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AZALEA

Thyford Center, Vermont,
July 18, 1882.Gen. C. O. Howard,
Dear Sir:-

According to
your directions, I submitted an
official application to draw
my pay last March, and as
I have heard nothing from it,
I now forward another, hoping
to hear soon. A few days since
duplicate vouchers for my pay
till July were sent me, which
I signed & returned. If you do
not see fit to send the entire
balance, it would greatly accomo-
date me to get paid off it. I have
been sick much & have been
obliged to contract debts, & it

says that it would be much
better to get this money to pay
them than let it lay there till
I graduate while my debts remain
unpaid. Trusting this may receive
your prompt attention I
remain

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant,
Eugene F. Ladd,
Cadet U.S.M.A

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(HAMILTON)

Cold Spring N.Y. }
July 19 1882 }

General O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

The Rev A. Ostrander
the pastor of the Meth Epis. Church
in this Village and myself desire to see
you at your Office some day next
week if you have no objections to
our calling. We prefer to have ~~you~~
your name the day so that we may
have some certainty of meeting
with you. when you go over.

I am sorry to learn that you
are to leave West Point so soon, but
I trust the blessing & presence of God will
go with you, and yours

Truly yours

J. Edwards

the prettiest robes and paucies
and still as Pope around the little
clock he placed it - turning toward
her and all the other things ^{remains}
the same her chair with the rack
by the bedside and her books on the
table - could we think it - that
she stayed? And then she has
been waiting for my brother Elbert -
he comes from Arizona this afternoon.

I wanted him to see her once
more just - so and so dear Mamma
I know I don't think I
can write much more.

Papa says he wrote you last week
and is waiting to hear from you. He
said "that" statement is - is for you
and has the money waiting for your
disposal - Oh or you think you
and get - or - for this? I long
to see you and feel the comfort of
travelling with you. Mamma said
love - 26 - you are at - West-Point -
in you get - your arms close around
me.

Miss M. Van Blarcom

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Tomb-Cave
July 19th 1882

My dear, dear friend,
Mamma

has just - been writing, and
I felt it - was right - for
me to write - too, for - it seems
as if I can't call - until I
think of you, and so I have
taken my seat by Mother's
open window to write and
tell you if I can something
of these past - wonderful
days. I say wonderful because
they have been so to me. More
of God's love and more of
human love - victory over
death, and the sweetness and
nearness of the heavenly home -
What - revelations there come

to me! I always knew that
you no other just like my
darling sister, and I know
there never will be. So much
she taught me — so much
that she will teach me, for
our darling is ours forever
just the same. Just at the
last she said "left me up"
and then sister Papa to take
Mamma's place. He that was
not just it, so she said "take
me in your arms — not close
to me but take me close to you,
as if dead" so Papa took her
and held her as he has done
so often in the years gone by
and with her tiny head on his
shoulder and her hand nestled
in his neck she was to sleep
for it was just as sweet
and quiet as that — and

in truth that is all it is.
Before that she had spoken to
each of us and of the dear Mother
and said in her clear sweet
way "we shall be like Him"
— Ah, I can not tell you all
it — I shall tell it — always
the dearest privilege the dear
Father ever granted me that
I was there and that she
was my sister — From her
and far on the offerings of
love to her, and to so many
she was that — our dear friend
called her "her benediction" —
Yesterday her room was filled
with beautiful flowers — as she
was her sister and we did, as
confined to bed, she lay on
her little bed just as you have
seen her with her pretty blue
cover over her and strain will

~~7m~~ Balto. July 19th 1882
Gen. O. O. Howard,
Dear Sir:

I am making a collection of Autographs of our most prominent public men, both in Military and Civil life, and I would be very much pleased to be able to add yours also to the number I have already secured. I am making this collection for my own personal gratification, to place in my Album as souvenirs. If you have no objection, will you please write your name on the enclosed slip of paper, and return to me in the addressed envelope, also enclosed? If so I will esteem it a favor, and be greatly obliged to you therefor. As a distin-

W. F. Edwards -

guished Christian Soldier
whose life and history is
the property of a united na-
tion, I am especially desirous
of possessing this Souvenir
of yourself. Hoping you
will pardon me for trou-
bling you thus, yet kindly grant
my request, with sentiments
of personal regard, I am

Yours Respectfully,

W^m F. Edwards,

No. 334 E. Balto. St.

