New York, January 24, 1869

My dear Howard,

In the approaching crisis for the Democrats to end Pope 
from 1867, is there anything here 
in Maine, where I am now, or 
here, on sick leave, that I can 
do to help my friends as much as 
with a man who always commanded 
from a regiment to a grand division 
Campbell of 2 Corps 5th Army, 
you 
when Army times — to a man of 
our accidental achievement in a 
charge — and dearest friends against 
Indians in 1876 — Now if there's 
anything I can do to say nothing 
of Terence always — from yr. October 
21 to today — Now I want — 
to put myself at your disposal if 
I can do anything here in Maine 
that will be for you that you want done.
I think you may trust me entirely & confidentially for my sense of justice & personal regard would both be grateful to see you, the Semi's always within in much soup of command or achievement receive you due & fitting recognition.

[Signature]

W. F. Thomas
Office Justiced The Peace
Vancouver D. J. June 26th, 1891.

S. C. S. Second
Dear Colonel,

As you were kind enough in 1871 to give me a commission at your Headquarters, who for services rendered in the Kotze and Bannock Campaign, I take this liberty to ask you again for a position. In 1874 I was discharged to enable me to go into business, but general depression soon compelled me to discontinue. I again took to the sea and soon on the whaling fleet. My exposure in the campaigns last fall left me troubled with rheumatism and a change to another climate would benefit my health. I would be very happy if I could again obtain a position as a First Service Clerk, or otherwise. To my knowledge I hope it is still open to me that I was Chief Clerk for A. G. J. A. with Capt. A. S. Heaton & Johnson and Lew and Capt. Shear & General Grant. I have been discharged, convincing you of my honorable discharge which I am asked to send and inform me if I can depend upon a position should I call at your Headquarters in the Spring or Summer.

Yours Truly,

Justice the Peace

Post respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
A. J. Spokesman
ST. PAUL, JAN., 25, 1890

GEN. OLIVER O. HOWARD,

DEAR GENERAL;

I AM DEPUTED BY THE VARIOUS POSTS OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC AND THE OFFICERS OF THE ''ICE CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION'' IN ST. PAUL, TO EXTEND TO YOU A SPECIAL INVITATION TO BE PRESENT AND PARTICIPATE IN THE CEREMONIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC DAY, FEBRUARY 12TH, PROXIMO.

I NEED NOT ASSURE YOU THAT THE INVITATION FROM SUCH A SOURCE IS CORDIAL AND EARNEST.

SINCERELY YOURS,

John B. Sanborn.
St. Paul, Minn.
Jan 25, 1886

Yours truly,

[Signature]
St. Paul; January 1886

Dear Sir:

Please accept the enclosed Pass, with the compliments of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railway Company.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours truly,

F. B. CLARKE,
General Traffic Manager.
Clarke, P.B.
St. Paul
Jan 25, 1886

Agreed by the
Kirk, Jan 27, 1886
United States Senate,

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan 25th, 1886

Gent. C. O. Howard
U. S. A
Omaha, Neb.

Dear General:

Your
favor 14th ult. in
regard to pension for
Mrs. Ethel Mitchell
is received. I will
be glad to do what
I can to help the
widow of so gallant
a soldier.

Very truly yours,

Charles F. Manderson

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Omaha, Neb.

Sir: We the undersigned County Officers of Harrison County, Iowa, do most respectfully ask clemency for Thomas A. Adams arrested for desertion, by Sergeant York, at Mondamin, on the 19th. Inst.

In this community Mr. Adams has proved himself to be a young man of sterling integrity, trustworthy & deserving, possessing all the qualities which characterize a gentleman in the fullest sense of the word.

Signed,

[Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature]
Philadelphia Jan 26, 1886

[Signature]

SIR: Receiving your letter of the 24th inst., we are glad to learn that you are engaged in preparing a Supplemental article on the Indians, and that you are about to undertake to prepare an article of equal length with the one now in progress. We shall be glad to receive it from you at an early date and to have your views and conclusions ready as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,

[Signature] Hubbard Bros.

