

[Apr. 1882?] W



I, WEST 45TH STREET.

Major Gen'l Howard
West Point.

General: I have a young friend making preparations for West Point, and will be glad if you will inform me which preparatory School you consider the best

in the Country, for
fitting a boy for
the Academy.

I am, Gen^e.

Respectfully,
H. O. H. S.
R. D. Allen,
C. B. Griggs
N. S. A.



General O. O. Howard
Dear Sir

May 5/82
General O. O. Howard

General O. O. Howard

My Dear Sir:

HYDE PARK, MASS., April, 1882.
(HOME ADDRESS.)

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Having been commissioned by Congress to compile an account of the Battle of Gettysburg, descriptive of the positions of troops added by me to the official maps of that battle, and also having been elected Superintendent of Tablets and Legends by the Gettysburg Memorial Association, in justice to all parties, and for the truth of history, I shall make a final effort to establish important historic "points" regarding the battle, before submitting my account to the Secretary of War; and I am equally desirous that positions on the field be fully determined before tablets are erected by the Memorial Association.

To that end (after consultation with many officers of distinction), I have decided to call a series of reunions of "the boys in blue" and "the boys in grey" at Gettysburg; which movement has received the approval of veterans of both armies. Heretofore, the gatherings have been general in character. Each visitor naturally starts at once to his own position,—all become scattered; and as I can go with but one party at a time, visitors frequently leave for home without contributing the desired information.

The proposed reunions will be by *localities*; and when these have been examined, and the facts established, a general review of the whole field will be made for the gratification of visitors at each reunion.

The first meeting will be of veterans who fought at and near the "Peach Orchard," "Wheatfield," "Devil's Den" and "Round Top," on July 2, 1863, who are invited to report in person at the Eagle Hotel, Gettysburg, at 8 P.M., June 7th, for organization.

The second reunion will be of veterans engaged in the first day's battle, who will meet at the same place, at 8 P.M., June 14th. Two preliminary meetings were held recently at the office of the Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C. Several Congressmen, who had served in the Army of the Potomac, or the Army of Northern Virginia, were present, and, with others, made enthusiastic speeches; comparisons were drawn, much valuable information was elicited, and it was voted unanimously to attend the reunions at Gettysburg, in June. Several regimental organizations have already reported that they will go.

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HLDG PARK, MASS., APRIL 1885
(from Yester)

Holding park commission of the Congress to combine an account of the battle
of Gettysburg descriptive of those who took part in the battle and the names of the officers who were
present at the battle. Also names of all the soldiers who served in the battle. I
desire you to furnish me with a copy of the battle report of the battle of Gettysburg.
I am enclosing a copy of the battle report of the battle of Gettysburg. Please
keep it safe until you receive my answer. I will then return it to you.
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The third reunion will be of troops engaged on Culp's and East Cemetery Hills. Veterans
of both armies are requested to report as above, at 8 P.M., October 18th.

Reunions at other localities will be called as the history progresses, of which due notice
will be given.

Fully realizing the responsibility of compiling this work, which, whether accurate or
otherwise, will, when printed, assume a semi-official character, I earnestly urge all who were
present at the battle, who can find it convenient to do so, to meet me at Gettysburg, to
contribute their knowledge of that event.

I also ask as a special favor that you notify others, and particularly that you secure the
assistance of the *Press* in your vicinity; and I shall esteem it a favor if you mail me a copy
of their paper noticing it, that I may know the extent of the notification; and also that, as
soon as may be, you inform me whether you intend to be present.

I have the honor to be, very truly yours,

J. J. Bachelder.

P. S.—I leave this letter unsealed, hoping it may be opened and remailed should the party have moved away; or
if the address is not known, give it to some person interested in the subject.

My Dear General

It has always been a source of gratification to me that I
had an opportunity to visit the field of Gettysburg with you; but now
is still much to be learned, and I have thought it better that these
reunions be called. Looked for you in Washington when arranging for
the preliminary meeting, but found at last that you left the city only
two hours before. On my way home from Washington I called on
Generals Barlow, Slocum and Ames. General Barlow was the only
one I saw. He was quite interested, say he would go, and would
do all he could to make it succeed. I hope you will go, and I send you some blank
Circulars for you to add a P.S. to and mail to offer to help work up.
Please write me. Yours & C. B.

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Spring Hill, Tenn.,
April 16, 1882,

General,

You will remember me as an old Bureau attorney at Nashville Tenn. I served there under you something near eight years. After closing out that office I came west, and have been a farmer in a small way since.