Baltimore,

Maryland.

Approved by the
Genl Aug 3/82



Glenn Johnson,

my heart has been with you more
 than fifty years and is still
 is an enjoyment to me, & ^{time} ennumera-
 ted but few of the blessings & I
 enjoy, passing event's sometimes
 shack me for the time being, but
 how much easier we get over them
 than we at first fear we can, that
 is one of God's mercies to us, & see my
 sheet is nearly covered, a letter
 from Charles received from Charles
 this morning, written the 9th July, at
 Keener's Canyon where there was a
 small mission Sabbath he spoke of
 his long and dusty ride the day
 before and not finding any but
 muddy water for his horses and the
 great pleasure he was receiving
 from the cool spring water they had
 found ^{from} a rocky spring
 they had found at their stopping place
 for the Sabbath, the letter was
 written in New Mexico the 9th July

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written the tenth in Arizona he had comfortable lodgings
 for the time but
 of people with
 whom he
 was with
 did not
 keep the
 Sabbath
 were
 having
 in the
 garden
 heavy
 loads
 of wood
 were
 stored
 in
 for the
 rail
 road
 40
 miles
 away
 good bye
 my son, &c.

Glencoe July 19th 1882
 My dear son this yours
 of the 10th is now before me, it is now
 so near the close of the Assembly
 that I will direct to Sedgwick care
 of T.K. Hazard, & have not heard
 from West Point since the letters I
 sent you, and you returned so
 carefully to me, but supposing Lizzie
 Shanny and Berrie to ^{be at} the sea side
 I will keep all you sent me a while
 longer, & am sure you must have had
 an enjoyable time, & suppose the
 changes at West Point will be some-
 what a subject of consideration, &
 I hope in the end it will be for your
 own best good, I cannot fix any
 plans for you, but while with you
 I have heard you speak of resigning on
 half pay, sometimes I think you
 will do that, then there are so many
 considerations, you will take them

to J. K. Maxwell, and finally the
remembers me affectionately
all into ~~consideration~~ account, and
use your best judgment, I feel like
an anxious looker on, R. B. L. has written
me since the funeral of his father-in-law
I should think Mrs Graves had got
quite strong, from ~~what~~ ^{what} I can learn
from letters, R. B. said his wife was
tired out, I have not written her
yet, a letter from Katie and one
from Louisa Mowbray my two last
letters received, ^{I have} acknowledge'd Katie
is quite hopeful that it will not be long
ere she shall be with us, her doctor does
not approve of her joining Charles
until Autumn, she regretted losing
your visit, I think you will return
this way, Louisa Mowbray had just had
a letter from North Easton, which
told her of her Aunt's poor
health she, Mrs. Jones had of late
a paralytic attack, which her friends
consider a great mercy to her as

Miss (Ch's) Florence
her sufferings are not as acute as
before, from her cancer, she Augustus
Epimone wrote Lois a letter, and he
thought she could not long survive
her sufferings, so one friend after an
other go to the other world, when will
my turn come, I know not ^{oh any} ~~any~~
choice of time, but my dear heavenly
father's time is the best time, How
many, many persons that I have
known have left this earthly tabernacle
in the past year, and here I am
writing letters to my dear ones,
my daily prayer is, that I may have
patience with all the ill's of old age,
I still ~~have~~ have many enjoyments
honorable sons, to think of who
I trust have made their calling
and election ~~sure~~ ^{sure}, and I still
can read good books which is
no small blessing, hearing
good preaching with much satisfaction

[ca-July 19, 1782]

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General Mowat,

Dear Sir,

The very interesting
letter I have lately received
from you has now at Evening,
France has been led astray
a few days ago when
moving out of Philadelphia
to the sea shore & I
have not his new
address. Will you
therefore kindly direct
to him the enclosed.

