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Vancouver B.C.

May 16 1881

May Gen. O. O. Howard

Commanding

Sgt of West Point,

Dear Sir, K. C. S. & Bro.

I am in a situation calling for aid in some way. For a year you know I have been expecting a good case in the Merriam matter.

I went to Walla Walla on that case last week and it was immediately compromised & I am flat again.

Is there any way by which I could become Short Hand Clerk ^{here} in J. A. office? Can you suggest any way? Can you aid me with Gen Miles? Robert Lincoln

once knew me - I reported
his cases in Chicago - sometimes

Why am I so unlucky -
I am always later and a
square man - I cannot
see why I must always
miss so many good
opportunities.

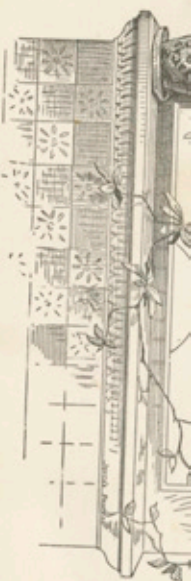
Since you went
away I have ^{as special duty} enlisted 43 men
here in Vanner among them
Gen. Wheaton & Col. Mason.

In some respects the
society is good, in others I
think I see the big fish
going for the small ones.

Now dear help me
if you can, & I know
you can.

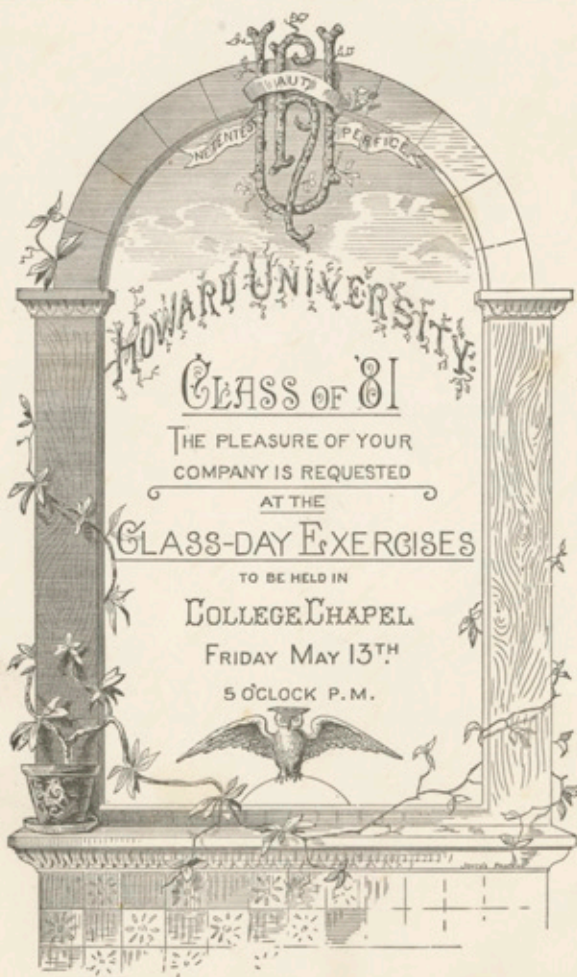
Let me hear from
you in your new home.
I am yours

W. H. & Concord D. W. Cochran



Special Rep. Dr. Con.

*Howard University
May 13, 1880*



❖ORDER OF EXERCISES.❖

Master of Ceremonies:

WALTER L. LEWIS.

MUSIC.

PRAYER.

SALUTATORY W. L. LEWIS.

CLASS ORATION . . . J. C. DELPHEY.

MUSIC.

CLASS HISTORY . . . R. L. GAINES.

CLASS PROPHET . . . LOGAN JOHNSON.

MUSIC.

CLASS POEM JESSE LAWSON.

TREE ORATION . . . GEO. WM. COOK.

PRESENTATION ORATION, WM. A. SINCLAIR.

CLASS ODE.

❖USHERS.❖

SCOTT WOOD CLASS, '83.

D. C. DEANS " '83.

T. D. BERGER " '83.

J. F. BUNDY " '84.

WM. T. JAMES " '84.



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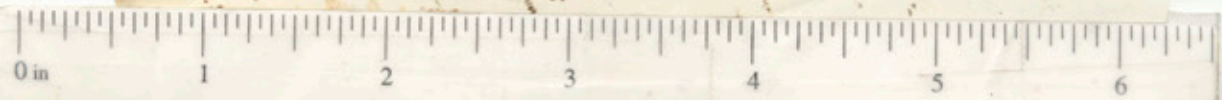
Major Gen. O. O. Howard, U.S.A.
West Point, N.Y.

