[March 18?]

New York, ... *1882.*

I have employed myself for some time in making selections from the writings of my pastor, the Rev. Dr. Deems, of the Church of the Strangers, and am about to publish them in the form of a Birthday or Year Book. There are, of course, 365 selections, accompanied by as many blanks, with spaces for autographs or record of sentiments. It is to be printed on good paper and elegantly bound, and will contain a portrait of Rev. Dr. Deems. It will be a beautiful book in its appearance. To give the friends of Dr. Deems and my own friends the first copies, I issue this prospectus and solicit your subscription. The price of the plain copy is $1, of the gilt-edged $1.25, payable on delivery.

Please fill the blank below and return it to me as soon as convenient, and oblige,

Yours very respectfully,

SARA K. HUNT,

166 West 10th Street.

..... *1882.*

Mrs. SARA K. HUNT,

Please send me at .....

..... *plain copies of the Deems Birthday-Book, at One Dollar, a copy, and* ..... *gilt-edged copies, at* $1.25 *a copy, to be collected on the delivery.*

Hunt, Mrs S. K.

New York
Feb 1882.

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the Indians & they are all or nearly all dissatisfied with their agent?

3rd. The contract for beef with Barney was made by H. Bendell Supt. of Indian affairs, & you endorsed that you were present & that it was as good as any can be.

4th. Mr. Larabee who was deputed to succeed Jacobs is now in the Indian Bureau at Wash'n, & he tells me, & I find from the records, that he did not in fact follow Jacobs immediately. Two others intervened. On Sept. 13. 18?? a Mr. Stevens relieved Jacobs & receipted to him for all supplies on hand including 36.614 lbs. of beef.

In view of Jacob's inability to deal with the Indians you perhaps deputed Stevens to act temporarily & Jacobs may have left without obtaining proper vouchers.

Will you, my dear Sir, kindly write me at the earliest day possible, what is your recollection of the facts. The Treasury & Indian Departments have aided my investigation & of course only desire to do what is right. If nothing is due they do not wish to urge suits. Their long delay makes the hardship the greater. Very truly yrs. Leonard Myers.

Leonard Myers

125 South 7th St.,
Phila, March 18. 1882

Major Genl O. O. Howard
My dear Sir

Recurring to my pleasant acquaintance with you when I was in Congress I take the liberty of writing you as to a matter in which I feel sure you will take an interest.

When you were Special Commissioner of Indian affairs in Arizona Territory in 1872, Edwd C. Jacobs was a special Indian agent there. He was appointed March 13. 1872 & superseded Jany. 31. 1873.

His mother & his aunt were sureties upon his Bond. No notice of any deficiency on his part was ever given to them. The mother died in 1875, her estate was distributed & in fact he received out of it more than enough to pay the sum now claimed. He died a few years ago insolvent, and suit has lately been brought against the

surviving surety, his aunt, a lady 76 years of age who would be ruined if she were compelled to pay anything near the balance claimed.

Aside from other items such as $50 for a saddle - $168.43 for Mendoza an assistant farmer & travel expenses $54 - which are disallowed because the accounting officers did not see the necessity for them - although undoubtedly paid by him - the chief deficiency arises out of a voucher for 55605 pounds of dressed beef at 10 cts per lb. bought August 27, 1872 of James M. Barney, a Contractor.

I am counsel for the surety, the aged lady sued, and as we are about to offer a sum in compromise it was suggested to me this week by the Treasury officials that you might perhaps throw light upon the subject & in the interest of justice explain an apparent deficiency.

I learn that frequently careless agents omitted to take vouchers on delivering supplies to the Indians - and I am led to believe such was the case here for the reasons presently stated.

1st. There was no collusion between Jacobs & the contractor, for I find by the Indian Bureau records this beef was actually delivered by the Contractor to Jacobs through Lt. C. F. Rockwell U.S.A.

It must have been delivered to the Indians. How could he have disposed of it in a camp under military supervision & to whom unless to the Indians?

2nd. There could scarcely have been any wrong on his part in this matter for in your letter, subsequent to this, recommending Jacobs' removal you say to the Department

"Mr. Jacobs is honest, frank and sincere, but in a peculiarly false position - he has no control over

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Gettysburg Pa
March 15 1882

Maj: Genl
O. O. Howard
U.S.A

General

Upon the part of the Committee of arrangements I have the honor to invite you to be present at the ceremonies upon decoration day May 30th at Gettysburg Pa.

Very respectfully
Your obt servt
S. W. Crawford
Bonnybrook N.J.
Chairman Com. Invit.

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Department of Justice,

OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR OF THE TREASURY,

Washington, D. C., March 18th, 1882.

My Dear General Howard,

I must appeal to the generous kindness of your heart, as a Christian man — and beg you in the outset, to pardon me, for again troubling you.

You will recollect, you wrote a kind letter in my behalf, to President Hayes, when I was an applicant, about four years since, for a position as Judge on the Court of claims. I then failed, although I accepted the position I now hold, as Solicitor of the Treasury — on the understanding with Prest. Hayes finally, that I should have the appointment, on the first vacancy on that court.

There is now another vacancy — and my name is again before President Arthur, as an applicant for the place. — Many kind friends — distinguished men, in and out of Congress, have interposed in person,

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in my favor. I know the President is kindly disposed towards me — but there are many applicants, and of course the pressure is strong.

