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ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

W. R. MORLEY,
Chief Engineer.

Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico, Sept 25th 1881

Honored Sir!

Your very kind letters of recommendation to General Grant, Mr Shephard and To all, whom it may concern, were received yesterday and I beg to accept my most sincere thanks. As we are without any papers since months, I do not know their present addresses, but will write to them care Postmaster General at Washington.

I have the honor, Sir, to remain

Very respectfully

Your

most humble servant

F. O. Vontritsch

To General O. O. Howard

West-Point.

Von Fr

Hermosillo, Sonora
Mexico
Sept 25, 1881.

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ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

W. R. MORLEY,
Chief Engineer.

(Form 17.)

1-6-1880.

Battle Creek, Mich, Sept. 25th/64

Gen. O. Howard.
Commander of West Point, N.Y.

Dear Sir.

I trust you will pardon the liberty I take in writing to you, when you learn that my object is in behalf of Henry H. Franklin who is now at Fort Walla Walla, W.T. Doubtless, you are aware that he has been a Hospital Steward for a short time, having been rapidly promoted to that position soon after arriving at this Post, from Oregon. I think it was last June. He has tried faithfully, to perform the duties required of him. And because he stood up for the right and expressed his views of the

low moral condition of the army as he had seen it; warning respectable young men not to join it as at present constituted; on account of its vices. He was for this offence imprisoned. The last intelligence brings the news of close confinement and is watched as though he was some murderer or a very depraved being. He says: "I am locked into a cell 3 ft × 10 and only one blanket and my overcoat upon a hard floor, and with so many of those insects called bed-bugs, which keeps me awake, between this and much mental anxiety, I am afraid that my mind will be impaired. They also are going to stop my correspondence with the out side world, which most of all I dread. One matter annoys me more than all. I had a letter from my sister, stating that they were very poorly off, and asking me to help her if I can and this worries my mind much. All

has worries my mind much. All I can do is to pray for her. She has taken my dear Mothers place trying to support my aged father who is too feeble to do any thing; this is my chief reason, why I do want to get out of this army."

He informs me that they will not alow him any printed matter, and even taken away the Word of God which his Mother gave him before she died.

He greatly desires some one to help him, for he cannot help himself. (being an enlisted soldier) Again he says; "If Gen. Howard knew of my position here, he would help me out of this trouble. He professes faith in the Saviour, and as far as I know acts up to his profession. I need help from Citizens." It is at his request that I inform you of these state of things, and I hope and pray that it is within your power to lend him a helping

hand in this his great time of need.

I supposed we lived in a time of peace, and is it not cruel to imprison a man for expressing his mind, when he knew he was right? As the editor of the New York Weekly Witness says in regard to this matter, so say I. "Have we an Inquisition in another shape in our army?"

I remain Very Respectfully.
(Miss) H. E. Sawyer.

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Answered by the Sec'y
Oct 19, 1881

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Oct 4 25 1881

Provost's Office

Executive Committee of the State Association
OF THE
Young Men's Christian Associations
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

New York, Sept 26th 1881

My dear General,

I see a way for you to go & return to Auburn free of expense. And while it will take you two additional days, yet it will commend itself to your judgment as well as feelings.

The Buffalo Y. M. C. A. are to hold their Anniversary on the afternoon and evening of Oct. 11th Tuesday. Rev. S. S. Mitchell formerly Pastor of the D. R. Ar. Church Washington will make one address & they are very anxious for me to secure you for a other — Their hearts are set on

having you & fearing that they would not be able to influence you they invite me to see you & secure you. They are just in the eve of a new building. They have a good sum pledged, own handsome lots & are very anxious to make an impression & stir an enthusiasm among business men. And they feel you can do it.

