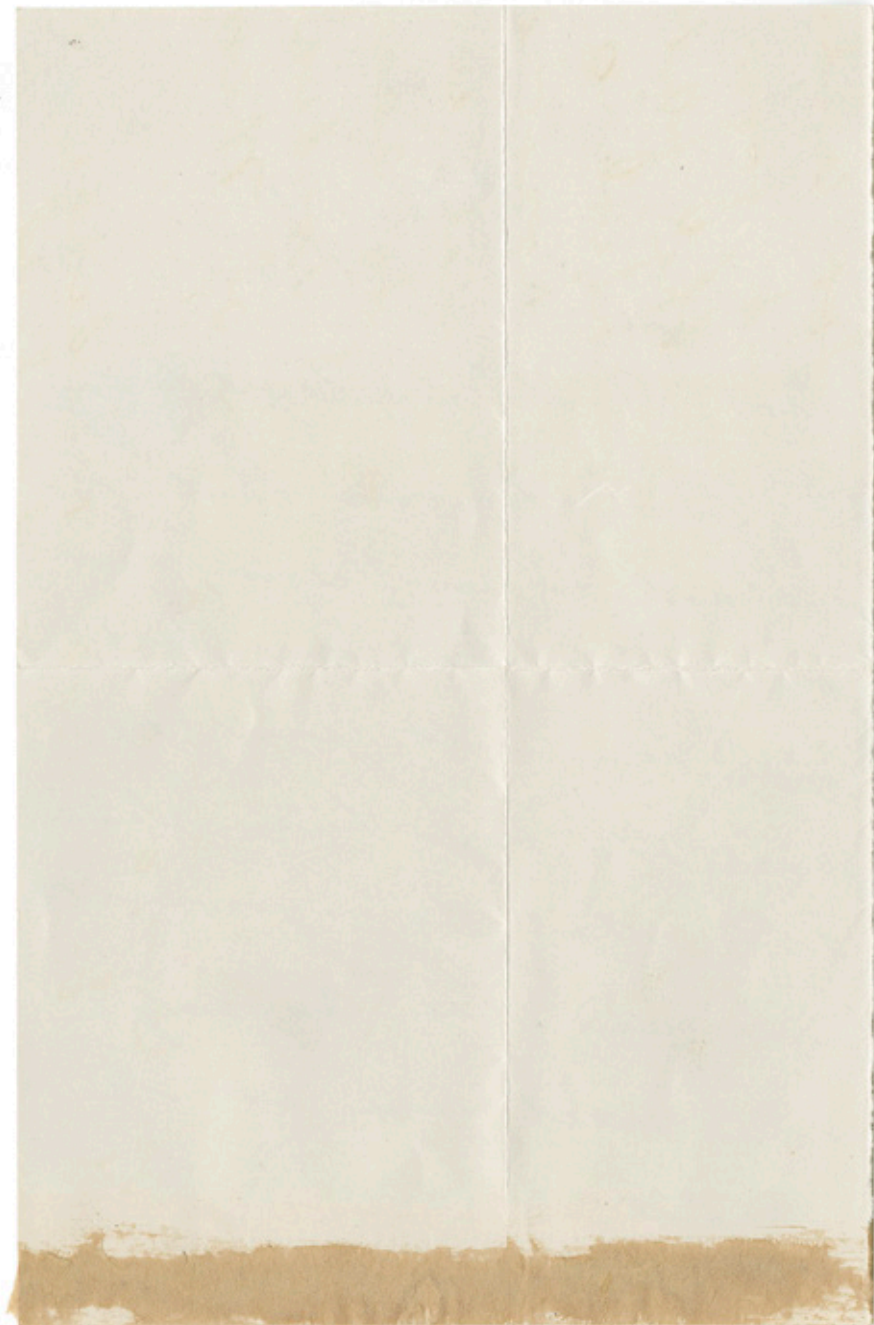


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Dobbs Ferry,
Oct. 16, 1881.

Mrs. H. 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,

Washington, Oct. 16, 1881.

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My Dear Gen. Howard:

Your note of
Sept. 20, no doubt reached me when
I was overwhelmed in business, and
I have forgotten whether or not I re-
sponded to it. If not, it is now too late
to do so, and I write to say that I was

so constantly employed that recently
I had no time to do so.

