Apr 6 1881
Red your check
Will drop my list
in the house
B.T.S.
April 6, 1900
O. O. Howard
West Point
U.S.A.
Gen. O. O. Howard,

My dear Sir,

I am very glad to know that we may expect to see you at the reception tomorrow evening. I write to say that the stated meeting of our Board also occurs at half past three in the afternoon tomorrow, and it would give us all pleasure to have you present at that time. A number of our Vice Presidents, resident in the city and vicinity, are accustomed to attend these monthly meetings on the afternoon of the first Thursday each month, and to share all the responsibilities of the elected Managers. If your duties at West Point permit you to participate with them in the general supervision of our great work, it will be gratifying to them to have you do so.

Yours respectfully,

Edward W. Gilman.

Cor. Sec.
Confidential.

Georgetown, O. C.,
(Corner Green Road St.),
Apr. 6/81.

My dear Sir:

Yrs. Kind note 9/4 Rec'd.

I beg you will feel assured that
I fully appreciate and understand
your position as Superintendent
and as one under authority;

I am now necessary it is that
you should be discreet, cautious,
I must make haste slowly;

I perceive plainly it necessity.
The Secy is new to the Office,
It has a thousand things to think.
of besides, it must be more or less governed by the ideas or advice of those around him, especially those highest in authority. No one man's views can prevail in such matters. The highest and best should be wisely sought and striven for, the duty in question upon us all in all things, but only the possible looked for, approximation to one ideal wisely and patiently received. Even as the All-Wise and All-Benevolent God sets us Example in His great work of reclaiming and reforming this fallen World.

Of course you can not do as you would in all things. You can but suggest, urge, other proof...
of necessity, prosperity — yet in headquarters to decide. Gradually however, as you say, needed reforms can be brought about, by tact, wisdom, discretion, patience.

You have my warmest prayers to that end, General. —

I thank you heartily for what you say about my son, this prospect. We too hope and pray he may come out all right. Subject he will be, undoubtedly. And if he is a splendid young fellow that he is, it is known to be doing all he can — his best at all that God his Maker has provided him with.

Get up to the needful business of the Council of Examinations, it is sent from Westminster into the world with the brand of inability. May his North Star, his North Star, so as a factor in the world's progress, that steady, just and that much be impaired. Cuff [illegible] — his most adorable, his most adorable. —

Aug. 7th 1821.

My mother and I both grateful to you, gentlemen.
P.S. —

A letter from my姐 just eck, in wh. he says: — I have been no more a mere machine — no time to think of others — My head in Math. last week was much below my expectations, it adds still another point in the long list.

Daily I should be a fool to look to my own strength to carry me through the examination, will be everything. I do know that everything grows clearer as I go on — I mean any particular study like Calculus but that, that does not alter the case very much under the conditions in which I am working. But I am working harder than any other man to get through; if I do not, I shall be utterly clear of the responsibility. This week has started with a bad failure on Monday, which I cannot overcome. I hope that next week, I may be able to send a more pleasant report. I cannot write much more — I was very very very disappointed you all by not writing Sunday night, but I was in town and stuck up that night as I never expected. I went to bed — A terrific cold and preventing all silly, poor things me a chance to write some.

And now, General, I'll trouble you no more. Many thanks for your kind patience of long silence. I hope all well with you, and to you, under His Om. —

[Signature]
A. G. Davis.
Mount Airy, Md.
May 6, 1861.

for your kind letter, and hope to hear from you again shortly.

Yours truly,
Alexander G. Davis
Mount Airy, Md.

A. W. 13/61

No. 13. The Rebels called me "Yankee Davis."

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Count. April 6, 1861.

Brig. Gen. Howard
Dear Sir,

Your letter was duly received.

I will state a few circumstances:

First, I was acting as guide for General Schenckford. His guide, Carl Schurz, was there at the first Chancellorsville fight.

Secondly, I was with you in person from Fairfax County by Dewey Spring on our way to Edwards Ferry. We met a man who claimed he was going tomill. I told you he had his grist in his saddle-pocket, I obtained his saddle-pockets, handed them over to you, and they were found to be
well filled with letters going to the Rebel Army.

Thirdly - While on our way to Gettysburg, near Little Jefferson, I succeeded in getting a map of Washington Co.

