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Nos. 110, 111, 112 and 113 Pavonia Avenue

Jersey City, N.J., Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 1881

Gent. O. O. Howard

Dept. West Point

Military Academy N.Y.

My Dear Sir

You will

Please pardon me for not acknowledging  
the receipt of your letter before this late  
date. Sickness has in part prevented  
my writing sooner. I desire to thank  
you for the attention shown us and  
the kindness and interest you have  
extended to our Son. He wants to  
try & push through the January Examina-  
tion, do you think it possible for him  
to succeed. I will be governed by your  
opinion as to his resignation

Very respectfully yours truly  
J. D. Carscallen

Carscallen, J. D.

J. D. & Philip P. Carscallen  
# COMMISSION MERCHANTS

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100ft 2nd fl. 8th Street, Jersey City, New Jersey

Nos. 110, III, 112 and 113 Broadway Avenue

Very truly yours, J. D. Carscallen

Jersey City  
Dec 6. 1881.

Information has been received by us that  
you will expect until next Friday at  
the usual trading and working time  
that it would be necessary to have  
had a number of vessels at your  
warehouses trading and working at  
atmospheric conditions to be  
imposed generally for the month of January  
in order to avoid the same exposure  
noway to unusual difficulties. Success to you.

Recd. Dec 8. 1881.

*Richard M. Harison.*

VARNUM & HARISON,  
Attorneys and Counsellors at Law.  
110 BROADWAY,  
(Elevator.)  
(OVER METROPOLITAN BANK.)

James M. Varnum.

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*New York, December 6th 1881*

*Major General O. O. Howard  
West Point N.Y.*

*Dear General*

In accordance with my promise I submitted the enclosed bill to the commission, but as I anticipated, and informed you, - they feel that it is not in any sense chargeable on them. They had already paid a bill of more than \$150 to Mr Drew for liaison services under an special contract with him, and he informs us - as we ourselves believed, - that all of our party and all the foreign guests were transported entirely

in his carriage and stafes.  
This disposes in our judgment  
of the last item on the  
bill, and as to the first  
item - ~~that~~ certainly in no  
event should be charged  
upon the gentlemen of  
the Commission.

For the reasons heretofore  
given you, and in view  
moreover of the fact  
that Mr Denton was never  
employed at all by the  
Commission, we are com-  
pelled to decline to pay  
the bill. Regretting that  
you should have been  
troubled about the matter  
at all ~~I~~ remain.

Yours very respectfully  
James McNaughen

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Vancouver Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 1881.

Dear General.

Your letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> ult. received yesterday. I have been after him's until he probably thinks I am the worst devil in existence. The 5<sup>th</sup> of this month he gave me \$20- and promised to pay as ~~soon~~ <sup>soon</sup> as possible the balance. I am effecting a remittance from my Victoria agent soon and hope it will be large enough to enable me to make a payment on my note. I intend to ask for an increase of salary as soon as Mr. Kammer

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1881. 7. 23<sup>rd</sup> -

Journal note

all for afternoon  
most probably son on the trip  
spent at dinner with us  
and dinner with us I think all  
there will go in exchange in  
amount was - 65<sup>00</sup> and my old  
valentine which is <sup>now</sup> as good as new &  
was given a present and  
was very happy created from many  
days past it will be well  
and a short time now at  
which time you or me  
- for reasons of their

P.O.B. 1900

returns from San Francisco. I  
find it impossible to save  
anything on my present wages  
Our opposition still remains  
with us but is daily growing  
weaker. Several Garrison friends  
are very kind particularly the  
Morrist Pierces and Doctor Heizman  
who comes around when he can.  
Many of us are out of sorts  
Bemie is the most winsome  
wee lassie imaginable, with the  
greatest variation, never twice  
alike but always a delight.  
Please credit Hines with 20 -  
Grace sends love yours in haste  
To Genl. Olmstead } James Thony  
West Point - N.Y.

Gray, J. S.

I. Government record of entries  
and of dispositions to which  
agreements were made with  
various states notwithstanding  
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~~Vancouver~~ 12 when

Dec. 7, 1881. It goes to

assessments and settlements

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this portion was first put

into law and set on record

at this time. This portion is now

and must remain here as

it is a general law which

is now and will

remain so and always will

and always will be

Dec. 1881.

Rec'd Dec 7, 1881]

Colonel & Mrs Haller  
request the pleasure of your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter  
Alice Mai Haller.

