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Prof. Smeed's Compliments
And would like the
Smeed's permission to
visit the City tomorrow

Smeed
Not ✓ 13th

1881

answered
yes -
yesterday
date

[Faint, illegible handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page. The text is mirrored and difficult to decipher.]



Chatt Field Co Ill

NOV
Nov 13 1881

Brig General Howard Dear Sir
I was employed by Quartermaster Blake under General McPherson and Blake was removed by Lieutenant John Mills I was not in any Hospital after I was hurt while in service but was treated by the Surgeon at your Headquarters I dont remember his name but think it was Brarby when the army reached Goldsburg I was convalescent and still stayed at Headquarters until I was discharged if you can please give me the address of Mills or the Surgeon at your Headquarters while on that campaign and Obdize

Yours Respectfully
Joseph W. Puntersing

Purtnuey, J. N.

Elliott, M.

Nov 13. 1881.

Attendant to.

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Recd Nov 17/81.

We have now begun our last
six months here. Have you
begun to make any definite
plans as to where you wish
to go abroad & how long it
will be possible for you to
stay? I finish here May 1st &
then the custom is to give the
officers relieved a month's delay
before requiring them to report
at their stations. This of course
is immaterial to me unless it
can be used to keep me from being
put on half pay if I have to go
on leave to go with you & remain
longer than the time due me. I
shall go home Christmas for a few
days. Grace has just sent me a
picture of her baby who in
the photograph seems to take a very
serious view of life. Much love
to all the family
Affectionately yours son
Henry

Fort Monroe Va.

13 Nov 1881 31
Nov.

Dear father

I have just read Gen.
Sherman's report and am
glad he refers so pointedly
to the Board of Visitors report
though I regret that he goes
out of his way to clear
at the Engineers, even though
there is a great deal of truth in
what he says; for during the
war no Engineer that I
remember made a good
aggressive General. Mother
did not write when she
was going to Maine but I
imagine she has gone by
this time. I hope Henry
succeeds very well with his

examination. Mother wrote
of a conversation between you
and Major Farley from which
she advises me to think no more
about the Ordnance & not to try
again. After the appointment
was made to the vacancy ~~to~~ which
existed at the time of my examination
I have thought no more about it.
At the time I went before the Board
I thought I would be as desirable
an officer as any that was then
ordered, to that corps & that the
examination under the law was
to be "as to fitness" & not competitive.
I think the Board reported first
as to fitness only & at least two members
did not wish to recommend anyone
by name. The papers were returned
^{the papers of} Mr. Medcalf's examination, ~~papers~~
^{were sent to it} previously held, & he was recommended.
I do not think the appointment
within the two years study it
would be necessary for me to

undergo to review all studies
of my life to make me certain
in a competitive examination
with competitors more recently
from school & who have
continually worked for this
end. I can find much more
useful employment for
my time on new studies which
will be useful to me in any
position in which I may be
placed. At that time, as now,
an Ordnance appointment to me
was only the promotion of one
grade - I did not particularly
desire the work. I wrote of it
now to correct the impression
Mother gave that you thought
I still sought after a probably
unattainable end. It at the time
merely appeared possible & I did not
wish to lose any possibility of advancement
by the lack of trying on my part.

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Chicago, Ills. Nov 14 1871

Gen. O. O. Howard,

West Point, N. Y.,

Hon Sir:

I am very
desirous of obtaining your autograph.
If it will not trouble you too much,
please put it upon enclosed card and
greatly oblige,

Yours Respy,

J. M. Bailey W.

Bailey, J. M.

Chicago, Ill.
Nov-14/81.

Autograph sent Nov 17/81.

Recd. Nov-16/81.

Rockport Mass
Nov 14/81 36

Please send me
Lizzies address &
obliged
A B. Howard

Answered Nov 16/81



Nothing But

Mr. O. C. Howard
West Point
N.Y.

Churen, E. F.

Bangor, Me
Nov 15, 1881.

Answered by the Genl.
Nov 17, 1881.

Recd Nov 17/81

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Bangor Nov. 15. 81

My Dear Sir

I have various volumes & pamphlets (see slip enclosed) which I would be glad to keep for reference, but necessity compels me to dispose of them. They would be valuable to the Maine Historical Society, and it is proposed that some or all of these be purchased, and donated to that Society.

