

Mrs J. B. Thompson  
#402 Washington St  
San Francisco

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San Francisco

Nov 11<sup>th</sup> 1889

My dear friend,

I meant of course to write you as soon as the telegram I sent - was on its way, but - every thing seemed to prevent - letter writing - We got off our wedding trip - suddenly - just to visit - and see what - was best - to do. You had not seemed well for some time and yet - resisted all my efforts to have him see a physician, until at the last - moment - too frequent - & violent - headaches & loss of sleep drove him to it - - The Dr said that he was in a fair way to break down entirely in a way they call nervous prostration & must - give his brain a rest. He - looked pretty serious to us, and yet - I remember thought - that his wisdom would be gone if we were married yet - before the decision came to us. We made a thousand plans and finally on the 1<sup>st</sup> - Nov we concluded that whatever harm there would be resulting from marriage certainly anything would be better than the gloom of the days which followed the decision to let him



1940  
go away close to the Lander Islands for a matter  
of two - I felt - casual after a day or two even  
that the trip was or less more than good.  
So we were married - It is the way it  
needs in books - The time will only be two  
weeks - Wed - Wednesday and yet - I feel certain  
that as far as health is concerned our minds  
being free from anxiety - we will both be  
benefited very greatly - Now all that is explain  
ed - We thank you my dear friend for your  
kindness - remembrance of dear letter. Mrs McLean  
(the pastor's wife you know) said she never read anything  
sweeter than what you wrote in the prayer book.  
From my heart - I thank you & I think indeed  
the Lord will bless us in our married life if  
we have such dear friends to pray for us.

I never knew to ask a blessing on my loved ones  
that I or not - ask a gift - of the Lord for you -

The difference in our years only seems to make  
me more trusting & confident in my affection for  
you, and the kindness with which you have looked  
& received & returned the friendships of a young  
girl makes me proud & grateful! It is a  
great - thing to be able to be a true friend not  
only to one of ones own age but - to one so experienced  
and proven a soldier of the Lord Christ. I wish  
you his & his - that you and I joined the church?  
Our years - our home to be a Christian one and



We began by the help of our Heavenly Father to give  
a good fight. We had a very pretty quiet - little  
wedding. The flowers were wonderfully beautiful &  
quite remarkable for this time of year. I was married  
in a dining sister's room & the whole place was a bower  
of flowers & on the table were when we had used to  
stand was a great - bank of flowers with her picture  
in the middle of it - all surrounded by violets. Dear  
Grandma Moses was there - sweet & gentle as ever -  
and several others we knew very well - All the  
neighborhood I asked my Grandma because I could  
hardly ask one without them all - Mrs Wetherburn as  
I expected made a great - fuss & showed and chose  
to think it a betrayal of confidence said I had  
broken her heart &c - &c - I think and she too  
forgot that in some real interest - I hope so. I  
was her a good deal for circulating the statement that  
my husband was "a good as a church rat" & some other  
things of which she knew as more than if she were an  
utter stranger. Certainly he is not rich &c - any one  
who is his friend can't say we have enough for  
two young people & so bright & prospered - so is good  
for us. We had a dainty - pretty little supper  
which all seemed to enjoy and then we came over  
to the city - where the rain kept - us a day or two -  
then we went - into the country for a few days of  
perfect - weather & - yes! - perfect - bliss - The "old  
married folks" laughed because for two of my  
nieces so humbly and kind me twice - &c - we  
liked it - & I thought he could have done nothing



