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Poughkeepsie, N. Y., May 21th 1881

Gen. E. A. Howard

Dear Sir

Our citizens are
expecting you here on Decoration
day - or at least in the evening
of that day, and I write to ask
you in the name of my family
to honor us with your compa-
ny on the occasion, spending
the night with us, where you
can have a quiet bed in
the room you occupied some
years ago at 33 Conklin St

Very Respectfully

Yours

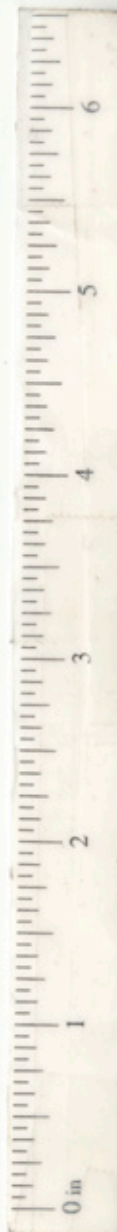
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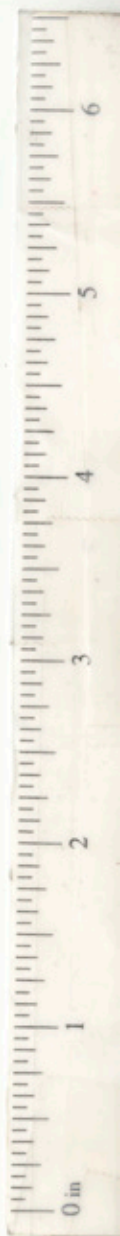


West Point - N. Y. ⁷⁸
May 24th 1881

My dear General

I hope you will not insist on the request of your note of yesterday — The explanation which Lieut Wood states that he desires to make in my presence could result only in my utter silence, or, in a discussion of my action, while acting Superintendent of the Academy during your absence in a distant state — And ^{in the} privileged discussion, and criticisms, by my subordinate, of an official request made him, while under my command, consequent upon his sending to me the inclosed order. — An order in no way directed

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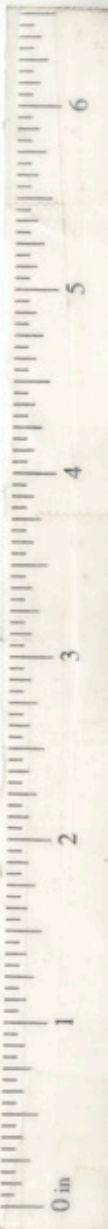


by you personally, and of which you had
no knowledge; An order sent me to obey,
While he was really under my command at
this Academy - an act, at the least,
indecisive in its nature - While
the authority to do act, is far from clear.

There are several large questions
involved in this matter which I shall
gladly discuss ~~the~~ with you when you
think proper. —

When Lieut Woods attention was called
to this matter, he made no explanation to me
but said that he should do the something
again. His statement that he was

reproved in severe tones is not correct,
Major Gen O. O. Howard very sincerely yours
Wm. L. Ligon



H. M. D.

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M. P.

May 24, 1881

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Crowe, Lucy A. W.
Care of James B. Dennison.
Yarmouth, Maine.

Box 207.
May 24, 1881.

May the blessing of heaven
rest on you, & yours. It has
been many years since I have
seen you. But I think you
have not entirely forgotten the
little lame girl.

Yours with kindest wishes.

Lucy A. W. Grows.

Lucy A. W. Grows

Yarmouth Me. May 24, 1881

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Yarmouth Me, May 24, 1881.

Gen Howard,

Dear Sir,

Please excuse
the liberty I take in addressing
you. I wish to ask you a question.
My father served for a time in
some capacity in the war of
1812, & my mother if she were
living, would be entitled to a
pension. Now the question I wish
to ask is this. If a crippled
child not able to take care of
herself would in any way be
entitled to the pension in
place of the deceased parent?
Perhaps I have asked a very
foolish question, but I think

you will excuse me. I had no one to ask about it that I thought could tell me, & I thought of you. Some persons in Brunswick have pensions who seem to be no more entitled to them than myself. You remember that you three brothers boarded with my dear mother some time during your college course at Bowdoin. She used often to speak of you as long as she lived. She worked hard to take care of her family. I now live at Harding's Station Brunswick Maine, with my oldest brother who is very much broken down in health he gives me my board, & that is all he is able to do for me. You know an invalid needs a

little money sometimes to get a few little comforts. I used a few years ago to be able to earn a little money but that time has passed. I am now ~~xxx~~ visiting a cousin who very kindly paid my fare here, I think the change will do me good. Why I write you at this place is, I do not want my friends at home in Brunswick to know about it, as they might think it presumptuous in me to trouble you. But I know you are always ready to plead the cause of the needy ones. If you take the trouble to answer this, can you do so within one week? I expect to be here until the first of next week. Please address.