[Address]
GEN. O. O. HOWARD,
OMAHA, NEBRASKA.

DEAR BROTHER:

MAJOR LEWELLYN CALLED ON ME, FORMER INDIAN AGENT IN NEW MEXICO, HE IS QUITE AN INTIMATE FRIEND OF VAN WYCK. HE SAYS HE WENT TO SEE THE PRESIDENT IN REGARD TO THE REMOVAL OF CROOK. IT SEEMS THAT CERTAIN PARTIES DESIRE THAT MILES SHALL REPLACE CROOK IN ARIZONA AND CROOK BE BROUGHT TO LEAVENWORTH, BUT NEBRASKA PEOPLE SEEM TO DESIRE THAT CROOK SHOULD TAKE YOUR PLACE AFTER YOUR PROMOTION, ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT YOU MUST THEN BE REMOVED TO SAN FRANCISCO. MAJOR LEWELLYN SAYS THAT BOTH SENATORS AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF NEBRASKA ARE FRIENDLY TO YOU AND THAT VAN WYCK SAID DISTINGUISHEDLY TO THE PRESIDENT THAT WHATEVER CHANGES WERE MADE IN THE DEPARTMENTS, OR TRANSFERS, THAT THEY WANTED YOU TO BE MADE MAJOR-GENERAL, AS THEY BELIEVED IT BELONGED TO YOU. I THOUGHT YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN THESE ITEMS. I HAVE SOME REASON TO BELIEVE THAT SENATOR VAN WYCK HAS MORE INFLUENCE WITH THE ADMINISTRATION THAN MOST OF THE REPUBLICAN SENATORS. HIS INDEPENDENT COURSE HAS PUT HIM IN A POSITION TO HAVE HIS INFLUENCE Sought FOR.

YOU WILL BE GLAD TO KNOW THAT MOTHER IS BETTER AND THAT WE ARE ALL PRETTY WELL. HOPE FOR A VISIT SOON FROM LIZZIE, AND IF POSSIBLE YOURSELF AT THE SAME TIME. BUT IF YOU CANNOT COME TOGETHER WE HOPE YOU WILL TAKE EACH YOUR TURN VERY SOON, AS THE TIME WILL SOON BE HERE WHEN YOU WILL CHANGE YOUR HOME AND WE WILL NOT HAVE THE SAME OPPORTUNITY OF MEETING.

BY THE WAY, THERE IS ONE OTHER ITEM. DOCTOR GILBERT INFORMED ME THAT HE HAD A LETTER FROM THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW SAYING THEY WOULD LIKE ARTICLES FROM YOU, MORE OR LESS OON, WHICH I SUPPOSE EMANATED FROM ME. HE HAD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM YOU SAYING YOU HAD SOME PROPOSITION FROM PRINCETON REVIEW AND PERHAPS YOU HAD GIVEN UP DOING ANYTHING WITH THE NORTH AMERICAN. HE IMMEDIATELY SNAPPED AT THE CHANCE TO WRITE SOMETHING HIMSELF AND HE MAY HAVE WRITTEN YOU TO THAT EFFECT. NO DOUBT HE WOULD DO IT WELL, AND...
WILL DO IT IN A WAY ENTIRELY DIFFERENT FROM YOURS. BUT YOU WILL SEE
AT ONCE THAT IT WOULD INJURE YOUR CHANCES OF WRITING IT UP FOR THAT
PERIODICAL AND WOULD IN FACT BE STEALING YOUR THUNDER. I WAS NOT
PLEased THAT HE SHOULD IN THAT WAY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR SUGGESTION
AND CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION. MY OWN VIEW IS THAT YOU OUGHT TO
WRITE FOR EACH OF THE PERIODICALS SUCH ARTICLES AS THEY MAY DESIGNATE
OR BE WILLING TO PAY YOU FOR. THEY NEED NOT BE SIMILAR, OR EVEN UPON
THE SAME PHASE OR PERIOD.