Thompson  
Nov 11 1882

letter - Monday - This was interrupted last to 2  
 and has been writing a business manual - you said  
 you said this morning to thought of sending  
 into the country for a few weeks that I might  
 finish it - I do hope you can read it or a part  
 of it. I had only a stubb pen which I can not  
 write very deftly, and I find that my pen  
 for just-arrived from home this morning has  
 had some misfortune & the point is turned &  
 scratches & dips into the paper - so I seem  
 half of it for a pen! You have chosen some very  
 rooms at the Grand Hotel when we will stay a week  
 or two - perhaps three - making plans all the time  
 to go to Linneping - when we see anything  
 very desirable we will buy it - in reference to the  
 future home & if all goes well we hope to build  
 a permanent one this coming year in "Fairfield Co."  
 I have my hall already full of useful & ornamental  
 household furniture - and as fast as we get  
 things we can use there in our rooms making  
 them so much more attractive. Remember me  
 to Mrs Howard with love and to kind regards  
 to wish me whenever you have the leisure &  
 inclination remembering I always receive your  
 letters as a special favor and value them highly.  
 I wish you knew my husband - indeed he is "worthy".  
 Most lovingly your friend & still a daughter  
 Phillis S. Paul P. Thompson



who was contemplating a  
visit to West Point next day  
to see Genl. Merritt. He asked  
after you and your new  
station. He also tendered  
me the vacancy on the  
Ex. Council of the M.S. I or  
whatever it is - which I de-  
clined. I saw Mrs Couly  
on the street, she was as  
laughing and cheery as usual.  
but as she was just getting  
into the car I was leaving  
I had only a few seconds talk.

I met Col. Taylor's mother  
at the same time. she had  
just returned from a visit  
to the Col's wife. she seemed  
glad to see me and pleased  
to hear that the Col. would  
like his station when once  
settled.

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11. W. 36. St. N.Y.  
Nov. 12. 1882

My dear General  
I intended writing  
you some days ago, but  
my time at home was  
engrossed by the extreme  
sickness of little Sam. and  
though I left there on the  
Dr's recommendation still  
she is not yet out of danger  
and we are anxious. Since  
arriving here I have been  
engaged every moment in  
picking up the loose strings,  
buying books and getting  
fairly down to work. I  
cannot say I have done  
that yet but on Monday



next I will be equipped  
and systematized: my  
lecture hours are 1.30 to 6  
without intermission.

Mr Byrons house is of  
course a delightful place  
to be and his extreme illness  
keeps it so quiet that  
I have every advantage  
for study, but it pains  
me to see him so weary and  
broken, so unlike himself.  
For I feel somewhat as if  
he was dying. He will  
return to Europe when  
he settles up his estate  
and resigns from the bank  
and then I must look

up a boarding place.  
Mr Byrons daily misery  
and lack of enjoyment of  
life has made me think  
that you with your unbroken  
constitution have infinitely  
the advantage of him in  
spite of his millions.  
I trust indeed that you  
are very well and happy  
of course. Give my love  
to Mrs Howard and the  
children. I have seized  
this moment rather than  
delay longer. I have  
met Gen. Rodenbough



Lt. C. E. S. Wood  
Nov. 12. 1882

File. all his forces for Mr  
Carlisle - So will Voorhees  
and I hope he will get  
it for he is a free trade,  
reduction of taxation  
young man, a pay  
up your debts young  
man an anti-monopol  
American bottom, economically  
sound young man.  
If you don't remember  
Patience Sladen will  
interpret the above. Now  
way down here at the tail  
I have to crowd what I  
really started the letter about.  
To say that I am glad with  
you in your elevation to the  
head of the list and another  
precedent in the union's principle

word  
will write him sometime  
and long - will write him sometime

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11, WEST 36<sup>TH</sup> STREET.

**B** I have promised her  
and the Sawtells to come  
to the Island as soon as  
I can, which of course  
I will be very glad to  
do. Mrs Lillmore wrote  
to Mrs. Wood the other  
day that the Point was  
quite gay. The Merritts  
entertaining a great deal.  
The cadets allowed Saturday  
evening hops. The Postle-  
thwaites have commenced  
a regular series of nice  
little dinners and Prof.



Wheeler having given  
two large parties  
etc. etc.

My classmate Edgeston  
had a most brilliant  
wedding here the other  
night and as he has  
married lots of money  
and secured Spurgins  
house I believe, I suppose  
there will be another  
whirl of West Point  
dissipation. I met  
General Swain in  
the Century building

a day or so since.