Lieut. William A. Nichols.  
U.S. Army

Wednesday evening December, seventh.

at half past eight o'clock.

Fort Union.

New Mexico.

Dec 5<sup>th</sup>

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Answered by the Genl  
Dec 6. 1881 -

O. V. Howard

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LEE & SHEPARD,  
PUBLISHERS AND BOOKSELLERS,

41-45 FRANKLIN AND 78 HAWLEY STREET.

New York Office,  
678 Broadway.

BOSTON, Dec. 7 1881

Gen. O. O. Storard  
West Point Jr.

In reply to your favor of the 22 ulto which we have had under consideration, we would say, that we have just sent to 30000 individuals, our Catalogues and Circulars containing lists of our Books, and that we have also advertised in the Library Journal, which all library officials throughout the country take, and which presents & them continually the Books admitted; and thus with the earlier and later Magazines and Papers we think by our advertisements we have covered the field reaching all who are concerned, and doing it quite thoroughly.

As there are about 30000 libraries great and small in the U.S. the expense of postal as you propose would entail a greater expense than could possibly be reimbursed by our sales. Of course you other publishers would not bear any part of the expense.

With thanks for your suggestion

We are sincerely

Lee Shepard  
J. C. Storard

~~Lee & Shepard~~  
PUBLISHERS AND BOOKSELLERS.

44-48 Franklin and 38 Hawley Street.

1881

BOSTON,

New York Office,  
628 Broadway.

Boston, Mass.

Dec 7. 1881.

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CONSOLIDATED  
BATOPILAS SILVER MINING CO.

HACIENDA DE SAN MIGUEL.

ALEX. R. SHEPHERD,  
Vice President and General Manager.

Batopilas, Chihuahua, Mexico, December 1<sup>st</sup> 1881

Mr J. O. Cor. Knitch  
Hermosillo Sonora  
Mexico  
Dear Sir

I have just rec'd on -  
closing recommendation Gen. A. O. Howard  
and am sorry that your application  
came when I was free of help  
and unable to give you the employment  
you seek.

I should be happy to have you work  
in any place open to foreign

Long yours  
Alex. Shepherd



BALTIMORE SILVER MINING CO.  
CONSOLIDATED

HABCIENDA DE SAN MIGUEL

1620 Potosi, Mex  
Dec 7, 1881.

RECEIVED, C. T.

EX. J. A. SHEPHERD,  
ASSESSOR OF GENERAL TAXES,

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No 115 Nassau Street  
New York Dec 7. 1881.

Gen. O C. Howard

Superintendent to  
Deaf Pup'

Please accept  
many thanks for your  
kindness in granting  
leave for my son to  
attend the wedding.

I had the honor  
to receive your favor  
of the 3<sup>d</sup> instant.

With the highest respect  
Your obedient servant  
James Ridgway

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Howard, J. O.

Hallowell, Me

Dec 8, 1881.

Recd. Dec. 10. 1881.

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Hallowell Me.

Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, 1881.

Dear Uncle Otto:-

I received your letter sometime ago and should have answered it - before but it was right in the midst of examination and soon after I went away for vacation, down to Brune-wick with David.

I want very much to get into the Naval Academy at Annapolis if I can. This is a miserable pen and won't make a mark except once in a while. Do you think you could do any thing for me in the way of an appointment? I like the sea and want to go. I expect hard work

and plenty of it. I am nearly  
seventeen and I think it  
is about time for looking  
about me if I intend to  
try. If you could do any  
thing for me I should be  
very much obliged.

I had a very ple-  
asant Thanksgiving vacation  
at Brunswick. David and  
Grandma are both  
pretty well and Dave  
is doing well in College  
I think.

We're having miserable  
weather here now ~~the~~  
slush all over the ground  
there has been no sleigh-  
ing.

I wish you would  
give my love to Aunt  
Lizzie and the Boys and  
tell them both that I

should be glad to hear  
from them.

Maybe I shall come  
out and see you in my  
March vacation I have  
talked some of it with  
Grandma;

I have written this  
on a book in my  
lap and it is not  
very good writing but  
I hope you will please  
excuse it. I have not  
finished furnishing my  
room yet and have  
not got in the table.

Your affe nephew  
O. D. Howard



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Headquarters of the Army,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, Dec 8<sup>th</sup>, 1881

My Genl O. O'Howard

Supt Military Academy  
West Point N.Y.

