sherman

Dear General,

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Earl W. Sherman

(Handwritten note)
so that the Chief of Practical engineering shall also be the
first Professor and as the next 1st
class with his small dispensary with
four officers in that department.
In law, French, English, studies
and mathematics one each
may be dispensed with.
In Tactics, I want Capt. McCord
Miller to replace Randolf and
Piper. Villiers is surplus:
so is Mischler.
To see rep. I can relieve
1. one Mr. McCord Capt. Maj.
2. Two ops. engineering (Parsons will select).
3. Two is & Eng.
4. one - Math.
5. Two - Tactics

This making a reduction with the
Adjutant of mine officers. This will
leave enough for efficiency of
instruction.

I do not propose to harm any

Will this procedure be satisfactory

Yours truly O. R. Howard
Brig. Gen. U.S. A
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Washington, D. C., 1881

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February 26, 1881

Dear General,

I enclose statement of life insurance due on Leonard's note, which I think it would be a good plan to pay without waiting the slow process of accumulation of the rent, which will be secured for the next Life Insurance premium.

I have not been able to get any time from the M. St. tenant for a couple of months. The extreme cold weather seems to have worked a good deal of hardship with the district. I trust I doubt if his disposition is any too good.
I saw Maj. Blackridge twice
and have seen Lt. Smith, Gen. of
the Artillery Regiment which has
come to the second, in regard to
renting the 7th at W10. He
latter says Maj. Blackridge
left a memorandum in regard
to the matter for him, but he
does not think it will be necessary
to rent any additional room.
I have not been able to do any
thing further in the matter of the
7th.

The indications are that a
prosperous in real estate will occur
during the spring, but do not point
much to a room in Pearl Street.

Shall you be here with the
rest of the world on the 4th?
We have a bed for you if you come.

B.C. Van Buren, Ex-Sgt.
Speaking to you +

Which I trust you will consider private of opinion—Mr. Howard, he believes you—

Please remember me with kindest wishes.

If a favorable action is likely to take place with due silence this graph is not my expense + believe me gratefully yours.

[Signature]

[Postmark: Feb 26 1881]

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Dear Sir,

Thank you for the liberty of this letter. We are addressing a letter to Mr. Ewing to make the schedule which one believes has been made. Mr. Wilson has had a plan to be carried out, and the present detachment of intending ones—whites to take places the latter part of March. The object in view is to place one stringing which is commanded to close for final seating place.
My object in writing the General is to make it known that you
be kindly offered us is to be endued?
I understand as deeply
financially my present
otherwise that we
was arrangements
would be insufficiently
made of that life was
to be abandoned.
I thought as such
you would perhaps
can made as you
mind definitely whether
you asked apple for
Major Wells or not.
If you kindly said
was entitled to some
consideration in the
matter I have taken
this opportunity
Portland, Oregon, July 26th, 1881

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

Dear Sir,

You will I hope, you will I hope, you will I hope, exposed this hasty note written in haste, and within much time for consideration, your sentence much of our situation here. A change in the positions of Post Master here, is imminent. Geo. A. Sted of your acquaintance is a prominent candidate of our people, and frankly I will say to you, that the occasion of this informal note to you, is simply that the Roman Catholic influence here, is consolidated against him. For that reason as well as others we are deeply interested. I merely make this suggestion to you, possibly you might wish to be advised of that fact, and in your communications with the President make some suggestion. With great respect yours,

J. H. Coples
Confidential. Recommending
Postmaster at Portland, Oregon.

Portland, Oreg.
Feb 26, 1881

To Postmaster General,
My dear Sir,

[Text obscured, possibly discussing a Mr. Port and Mr. Archibald, mentions a Mr. A. Steele being a good man, opposition not from his church relation, but simply political. Pleads to return over and return to them. Signed O.O. Howard, Brigadier U.S. Army.]

Respectfully returned to
Gen. O.O. Howard,
in accordance with
his request.