I presume he is writing  
a Rusfield article. He  
seemed reasonably  
happy over the Democratic  
victories. What a sweeping  
it has been - but they  
won't have sense enough  
to lay down a foundation  
of true principles and stick  
to them. I see that  
Mr Blackburn instead  
of doing as I know he  
would like - fighting  
for the Speakership for  
himself - has united



Martin, A  
File

San Francisco  
Nov 12. 1882

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My dear Cousin

Dora intends to  
start Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> - at  
least her tickets are taken for  
that day -

So far we know of no one  
positively that will go with her.

The Society she has been  
with the past year offered  
some prizes for work, and  
the 9<sup>th</sup> inst she was awarded  
two prizes - The first for  
original design & work in  
California Wild flowers,  
25<sup>00</sup>, second the same price  
for being the handsomest piece  
of work from the Pacific Coast,  
75<sup>00</sup> -

The Managers have asked



her permission to publish  
it in "Harper's Bazaar".

Harper asked for the Page  
designs for publication - You  
will probably see it some  
day - The work itself goes  
to Baltimore -

Don will telegraph you  
as she near Orinda - She  
will be anxious to see you  
there -

We are all pretty well,  
though you can imagine  
it requires some nerve to  
keep up -

With love to all -

Your affecly  
A. Martin  
215 better St  
San Francisco.



Real Estate  
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OFFICE OF  
F. H. SMITH & SON,  
515 7th Street, N. W.

Life and Fire  
Insurance.

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Washington, D. C., November 15<sup>th</sup> 1882.

Genl. O. O. Howard U. S. A.,  
Dear General.

Your favor of November 8<sup>th</sup> safely at hand.  
enclosing draft for seven hundred and nine-  
ty five  $\frac{18}{100}$  dollars (\$795  $\frac{18}{100}$ )

We enclose statement of your account, from  
last statement - Sept 26 - to date - showing a  
balance to your Credit of \$79  $\frac{72}{100}$  dollars,

The taxes on your property here, for 1883, are  
as follows <sup>of</sup> deducting 5% for payment this  
month - City property (7<sup>th</sup> street store and  
Barracks on M street East) - - \$73.15

County property 15.21

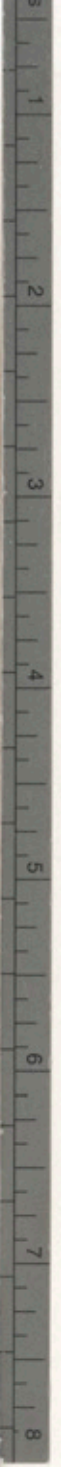
Making a net total of \$88  $\frac{36}{100}$   
which we will pay, without further calling  
on you.

Yours very truly



Franklin D. Roosevelt  
New York

Washington  
Nov 13. 1882





F. H. SMITH & SON,  
**Real Estate Brokers,**  
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**INSURANCE,**  
 515 Seventh Street Northwest.

Washington, D. C., November 13<sup>th</sup> 1882,

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

In account with F. H. SMITH & SON,

	Dr.	Cr.
Sept. 26, To Balance, as per statement rendered	96 28	
Oct 30, " Taxes, as per statement rendered	795 18	
" Commission - 5% on \$80 <sup>00</sup>	4 00	
" Balance to your Credit	79 72	
By rent - (Oct 1 + Nov 1) Store 427 - 7 <sup>th</sup> Street		80 00
" Check October 7		100 00
" ditto Nov 11		795 18
	<u>\$975 18</u>	<u>975 18</u>







# Howard University,

REV. WM. W. PATTON, D. D.,  
President.

J. B. JOHNSON,  
Secretary and Treasurer.

Washington, D. C., Nov 14 1882

My dear Leader

I am in receipt  
of your letter inquiring about  
Lots 2 in & h. N u Sub. of  
Smith farm. & send you  
a rough tracing of them  
You will remem-  
ber the row of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  story  
bricks the General Smith  
— Carter — Prof Mitchell  
& others lived on them.  
Dr Reeves also. Two  
of them structures front  
South on Summer St.  
on the side hill & one  
(double one) east on Pleas-  
ant St. It is the only  
one that has no improve-  
ments on it —



J. B. Johnson  
Nov 14 1872

I am unable to ascertain  
the owner of these parcels  
but I learn from the  
Tay office that they are  
not in his name.