Travelling from

Lebanon
Capt. Will

Candidati-

In haste
Very truly yours

J. H. Gilman
Gen. O. O. Howard

W. G. Lamm

W. W. Bourne

Col. J. H. Gilman

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Washington D. C.,
Oct. 17, 1881

Dear General: I went
over to the War Dept.
this Am., & obtained for
you from Genl. Drum,
a copy of his letter,
of Oct 18th of last year,
in reference to the
appointment, as Cadet,
of Officers Sons from
the Father's Old District -
& enclose the same
to you herewith -
General Drum

Others were busy
getting ready to
start for Yorktown
to day. - & I see
that the copy was
not made official,
but I presume
that it will make
no difference -
for your purpose -
I told Genl.

Drum that it was
for you. As you
had a son, whom
you hoped to have
appointed prior
your old Dist -
He ordered the
copy made, &

in the hurry, I suppose,
omitted to make
it official or did not
think it necessary.
Nearly every official
(Army) here has gone
off to Yorktown to
day - but, if true as
how there & dusty as
is represented, I
don't envy them -

Nothing new here.
Reminders of Meigs
& Mc Donnell's retirement
bring about the only
Army talk just
now -

Hope your son will
be the successful

(Copy.)

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War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, Oct 18th, 1880.

Hon. S. D. Lindsey M. L.,
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.

The legal residence of a minor is that of the parent,

and as Officers of the Army usually retain as their legal residence the place from which they were originally appointed to the Military service, I would suppose that if the person referred to is the son of an officer, whose legal residence is in your district, notwithstanding he is absent on government duty, he can properly be nominated.

I am, Sir,

Very respectfully,
(Your obedient servant,
(Signed) R. L. Drum,
Adjutant General.

(Copy)

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I am, Sir,
Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant,
(Signed) P. C. Drum,
Adjutant General.

A true copy of War Dept. Copy.

J. H. Allen
Acting Assistant Adjutant General

Mitchell, Rev. S. S.

Buffalo, N. Y.
Oct 17. 1881.

Answered by the Genl
Oct 19/81

Reed Oct 18. 1881

Stoman St
Buffalo.

Oct 17. 1881.

My Dear General -

Through the solicita-
tions of some of my friends I
have allowed my name to be
mentioned for the 'Chaplaincy'
of West Pt - promising if I was
appointed to visit you, and
give the matter your considera-
tion. I send this word to you
that if you remember, and
beir that I am any better
stuff than Chaplains usually
are made of, you may have the

opportunity of furthering the
'good cause'.

On some accounts, seen at
this distance, the place presents
some attractions - but on the
other hand there will, no doubt
be many ~~objections~~ difficulties
in the way. Among these already
stands the one of salary. Having
now for many years received double
that which is allowed the Professor
at West Point. Having found that I
needed it all - I do not at
present see my way clear to going
up a half of it.

I like to see not "sow my chickens
before they are hatched," or grow 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, where I am very
pleasantly situated.

Congratulating the country to
West Point. that the latter
has now not only an abt officer
but also a Christian gentleman an
fit to Commandant.

I am very truly yours
S. S. Mitchell

carefully & says it has
done as he desired from
the beginning. It is not
yet wholly healed, but
we hope he will be
able to stand upon
it in 2 or 3 weeks. He
desires much love to Mrs
H. & yourself & says he
should like to preach to
your boys & hopes he
may be able to do so at
some future time. We
enjoy thinking of you &
your family, as near us,
& hope to see you some
time here & a full

We shall do all
we can. ~~But~~
Mrs. & Miss S. have
all ready seen
the latter was
very much pleased
with her & her
pleasure. Out of
her of which I have
all. Mrs. H. &
Mrs. H. & Miss W.
was very grateful for
your kind note &
the expressions of sym-
pathy it contained. His
wound has been very
painful & the confine-
ment it made necessary
very tedious &
trying. And all this

with a hand hammer on a fly mouth,
nail. & had taken a gun to shoot
pigeons & discharged one barrel, & while
he was waiting for another bird, the
gun discharged the other barrel into
his ^{throat} ~~throat~~, upon which for the moment
he had retired it. The second one
was blown off ~~a~~ a bad, & a good wound
was made. He has an excellent sur-
geon, who has watched his foot every

has been harder on
him than if he had
not inflicted the in-
jury with his own
hand, or rather if it
had not been ~~from~~,
as he says, owing to his
own carelessness. The
accident happened a-
bout five weeks ago & to-
day he is dressed for the
first time, having spent
most of the time previous-
ly upon his bed. He was
spending a day or two

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October 18, 1881.