Now Genl. if you can arrange to go to Auburn on Sat 8th spending Sabbath there, and on Tuesday go to Buffalo & speak for them they will pay your expenses & you can thus accomplish two things. Besides if you will consent to it, I can arrange to have you invited to Clifton Springs (which is 30 miles west of Auburn) on Monday & entertained by Dr Foster and at night you can have a fine cultivated audience in the Sanitarium Chapel, to address, on Christ or any other Indian or any other topic you choose. It is a delightful summer retreat & under the most excellent auspices of a religious nat.

Executive Committee of the State Association

OF THE

Young Men's Christian Associations

OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

New York, _____ 188

Dr Foster is one of the saints on earth, whom you will like to meet. He is another George Muller. I leave town on Tuesday Eve for the Ill & Wisconsin State Conventions & will probably get back to Buffalo & meet you there. May I trouble you to write John B. Squire, Cor Sec Y. M. C. A. State you will come, or if you prefer I will wire me at N.Y. Office tomorrow Tuesday I will write them. You can leave Buffalo at 8.20 Wed A.M. & be at Garrisons 8.30 the same Eve

If you are willing I can without
arranging to have you entertained while
in Auburn & this will save you a
Hotel bill.

In all our plans may
the Master be honored — in the prayers of
your friend

Geo A Hall

Kindest regards to all at home. We
reached home safely & had a delightful
visit. Let me know if I may make
the Monday eve engagement at Elmira. It
need not be a set address. They have
three evening meetings a week and Monday
night is their regular meeting. My address
for the week after to-morrow will be care of M C
A State Convention, Bloomington Ill.

Auburn Sept 27 1881

Sargent, Epes

23 Waverley Place
New York Sept 26th 1881

My dear Otis

The death of our lamented President has in a measure upset my calculations as to the consulate at Nassau and will necessitate my - literally - going over the whole ground again only in a different way. I have good reason to believe had President Garfield not been shot my appointment would have been made e'er this. I believe I stand well with the present administration and desire to strengthen my position as much as possible. Before the dead-lock in the Senate Arthur Conkling and my services and came to New York in her and saved every patient remaining on board a month until they all recovered.

I was prevailed upon by Secy Welles to return to Nassau and act as agent for the Government in connection with our gunboats which called of the port for information.

I shall feel much obliged if you can grant me the favor I have asked. Mrs Sargent joins me in kind regards to you your wife & family

Sincerely yours
Epes Sargent

Platt promised to see that my nomination was confirmed when sent in. I expect a letter to Conkling from Foy and one from here to Senator Jones of Nevada Arthurs particular friend, and I would like one from you to General Grant if it is not asking too much. I think armed with these in addition to what I already have I will stand full as good if not a better chance than I did with President Garfield. I feel that I not only deserve but have earned this position as I served the Government faithfully through the war free of charge and caused the capture of a large number of blockade runners which turned in a very large amount of money into the Treasury. One steamer was reported to have about 30000 stand of arms on board when captured. I have letters from Secy Welles thanking me for my services also from Surgeon Genl Wheelan offering me a position as Assistant Surgeon in the "Regular Navy" for services rendered on board the U.S. Gunboat R.R. Cuyler when she came to Nassau at the commencement of the war with Nineteen cases of yellow fever on board and was refused assistance from the rebel - native - surgeons. The Ships Surgeon was among the sick and I volunteered

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Rooms of the Warren Court of Inquiry,

Army Building, cor. Greene & Houston Streets,

New York City, September 26th 1881.
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Dear General -

I mail you to day a copy of the last issue of the U.S. Army & Navy Journal, which contains, on page 167 - the criticism on Cooke's notice I wrote. I thought you might wish another copy besides that which I presume you have already and so mail it. As originally sent, this notice was signed with my name and address, but I said to the editor in my note, that I would thank him to use his own judgment as to retaining my name &c - at the foot of the article. He chose, and wisely too I think, to have it go in as editorial matter. It will do more good in that way -

I propose after that has had a chance to work to have another shot at the book. Sincerely -

Yours

Francis A. Lancaster.