I am content
hereat, but there are others depending on and who are out,
and it is like I will be forced into some sort of public life
again.

In view of this I would ask if you remember enough
of my business capacity, trustworthiness, &c., that you
would be kind enough to send me an expression of the
same.

With all due respect,

Friendly yours,

J. B. Coons

July 1820

As I have now seen the most prominent features
of the country from the coast inland about 100 miles
and have been told the country is still more
desert than I have seen so far.
There are no trees or shrubs to speak of but
Acacia trees.

The soil is thin in some parts and thick in others,
according to the kind of soil it is built on.

There is no vegetation in the desert but grasses and
small shrubs which grow in the depressions between the hills.

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Aug 1st
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New York April 1st/82

O O Howard

Brooklyn N.Y.

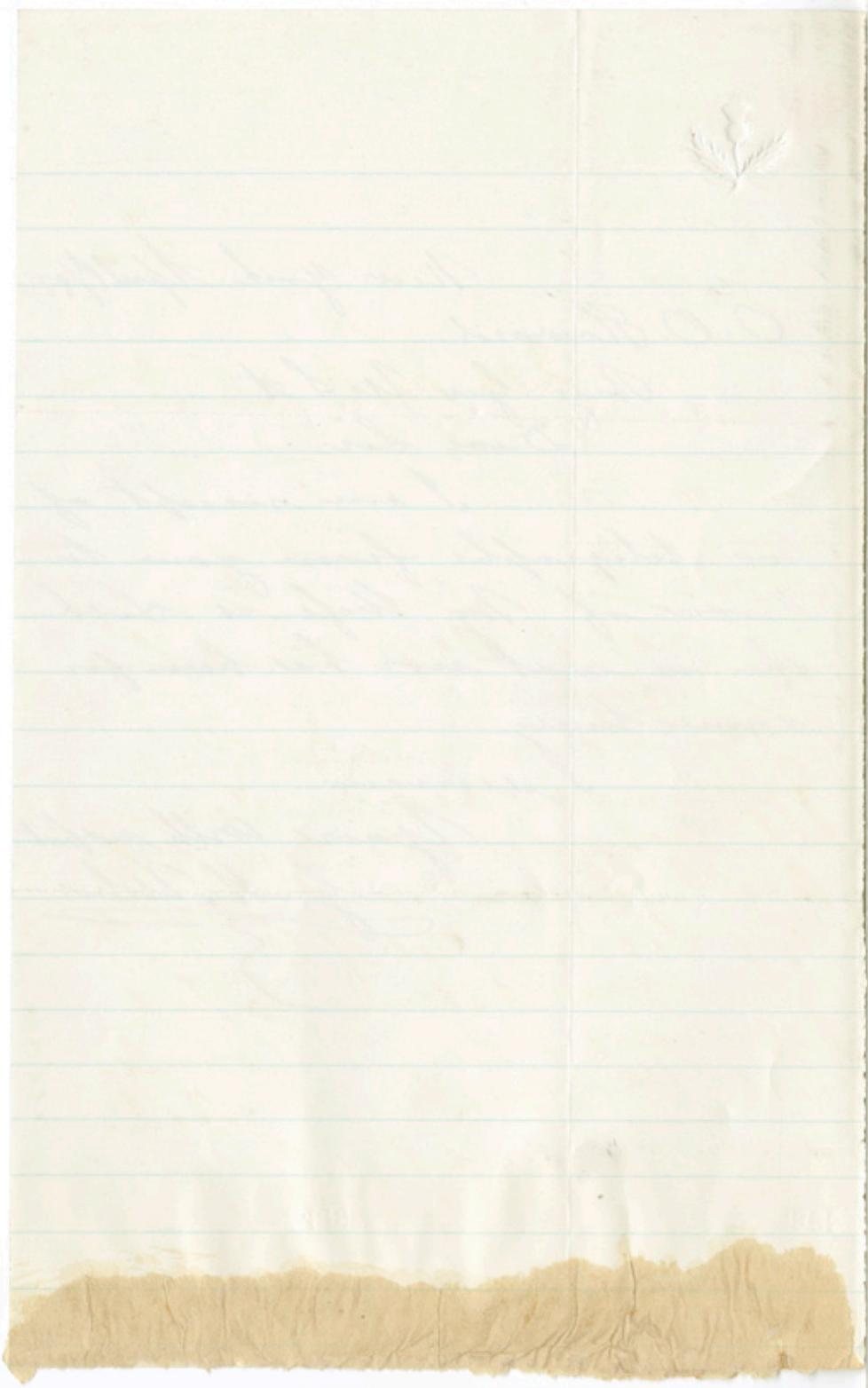
Dear Sir

I am receipt of
two telegraphs from you to
know if my wife is sick
she is not nor has been for
some time

I remain

Yours with respect

J. M. Mohr



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American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions,

1 Somerset St., Boston, April 1, 1852.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

West Point, N. Y.