Mieb, 1 Geo C.

L oblige

Your obedient servant

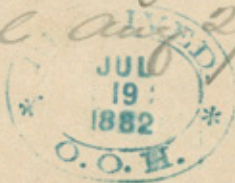
C. Miel

Recd of the Bureau of
frank checks

Photo.

Enclosed letter for-
warded to Mr J. W.
Howard at Eugene
July 20/82.

Answered by the
Genl. Aug 2/82



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WORKS—WHITE HILL STATION.

POST OFFICE—BORDENTOWN, N. J.

July 29th 1882.
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Maj. General O. Howard.

West Point

N. Y.

Dear General

Reading the interesting History of
the Antietam & Fredricksburgh
campaign as published by
Scribner the Author General
Palmy. His remarks as to that
the Philadelphia Brigade being the
first to go. is not true. I was
at Sharpsburgh on the first of
last month and had a good
view of the field around
Dunkard's church &c. Will
you please state what your
recollection of the affair was.
I expect to entertain a number

I expect to visit a number

of collections of the office was.

You please state what year

James's church &c. M. W.

some of the first names

last month and has a good

or manuscript in the form of

first to go in note. I was

the Philadelphia Register being the

copy. The remarks as to the

history of the latter Bureau

concerning as published by

the Western & North-eastern

Review the interesting history of

Dear General

Yours very truly

Wm. L. Garrison

Sept 21st 1882

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of my comrades on the celebration
of the Antietam Battle, which we
will hold on the eighteenth of
September, the sabbath being the
seventeenth, and should like to
speak of events of the past and
have some authority in saying
that the Second Brigade Second
Division of the Second Army Corps
never deserted its position, except
where it was compelled.

Your answer or your convenience
would most thankfully be received
by an old Comrade of C&F
72 Reg P.V. In Truly

Thomas H Eaton

Bordentown P.O.

N.J.

Cato, F. L.

—MICHERSON, WILLARD & CO—

POST OFFICE—BORDENTOWN, N. J.

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Bordentown, N. J.

July 21. 1882.

Answered by the Genl
Aug 2/82.



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Many thanks dear General
for the honor of your
name and photograph
in my book of
"Heroes." He do not
think the picture

does you justice,
but it was very kind
in you to present it
to me.

Truly very sincerely

Lillie A. Hall

"Ordinary"

July 22nd [1882]

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Portland, July 22nd 1882

Gen. O. O. Howard.

Dear Friend,

I read the other day that you are to be transferred to the Division of the Platte and I want to ask a favor of you before I lose your address.

I very much desire to have your photograph. Cannot get one here or I would not trouble you by writing. I can never forget the kind and helping words you said to me when I was trying to find the Christian life, and although I feel that I am not much of a success as an active Christian still I am much better than I was before.

Hoping that it will not be too much trouble for you to grant my request I remain

Yours Sincerely

35 Jeff. St.

Corra Packard

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Leather Manufacturers National Bank,

29 WALL STREET,

51
 NICHOLAS F. PALMER, President.
 WILLIAM H. MACY, Vice President.
 D. L. HOLDEN, Cashier.

New York July 22 1882

Genl C. O'Howard
 Sir

we have to advise
 the payment of a draft on your
 A/c of \$86⁵⁴ —, which
 makes a small overdraft of
 your A/c say .87 cents —

Respectfully
 D. L. Holden Cash
 J. C. Cunningham

Leather Manuf.
Nat. Bank

New York
July 22/82.

Received by Capt. Sladen
July 24/82 -



Personal.

GREENBRIER

White Sulphur Springs Company,

GEO. L. PEYTON, Managing Director.