[Signature]

F. E. James
Postmaster General.
Dear Sir,

I am very much pleased with your letter. I will write to Mr. Smith about the matter. I hope he will be able to do something for you.

I am now in Washington, D.C., Feb 28, 1881.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

[Address]

[Name]
But, Sir, General, if allowed as much help as support, and if an absolute necessity something should be done. The most feasible thing is to place an amount of cash in Mr. Clay's name in the bank of New York.

The duties of one I know, even if one's strength is not equal to it. He is a good honest, trustworthy man with very strong ties to help his mother. I have had him write a formal application for a place as messenger, and I hope to have him fill it out and send it to the Secretary of War. Taking all I can in favor of it, I will it not be possible for you to do a deed personally. By telegram to him. The whole idea now is being new. Since a letter would be late yet would not if he can relieve by land, March 2.

Tell now that to me this said than mine would be found to gain it. But it reduces to me. I cannot see you. Go out without something being received. There are no reasons I can interest in it. So my only hope is yourself. If you can possibly aid it now. As I cannot let me be encouraged that you will stand by the Cato. When the new men come into power who will now be Zion.
Feb 21, 1881

En OS Howard

Dear Sir,

Though quite reluctant to occupy any of your valuable time with a purely personal matter, I’m having had so limited an acquaintance with me, I yet venture to address you on the subject of my present direction. It remained to the Second Nat. Bank, a Cachin, until a little more than a year since, when I was forced by ill health to resign. The forest still seems to have been a blessing, as I now find myself better than for ten
Year past, and feeling like taking hold of work vigorously.
However, P&
I inclined to change my residence, as the climate here is damp & debilitating.
Can you assist me in locating elsewhere?
Of course, by
Educating P&n
but still I feel that there are other occupations for which my experience
would fit me.
Could you put a moderate capital into business if it seemed desirable to do so, but I would be quite satisfied with a good
married position.
If you know of any
Offerings in or near New York. In Washington or in the West. I would be greatly obliged for some advice to my behalf. State the address of enclosing copies of two of my letters. Order to all the banks here.

L. W. Smith, Farm. Pk.
T. S. Hall, Banneker.
Hon. H. R. Boardman. Smith.
R. C. H. Becher.
J. B. Riley. Reed.
Hon. C. S. Faunus. Inj. Dr. of Albany.
See S. Co. P. Am & N. BK. NY.
C. Scopudi. Co. First in.
S. M. Wilson. K. E. D. & BK.
20 N. P. St. NY.
Senator A. Cameron. Wisconsin.
The letter to Senator Platt [original penciled copy] was written in New York not in New York, but I have not used it, as I learn that the offices are all filled before the announcement of organization.

My son whom I saw at my house has been at Yale and is now at business.

The little girl I saw whom I saw is at the Stuttgart Conservatory studying herself for a musical career. So that we have only one two year old Alice at home.

With warm regards in which Mrs. Corey joins

Frankly Yours

[Signature]

[Address]

Theodore

[Signature]
Chelmsford Canal Bank
Elmira NY

This, may be presented

I have been

acquainted with Mr. W. Story

for thirty years & know

him to be a gentleman

of the highest integrity.

He is a fine ac-

countant and capable

of filling any position

in a bank having had

a thorough education as

Teller and Cashier in the

Elmira Bank & Peep &

Nat. Bank of this City

(Signed)

L. Amos Jr.
Sunderman
E. Smith
Took me by surprise when
the organization
of this bank 13 years ago
Until about a year
since THOM. Corey
occuppied the position
of Cashier without in-
satisfaction.
He left off his
D. A. Prater
(Signed)
Copy
Copy

Insurance Dept.

Albany Feb 27, 37

Hon. T. Platt

Dear Sir,

I have known Mr. M. T. Corey for boyhood. By his own energy and excellence of character, as well as general talent and ability, he made his way to the Chairmanship of the Second National Bank of Ohio, a position which he held for nearly seventeen years. He now holds a position in some banking house in New York.

