Dotha Feb.,
Oct. 16, 1881.

Mrs. A. Villard begs to say
to Gen. Howard, that Mr.
Villard is in Oregon, but
she hopes that you will
come here with your boy to
visit the boys here. Send
word what day you will
come and the carriage
will meet you at the
depot.
War Department,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

My dear Sir: Howard:

Your note of Sept. 26th, no doubt reached me when I was on the dilapidated air balloon, and I have forgotten whether or not I can remember it; if not, it is now too late to do so. Since I wrote to say that I was
to constantly employed that service
I had no time to do so

Sincerely yours

Frederick

Capt. Field
Dear General: I have hastened the following:

[Signature]

Washington, D.C., Oct. 17, 1881

[Signature]

This is an urgent request for a copy of the letter of Oct. 18, 1881, to the War Department. The enclosed letter, as well as the other letters, are sent to you for your information. Enclosed is the same letter to you hereunto.

General Dunn
War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, Oct 18th, 1880.

Hon. S. D. Lindsey, M. C.,
Norridgewock, Me.,

Sir: Referring to your letter of the 27th ultimo, to the Secretary of War, inquiring whether the son of an officer of the Army is eligible for appointment to West Point from a district in which the father resided prior to entering the army, I have the honor to inform you it is usual with this Department to accept as based on legal evidence the nominations of Members of Congress.

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I am, sir,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) A. J. Drum,

Adjutant General.
War Department,
Adjutant General's Office
Washington, Oct. 18, 1850.
Hon. O. D. Lindsay, M.C.
Ferdigwood, Ill.

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Very Respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant,

(Handwritten)

C. O. Drum,
Adjutant General.

[Signature]

Assistant Adjutant General.

[Handwritten notes on the bottom right corner]
Mitchell, Rev. S.S.

Buffalo, N.Y.
Oct. 17, 1881.

Oct. 19, 1881.

My Dear General—

Through the solicitation of some of my friends I have allowed my name to be remembered for the Chaplaincy of West Point—promising if appointed to visit you, and gratify the matter of consultation.

I found this word to you that if you remember me, and feirn that I am any better stuff than Chaplain, usually armadillo, you may know this

Oct. 19, 1881.
opportunity of furthering the 'good cause'.

In some accounts, due to this distance, the place presents some allure, but on the other hand there will, no doubt, be many obstacles. Difficulties in the way. Among them already stands the one of salary. Having been for many years receiving double what is allowed the Adjutant at West Point. Having found that it made it all, I do not at present see any way clear to gain what help is.

This being not about my children before they are hatched, is given myself.

trouble over a position which has not yet been offered me. After leaving Washington, I supplied a church in Brooklyn until my health was re-established. When I came here, when I am very well and healthy.

Congratulations to the Country and West Point. That the call is for not only an able officer, but also a Christian gentleman and friend to the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

S. S. Mitchell
To Mrs. D. B. S. T. E. J. D.

We shall arrive in 2 or 3 days. We have not had the pleasure of meeting you yet. Mrs. D. B. S. T. E. J. D.

With all my love to Miss D. B. S. T. E. J. D.

Yours truly,

E. J. D. S. T. E. J. D. S. T. E. J. D.
had been harder to
him than if he had
not inflicted the in-
jury with his own
hand, or rather if it
had not been done
as he says, owing to his
own carelessness. The
accident happened a
bout four weeks ago to
today he is barely for
the first time having slept
most of the time. He is usu-
ally upon his bed. He is
spending a day or two
with a friend in Phila-
delphia.
Oct. 18, 1881

Dear Sir:—

The enclosed letter appeared on the second page of The Times of yesterday (Monday). Its publication was delayed so long that I feared it might escape your notice, and I therefore forward it in this form.

Yours,

John...bar...d.

Genl. O. O. Howard
West Point, N.Y.
Washington
Oct 28, 1881.
Dear Sir,

May we not hope to have an article from your pen which can be read at some Quarterly Meeting and perhaps afterwards published? Anything of yours read before the Institute would be your property to be published by you in any Quarterly or Monthly to which you contribute. You would have the advantage of any criticism it might elicit: the Institute the advantage of hearing the paper, and the periodical the advantage of the interest created by your article. Whenever we have funds and an article appear exceptionally calculated to inform the general public the Institute...
sition to publish it unless the
author prefers another mode
of giving it to the public.

Very Respectfully yours,

Charles F. Alleman

[Signature]

18 Oct 00

[Signature]

18 Oct 00
Custom House, New York,
COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

Oct 19, 1881.

