My dear General:

Your very kind letter of April 16 has just been handed me by my boy and the card of read it together. It was like your long years of kindness to think of me at such a time, and I have thought the matter over very carefully, and discussed it with my wife, but the result is that I cannot afford the expense of the trip just now as much as I long for it. Do not give up all hope of visiting you abroad. But I do thank you sincerely for your kind thoughts of me and for me.

I have been more than interested in such letters, your letters, and Jami's, as also the report that read me from time to time of your travels and the incidents, and as indeed have all the officers nearby, been interested, and the daily going there has been "What is the news from the..."
Dear General, for you are still "the General" at Headquarters here.

There are more than your personal staff that will be very glad to see you back at the helm. Sandy misses you probably more than anything else, in the transaction of business. We can not get things done. When Taylor is not at home sick, he is at the office, manically worse, and Gibbon is in sympathy with him, more or less, as to his habits.

While Mr. Gibbon was at headquarters he usually assigned being to Taylor's desk when the latter was away, and work was done better and more promptly than when the latter was present, but as soon as Mr. Gibbon left town, Taylor had all business taken up at his house, and all mail and attains (or rather doesn't attend) to all affairs there.

So we are very quiet here, hearing nothing of what is going on.

Mr. Gibbon started with Col. Stanton on the 12th inst. in a special car for a pleasure trip to Salt Lake. Forts Hall and
Bridger, and at his latter place they are to stay indefinitely hunting and
fishing. They take their families with
them. I say they stay indefinitely but
orders are here for Olustute to be in Wash-
on the 1st of Aug where he is to be on
a Board on State Claims, which will
occupy 3 or 4 months time, and then
Olustute is ordered here temporarily as
Acting Chief Quartermaster.

The day after the 4th of July arrived
Taylor carried out his ideas as to the
location of the Commanding General and
his Aides. He took your room for a
bedroom, put the Commanding General in
my room, drove me down stairs into
his quartermaster's office, and gave him
my old room. However, every body was
happy so no harm was done.

Neither Guy nor myself have any
Aide-de-Camp duty as Guy was called
upon twice to act as Aide once as
the inspector of the Light-Battery, and once
on a trip to Officers where a state
encampment of Iowa militia was held and in which two companies of the 1st Infantry and Pontiac and Frank Dumot's Light Batteries were ordered.

It was a punket for blafen, Stanbo and others, but not a full exempted pleasure for being.

The 14th Infantry has gone to Vancouver, and Morrow and his 2d are comfortably and uncomfortably settled in this Dept. Miles, Boyle, Balton and Hargreaves companies with Adair, at Sidney, Apel, at Atchel, and Owen at Russell, with the other four companies in Camp under Chamber, near he under Col. Mason, at Russell.

Miles has made enemies of every one in the Regiment by published a libel. Order Complaining the Regiment for its gallant Campagnes and battles against brave. (sic) at the Nez Perces under looking glass in 1847, and the Bannocks under Buffalo horn in 1875. Would any Irish Chief have done anything more patriotic? By some people can only get drunk through they will hang themselves. The above was in a General Order published to the whole Dept.
This year's appropriation bill cuts down more than last year. Sandgo's restrictions were to reduce all employees under the head of Transportation in the entire dept. to 50. This includes all agents, many clerks, all wheelwrights, blacksmiths, harness makers and brakemen and hostler. The operation of the order has been suspended, but it will not much affect the many if any. Lord has more at his depot now than at that entire number.

And now Sandgo does wish you were here, for he could get you to transact business, but between Taylor and Letters he is not able to get much help or accomplish much.

I saw Mrs. Howard this morning and must say she is doing very well, though she is suffering from a little sub-adult inflammation at the back of her mouth, and an elongated wound sometimes called palate drops down on to her tongue and gives her a tickling cough. I examined her thoroughly and Dr. Simmers is going up this afternoon. But it does not amount to anything so you need not worry about
The children all seem bright and happy.

Nash is off on his annual inspection tour. Rennie is off at some military post. So the only officers at home are Sandy, Dr. Durness, Smith, Portar, Lee and myself. And they do not waste much time here. This new wife, his new house, his new business, and all his new responsibilities are something so entirely foreign to any previous experience that it occupies a good deal of his time and attention.

I don’t suppose I have told you any thing that you have not been told before. I do hope you will have a chance to see some thing of your friends and_admires in England.

I shall draw a long breath of relief when you get back. I have never missed any one before as I have during your long absence. I am glad that you are having a good rest as I hope. My household all join in love to you.

Yours faithfully

Mrs. Clarke

April 6
War Department, Adjutant General's Office, Washington, July 22, 1881.


Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 10th instant, I have the honor to inform you that the Secretary of War cannot, consistently, give an order for Lieu. James A. Haden, A.D. C., to join you in Europe, covering mileage for the journey.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

C. M. Henne
Acting Adjutant General.
Father, July 2, 1896

I received your letter yesterday with the news from your sister. How do you like my friendship? There is to be quite a parade here tomorrow, the State free men of color in Oklah.. I will go to school again. My foot is almost well now, but if I walk far or stand on it they say it will do more harm.

