

Howard, L.H.

Fort Monroe  
Nov 27, 1881.

Answered by the Genl Nov 29/81.

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Fort Monroe Va  
Nov. 27. 1881.

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Dear father

I can let you have  
the three hundred dollars without  
any difficulty. How soon  
do you wish the money? I  
only need time to draw my pay  
for this month to send you \$150.  
and at the end of a week will  
have the other half. We have  
had two very cold days but  
it is pleasant again. When  
did mother & Leancy return  
from Maine & when is the  
result of the examination, if  
Leancy was permitted to enter,  
to be heard from? I read this morning  
Colonel Layell's letter to General  
Sherman on what he thinks  
necessary tactical changes. It is  
a part of the subject which has



been assigned to me as the  
subject of my essay and upon  
the study of which I find it  
necessary to spend the greater  
part of my time. On the  
minor operations of European  
wars I can find plenty written  
as to organization, modes of attack  
and defence, relative position  
& manœuvres of the different  
arms in action, but about  
the Rebellion I can find almost  
nothing that is not too general.  
For instance you once spoke  
of an action near Macon <sup>Georgia</sup>  
I think in which you had two  
Brigades armed with Colts  
revolving rifles or some other  
rapidly firing ~~arms~~. Of such  
facts no histories that I have read  
have ever taken account nor  
discussed. Do you know of any

book going at all minutely into  
the armament, interior organization  
of Brigades, methods of deploying  
the long thin lines towards the  
end of the war, supporting them  
etc? I have sometimes seen  
censures of the European States  
blamed for not learning from  
experiences of our war in regard  
to these very details that even  
we ourselves as far as I know  
have no means of learning about  
except by the casual mention  
of those engaged.

With much love to all at home  
Affectionately yours ever  
Henry



Hills, G.

San Francisco Cal.

Nov. 27, 1881

334 Sixth Street -

Sir I have to tell you  
that I have removed to  
this place and am now  
in hopes you will be in-  
full to let me go on my  
mission to survey the  
earth in the latitude and  
longitude as I am not  
yet instituted in this you  
seem to say that I am  
accredited in your books  
as a cadet if so will you  
let me know and confer  
a favor on me

Yours Respectfully  
George Hills

I was Born in Unity  
New Hampshire But was  
to be sent to West Point  
from Proctorsville Vermont  
where I was when my Father  
George Hills told me he was  
going to send me his son  
to West Point - I have since  
lived in Sudbury Vermont  
and Fox Lake Wisconsin  
where I did address you  
two letters from I was as I  
stated in one of those letters  
in the service of the U. S. A.  
in the Rebellion in the  
2 Wisconsin Vol Inf. namely  
Company A. 2 Wisconsin Vol Inf. - as  
a corporal & sergeant serving  
3 years from the 11 of June  
1861 to the 30 day of June 1864



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when I was honorably discharged  
as a sergeant and I am  
now prepared to examine  
the lines in regard to their  
correctness as to the meridians  
and parallels so as to  
define the correctness of  
the same I am satisfied  
that they were obtained  
by log measurement and  
are not correct

Yours  
George Hills

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Headquarters Army of the United States,

Washington, D. C., *Nov 28*, 1881.

Sir:

By direction of General Sherman, a package containing a map illustrating the Siege of Savannah, Ga., December, 1864, has this day been sent you by mail.

You are requested to acknowledge receipt of the map by returning the accompanying receipt duly signed.

Yours, very respectfully,

O. M. POE,  
Bvt. Brig. Gen. U. S. A.,  
Col. A. D. C.

To

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



Therman, Genl. W. F.  
Poe, Col. B. M.

Washington, D.C.  
Nov 28, 1881.

Receipt returned to  
Col Poe, Dec 1/81-

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Army Mutual Aid Association,

WASHINGTON, D. C.,

*Nov 28*, 188*1*

*Your remittance has been received, and you are  
credited with payment of all dues, including the 8th  
(or Plummer) Assessment.*

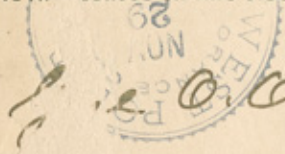
GEORGE W. DAVIS,

*Secretary and Treasurer.*

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



J. C. O. C. Howard, U.S.A.  
West Point  
N. Y.



far from us tho' amidst the stern  
realities of life, he is only 22 years  
old. but he is very sanguine, and  
the future looks very bright to him.