B. F. EAKLE, Chief Clerk.

White Sulphur Springs,

Greenbrier Co., West Va.,

July 22 1882.

My dear Board. It is with much regret I see in the paper the news of your relief from the Acad^y; and my son, in a letter just received, gives expression to the same feeling, which he reports also as quite general in the Camp of Leaders. I do not know whether the change from West Point to the Platte is an agreeable one to you. We are, however, of the number of those who are under authority and must go where we are sent. The designs of those who wish to intend our discomfort, even our hurt, are often ^{our} ruled to their confusion & to our good by Him "who doeth all things well", if we sincerely love & trust Him. These things I am sure you do now & have done for years.

With good wishes for you yours, I am
Very truly
Wm. P. F.

W. Board

H. C. S.

West Point, N. Y.

O. S. I am passing by here on business & stop over Sunday, as well as to drink some water & take some bath. I return to West Point Monday.

George H. Perkins

Wm. D. Perkins
Perkins, Wm. D.
July 22. 1882.

Received by Cash
Aug 4. 1882



m'attendent.

Je joins à cette lettre une
bonne lettre pour Harry
et aussi des timbres de
la poste. J'ai envoyé
de temps en temps des
journaux français.

Peut-être vous y trouve-
rez parfois des arti-
cles qui vous intéres-
seront. Donnez mon
affection à tous chez
vous.

Votre affectueux fils
Jamie Waite Howard.

Chez M. Adolphe Channet,
Eureux, Pasteur,
Eure.

Eureux, Eure, France,
le 23 juillet, 1882,

Mon cher père;

Votre lettre et la lettre
de M. Mallet sont arrivées
à la fois et je les ai lues
avec beaucoup d'intérêt.
J'espère qu'oncle Charles
~~soit~~ se porte mieux et
qu'il se portera très-bien
bientôt. J'ai reçu au-
jourd'hui deux lettres,
l'une de Grand'mère
et l'autre de mère.

La lettre de Grand'mère
est la première lettre que
j'ai reçue de lui depuis
je suis en France. Il est
une coïncidence intéres-
sante que j'ai venu à la
même ville dans laquelle
M. Mallet demeure.

Le 15 juillet j'allai à
Blois, près Tours, pour
faire une visite à M.^r et
M^{me} Nouvolet. J'ai vu
trois châteaux des
rois de la France qui
sont bien préservés.

Il y avait plusieurs
autres objets d'intér-
êt aussi. Il me fallut
revenir à Paris le 19
juillet parce que Guy fut
arrivé et m'attendait.

Nous revînmes à
Eureux ensemble.

Il a vu beaucoup de
Eureux et à vous et à tout
le monde chez vous il
donnera une descrip-
tion d'Eureux et de la
famille chez laquelle

je demeure. Toutes mes
affaires, la melle, les en-
viron, la famille, toutes
me satisfont excepté
la dépense que je re-
grette; — parce qu'elle est
plus que j'ai pensé
qu'elle aurait été néces-
saire. Je me porte bien
et Guy s'a porté bien
quand il est parti d'
Eureux en Angleterre.

Il eut reçu la nouvelle
de son avancement
avant je l'ai vu à Paris
et avant j'ai reçu la
lettre de mère l'annon-
çant. Il me faut finir
cette lettre demain, si
j'aurai le temps, par-
ce qu'il y a plusieurs
de mes amis en bas qui

but have mentioned, as Gladys suggested I might. But I suppose you hastened back after the order - My love to Lizzie, & to Harry & Aggie & the other boys if at home -

I was glad to know something of the things of my & Aggie - My voice is affected by the cold & I am very sorry to hear of your trouble. I am very glad to hear of your recovery. I am very glad to hear of your recovery. I am very glad to hear of your recovery.

