Vancouver Dec 15th 1884

My dear General

In your letter to Grace you expressed a hope that I was a good patriot. I hope you don't mean Democrat as the longer I study over the political problems the more firmly I am convinced that there are no patriots among them.

That is they never do good, honest in business and in religion. They have an intellectual or moral squint which is incurable.

This opinion has been formed while associating with the most pleasant and social crowd with Democrats, and one or two of my most intimate.
You never thought you would be a General in the Confederate service, did you? Yet you will be after next 4th of March. How do you like the prospect? Chance for political preference, too, as all the Generals who were in the same service between 61 and 65 are now or have been in Congress. The mutinies of them are past. Finding out; you conquer a people and in twenty years without fighting a battle they are your masters. I doubt if they will be as tolerant of Republican sentiments in the army as the out-going administration has been of the opposed Democratic leanings.
of the field of Waterloo and of the manoeuvres of the French army, which are very instructive and plain. I have always found it hard in fact almost impossible to understand the ordinary description of a battle, but your description with the help of Victor Hugo makes it intelligible and very interesting even to me.

What a pity Janie could not have been trained a fully prepared Civil Engineer three or four years ago. He will hardly be able to control such railroad work for some years or at least until the present railroad systems are regulated and their powers, and duties and privileges are defined.
Dr. Hall is all merit.

Opinion: The habit or all merit
dependent. The babies are all well
with the exception of having colds
which do not seem to distress them
any.

The Garrison is gradually being
withdrawn from public gaze and
it now has its own rail yard and
from Portland its own steamer and
stage lines to Portland—a special post-mistress. I understand

Paul Miles proposes to turn his
house over to The Bachelors Club
and build a new and much
finer house for himself.

Vancouver is growing and feels
the depression in business less
than almost any other town
in the Northwest.

I have read your description...
friends—true and faithful too—are of that political creed, still there is a taint of mind which makes them intolerant of any opposition, or difference of opinion. You can infer what my politics are.

Grace was delighted with your Christmas gift and with the news of the arrival of the new grand daughter. She was a little shocked, though, at the name "Helene" with two Es. Grace has no nurse now but seems to get along very well and is more cheerful than before. I think the case of the children varies with her thoughts from the partial loss of sight one which she used to be frequently very de-
in the past, from my limited observation I should judge that
three fifths of the officers of its army
are not democrat.
I hope your European trip has
given you great pleasure.
Please remember me with love
to all the household. I wish
them a very merry Christmas.
Yours most affectionately,

James W. Gray

24th O. O. Howard.

Nobah, Nebraska.
Gray, J. D.

Vancouver
Dec 15, 1881

Pete
Dec. 15th 1884

Washington, D.C.

My dear General,

I have found few of the 10 etc.

The law of Dec. 15th on the subject of printing (see copy enclosed marked) has had the effect of stopping entirely the publication of Ordinance Notes. A few 'Notes' that were in the hands of the Public Printer at the time of the passage of the act have been issued, but they end it all — No more 'Ordinance Notes' will be printed unless Congress should hereafter...
change this law which is not at all probable.

Were it otherwise, I would most gladly print the Report
form time made on Grand
Manoeuvres at Mudgely oper-
in Egypt. But as you describe
my printing & publishing has
come to an end - I regret
this state of affairs very much,
as I am sure the 'Ordnance
Notes' were of great value &
interest to the Army at large.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Capt. W. Howard

Osama
Legation of the United States

Brigadier General (L. Howard)
Omaha, Nebraska

Dear General,

Your favor of the 18th ultimo requesting me to have the town of the decoration of the Legion of Honor which you received from the French government made through the Legation and the State Department came duly to hand, and received immediate attention.

Upon inquiring at the Foreign Office and at the Department of War...
I find that as the Bevel and the Bridge of this ornament were delivered to you in Paris, and duplicates could not be obtained I am unable to comply with your request. I beg to suggest that you might send the Bevel to the State Department with a statement of the circumstances connected therewith or if you prefer, you can send it while for transmission to the Department.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]
WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON.

Dec. 16, 1884

My dear General,

I have had the intention of answering the same with thanks for your very kind and polite note of November 1st in regard to the settlement of these old claims for Ester.

Duly pay at Post O. Ms. Hopt joins me in kind regards.