Otis has just come in, and sends  
his regards to you all. he will go  
to New York next Thursday probably.  
Please direct to Winthrop. Otis's largest  
care, George F. Brownbridge at  
No-14 Stone Street, New York City.  
Perry and Wife are now boarding at  
the Cady's House where we were when  
you were here last, they are both very  
well, they will spend the winter.

Mr Talbot joins me in much love to  
yourself and family. I thought of you  
last week, Thanksgiving day especially,  
with your Mother and children all at  
home, and it carried me back to the  
Thanksgivings at Seab in the house at  
the foot of the hill, and we often were  
with you on those occasions. I love to think  
of those days of our happy childhood.

Excuse this  
hastily written  
letter, with  
much love to  
you all from  
Cousin  
Sarah.

Mrs J. E. Talbot.  
Answered Nov 29/81

Malden Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> 1881

My Dear Cousin Otis,

We were very  
sorry to learn that Cousin Lizzie  
had passed through Boston, and we  
had not seen her. I trust the next  
time she comes so near us we shall  
receive a visit from her, for we all  
wish very much to see her, I am  
glad to hear through cousin Rowland  
that you are all so well. Mr Talbot  
and I have been from home nearly  
all the time since June 1<sup>st</sup> on business  
and pleasure, and have passed a  
very enjoyable season, and escaped  
the great heat of September, being  
at that time on the coast of Maine at  
East Machias, which has the most  
delightful summer climate, and  
were with friends, which added very



much to the enjoyment.

Frank is still at Portney, and is very well, and likes his new business very much. it is the same kind as Mr Hazards, a slate quarry, and keeps him out of doors all the time, which is much better for his health.

Otis is now with us, he is very well indeed, spent one night at Golden, with Modelphus on his return home. found them all well and very happy. he enjoyed his visit with them very much, he likes the climate very much better than this. Otis is now expecting to sail for Hayti on the 6<sup>th</sup> of Dec. one week from tomorrow, and will probably remain there some time if the business, which he hopes to engage shall prove successful. I see that Mr Langston, whom I once met at your house at Washington

is now United States Consul General at Port-au-Prince, and I think it would be of great advantage and protection to Otis, if he could have a letter of introduction to him from you. if you will be so kind as to give it; I know Mr Langston has a very warm friendship for you. and I should consider it a great favor if you will send Otis a letter of introduction to him. Otis is a good boy, and says that he shall try to make himself worthy of the confidence of his friends. I feel very unhappy to have him go so far from home, and into such an unhealthy climate, but it seems for the best, and our dear Heavenly Father will be as near to him there as here, and will keep him in His Holy Keeping, I trust. It is a great trial to send our sons away so



SENATE CHAMBER

WASHINGTON

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Genl O. O. Howard

My dear Sir

I understand that, S. H. Cameron  
of Ills is now impanelled for a select  
jurisdiction to the Seiner, I do  
not see the facts in the case, but  
am told that the boy did not do  
any very criminal act. I write merely  
to say that if you consider that his  
position is Seiner, I would be glad  
of his parents account that you  
would permit so much of it, as  
Seiner suits & prove to do. I do  
not do this at the dictation of his  
parents, but because I feel an  
interest in them - as well as the  
boy. Pardon me for this as you  
know I am the last one there with  
interest with discipline in any but

Logan, Genl J. A.

Washington, D.C.

Nov 29, 1881.

Answered by the Genl  
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To the Army,  
of Kentucky  
are your services  
The Secretary  
for his  
Genl Logan



Newton, Paul J.  
U.S.A.

New York  
Nov 29, 1881.

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New York  
Nov 29 1881

Dear Genl Howard

I take pleasure in  
recommending to your polite  
attention Col E. C. A. Gordon  
of the Royal Engineers who  
visits your command at  
West Point, and desires to  
observe the working of the  
Military Academy.

If it meets your



convenience to grant him this  
opportunity. It will be thoroughly  
appreciated by him and by

Yours most truly

John Newton

Brig Genl O. O. Howard

Comd'g Dept of West Point

Colonel E. A. Gordon.