AFFECTIONATELY YOURS,

[Signature]

[Address]

[City, State]
I have made arrangements with the Proprietor of the "Danbury News" to publish through the columns of his paper my Diary of the 17th Connecticut Volunteers, in connection with other items of interest that have been gathered from time to time from different comrades.

The publication will begin on Wednesday, February 3rd.

But, Comrade Howard,

I have not heard from you. I send this to let you see what some of the 17th is about to do.

Remember you well at Brooks Station.

Address all communications to W. H. Warren, 407 Columbus Avenue, New Haven, Conn., and they will be promptly sent for publication. Please give me some thing about the 17th, if only a few words of encouragement (OVER).
Please give me something that I may put it on the path as coming from one of our old commanders, and I will thank you very much.

W. H. W.
Fort Fred Steele, Wyoming,
January 27, 1886

Brigadier General O. O. Howard, U. S. A.
Commanding Department of the Platte

General

I respectfully request the
Commanding General to listen to my
prayer.

I am the wife of John Mangel
late Private Co. C of Infantry now in
confinement at Fort Omaha Neb. under sentence for one year. While
I do not complain of the justice of his sentence, I would beg the General
to consider my case, with two
helpless infants, one 18 months and the
other 4 months old, deprived of their
main support. When my husband
was taken away from me, I was
left penniless, and only through the kindness of the Commanding Officer, Col. Chipman, who gave me quarters, & through the charity of some of the enlisted men here, am I enabled to exist. As my husband has forfeited everything, (which I think is punishment enough for what he committed in a state of intoxication,) the case is almost hopeless, unless the General in the Kindness of his heart, will consider his helpless family, have pity upon them & restore the father or husband to his wretched family; for which mercy I will ever pray.

Your very humble servant,

Mary Mangel.
We had a very good time there. Our friends had invited some of our neighbors and we had beautiful sleigh rides. Every afternoon we went riding in four sleighs. The country about the farm is very picturesque, and especially when surrounded with snow and the sun shining on it, it was lovely to look at.

The other day a lady told me that she had seen us coming here yesterday. I am quite astonished, so she did not expect to come here before next fall.

You asked me whether I should like to translate with Kallans' book. Yes, I like it very much. I wanted to begin with...
in which you said that it was not your wish alone.

This week is a hard one for Tamie. Some time ago I got a map of the

senior that are examinations. Hudson, and Tamie will go the me

every day. I am so glad that he has got through so well with-
all his back work and it well me. I was so afraid this
too much study would injure. I seem to see the beautiful thing
over again, if I were there.

You wrote me that the Howard Mr. Chaney seems to have made
ment to Dr. Greyer with Harry to consult about his case. He
asked to consult about his case. I am very anxious to know what
that a farmer has the best

The Doctor said, Harry is not
at Jack Shagga. I can well
imagine how he enjoys his
will there, especially his play
enjoy the little things.

To think Chase has gone West.

I am very happy about that, for days ago when my sister and
that seems to be the best way

made me. I had this impression again a

en joy the little things.
Goettingen, Ger.
July 27, 1886.

Bokemeyer,
Miss, Adelaide.

At night after Christmas, but could not find the time. This month, however, I shall have more time, and I shall begin it. I am very thankful if you follow the suggestion. It will give me much pleasure and I shall learn a great deal of English.

Thanks, I thank you that I am studying Kalderon. I am enjoying it very much. It is beautiful and not hard, because I know French and had studied some Kalderon a few years ago. I plan to take lessons from you, when he comes next summer, so I must study well, because he has to have a teacher who can answer.
questions.

How is Mr. Howard? Emma wrote me, she did not seem to be very
good this winter. I am so sorry
to have such news about her.

Is Bessie stronger this winter
Than last?

We are pretty well. Mama is
not very strong this winter, she
seemed to be weak and every little I think there are all the new
things give her more trouble than I can give you to-day.