Fourthly - I was with your Command until the 11th Corps was divided, after which I was attached to Gen. O. O. Auger's Command.

Unfortunately for me, a good portion of the officers that I was with are now dead; Gen. J. M. Gary, Col. Lowell, Gen. L. Bliss, W. Albright, one of many others. I could mention. I am glad to know you as occupying a position much more favorable to the Western frontier.

I am much obliged.
Gilmore appears for Judgeship.
Washington, D. C., Apr 6, 1881

May Gen. O.O. Howard,
West Point.

Sir:

I am working away
on Del's matter. Smith
asked Ally Sen. seems to be
very friendly. Charles has
sent me some strong
endorsements from the
Iowa Judges. Small's
alliance has given me
a letter recommending
him for an appointment
as Dist't Atty. He had al-
ready committed himself
to other parties in the
Judgeship. He likes Del.
It now occurs to me
that Bill Rye would
give off a letter - but I can't ask any. I am on good terms enough with him, yet object to the "top lofty" manner Bill takes with me. So being offish with him, don't feel to ask any favor. Does it do for you to ask Bill to put a letter on file in the Attys. Genl's office in Del's behalf recommending him for judge or Dist. atty? If Bill wants to know how Del stands professionally in Iowa he only need look at the papers I have above referred to. They are very strong - Sincerely

Riec. Oct. 7, 1881

[Signature]

April 6, 1884.

My dear General.

As the time we came of great
expected to move in one or two
of us that Carner from your presence and opp-
portunity to live and love. I thought it was
wise to do so quietly, even, if they do not know
more. I now desire you and your family to
continue your visits to this city again, as it is,
one of you that carries the weight of the
world. If not already so, act as you please, very
expensive, you know. If you please.

Yesterday received the enclosed letter from
a man to myself, from left John B. Roper, a man
of Mr. Marie Carley, and afterwards, Thomas,
and to be serious in this business.
I have some encouragement from you for an Army appointment. I have written to the subject of this. It is not much, but I know him to be an officer and capable young man, of highest intelligence, as brave and cool as any. Let me have his letter and I'll have the papers to file his forces.

For myself I am still learning books here and elsewhere, and with I can keep my place if I want to. I am doing as well as I can. I wish to be with you from the bottom of my heart and see things and very soon.

We are to be very close to have a little more time from you if convenient.

Very truly yours,

W. T. Sears

May 18, 1863

O. O. Howard

West Point, N.Y.

Your picture hangs on our wall and will continue as long as we have any wall.
Personal!

Washington, D.C.,

Apr. 7, 1881.

Dear General:

I am about to make, aided by my friends in Portland, the greatest effort of my life for reappointment to the army, as a Paymaster.

You will remember I went out in the reduction in 1871, honorably.
of course, though against my wish and without warning, an account of a sudden personal pique on the part of Colonel Gibbon, who had my name placed on the supernumerary list.

In view of the peculiar hardship of my case, which was apparent to the President, I went before an examination by him of my record in the War Dept. He appointed me, in 1871, a 2d Lieutenant.
in the 23d Infantry, with the understanding that I could be legigated back to my former rank. For various reasons I declined the appointment, and have waited patiently for such an opportunity as I trust is now presented in the preference of our men of Maine.

While I am aware that you know but little of anything of my record in the regular service, from personal observation...
on otherwise, yet you
have had occasion to
acquire and know some-
thing of my character
and history since I
left it, and recalling
the readiness with which
you have ever responded
to my requests for per-
sonal favors, I take the
liberty to ask you to give
me a letter of Commendation
direct to the President
or, if you prefer, to Secretary
Blaine or Senator Ford.
I am sure it would have much weight no matter to whom addressed, and I shall be under the greatest obligations to you. Enclose a few letters from friends, some of whom you doubtless know, that were given to me about a year ago. They will indicate to you whether I have been behaving myself since last knew about me.

Please return them to me with letter asked.
for - if you can give
me one - Care of
Indian Affair

Very respectfully,

John Barlow

Capt. T. Larrabee

Geo. B. Howard

U.S. Army

Capt. Philip T. S.

7 Enclosures
New York, April 8, 1881

Major General O.O. Howard, U.S.A.
West Point

Dear Sir: We send you today a copy of "Plonged Under," the new Indian tale, written in the heart of the Indian country, which is an attempt to set forth the Indian problem in a form that will meet the popular appreciation.