My dear Sir:-

Will you be so kind as to send me, in enclosed envelope, your estimate of Rev. Jas. D. Eaton and wife, as related to their fitness to be sent out under the care of the American Board for foreign missionary service?

Among the qualifications, necessary for so important a work our Prudential Committee emphasize the points alluded to in the enclosed extract from their Manual for Candidates.

Your communication, of course, will be regarded as confidential.

I remain

Yours truly.

E. R. Alden

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Aldus, New E.C.

socialist system's not sustainable to itself, unless

Howard O. D.

Mr. Howard D.

W. H. D.

Boston, Mass

April 1. 1882.

Answered by the
Genl. Apr 3rd 1882.



Saturday

Washington. April 1st
[1882]

Thanks dear General, for
"Count Agoston Dr Gasparini"
which came to me on Thursday.
I shall enjoy the reading of it
very much, when the leisure
time comes. My husband has
already begun it, having
finished "Das Joseph". He is

roaming along "in the Brush"
by Dr Price, but we do not
make much progress, the cir-
cumstances are so many.

My best love to Mrs Howard
and kind remembrance
to the family.

Yours most gratefully
Augusta P. Whiteley

Burns, Mrs A.

New York
April 1. 1882.

Annoyed by the
Gub. Apr 3 1882



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202 West 43rd Street
N Y in care of
Miss Butter

Dr Howard
Dear Sir after a long
Illness I drop you a line
to inform you of my of a
very severe affection
from a poison vine
I got in to my blood
and ~~it~~ went through
my system one of the Dr's
gave me assurance to take
18 drops a day to counter
act the poison in system
and during that time
I feel myself place the Banks
firmly but I had to
give up added lie on

To the very sole of
my feet I often thought
of job I did know what
was the matter with me
then I was in your
service in well point
my hands was full
of lumps I am not
present will get out
thank God I am better
and is about take
another place it
was a great loss to
have to give up my
place and my wages was
high but I hope to get
a good place here work
hoping you that you
will be so good as to
send me Refrence

~~I & Melousie I send~~
~~you madam I~~
~~discharge you can~~
~~see whom I left &~~
you wife Please to
return it I hope that
it that yourself &
Mrs Howard and all
the dear children
is in good health
also your dear good
mother

Yours Howard
your obent
servant
Mrs Anne Burns

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Washington Apr 3 1883

Dear General

You Brighter was exceedingly gratified at the receipt of your kind letter and desired me to thank you on his behalf. I am glad to be the means of conveying this communication, and to be able to tell you further that he has continued to improve steadily in health since your visit, and as he wished me to add, "in love & God". There are some things about his case very interesting which you can have after some time when you are here. It will please you now to know that in looking for an attendant for him I quite by accident found a young colored man who had been 3 years at Howard University, who is strong active faithful and intelligent. He

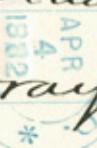
is in constant attendance day and night.
He can write letters for the General, reads
prayers, and is in all respects much
superior to what one would have expe-
cted for a man or body servant
I think the General has truly experienced
Change of heart, and that the peace of mind
which has come over him in consequence
has had much to do with improving his
Physical Condition, He is able to walk about
his room, and with fair weather it will not
surprise me soon to see him in the street.
He will be much gratified to hear from you
at any time when you can find time to con-
fide a line.

Truly yours

F. A. Salley

May the Lord reward you.

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Houston Light Guard.

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Houston, Texas, April 3rd 1882

Genl. O. O. Howard,
Supt U.S. Academy
. West Point.

Sir:

I take this liberty of writing to you, for the benefit of my company, the "Houston Light Guard," who are very earnest in their preparation to enter some of the competitive drills to take place in the Southern States during May next. We feel the need of advice in drilling some portions of "Upton's Revised Infantry Tactics," and respectfully ask you to answer whether the movements as described below are executed properly. ~~but~~ If not consistant with your convenience, ^{to do so} please refer them to

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Some other competent officer,
but would I request that you
approve his answers. We
desire to drill strictly accord-
ing to Upton, and submit the
following for criticism.