Langdon, L. L.
U. S. A.

New York
Sept 26, 1881.

Answered Sept 27/81.

Recd Sept 27/81.

Cavanagh, Mary

West Point, N.Y.
Sept 26, 1881.

Sept 26. 1881

Very dear Sir

I am very sorry that I am forced by necessity to trouble you again Major Spurgin has told me that some of the girls will have to leave he says he has to much help and I think it will fall on me to go will you please intercede in my behalf I know it is to much of me to ask you but necessity compels me to do so you know I have not one friend in this country and if I am put out of the mess hall I have no home to go to I know if you ask Major Spurgin to keep me he will do so you are the only one I have to

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Sympathise for me every other one
seems to go against me but if
Mayor Spurgin knew all I have
suffered he would not add any
more to my suffering I will rely
on you to speak for me there
came another girl here the same
day with me I think he will
keep her and send me away
I am very sorry for troubling you
so often but I can not help it

Very greatly yours obedient
Servant Mary Cavanagh

Fort Monroe Va.
27 September 1881.

Dear Father: I have received your letter and book but have been unable to find a complete file of the Nation. How long ago did the review of Wy Peace Jangle appear? I have just received from Major Elliott a long letter enclosing a proposed bill and an address to Infantry Officers asking coöperation, which has been started by the Officers of Infantry at Fort Wingate, Arizona. He said that copies had been sent to Officers on duty at West Point including you. It explains itself. I think the object is a grand one, not only in putting us on a par with

therefore it is desirable that all friendly whose opinion is of any value should say and do what they can to get something done. This proposed Bill seems to be simple and to the point and I hope if you approve of it you will look into the subject & be ready to assist either by expression of opinion if called on or in any way you may think proper in getting Congress's attention directed to a very urgent subject & one of vital interest to those who are to remain all their lives in the Infantry below the grade of Captain. With much love to all at home & hoping all are well

Your affectionate son

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the other arms of the Line in the matter of promotion in having twelve companies and three majors to a Regiment, but as being a step towards the proper organization of Infantry, the Battalion of 4 Companies. It can hardly be expected that Congress will increase the number of Infantry officers by 200 so would be the case if two companies & two more Majors were added to each regiment, but even if the number of Regiments were reduced, we would receive the advantage of the better organization and the same comparative outlet at the top into the list of Majors that the Cavy & Arty. have. The intention of the officers starting the proposed bill is of course to get it passed if possible but it is also to draw attention to the absolute stagnation of Infantry promotion & antiquated nominal organization which will never again be used as such. They hope if it is talked about long enough at last some action will be taken. They began on the principle that no one will help us unless we help ourselves ~~& because~~ The Staff Corps who have the ear of the powers care nothing for the good of the Army but are absorbed in their own selfish designs & have all disproportionate promotion & to protect themselves they oppose any advance in the line,

MEMORANDUM FROM G. P. PUTNAM'S SONS,
27 & 29 West 23d Street,

New York Sept. 27 1881

We have the Mss. of "Gasparin." —
Do you wish us to preserve it, or shall
we send it to you by Express? —