Dear General

I hope you have not forgotten me.  
My recollection of you is so vivid. Wounded  
by the same bullet. you in your coat,  
and I in my hat, in front of Rocky Face  
Ridge. I had the honor to follow you through  
Georgia as far as Atlanta when you left  
the 4<sup>th</sup> Corps to take Command of the  
Army of the Tennessee. - The inclosed cir-  
cular letter will explain the work  
upon which after long delay I am  
now engaged. - I have progressed  
by the light of the records both Union  
and Confederate on file in this office  
as far as the Battle of Stones River  
upon which I am now engaged. -



BOOK OF THE  
BAPTISTERY OF  
SAN GIOVANNI

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Louisville, Ky., June 1st, 1880.

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Dear Sir:

In the preparation of material for the work referred to in the enclosed circular, I hope to receive the assistance of every Kentucky soldier whose position enabled him to obtain information of value. There is a vast amount of unwritten history stored in the minds of participants in the several battles and skirmishes in which Kentucky troops were engaged, which will be a source of pride to their descendants, and which, if ever given to the world, must be obtained from men now living. The object of this communication is to request that you will give me the present address of the field and staff officers, and as many of the company officers of your Regiment as you may know, and also that you will prepare from memory or from consultation with them, a condensed account of the marches made by your Regiment, the engagements in which it participated, the Army Corps, Division and Brigade to which it belonged at different times, the official reports of Brigade and Division commanders in which your Regiment was favorably mentioned, together with every incident that will be of interest in a work like that proposed. All information connected with the mustering in and mustering out of your Regiment, its losses by death, discharge and desertion, the names of its officers and privates, and its killed, wounded and prisoners I can obtain from the Adjutant General's report.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

G. C. KNIFFIN.

To

# KENTUCKY IN THE WAR.

DEAR SIR:

I propose to write a history of the operations of Kentucky troops during the late civil war. It will contain the roster of Seventy-nine military organizations, Infantry, Cavalry and Artillery, with a brief record of the campaigns and battles in which each was engaged, illustrated with photo-engravings of President Lincoln, and many of the General and Staff Officers, and Regimental Field and Staff Officers born in, or appointed from Kentucky, accompanied by a brief biographical sketch of each. The history of the four years war in which Kentucky troops were engaged, dating from the organization of Camps Dick Robinson and Joe Holt, will be introduced by a carefully written resume of political events in Kentucky during the period which followed the Presidential Election in 1860, and embracing the so-called neutral period of the spring and summer of 1861, resulting in the State being brought into line in support of the Union. The valor and reliability of Kentucky soldiers has been attested by every Commanding General under whom they have served. Official Reports of battles abound in praise of their courage in the field, and good conduct in camp, and the design of this work is to place upon record in convenient form for reference, such a history of their conduct as will be a monument to their valor, and at the same time add lustre to the name of a State which furnished to the U. S. Army over 60,000 of its bravest troops.

The plan upon which the work will be prepared is to trace the history of such armies as contained Kentucky troops through their campaigns, introducing the battles in which they were engaged in regular order—extracts from Official Reports making mention of Kentucky troops, and a list of killed, wounded and prisoners in each Kentucky Regiment, Battalion, or Battery; will follow the report of each engagement.

My object will be to allow the glorious record of Kentucky volunteers to speak for itself, confident that the highest praise that can be accorded them will be a faithful chronicle of their heroic achievements in a cause in which they imperiled their lives.

The remainder of the work will be devoted to a roster of Kentucky organizations of Cavalry, Infantry and Artillery, accompanied by a sketch of its career, embracing its marches and engagements, prepared from data, furnished by Regimental Commanders. This portion of the work will be illustrated with photo-engravings of Regimental Officers, to which will be appended a brief biographical sketch. With regard to my fitness to undertake a work of such magnitude, I may be permitted to say that most of the events that I propose to narrate occurred under my own observation while recruiting in the summer of 1861, and afterwards an Officer upon the Staffs of Generals Nelson, Thomas, Crittenden and Stanley, and I pledge myself to a faithful and impartial record of the part taken by Kentucky Volunteers during this most eventful epoch in our National history.

