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Dear General.

There are three gentlemen here waiting to see you. Col. Leveridge, Mr. Sanford the owner the Day Line, and Capt. Hitchcock. the Captain of the Albany

They are waiting here to see you. Will you be down pretty soon?

Yours

Slade

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Capt. J. A. Sladen

West Point
May 19. 1882.

Lt. Howard

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Newburgh. N.Y.
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My Dear Sir.

Yours of 15 inst. is here, as my if agreeable to you, I will meet you (D.V.) at your residence Monday; 22 inst.

Very sincerely
A. B. R. Wallace

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Highland Falls
May 19th 1882

Major General O. O. Howard
Honourable & Dear Sir
I hope you will forgive me, if I have done wrong, by laying this matter before you, for your righteous consideration,
It is this, Sergeant Doyle of the Cavalry Dept. has been indebted to my husband for a number of years, he would pay him when he saw my husband coming he would run, if he happened to catch him he would tell him to wait until next pay day then demand another bill & so it has run on & on, This spring I put mines on the books & I have sent him three bills, the day I was at West Point I think about

Highland Falls, N.Y.
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Mrs. Stewart, Maria L.

Asks Gen. Howard to assist her in collecting a debt from Sergt. Doyle, detachment of Cavalry.

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five weeks ago, I saw him he demanded another bill, of Items, I gave it but no response, he will not pay any body he owes I refer you too Mr John Denton Mr Joseph Denton, he owes them both ask Mr Simon the Builder what kind of a Man he is, he can tell you, every article in this Bill was for his own personal use as his bill, will shew every thing, of personal apparel and any amount of Tobacco,

If General Howard will be so kind as to see what he can do for me, towards getting me this Money he will do a good thing for me I have no income now, I always have Contributed, at this Season of the year, but as I was Drummoled out of My Boys this year it leaves me without any income,

This Bill of Sergeant Hoyts is fifty four dollars & eight cents

General if I can only get this bill it will be a great help to me, to tell you plainly I am hard poor,

General if My Letter is not acceptable to you please burn it, in ashes, but I think a hint will from you will do

Respectfully submitted too
Major General O O Howard
By your humble Friend
Maurice L Stewart

Confidential, General, he is a great drunkard he & his wife both, I think by appearances, the tobacco he uses in a year would more than pay My Bill

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Springfield Mo
Nov 19th 1882

Dear Gene

Will you exchange a copy of your book entitled "Nez Perce Joseph" for a "History of the 36th Regt Ill Vol" The Regimental history contains over 800 pages, is well printed and is a handsome volume. If so I will remit by mail

Very Respectfully
Lyman G. Bennett

Springfield Ills.
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to our S.S. Pub. Socy about it. If it could go into "lists" like that they publish for S.S's it would keep its circulation. Rev. L.C. Chamberlain of Norwich Conn: has made out such a list & it is published by Ticknor of Boston. Send a copy to the first named with a note asking his acceptance & ask if he thinks it worthy a place in his well chosen list?

Charles & I had a pleasant visit together one night. I attended in a storm at the North of East River from Friday till Sat morning & got into Providence at 4.30 P.M. Sat. next to Boston & spent Sunday

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Rockport Mass
May 19/82

My dear brother

Your p.c. is just received. I was in New York to attend the Facility's Engraving Anniversaries & had no moment to spare for visiting. Took you & Lizzie very much for kindness to Otis. He took his companion without my suggestion & against my judgment. Yet his visit was more enjoyable & less profitable on that account to him. He seems to have no real ♯ view of West Point, N.Y. &c as my first visit gave me. Was much of a failure as I may be as a man & a preacher. What I

am
in the way of knowledge &
usefulness. I am largely
to those long opportunities of
seeing scenes, things, insti-
tutions & men, which the
kindness & hospitality of my
friends - you & Lizzie especially -
enabled me to enjoy: the
secrets of books I have not
forsworn like others mine
studious & faithful. but
what the world can teach
I have learned to some profit
as I hope.

I have often feared that the
investments you & Lizzie
made in me must seem
to you to pay poorly - if ever
you give them a thot -
other than that of the generous,
self-forgetful kindnesses
of relationship & love &
But I want to say this.

I do feel grateful for the
manifold things you did
for me for which I fear
I then seemed almost
unmindful.