Royal Engineers.



"Sketches to an Excursion to Southern  
Alaska,"—when I wrote to you my  
last letter. As you did not men-  
tion the receipt of them, I send by  
this mail another copy of Sketches.  
If you can make the little pam-  
phlet serviceable, I will send you  
more.

Yours as ever in the cause  
of the Redman.

A. L. Lindsley.

Per E. M. L.

Lindsley, Rev. A. L.

Portland, Nov. 29, 1881.

Gen. O. O. Harvard,  
Brig. Genl. U. S. A.  
West Point,  
N. Y.

My dear friends:

I have but a few mo-  
ments to express my grateful ap-  
preciation of the letters received by  
last mail. They will be of great  
service, I have no doubt, to the  
cause which we both love and  
desire to promote. I miss you  
from our councils, and wish  
you were nearer; but I know that  
the King of Zion is ever nigh  
and that his Spirit instantane-  
ously touches and regulates all influ-  
ences.

I sent by mail one copy of  
the Minutes of the Synod of the Col-  
umbia for 1880 and two copies of



"Sketches to an Examination to Antislavery  
 Agents," which I wrote to your  
 last letter. As you did not receive  
 from the receipt of them, I send by  
 this mail another copy of Sketches.  
 If you can make the little paper  
 that encloses, I will send you  
 more.

I am as well in the  
 of the  
 A. L. Lindbergh  
 P. S. M.

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 moments to express my grateful ap-  
 preciation of the letter received by  
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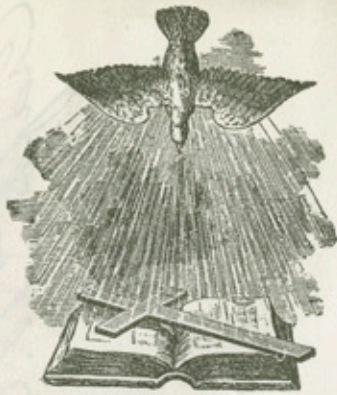
My dear friends  
 Rev. P. O. Howard  
 Rev. W. L. A.  
 West Point  
 N. Y.  
 Portland, Nov. 27, 1881  
 A. L. Lindbergh  
 P. S. M.



CHURCH OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR, (Lee Avenue Congregational.)

Pastor's Residence, 74 A. Hooper Street.

Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y., Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> 1881.



Rev. O. O. Howard,

Dear Brother,

The Temperance League  
of my Church intend to hold a mass temperance  
meeting on Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> in our large church (1200  
sittings) with the special purpose of checking  
the custom of New Year's drinking. Can  
you come and make the address of the  
evening and greatly oblige us and help  
the cause in a city where it greatly  
needs helping? The address would be pre-  
ceded by music from a Temperance Glee  
Club.

Hoping for a favorable  
reply I am

Very Truly Yours,

W. F. Crafts.



Croft, N. C.

Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Nov 20, 1881.

Answered by the Rev.  
Dec 11/81-

Recd. Dec 1. 1881.



GEO. Z. COLLINS.  
STEAM AND AIR DRIED  
**STRAW BOARDS,**  
Paper, & Twine,  
87 HIGH STREET,  
BOSTON, - - MASS.

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Lynn Nov. 30. 1881.

Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir,

You may remember having a conversation with me at Framingham assembly last summer, in relation to your coming to Lynn to speak upon temperance -

By an act of the Legislature passed at its last session, the Citizens of Cities & towns have the right to vote upon the question of licensing dram-shops - Heretofore it has been left with the Board of Aldermen - There being so many issues involved in a City election - that many men vote for an Alderman who is in favor of license, because he is right upon some other issue - but now that this question is to be voted upon as a sole issue, we hope to carry our point, & vote "NO."

Our election takes place on Tuesday Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> and we want to agitate this matter fully. At a meeting of the Temperance Com. of our Y. M. C. Association, held last evening, it was voted to hold a Mass Meeting on Sunday evening Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, in the new M. E. Church, and to invite you to speak upon that occasion, giving you the whole time. Special invitations will be circulated in all the factories of the



City, to the Young Men to come & hear the question discussed. We are now cursed with nearly 300 licensed liquor saloons, and they must be abolished.