Each donor or holder of \$5. or more, to be recognized on their Books.

This will accomplish at least two objects, - the enlargement of their Library & Material, to which also the public could have access, - and the carrying out of a plan which has been suggested, providing some remuneration for whatever service the undersigned may have rendered in the preparation of the History of the Churches of Maine 1672 - 1847 & published in '47, and the subsequent

2000 Newspapers relating to the Civil War.
 266 Pictorials (Harper's and Leslie's) Civil War.
 25 Maps and Reports, Civil War.
 A set of Missionary Heralds, 76 vols
 25 or more vols., Reports of various Societies.
 500 separate Reports, Pamphlets, different Socs.
 600 Minutes of State Conferences, &c., 25 years.
 (All the States which publish Minutes and Rep's.)
 100 Almanacs, different years.
 500 Sermons, Addresses, Orations, &c.
 200 College Catalogues, different years,
 Sets Minutes General Conference of Maine.
 Sets Maine Missionary Sermons and Reports.
 10 vols. Catalogues of Public Libraries.
 Maine Registers, different years.
 30 years, whole or in part, Christian Mirror.
 5 years Congregationalist.
 10 years Advance, and parts of other years.
 4 years National Era.
 9 years Independent.
 6 years Bangor Mercury. Some bound.
 4 vols. Library World.
 20 vols. Congregational Quarterly.
 200 Miscellaneous Volumes.
 Manuscripts, Histories, and various documents,
 that are wanted for an Historical Society's Library.

year published in the Semi. cen.
 tennial year, 1876.; and also the
 Annual Minutes for the last 27 yrs.

Sums forwarded to me,
 will be acknowledged, entered upon
 the Record, and reported to the
 Society.

I have forwarded to you
 yearly the Minute of Maine, which
 I hope you have received. I
 supposed you would be interested
 in referring to them. The last
 1881, was sent last Sep.

Yrs. Very respectfully

Geo. O. Howard

E. F. Duran

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249 West 113rd St. N.Y. City.

Nov. 15th 1881 -

Genl O. O. Howard,

West-Point. N. Y.

My Dear General -

Your very kind
reply of the 9th inst. was duly recd
and heartily appreciated -

I write you again to explain
more fully our plans -

The grand meeting of that
day will be in the evening, when
you are expected to address us on
the subject of Missions and the
S. School bring in their report of
monies raised for that purpose -

We will expect you, at some time
you may name; on Saturday and
meet you at Depot or Landing as
you may direct. On Sabbath
morning, you may desire to visit
some church in N.Y. or Brooklyn

when a conveyance will be at
your disposal -

On Sabbath P. M. at supper
I hope to get Capt. Richardson to
sup with us, when you will have
an opportunity to see him alone
on behalf of your mission -

I will write him this A. M.

Please write me freely
your wishes relative to the whole
plan and the time and place we
can meet you on Saturday -

Trusting that all will result
to the glory of our God, I remain

Sincerely, Yours in Christ,

W. H. Mickle.

Pastor 43^d S^t. M. E. Church N. Y. City

Rockport Mass
Nov. 18. 1881

I write to Lizzie
at Leeds today
writing her to
I hope to see her at
Heeler's request.

Heeler & Child-
ren will be
home Friday.
Will Chance come
back with his
mother? Will
write Johnny by
bye.

Affs
Roland

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POSTAL CARD.



NOTHING BUT THE



O. O. Howard
West Point
N.Y.

Personal

Newport Ry Nov 17/81

My Dear old Corps Commander

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The 23rd

Regt Ry. Vol. Infy. who served in your com-
-and in Harker's Brigade, Wood's Division
from Chattanooga to the vicinity of Atlanta
when you were assigned to take command
of the Army of the Tennessee, are about to
have a reunion commemorating the Battle
of Mission Ridge Nov 25-1863. in which
they played a conspicuous part. we would
like very much to have your presence on
that occasion, please inform me if you
can attend. if not, write a letter to be
read at that meeting of veterans, whose
route from the Ohio River to the Rio
Grande are marked by their graves, they
having been mustered out at Victoria Texas
while serving under Gen Sheridan in the
Dept of the Gulf in Dec 1865. The exercises
will consist of a Camp fire, Army fare, cooked
in Army style, reminiscences, songs, stories, &c
I have the honor to be Respectfully yours.