Chas & I received your
telegram about you both.
It was a crowded, "packed"
business meeting & no place
for church work or recommen-
dations or N.G. I note
what you say & while
I do not think the style
of "Gasparin" fascinating,
& regard the narrative as
too prolonged and
the sentiments, rather, presume
by repetition, & the
adjectives too superlative,
you, with most of the rest of the
done & the spirit of
the life & the book is
excellent. I will speak

there I with Frank Gilman.
at Cambridge - Couldn't
get home on telegraph -
My people were disappointed
to have no preaching. but
some went elsewhere,
others enjoyed the rest
& nobody can find fault.
Helen & children are
still with her sick friends
at her Farmington home
with small prospect of
their improvement. Will
you get to Commence-
ment at Bowdoin, when
Chancey is examined
& Memorial Hall
dedicated? Prof. Goodwin
your teacher, gives an
address on Longfellow.
It is about Aug 15.
If you & Charles can
be there I would like to -

Rev. R. B. Howard

David is quite anxious that his cousin Chauncey should room with him next year. It would be very pleasant for us as families to have them together. David has selected his room & if Chauncey does not come, may room alone. I have warned him that he can afford no such expenses as are now popular.

Possibly I will see you a moment or so on train from Boston to Lewiston if you will take Eastern & not Boston & Maine

R. R. Monday May 29. I go to Boston that day

W. W. Greene
Portland

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Engaged. I spoke to Gen Reynolds, repeated to him the approach of the Eleventh Corps as directed, and told him you had sent me to obtain his orders. In reply he told me to inform you that he had encountered the enemy apparently in force, and to direct you to bring your Corps forward as rapidly as possible to the assistance of the First. Gen Reynolds gave no order whatever in regard to occupying Cemetery Hill, nor did he make any allusion to it. I immediately left him to return to you, and it is my impression that before I had made my way out of the town, an officer or orderly overtook me with the intelligence that Gen Reynolds was mortally wounded. He must have fallen within five minutes after I saw him;

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**Port of Boston, Mass.,**

NAVAL OFFICE,

May 20th, 1882.

My dear General:

I have not yet fully read Gen Doubleday's book giving an account of the battle of Gettysburg, but I have carefully noticed that part of his narration which relates to the events of the morning of the first day of July 1863. Of those events, so far as I had any connection with them, I have a distinct remembrance, and have on several occasions, stated it in writing, during the years that

have intervened.

The Eleventh Corps, under your command, moved from Emmittsburg at an early hour of that day, simultaneously with the march of the First Corps from Marsh Run. As the head of your column reached a point not far from Marsh Run, where the First Corps had encamped the night before, heavy firing began to be heard in the direction of Gettysburg. Concluding that the First Corps under Gen Reynolds must have struck the enemy, you directed me to ride forward as rapidly as possible, find Gen Reynolds, report to him the progress of the Eleventh Corps, and ask for his orders. I did as directed, and reaching the outskirts of the town of Gettysburg on the Emmittsburg road, I found every indication that a battle was opening on the West side of the town in the vicinity of the Seminary. Learning that Gen Reynolds had gone to the front, and seeing him in the distance from the Seminary, I followed with all speed and overtook him nearly out to the Extreme advance of our troops, where the skirmishers and some regiments were already hotly

Col P. D. Hall

to the inquiry, so far as I have any knowledge. I repeat in the most positive manner that no orders were sent to you through me by Gen Reynolds, on the first of July 1863, for the occupation of Cemetery Hill; and I will add that it was my understanding at the time, and is my understanding and belief now, that I alone, of your staff, saw Gen Reynolds, or conveyed orders from him to you, on that day.

Your friend & obed.t Serv.t

D. Ariel Hall

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

Port of Boston, Mass.
NAVAL OFFICE.



and I did not wonder at this, as he and his staff were exposed to a dangerous fire while I had my ~~his~~ brief interview with him.