Ellie Johnson is here now. She came this morning. Harry went over to the bank to meet her. They went to see about two school friends over at Long's. His tennis is over. It is really the best in Oklahoma. Fred Aeblin is going...
Omeaha
July 22, 1884.
To play with me this afternoon.

We have had some wonderfully heavy wind storms lately. They come up about eleven o'clock and blow hard until about four in the morning.

I have lent the Black pony to Chancy to drive it out to the farm every night and in every morning to work. I have just lent Chancy, at 8% for one year.

I only got $100 at the Bank, and he wanted $200.

Fred calls at the phone.

Wish you love.

W. C. Allen.
My Dear Lew,

Asked by Prof. Mencin to give a note of introduction to you this morning, and assuming me that you were now at West Point, I am at once impressed with the importance of having you at our Re-Uniun at the end of next week at Ocean Grove, Our 11th Re-Uniun at the same place last year was an occasion of unusual interest. A large Post is to visit us on Friday afternoon and we need you to attend to their address.

Hoping that you may be able to come and if you can advise me I will have you as my guest at the "Arlington" Exeunget at least a very enjoyable time at the Bank, 260-7th Street.
July 22, 1884.
Legation of the United States
Place des États-Unis
Paris

JULY 23, 1884

My de as General,
I beg to enclose herewith a copy of a letter read from the foreign office which will explain itself.

Very truly yours,
E. J. Bulatow

General Oliver P. Howard
care M. Maurice et Pasteur
21 Rue de la Porterie, Eure
Monsieur le Ministre,

Par une lettre en date du 21 de ce mois, vous avez bien voulu m'annoncer l'arrivée des officiers de l'armée fédérale, désignés pour assister, cette année aux grandes manœuvres de l'armée française.

Le Ministre de la Guerre, à qui je me suis empresse de transmettre ces indications, me répond que toutes les dispositions seront prises pour écouter le 5 Septembre prochain à Agrid (Lot & Garonne) M. le Brigadier General Oliver P. Howard et M. le Premier Lieutenant d'Artillerie John V. Wissel, de façon à leur permettre de suivre les manœuvres du 1er corps d'armée. J'ai l'honneur de porter ces renseignements à votre connaissance.

Agiez x x

SIGNED: FERRY

Paris 22 Juillet 1872
July 24, 1884.

General O. O. Howard,

Dear General:

I am glad to hear that I am to be your aid in the maneuvers. Will you please tell me what I shall require? Will it be necessary to hire a horse? What baggage can I take? And any other information will be gratefully received.

Very respectfully,

John P. Neier

Care of Captain J. M. S., Paris
HOTEL NORMANDY

PARIS, July 24, 1884

Missed, Dr. J.P.

Paris,
American Missionary Association,
56 READE STREET, NEW YORK.

New York, July 24, 1884

Rev. M. E. STRIEBY, D.D., Cor. Sec'y.
Rev. JAMES POWELL, Asst. Sec'y.

Hon. WM. B. WASHBURN, MASS., Pres't.

H. W. HUBBARD, Treas.

Genl. C. O. FORRASD

Dear Sir: Our great necessity is my apology for troubling you. A debt at this juncture of our work will be a calamity. Every friend of our Association must feel this to be so.

Can it be averted?

Will you be kind enough to look over the enclosed Circular and see if you cannot in some of the ways suggested or in some other way that may appear to you better, help us in this emergency.

I thank you for all you have done in days gone by in our behalf. It almost seems lacking in grateful appreciation to send you this appeal, but I am sure you will overlook this as you think of us facing the question, "What can be done to prevent disaster befalling our work."

Hoping to hear from you,

I am yours very truly,

James Powell

P.S. Will you kindly furnish me names of any to whom in your judgment I might send one of these Circulars? J. P.
AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION,
56 READE STREET, NEW YORK.

TO THE RESCUE—WILL YOU HELP?

Our fiscal year approaches the end. Only two months are left. What shall be our financial showing? At present writing a deficit of about fifty thousand dollars threatens. We started the year with the call for a thousand dollars a day. The Finance Committee at the Brooklyn meeting bade us issue that call and shape our work accordingly. With faith in the churches we have gone forward. Our schools have prospered, our churches have been blessed, as never before in all our history. New fields are opening, and most persistently are we urged to enter them. What shall we do? If we cut down we come under censure; if we fail to enlarge, there is dissatisfaction. It is not a pleasant outlook.

Friends, you must help us. This you can do in many ways. You can perhaps increase your own personal contribution. You can bring the knowledge of our necessities to the church with which you are connected. If the church has already made its contribution, might you not induce it to make a special offering? If by schedule the collection is to be taken before October, can you not confer with the pastor and the church officers so as to make certain that the contribution will be a liberal one? And if the church has made no provision to give the American Missionary Association a contribution this year, could you not prevail upon it to join the ranks of the contributing churches at once?