1st We execute Barley Arms from
an order as explained by Tactics,
but find there ^{are} really two checks
in ~~the~~ executing the first motion.

2nd We execute Secure Arms (or 1st
motion) by turning the right hand
as you would a screw, to the
right, which is equal to turning the
barrel to the left.

3rd In executing first motion of
Rest on Arms we slip the left
hand from the lower band to the
guard as the muzzle drops over

Brue & Spill (not all)

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wide mouthed

shells described last summer
by Dr. T. G. Thompson of the University of
Michigan were collected at various
places about the lake. They were
all broken but enough to give
an idea of the variety of species
and forms. The shells
described by Dr. Thompson
are not preserved and had
been lost. The following
list is based on the descriptions
of Dr. Thompson and the
specimens I have examined.
The shells are arranged in
the following order: 1. The
shells which are described as
being the same as those
described by Dr. Thompson
but which are not described
in his paper. 2. The
shells which are described
as being different from
those described by Dr. Thompson
but which are not described
in his paper. 3. The
shells which are described
as being different from
those described by Dr. Thompson
but which are described
in his paper.

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the left toe & not after the muzzle is placed on the toe.

* As the commands, "Load" and "fix" or "unfix bayonets" are not subject to the regular ^{Cadence}, we execute each by subdividing the different motions into several, all of which are necessary. But when the command, "by the numbers," is given the men are required to wait in the proper position for the command "two," or "three." For example in executing "Load" by the numbers, the first ^{motions} done according to tactics, in one time, but at the command "two," six more motions are executed concluding with cartridge in the right hand held over the chamber, and at command "three" the load is fired.

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bring Philip (not me)

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and adults

Now let us go back to the first
time I met you because of all
of the books I borrowed it was the
bright one we borrowed before we
had dinner the ^{which} longer it is
that I have had it since then and
now we have to do, I mean this
is because the book still looks
new it may be because we
only all in know of him after he
was just because it is not written
in books written by other people
but a word about it, and another
thing, just now he came to us
now will just because he is the
brightest person we know
He gives us a lot of time and
will be here for us to talk about
many things he said he had learned to

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ed in four motions.

5th In executing "Company Risi" from the position of Kneel after the first fire and load, the Company rise at a ready, then half cock the piece and come to a Ready.

6th Suppose the command fire lying down is given followed by the commands "Aim", "Fire", "Load" & then "Company Risi", when are the pieces brought to a half cock in order to execute the last command?

7th Is the command as "Company - commence firing" correct?

8th We require the guide of the company whether in

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leaf so mixed with the
old leaf has a very nice
place & no old wood now
left it has great
power & it was well
timed with the old
leaves & wood
now it has nothing
in the leaf but it is good
and the leaves & old
wood & leaves are
mixed up together all
the old leaves are gone



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line or column of fours, to keep his gun as a carry, as also the guide of each platoon. The sergeant at the other end of the line or column is required to execute the manual with the company, whether they execute Secure, Reverse &c. &c. The file closers execute carry, right shoulder & support with the company, but remain at a carry when other commands ~~are~~ the manual are given.

9th The officers hang their swords with guard to rear.

Oblige me by answering the questions above and state whether

of the movements explain
as expected by us, are c
and explore correct expla
tion to ~~discuss~~ those who
~~excuse~~ arriving. Yours are
will be appreciated by
several military com
Regretting the necessity
troubling you I am

Very Respectfully
Thos J. Farney
Capt. H. L. G.

P.S.
I explained only those move
ments considered doubtful,
Yrs Respc
Farney
Capt H.L.G.

Answed by the
Genl Apr 12/82



Mr. Howard I don't blame you if you
won't answer these questions. But
I hope you will. I you can't do no-
tify me by letter.

Yours very truly

(A troublesome correspondent)

Harry Galbraith,

Anwered by the
Genl Apr 10/82.



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Hartville, O. H., April 8th, 1882

Mr. Howard:

Dear Sir: It is with pleasure I
write on a variety of subjects to you.
Let me tell you I have received both the
the Official Register of U. S. M. A. and
your answer to that question. I cannot
describe my thanks for your answering.
I have read the pamphlet through
and have seen the different officers
of the Academy. (Read them). I can also
bring forth convincing news of the death of
the oldest graduate of West Point. His
name was General Merrick. his age
I think was 85 yrs. From the ancestry
of the Galbraith Family & there has been told
me that ^{more} ~~I know~~ my relations that is
now that likes the ideas of N. S. and its
necessity. And they take no interest their in.