Retracing my steps towards Emmittsburg, I met you hurrying into the town, and not far from the Cemetery. I communicated to you the order of Gen Reynolds to bring up your column as rapidly as possible to the assistance of the First Corps — and the order was despatched immediately back to the columns of Schurz and Barlow. Riding into the town at your side immediately after, I remember that as we passed along

the road at its base, you pointed to the crest of Cemetery Ridge on our right, and said "there's the place to fight this battle", or words to that effect. By your orders I soon after returned and met Gen Steinwehr at the head of the Second Division of the Eleventh Corps, and assisted in the posting of one of his batteries - Weidrich's Battery of three inch rifle guns, I think - on the summit of Cemetery Hill, North of the Baltimore pike. These were the first guns planted on Cemetery Hill, and they were never removed till the battle of Gettysburg was over, and the enemy had retreated from the field. Gen Schurz, who had succeeded to the command of the Corps, in obedience to your orders also placed the larger part of Steinwehr's troops, when they came up, in position on the hill as a reserve, while Barlow and Schimmelpfennig advanced through the town and formed on the right of the First Corps.

The question being, to whom is the credit due for the selection of Cemetery Ridge as the Union line of battle?, this statement seems to cover all the events of that morning which are pertinent

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Hutchison Academy
Hutchison.
Bourbon Co. Ky.
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Gen. O. O. Howard,
My dear Genl

It is now nearly two years since my pleasant visit with you at Ft. Vancouver, Washington Ter. I feel very much like seeing you again.

I have long had a desire to attend the Commencement occasion at West Pt. and I write to ask when that day comes off. & to ask if I may come & see you at that time.

Please let me know

days
of the Heir Apparent
Rest will be the most
interesting.

And in conclusion may I ask
can you store me a-
way comfortably a-
mong the cadets — make
me safe from their ha-
zing tricks & so as
not to be too much
of any trouble to your-
self.

Kind regards
to Mrs Stonne and
much love to yourself.
Write, please ans^r at
early as possible.

I remain ever
very truly Yours,
H. Coates
Pow. of Academy

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Ames, J. G.

Washington
May 22. 1882.

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Genl May 24/82

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Washington D.C.,
May 22nd 82

Genl O. O. Howard

Dear Bro

We are making a great effort to provide a home for this Association. Have arranged for three or four parlor conferences, and believe you can be a great help to us if you can attend one and present the work. An extra Bulletin will be mailed with this showing you what has been done. Can you be with us between May 25th and June 6th? The Association will provide any expense you may incur in visiting us. Hoping for a favorable answer

I remain Your
J. G. Ames Prest

Washington D.C.
May 22nd 82

Hon O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

We are
anything a great effort to
provide a home for this Indian
orphan. Have encouraged for the
a few older gentlemen, and be-
lieve you to be a great help
to us if you can attend we need
pursuit the work. The entire Institution
will be provided with the charming
you what has been done. You
you to walk in between then
2 girl and June 6th? The Indian
orphans will provide our appreciation
your many minutes in assisting us,
thanking for a favorable answer
I remain yours
Respectfully Great

Washington
May 22d 1882

Received by letter
Good May 24/82

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Sargent, E.

New York
May 22. 1882.

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23 Waverley Place
Newyork May 22d 1882

My dear Otis

many thanks for the excellent letters to Secy's Teller & Lincoln and for the promptness with which they have been forwarded.
I think we will have no trouble in getting our Sunday School to take your books. We will also write to Nassau about them.
Mrs S. says she sent Bessie some cards the same afternoon Mrs Howard left here and hopes if she did not get them you will let her know and she will forward some more.
She joins me in kind regards to you all and trusts Mrs H will

not hesitate to command
her when she can be of
service to her in the city. We
will both consider it a pleasure
to make any returns in our
power for past kindness.

Sincerely yours
Epes Sargent

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THE UNITED STATES GAZETTE.

WASHINGTON, D. C. May 22 1882

Enl

Brvt Maj Genl
Oliver O. Howard U.S.A.
West Point
N.Y.

Sir:

Will you kindly favor us with the address of your brother Col. Chas. Howard, formerly of the 128th U.S.C.T.

Respectfully
Soule & Cooper

Paulé J. H.

Washington
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House of Representatives,

Washington, D. C., May 22nd, 1882

My dear General:

Since your last favor inviting my attention to the Deficiency Appropriation Bill, with a view to having the completion of the Hospital provided for. I have from time to time spoken to members of the Committee and have been told that the Report would not be presented for some time to come. On Saturday I was surprised to hear the Chairman make the Report. I immediately saw him and was informed that no appropriation had been made for the Hospital nor could it be in a deficiency Bill. Mr. Blackburn tells me that there was no recommendation from the Sec'y of War. I saw the Sec'y this morning. He was apparently not friendly to the appropriation. Will you please let me know all the facts with directions as to my future action?