I speak without hesitation and with pleasure when I consider the high character he has always

P.S. Quality as a business man,

W. R.
Which is requested to favor
This personal character
is pure and unspotted, and
his fidelity is beyond
question. It will be a
gratification to me if his
aspirations can be realized.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Copy

[Signature]

Mr. H. Corey,

Alumni N.Y.
Feb. 26, 1861

Recd. Feb. 28, 1861

Sup. Indep. Albany
Portland, Or., Feb. 26, 1851.

Gen. A. P.énarat,
West Point, N. Y.

My dear brother:
I transmit to you a printed copy of an address by Rev. Chamberlain, which I suppose you would be glad to see. It refers to the Catholic efforts, and various points which the general public ought not to know until our plans become visible. I do not, however, now think of any important point absolutely new.

You will know how apathetic are the people on this coast in regard to the treatment of the Indians, and that no man can expect to get help here. But I am quite willing to bear all the expense of beginning the work, as I did for Alaska; but the case needs the earliest attention that the new administration can give it.

I am compelled to believe that Gen. Schurz has played the politician in all our
attempts to get the new reservation established, and I do not doubt that he would have played it into the hands of the Catholics if he had died to do so.

In January we made another effort to bring the case to a decision, and we were satisfied that our hope must be transferred to the new administration. I have in my possession the proof of these statements, but I will not trouble you with them. The present status is all that you care for. The situation in the field is grave enough to deserving dissatisfaction in the bands, angry denunciations of the Government. You can forecast what are the prospects of peace for next summer.

Dear Brother, you have shown so much Christian sentiment for these poor people in the midst of obloquy and reproach, that I know your sympathy for them must still be deep and prevalent, and I scarcely...
ned ask you to plan some efficient interposition on their behalf. I have a teacher and missionary all ready to enter. I stand all prepared to enter upon the work without waiting for any authorization as I set forth in my letter of June 22.

I shall, however, act with great prudence.

Since the foregoing was dictated, I have received your letter of the 3rd inst. I shall observe your suggestions in the premises.

I expect to go to Lewiston in the middle of April and dedicate a church, and I shall then gather all the information that I saw on the Indian situation. In the bonds of Christian fellowship I remain, as ever,

Yours faithfully,

A. J. Linsley.
April 2, 1861

President Davis
1491 St. 

P.S. English
Clinton R. Fish & Co
Bankers & Brokers
3 Broad Street
Drexel Building

New York, Feb. 26th 1881

Dear General:

I write you on behalf of the great Army at Chautauqua, Con Aug 5th & 6th 1881. There will be a re-union of the old Christian Commission and of Southern Chaplains. You are wanted very much for duty on that occasion at Chautauqua. I was there last year and was greatly delighted with my visit. Yours can do a great good if you will arrange to accept this invitation and, if you will indicate to me a probability that you can go, I will put to Dr. J. E. Vincent, President, in immediate communication with you.

I rejoiced greatly with your thousands of other friends in this country when West Point was so fortunate to secure your assignment. Mr. Crane and myself were recently in conversation and resolved that we would take an early day to go to West Point and give you cordial greetings.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Howard and the household.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

[Address]
Department of the Interior,  
Bureau of Education,  
Washington, Feb 26, 1881.

Gen. O. O. Howard U.S.A.  
Supt. U.S. Military Academy  
West Point, N.Y.

Sirs:  

Your letter of the 24th inst. addressed to the Hon. A.C. Burnside, has been referred by him to this office. The book in question is entitled, "Manual on School-houses and Cottages for the People of the South" by E. Thurston Chase, (at the time of publication) Supt. of Education in Florida. I learned, some time since, that quite a number of copies were stored away in another department and I got possession of them for distribution among meritorious applicants for such information. I have sent Gen. Burnside five copies, and he will probably supply you with one.