Dear General:

Please accept my thanks for sending me a Candidate to-day. I hope your act may prove, as intended, a kindness to the young man.

I am afraid he has much to ~~say~~ to do, and I need not say to one of your experience that all I can do is to direct and help him; I cannot do the work for him, as some seem almost to think I ought to do.

Private, Please.
I wonder whether it is vanity, which is a large factor



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in this life's problem, or a proper self respect which prompts me to say to you that, although I called myself Minister when you asked me my title, the Adj. Gen. of the Army, who sends me the names of the Candidates for West Point as they are appointed, always addresses me as Major.

It is true I was a Major on the wrong side, as I call it, and what that makes now may be a question. Perhaps you will say I ought to make myself a repentant man. Well I have not said it does not in any case, only I do not recognize the Confession—public or private—as one of the institutions of the present age. Accept these.

Rev. Henry D. Moore

Cincinnati, O.

May 17, 1881.

Recd May 19, 1881

Cincinnati: Ohio:-

May 17, 1881.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard:

My Dear Brother:

I am making an application, in simple form, to President Garfield, for appointment as Chaplain in the Army, & desire to accompany my application, with just a few letters from friends.

Will you write & send me one that I may enclose it with the rest?

I have been sick since the fall of 1877, but by rest, & almost entire release from routine duty, have, by the blessing of God, regained my health so as to desire work; but it must be other than the old pastorate.

I have some qualifications

for efficient work, I think,
Among the "boys", & am ready to
be as industrious & zealous as
ever in the service of the
Master.

I send you my love
& blessing; & my earnest desire
for the gift of God to you &
yours.

Yrs truly
Rufus Moore.

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No. 81 SOUTH HAMILTON STREET,

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., May 17, 1881.

Dear Sir,

I beg that you will not think Lieutenant De Lacy and myself delinquent in reporting your answer to the invitation from the Decoration Day Committee of Poughkeepsie.

Be assured of the very earnest desire which our citizens have to show their patriotic respect for you on that day. They are ready to give you a hearty welcome, if you will come to them on the late afternoon train.

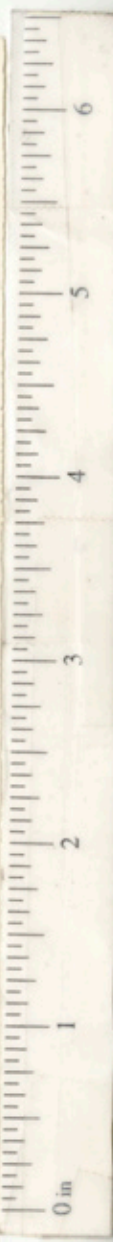
I am, with sincere respect,

Yours truly,

Major General,

Q. V. Howard,

Truman R. Boches.



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My dear Sir,

I beg that you may send
me a statement of the
amount of the sum of money
which you have received from the
Committee of the General Assembly
for the year 1855. I am
very anxious to see the
statement as soon as possible
and to see it in the hands of
the Committee of the General
Assembly.

Yours faithfully,
John Lubbock

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Poughkeepsie Telegraph.

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Office 11 and 13 Garden Street,

Poughkeepsie, N.Y., May 17, 1881.

Gen. O. O. Howard:

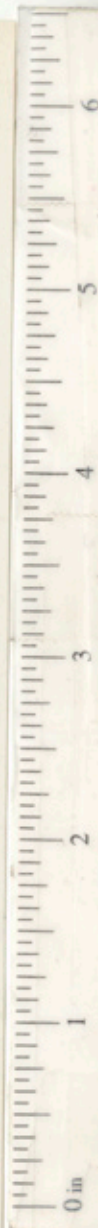
Dear Sir—As a
citizen of Poughkeepsie I share
in the pleasure of the hope
that you may be induced
to be present on the occasion
of the celebration of observance
of Decoration Day, in the
city, or at least in the
evening, at the Opera House,
and address our citizens.

Very Respectfully
E. B. Osborne

E. B. Osborne
Ed. Daily Press

Parkville Mo
May 17, 1864

Recd May 17, 1864



HEADQUARTERS HAMILTON POST



NO. 20, G. A. R.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., May 17th 1881.

