My dear Sir:

Your letter of Feb 23rd is now received. I thank you for returning it properly.

In my letter of Feb 17, I stated that letter after I wrote that letter I became satisfied that I was wrong. I should have thought of Fort Stevens as a station, and your letter just now convinces me that it is now the place for an officer of my grade, rank in the army, and station. All the same, I am very grateful to you for having chanced to again to accost me on that subject. As I have so earnestly desired, a transfer to an Eastern station — if I can now hope
for such a change, when I shall have lived here for five years, I am quite content. I had friends that the General intended to stop me out here for at least five years but I am now greatly encouraged by the your letter and while you say the General (Gen. Geary) thinks you are to get out here - time of those years that you had better stick it out, - A little of Army for a Staff Officer is not as my clearly defined - in the 2nd Light Artillery it is not every where the same for instance it is generally understood there is a tour of duty for a lieutenant in any one of the two years - I have recently returned which was considered a tour in the 8th of the Columbia but I now infer from the evidence in your letter quoted above, that General Geary has intimated that he regarded it as
Army Building New York
March 14, 1881

Dear General

I am very glad that I saw you last Saturday, and of the opportunity afforded to renew what seems to be an erroneous impression with respect to Mr. Gilmore, intender at the academy. Of course I have not mentioned him or to any one else the subject of our conversation directly or indirectly.

A little more than one year ago Mr. Gilmore was made a brevet of absentee having served about seven years in the field. His service, I think, as a captain of the 12th Pennsylvania Infantry, and as an officer in the same regiment as a captain of the 12th Pennsylvania Infantry, I have not heard of any commissions which have been appointed. I have received such highly commendatory letters from several of his commanding officers, including Col. Davis, Gen. Longstreet, and Col. Colton, with regard to his zeal and fidelity in the discharge of his duties, that I conclude the detail was an entirely
for to be made on the score of merit alone, and that I could only properly ask it. I therefore saw Genl. Schofield who at once offered to apply for Simms. G. and said that he could place him on after a temporary duty, until the time of the arrival for making the yearly assignment of military detail, of course that it might be regularly assigned to the others. Protection with the others. I then saw Col. Sherman on the subject. Before this dinner Mr. Ord had declined to answer it. Gillmore, detail away from his Dep't and Mr. Sherman was so informed. He asks me to leave the papers with him. I have always thought that he wrote Ord on the subject. At all events when Mr. Silliman went all the way to turn an intimation to see Ord and obtain his answer to the detail, he gave it at once. The order for the detail was then issued in regular form, before Mr. Gillmore's letter had appeared. Subsequently to this when the War Dep't order of May 5 was issued, relieving certain officers from duty at West Point, and assigning others in their places. Gen. Silliman was included in the number so assigned, to report for duty Aug. 25th, making it in all respect a new detail, and placing him on the same footing with the other officers who reported at the same time. It was understood to be the intention to have him in Genl. Coffin's place,
and Melbourne mine communication took place between Col. La-
ghelle & Capt. G., when it was expected that Coffin would be retained for a time. I learned this at that time but have heard nothing about it recently.

I was glad to hear you say that you suspected you did not know beforehand what Shanghai was written to that effect, and I gathered from you that otherwise, you would have arranged to place B. G. in a better position than the one he now occupies; and better as regards the duties but also more in line with respect to its superintendence of appearance.

I was also very much pleased when you said it was your wish to retain B.G. as the President.

According as Colonel Lachelle has officially expressed his appreciation of the work & fidelity with which the Lieutenant has discharged his duties, I trust you will find no difficulty in in arranging this matter, that no injustice will be done to any one, and that no feeling of injustice will rest anywhere.

It is my earnest wish that the academy should be retained as the academy until he has served the
lured for open war. Having been regularly assigned with others, it will be a reflection upon him, and an injury to him throughout the army, if he is sent away without cause, while officers who have served there a longer time are retained.

I have been informed that it is your intention to retire for causes, one of the tactical officers. Could you not put just, from his place?

If you are humane, not disposed to do more than merely to retain him in his present duties, I hope you will not object to writing me to that effect. I wish to have this matter settled out of my mind. If you still think you would like me to speak to Col. Eggle, I will of course do so, but everything is entirely with you.