Nelkam. Gezzinn the same. Normal, Gezzinn the and
valentine box and fish. Gezzinn Gezzinn and
send their best love to
and Gezzinn are very well. Then
you quite ill before Christmas, but
Please give my love to all your
family.

Thin is our winter a ver nice now
She snow has gone and the skunks self
on our garden have pretty little
lids. There Spring will come
soon and make the snow
shingles again.

Your affectionately

Walter F. Kettenhofen Jr.
Omaha, Jan. 28, 1886

Genl. O. O. Howard

My Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 27 inst enclosing check for $500. Your wishes in the matter will be complied with.

Very respectfully yours,

James E. Boyd
R. E. Hoyt

Omaha
Jan. 28, 1886

Received by the
Sec'y.

[Handwritten text, partially legible]
Dear Gentleman,

At the meeting of the United Ice Co. yesterday, the Co. is all in $800 in debt. They expect to pay this debt and expect at much more in construction out of earnings this year. The territory they control cannot be
Called First
Class Net Earn-
ing last Year
$76,746. They had
a meeting
1000 shares of
stock. The shares
that were first sold
the members at
the time of organ-
ization were sold
for $50. Par value
$100. Sales have
been made to-
County Co $220
The Pl of the Co
buying. The Co
is under his care. Managemnt at the Missouri. Hanna & Co. The Bell Tel Co. of Boston owning the control. I think it quite probable that the work will at that convenience buy the turtule. I cannot understand how our friend Rea Wood thought they $90. For price that man could have been worth half.

Kansas City,
that wire unless
he allowed the
wire in a trade.
I would not
sell it at price
offered. Possibly
it will be worth
more. I think the
present manag-
ment good.
If there is any-
thing more you
do not wish me to
learn in regard to it
please write.

We are all well
With kind regards

Henry.

With kind regards

John.
Washington, D. C., January 28, 1886

General O. O. Howard,

Omaha, Neb.

Dear General:

Can you give me any information as to the full name and present address of a certain man called Tom, who was your Butter during the late war, and another named Sam Olment, who was your body servant at the same time? I desire to ascertain their whereabouts in order to secure their evidence in a case which I am prosecuting.

Very truly yours,

Allan Rutherford
Stanworth, Princeton, N.J.

Jan. 28, 1878.

Gen. O.O. Howard,
Commanding the Dept. of the Platte.

Honored and dear Sir:

I hasten to acknowledge
the receipt of your article, after an absence from home of some days. It is thoroughly satisfactory. I venture to suggest that the paragraphs will appear somewhat too marked and short when in print; if you will allow me I will slightly modify that feature. The article will be

Princeton
Jan. 28, 78.
in the thing number and the knot
will be forwarded in due time.

Respectfully yours

Mr. M. Stone.
County, neither do I think the Government owes me a position or a dollar. I done only my duty and the Government in turn acted honorably with all her Soldiers, but I ask you as I would a Citizen - doing our claim whatever on your and should not full hurt in the least if you did not notice my request: for I presume I am only one in a thousand that to any your generosity - but I go on the principle - that if I do not ask - I cannot expect to receive - should you find leisure to reply - by addressing me at Omaha Act. Gen. C. H. Dixon 102d N. West 18th St. He will send same to me, as I am west of Fort Omaha, fearord me for trespassing upon your time.

Sirs:

Your Ob. Sgt.

A. W. Snell
Th 21th Pen Lore, & immediately assigned to duty on the Staff of Col. Spalding, Comdy 3d. Brig. & the 1st Xy. at A. Y. Y. in Default. Comdy. 3d. at the close of the War Col. Spalding was Sone by a Fy. and ordered to Seventeenth Kansas. I retaining my position on the Staff at the time of my discharge I was a.a.a. 1 of the Northern Sub-district of Kansas. I make this statement as I love every reason to believe you have always been a true friend to the soldier in the past as well as at the present. I held the position of Percher on until my wife's death when I came west to try new scenes and in part forget the past. I had always preferred an active life and still retain good health. But I am tired of making 6 months and remaining idle the balance of the year, and I am not an actor as in my younger days. In several months past I have thought of addressing you to see if you would not secure me a position where by energy & a strict attention to business I could secure a living without so much exposure. I am not particular as to what it might be neither the wages. For I know that if I get a start - I can hold it - and if there is an opportunity for advancement I can reach it. I have never asked for a position from any one before - I never received a dollar of
After you,