R. Townsend. Newport Ry.

Townsend, P.

Newport, R.I.

Nov 17. 1881.

Answered by the Genl
Nov 21. 1881-

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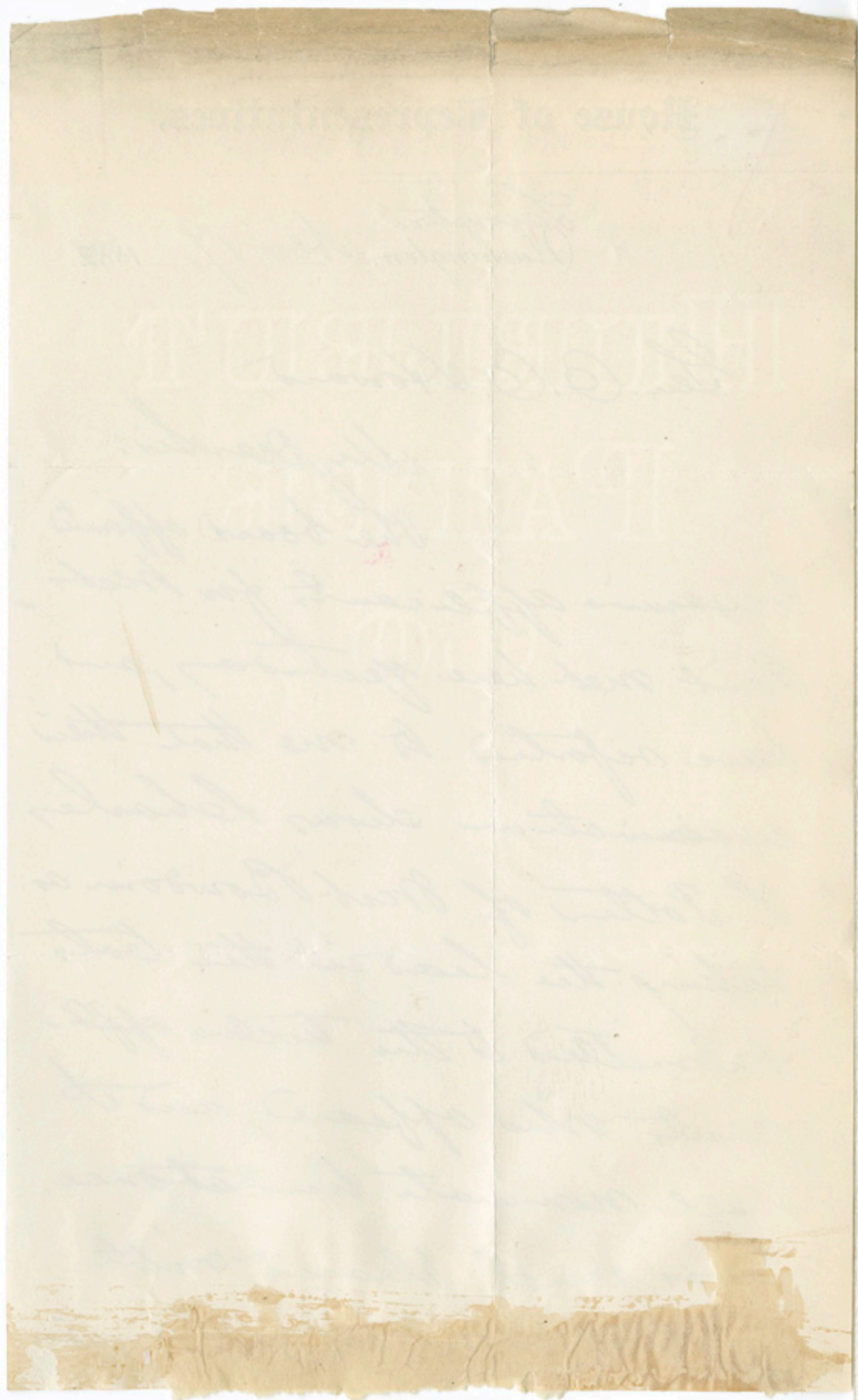
House of Representatives.