Congratulations upon your Cape return voyage.

V. H. H. [signature]

Gen. O. Howard, C. H. H.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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The next Convention will be held on the second Tuesday in March at

Topeka, Dec. 17th 1884

Dear Sir & Bro,

Yours of the 15th is at hand. Am glad you consent to lecture on Monday evening.
We will try to secure a large attendance, and make it profitable to all parties.
The subject of your lecture I take to be - "The Visit to Egypt, or Battles of the Mopadi."

I am not sure that I have the last word correctly. Mopadi

If not you will please correct me by return mail.

The "Soldier Window," besides many other emblems, has all the "Corps Badges," and you may be inclined to speak of some of the gallant and noble leaders of some of those corps.

In connection with the Morning
Programme. I would like to have you make the prayer at the conclusion of the service, with reference to consecrating the "window" to the memory of our soldier dead.

With kind regards,
Y.S. Bumblauer.

[Handwritten signature]

[Date: Dec 11, 1884]
Allyn House
R. J. Allyn
Proprietor

Corner Asylum and Trumbull Streets.

Hartford, Conn. Dec 18 1884

My dear General:

I see by the last numbers of the paper called the "National Tribune" that some chap has given his version of the 11th Corps disasters at Chancellorsville. I write this to say that an answer, or rather, a statement of facts, will shortly be made by some of your friends, both upon the above subject and the wholesale abuse which has been unjustly flung upon you during the past twenty years by men who laid down where you stood up.

Very truly,
Your friend,

[Signature]

Address: Nathanville, Me.
Waterville, Me.
Dec. 18, 1884.

[Handwritten text]

[Signature]
Feb 18th 1884

Dear General Howard,

I have you very kind note of 15th inst. and heartily thank you for the offer you make of stock to help our Y. A. C. A. I call on you requested on Mr. L. Dean, who knows me a press copy of this letter to you under date of June 21 1884 while you were abroad. He sent it by registered mail and received 140 March the 14th with your c. A. Stock and cash acknowledge the receipt of same and he undid have it to you or your place.
Spencer Guy was forgotten or you have. Now if you will direct our by agis-temail whatsoever. Ercut's best for you to do. And instruct me to sell to best advantage and pay proceed to liquidating gymnastics debt or in any other way you may direct. Your can friend here will feel very grateful to you if you wish. I will consult you whether or not to sell at figures I can get. The stock is at lowest.

I will try to see Lee at last address of your Scott with best wishes for a happy time.

Wesley A. Sloat
GEO. W. BALLOCH,
GENERAL
Claim, Patent and Insurance Agent and Broker,
914 F STREET, N. W.,

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18th, 1884

Dear Sir:

I have just fin
ished your article in the Tribune of
this date on the 23rd day at Gettysburg.
Are you not mistaken in the 70% of the
Division that Hancock sent to
Perry? You say it was the Second
Division commanded by General
well—Was it not the First Div.
and did not Col. Cross lead
your gallant old 1st Brigade
which followed you at Fair
Oaks? I have always had that
impression. Sincerely yours,
G. W. BALLOCH
Washington, D.C.
Dec. 18, 1884.

Signed by the Seal.
The National Tribune,

Washington, D.C. Dec. 18, 1884.

EDITORIAL ROOMS.

Gen. O. O. Howard:

Sir:

Please find enclosed check for $350.

Very Respectfully,

Ed. National Tribune.
"Nat. Tribunal"

Washington, D.C.
Dec 18, 1884.

Recorded by the
[Signatures]
Dec 31, 1884.
Dec. 20 1882

Gen. Howard:

Dear Sir:

I am making a collection of autographs and would like to have yours very much, if you will forward and oblige.

E. B. Newcomb,
In reading the Tribune for which you are a subscriber, I noticed your appreciation of the 25 days Battle of Gettysburg, and a very good one it is.