G. C. KNIFFIN.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES, }  
WASHINGTON, D. C., June 7th, 1880. }

Col. G. C. KNIFFIN, LOUISVILLE, KY.:

MY DEAR SIR:—Ever since the reception of your letter, of June 1st, I have been engaged every minute of time in attending the funeral ceremonies of my aide de camp Col. Audenreid, whom we buried yesterday at West Point. \* \* \* \* \*

I am very glad to learn that you are engaged in writing a History of the Kentucky Regiments and of Kentucky men in the Union cause of the civil war. I have no doubt you possess ample material to do justice to the subject and the events. \* \* \* \* \*

I am perfectly willing that you should use my name in endorsing the magnificent patriotism of the men of Kentucky, who openly advocated the Union cause, and took up arms in its defense, among whom, without wishing to discriminate, I beg to name Generals JACKSON, CRITTENDEN, NELSON, ROUSSEAU, LINDSEY, WHITAKER, and Messrs. GUTHRIE, SPEED, and others. The dash, courage and endurance of the Army of Kentuckians, who grandly organized and fought to the close of the war, for their whole country, its union and government, needs no endorsement from me, for it is historically established.

Truly your friend,

W. T. SHERMAN,

AIRDRIE, KY., June 6th, 1880.

MY DEAR SIR:—I found your letter here on my return after an absence of a few days. I am just now called away from home again. It will afford me great pleasure to give you all the information in my possession that will aid you in the preparation of material for your book, and with that view, I will on my return, overlook my records and write to you as soon as possible. With much regard,

Your obedient servant,

D. C. BUELL.

Col. G. C. KNIFFIN, LOUISVILLE, KY.

LOUISVILLE, KY., June 10th, 1880.

The work of writing a historical account of the operations of Kentucky troops, in the field, during the late civil war, by Col. G. C. KNIFFIN, meets with the cordial approval of the ex-army officers of this city where he is best known. The Staff position held by Col. KNIFFIN, at Army Corps Headquarters, gave him unusual advantages for observing, intelligently, the movement of troops, and eminently qualifies him for the work upon which he is engaged. As a writer he is clear and forcible, and in the collection of facts, is painstaking and impartial. It is the earnest wish of the undersigned that every facility will be given him by Regimental Commanders to obtain material of interest and value, for the rapid preparation of a work in which all who participated have an equal interest.

R. M. KELLY,

*Late Colonel Fourth Ky. Infantry.*

S. W. PRICE,

*Late Colonel Twenty-first Ky. Infantry.*

WALTER C. WHITAKER,

*Late Brev. Maj. Gen. U. S. Vol. Inf.*

THOS. SPEED,

*Late Adj't. Twelfth Ky. Vet. Vol. Infantry.*

JNO. H. WARD,

*Late Col. Twenty-seventh Ky. Infantry.*

J. L. CHILTON,

*Late Lt. Sixth Kentucky Infantry.*

W. H. MUNDY,

*Late Adj'tant Twenty-third Ky. Inf't.*

SAM'L McKEE,

*Captain Fourteenth Kentucky Cavalry.*

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In recalling the scenes of eighteen years ago my mind recalls with vivid exactness the personal of the army and I never write the name of a General Officer without seeing him in imagination as he appeared then.

I have occasion in writing about the older officers to know the name of the text book on Constitutional law used at the military Academy in 1828 & 29. — Will you be kind enough to furnish it to me.

When I get to the Atlanta Campaign it may be necessary for me to occasionally refer to you for information. But as all the returns and reports are on file here and the Sec of War has placed them all at my disposal I may not have to trouble you

I am General

Very truly Your friend  
G. C. Kniffen

Ogallala, O. C.

Washington  
Dec 8, 1881

Answered by the  
Ass't Secy. Dec 16/81

Recd. Dec 10, 1881.

So to retain present-pension  
level as gain the increase  
it-will be vital to exert  
more fully than has  
been regarding the time  
after he left - the service  
till he died. —

This I hope you can do. —  
Give the good old Dudley  
Government will need  
to retain present-pension  
even — So I am sure dear  
General its vitally necessary  
all should be done which  
can be — I hope you will  
state plainly — that the old  
in fall of 1863 in Penn.  
as & so contracted a cold  
which produced a cough  
and which to your own  
personal knowledge he  
never recovered from to  
time of his leaving the service

Mrs H. A. B. Carter

944 L. St. N. W.  
Wash. D.C. Due 8/8/

Dear General

Yours of recent  
date enclosing the Pension  
office letter, which I return  
herewith, received.