United States Indian Service

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Navajo
July 21st
P. J. Davis
at Glen Rose
Texas
Your friend
C. W. Davis

Your letter from Glen Rose did me much good. And Mac & Miss Strong & indeed Kitty, at Clepton Springs, all write about the good visit. Kitty would have been just delighted to see you. You can hardly appreciate you & Lizzie, how much better she is. She really has hopes of being entirely well and I think will leave for home early in August. I am ordered back to Chicago to make out my reports - so I can visit my family after two or three weeks.

I just returned from an absence of 13 days horsebacking & camping out & was surprised to find you had been ordered to Omaha. We still hope for a good visit from you all in route.

If you then ever, our families will be as likely, perhaps, to
keep up acquaintance. I did not get your letter in time to write
you at Denver. I shall return that way. Wish I could have met you

I fear you all will be greatly dis-
appointed at this so early a closing.

I cannot but think there was
some underhand work - partly
perhaps from the old Schofield &
disinterested element & partly from
the Commandant. Gladen had
just kindly written me. Please
thank him for his letter & for
his efforts on behalf of my bene-
diction & accept the same for yourself.
Being compelled to move again
to now is bad - the break up as
to the children's school, also, & the
loss of your social advantages in
general. But I hope you will find
some compensations - such as more
economical living, possibly or good
schools at less expense, and much
less care for Lizzie. The last is
a great consideration. You will
have for less bother of details & more
leisure for study & writing. I am happy
to believe I will see as much or more



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Rules for Self Measurement Sent
on Application.

Denver, Colo., July 24 1882

My Dear Genl. Stoward
You may recall I
spoke to you of this Convention at
Mr Gilman's Office Saturday. I
trust you may find it feasible
to be with us feeling confident
your presence and voice would aid
the work in the State greatly

Yours fraternally

H. B. Chamberlin
Formerly Genl. Secy

Brooklyn N.Y. Y. M. C. A.

Chamberlin, A.B.

Denver, Col.
July 24/82.

G. L.

OFFICE OF
CHAIN & HARDY,
Booksellers & Stationers,

NO. 414 LARIMER STREET.

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Denver, Col., July 24 1882

Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

The Y. M. C. A. of Colorado
contemplate holding a state
convention at Denver Sept
12th 14th If it is possible
for you to so arrange your
plans as to be with us at
that time it would afford a
a great deal of pleasure and
I firmly believe be the means
of doing the cause much
good The work is only in its
infancy in this state and the
presence and endorsement of
such men as yourself go far
towards bringing it before the class
of citizens that we wish to reach
both for its influence and

Chas. J. A.

Denver, Col
July 24/82.

File

Mr. J. A. A.
Ct. Recorder. Cont. Y.M.C.A.

Respectfully
Sincerely
to hear from you at your
disposal the above is placed

Red Chamberlain

Portland, Ore.
July 25. 1882.

Answered by Genl.
Aug 4. 1882.



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Portland Oregon July 25/82
General O.O. Howard
Department of West Point.
West Point N. Y.

Dear General

I am again
obliged to call upon you. It seems
so strange that every time I get in
a pinch that my first thought is
Gen Howard. Is it because you
have always helped me so willingly?
or is it because the Lord will have
it so?

You remember when these
Gamblers in California sent me
those Gambling devices directly
after my conversion. that you as-
sisted me to write them a letter
and give me a Bible to send
to them?

now what I want is this. I have a
work that has grown upon my hands.
Since I quite traveling for the Govern-
ment, The people here on Mount
Zion have put me in Sunday School
Superintendent. I took the School with
ten pupils & now I have from 45 to 50
every Sunday. Now any religious ^{papers} papers
that you might have after your family
have read them would be so thankfully
received if you would be so kind as
to send me a few.

You remember the place
you came by it when you was out home it
is on the hill back of Portland Oregon.
I am getting up a Concert for the Benefit
of my School & I will be able soon
to send East for some papers.

We all join together in sending you & yours
our best regards, remember me in your
prayers and may our Dear Dear Saviour
every keep you in his bosom amen.
I am very Respectfully your obedient
Servant Ned Chambers

LAW OFFICE OF J. W. CAMPBELL,
167 KANSAS AVENUE.

