West Point, N.Y.
December 28th, 1881

S. G. Dibrell.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of Dec. 17, was received some days ago, in which was enclosed a letter to you asking a favor.

I am now in great fear of being unable to pass the examination; for the reason that I am in the last section. The last section is generally “wiped out” in the examination. The men like it have very little chance. I have tried my best to get through and may do so yet, but the chances are very slim. Indeed, I am sorry to be thus. I know the result will not be pleasant upon my friends, and especially my father.

I would like very much to go through this place and I assure you that I have tried my best. When I came here I had not studied any of the branches, with the exception of Algebra...
which I had studied very little, which we have been pursuing thus far. And the work has been uphill to me. If I fail I can't get a re-appointment, even if you were inclined to do so. Unless I could get a recommendation from the Board.

With many thanks for past favors, I am sorry that I am no better situated to recompense. I am,

Very Respectfully,

Your humble servant

J. A. E.

[Signature]

[Postmark: Jan 3, 1882]
Friant Dale, Cal.
Dec. 28th 1881

Gen. C.H. Howard

My Dear General,

Though I am

saying two days ahead of
time you will read my New
Christmas after I hope you have
realized it as a fact. But I
can and do wish you most-
truly "A Happy New Year."

I send with this a pair of
mistletoe that I have made for
you in memory of the pleasant
and enjoyable days you once
an inmate of this household.

I do hope it is something for
can see... but if you don't
send such things... or if you
are already supplied... you
can pass them on to some
one who can. I confess
I do not care when I make
a present... that cannot be
used by the recipient... if they
are best to give it away to
someone who can... I look
at it in the light of the pro-
perty having the pleasure of
making a present. Do you
know when I make a thing, I
like to have it needed. I fear
you'll think I am not a bit
sentimental and I rather
think you'll be right. But
then perhaps care to give away
Highland Falls, N. Y. Dec. 23rd.

My Dear Sir,

If it will not put you to any inconvenience we will commence our exercises on Sabbath evening the 25th of Dec. at Seven o'clock instead of Seven thirty, the usual hour.

This, we think will suit the little folks better.

With regards,

[Signature]

Rev. J. S. Williams

[Signature]

Rev. Gen. Howard

Best respects,

[Signature]
Washington, D.C.
Dec. 23, 1881

Gen. C. Howard

Sir,

I trust you will excuse the liberty I take to address you when I give the following explanations of my identity.

My name is Thomas Carter, who built the five cottage houses on Howard Hill, and lost the house I bought from you, by neglect of my payments and otherwise; between the years of 1871 and 1872. I was then, working at...
The Soldiers Home

Have not been able to do work at my trade for some time, and have been occasionally nursing sick people. Dan now very much needs of employment and would very much wish a position as Watchman in any capacity, either directly under the Government or under the District Commissioners.

Now ask your favor of a letter of introduction to any of your personal friends in Washington, with your personal endorsement of my character and ability, with a view of obtaining a position, irrespective of any large amount of salary. So that I could fill such a position with candor and with a full accordance of your recommendation.

I would very respectfully say that I could fill a Messenger's position very creditably, and it is owing to the rupture of my bowels that I desire to negotiate a position with less activity than I formerly had strength to accomplish.

Sam General

With great respect,
Your Old P. S. Carter
P. S. 1729 11th St. N.W.
New York Dec 24, 1881

 Brig. Maj. Genl. U. S. A.
 C.O. Howard Natl Point

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your kind letter, & the enclosed one from Lt. H. S. Taber. I am glad of the suggestion made by him in regard to the State Normal School, & shall take up the matter the early part of next year. The Scheme is growing itself so great & valuable as well in the cause of education that I consider no trouble too great, to take in order to establish its value. From one or two remarks Mr. Taber makes in regard to the Scheme. I feel that he is one of those who would appreciate it, for his remarks
are identical with those of its\nneighborhood friends. The school has\npassed each Board of Education\nwithout any interest or influence.\nIt simply appeals its merits, so I feel\nconfident, if I send one to the State\nNormal College the verdict will\nbe favorable. When I hear from\nthem I will let Mr. Taber know.