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Leviston
Washington, Nov 17, 1882.

Gen. C. C. Howard,

My Dear Sir:

The board appointed
to examine applicants for West-
Point met here yesterday, and
have reported to me that their
examination shows Charles
L Potter of West Bowdoin as
taking the lead in the tests
submitted to the twelve appli-
cants who appeared; and I
shall nominate him at once.
I was much pleased with
the appearance of your son, and



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the board inform me that his
examination was excellent, Al-
though not able to nominate
him from this district, yet
it would give me much
pleasure to recommend him
to Pres Arthur for appointment
as Cadet at large, if agree-
able to your own feelings.

Very Truly Yours,
Alson Dingley Jr.

E Dingley, N. Jr.

Lewistown, Me.
Nov 17. 1881.

Answered by the Genl
Nov 19. 1881

Recd. Nov 19. 1881

Answered Nov 18/81.
by H. G. Paul.

O. O. Howard

Ceremony

At Home

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U.S. PATENT OFFICE

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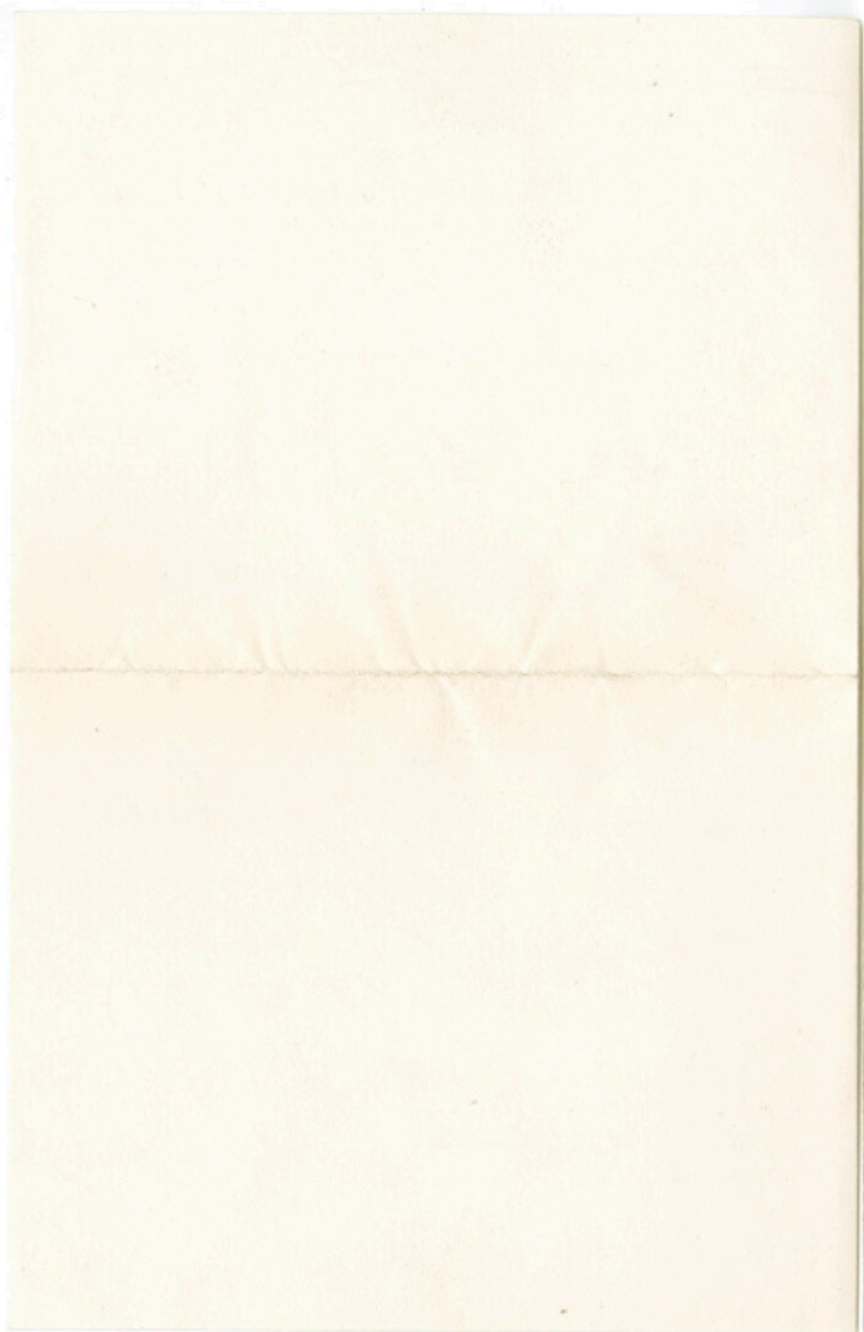
Feb-Nov. 17, 1887

Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Reed,

Request the pleasure of your
presence at the Wedding
Reception of their daughter
Mary and Lieut. Frank A.
Edwards, U. S. A.

Thursd'y Nov. 17th

From 1 to 3 o'clk.



Oliver H. Gooding,

Attorney and Counselor at Law,

419 Olive Street, Room 30.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 18, 1881.

Dear General:

I have written
a New National Anthem, entitled
America, which I hope will meet
your approval. Being a graduate
of West Point I would like very much
to see it become a favorite there.
If you will help it to become
so you will thereby confer a favor
on an old friend. I will send you
a copy of the Song & Music.

Truly Yours,
O. H. Gooding

Cordway, O. N.

St. Louis, Mo
Nov 18. 1881.

Recd Nov 21. 1881.

OFFICE OF

~~JOHN A. DAVIS,~~

528 CALIFORNIA STREET,

ROOM 6.

Martin, W.

San Francisco, Nov 18, 1881

My dear Cousin

Your very welcome letter, to Dora, came duly to hand, and we were all glad to hear so good account of you and yours.

We see occasionally pleasant notice of you in the paper & hear of you from others, but have no particulars -

I have waited for Dora to write you, intending to add a few lines to hers, but her time is so taken up it has been next to impossible for her to write letters, of which I will tell you later -

In regard to the Scoffings, I should say they were not the people to be introduced into your Circle of friends at West Point -

The father & husband, P. M. Scoffey, came here from New Orleans in 1849; he was at one time an Auctioneer - The last years of his life was engaged in the Mexican Oyster trade & in that made money - At one time they lived near us, but think few neighbors visit them -

Dora attended the art school in the Spring and Summer (3 Mo^s) and during her vacation gave lessons in painting - before the vacation was over she made an engagement to go the Decorative art Society rooms to do some drawing &c for them - the result has been she has all of their drawing to do and they take up all of her time - Olie is at Casper, Mendocino Co, in a store - very happy & doing well - last week we rented our house in Brooklyn furnished & have taken rooms at 1824 Sutter St, S. F., where we are pleasantly situated - It has been a hard summer here for me, till last week

