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HDQRS. DEP'T OF THE PLATTE,
OFFICE A. A. Q. M., OMAHA, NEB.

July 22. 1884

My dear General:

Your very kind letter of July 6. has just been handed me by Lieut. and he and I 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 can not afford the expense of the trip just now, as much as I long for it. So I must give up all hope of joining 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 portions of your letters, and journals, as Mrs. Howard has read me from time to time, of your travels and its incidents, and so, indeed, have all the officers, nearly, been interested, and the daily enquiry here has been "What is the news from the"

2/2 "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. Dandy misses you probably more than anybody else, in the transaction of business. He cannot get things done. When Taylor is not at home sick, he is at the office, nominally, worse, and Gibbon is in sympathy with him, more or less, as to his habits.

While Gen. Gibbon was at Headquarters he usually assigned Benny 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 Gen. Gibbon left town, Taylor had all business taken up to his house, and all mail and attends (or rather doesn't attend) to all affairs there. So we are very quiet here, hearing nothing of what is going on.

Gen. Gibbon starts with Col. Clinton on the 12th inst., in a special car, for a pleasure trip to Salt Lake, Fort Steele and

Bridger, and at the latter place they are to stay indefinitely, hunting and fishing. They took their families with them. I say they stay indefinitely but orders are here for Stanton to be in Washn. 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 Maj. Wilson is ordered here temporarily as Acting Chief Paymaster.

The day after Gen. Gibbon arrived, Taylor carried out his ideas as to the location of the Commanding General and his aides. He took your room for a reading room for the Commanding General in lieu room; drove me down stairs into the Quartermaster's office; and gave Benny my old room. However, every body was happy, so no harm was done.

Neither Benny nor myself have any Aide-de-Camp duty to do. Benny was called upon twice to act as Aide once at the inspection of the Light-Battery, and once on a trip to Dubuque where a state

encampment of Iowa Militia was held, and to which two companies of the 4th Infty and Parks and Frank Smiths Light Batteries were ordered. It was a picnic for Sheridan, Stanton and others, but not full of unmixed pleasure for them.

The 14th Infty has gone to Vancouver, and Morrow and the 21st are comfortably, and uncomfortably, settled in this Dept. Miles, Boyle, Burton and Naughers companies with Idaho at Lidney, Jocelyn at Steele, and Downey at Russell, with the other four companies in Camp under Chambers, and he under Col. Mason, at Russell. Gen. Miles has made enemies of every one in the Regiment by publishing a Gen. Order complimenting the regiment for its gallant campaigns and battles against Cochise (sic?), the Modocs, the Nezperces under Looking-Glass in 1877, and the Bannocks under Buffalo Horn in 1878. Could any foolish child have done anything more puerile? If some people can only get rope enough they will hang themselves. The above was in a General Order published to the whole Dept.

5 This year's appropriation bill cuts down more than last year. Dandy's instructions were to reduce all employees under his head of Transportation, in the entire dept. to 50. This includes all agents, many clerks, all wheelwrights, blacksmiths, harness makers and teamsters and hostlers. The operation of the order has been suspended, but it will not much except that many, if any, Lord has more at his depot now than that entire number.

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

I saw Mrs. Howard this morning and I must say she is looking very well, though she is suffering from a little sub-acute inflammation at the back of the mouth, and an elongated uvula (sometimes called palate) drops down on to her tongue and gives her a tickling cough. I examined her throat thoroughly, and Dr. Summers 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.

Mason is off on his annual inspection tour. Hawkins is off at some military post. So the only officers at headqrs. are Dandy, Br. Summers, Smith, Porter, Long and myself, and Long does not waste much time here. His new wife, his new house, his new furniture, 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 anything that you have not been told before.

I do hope you will have a chance to see something of your friends and admirers 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 at Bovening. My household all joins in love to you. God bless you and preserve you.

Yours faithfully
J. A. Larsen
A.D.C.

Brig. General O. O. Howard, U.S. Army, Care of Drexel, Harjes & Co., Paris, France.

Washington D.C. July 22. 1884.

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War Department,

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ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, July 22, 1884.

Brigadier General O. O. Howard,
U.S. Army,
Care of Drexel, Harjes & Co.,
Paris, France.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 7th instant, I have the honor to inform you that the Secretary of War cannot, consistently, give an order for 1st Lieutenant J. A. Haden, A.D.C., to join you in Europe, covering mileage for the journey.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
E. M. Keeve
Acting Adjutant General.