Topeka, Kansas,

July 25th 1882

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Gen. O. O. Howard
Westpoint
N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Please find herein
N.Y. draft. Hlt Nat. B.K. No. 53086
for \$50⁰⁰ from the S. S.
Assembly of Kansas & Missouri
in partial recognition of
your kindness in delivering
your lecture on the Battle
of Gettysburg at Hartzell
Park July 17th 1882.

With kindest regards
believe me your friend
J. W. Campbell
A.C. & C.

Please acknowledge receipt of draft.

Campbell, J. W.
LAW OFFICE OF J. W. CAMPBELL,
121 MADISON AVENUE,
TOPEKA, KANSAS.

Topika, Kansas, July 25, 1882

Topeka, Kans
July 25/82.

Answered by the
Saml Aug 11. 1882.



Howard, St. Guy

London

July 28/82.



25 Half Moon Street
London 28th July 1882

Dear father

I have just seen in the
New York papers the orders
for your change and was
of course quite surprised.
I have had time to receive
letters from home but have
not done so & from there
is some delay in forwarding
them from Paris. From the
terms of the order I imagine
you will leave West Point
during the latter part of
August, so I will come
home on one steamer ahead
of my expected return, sailing
on the Servia from Liverpool

on the 12th to reach N.Y. by
the 20th. If you shall have
gone by that time I would
like to find letters & orders
at Colonel Sprague's office
Army Building N.Y. If you
are at West Point I will come
directly there. If not I will
spend one night in N.Y. at
the W.H. Hotel. If I thought
I would be needed before,
I would come immediately
home but I understand
the movement is not to
be made immediately by
the terms of the order & if it
were I could not get there.
This will give me time to see

something of the north of
England & Scotland,
for which I will start
tomorrow. There will
not be time to write
me again before I sail.
I also have seen the nomi-
nation of Smith of my
Regiment to be a Pay Master
which will promote or
has already done so.
With much love to all
Affectionately yours
Henry.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

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THOS. T. ECKERT, General Manager.

NORVIN GREEN, President.

NUMBER	SENT BY	REC'D BY	CHECK
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Received at

1882.

Dated Omaha Neb July 28
To Adjt Genl Dept of West Point Wt by

General Howard left here yesterday
via Rock Island & Lake Shore
due home Saturday

P Martin
Adj Genl

Wm. A. A. A. A.

Jan 28/82

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his record as a soldier
that he should be on
board on the smaller
basis of those under him.
I do not know why he
was suspended by Courtmartial
but his Commandant must
have been more charitable
or he would never have
given strength, judging
from his record when a
Cavalier. His demand exceeded
Horn's by a great many, as
the ~~book~~ in the two left shows.

If I am wrong in my im-
pression in regard to Horn's
demand, as given by you, will
you please do me the favor
to let me know. I am very
glad you are going back, as
I think you will find it very
interesting.

Miss J. E. Jennings

2011 J. Street

Washington July 28. [1882]

Dear General Horn,

I have rec-
d a letter from Mr. Humphrey,
Horn's father - and he has
given the impression from
your letter to Judge Kelley,
that his son's failure to
get back, is owing to his
demand being so high.
He sends me the printed
regulations which fix the
number at 90 - from Jan. 1.
to May 31. But Horn's demand
for this period is 52 - I am
quite sure that you told me
52 covered the whole ground
for the six months.
I felt that Col. Lazelle,

Considered 52 a large number - and of course voted accordingly. But Prof. Andrews told me that he did not consider the number as sufficient to weigh against him. I regret very much that Prof. Boas was absent - so Professor of Mathematics, his opinion turned he worth a great deal. Harry says he made his mistake in "cutting" Mathematics and giving the him to French. He did not realize how much more important the former was. And the French being a new study - that is, after entering, he felt that he must study that a great deal to make any showing at all. He was not well, but not

ill enough to go to the Hospital, but was broken out with measles before he reached his - through going down from West Point there. But Kirle, recommended him, but the Adjt. Genl. of course declined it - so the Board - had not recommended him. From all that I can learn, I think Col. Loggell did not feel kindly toward him. I am quite convinced of this. He is a man of too strong prejudices to be just - and I hoped to congratulate West Point on his promotion - that would give him to his Regt. - - I have no doubt he is an excellent officer - but not fitted for his duties as Commandant of Cadets. It is strange with

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Br. Maj. Genl O. O. Howard
Tomlin's Dept. West Point
N. Y.