Very respectfully,

John Gould

I see Mr. Taber finds the same\nfault that most of the educators\nof this country find. That too much\ntime is given to Arithmetic, to the\nexclusion of other Studies. It is\njust that want. The time so given, as\nwith it as much Arithmetic can be\ngiven in 15 minutes, that now\nTakes 45 minutes.
Baltimore, Md.
Dec 31st, 1881.

Answered by the boat.
Dec 29, 1881.

141 Fairwale St.
Baltimore, Md.
Dec 24th, 1881

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard,
My dear Sir;

Mrs. Pattulloch and my two children have been and are quite sick. As soon as I can leave them for a few days, I will go to West Point to see you. I hear from Washington that my commission will not be signed by the President until his return.

As many of the duties at the Point will be new to me, I bespeak as much leniency and forbearance until I get settled and well into the traces. I remain most respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

W. M. Pattulloch.
God was preparing him for his work, and when the responsibility came upon him, he was equal to the task. So it is with our Army; educated and experienced men where they would not have been in the slaveholders' rebellion. I wish you health and happiness in the New Year and beg to be remembered to Mr. Howard and the children.

Your faithfully,

Adams Van Blarcom

Send O. O. Howard to West Point.
matters as military men.
I wondered there was not a list of the names of the Cadets at the school.
I have often wondered that men liked to stay in the army in time of peace for they are so often stationed in out of the way places in the interior among the Indians, and out of reach of what contributes to the enjoyment of civilized life, and where they cannot take their families, or if they could have any means of educating their children.
But this cannot be done if we educate officers and keep up an Army.
They cannot all be in Washington, Baltimore, New London, San Francisco or Portland or West Point.
Well I know you will do your duty wherever you are and be contented because you are in the line of duty. This is the Christian privilege and not his sacrifice as we often think.
Why was Moses forty years in the wilderness before he had the very high position of leading Israel people another forty years, and holding communmun face to face with God.
Fitch's Home for the Soldiers.
DARIEN, CONN.
At Northern Station, New Haven Railroad.

I have, at a large outlay, repaired and refurnished the Building, and the new Trustees will endeavor to carry out the benevolent objects of the original charter of 1864.

The Home will be ready for inspection on Monday, Dec. 26th, and until Jan. 3d, 1882.

You are respectfully invited to call with your friends and inspect the comfortable Home provided for old soldiers, or aged and infirm persons, both male and female, without regard to creed or nationality. If not convenient for you to visit the Home, any gift of money or provisions to aid the charitable aims of the institution will be thankfully received by the Trustees.

Contributions may be sent to Gen'l D. N. Couch, Norwalk, or Hon. Tallmadge Baker, South Norwalk, Editors of the Norwalk Gazette, and Stamford Advocate, or to the Home.

Wishing you a "Merry Christmas," I remain,
Yours faithfully,  BENJAMIN FITCH.
Nothing but the address can be placed on this side.

NEW YORK DEC 24 2:30 PM

A. Anderson 373 Post
West Point, N.Y.
Leather Manufacturers' National Bank,
New York, December 24, 1884.

To Geo. E. Stower, M. S. A.

Esq., Cashier,

I have received your favor of 21st inst. with enclosures as stated.

Respectfully,

D. L. Holden, Cashier.
Thayer Academy,

South Braintree, Mass. Dec. 26

My dear Howard,

Prof. Chapman wrote me a little time since that you had written him that if a new engraving of Sen. Howard should be wanted for the College History you would like to know it.

Do you know of there is an engraving of the Penn already prepared for the History? If so, I presume it is among the fresh prints of Putnam & Co. N.Y. I also that it in your possession.

If you wish with a new picture, I suggest as cheaper it become satisfactory a Philosopher's Stone the style of 1821.

Yours truly, 1821

Thayer
Negative, cabinet size i.e. 4x6 in.

Send it to me or J. R. Osgood & Co, Boston. If this should be done, please let it be immediately. If the history is going into the hands of the printer immediately.

The cost to you, or to whom it shall be that of the negative, as the expense of the printing comes in the publishing bill.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

I am Chairman of the Committee of publication, so that the business cannot through my hands.

Dec 1881

Julia B. Washburn

[Signature]

Dec 1881

[Signature]

[Some other handwritten notes]
Nmt. Dec. 27/81

Dear Brother,

Not your name attend to this night

if you have rost.