The Pension letter is about  
as I expected would be. —

The Commissioner expressed  
all this to me as to his fears  
but said to me if entitled  
to a pension he believed  
should be at rate for Lt.-Col.  
and believing this even  
while entertaining the doubts  
expressed as to my — He had  
called upon the War Dept. for  
the information as to Staff or  
recognized rank at the  
time of the contraction of the  
disease as alleged by the

~~and it will~~

by the papers - And then if  
these doubts could be ~~overcome~~  
overcome by further proof  
it would stand right to  
receive the other grades  
I spoke of you when he  
said should require further  
proof to overcome the  
present doubts and was  
then he said should write  
you and state the case  
this would give you a  
chance to say all you could.  
So as I understand the  
case its not only to gain  
the additional time they  
are entitled to - but to be  
able to retain what the  
law does will be revoked  
were this not so - It  
might ful it was more  
to say anything more

but - as he said these doubts  
must be overcome - He desire  
to have proof that A. was  
never well of lung trouble  
from time he left service  
till died.

The Commissioner told me  
he was willing to admit  
from the evidence - especially  
Genl Ballagh's that the  
lung trouble was contracted  
in the Army as claimed -  
but from this his ex-  
-must have recovered from  
it and then when in Eng.  
while an Agent or something  
for Personel Office had  
contracted the cold & disease  
which killed him -

So you see the inception  
& beginning of all is allowed  
and death shows for it  
and its this intermediate

did, because never tried  
for pension - he could  
have believed true and  
will be as was mistake  
Scandal - we have need  
to injure case now  
and Callock Brown all  
about the Ins. - but he has  
never had. A. was never well  
in fact - death proved it -  
even if Grand seemed at  
times well even well enough  
to pass an Ins. Ex. -  
Grand. B. will do all he can  
for the case - Should you  
wish to know more about  
the Ins. part - he can tell  
you fully -

Now I beg of you write  
soon - fully - And to then  
make sure will reach the  
Commissioners own eye  
and Grand addressee -  
him "personally" else may

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and that from then until  
his death - from knowing  
him well and personally  
and frequently seeing  
him being all the time here  
in Washington you know  
he was never free of this  
cough. - Although was  
as usual with persons  
thus affected sometimes  
better than at other times -  
but - never well and that  
you know died from this  
long trouble - And that  
all who saw him say so -  
his wife says so - but says  
the Cal himself would never  
believe Grand consumption  
was going to die. - Even as he  
was all Brown people with  
consumption seldom die -  
Always believe will recover.

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and I do beg of you Genl  
to make it - still more definite,  
and practice so the Office  
cannot go back of it.

Now here this Office  
letter not signed by the  
Com. himself & showed to  
me contrarie ruling &  
the same spite point in  
the Office have shown to  
the Com all the time.

Now it tells the story up to  
a certain time - after all  
it tells the case was  
taken to Sec. Schuyler as  
a personal matter - he  
referred to the pension office  
and Maj Clark told me  
would be allowed and  
a resoice made to correct  
the rate - but they looked  
over it and was not referred

back to Sec. till after Sec. L.  
was out & the new one ruled  
was a leap - well no  
proof was with the case  
showing his staff rank  
to - and so fell. - Now you  
see Col Dudley Com. told  
me the Com had called on War  
Dept - for statement as to  
the rank had at this time  
of contraction of the disease  
and if entitled to any would  
be increased rate in his  
judgment. - Of course you  
know nothing about these  
Ins. Examinations & well  
say so - that you only bound  
out to the insuree condition  
and even if Col. A. did fall  
was well and try for life  
Ins. and he may have  
believed it true as doubtless

Rome Nov. -

Pardon so long a letter  
but I have felt much  
how you just stand  
if called.

The will Tropi will soon  
be all right - for son &  
mother.

If I could only see them  
less frequently I could feel  
less fear - but as it is, it  
holds me fast. — The great  
need.