I will add but one line more. I know my eyes are now open and say nothing while at the Prince last Saturday.

I learn one thing which please me. What is that you can have no one more loyal to you and your administration as War Prize doing. Gentlemen and
...
his young wife. She is, I think, as extremely
true, warm and very truthful. No religion was
direct.

Very truly yours,
D. G. Fielder

Yours O. K. Romans
Capt. Dep. of War Dept.
Washington.

P. S. I came near omitting what may be of
sufficient interest to you, to bring you to the city.
Dr. Hall announced yesterday that the usual
Wednesday evening meeting would be devoted to addressing
some information with respect to the present condition
of the soldiers throughout the Southern States, and
that an eloquent man familiar with the subject
would be one of the speakers. If you are not acquainted
with Dr. Hall, I shall be glad to take you to him. The
meeting will be in the lecture room, at 8 o'clock.
It is preparatory to a collection

Q. F.
San Francisco, Cal.,
March 17, 1881.

Dear Mr. Howard,

Dear Sir,

Feb 26th, covering the stolen property, was duly received and no questions were asked. It is not been missed. I hope which knowledge will 1 give a

counter contract. To open some consequence. I went to hear Moody last night. His text was the word "Fidel" from the evening on the wall. He read the ten commandments separately and put each one of them in the scale and
All waiting, in fact terribly light weight on the one. Their shall be no commit adultery. It was for Guatemas only and he did not spare us. the clinias of his corporation was there. Words, in a low tone of voice, “If there is any man in this Congregation tonight, having acknowledged relations with a...”. Harlot, quiet, her, “at one”. It created a sensation. Our weather here is simply superb and has been all along, a great contrast to the winter at Vancouver. We are all in good health.

Mrs. S. expects to go to the Gulf next month. She is now trying an electrician such device much benefit therefrom—LeRoy, Poore is here perfecting his electric type machine, when done I will spend some Sunday with you—learn that the Club at Vancouver has had a Resolation, and some of the leaders have been beheaded that restless spirit. Mason, linguist, 4 hours auded and abated. I trust you have all gotten settled and like your new home. Please send our love to Mr. Sullivan and remember kindly to your staff. Believe me proper.

R.S. Mr. Sullivan thinks the raw is the work of the putty, price of poetry accompanying the letter.
182 FIFTH AVENUE.
Near 33d Street.
NEW YORK, Mar. 14th, 1881.

Dear O. O. Howard,
Commanding Dept West Point, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

We enclosed receipt for your note which will very well answer our purpose for the payment in question.

You will shortly receive first proofs of the volume.

Yours Respectfully,

[Signature]

G. P. Putnam's Son
New York, Feb., 1881

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of your favor of 11th inst., with enclosure as stated, $19.00 for note due July 1st for which please accept the thanks of

Your obedient servants,

G. P. Putnam’s Sons.

Gen. O.O. Howard

West Point
Washington D.C.
March 14, 1881

General C. O. Howard:

Dear Sir,

General Drummm informed me that the Academic Board had been requested today to reconsider my case with a view to turning me back one year, and I earnestly beg that you use your influence to secure for me a favorable recommendation. I am sure that I can and will succeed if I can only be allowed another opportunity. I know that I ask no small thing of you, General, but this matter is of such vital importance to me that I am sure you will appreciate my anxiety.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J.A. Patterson
910 15th St. N.W.
Rec’d
March 16.
Patterson J.H.
Ex. Cadet

And Same
date Oct 4
Omaha, Feb. Mar 14, 1881

Sen. E. L. Howard
Supt. U.S. Mt. Ascenty

Dear Sir,

I take the liberty of writing to you as a matter of some concern to myself and myself a matter.

My son L. H. Wakeley is a cadet. It has been discovered within a few months, that there is growing a tumor in his cheek, which Dr. Alexander, the surgeon, decides, and without doubt correctly, must be removed. The only question is I understand is when the operation should be performed.