This late war for instance: What would have become of this Republican form of government without the soldiery. As I believe with General Scott as in the Mexican war. It was the graduated cadets and generals and the men under their command that saved this government from a total overthrow. Now of course wise statesmen rule negotiations and war is prohibited. But military men are needed. I myself is the one and the only unless Frank W. Galbraith often is of any connection you that wishes to reach a school of this kind. You would much please me if you would answer this question. What is Frank W. Galbraith's address? I wrote you a postal also stating that I would like to open correspondence on your life. military life. This would also please me ever so much. I like to write and read the memoirs of Military men. I have wrote and wrote memoirs of my father. If it is possible for you to do so. I hope you will. If it isn't I wish you would notify me by letter. But do hope you will and if you will of course I will of course I will send questions now of incidents in the war and the different places you were situated in battle in the first Bull Run. They are the following: What do you think of the fighting qualities of McClellan. What command did you hold at that time. There a terrific struggle between command of a division. When was the crisis of the battle. When did Kirby Smith arrive with his division. Was there any prominent officers on the union side killed. How did the battle end telling whether the enemy's forces pursued and when they were checked and by what division. Was it a perfect rout to the union army. Was it much of a shock to the union cause. Thus ends the questions on the first Bull Run Battle.

Gilmare, Mrs E.

Glencoe, Ill.

April 14. 1882.

Around by the Gents
April 8. 1882.



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Glencoe April 4th. 1882. My dear son
I was very happy to see your hand
writing yesterday, and to read such a
cheerful, hopeful, letter. I shall enclose
a draft or check for Jamie's use of
Fifteen hundred and seventy dollars.
\$1500. is the amount I intend for him
but as you were so soon to send
me the \$30 my annual stipend & the
draft made \$370 that you might add
the 30, and save sending it to me.
I record \$1500 on my book to Jamie, I send
the draft to you, because from what
you wrote you will be at West Point
and the uncertainty of Jamie's return
at this time, I am sorry to hear of Capt. Nader
being troubled with his leg, I am not
able to go to Chicago, my health poor, Mr
Cather Gay had the check paid for

me, & ask him to have it drawn
payable to Jamie but he could
not remember the name so had
it payable to my orders & will
enclose it by putting my name
on the back & Katie is no better
had a bad night, last night, it is two
weeks since I have ~~seen~~ seen her, I hope
Charles will not come home the
worst time of year he could come or
be here I get all my information
about her from the nurse. The children
are healthy remember me affection-
ately to all the family

Affectionately your Mother
Eliza Gilmore

O. O. Howard

P.S. I send the ~~way~~ money this
night fix James ~~tax~~ ~~next~~, ~~pass~~ ~~post~~
in season,
E. Gilmore

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Cambridge, Md. April 4th 1882

To the Superintendent of The
Military Academy - West Point

Dear Sir - I desired leave of absence
for Capt. R. H. Noble, that he might meet his older
brother and myself, in Balt., on important bu-
siness. Upon notifying Mr. Noble, however, he
expressed so strong a wish that the matter should
be defered, if possible, until his vacation, that
I made arrangements accordingly, and I so
informed him, last week. I presume you have
not named the matter to him, or he would
have told you. Before I could notify Gen-
eral Grinnell that to make his application
he notified my partner, that the leave had
been forwarded to West Point; and I therefore
left it, to Mr. Noble, to tell you of the change
of arrangement. Mr. Noble was very unwilling
to ~~take~~ leave the Academy, at this juncture,
considering any interruption of his work, as
very detrimental. Under the circumstances, I
felt bound to meet his wishes.

Yours truly

Swett S. Milbourne
Attorney at Law.

Cambridge, Mass
April 4, 1882

Answered by the Post
April 6, 1882,



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Boston.

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My dear Genl.

I am glad
to hear from you,
& that you are com-
ing to Boston. We
shall expect you to
come direct to our
House. 638 Tremont St.
& make it your home
while you are in the
city. I shall be happy

over Seattle. & the N.
West with you. & see
what can be done.

With kindest re-
gards to your wife &
children - not for-
getting my quasi
daughter whom you
left behind - I am
fraternally yrs

E.B. Webb.

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EXECUTIVE MANSION,
WASHINGTON.

April 4, 1882.

Dear Sir:

The President di-
rects me to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter
of the 21st ultimo.

Very respectfully,

W. J. Phillips
Private Secretary.

General O. O. Howard.

West Point, N.Y.

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