If you can possibly be with us, it will be a great blessing to the cause. We should pay all <sup>your</sup> expenses - take good care of you - and satisfy you as regards compensation for your trouble - If you can come please telegraph me on receipt of this, <sup>at my expense</sup> and write me as soon as convenient, stating when & how you come - You can take day train from N.Y. on Sat. I should be pleased to meet you on arrival in Boston, & have you make my house your home while with us.

Please direct message and letter to Geo. F. Collins - 87 High St. - Boston -

Hoping you can see your way open to visit us. I remain,

Yours truly  
Geo. F. Collins.  
Dec 2/81 -  
Answered by the Rev  
Dec 2/81 -

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Mass

Collins, G. F.

Recd, Dec 2/81.



Certs, Mrs H. A. B.

Washington

Nov 30, 1881.

Answered by the Genl

Dec 2/81

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944 L. St. N.W.

Washington D.C.

Nov. 30/81.

Genl. A. L. Howard.

Has the Pension Office written you regarding Mrs Asmusens case? - I feel as if would be much in me to call her case up until they have done so. - And so am. very anxious to know. -

If you have not been written to - would you be willing to write - Mr Dudley Commissioner a personal line of inquiry - asking how her case may stand giving him as your address - the interest you feel for the helpless family of a brave good soldier who serving



with you you know all  
about it & This would  
naturally direct his mind  
to the case - And he would  
then have you called upon  
as talked to me -

It's a pitiful case, And  
so much desire to see her  
receive her due. -

The point is to show he was  
never well from his  
cough contracted in Texas,  
given time left - Army till he  
died and died of bron-  
cho pneumonia. -

Unless a line was made  
personal would probably  
never see Commissioner's  
eye - And he has this  
case personally before  
him. - Went all through  
the papers himself -

Some beautiful some changes may take  
but I feel they elsewhere said so full Army  
to see her have settled by him. -

Then. Allusion to her presence to see  
what can be done for Helen this  
month coming. - Will not leave -  
his case will show. - for myself to him -  
I am enhanced along country where  
have such friends - and indirectly  
helps feeding places - Very truly  
yours  
H. A. B. Cook



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My dear General, I am so grateful to you for your goodness to me and thank you for all the trouble you have taken - I am most anxious about my son, he is my only one, & a proud, good boy, with faults boy fashion - I think it is far for the best for him to persevere, even if his eyes do hurt him - but if you are willing they can be greatly helped - there is a gentleman at the Point who is the school teacher for the post & who was a graduate; now I believe a retired officer - he can help him at night if you are

Yours, Mrs. C.

Porter, N. Y.  
Nov 30, 1881.

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willing that he should do so, - and  
I am more than willing to leave  
whatever he may consider proper  
to ask -- And the poor boy has been  
fatherless through the years when a  
Father is most needed, will you  
just put in a good word as you  
would for your own boys? -

I am very anxious, - the future  
seems very dark -- but my Father  
has never failed me yet, and I  
have carried all my troubles to  
him -- Am I asking too much to  
ask you to send for Jack and  
to talk to him & hear his story?

So With great respect & gratitude  
Cornelia Hayes  
Wednesday Morning



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Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y.,  
November 30, 1861.

Dear Father:

When you left us last Monday we started on foot, and, by taking the "short-cut," gained so much on the expressman that he did not overtake us till we reached the first bridge this side of Point Lookout. Where he insisted on our getting in with him because he had an "empty wagon", as he said. He was going to Cornwall not to Canterbury, so we got in and were carried right to



the gate of the school-yard  
with all our bundles. We  
found a great deal of ice  
in the road as I had ex-  
pected. I am afraid you  
would have had a hard  
time. Did you get back  
without any difficulty?

I have asked Mr. Cobb a-  
bout rooms in the other house  
but he has not been able to  
decide yet. He says that at  
the beginning of the year they  
were not willing to let him  
have the whole house, but now  
they are going to Florida and  
he thinks he will be able to get  
the house.

I will be home Saturday and  
tell you more about it, because  
the dentist wants to see me.

Your affectionate son, Chancey Howard.