May 23, 1882.

My dear General,

I have tried to get hold of my diary to send to you but find that it is packed away with other books in such a manner that I cannot get hold of it for some weeks. My wife is not doing very well. I gave up housekeeping last fall and stored all my furniture. With these the books were packed and I myself hardly knew where.

As soon as I can I will forward my notes with pleasure.

I do not remember the joint order of May 21st, 1863, and cannot recall what it refers to nor do I recall
of having recorded such an event. As soon as I can resume my diary I may be able to recall many of the facts connected with Chandler's Mill. Unfortunately the map which I once time lent to the Pa. Historian Mr. Bates, Shelton, has never been returned to me. I am sending an imperfect tracing instead.

I have an invitation to come to Fishburg June 14th. to Oct. 18th. of Mr. Bachelder. I have written Dr. that I cannot go in June but will try to be at G. in October. Ask to meet you there — I mean to read up some of the accounts of the battles that are an interested in.

Very respectfully, T. Meyersburg.
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Received at: 

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To: 

Providence R.I. May 23

Christian Association here have their Anniversary Monday night. Can't you stop on your way from Boston & repeat your address.

A.E. Barstow

1882.
Received at

Dated Boston, Mass. May 28
To Longfellow Hall

Can you remain over Wednesday night and speak ten minutes at Congregational Club Festival.

Fanciful Hall - were highly pleased.

Sam T. Eckert, General Manager.

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Lewiston, Me., May 23, 1882.

Sir:

I return address as requested. The new
address is to be received in
Auburn, and I have so
converted in error.

Please accept thanks
for your courtesy. I
made publicite in 
file
the evening of its delivery,

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

T. Sedgwick
Office of the Lewiston Journal

May 23, 1882

[Signature]

Lewiston, Me.

[Stamp: RECEIVED MAY 24 1882]

Major General Howard,

Dear Sir:

It gives me the greatest pleasure to address you. My brother who was Captain of Co. F 61st N. Y. S. V. fought under you at Fair Oaks. He often spoke concerning you and always spoke of you with the utmost affection and respect. Poor boy, he was wounded in the seven days fight and died in Libby Prison Hospital. I can assure that our Association which I believe raised the first company to go to the war will give you a very warm welcome to Boston after your long absence. Our prominent citizens always attend our anniversary services. Usually the civic authorities are in hand. I take the liberty to send you
several of our previous reports so that
you may get a little idea of our
work. If you have a moment I
would like you to look at them.

Dr. Webb and his wife wish me to say that they anticipate
much pleasure in entertaining you
and will be greatly obliged if you
will take a carriage when you arrive
at the depot Sunday morning direct
to their residence—638 Tremont St.

Of course the Association will see that
you are abundantly remunerated for
all expense etc. Praying that our

ehrarions Lord may abundantly bless
both you and ourselves in your coming

I am your ob-servant,

W. R. Deming

P.S. Please excuse the evident haste
in which I have written. It is due
to pressure of business, aggravated
by continual interruption.
War Department
Washington City.

May 14, 1881.

General:

I beg your acceptance of bronze copies of the gold and silver medals, "First Prize Army Division Marksmanship", and "Third Class Prize Army Division Marksmanship", awarded under the provisions of General Order No. 42, Headquarters of the Army, May 10, 1881.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully yours,

[Signature]

Brig. Gen. O. O. Howard, Secretary of War.

Commanding Dept. of West Point,
West Point, N.Y.
Columbus, O., May 24, 1883

WILL H. WHITE, STENOGRAPHER

My Dear General:

I send by this mail the documents which you placed in my hands, having completed my history of the Colored People in America.

After five years of study, in which time I consulted more than twelve hundred volumes of history and other books with 3,600 pamphlets and having traveled more than six thousand miles for information I have completed my great task. My history is in fifteen manuscript volumes of a hundred and fifty pages each or more, 320 words on a page, in nine parts with sixty chapters, and when printed, will make two volumes of nine hundred pages each with an appendix.

I will be in New York next week at the Hoffman House, and if it is convenient for me and agreeable to you I shall endeavor to call at West Point.