Yrs Truly
G P Putnam's Sons
per Cadle

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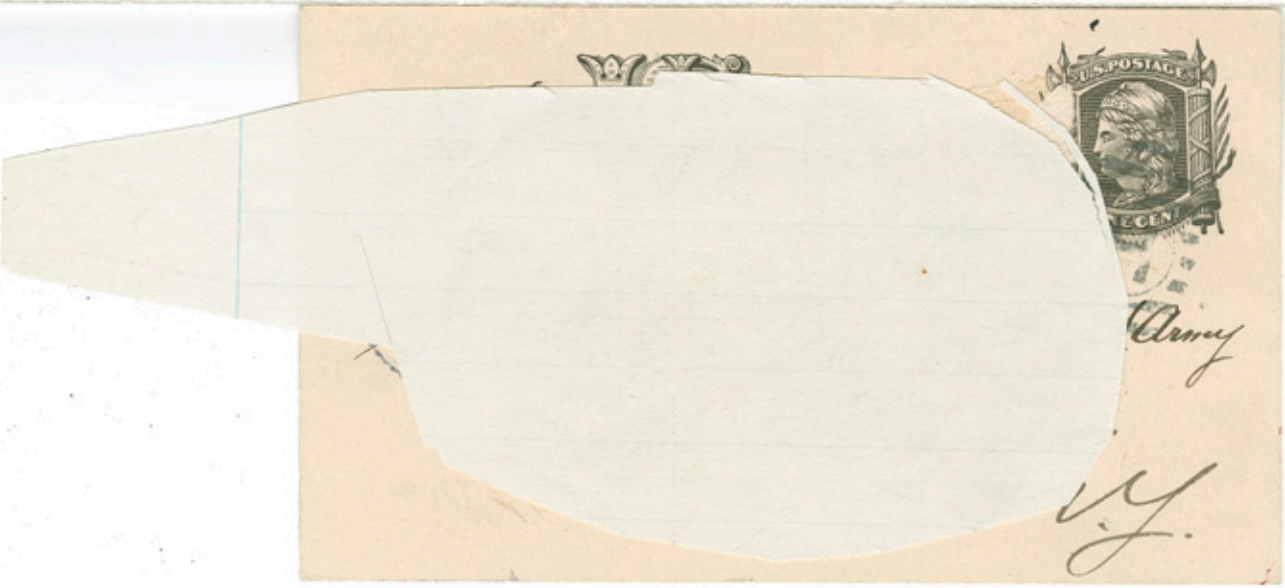
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Army
V.J.

The President
by his Secy
O. L. Pruden

Washington
Sept 27, 1881.

File

Rec'd Sept 29, 1881

WASHINGTON.

Sept. 27, 1881.

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the President to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of your note of the 21st instant, and to assure you of his appreciation of your kind expressions of confidence and regard.

Very respectfully,
O. L. Pruden
Asst. Secretary

Genl. O. O. Howard,
U. S. Military Academy,
West Point, N.Y.

Office of the
YOUNG MEN'S
CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION,
No. 50 Clinton Street.

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Buffalo, Sept. 28 1881.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,
West Point, N. Y.
Dear Sir,

I am informed that State Sec. Hall has invited, or requested you to be present, and make an address at our Annual Meeting which occurs Tuesday evening, Oct. 11, at Trinity Church.

I wish to say that the prospect of your coming is received with

Office of the
YOUNG MEN'S
CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION,
No. 50 Clinton Street,

Buffalo Feb. 24 1883.

Rev. Mr. C. C. Hussey
Northfield Mass.

Dear Sir

We inform Mr. Stet
so that he may be at liberty
at Twenty Mr. Moody's Meeting
and Mr. Moody's Meeting
at Northfield. Yours truly
Chas. C. Hussey
Chairman

Office of
YOUNG MEN'S
CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION,
No. 50 Clinton Street.

Buffalo, ... 1881.

very great satisfaction by the officers of the Association and by all who have been informed of the matter. Permit me to urge in as strong term as I may your acceptance of Mr. Hall's invitation, assuring you that you will receive a most cordial reception. An early answer is requested.

Very truly yours,
N. J. Benedict Pres.

P.S. Of course, expenses and entertainment will be arranged for

N.J.B.

Benedict, M. G.

Buffalo, N. Y.
Sept 28, 1881.