Yorktown

[Oct 18, 1881]

YORKTOWN CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The pleasure of your company is requested at the ceremonies to be held at Yorktown.

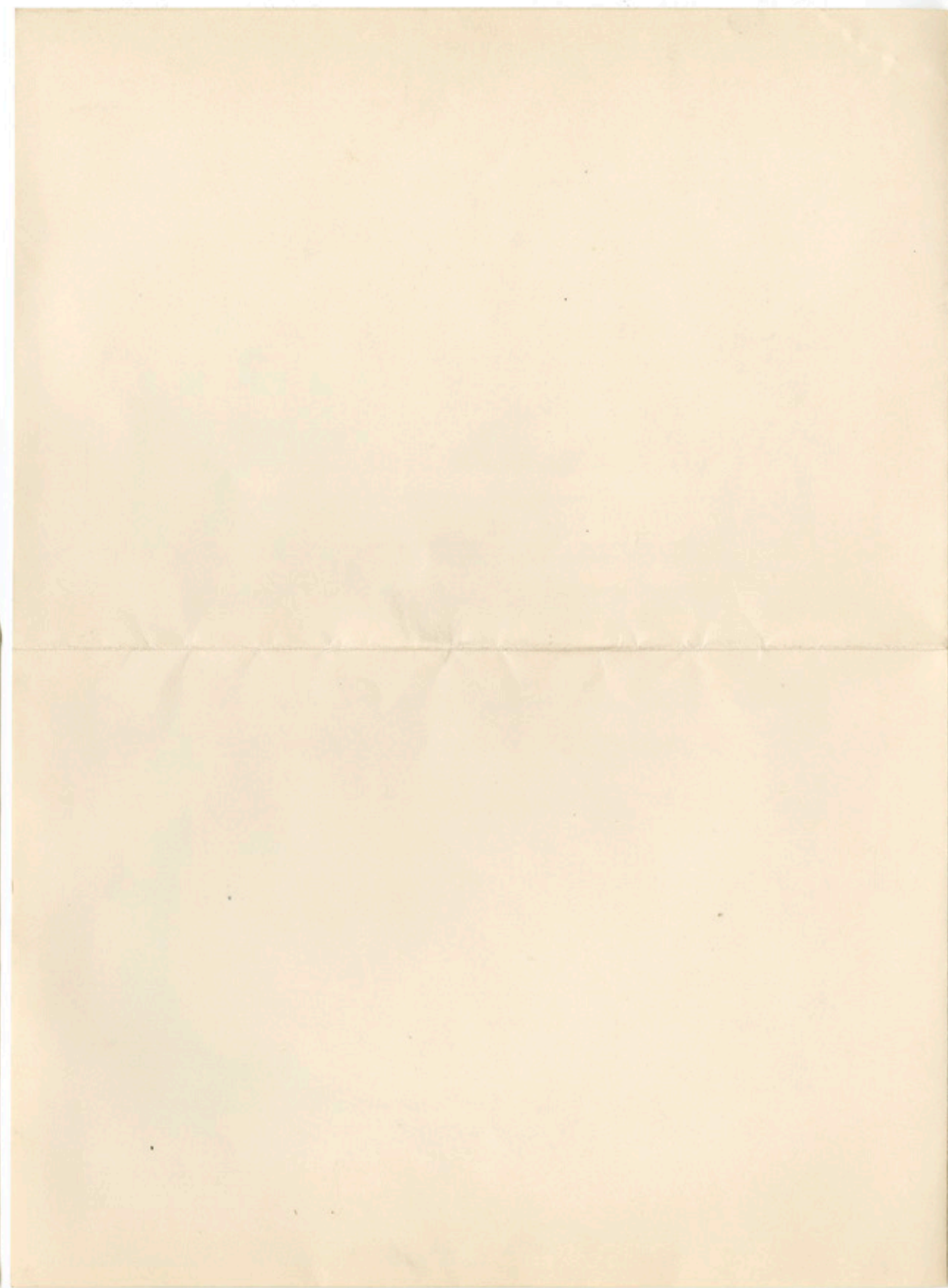
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The New York Times
WASHINGTON BUREAU.