Referring to Senate Bill
No 220 entitled "A Bill" for the relief
of the heirs & legal representatives of Hipacinte
Robert Aguel deceased &c &c &c which I
caused to be therein introduced I desire to
state that my representative has notified
me of its final passage through the
Legislative Congress and its signature by
the Executive. You will call to mind that
while this Bill was before the Senate
it was made the occasion of official
correspondence on your part with
the Adj. Genl. of the Army. My object
in making this communication is to respectfully
request that if the matter of appraisement should
take place that I may have the privilege of a
sitting on the subject Very resply J. M. Aguel

Aguel, F. W.



New York
July 28. 1882.

Answered by the
Genl. Aug 2/82.



I finally carried my point, under Mayor Whyte
and on the 12th. of September this monument
will be unveiled with full civil and military
honors, where it will stand "till rolling ages
"cease to move"; and all through the perseverance
of but one man, a Baltimorean by birth, whose
father was one of the Old Defenders at North Point
September 12th. 1814, and at a cost of much labor
and time, without any other consideration what-
-ever than Pro Patria, which should have actuated
any other Baltimorean. You will remember
that it was the defense of this Fort by Armistead
that gave inspiration to Francis S. Key, under
which he wrote that Song of his which will never die
whilst the vault of heaven is bestudded with its
starry host. He died in this city but is buried in Fred-
erick County, in this state; Armistead died here too, and
is buried here also. He married a Balt. lady and left several children.
Begging a reply at as early a day as possible, so as not
to retard the artist in his work, who is now counting
his days; and also that you will excuse this long narrative,
which I did not know how to make shorter and yet be satisfactory,
I remain yours very truly,

Wm. J. Carter
No. 214 W. Hoffman St. Balt. Md.

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Baltimore July 29th 1882.
To The Superintendent of
West Point Military Academy, N. York.
Dear Sir:

As Chairman of the Armistead
Monument Committee on behalf of the Mayor
and City Council of Baltimore, charged with the
construction and unveiling of a handsome White
Italian Marble Monument, as a tribute to the
memory of the late Pres. Lieut.-Col. Geo. Armistead,
the gallant defender of Fort M^cHenry, near this
city, during its bombardment by the British Fleet
on the 13th. and 14th. of September 1814, I take the
liberty of soliciting your opinion, as a Military
Officer and expert, as to the proper device of the
crossed swords, surrounded at their crossing, with
a wreath of laurel, to be cut on the front of the
sub-die of the monument, (the die which supports
the main-die bearing the inscriptions upon its four
sides.) The diagram of the monument, as fur-
-nished by the artist who is executing it, represents

the design or entablature, by two drawn or naked swords crossed, with the laurel wreath laid upon them, a tracing of which, taken by myself, I herewith append for your better understanding of the question I am about to submit for your determination, as I wish no jump fas in this matter.

Now the point to be determined is, Is this design correct; or should the swords be in their scabbards instead of drawn; or should the design be a drawn sword lying across the scabbard?

It is very essential to have this entablature critically correct, hence I have taken the liberty of addressing you for your judgment in the matter as a Military Officer having in your charge the great National Institution that is the pride of our country, and being surrounded by so many monuments of our country's heroes from which to draw your deduction.