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Omaha Neb.
July 22 '89.

Father.

I received your letter yesterday with the 50 from Denver again. How do you like my penmanship? There is to be quite a parade here to-morrow the State firemen ~~are coming~~ in Omaha. ~~I have to go~~ to school again. My foot is almost well now but if I walk far or stand on it long it pains somewhat.

Ellie Gilmore is here now she came this morning Harry went over to the Sheriffs to meet her. I play tennis from about two o'clock until four over at Guy's. He's ten years old it is easily the best in Omaha. Fred Sloden is going

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to play with me this afternoon
We have had some awfully
heavy wind storms lately
They come up about eleven
o'clock & blow hard until about
four in the morning.

I have lent the Black
pony to Chancey & he or
August drive it out to
the farm every night
and in every morning
to work. I have just
lent Chancey $100.00
at 8% for 1 year.
I only got 5% at the
Bk. and he wanted
to borrow.

Fred Colls at the 'Phone
& I must go.

With love

Jennie.

Geo. H. Stuart, Prest.

Capital $600,000.
Surplus $100,000.
Wm. Wood, Vice Prest.

Charles H. Biles, Cash.

Merchants National Bank

Philadelphia, July 23 1884

My Dear Genl.

Asked by Prof Morrison to give a note of introduction to you this trip, and assuring me that you were now at West Point, I am at once impressed with the importance of having you at our Re-Union at the end of next week at Ocean Grove. Our 4th Re Union at the same place last year was an occasion of unusual interest. A large N. J. Post is to visit us on Friday aft. and we need Genl. Howard to respond to their address.

Hoping that you may be able to come and if you can advise ~~you~~ me I will have you as my guest at the "Arlington" — Excuse ye haste as ever

Yours in Xn Bonds
Geo H Stuart

Stuart, G. H.

Philadelphia, Pa.
July 22. 1884.

Brulatour, E. J.

Paris.
July 23. 1884.

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES
PLACE DES ETATS-UNIS
PARIS

July 23. 1884

My dear General,

I beg to enclose herewith a copy of a letter recd from the foreign office, which will explain itself.

Very truly yours
E. J. Brulatour

General Oliver O. Howard
care M. Chaix et Pastens
rue La Porterie 21. Evreux. Eure

Duplicata

Paris 22 Juillet 1882

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 manoeuvres de l'armée française.

Le Ministre de la Guerre, à qui je me suis empressé de transmettre ces indications me répond que toutes les dispositions seront prises pour recevoir le 5 Septembre prochain à Agen (Lot & Garonne) M. le Brigadier General Oliver P. Howard, & M. Le Premier Lieutenant d'Artillerie John P. Wisser, de façon à leur permettre de suivre les manoeuvres du 17e Corps d'armée. J'ai l'honneur de porter ces renseignements à votre connaissance.

Agréez &c &c

Signed: Ferry

HOTEL NORMANDY

7, rue de l'Echelle et 256, rue St-Honoré

PARIS

July 24, 1884.

General O. O. Howard,

Dear General:

I am glad to hear that I am to be your aid in the manoeuvres. 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. Weiser

1st Lt. 1st Arty.

Care of Legation of U. S., Paris

Wisser, Dr. J. P.

Paris,
July 24th 1884.

American Missionary Association,
56 READE STREET, NEW YORK.
HON. WM. B. WASHBURN, MASS., Pres't.
Rev. M. E. STRIEBY, D. D., Cor. Sec'y.
Rev. JAMES POWELL, Ass't Sec'y.
H. W. HUBBARD, Treas.

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New York, July 24th 1884

Genl. O. O. Howard

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

New York
July 24. 1884.

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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.

Real Estate
Brokers.

OFFICE OF
F. H. SMITH & SON,
1222 F Street, N. W.

Life and Fire
Insurance.

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Washington, D. C., July 24th 1884.

Mrs Gen. O. O. Howard.

Dear Madam

We enclose draft for $870.59 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 Generals Special Improvements two years ago, it never occurred to us it was necessary to go into the Country to enquire 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 Freedmans Bank, covering by a mistake, a part of this property. Mr Leipold

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 authority were in our possession, which it is informally in a dozen letters.

We owe you an apology for delay of this remittance

Yours truly

W. Smith Fox

Washington D.C.
Oct 24 1884

Winnipeg, T. N. W.