Mr. M. J. S. were ge.

who if you cancel how a good feature taken

very soon - scales.

I'm prefer one taken

when you are going. Please do it a tend to.

All well. Here

read it then a many

times with smile to

Frank and the Lah. Xmas

Tree.

With a loves and

By a happy New Year

To an all from all

of the Jeff BM

Penners.
Howard, Rev. P.

Rockport, Me.

Dec 24, 1861.

Reed Dec 29, 1861.
Dec. 27/87

Dear General:

Among my Christmas gifts came $10,000 Pennsylvania stock registered with a note from Mr. F. P. Zetlmeiss, a stranger to me— with the assurance in your name that you refuse to receive it. All of which is quite too much of a commendation for me. What can it all mean?

Always yours,

J. Shipherd

[Signature]

To: A. Q. Howard, West Point
Gen. O. O. Howard:

Mea Prima:

I have received your esteemed favor accepting the invitation to address the Baptist Social Union of Manhattan Island at its February meeting for which please accept my sincere thanks.

I fear that I have made a mistake in the day. The meeting is on the first Thursday of the month February the 2nd instead of the 9th as I wrote to you. Kindly inform me if this will make any difference to you.

The speeches on these occasions are as you suppose largely filled with humor and pleasantness. As it is the annual meeting and one at which ladies are present in full force
you might choose and there so as to include "Man’s social peace as an element of Christian progress" and the well-known doctrine of the Baptists to the principles of Civil and religious liberty might give you the basis for general accord of an amiable character. But you are quite free to choose for yourself and we are sure that we shall be quite satisfied and edified. The speakers are usually twenty or thirty minutes long.

Averting your early advice as to whether this time will suit you date

Cordially, 

L. M. Lawson
Dear Sir,

Dec 29th 1881

Answered by the last

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Paul Ross

By the last

Dec 29th 1881

[Signature]
My dear [Name],

Yours of 23rd inst.

I have written to [Name] Lincoln. I will see him as others when I next go to Wash. I have not the honor of a personal acquaintance with the President.

I am told that the influence of Senator [Name] is the most potent at the White House and with heads of Departments. Senator [Name] of your State is one of the most intimate friends of [Name] Lincoln. I would advise you to write to him. And from [Name]
The President will receive the
aff' of your son, but I do not know
what your relatives are with him.

Yours truly,

M. P. Garfield.
My dear Sir,

I return you certificate of stock to Mr. Shy, and lost mine, and hope this morning you will receive the accompanying letter, etc.

I do not find anything in the pamphlet to increase confidence in the company. Much of the correspondence has been already published. What is added is an expression of sincere feeling that is not justified by any statement which the document contains, much anything that I can show interest in.
outside of the document. The "document council" who can afford the title are British at the head who is not an amount lawyer. Blair whom I knew nothing about, Capin, Egan, Thompson and Ridick, Child. Scott Lord who is a good deal of a joke, Christy of newspaper publication, and Hubert who is quite the opposite of "serious" as a lawyer.

On the other hand if your name becomes publicly connected with the case, it would be likely to be dragged in the mud by the newspapers. To your amazement, and possibly by your personal disadventages. Sperling goes.
Pyramid Lake Agency  
December 27, 1881.

General O. O. Howard,  
West Point  
New York.

Esteemed Friend,

I write to inform you of my marriage. I was married in San Francisco on the 5th of this month, to "my soldier," you know him. I am stopping here temporarily waiting for a letter from my sister, my plans for the future are not fixed out. Several Gentlemen want me to take the lecture board again but my husband objects. I am quite busy writing a history of my life which I desire to send to you for criticism and advice. I have not heard long since from that bill of expenses to Montana will you be kind enough to enquire after it. Remember me kindly to Mrs. Howard and the children and believe I remain 

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs. J. H. Hopkins

[Signature]

Vera Sarah Winnebago
Army Mutual Aid Association,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.,  
Dec 27, 1881  

Your remittance has been received, and you are credited with payment of all dues, including the 9th (or Plummer) Assessment.  

GEORGE W. DAVIS,  
Secretary and Treasurer.