Col. Amistead entered the Infantry service as a 2d. Lieut. Jan'y. 8th. 1799, and after two promotions was transferred to the 1st. Regiment of Artillerists and Engineers Feb. 20th. 1801, in which branch of the service he continued until his

his death in this city April 25th. 1818, after having received ten additional grades, including that of Prev. Lieut.-Col. as shown by letters received by me from the War Department and by Gardner's Dictionary of the Army, to which the Department referred me in addition to its letters.

A former monument was erected to Amistead's memory in this city, by the Mayor and City Council in the year 1828, which stood for thirty-five years, when it had become destroyed by time and exposure and then removed, it having been built of bad material in those days, and also badly located. But the new monument will be of white Italian Marble, and erected on the most desirable spot in our city, on Eutaw Place, where all strangers who come to visit our city never fail to go. "Solitary and alone", in 1878, I undertook this matter through our newspapers first, and then in 1879 I drew up the Resolution for the new monument, which was vetoed twice by our then Mayor, after having been passed by our successive City Councils. Still, "solitary and alone", undaunted, and following my object up closely by personal attention,





Says "evidently thinking all our worldly goods are in it!" Good old soul. My young cousin Mary has disappointed me, & I shall have to get a Chinaman again. Upon the whole I am glad. Mary Gaskell is marrying with a young Chinaman whom she taught on condition of his staying a year. She threatens to send him away, & when I say "then I shall telegraph James to meet me at Kalama" - she replies "that's only to shirk leaving to cook, ^{after asking me,} as you asked to - to teach you"! Mary is as good as gold, and loves the babies so much that I fear she will miss them awfully when we leave. Baby Mary is very much, just the age Bessie was when you saw her last. She opens her eyes wide, and is always ready for a frolic - not so much afraid of strangers as Bessie was & is. Bessie has good times ^{now} is better than she was for a few days ^{she is} pretty sick with a tooth coming, & her appetite keeps Aunt Mary

well now. if I don't come do. but very layed & inclined to sit in the sofa over Pallen others to do the hardest work. Maggie is a comfort, & quite full up neglected spaces. She sweeps schools three times a week helps things and helps when she can. I will write again immediately from - with love from your family. I wish we could meet you in S.F. but fear it is impossible. By this time you must be already in Colorado. For back again at West Point. I think that order of change of station would probably make you change your plans of going to visit Uncle Dellie? At all events, ^{whether} make sure, I will send this to you in his care, and trust him to forward it if you do not visit him. If I were sure you would be in S.F. I should try to go down there - but just now James is away in Portland & Vancouver, and I visiting Frank and Mary at Olympia. I think James would like to go with us and I would much rather



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station?

Don't you like the change?

have him, when we go east to visit you.
I hope now that you ^{to be} are nearer us
that we can accomplish that next
year, or as soon as possible. If you
can come west to San Francisco
some other time just as well, it would
be easier for us to plan to meet
you. Just now I do not quite see
my way clear to another journey
or further expense. But if you are
going to S.F. I shall try my best to
do as you suggest and hope that
James would also be able to go. I do
not think you have given me quite
time enough to write & obtain a reply
unless you stay some time with Uncle

Dellie. Please write again or telegraph
from there, if you want us surely to meet
you. James has been offered a post, so
that that would help some. I would love
dearly to see you & have you see the

babies. I think a visit home would be
more satisfactory to all, if we could
possibly go. James spent a week
with us here, then was sent for by
telegram. Weekly excursions to Astoria
Clatskanie etc, began again this summer
as last. We are planning and trying
to settle upon a change of employment.
We only think it best to look before
leaping, but I really think it wisest,
and almost impossible to remain as we
are. I have wished you were here to advise
with me. Frank Yerbell's dislike & positive
quarrel with Mr. Ransom prevents his
advice from being unbiased. He says
"Get out of it" soon if you haven't a cent.
Tell mamma I received her letter & thank
with your postscript yesterday - also
the numbers of "Our Continent". I have
enjoyed them all. James writes that Mrs.
Wilson sleeps in our house; Mrs. Denny