There have been nu-  
merous re-visions of special  
improvement taxes & I  
would not pay any until  
I know they were all  
right. I will render any  
assistance possible.

The special assessments  
charged on County property  
now all cancelled except  
on 7<sup>th</sup> road.

Yours very truly  
J. B. Johnson



Section  
at  
Spring  
Creek

Clearcut str.



Summer str.

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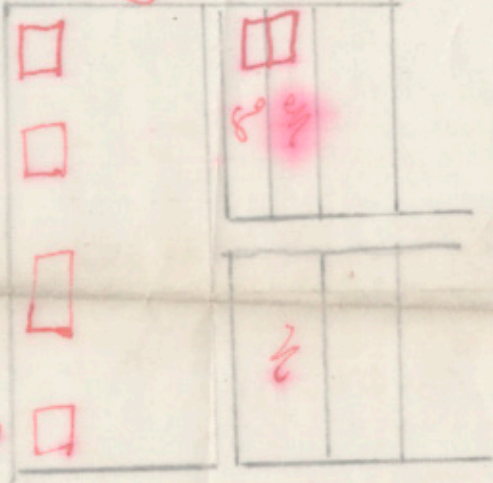
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*to the Law*  
**Howard University,**

REV. WM. W. PATTON, D. D.,  
President.

J. B. JOHNSON,  
Secretary and Treasurer.

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Washington, D. C., Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> 1882

Gen. C. C. Howard,

Dear Sir;

Your note, relative to your note given to Howard University, for the benefit of the Law Dept., was laid by me, last evening, before the Ex. Committee. They referred it to the Board of Trustees, as the body which should properly act in so grave a matter, especially as Prof. Bascom has a claim on it for the salary of his last year of service, his income or interest being <sup>to the future</sup> assigned to him as his remuneration. Your pecuniary misfortunes have indeed been such as are worthy of sympathy and as could not have been anticipated when you gave the note. The best way out, I think, is to find a benevolent man, who will take the thing off your hands, and thus do a double good. He will get turned up, if we labor and pray aright. We are having



Rev. W. W. Patton  
Nov 14. 1882

many things to encourage us, with enough draw-  
backs to keep us sensible of constant dependence  
on God. Trusting that the Lord will help you  
and us, in the future as in the past, I remain

Yours truly

W. W. Patton

President of H. N.



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Weeping Water, Neb., Nov 14 1887.  
 Genl O. O. Howard  
 Omaha Neb.

Our lately organized  
 Y. M. C. A. of Weeping Water Neb. have been  
 trying to procure a speaker who can give us  
 an impetus by showing the people of our Town the  
 importance of helping in this work. We wrote to Mr  
 Howser sometime since for you to come down if possible  
 his reply was that you was not in the city. We see  
 by the paper that you have returned. Now can you  
 come down and speak for us at a Union meeting next  
 Sabbath night. The churches have kindly given away  
 and tendered their largest Church for the meeting  
 Think you will have a large house as the S. A. R. Boys  
 all delighted with the thought that we have invited you  
 they expected you last Sunday until Mr W's letter arrived.  
 You will not lose much time from your business, as the  
 M. P. Train will return you to Omaha at 7 O'clock A.M.  
 come and the Master will bless your efforts

Respt.

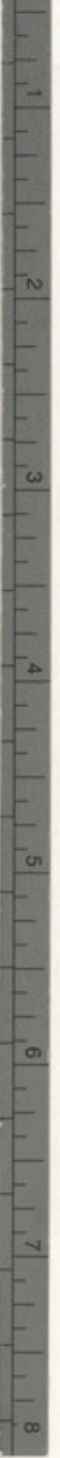
S. D. Fitchie Sec. Y. M. C. A.