I wrote to Dr. Alexander some time since asking him the kind enough to give me his opinion as to the nature and extent of the trouble, and when would be the proper time for the operation. For some reason I do not seem from him and remain in considerable uncertainty about

[Signature]
the matter. It has occurred to me, among other things that, as he has brothers and friends in New York City who could go with him to a surgeon for the operation, and give him the care and attention he would require until able to resume his place in the Academy, there might be advantages in this course, and perhaps no objection. It may be that there would be facilities for the operation and care in such case, not required, and so not provided at the Academy; and if it should seem to the proper authorities, that this would not be objectionable for any good reason, his friends would fir for that this course be taken.

I submit this suggestion with deference. It comes, perhaps, from ignorance of the nature of the case, and undeveloped appreciation of unwarranted you will please accept
Dr. I would be very much obliged if you would come & be advised in respect to the whole matter, as for my dear best -

From my imperfect knowledge of surgical operations I have an impression that it is usually deemed better to not perform them, unless necessary in [in] cold weather.

I am your affectionate,

[Signature]
Fort Crockett, Texas
March 14, 1881.

Dear General Howard:
Since 1868, I have been in command of a regiment of colored men now one of the best regiments in the army. From your experience while in charge of the Freedmen's Bureau, you can readily understand the prejudice and unequal discrimination that I have had to meet and for nearly fifteen years contend against. Therefore I have not made any effort whatever, to obtain increased command or promotion. I have remained from all communications since the date of my last letter.
Strong recommendations have lately been filed at the War Department urging my advancement to the position of Brigadier General for the great service that may occur in that grade and of from which you know I am very desirous of the Government. For this reason I write to you inquiring to grant a favor I will be greatly obliged if you will for me the pleasure to write to the Secretary of War recommending my promotion.

If you make this recommendation please have a copy bearing your autograph signature sent to me at this address, for I wish to present this record for his approval and whether I am in a position of such rank, such a letter as I trust you can and will write in my behalf.

I will, in any event, be highly valued by myself and family. I hope that you will be pleased to comply with any request, and I assure you that, any assistance you may be able to render me in the matter will be only appreciated and gratefully remembered.

Very respectfully,

Wm. C. Howard

N. Y.

P.S. I have with me clear orders of orders which will indicate to you the work accomplished by myself and command on the front in France.
HEADQUARTERS DISTRICT OF THE PECOS,
Fort Concho, Texas. February 7, 1881.

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 1.

In pursuance of orders this day received, abolishing all Military Districts in the Department of Texas, the undersigned relinquishes command of the District of the Pecos.

In doing so it is proper to refer to the services rendered by the officers and soldiers of the 10th Cavalry, and those of the 24th and 25th Infantry, who participated in the arduous work and active field operations of the past three years.

In addition to the work at posts and sub-posts on barracks and quarters, and in guarding mails and other public property throughout the District; over one thousand miles of wagon roads and three hundred miles of telegraph lines have been constructed and kept in repair by the labor of the troops, a vast region thoroughly scoured over, minutely explored, its resources made known and wonderfully developed.

The distance marched by companies and detachments during the three years specified, as shown by the records, feet up the grand total of one hundred and thirty five thousand seven hundred and ten (135,710) miles.

Much credit is due the troops who took part in the hard work, explorations, active scouting, expeditions against the Mosdore Apaches, and especially to those engaged in the campaign against Victoria and his band of hostile Indians who were outmarched, outmaneuvered, repeatedly headed off, disconnected, met face to face, squarely fought, severely punished, driven into Mexico, badly crippled and demoralized, where, no longer able to hold together as an organized force, they fell an easy prey to the attack of the Mexican troops and Indian scouts from the Sierra Madre.

A settled feeling of security, heretofore unknown, prevails throughout western Texas, causing a rapid and permanent increase of the population and wealth of the state, which is gratifying to citizens, and the military who have been instrumental in bringing about this very satisfactory condition of affairs.

The value of all this work to the great state of Texas, as cited herein, can hardly be overestimated.

Earnest efforts in the conscientious discharge of duty, always lead to lasting results, aid civilization and leave marks and impressions which never can be effaced, and in the end seldom fail to be rewarded.
Strong encomiums have been received from the late Department Commander, General E. O. C. Ord, some of which have been promulgated to the command, and no doubt the annual district report, tabular statement and excellent map, lately forwarded, — giving details of military operations for the past year, and embodying much important information, — will be duly appreciated and valued by the present Department Commander, General C. C. Augur, and those in higher authority.