General,

The Committee, (Prof. Backus and Simeon De Sacy) who waited on you yesterday on behalf of the Post, as to next Memorial Day May 30th 1881 having made their report last evening, indicating a declination of the invitation, it was unanimously resolved that the Commander be instructed to repeat the invitation and to pledge Hamilton Post, that your visit shall be made pleasurable in all respects, And in pursuance of such direction, I most cordially and earnestly renew our invitation for you to address us on that evening ^{and} further desire to suggest, that as our evening ceremonies, (taking place at the Opera House) do not commence until 8 o'clock - you could attend any ceremony at West Point, and taking the 5.30 P. M. train from Garrison, reach here at about 6.30 in ample time. - General, great interest is felt here in your acceptance and it is needless to say nothing will afford me personally greater

pleasure.

I have the honor to remain.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant,

Arthur H. Wilkinson.

Major General,

Commander Hamilton Post, No. 2

O. O. Howard

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Archibald B. S.
May 17, 1881

Arthur H. Wilkinson

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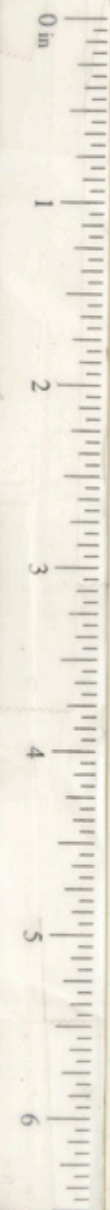
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John I. Platt,
Jas. B. Platt.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., May 17 1884.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir: I am informed that the Grand Army of the Republic in this city desire your presence on the evening of Memorial Day, the 30th inst., and I wish to heartily second their invitation, which I presume will be, if it has not already been, conveyed to you through the proper committee. The people of Poughkeepsie have a warm recollection of your former visits here, in behalf of the Freedmen, and it would give me, especially, great pleasure to



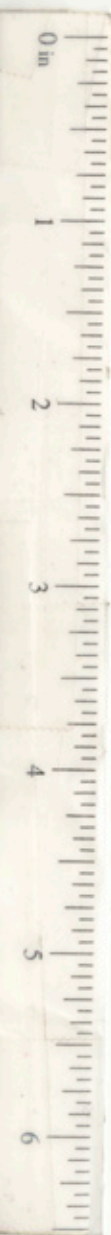
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Poughkeepsie, N. Y., 1879.

greet and welcome you here again, and to renew the acquaintance formed when we used to meet in the Young Men's Christian Association Conventions.

We should be glad to have you spend as much time here as possible, but if your engagements on that day call you elsewhere, it will be possible to come up on the train which leaves Garrison's at 5.36 P. M., and to return at such time next day as may suit your convenience, as the public exercises are to be held in

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Going into Henry Mayle.

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Jas. B. Platt.

Roughkeepsie, N. Y., 1879.

the Opera House in the evening.
Hoping that you can find it
consistent to accept the
invitation, I remain

Yours Vc.
John I. Platt

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Po' Kussie. O.
May 17. 1841.

Recd May 19. 1841

OFFICE OF

Poughkeepsie's Live Daily,

"THE NEWS."

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., May 17 1881.

Gen. O. Howard

Dear Sir:

Understanding that
our Decoration Day Committee has
shown its good sense by extending
you an invitation to address our
citizens on that day I, in common
with all who have been informed
of the matter sincerely hope you
will do us the honor of accepting

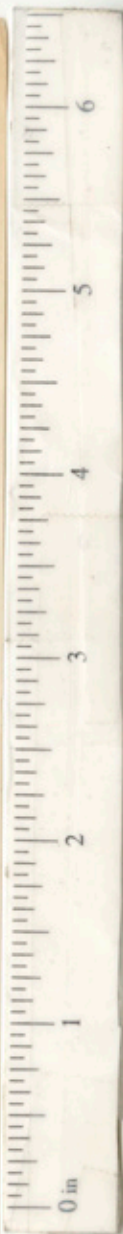
Very truly

Jas. A. Rooney.

A. Rooney
Ed. Daily News

Po'kepsii, N. M.
May 17, 1881

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Head Quarters, Eighth Brigade, Fifth Division,

N. G. S. N. Y.

Poughkeepsie, May 17th 1881

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard

Comd^g. Dep^t of War Phil.