St. Louis, Mo.

Washington  
Nov 14, '82

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Fort Laramie, Wyo. T<sup>h</sup>. Nov. 14, 1882.  
To General O. O. Howard, U.S.A.,  
Commanding Department of the Platte;

Dear General:

You will, I presume, receive  
these few personal lines very kindly.  
An official letter in reply to one of the  
6<sup>th</sup> inst. from the Asst. Adjutant  
General, Omaha, Neb., will be for-  
warded to-morrow.

In that letter I have expressed a wish  
to remain in my present department  
and where I am until spring orders  
it should be the pleasure of the Depart-  
ment Commander to remove me or  
of the War Department to transfer me.  
I am now moved and unless it should

Franklin D. W.  
Major, U.S.A.

Fort Laramie  
Nov 14, 1882



be necessary I do not care to move again  
at present, although I am very anxious  
to get my two sons - The one nearly  
14 and the other nearly 16 - situated.  
If, in the spring, I could be stationed  
at Russell or Fort Omaha - prefer-  
ably the latter - I shall feel very  
thankful, indeed.

In regard to returning papers respect-  
ing transfer I have, in my letter which  
will be forwarded to-morrow, left it,  
without reserve, to the judgement of  
the Department commander. I am  
sure that I do not wish, unnecessarily,  
to say or do anything that would reflect  
on a Post commander or any any of-  
ficer and knowingly would not do  
so.

We held our first service last Sabbath.

In the morning at 11 o'clock there  
was a full attendance of officers and  
ladies and some soldiers. At 2 P.M.  
I organized a Sunday school of 22  
children. At night we had a service  
of song and praise the house being  
well filled with officers, ladies and  
a large number of soldiers.

I am, Sir, with high respect,  
your obedient servant,

A. W. Simpson,

Chaplain, U.S.A.



Capt. J. H. Bradley

Nov 15. 1882

She will recognize whoever pre-  
sents the enclosed card and the  
party may recognize her if he  
will look for an elegant looking  
lady with a handsome little  
four year old child, who will  
probably be the only two of the  
kind on that train or rather on  
the Pullman car from Chicago. She  
undertakes this tedious journey with  
much hesitancy and I am in hope  
she will meet with very little em-  
barrassment. I hope you will par-  
don this intrusion, General, for I  
know you are always willing to  
extend your hand to assist one  
properly. I had the pleasure of  
meeting Capt & Mrs Gray at Vancouver  
on my way up in June. With high  
respect I am Dear Sir, Very respectfully  
Yours obedient servant  
J. H. Bradley  
Post Office  
Carey W. Co. 21 July

Here O. H. ...  
Carey  
Omaha.

General

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Fort Tarrsund W. T.,

November 15, 1882.

My dear General:

I am very anxious to have  
somebody at Omaha befriend my  
family as it passes through there  
en route to me and I beg leave to  
respectfully address you on the  
subject. My wife and four (4)  
years old son expect to leave Wash-  
ington about December 1, and come  
by the way of Chicago and Omaha  
to San Francisco where I will  
meet them. I have friends to



care for them in Chicago and  
to start them right from there  
but have no acquaintance in  
Omaha. What I wish to have  
done there is as follows: When  
the train reaches Omaha from  
Chicago I would like to have  
somebody meet Mrs. Bradley as  
she alights from the Pullman car  
and see her safely on board the  
train for San Francisco. She will  
be provided with ample funds  
but will hope through you (or the  
Chief Quartermaster) to get a special  
rate ticket (\$70.) and will wish

to secure a section or sleeper  
to Ogden, also will have to get  
a check for her trunk. With a four  
year old little one all this will  
embarrass her very much. Can  
the special rate order be had and  
ready for her - leaving her to sign  
the order and pay at the depot. I  
will take the liberty of having her  
telegram to you the time and  
train on which she leaves Chicago  
and if in your great power and  
good heart you can aid her by  
sending some one to see her safely  
started I will be under great obligations.