Lucy A. W. Grows.

~~9th Dec~~ Philad^a
May 24th 1881
Dear Sir

Letter
and receipts for
books sent Enlisted
Mens Post Library
just-rec'd by mail.
Thanks.

In haste

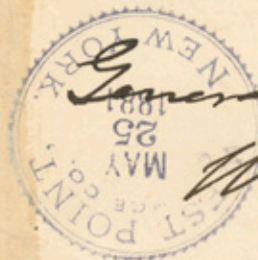
Yours respt^{ly}

G. J. Maxwell
306 So. 10th St.

Philadelphia
Pa.



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE-THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER



General C. C. Howard U.S.A.
West Point
New York



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VERSAILLES EXCHANGE



Versailles, Ohio, May 24 1881.

Hon General O. O. Howard
U.S.A

Dear Sir

Inclose please find cards
and stamp wishing for your
Autograph of your name
As a Honorable Man of America
I have a fine collection
without yours it Look Dull

Thank you Very Much by so
doing above

your Respectfully

Leopold. F. Kusnick
Box 200

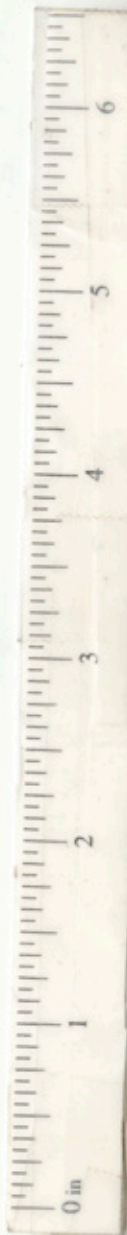
L. F. Kuswick

Versailles, Ohio

May 24, 1881.

Ans.

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Cleveland, May 24 1881

My dear Sir

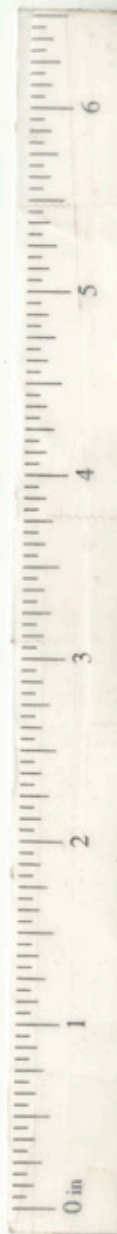
I presume you will not be here, so write to say. I think I shall be able to present you one or two candidates for the position we talked of - I also think I can gain a direct and prompt attention at Hedges - Will write or communicate through Morse or Hall as soon as we finish the Convention. Respectfully
 Yours N.

Respectfully
 James H. H. H.
 37 Madison Ave
 N.Y. City

Geo. Stokes

Cleveland, O.
May 24, 1881.

Recd. May 25, 1881.



P. J. Backus

Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
May 24, 1881,

NO. 81 SOUTH HAMILTON STREET,

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., May 24, 1881.

Major General,

O. O. Howard,

New Britain, N. Y.;

My dear General,

Your very kind message
has been announced to the gentlemen
whom you specified and to others of our
citizens. All are grateful for your
consideration of their wishes, and will
give you a cordial welcome.

Mrs. Backus bids me send her
compliments to you, with the request
that you will make our quiet house

Rec'd May 24, 1881.



your leave while in this city. We
shall be pleased to see Mrs.
Howard with you.

With great respect,

I am truly yours,

Freeman J. Rockwell.

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Newburgh, May 25, 1881

Genl O. O. Howard

Dear Sir and Bro.

We are so anxious to have the advantage of your presence at our "Children's Day Services" that we could be more than satisfied with a few words from you at one of the services. Say at the afternoon exercises 3 o'clock.

Dr Vincent will preach in the a.m. and deliver an address in the evening on "Modern P. S. ideas."

You can be assured that the favor will be most highly appreciated -

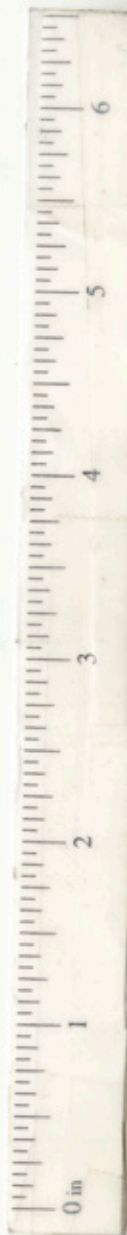
Sincerely Yours
Wm. J. Seales

Wm. N. Searles

Newtown May 25. /89

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Newtown May 26 /89



May 25 1881

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Dear Gen. Hancock

Please
find enclosed check for
\$26.00 in payment
traveling expenses.