Wishing you abundant success, happiness, and a long and useful life, I beg leave to subscribe myself,

Your obliged friend,

Geo M. Williams

To—
Geo. O. O. Howard, Commandant U. S. Military Academy, West Point, N. Y.
My dear General:

I send you this to say that the account of my recent trip to the United States is now ready. It contains approximately 300,000 words and is divided into six volumes, each being approximately 50,000 words long. The first volume will be published next week in New York, and I am hopeful that the book will be a success.

After the necessary updates and corrections, it will be made available to the public. I am happy to report that I have completed my work, and I look forward to the publication of this book.

With my warmest regards,

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]
Christie, Clark Co., Wis., May 24th

Gen. O.O. Howard

Dear Sir: I was a member of Co. E, 3rd Maine Regt Vol's. The Co. was first commanded by Capt. Frank Hasler and afterwards by Capt. W.B. Handsorn, and you were our Col. At the battle of Fair Oaks, Va., while helping to get a piece of artillery out of the mud or to a causway bridge I received a severe injury to my left foot. It was severe so that the joints of the toes have all become stiff, and of late my foot has become swollen and painful. Well the day after I was in pain I was left beside the railroad and there was no freight train come along and stopped near me. The door of the car was open and I crawled up to the car and looked...
in. and the first one I saw was you laying there on the floor of the car with your arm out of you saw me and reached out your other hand and shook hands with you and that was the last time I ever saw you.

you came to Manhelda, his nearest one and lectures. I was living within twelve miles of there, and I tried to get there to see you, but I was not able to get there, and did not see you. well the next day after I saw you at the train there. I was taken with Typhoid fever and Enrico Salschouser. I was taken to the hospital and the field was grazed through that seven days battle to the James river left there under a tree three days and two nights without any care. Finally Mrs Sampson that lady that used to be with our feet, was taken to a hospital boat.
and sent to Gen Hospital
Liberty Island N.Y. I was there five
months and was then discharged on coat
of Surgeon's Certificate of Disability.
Capt. Hansen was with me when my
foot was fractured but he was taken sick
with Typhoid Fever the same time that
he was, and he died. Well when I went
for my disability roll the officers in
Command neglected to mention the
Injury to my left foot. So I died
not get any pension on bounty either
three years ago I applied I applied
for a pension and to prove my case
I found Maj. Hatch and two friends that
were with me. By the way Maj. Hatch
was Second Lieut. of C.G. when you
were in Command of the Post is now
and ordained Minister in Episcopal
Church. he sent me a good affidavit
I also got the affidavit of a man
who made my boat both before and after
the war. We'll be back of last month. They allowed me at the rate of two dollars per month. While three other Soldier's living near me who are able to attend to all the work on their farms, and they are getting one of them six dollars per month and the other, five dollars per month and I have never seen any bounty I have a small post office that pays me about 50 dollars a year. and this year I was put in Charge of the town bond so I have some employment but I have depended for the last six years when my eldest son who is now 21 years of age. He is a noble boy he has managed to get a good education and is now teaching school. I wish I could get a good situation for him in Government employ. One object I had in writing was to see if you did not know of a good place for him. For I know I could trust him in your hands.

I have given the best part of my life to my Country. I shall always be a citizen, and I don't feel sorry that I died in but I
I don't want my children to suffer for it and have to take none of me. When they ought to be doing for themselves, I don't see why I was allowed so small a pension. Being a surgeon that has seen my cripples first says I should see 8 or not 10 dollars a month, and I should have been satisfied with 8. But to think what I have suffered with my lameness for twenty years, and want for it all this time, and then only to be allowed 2 dollars a month. It makes me feel as though there was no justice to be had; however, I am going to try and get it increased, and I believe I am entitled as bountyals. The No of My Claim is 300844, the No of my Pension Certificate 207177.

If you can assist me in any way so that I can get my just dues, I will take it as a great favor, or I should be glad to get advice from you in regard to my case. I was thinking about what I should do this morning and the thought occurred to me to write...
To you, in all probability, my suffering will be over in a few years as my health has never been good since I left the Army and what I do I must do quickly so that my children may get some time to help them after I am gone. I should like very much to see you and have a good talk with you. Do you know what became of Mrs. Sampson that Lady that was with our regiment. I suppose if it had not been for her I should not have been alive to day and your brother Charles I should like to hear from him.