General, I have no right to annoy you in this way — and it is painful to me to have to do so. But my future is dark and forbidding. — I was quite a wealthy man before the war. The results of that unfortunate struggle made me very poor. I was true to the Union and the flag, during the war, and have been true to the republican party, since the war. I have paid the heavy penalty of my devotion to principle and to duty. Impoverished, ostracised in my own land, and now on the downward grade of life. I can not, with all the economy I can practice, save and lay by any thing, from my salary here. If I were to die to night I could not leave $100 to my wife. I could have made

a fortune, if I had done like a great many others — made traffic of my official position. But thanks to heaven, I shall have the consolation conviction, when I die, that I have never mulcted the government or the citizen to the amount of a cent.

I prefer a judge's life and calling to all others. It is more congenial to my tastes, habits and mental training.

General, may I ask you to be kind enough, to write a letter, directly to President Arthur, and say a kind word in my favor. You could merely refer to the association of first acquaintance at West-Point — my well known devotion to the Union — my past services and long experience of 30 years in public life &c. — I know your kind endorsement would have the weight, to which I know it is entitled. Your name is known in every part of the Union. Your services in war and in peace are a part of the Country's history. Your present position is one of commanding influence. Pardon me General if I have presumed too far. Truly & respectfully, K. Rayner

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE.
WASHINGTON.

March 19th 1882

My Dear General

I thank you sincerely for your kind letter.

I was against the detail of Hoyt. It was abominable for West Point. He is an honest, worthy man, and we are on friendly terms.

I advised the sending of Sanderlin two years ago, but Sherman exclaimed no. Now, how shall

we do it? I will coöperate with you - Sherman is not necessarily consulted - Can you not initiate the Strange?

Yours Sincerely
Rufus Ingalls

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

Personal & Semi-Official Explanatory

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF WEST POINT,

UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY,

West Point, N. Y., Mar 20 1882

Gen. Rufus Ingalls
Quartermaster General
Dear General.

I have applied for Lieut. Crosby P. Miller 11th Artly. as he is a prime quartermaster and we need him much, very much!

Sawtelle has too much rank - we must have a junior who will be out of doors & in doors & one who has not too much history & a reputation already fixed. I love Sawtelle. He is the man for either of the other Depts. but this needs simply a smart Post Quartermaster &

such as Miller has shown
himself to be.

Now if this be granted me
I can keep Hoyt also till you
get a place for him.

I think you can arrange
him so as to please Sherman.

Yours Truly
O. O. Howard
Brig. Gen. U.S.A.

Cornwall. Monday. Mar. 20.
We are well. Mrs. VanB's
bill for me for ~~four~~ (4) weeks
at six (6) dols. each amts. to
twenty four. 24 Please send
twenty five (~~besides~~ not enclud-
ing John's request for two) for me.
~~Ashley, C.O.B.~~

Combs, C. H.

Washington
Mch 20. 1882.

Answered by the Genl
Mch 21. 1882.

Washington, D.C. 3-20th 1882.
Genl. O. O. Howard West Point.

My Dear Sir:

I write this to ask a favor of you, which under the circumstances, I trust you will not refuse.

I have been trying very earnestly since last June to get employment in one of the Departments, but I have not succeeded, though I am very well endorsed, as the inclosed letters will show. The pressure

for office is very strong; and unless one brings to bear all the influence he can command it is futile to attempt to succeed.

A letter from you to the Sec. of War, in my behalf, will be of great service to me, and I most earnestly desire that you will aid me to that extent.

Such a letter from you, with the endorsements that I have, and my claim personally urged by my Congressman, will present a case hard to resist.

I entered the University in the fall of 1870 and worked my way through.

Inclosed you will find testimonials from Dr. Rankin (of whose church I am a member) Dr. Patton, Gen. Balloch, Mr. Douglass, and others, with all of whom you are acquainted.

Hoping that you can give a favorable reply, I remain very truly,

Your obedient servant,

C. H. Combs,

Cor. Grant av. & 7th st.

New York March 20th 1882.

Dear Sir;

It would be very acceptable to me could I receive in enclosed envelope, some sentiment from your pen, or if that would be too great a transgression upon your time your autograph with date they would be highly valued.

I am very respectfully
Your truly
W. B. Robinson

To
Genl O. O. Howard U.S.A.
West Point
N.Y.

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Boston, Mch. 21st 82

Mar. 21, 1882

My dear Uncle

Your letter greatly encourages me to hope that we may see you. Of course you would not have to prepare to speak in Tremont Tem. worth & if you are to be at Auburn on 30th, you take us in your way most conveniently — I hope then you to have another hour; saying that you will come.

It is always a great occasion with us, when Music Hall being packed.

Yours most sincerely

Russell Sturgis Jr.

Newburgh, March 21. 1882.

My Dear General:

On Wednesday, April 5th, our Y. M. C. A. of Newburgh holds its annual anniversary meeting in the 1st Presb. Church (Rev. Wm. R. Halls). We have an afternoon session in the Lecture Room with reports of committees, discussion, etc. etc. Most of our ministers will be present, and some of them will doubtless take part. In the Evening, we shall have a New York minister, and would very much like a short address from you. Can you not come and spend the night with me? It would be a great help to our work, and your stay with us a source of pleasure to all concerned. We will promise you a good audience and a warm welcome. An early reply will greatly oblige

Yours very sincerely

E. Purves

Gen. O. O. Howard
West Point.

Turner, E. S.

Newburgh, N. Y.
Mch 21. 1882.

Answered by the Genl
Mch 23/82.