Yrs. very truly

Lewis Beach

To

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
West Point, N.Y.

Washington
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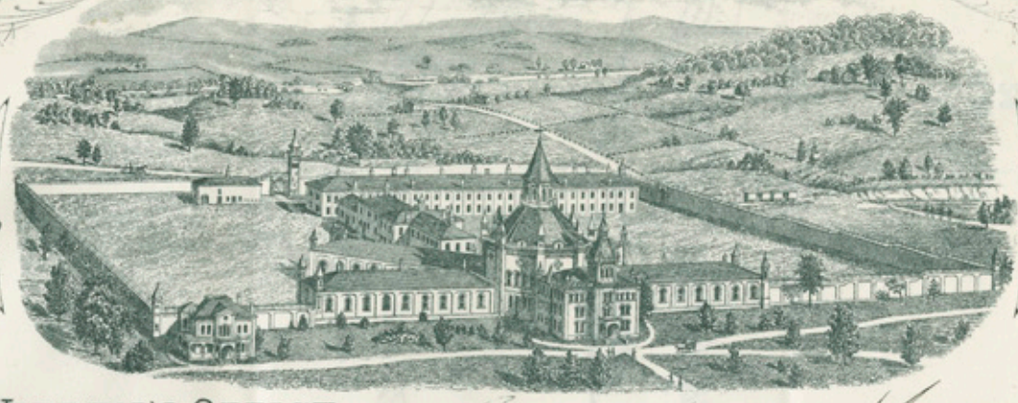

E. C. WATKINS, WARDEN.

WARDEN'S OFFICE.

Ionia, Mich. May 22nd 1882

Gen. O. O. Howard
My Dear Sir:

Governor Jerome mentioned to me - the other day, that you had written an account of the Nez Perce campaign and incidents leading to it. But after considerable search - I am unable to find the book in any of our book stores. May I ask you to kindly give me the name of the publisher - or that of a house, of which I can purchase it. I wish it for my own private library - and also for the library of the institution, at present under my charge.

If you go to Detroit in June - I hope you will make me a visit. You would be much interested in our work here.

With the warmest regards - I remain
Your friend - E. C. Watkins

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Rockport May 22/82

I wrote you a letter like this to you in Boston ~~[illegible]~~ 67 Boylston St if you can call. The bar the care of a demented woman till July 1st then over to Leeds to rest.

I do not quite like the commercial look of the printed circulars you sent me. Either as coming from an author or an Officer.

Yrs cordially
A W G. Rowland

Your enemies would fall [illegible] in them.

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BOARD OF INDIAN COMMISSIONERS,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 22 1882

Dear Brother:

I directed Kitty to send you my Son Conlon's Report — but I hardly believe you will find time to read it. You might read that part relating to "boundary", "new forts" &c.

When you are done with it please send to Rawlins. It is an extra copy.

jury to the knee by the wound — a very sensitive place. I will not be entitled to any back pension — not having applied in season.

I will work to get a certificate of such facts as you know both from you & me, also, from Sladen. — If I cannot call on my way North the last of the week I will send mem. of points to be covered —

Yours with love to all at home —

O. O. Howard

MAY 23 1882 P.O.H.

I get the best of news from Kitty. She is beginning to walk about & is in good spirits and daily gains in general strength.

She said she had a delightful letter from you which she promised to mail to me after she had read it over a few more times.

My family at Glencoe are well. But I get no letter from Mother. I trust she is well. Those papers from Sloden are just right. I have put in an application for Pension & been examined by the Board of which Dr. Rayburn is Pres.t.

My leg troubles me both from walking, riding horseback & even sitting in the cars. The Dr. thinks it is not rheumatism but that it arises from the in-

though I can not trust that I accomplish a vast amount of useful work. I stopped just now to look out of some tennis pink roses and then while my thoughts wended to West Point and your happy household, I found myself caressing your pretty ring — it is very dear to me. My one sister gave me a ring to wear as a token of their remembrance, before — and this little one is always on my finger to tell me that years or not count in friendships — I almost thank you enough for you as I do for Papa! And I do feel so fortunate that you are willing to call so frivolous a girl your friend — sometimes very sweetly "daughter" — Someone