My dear General,

Your note was duly received. The may return to-morrow evening.
I will send you pass as requested.

Truly yours,

J. B. McElvain

To

O. H. Howard
Mayor Bank U.S.A.
West Point, N.Y.
Oct. 19, 1881,

Dear Girl

yours received with
enclosure, many
thanks. Your remarks
on the financial
part are noted, it
will be respected.
The youngster you
inquire about is
doing nicely.

Very truly,

J.B. Smith
Genl. O.O. Howard
U.S.A.
Military Academy
West Point
New York
Fry, J. 18.

New York
Oct 20, 1881.

30 East 63rd Street
New York City, Oct 20th, 1881

Dear Mr. Smith,

Thank you for your kind letter of yesterday concerning my little book "Army Sacrifice." When I prepared it the Army was passing through one of its periods of apparent unpopularity, a lack of approval. A good deal of unkindly legislation was talked of and some of our people were willing to accept bad measures to avoid the worse. More over, the uses of the direct argument were used, and I thought there might be supplemented by an indirect argument such as the true account in the little book afforded. Whether my effort accomplished anything in that direction, I cannot say, but
the Army escaped and we have floated along in good order a good order ever since. I am sure you know that is one thing that preparing the account in the book impressed me deeply with the daring the endurance and the suffering of the Army as measured with the severity of its enemies for approbation. I would be glad to have you read the preface to the book if you have not done so. You talk about personal work. At the close of the war I made what I called a 'Final Report' of the operations of the Parrott Manned Generals' Report. It was published in two volumes. As parts 3 and 4 of Message and Documents, War Department 1865-66. You will find it in the Post Office Library and quite sure but if not I shall be pleased to send my copy to you. My own report is three vol. even but a thousand pages. I made a dissertation of them hundred pages, covering only 5 pages and put the Saturday at the beginning so that the reader may have the pleasure of the larger shore as he pleases. I wish you could find time to read the 100 pages. I stand on that Report so far as the Provost Marshall General's later work. You seem enough about unpromising Bureau and the misrepresentations and tricks connected with them to understand what I had to contend with. I do not complain only mention this a fact in the case.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours very truly,

[Signature]

[Address]

[Name]
Philadelphia, Oct. 20, 1881

Dear General:

I hardly know how to answer your inquiry in respect to Robt. A. Balloch, because I do not know enough of him. He was with Seth A. Terry in the last years of Terry's building and real estate experience, in which some very crooked things were done in Balloch's name. I understand he says that they were Terry's transaction and that he knew nothing of the fund but he got the money, and has not refunded it. I presume, because he was unable to. I doubt if it would strike your friends pleasantly to see your name
On his card, and still for my thing, I know, its use might help a deserving man to get business.

I am spending a good deal of my time in looking after home matters in New York, lodging at the Hoffman House, from which I return in the morning. Have thought several times of dropping up to West Point one train some day, but have not as yet gone so far away from here.

W. Smith

1881 Oct 7

Washington
Columbus, O., October 20, 1881

Dear Sir:

I am writing the History of the Colored People in America, From 1620 to 1880; Negroes as Slaves, as Soldiers and as Citizens. I would feel myself under many obligations for any information you may be able to give upon the following subjects:

1. Have you any documents upon the reconstruction of your State after the war, and the Provisional Military Government preceding reconstruction?

2. Have you the printed journal or minutes of the convention that framed the new constitution of your State, when it came back into the Union?

3. Can you furnish me with the school reports of your State since the war?

4. Can you furnish me with the minutes of any Colored Church organization—any statistics as to the number of colored communicants in the Methodist and Baptist Churches; number of clergymen; number of church edifices and their value?

5. Can you let me have the number of schools, pupils and teachers among the colored people in your State?

6. As to the subject of vital statistics, what is your opinion—is the Negro dying out?

7. As to prison statistics—is the negro generically a criminal, or an accidental convict? Give me all the information you can about the prison system in your State, and send me reports of the superintendent of your prisons.

8. What progress has the colored people of your State made in the accumulation of capital? Are they industrious and frugal; and what amount of tax do they pay upon personal and real property, and how much do they own?

9. Do you know of any colored artisans and skilled mechanics, how many of them, and do they merit special mention?

10. What was the cause or causes of the exodus in your State, and what was its extent? and what influences has it had in allaying racial asperities?

11. What is the social condition of the Negro in your State, and what is the outlook for him?

12. Any documents loaned will be carefully handled and safely returned free of the cost of expressage, postage, etc., etc.

An early and specific reply will be gratefully received.

Fraternally Yours,

GEO. W. WILLIAMS.