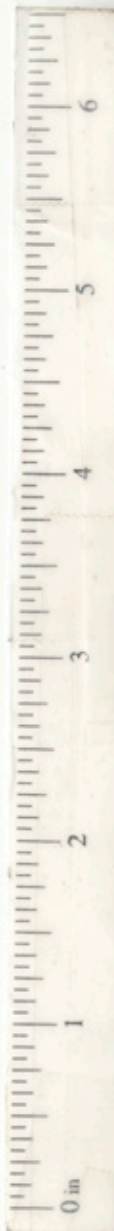
I am very
glad you are here. I
will never forget how
you stood by me in the
old days.

Please remember
me very kindly to Mr.
Hancock & his wife.
Yours sincerely
J. C. Armstrong

Armstrong S.C.
Sends check for \$26.

May 35/1881.

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Frank Leslie's Publishing House,

53, 55 & 57 Park Place.

P. O. Box, 4121.

Cor. of College Place.

New York, May 25th 1881.

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

Can you ac-

commodate us with a photograph
or sketch of the monument which
is to be erected at West Point to
Col. Thayer, for publication?

Very Respectfully,

GEO. J. HAGAR.

Editorial Rooms.

N.B.

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New York.
May 25, 1881.

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Asks if they can be accommodated
with a photograph or sketch of the
monument which is to be erected at
West Point to Col. Drayer, for publi-
cation.

By Proprietor



Received A. A. G. O. Sept. N. B. May 26. 1881

1st Endorsement.

Hd. Qrs. Dept. of West Point,
U. S. Military Academy
West Point, N. Y. May 26 1861

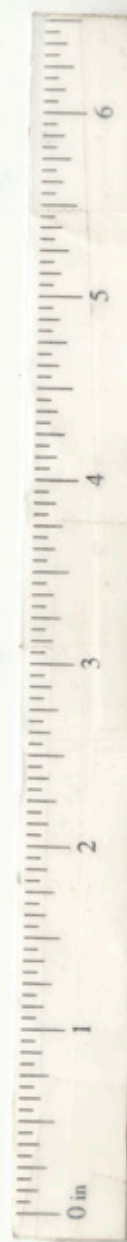
Respectfully referred to Professor
Charles W. Larned, U. S. Military
Academy. ^{Where can the information}
^{requested be obtained?}

By Command of
Col. Major General Howard

Inspector
Adj. Asst. Adj. Gen.

Ans'd.
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Fort Stevens Oregon
May 26th 1881

General C. C. Howard

My dear General,

After
thinking it over a long while I have at last
thought it best to write you a letter in
reference to myself. I desire to be relieved
from the promise or pledge given you while
you were our Department Commander. In the
first place I am not naturally a drinking
man and it does not require that to keep
me from drinking. I am never going to drink
again as long as I live but I cannot stay
in the Army under a disgrace as being
on pledge; it not only renders me unhappy
all the time but miserable and in con-
sequence I refrain from going into society and
enjoying myself with the Army people. I
feel all the time as though I was under
a cloud and living disgrace and can not

F. H. Holloman

For Attending, Mr.
May 26/81

Answer.

Recd June 9, 1881

Now it affords I am insensible ~~naturally~~ and
this makes me worse. General I appeal to
your sense of manhood and your kindness of
heart, your Christian Chanty and good will
towards others, to remove this cloud from my
life so that I can walk free again in the
world. It will make me a man and infuse
new life into me so that I can do my duty
with my whole soul. You know, God knows
how truly penitent and sorry I am and
have been for what I did in the past,
how much I have suffered on account of it,
in my mind and spirit and if you will
only grant me this request which I make in
all sincerity, it will make me a happy
man and I will be able to look once more
in men's faces although I shall always feel
that my youth should have been better.

Yours sincerely

A E Eltenhead.

LEE & SHEPARD,
PUBLISHERS AND BOOKSELLERS,

41-43 FRANKLIN AND 78 HAWLEY STREET.

New York Office,
678 Broadway.

BOSTON, May 26 1881.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir:

We forward to you by express to-day six copies of "New Perce's Joseph" in which is the dedication. If you will please return those first sent you we will have it inserted. Through an oversight of both printer and binder it was omitted and being prepared after the plates were made it was overlooked. Have had them put in all copies so far as we can, all but very few of the edition.

We regret very much that the mistake should have occurred.

Very truly,

Lee and Shepard.
Drown.

LEE & SHEPARD,
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41-43 FRANKLIN AND 78 HAWLEY STREET.

BOSTON, 18

New York Office,
678 Broadway.

Lee & Shepard
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