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Fort. Dale
May 24th 1864

My dear friend,

Cousin says you find it rather hard to read my letters — in which you are not alone for so many complain of my writing — I am very sorry that it is so bad, for my intentions when I write letters are so very good that it is a disappointment that they

should be so hard to read.
It is singular that I was
never taught writing as most
children are. I do not know
how it happened, but it was
one of the cares neglected
by my teachers, so that my
hand formed itself — and very
badly too. You must indeed
miss your two boys — I wish
will you that I knew them —
I should like to know all of
your dear ones — and if your
sons grow to be as nice and
as good as their father I
am sure everyone must like
them very much indeed —
Papa has been home long enough
to be very much settled and at
home again. We all enjoy having
my cousin with us — though she
is several years younger than I,
still as I never quite grew
up to my years we are not seen
very far apart. It must have
been Miss Dora who sent you the
decorative art paper or circular.
I feel conscience smitten that
I have not seen her in so long
a time. My time is generally full

Miss M. Rau Blaney

Trinity Place
May 22d 1882.

Answd by the Genl
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gave me Gen. Death days took —
I am furious with him — It
seems so much like spite — But
he can not hurt you while he
places himself in a conspicuously
mean light. I pray for one
then could have seen no braver
more loyal soldier in Uncle Sam's
royal Union Army than my dear
Gen. Howard — And I would like
to tell Gen. Dr. what I think
of him — especially since he waited
so many years to make his mean
remarks!

If any or many young ladies
are "disposed to be friendly" with
my "grey haired friend" please

or not let them for so far
as to usurp my place — I
do not think they can ever
have quite the claim to your
hand that I have — can they?
I have felt that that was a
peculiar privilege that Mrs
Howard kindly lent to me.
I should not like to think
others had it too — I try to feel
is selfish even sometimes you
might need the help of that
little service as much as when
I had the pleasure of being
a right hand to you. So I give
allow any other girl every thing
the fancies and you may grant
Except my corner of your kind
heart — that belongs to me
as one of the chosen!
It will indeed be pleasant if you
get Col. Langdon — I think Grandma
Moses will be pleased. Mrs. Vail
is very quiet, and so am I,
Sister not very well — yet not very
ill. Ice or Miss Gussie so much.
She or think he improves even in
so short a time, and hope it will
make a splendid boy of him. Mrs Wetherbee
Mrs Prince and Mrs. Peckham wish to be
remembered. With kind regards to all
especially Mrs Howard —

Very affectionately
Nellie Vail Blossom

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Buffalo, N.Y. May 22 1882

Gen O O Howard
Commandant West Point

Dear Sir

I write to thank you for your prompt response to our telegram of inquiring concerning cadet Whittaker address and to ask you for a further favor. I have been in correspondence with Whittaker lately and at my suggestion he is about to tell the people of Buffalo and if he succeeds here those of other cities his side of the story. the facts of which the court martial failed to put clearly before the people

W. W. McSwain

I find a good many people are in the dark about the merits of the case, ~~and~~ notwithstanding the vast amount of "investigation" it has had — always with a purpose, so many think — of putting Whittaker in the wrong if possible and shielding the other parties. I think Whittaker could show up some of the color line business and make an interesting lecture. What I ask of you is to give me if you can some expression of opinion concerning Whittaker that will accredit him with the many Californians who know and honor you. He has no acquaintance here and needs such an introduction as your doubtless could give him. Please accept assurances of my sincere respect and consideration. I can be of use to you

Clerk's copy the letter Col Lee's name written in Feby 1877, and I will send it to you for comparison with the enclosed letter. — It surprises me to see the persistency with which these attacks are followed up, against you, and your reputation. I suppose they will never forgive you for being thanked by Congress. I wish I could aid you further than I am able to — because I know, to a certainty, that nobody anticipated you in seeing the importance of Cemetery Hill, and immediately acting upon that conclusion. If I have not expressed that conviction fully enough or positively enough, I will publish in any other true language that will be more forcible. And this reminds me to say that some of my impressions about details differ a little from yours

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Port of Boston, Mass.,

NAVAL OFFICE,

May 22d, 1882.