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Elliott
Sep 28 1892

Gen O O Howard Sir
I was a member of Company C. 20th Ill
Inf infantry regiment and was hurt
while at your headquarters on the 4 of
March 1865 at Cheraw South Carolina
by being run over by a team and
wagon both passing over me disabling
me from duty ~~during the~~ up to
the time of my discharge perhaps you
will remember the team that had the
spotted horse in it it was the team that
hurt me I am at times not able to
get around from the effects of that hurt
and have always thought that I would not
bother uncle Sam for a pension but
would be glad now if I could get something
in that line and if you can conscientiously
sign this document it might be a great
help to me you are all the officer that I know
of Dr Goodbrake our Regimental physician is dead
if you can please sign it and send
it to me Joseph N Rumsey
Elliott
Ford County Ills

Elliott, Ills
Sept 28/81.

Answered Oct 17/81

Mailed

Recd. Oct 1, 1881.

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N York Sept 28

[1881]

Dear Sir

Where can we get your books.

Wisty Apache Indians

The Danforth Family

an early answer will oblige

Yours Resp

G. W. Carleton

To Gen O. O. Howard

USA

Carleton, G. W.

New York
Sept 28/81.

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1 Grant Place,
Wash. D.C.,
Sep. 28th '81.

Dear Gen:

You must bear with me. My wife has been sick, the President's death has made my duties unusual, & the weather has been very hot.

I have made pencil suggestions in your M.S. Do so in mine. I think, when

we are through, we should meet, & go over the whole book together.

I have called on Pres. Arthur, & speak as is my sense of loss in the death of Pres. Garfield, I believe his successor will do all that we have any reason or right to expect.

Love to all. Yours, J. C. B.

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Strafford, Vt. Sept. 29. 1881

Dear General:

Upon reaching home from Washington I find your favor of the 27th inst. and thank you therefor. Have not made out the Report on our hand yet but shall do so upon reaching Washington.

Mr. Boutelle of Bangor has or will make out a minority report — against "Don Carlos". His address is Bangor Me. You better write to him.

Very Sincerely yours
Justin S. Morrill

Gen. O. O. Howard
West Point
N. Y.

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Linden Hall, Northfield,
Sept. 28th, 1871.

Gen. Howard
Dear Sir,

I take the liberty to write you because I am very desirous to get the exact facts as to the use of tobacco in the Military Academy. Some few months since I was impelled to write for the N. Y. Trade a few articles on the Tobacco Problem. The desire expressed by a number that they should be issued in book form, has led me to revise & enlarge the articles. In what I say I desire to have the facts fully verified. As I make some statements about West Pt. it will be a great favor if you will be

Mind enough to give me in brief the facts; & if you have any Reports you can send me, it will add to the favor.

I am sorry that I have not now a spare copy of the Chap. speaking of West Pt. But I venture to enclose a fragment of it, with one or two of the other articles to give you their drift. Will you please return them when you reply. I shall be most grateful for any suggestions on this matter.

Yours Cordially for the Common Cause
Margaret Woods Lawrence
Rev. Edward A. Lawrence D.D.

Mansfield Sept 29 1881

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New York.
Sept 30. 1864

Brig. Gen. O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir.

Will you kindly grant me the favor of your autograph.

This valued favor will be cherished as a memento of your services to the Country and your courtesy to your

Obedient servant.

Edw. P. Holden.
P. O. Box 2646
New York.

Newyork Sept 30th 1881

Dear Otis

your letter of introduction to Genl Grant came to hand last night many thanks for the same. It was an excellent one and I think will help me materially. The Genl is reported to be in Utica at present. I shall present it on his return. My friends are getting up a strong petition for me here. If anything favorable turns up I will drop you a line. With kind regards to Mrs H & family

Sincerely yours
Epes Sargent

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Department of the Interior.
PENSION OFFICE.

Washington, D.C. 30 Sept, 1881.

Sir:

Will you have the kindness to send me a copy of the West Point Academy Register.

Very respectfully
E. D. Harrington.

Gen O. O. Howard.
West Point Academy.
West Point.
N.Y.

Harrington, D.C.

Washington, D.C.
Sept 30, 1881.

Answered Oct 1-81
Regular sent

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