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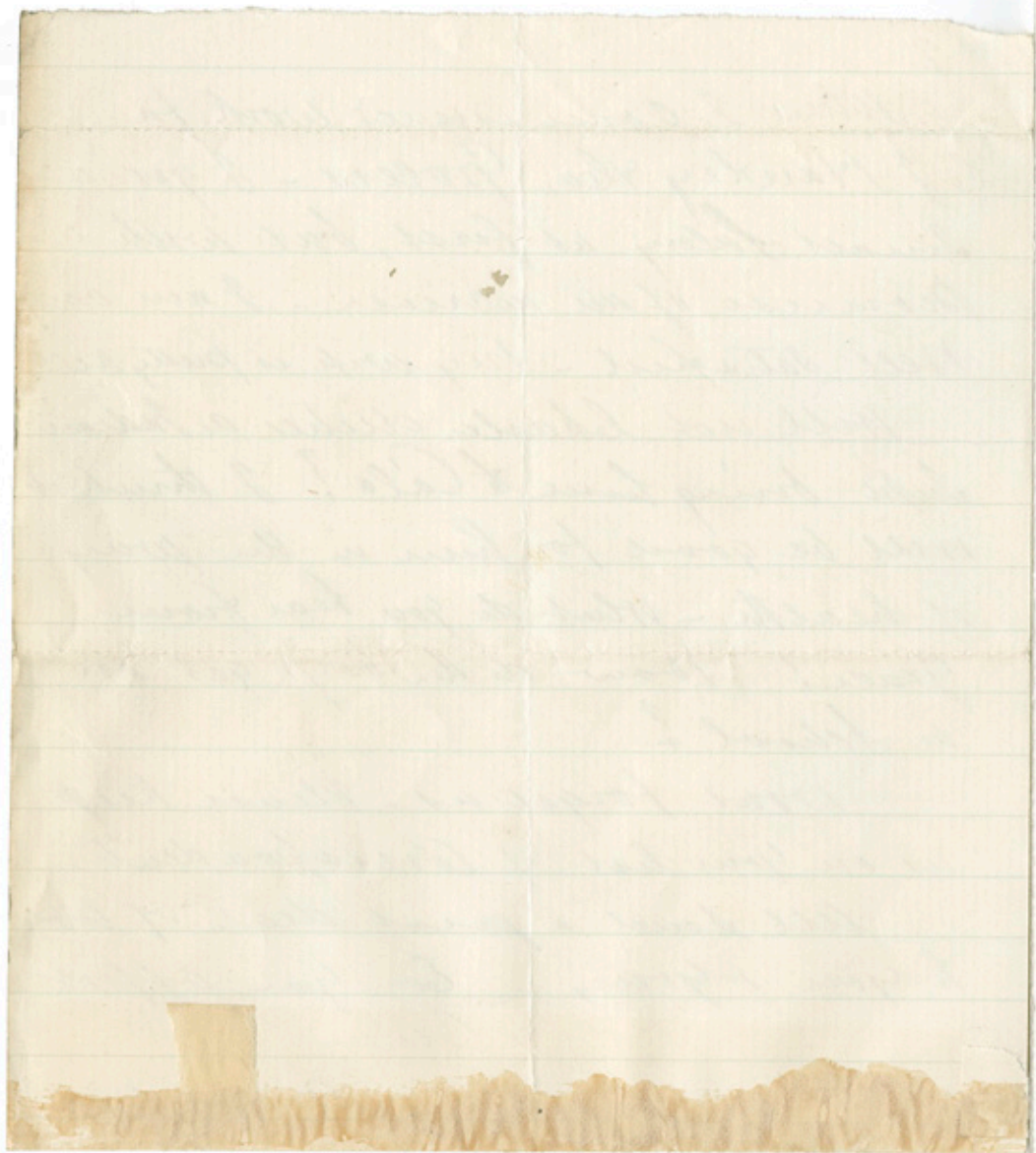
When I commenced work for
C. J. Hawley & Co., Grocers - I get a
small salary at first, but with a
promise of an increase - I am very
well satisfied - My wife is pretty well -

Will not Charley desire a Indian
Supr bring him to Cal? I think it
will be good for him in the way
of health - What do you hear from
Grace? How do the boys get on
in School?

Don't forget us - Please keep
us on your list of Correspondent.

All send a great deal of love
to you & yours - Even your affection
Cousin

A. Martin



Address to
Station A Post Office.

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Pay Department, U. S. Army,

New York City, November 18th, 1881.

General O. O. Howard,

U. S. Army,

West Point, N.Y.

General:

I have this day sent check for your
November pay, \$458 $\frac{33}{100}$, to the Cashier of the Leather
Manufacturers Bank, 29 Wall Street, New York
as requested in your note of the 16th instant
to Colonel C. F. Larned.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Wm. J. Sprague

Paymaster U. S. Army.

Of Col Larned & Dickson
Of Col Potter is absent. Yours
to "Old Point Comfort"

Yours truly
W. J. S.

Chicago, C. D.
May 8. 1881.

New York City
Nov 18. 1881.

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Recd. Nov 19. 1881.

4 p.m. Friday.
S.C. Beptol.

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Rule strictly enforced
regarding signature of
ticket in the presence
of the ticket vendor
in New York. Letter
of the law requires
no deviation made.
Be careful that the
same signature is
made at the end of
the route within the
specified time. Sorry
that you are forced to
make so wasteful a
journey.

LG

P.B.

Bigelow, R. Nov-18/81.

NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS CAN BE



For

M.