It is a pleasant duty for me, to thank the officers and enlisted men for the zeal and alacrity with which they responded to every demand, — however much it may have tested their power of endurance, — for the fortitude with which they braved dangers, and the intelligent activity and efficiency manifested in the discharge of the duties assigned them.

The gallantry displayed and meritorious services rendered, justly merit some special and suitable recognition from the Government.

B. H. GRIERSON.
Colonel 10th Cavalry.
Brevet Major General U. S. Army.

OFFICIAL:

[Signature]

1st Lieutenant and Adjutant 10th Cavalry.
Acting Assistant Adjutant General.
HEADQUARTERS DISTRICT OF THE PECOS,
FORT CONCHO, TEXAS, FEBRUARY 17, 1870.

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 1.

The following communications, received from Headquarters Department of Texas, are published for the information of all concerned:

[TELEGRAM.]
HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, JANUARY 15, 1870.

Commanding Officer,
District of the Pecos,
Fort Concho.

Your satisfactory report, dated December 28, 1879, covering the field operations of your command since the organization of your district, has been received, and forwarded through Military Division Headquarters.

The Commanding General would have embraced it in his annual report, had your duties permitted it to be forwarded at an earlier date. He fully appreciates the extent and value of the hard work performed, under your directions.

Please send the map at your earliest convenience.

[Signature] VINCENT,
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, APRIL 16, 1879.

The Adjutant General of the Army,
Washington, D. C.
(Thru' Hdgto. M. D. of the Missouri.)

Sir:

I have the honor of transmitting a copy of a military map of Western Texas, compiled under my direction for consideration in connection with my annual report dated October 2, 1879, and with the request that it may be published in a convenient form.

Under instructions from these headquarters, to the commanding officer District of the Pecos, extensive explorations by scouting parties have been made. The valuable information thus secured, has been embodied in a map of that
district, compiled under the direction of the district commander.

In gaining the information thus embraced, a vast amount of work was done in the field by officers, companies and detachments, the aggregate distance marched by the troops being 24,469 miles. The figures indicate the extent of the information, which has been transferred to the map now transmitted, adding greatly to its value.

I am, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

[Signed.] E. O. C. Ord,
Brigadier General, Commanding.

OFFICIAL:

[Signed.] THOMAS M. VINCENT,
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, February 11, 1880.

The Commanding Officer,
District of the Pecos,
Fort Concho, Texas.

Sir:

Your review and summary of events, dated December 31, 1879, relative to the field operations of the troops in the District of the Pecos, for the year ending that date, has been perused, with much gratification, by the Commanding General, who has directed me to communicate to you the following:

The very valuable information gained by your command, as reported in 1878, was pointed to in the annual report of October 3, 1878, from these headquarters. It was referred to, more particularly, in a letter to the Adjutant General of the Army, dated April 16, 1879, (a copy of which was duly sent to you), and now stands connected with the additional arduous and energetic services of the past year. The services rendered—particularly since the establishment by you of the several camps, under the instructions of April 30, 1878, from these headquarters—in scouting and exploring the country, working on roads and telegraph lines, thus marking earnest and successful efforts to develop the resources of the country, cannot, as to value, be well estimated; but, no doubt, they will be properly considered,

appreciated, and recognized by the higher authorities, as they are now by the Department Commander.

Thirty-four thousand four hundred and twenty miles of marches; three hundred miles of roads opened; two hundred miles of telegraph constructed—all, excepting a portion of the telegraph, consummated in one year,—involve efforts which will lead to lasting results, of which, as tending, greatly, to advance civilization, yourself and command may well be proud.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

[Signed.] THOMAS M. VINCENT,
Assistant Adjutant General.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL R. H. GRIERSON:

ROBT. G. SMITHER,
First Lt. and Adjutant 10th Cavalry,
Acting Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

[Signature]
First Lt. and Adjutant 10th Cavalry,
Acting Assistant Adjutant General.