But I see you with all the rest who have described that Battle, fail to give credit where it is due. Therefore I send you this Manchester Union which contains an account of our Regiment's services also a minute account of the Regiment in the Peach Orchard & Battle of Gettysburg, and I can personally vouch for every word of it. As I was there that day as can every other man of the 1st Regt. who were there that day, and why we showed the left-out in the field always is more than I can understand a better regiment ever was in the field as our record will show. There was
was engaged where we were & left out in all accounts of it and that was Drury's Bluff or Trail-Darling, although the records give the dead in front of our Brigade 9000 men as 3000. Also another change long to be remembered at Granada Aug 22/62 where the 9th changed through two lines to the 3rd before it was stopped. Genl. Greene wrote uniform of that change on & said this gives me few mistakes as described only I meant like to see credited. Given where it is due. It is a well known fact that if we had our food the bivouac as long as we did it the Battle of the 1st day would have been lost unless at the left of our lines. I am very respectfully.

[Signature]

Genl. O.O. Howard 1st C.S. Inf Regt. 7th N.C.,

Washington

P.O. Address 1113 Elgin st.

D.C.

[Handwritten notation]
Adrian, O., December 22nd, 1887

General Oliver O. Howard

Dear Sir and Comrade,

The Nineteenth Annual Session of the Grand Army of the Republic of Ohio will be held in Adrian, Ohio, January 28, 29 & 30, 1887. This Department consists of three thousand good and true men, many of whose names are known to you during the momentous year of the war, and who would be pleased to meet their old Commander—

I am instructed by the Committee on General Arrangements on behalf of the Order in Ohio to most cordially invite you to once more participate with us in the festivities of the occasion—

Trusting to be honored with your acceptance of this, I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

T. D. Mc Gillicuddy

Secretary.
710, Walnut Street

Philadelphia, Dec. 29th 1887

My dear sir:

I have read your articles in The National Tribune about the battle of Gettysburg with great interest as all who "attested" there, must do.

If it is not too late I would like to call your attention to the operations of the Cavalry on the right flank during the battle. In October last a tall and conspicuous granite shaft, early reen from East Cemetery Hill, was erected on the site of the fight between the Union Cavalry under Gen. Gregg and the Confederate Cavalry under Gen. Stuart.

At its dedication I read a paper descriptive of the fight and by this mail I send you a set of the proof sheets of it.

Accompanying the address there will be a map of the country but I have not yet received it from the lithographer. You will find a map of the field in the 9th vol. of the Cenca de Paris, Vol. 9.

The field has been surveyed under Act of Congress and the maps have been recently issued to form the 4th of the series of official maps of the field of battle.

I trust that if you have the chance of doing so in your coming chapters you will refer to these operations, for no account of the battle can be complete without doing so.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

Majr Gen. O'Dowd
Omaha
Brooke Parks, Esq.

Philadelphia

Dec 23, 1884.

Agreed

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Washington, Dec. 23rd, 1884

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

Omaha, Neb.

Sir:

I assisted in organizing a post of the G.R.R. at Liberty, Neb., which was named in memory of Genl. Abner D. Barry, of the 2nd Artillery. The post will have a public installation of officers, and have called on me for a sketch of the life and services of General Barry. I was formerly a clerk in the office of the General. I know but little of Genl. Army of the Potomac, and have no access to any thing to guide me. Would you be so kind as to assist me with any data you may have on the subject? I know your time is valuable, and it is prompting for me to ask it, but knowing of your

[Signature]
intend as old soldier, I appeal

to you. Very Respectfully,

John P. Blackburn.

Washington, D.C.
Dec 21, 1884

[Signature]
Dec. 23, 1884

Dear General纪念碑

Your kind letter of the 15th instant with Central good wishes was received yesterday. I enclose your Christmas greeting.

I mailed our last two reports which contain the only summary of religious work among Indians that I know of. Dr. Cork also mailed the last report of Company Price. The Indian work will soon be

[Signature]

Whidbey, E.

[Stamp]
Dear Hands, but I trust that no backward step will be taken. Great improvement of progress has been made in the last ten years. Indians are slowly taking up homesteads and learning to work. Most of their children are at school and their homes more better. The outlook is hopeful.

With best wishes for your noble family.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Secy.
Mr. Smith,

I have read with great interest your recent publication concerning the Battle of Gettysburg, as far as I understand, in the National Review. I look forward with pleasure to time to follow up the inquiry in each employment. Will you please advise me whether the whole line of duties, which concluded, will be in accordance with your statement from San Francisco?

With great respect,

Henry S. Bowne

John W. Crockett.

[Signature]

Walter Holmes, O. C. Howard, L.F.A.