Dr General:

My delay in replying to your letter of the 9th inst arose as follows. Some six years ago I had occasion to write a letter to a distinguished N.Y. officer on the same subject — the battle of Gettysburg. I knew that I preserved a copy of that letter, and that it would probably show a fuller & fresher recollection of events than my memory would now furnish me. I therefore thought I would find it and make it the basis of my answer to you: but on looking for it I had to mislaid it, that thought

I turned my house upside down in search of it; it was all of no avail. I rummaged among my books & papers night after night after I returned from Boston, but finally gave up in despair, and sat down and, drawing upon my memory alone, wrote you the letter which I enclose, in such shape as, perhaps, (if you find nothing objectionable in it) fits it for your use. After writing this letter, sitting in my library very late Saturday night, I happened to take up a copy of the Atlantic Monthly of June 1876 which contained your Gettysburg article, and out dropped the paper I had been searching for so long — which I had carefully put away between the leaves of your article, for future reference in connection therewith. I found there also a letter from you when you were at Portland, Oregon — and I think I sent you a copy of the letter to the N.H. officer in reply. The fact is I had kept two copies of the "Atlantic," and had used one, and carefully tied up and put away the other with the missing papers, and a copy of the "Galaxy" containing Gen Hancock's article.

I mention this incident partly to show you that I am growing old and forgetful about some things, but mainly to show, by and by, that my account now from unaided memory corresponds to the account I gave then: for during the day-to-day — I will have one of my

as given in your Atlantic article. You there admit to having rec^d other messages direct from Reynolds that morning, besides the one I brought you. My impressions have always been otherwise — I had an idea that you rec^d no order from him except that sent through me. One of the messages you refer to was probably the one from one of Rufus's staff, referred to by Hancock — and you may have rec^d one from a staff officer of Reynolds while I was gone, which I should personally have known nothing about. But you see the difficulty into which this admission places you. Rosengarten says he "thinks", "is quite positive", "thinks he cant be mistaken" &c, that he heard Gen Reynolds give me the order for you to occupy Cemetery

Col D. Hall

Hill — : but, when I positively deny that, they then fall back upon a reserve statement, that if not by me it might have been by some other officer that that order was conveyed to you. Now, my recollection is that you rec^d no other order whatever except the one I bore, and if that be so, then it is absolutely certain that Reynolds gave no such order at all: But your statement that other messages were rec^d gives them a chance to say that you rec^d that order through some other. On that account — for fear of its being pointed out that your account and mine differ — I couldn't make the very last sentence in the enclosed letter as strong as I wanted to, by having it read as follows, "that I alone conveyed orders, from him to you, on that day". As I have written it, it is strictly true, is entirely defensible, and not inconsistent with your published statement. But I should have liked it better, if the truth had been, and if your statement had been in accordance with the impression I derived from the events of the day — which would have excluded the possibility of their statements being true, and cut off Gen Doubleday, Gen Hancock, Col Rosecrantz, Mr Bates and all that crowd of malingerers from those resources of misrepresentation which they knew so well how to draw upon.

Yours Sincerely

D. McM. Gault

[May 22, 1882]

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*You are respectfully informed that the next Monthly Meeting of the Institute will be held at its rooms (as above),* Thursday 25 May at 7:45 P.M. *There will be read a Paper by* Rev. Dr. G. H. Mandeville *on* Spiritual Life: and its Ethical Bearing

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Col. D. Hall

I am in Boston every day, and would be happy to see you here at any time. I live in Dover, was married only five years ago, and am the happy father of one fine little boy, 3½ years old. I should be much happy to receive you there whenever you may chance to pass through on your way to your old home, and renew our old acquaintance, and recall that every soldier must esteem his greatest days. I rejoice that you are where you are, because I know that where you are in authority the colored man will not be trodden under foot. With best wishes for you and yours, I am

Sincerely Yours. D. Hall

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**Port of Boston, Mass.,**

NAVAL OFFICE,

May 22, 1882.

My dear General:

I have had the letter copied of which I referred in my letter of this morning, and herein enclose it. It was in answer to a letter from Col Livermore in which he said

"A friend of mine who is collecting facts about the battle has been informed by Capt Lee of the 1st Corps staff that you told him you were this Aide, and that you rec'd an order from Gen Reynolds for Gen Howard and conveyed it to the latter; and Col Rosengarten of 1st Corps staff tells him that he heard

the order given by Gen Reynolds, and that it was for Gen Howard to move up to Cemetery Hill, and occupy it and place his reserves there."

I think you will see that it is in full agreement in all essential points with the letter I wrote Saturday night, independently of this, only fuller in detail & in expression of opinions. I dont know as I have even been any reason to modify the opinions therein expressed in regard to Gen Reynolds' conduct and situation on that day: but that is of little moment — the questions of fact are the gist of the whole matter.