We trust that you will find it so interesting and so well worthy of commendation that you will be willing to help it and the cause it represents, so far as you can, personally; and also that you will consent to express some your opinion of the book after having read it, that your influence may be used in bringing it before the public.

Very Respectfully,
Fords, Howard & Hulbert
New York
Apr. 8, 1881.

Dear Mr. [Name],

I am enclosing a copy of the "Wheaton Plan," as it is generally known, for your information. I have been requested by the Wheaton Board to obtain your views on this plan, and I think it of sufficient importance to be submitted to you for your consideration.

I am, Sir,

Yours truly,

[Signature]

April 19, 1881.

[Note: The handwriting is difficult to read, and some parts are not clear.]
Beecher St. Apr 18/1

My dear Sir,

I received the enclosed answer from Mr. Thomas to whom I wrote about Abraham Bobin, of whom I wrote to you some ten days ago, on Monday. I send it, thinking you may like to hear the story, which is a good one. Mr. Bobin did not stay long in Boston, for just two
Paul Armstrong is here looking for his Indiana job. As there’s no chance for anything else in the south, I am very busy now.

Affy to stay.

O. [Handwritten text not legible]
A. W. E. Zion Bros. Co., Inc.,
167 Throop Street, New York,
A. W. B. 9th.
Jacob Thomas, Gen. Agent.

P.S. Weekend, Jr. 4.
April 14, 1881.

Miss Abby M. May,

Dear Miss,

I am exceedingly pleased that you have manifested so much interest in our Institution as to write in order to ascertain something of its usefulness. I am happy to inform you that our society was organized for more than 25 years, previously to the war its operations were limited to aiding the Mission work of the Church north and west but during and since the war our missionaries have gathered in and organized into societies some 150,000 church members with a following of as many more. There are all the children of these 300,000 people to be Christianized and educated we are an auxiliary to the general Mission Board we aid in cus-

aining our missions in Kansas & in Liberia and in the work in the South Carolina both poor and struggling to an extent yet doing their work cheerfully, working for better days.

Our operations extend throughout the United States, Canada, the Bermuda Islands & Africa we do but little but are anxious to do much more, hence we have sent out Mr. Abram Boyce to beg for the cause we most dearly
love. He is all right honest and earnest. Please help him and you will help those wild whom you have been and are in sympathy with today. I can not enter more fully into details now but hope to be permitted to communicate again.

I once met the Rev. J. F. Murray, in Boston or elsewhere some years ago. I have never forgotten him. Please encourage his bad looking letter.

Yours truly, Jacob Thorne, Treasurer

A. M. E. Zion Missionary Society.
Stonington, April 3rd, 1861

To Major Genl. Howard,

Sir,

I am desirous of obtaining some remuneration from the Government for my merit services in the Union Army and Navy; therefore I take the liberty of writing to you, asking you if you cannot assist me. I know you did recommend him as a brave soldier and that recommendation helped to get him promoted to a 'Second Lieutenant' by Genl. Seymour of New York, I think in 1863. His name was "Graham H. Chapin" and he enlisted in New York, in 1862, in the 82nd New York volunteers Company F. Col. Hastings. I do not know his Exact name. He was in the first battle of Fredericksburg, Genl. Burnside commanding and then performed a very brave feat, going to a house with a few others under cross firing by the rebels to find out if said house...
was occupied with Union or Rebel soldiers, he was very near the shot which struck and a ball grazed his whiskers. He was complimented in the face of the whole army on his return to head quarters. You may remember him. Just after that battle he received a furlough and was Hon. discharged from 32nd Volunteers and was promoted. Mr. Pennfield of Hartford got him out of the Army because he wanted his services in settling up his business with Colt's pistol factory then. Afterwards he did not accept the promotion but went and joined the Marine Corps under an assumed name; that of George J. Price was on the steamer Don, which played between Washington and Fortress Monroe on James River. He was Sergeant and had a company of men under him, they were sent on raids in Virginia and in one raid he was wounded and discharged from Military service; was sent to the Barracks in Washington to be treated and from there was Hon. discharged on half pay, said wound occurred 'while in the line of duty.' He never applied for this back pay that was in 1865. He went into the Army as a well sound man came out, wounded and sick never able to do a full day's work and died in 1873 of Consumption—induced in the Army. Now I want to secure his back pay from the time of his discharge till his decease or obtain a Pension. I was dependant on party to on him for support before he went into the Army. He left no wife or children. Thers were 3 widowed Mthers make application for remuneration in some shape. Will you be so kind if you remember him write me a line recommending him as a brave soldier or say a good word for him so I can send your note to
Glencoe
Aug 8

Dear Brother

I send a letter just received from Corin John St. I wish we might
help him. Mr. Mc in this way.