Are you a church treasurer? Prompt remittance of funds on hand will give relief to our over-strained treasury. A little effort to gather in outstanding pledges can now be made with a reason.

Are you an executor? You can help us by forwarding such bequests to this Association as may be now available from estates in process of settlement.

Are you specially interested in our particular branch of missions? You can be of marked helpfulness in this emergency. Make known our needs to your friends and acquaintances. Great results have followed this “hand to hand” kind of labor. It is not agreeable work, but it is efficient. We appeal to all who read these words. Lend a helping hand. There is some way in which you can assist us. Please bestow upon this subject a little thought and see if God will not make clear just what that way is. Every one to the rescue and, who can doubt it, deliverance will come.

M. E. STRIEBY, Corresponding Secretary.
JAMES POWELL, Assistant Secretary.

NEW YORK, August, 1884.

DONATIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS
may be sent to H. W. Hubbard, Treasurer, 56 Reade Street, New York, or, when more convenient, to either of the Branch Offices, 21 Congregational House, Boston, Mass., or 112 West Washington Street, Chicago, Ill. A payment of thirty dollars at one time constitutes a Life Member.
TO THE RESCUE—WILL YOU HELP?

Our Indian Missions are now in grave danger. The Indian people are in a state of insurrection, and the Government is powerless to deal with the situation. The situation is urgent, and we must act now to avert a disaster. The American Missionary Association has decided to launch an emergency appeal to American Christians to come to the aid of our Indian missions. We need your immediate and generous support.

The funds raised will be used to provide relief to the suffering Indians, to support our missionary work, and to help stabilize the situation in the region. Every dollar counts, and we are counting on your generosity to make a difference.

Please consider sending your donation today. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of these beloved people. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

American Missionary Association

[Address]
Washington, D. C., July 24th, 1884.

Mrs. Sen. O. O. Howard.

Dear Madam,

We enclose draft for $870.00 net proceeds of sale of lot, also statement of account of sale and tax receipts. The latter very much surprised us. When we paid the General's special improvements two years ago, it never occurred to us it was necessary to go into the Country to inquire for assessment for street improvements, but it was there, and there was nothing to do, but pay it.

We are making slow progress in fixing up the title to the lot taken by the Government. The abstract shows defective deeds from several parties and one from Howard University to the Freedmen's Bank, covering by a mistake, a part of this property. Mrs. Seipold
seems to have some grudge against the General, and we have not yet been able to get him to release, for the bank, this lot. Will probably have to pay him something, personally, to get him to do it. How soon is the General expected home? We are not sure that the Government would take the Deed from the Trustee, without his signature. Shall draw it as if the authorities were in our possession, which it is informally in a dozen letters. We rule you an apology for delay of this remittance.

Yours truly

[Signature]

Washington, D.C.
July 6, 1884.
First Half of Tax payable in November, 1883; two per cent. penalty on the first day of December, 1883, and a like penalty on first day of each succeeding month. Second Half payable in May, 1884; two per cent. penalty on first day of June, 1884, and a like penalty on the first day of each succeeding month.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Folio 321

Francis H. Smith
Trustee &

To The District of Columbia, Dr.

For Tax on REAL ESTATE for the Year ending JUNE 30, 1884.

Tax $1.50 per $100 Assessed Valuation.

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Paid May 21, 1884

Paid in full of tax

To penalty of per cent.

Advertising

TOTAL

Received Payment,

29/31/84

May 31/84

John T. Black
Collector D.C.

By

[Signature] Warner

Judd & Detweiler, Printers.
Pay to the Order of John F. Cook, Collector of the District of Columbia, in payment of the within bill, 100 Dollars.
Washington, D. C., July 24, 1884

M: Gen. O. C. Howard, U. S. A.
Omaha, Neb.

In account with F. H. Smith & Son.

By sale to J. P. Middleton Esq.
Lots 16 and 17, Block 20, Meridian
Hill 16,441 sq. ft. @ 65 per foot

$986 46

To taxes - Bills herewith

$115 87

" Check herewith

$870 69

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**OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DIVISION.**

Room No. 12, Second Floor, Columbia Building, Four-and-a-Half Street.  
Washington, D.C. June 24, 1883.

Lot No. 16, Square No. 20, fronting 180 feet on Columbia Road. Is charged upon the books of this office for special improvements as follows:

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By Payment

Lien Certificate No. 143 115 issued June 24, 1883.

Interest at 10 per cent., per annum from May 31, 1883.

Received payment, By, J. H. Smith, V. C. Cook.

[Signature]

[Note: This is a scanned document with handwritten text. It appears to be a record of assessments for special improvements, with details on the lot and its improvements, interest rate, and payment terms.]