*N. H. Whittlesey*  
Nov. 16 - 1882

Though it will make  
no difference with your  
decision, I take pleasure  
in stating that I am  
acquainted with, and  
related to your friend  
Gen. E. Whittlesey, of Washington,  
and that I am a member  
of the "Advance" household.

Should you be unable to  
serve us, can you put me  
on the track of some first-rate  
New Englander who can?

Hoping for an early  
and favorable reply, I am,  
With great respect,

Your obedient servant,

N. H. Whittlesey,

Pastor Congregational Church.

50 corner Xmas -  
Vine Street, Wash. D.C.

1882  
ELLEN & BUSH  
CRESTON, IOWA.  
Creston, Union Co., Iowa.

Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> 1882.

Dear General,

Though a stranger,  
I am confident that  
you will excuse the liberty  
I take in addressing you,  
when you learn that it  
is in the name of our  
loved New England  
that I do so.

We are just organizing  
the New England Society  
of Union County. We propose  
to celebrate Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> by  
a dinner, toasts, etc. in  
afternoon, and an oration  
in the evening.

The Executive Committee  
have instructed me to  
correspond with eminent  
natives of New England



for the purpose of  
receiving an orator.

Can you come? And  
will you?

The Pennsylvanians  
had a reunion lately,  
winding up with a  
dance. We want to  
show them something  
"worth two of that".

I do not know of any  
son of New England  
within a reasonable  
distance whose abilities,  
character, and eminent  
services to all that New  
England holds dear, are  
equal to your own.

The committee in view of  
other expenses for printing,  
hall, dinner &c, and in view  
also of the youth and

uncertainties of our enterprise,  
limited me in my offer  
for an orator, to the small  
sum of \$25<sup>00</sup> and expenses.  
It did not at that time  
occur to us that you  
were so near. If you  
will consent to come,  
I think the committee  
will cheerfully double  
the fee.

Creston is on the C. & D.,  
100 miles East of Council Bluffs.  
It is a stirring little  
city of 6000 inhabitants,  
with a good intelligent  
class of people around it.  
It is only thirteen years  
old, and we are trying  
to bring it up in the way  
it should go. We shall be  
very grateful if you can help us.



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Fort Saranac, Wyo. T<sup>y</sup>. Nov. 16, 1882.  
To General U. L. Howard, M. S. A.  
Commanding Department of the Platte,  
Omaha, Neb. :

Dear General:

I wrote you a personal letter on  
The 14<sup>th</sup> saying that I had rather remain in  
my present department and where I am  
until spring and that I would forward an  
official letter in answer to one of the 6<sup>th</sup> inst.  
from the office of the Asst. Adjutant General,  
Omaha, Neb. Since writing you that per-  
sonal letter we have concluded, in view of  
our great desire to situate our two sons,  
to apply in accordance with suggestions con-  
tained in letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> referred to above, to be  
assigned to duty at Fort Riley, Kan. My  
wife thinks we had better take that course with  
the hope of fixing our boys at once, other wise  
we would prefer to remain where we are  
for the present. If you be so kind to approve  
and recommend my application and get it



through as soon as possible so as not to  
throw us any further into winter than possible  
& shall feel very thankful to you, indeed.

I am, sir, with high respect,  
your obedient servant,

L. W. Simpson,

Chaplain, U. S. A.

P.S. Application will be forwarded to you  
from here through military channels

L. W. S.

Simpson, L. W.

St. Laramie

Nov 14 / 1882



No. 1196.

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Leather Manufacturers National Bank,

29 WALL STREET,

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

New York Nov 18 1882

Geo O. O. Howard

Sir

We have this

day paid Draycott by \$39.54  
out of your sum of \$1000 and have chg.

your ac. with same. Very Respectfully

Yours truly

D. L. Holden  
Cash



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No. 188

Western Union National Bank

SPRING STREET

ST. LOUIS, MO.  
MAY 11, 1892

Mr. W. H. ...

Mr. W. H. ...

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure to inform you that the ...

... of the ...

... of the ...

Very truly yours,

W. H. ...