I think you will have to take your enemies in hand, General, a little more vigorously than you are accustomed or inclined to. Those who keep on scribbling and repeating this story which stands on no foundation whatever, ought, metaphorically speaking, to be "skinned alive", and I hope you will treat them as they deserve.

This is, perhaps, as much as you will want to read on this subject: but I wish you would acknowledge the receipt of what I send you, and tell me whether it will subserve your purpose.

to come into collision with anything more than a small detachment of the Enemy, perhaps a brigade or a division — and therefore I am prepared to believe that he didn't realize any occasion for selecting a position for a battle on a large scale. The enemy's movements were as usual thoroughly masked — we were feeling for each other in the dark — and I have always supposed that Gen Reynolds had the idea (up to about the time he was killed) that he was meeting a small force which did not threaten a general engagement then and there. But becoming engaged with a superior force he was obliged to hold his ground as long as possible, or fall back upon the main body of the army, or to a more favorable position under circumstances of difficulty and danger. He chose the former alternative, and I believe he chose wisely. This I think is the true ground upon which to rest his fame as a soldier, and his vindication from the aspersions which some



Dover N.H. Feb. 17, 1877.

My Dear Colonel,

I am in receipt of yours of the 10th inst making certain inquiries in reference to the battle of Gettysburg.

I was the aide of Gen Howard who rode forward to Gettysburg on the morning of the 1st of July to report the approach of the 11th Corps, to obtain Gen Reynolds orders and to ascertain the situation generally. Leaving Gen. Howard some three or four miles from Gettysburg on the Emmittsburg road I rode rapidly to and into the town. Upon inquiring for Gen Reynolds I was told that he had just gone in the direction of the firing to the Northwest of Seminary Ridge. When I reached the ridge Gen Reynolds was pointed out to me across the open fields with his staff riding rapidly towards the front where our skirmish lines were engaged, and an engagement more or less general was going on. Spurring forward I overtook Gen Reynolds nearly out to the line of skirmishers. I informed him of Gen. Howards approach and asked

for his orders. He hurriedly directed me to order Gen. Howard to move up with his corps as rapidly as possible and to join him at the scene of action. I am not able to say that he directed Gen. Howards corps, or any part of it, to take possession of Cemetery Hill or to be posted there in reserve. My impression is otherwise. I turned back rapidly to return to Gen Howard, met him at the outskirts of the town near the junction of the Emmittsburg and Taneytown roads, gave him Gen Reynolds order and at about the same moment, a messenger probably one of Gen Reynolds staff arrived with the intelligence that the General was killed or mortally wounded. In a short time Steinwehr's Division of the 11th Corps arrived at the Cemetery. By Gen Howards order (he having gone into the town) I directed Gen. Steinwehr to occupy the hill with some troops of his Division and a battery of Artillery. I personally attended to placing the battery in position to the North of the Baltimore pike in the spur of the hill overlooking the town and the valley towards Culps Hill. When the order was given Gen. Reynolds had fallen and Gen. Howard was in command of all the forces in the field. From my memory of these incidents I have no doubt it was Gen Howards own order originating in his own mind and his own views of the advantages of the position. At any rate I have a distinct recollection that Gen Howard called attention at once upon his arrival to the great military strength of the position which Cemetery Hill afforded and gave his opinion that it was the proper place to receive the enemy and fight the battle. The impression has already been firmly fixed in my mind that the first suggestion I ever heard about occupying Cemetery Hill was from Gen. Howard. At the same time I cannot doubt that Gen. Reynolds would have discovered, at a glance the same topographical advantage at Cemetery Hill if he had entertained any idea of an engagement of any magnitude in that vicinity. But it is to be remembered that Gen. Reynolds knew very little of the position, movements, strength or intentions of the Enemy and at the time when I saw him must have been quite ignorant of the precise state of things he was called upon to encounter. I doubt if he had any means of knowing that he was likely

have cast upon him. I have never thought it necessary to his reputation to ascribe to him the honor of having selected Cemetary Hill as the theatre for the battle of Gettysburg. In fact it is altogether probable that if he had so selected, the battle would not have been fought from that strong position, and the glorious result of the campaign might have been reversed.

Yours truly

L. Allen Hall

Col. T. L. Livermore,
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