Very respectfully yours,  

John Eaton  
Commissioner.
1420 Chestnut St.
Phil. Pa. Febry 26 1881

Major Genl. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir:

The contents of this letter must be my apology for intruding on your notice. You are known the country over as one of those Officers who believe that proper discipline & official dignity can be maintained while yet regarding the soldier as a man, & as such, entitled to respect, with a just claim upon those above him for assistance & stimulation in every effort to lift himself into a higher plane of manhood. Not holding these views yourself it is the hope of all your admirers...
that you will try to infuse into the Cadets
under your command a corresponding
sentiment, in which effort may God give
you abundant success.

As I am a striking illustration of
such kindly notice, I will give a short
sketch of my life, as it may encourage
you & other officers in your purpose to
elevate men, as well as to command
soldiers.

Born a ways upon the world at
a very early age, without friends, money,
or any moral training, I found myself,
at the breaking out of the Black
Hand.$ war a Drummer Boy in the
2d I$ Infantry, attached to "I" company,
Capt. Seth Johnson. Unaccustomed to
obedience to anyone, I was soon
taught by severe discipline that first
duty of the soldier, which was a must
important step not only in making me a good soldier, but in preparing me for a better life. I soon learned that the Army was a place where neglect and disobedience were sure to bring prompt and deserved punishment, or else that merit was as certain of due recognition and reward.

But wholly uneducated, I saw no prospect for me but to keep on the same track that had brought so many of my comrades to mere heaps of refuse, inspired with no higher ambition than to "run the mail," gamble, and indulge in the grossest vices. Ignorant and unenlightened as I was, I never let slip an hour of such a life in surroundings. I often, when off duty, would get away by myself to spend hours in bitter weeping; sometimes on the very verge of self-destruction. In this hour of deep despair, the keystone of my
company & his excellent wife, both devoted members of the Presbyterian Church, noticed my unhappy looks, on one auspicious day, under cover of rendering some slight service, I was invited into their quarters. Seating me on the sofa, they took seats by my side & kindly inquired into my history, coupled with a desire to do all in their power to make my position pleasant & to aid in any struggles to better my future life. This kindness melted my heart, & I fully embarked myself to them. I need not go into detail of this or many other precious interviews with the same dear friends. But the result was, I took to the Post Office, the night school, & spent my time on or off study in study as diligently as possible. In due time I was made Hospital Steward, then Sergeant, & was...
finally transferred to New York and put in charge of the Principal Recruiting Station. Having much spare time, I then continued my studies, adding the Greek to the Latin languages to the number.

Having been led to contemplate the ministry, I sought the influence of Col. Rose, then in charge of the Recruiting Service, to bring the Medical Conveyer, to secure a discharge that I might enter upon the studies more immediately connected with this sacred calling. These distinguished officers, I also the late Genl. Nancy Brown, then in charge of the station in New York City, offered to use their influence in securing me a commission, but my purpose was fixed, and I received my discharge from the Adjut. General's office, completing the
required studies, entered the ministry, in which sacred calling I have now spent some thirty-five years, during which time I have occupied successfully several prominent positions in the denomination of my choice.

In the meantime, I have been fairly successful as an author, having published several volumes, one of which I have taken the liberty to send you. These books have been widely read, and have received the approbation of men of science, as seen by the degree of "Doctor of Philosophy" conferred upon me by the University of Levisburg, Pa.

This little sketch will show what service he's at. Johnson & his wife confine not only upon the farm, he's marrying "American Boy," but the Army & the Country by winning official dignity, &c.
to inspire a profound sense of humanity with the idea that he might be a man, and that they would lend him a helping hand in all his efforts to reach a nobler life.

Excuse this intrusion on your notice, but I could not help giving you this visitance to encourage your noble purpose, and to assure you of my most earnest and continued supplication that you may inspire the young men at the Academy, that when they go forth to their future duties, they will be many of them filled with the noble purpose to lift men up as well as to command them.

With the greatest respect,
Your Obd. Serv.

P. Dryer