He is honest and honest
and will do well—a
much more worthy man
than the "Corvel Bagger" to
whom he refers. I hear
no doubt

If you know with a few
friends to Mr. Mc in Black
Hrs. No. 1. Jones it might
become more the place. I have
written to him that John was
a Union Man & has been
a Republican Man. The
Man & that he was son of
Mr. C. joined Marine.

But if you landed from the

does not know me as

he would say.

John has had a

School Supervision plan.

He is intelligent — a first

reader. Has money

Cotton plantation for ten years

in Mississippi.

Mother & Kitty went to

Chicago with me today

to attend Mamma's meeting.

I appreciate your very kind

邀 encourage Kitty. I think of you

inviting her to visit next month. I thought

to make her visits next month. I trust

her visit — but plans are very

variable. To love your affectionate

To God.
Vancouver Barracks W.T.
April 8th 1881

General & Co. harm.

Dear Sir,

Since writing last, I have been studying up the F.M. question and doing something in the way of securing the influence of the person you spoke of, and of others. Capt. Price took up the case gladly, and has written to Capt. Skidmore, and Lt.-Col. Wood, he also spoke to Col. Mason, but the Col. seemed to be a little short handed.
not gone to him first, as I called
on him and made a statement.

That I had thought it best that some
one whom I knew would have no
objection, should mention the matter
to him and others, so that if they
had any reason for not favoring
the application, it would be easier
for them to speak it out than if
I were present. He seemed satisfied
and pleased and said he would
gladly do all in his power. Maj. Knox
gave me a letter to the Secretary of
The following gentlemen have promised
To write letters for one Bishop
Morris, Keal, Wheaton, Mr. Matheus,
Judge Steddy, Mr. O. Ho, Lewis, Mr. Steel and
Mr. Holph. I have written to Mr. Taylor
and Mr. Mctoqe[l]ed of the Board
of Astron, who will certainly give it
accommodation. I am not the
Mr. E.C. Brown
Superintending Inspector of Steam Vessels.
S.F., whom I am able I can count on
Framo [Framo?] of Olympia, who is a
successful politician and my
brother-in-law. The M.S. Marshall
for Oregon. E.S. Kearney is helping
all he can. W.S. Ladd will sign
his application. S.W. Brown of
Vancouver has written to Mr
Bruck the delegate from W.T.,
who will be pleased to glad to
Dear [Name],

Bessie continues well and is a great chatterbox ever since she falls in love with her. I don’t know how Grace would get along without him. We have had a most beautiful weather which made one feel a world of good. I was out doors several hours a day. If Mamma would only tell me the height of the ceiling we could almost imagine ourselves in your home at West Point. Her letters are brief like a conversation by twos and threes. We are still keeping the little house in town awaiting the arrival of Ben. Miles. Grace sends love to all at home.

With much love and respect,

Yours very truly,

James Army.

James Army.
and twenty dollars of the principal he has written you about it. He says, and is expecting an answer daily. Please send instructions in regard to this matter.

Evel. Green has received a letter from Gail. Morrow saying that you could not procure it detailed for Col. Mason as Capt. Commandant. It is evidently a serious trick, and will feel badly about it. I judge from scraps and hints that we let fall by others.

Our opinion of the "Washington"

will commence running about the twelfth of this month.

Grace has been invited to visit the Lewis & Porteous next week. The ferry has commenced and few or five new Steamer's are in course of construction. Ellicott's is being converted into a ground or shore properly speaking onto a sand bar.

Mr. Cutts is in New York, he will probably remain there some time.

Kent Taskell, Jones, for Newport.

Borrowed the 13th. Evel. Sandy is to relieve him.
Blank No. 1.

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Dated: West Point Apr 1882

Received at BROOKLYN.

To General Howard

Care No 4070 Lewiston

Come first train

Mrs Howard

Sick Nothing

Serious

Slader's aide

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