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 Trust O. O. Howard

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.

LOCATION.	ACRES.	Block or Section.	LOT.	Value of Lot.	Value of Impr's.	AMOUNT OF TAX.
Meridian Hill		21	16	447		
			17	3110		

Duplicate

Paid May 31/84 by Lot 29/324 F. H. Smith & Son

To Second Half of tax - - - $ 5.61

To penalty of per cent. - - - $

Advertising - - - - - - - $

TOTAL - - - - - - $

29/324 May 31/84

Received Payment,

John P. Cook

Collector D. C.

By L. Warner

JUDD & DETWEILER, PRINTERS.

Washington, D. C., ... *188*

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Pay to the Order of JOHN F. COOK, *Collector of the District of Columbia, in payment of the within bill,*

100 *Dollars.*

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COLLECTOR'S OFFICE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Folio 612 B

F. H. SMITH & SON
Real Estate Brokers,
LIFE AND FIRE
INSURANCE.

Washington, D. C., July 24 1884

M Gen O. O. Howard. U. S. A.
Omaha Neb.

In account with F. H. SMITH & SON.

By sale to F. G. Middleton Esq Lots 16 and 17, Block 20, Meridian Hill 16,441 sq ft @ 6¢ per foot			$986	46
To taxes - Bills herewith	$115	87		
" Check herewith	870	59		
	$986	46	$986	46

BOOK 7

FOLIO 91

REVISED.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DIVISION.

Room No. 16, Second Floor, Columbia Building, Four-and-a-Half Street.

Washington, D. C. July 24, 1882.

John H. Cook Jr.

Lot No. 16, ~~*Square*~~ *Block No.* 20, *fronting* 180 04 *feet on* Columbia Road (W) *is charged upon the books of this office for special improvements as follows:*

	DOLLARS.	CENTS.
Grading		
Curbing		
Footway		
Carriageway		
Parking		
Main Sewer		
Sewer Service		
Water Service		
Trees		
	65	02
By Drawback		
By Payment		
Lien Certificate No. 14215 *issued* Sinking Fund		
Interest at 10 per cent. per annum from June 15 1877	45	24
	110	26

Released

Received payment, May 31, 1884 By Check of J. H. Smith & Son

John H. Cook

Collector of Taxes.

by D. Warner

J.W.C.

[Extract from "An act prescribing the mode of assessments for Special Improvements, and providing for the collection thereof," approved August 10, 1871.]

"SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That if any person or persons notified as aforesaid shall neglect or refuse to pay the amount assessed against his or their property, as aforesaid, after the expiration of thirty days, the said Board of Public Works shall, immediately thereafter, issue certificates of indebtedness against the property assessed as aforesaid, which certificates shall bear interest, until paid, at the rate of ten per centum per annum; and, until paid, the assessment and certificate shall remain, and be a lien upon the property on or against which they shall have been issued; and if the said assessment shall not be paid within one year, the said Board shall, upon the application of the holder of the certificate of indebtedness, proceed to sell the property against which the assessment and the certificate exist, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay said assessment; such sale to be first duly advertised daily, for three successive weeks, in the regular issue of some newspaper published in the District of Columbia, and to be made by said Board, at public auction, to the highest bidder; and a deed shall be given by the Governor, countersigned by the Secretary of the District of Columbia, which deed shall be deemed and held to be a good and perfect title to any property bought at any such sale hereby authorized: *Provided*, That the owner of such real estate shall have the right to redeem the property so sold, by paying the amount of the purchase-money, and twenty per centum (per annum) thereon, within two years from the date of sale."

[SEC. 3 of an act approved May 29, 1873, entitled "An act for extending the time of payments of Special Assessments, and for other purposes."]

"That the time shall be extended so that the amount of each certificate shall be payable in five equal annual installments from the date of said certificate, with interest at the rate of ten per centum per annum until paid: and in case of any default in the payment of any installment, the property against which the certificate and assessment exist, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay said installment, with interest, costs, and charges, shall be sold and subject to redemption, as provided in act of August 10, 1871. But at any time after making the assessment, and before sale, the owner of the property may pay the whole or any installment thereof, with interest, cost, and charges."

☞ *The provisions of these laws will be carried out if not complied with.*

WM. OSCAR ROOME,
Chief of Special Assessment Division.

N. B.—If this property no longer belongs to you, please direct this circular to the present owner, or return it to this office, with the name of the present owner.

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