I enlisted as a private after the battle of Bull Run. I was promoted to Corporal and after I had been sick to the Hospital I also a letter from Dr. Hartso saying there was a Sergeant's berth waiting for me. I went before the board of examiners and they sent me back for further treatment, after a while I went before Chief Surgeon Simmons and he gave me a discharge. But left me without bounty or pension. I shall be very glad to hear from you if it is only a few words.

Sincerely your's,
Albert A. Kennison
Vernon
C.
May 29th

Dear Mr. Horace,

I send you from Woodford Colonnade a slip which I thought you might not have seen. We are now just back from our two months in Canada of the North. But our own country

love,

Yours most truly,

[Signature]
Miss C. French
My writing is so scrawled that I can scarcely see in what way off I get Clara Lynch.

Address by theFluid June 14, 82.

This is not an official letter and yet it is a private one. While at the U.S. Barracks I found Mr. E. S. Carter. I found Mr. E. S. Carter who is there now on the Light Battery. I very much like to be at...
Next point in the "Tactical Dept." I need not tell you how glad I am to have Emma to near me, and as I felt that it was not improper to mention it to you Carter is known very well to the Col. Michie.

Hi again Dennis. For change, etc.

Be you health to Emma, though of course there are other advan-
eges which influence him. I was sorry to miss you here. I only returned home on the 2d.

Kind regards to Mrs. A. Take care. I will speeder my
As the enclosed is the only copy I have will you please be so kind as to return it to me in your reply?

Though a great many people are adverse to collecting autograph letters, I think I have benefited a great deal from my collection. My rule is when I receive a letter to read up the person’s life and works, and by which practices have I become very familiar with the men and women of the times, besides learning the truth of the saying “that though it is a good thing to be a great man, it is a great thing to be a good man.”

I am also endeavoring to obtain a few select opinions of eminent people on my collection which I intend to publish in a pamphlet together with

New York May 25, 1882,

Gene O. C. Howard,

Kind & Distinguished Sir:

For nearly two years I have now been making a collection of letters from the pen of the most distinguished persons of this and other countries of the present time, and have now arrived at a point where I must stop. My collection now numbers over 750 letters.

And while I have been very successful in obtaining letters of the celebrities of the present time, I must rely upon the kindness and liberality of others to aid me in endeavoring to obtain letters from the great men and women of the past, and it is for the purpose of asking your kind help in this direction that I have taken
the liberty of addressing you.

My friends have frequently told me, and I have many times thought myself that if I addressed you on this subject, I could find in you a friend, and that if it is within your power that you would help me.

I think this because of your reputation as a Christian soldier and gentleman, and know from my young experience that when one loves God he is always willing to help someone, even in my request. I have started in the right way young, having been told by my sainted father (now in Heaven) that a young man can never hope to succeed in anything he undertakes unless he puts his trust in God.

And though I may be wrong, I have always thought that my wonderful success in even my collection has been due to my belief.

And now, dear General, can you not oblige me with some letters of great Generals of the past, or even of the present, which I may not have, which I though of no particular value to you would be of the greatest to me, and an act of kindness from you which I would never forget?

Of some of my Generals I have but simply an autograph and am greatly desirous of procuring something more. For example, Generals Burnside, Hooker, Kilpatrick, Lee, Jackson, Taylor etc. Have you not a spare letter of any of these?

To give you a little idea of my collection, I beg to enclose herewith a comment from the N.Y. Tribune. Will you kindly read it at your convenience?
5. a graphic description of my collection for circulation only among my friends and acquaintances. May I therefore ask if you will, after a perusal of the enclosed article, express your opinion of a few words on my collection? I have thought of no one's opinion who I desire more, or which I would think of more, than yours? Will you therefore kindly favor me?

Please excuse me for inflicting upon you this long epistle, but I really like to write to you more than to any person. Why this is I cannot say, but that it is so, I am sure.

And now, General, I hope you will be able to do something
for me by favoring me with any spare letters you may have of any celebrity, irrespective of their respective vocations.