General: At a Meeting of
Hamilton Post #20. G. A. R. Dep^t of N. Y. a Committee
was appointed to solicit of you the favor and honor of
delivering an Oration in this City on the occasion of next
"Memorial Day" May 30th proximo; As a Member of the Order
and pending the action of the Committee, I take this liberty with
a view of personally assuring you of the very great pleasure it
would afford the Comrades and their numerous friends in this
vicinity if you could so make your arrangements as to comply
with their request. We have a beautiful City, full of patriotism,
and the Citizens are royally liberal in contributing toward the
success of this hallowed day, It is fitting, therefore, that one

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Fifth Division, N. G. S. N. Y.,

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Head Quarters, Eighth Brigade, Fifth Division,

N. G. S. N. H.

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who so nobly and heroically led many of our
brave Comrades through and into the thickest of the
 fray should be present with us and endeavor to present
to the living relatives and friends of the fallen the great
importance of the conflict and how righteously and
honestly the day should be preserved as a monument
to the brave souls who gave up their lives that Equality
and liberty might live, and this be a land of the free
in deed as well as in name.

It would gratify me exceedingly
and place myself and the Officers of the 8th Brig. N. G. S. N. H.
under lasting obligations if you would acced to the request
of the Committee, and consent to deliver the Oration.

I have the honor to be Dear, Yours Obedt. Servt.

Wm. H. Ludley,
Adj. Genl. 8th Brigade.

HEAD-QUARTERS EIGHTH BRIGADE,

Fifth Division, N. G. S. N. Y.,

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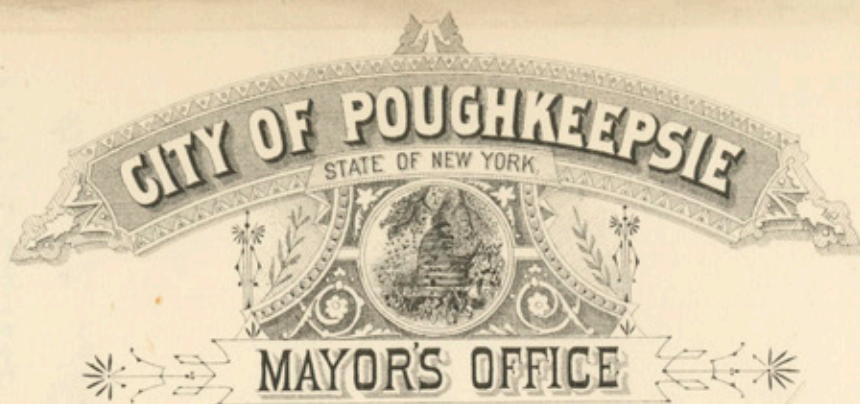
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A. F. Lindley -

— Enclosures.

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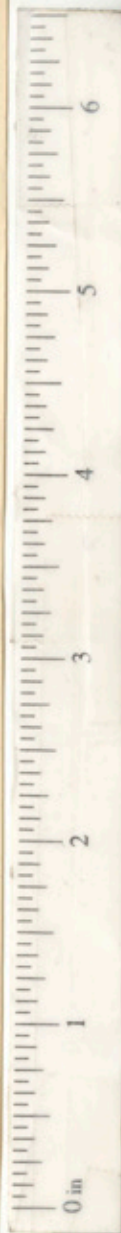
Poughkeepsie, N.Y. May 17th 1881

Dear Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
 Commanding Mil. Dept. of West Point
 General:

The Committee
 of the Grand Army of the Republic having in
 charge the arrangements for the proper obser-
 vance of Memorial Day in our city, I have
 have extended to you an invitation to deliver
 the address in the evening at the Opera House.
 I am sure that our citizens would be highly honored
 by your acceptance.

Very Respectfully

E. White
Mayor



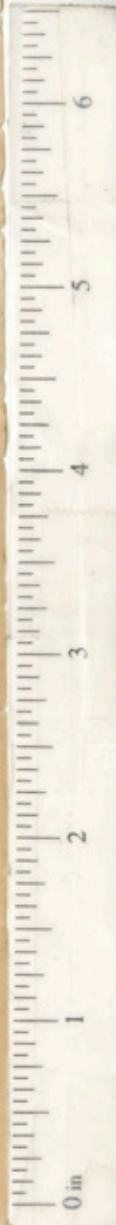
E. White

Mayor

Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

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Adjutants Office,
U. S. Military Academy,
West Point, N. Y. May 17, 1881.

The
Commandant of Cadets,

Sir:

Please direct Cadet McC. Donald to proceed
to New York City to-morrow and report at 10 o'clock
to Major Gardner, Judge Advocate, Whittaker
Court - at the Court-Martial Rooms.

By Command of General Howard
(Signed) C. E. S. Wood,
A.D.C., Adjutant.

If possible please determine which McDonald is required;
the spelling in the telegram indicates McC Donald, J.B. but
no initials are given

By Command etc.
(Signed) C. E. S. W.