Oct. 18, 1881.

Dear Sir:-

The inclosed 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 M. Carson.

Genl. O. O. Howard
West Point
N.Y.

Carson, J. M.
New York Times

Washington
Oct 18, 1881.

Direct

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Oct. 18th 1881

Dear Sir

May we not hope to have an article from your pen which can be read at some Monthly Meeting and perhaps afterwards published? Any thing 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 bearing the paper, and the periodical the advantage of the interest created by your article. Whenever we have funds and an article appears exceptionally calculated to inform the general public the Institute

intends to publish it - unless the
author prefer another mode
of giving it to the public

Very Respectfully Yours

Charles F. Adams

Received by the Post
Oct 20/81.

New York
Oct 20/81.

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Custom House, New York,

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

Oct 19, 1881.

My Dear General

Your note was
duly received - On my
return ^{home} to morrow evening.
I will send you pass as
requested.

Truly Yours

H. W. Belcher

To

C. O. Howard

Major Genl U.S.A.

West Point
N.Y.

Pelcher, H. W.

New-York
Oct 19. 1881.

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F. H. Smith & Son,

515 7th Street, N. W.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Oct. 19, 1881.

Dear Genl
yours need with
enclosure, many
thanks. Your remarks
on the financial
part are noted, &
will be respected.

The youngster you
inquire about is
doing nicely

Very truly

F. B. Smith

Source referred to 7/14/83, has been forwarded to him



THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE-THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Genl. O. O. Howard U. S. A
Military Academy
West Point
New York

Fry, J. B.

New York
Oct 20, 1881.

30 East 63^d Street
New York City Oct. 20th 1881

Dear General

I thank you for your kind letter
of yesterday concerning my little book
"Army Sacrifices". When I prepared it the
army was passing through one of its periods
of apparent unpopularity, or lack of appre-
-ciation. A good deal of unsympathetic legislation
was talked of and some of our own people
were willing to accept bad measures
to avoid the risk of more war. We used all
the direct arguments we could, and
I thought there might be supplemented
by an indirect argument such as the
true accounts in the little book afford.
Whether my effort accomplished anything
in that direction, I cannot say, but

the Army escaped and we have
floated along in good order &
good odor ever since. I am sure
of one thing, that is that preparing the
accounts in the book impressed me deeply
with the daring the endurance and the
sufferings of the army as well as with
the modesty of its Claims for appreciation.
I would be glad to have you read the
preface to the book if you have not
done so. You ask about Pro. ^{W. G. F.} work.
At the close of the war I made what I
called a "Final Report" of the operations
of the Provost Marshal General's ^{Bureau} Dept.
It was published in two volumes as
parts 3 and 4 of "Messages and
Documents, War Department 1865-66".
You will find it in the West Point Library
I am quite sure but if not I shall be
pleased to send my copy to you. My own
Report in these vols. covers only a hundred
pages. I made a summary of these

hundred pages, covering only 5
pages and put the summary at
the beginning, so that the reader may
take the smaller or the larger dose as
he pleases. I wish you could find time
to read the 100 pages. I stand on that
Report so far as the Provost Marshal
General's claim went. You know enough
about unpopular Bureaux and the
misrepresentations and tricks connected
with them to understand what I had
to contend with. I do not complain, I
only mention things as a fact in the case.
With best wishes

I am yours very truly
Richard B. Fry

Greene S. D. Howard
West Point
N.Y.



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 fraud; 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 any
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
some matters in New York, stopping
at the Hoffman House, to which
I return in the morning. Have
thought several times, of
dropping up to West Point over
one train some day, but
have not as yet gone so
far away from home
Yours
J. H. Smith

Philadelphia
Oct 20, 1881.

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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.

W.D.

Columbus, O.

Oct 20, 1881.

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Recd Oct 24, 1881.