I shall be on tip-toe of expectations for the next few days for a reply from you, and I sincerely hope that you will not disappoint me.

Allow me please to ask one more question before I close, one about which I have long been in doubt and wished very much to be enlightened on. It is this: I read somewhere that while you were with Gen. Sherman on a steamer on some river, he requested some one to sing, and no one responding you commenced that beautiful hymn "Rock of Ages". Now this has been an incident I have long wished to know accurately. Will you please, in a few words, tell me the particulars of this pleasing incident? I hope you may remember it.

And now I will close the longest letter I have ever dared to write to any eminent gentleman.

Apologizing for troubling you, and sincerely trusting that you may favor me with a reply.

I remain,
Your youthful but sincere friend,
Edward W. Bok
May dear General:

Yr. favor dated 23d inst. just rec'd. I was in conference yesterday with Gen. Dunn when he rec'd your note. Afterward I saw the Sec'y of War. He is most opposed to further appropriation to complete the Hospital. I was led to a contrary opinion after my first interview with him. His idea about Hospitals in general was that they should be built of frame and cheap and burnt down after reasonable use.

I have seen Mr. Hiscock who says the appropriation now asked for should have gone in the original Bill. I have suggested to his Committee that it be now put in the "Sunday Civil" expenses. To accomplish even this prompt and energetic action is necessary. I think that either you or Capt. Glawen should come on at once. We must have a strong recommendation from Sec'y of War. Gen. Dunn left for West Coast might & will be gone several days. I expect to be at Point or at Crawfords Hotel with (over)
Blackburn 1835 8th Visit to on the evening of the 31st cut. I trusted that you will take such measures as your good judgment may advise. As a fact, we are not at all well.

To Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
West Point
U. S. A.

Received by

O.C. 15 Jan. 1862

[Signature]
Thursday, May 25, 1882

Dear Brother,

I hear, please,

that you thought of your own

home and Charles C. at

last, a home to... the

last day of July. Then

also, the time to

remind me to go... Mr. B. J. Smith, and

remind me of the

time to remit. I

hope to get

to see Kitty,—be very

reminiscent of her,

I hope to see her...
six days I may need
part of the
border further south
of Chicago I do not
know where I must to
go. If I visit West
Point again I must do it
before Sunday
so I must forget the plans
this time. I wrote of all
Minnie will try to go up
as she knows poor Coos
are accumulating just
now with Sister Lucy.
It is possible they may also
her December day that
I shall be there on the 26th.
She could have any help
of getting away. I do not
know whether you know so
my morning but suppose so.
If all were well her mind
I would like to go to Denver.
with you. Thank you for sending a copy of your latest letter here. I will show it to mother. Her mother is pretty well and the children — except that Burtie has had a fall and sore throat.

I have been a porter (Robert Reed) here tomorrow in regard to procuring the Advance. He has been to Chicago to look at the Books etc. I do not know much to tell but if the处处 my company will do so.

With love to all and a
Just want to say
Coming Anniversary
Love affectionately
O. H. Oct. 16.

I shall want them all
And some Episcopal
et al. We have one
will want to Glencoe.
Dear Sir:

The balance of this month's manuscript was received yesterday and is under notice. As we noticed at our last column, we are a manifold and it was a manifold that you obtained only. No made necessary change.

Yours Very Truly,

W. A. PIDGIN, for the Proprietors.
POSTAL CARD.

NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS CAN BE PLACED ON THIS SIDE.

M. H. STEVENS
27 E. 82nd St.

Gen. O. O. Howard
Met. Pouch
N.Y.
Port of Boston, Mass.,
NAVAL OFFICE,
May 25, 1882.

Dear General:

I am never in Boston over Sunday, and cannot go to Lewiston because I have an engagement myself Decoration day. But I shall try to see you and perhaps will come out as far as Lewiston and meet you Monday morning on your way down. I suppose you will leave Boston at 7:30 or 8:30. If anything should happen to
prevent me at that time I shall hope to catch you in Boston on your return — of the times of which I wish you would inform me by note addressed to this office on your way down.

It sometimes happens that I am obliged to come to Boston in which case I should not be able to see you on the Eastern road.

Yours hastily,

[Signature]

Gen. O.O. Howard