Thanking you for Mrs C.  
for all your kindness past  
and future -

Very respectfully  
A. H. B. Davis

Fall into the ~~ad~~ <sup>3</sup> vice  
office hands as routine  
business & he decided to  
and never met the  
Commissioners eyes at  
all. — As much as done.  
Or send through General Ballou  
which would also give him  
a chance to see the Com.—  
and if so this send the  
letter written from the office  
I doubt if Com. Dudley ever  
read. — And no letter  
could be written more tendu  
to discourage for the case  
than this is. — And too —  
and I believe Mr Dudley is  
perfectly willing & will be  
glad said would, if you  
are able to remove all  
doubts. — I cannot imagine  
what this poor woman & her  
little boys would do to lose

it now - for are to be  
invented - and poor Mrs. Q.  
is fast-breaking down - the  
fearful strain of our nice  
several weeks & worry are  
killing her slowly -  
She is a helpless sort  
of a woman - in all except  
moral work - because  
cannot write English -

I am certain the pension  
Office - Col D. - will take  
your word about the  
whole condition of Col A.  
and I am only sorry to  
have you took the trouble  
to give the testimony - but  
still I do my best to  
fully & carefully - for it's all  
which can or will save  
the matter - even what  
she has. - I am confident  
of this - Because as now

stands if the Commissioner  
backs you to grant - but  
he thinks she is entitled to  
because what was illegal,  
why of course he would feel  
most - behind the present  
rate -

I have been able to do  
nothing more for Eddie  
yet - but - must - If you  
can see or think of any  
way you can aid it will  
help? - Would not a line  
"personal" in his behalf to  
see Kirkwood for the family  
of one of his own State  
soldiers help or to Mr  
Watson Ass't P.M. Genl, as is  
the son of your own Staff  
officer would be deemed  
most - fitting you should  
ask it - "probably" -  
I must see her take a place

Clear up those doubts  
or I have no doubt -  
you can - and make  
all right - and as I  
am sure you have in  
your heart to do -

I am very respectfully

A. A. B. Cook

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Finally to the second title  
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Washington D. C.  
Date 8/81.

Dear General Howard

I mailed  
a letter to you yesterday - after  
having so had a talk with  
Genl Ballou about our  
poor Mrs A. - He says every  
time he sees her. Daddy /  
the lawyer of Pensions he  
says to him she believes she  
ought to cancel the certificate  
and have doubts - he - Genl  
B. agrees him as long as  
feels uncertain to give her  
the benefit of the doubt --  
So you see he is only waiting  
to see what can be furnished  
of proof & should none be  
he would decide against  
it & certainly cancel it -

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and Bullock says he  
knows all about the life  
Ins & notwithstanding standing it -  
in Bravos lead. A. who  
never at any time gave Juan  
any trouble or a word  
mean after the exposure of  
working in the water in the  
old days. bridge building  
and that he died from its  
effects. - But you see how  
good his benefit - the Ins was  
Cotton and I suppose the  
Per. Officer ful min used  
some additional testimony  
This Genl. B. says at the  
time he was a strayed lead  
A. succeeded in getting  
any Ins. - and had to take  
lead. Daddy. I told Genl. B.  
and written you & of my  
desperation you should

send your letter open through  
him to the Commissioner &  
he will reach the Coms.  
own eye - And then having  
known so fully of the case  
& had the Coms. views so  
fully in a personal way -  
He could tell if all the points  
were covered by what you  
should say. & He said was  
very glad and hoped you  
would do so. —

I feel as if I better let you  
know from what Genl. B.  
told me of the Coms views  
and mind how now stand  
and you would see the  
vital necessity of giving  
full statement about lead  
A's condition.

Most sincerely Hoping you  
will see your way clear to

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Dear General -

Howard  
unwearable too your wishes,  
I saw Mr Carbaugh,  
one of the first - Cliffs -  
men, in regard to rea-  
ding my little poem, to  
the Corps. He took the  
eye of the mutter, but  
very unwise left limits  
he wrote me, last week,  
askin' me to put off the  
reading, the poem, until  
the evening, Saturday,  
if this meets the appro-  
bation of General Howard  
it will be very gratifying  
to the students,

as well as myself,

I enclose  
the letter I received from  
Mrs Stevens last night  
I enclose for the General  
consideration. It will suit  
me best Saturday after-  
noon, at two O'clock in  
the Piaulette hall it  
takes one hour & a half to  
read the poem, if this meets  
your approbation please let  
me know by Mr Kece, this  
evening, if so, will you please  
give the order, too that  
effect Respectfully sub-  
mitted by your humble

Friend  
Maria L Stewart

Fee \$2.00

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Portland Dec 8<sup>th</sup> 1881

Dear General.

In my haste  
this morning I forgot to  
~~pay~~ put in the \$20<sup>00</sup> from Times  
Please find enclosed

Yours

James Gray

To

Genl Old Howard  
West Point

Gray, J. F.

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