We have received notice

Here are orders have been received for

Men Deserting Infantry Parades

at Robinson. If this is so I

Should like to know if it also whether

that since more Robinson an

Infantry Post instead of a Cavalry

Post as now and if it were likely it

would have to be commanded

by an Infantry officer. I had

Hoped to go there if I have please.
Here as I presume I must
accept summer. I do not want
to go to campus and have hoped
Robinson might be my next
post. But if Jew comes
Company of Infantry will
I suppose an Infantry
post and I still have to
give up hope of going there
Gentlly

Joe H. Plasker
Confidential

Fort Niobrara, Neb
Jan. 29th, 1886

Genl. O. O. Howard
Omaha, Neb.

General,

I return to you today the communication of Capt. Hughes of the 7th Infantry in which he first virtually refused to perform a detail that of cutting ice at the post for the use of the garrison and then when called upon for an explanation of his conduct wrote an indelicate letter and when that was referred to Dept. Headquarter and decided against him by the Dept. Comdr. returned it with a disrespectful endorsement on it. This officer's conduct since at this post looks toward one and the enlisted men of not only of his own Company but other Companies have been bad. He is coarse brutal and insubordinate. It does no good to reprimand him for his own conduct is so overwhelming that the company thinks he knows it all and his superiors know nothing of it as time he was thought.

[Signature]

[Handwritten note: 338]
to account for his past actions. I do not care much but I want to say this to you. I am tired of it. This officer and the very first time he does anything in subordiante or disrespectful I will ask him to be brought before a Court-martial.

January 3rd. 1865

P. S. Brisbane
Jan. 13th 1862

US Col. 9th Cav.

Confidential Communication
concerning Capt. Stigler.

A. G. F. Rogers.
Janesville, O. Jan. 29th 1876
Gen. O. & Howard
Omaha Neb.
Sir:
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 20th inst. relative to the claim for local bounty of Albert Cotton against Jefferson Tp. (not Janesville), in which you state that if I will proceed with the case and recover the money for him you will see that my fees are paid. I have to say in reply that I have this day prepared a petition for mandamus asking the Court to compel the payment of Mr. Cotton's claim, at or on filing it the statute of Ohio deprives any coven or some other resident
of this County to acknowledge himself security for costs in the action as Mr.
Botton the plaintiff is a nonresident.
As there is no person
here within my knowledge
who would be willing to be
come surety and I do not feel like taking the responsibility upon myself I desire
further assurance that if I
should acknowledge myself as
security in the premises the
amount of costs would be deput
ed to me in case the plaintiff
fails to obtain a judgment in
his favor.
The costs in my opinion
will amount to not less than
ten dollars nor more than
Twenty dollars. While I be
The President's Committee for
the Arts in the Federal Govern-
ment is also in the planning
and execution phase. The
President's Committee has
been very active in this
area.

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area.
The claim is just, and can be collected by legal process, yet I am not certain of success as it will be stoutly resisted by the defendants.

I will expect no fee unless successful, in which event I have no fear but that my fee will be paid. I will then await further advice.

Very respectfully,

J. H. Martin.
J. M. Martin  

Janesville, Ohio  
Jan 29 1876  

Make an IT. to give  
him a copy for pay 1.00  
in 1st judgment is against  
Albert Coate.  

Acted by him Feb. 1, 1876.
Omaha, Feb. 19th 188-

Dear Mr. Howard,

Omaha, Neb.

My dear Camrade,

This will introduce Comrade J. P. Washburne of Port 48 Norfolk, Nebraska, Whom I earnestly commend to your kind consideration and attention.

Comrade Washburne desires to talk with you on matters of which he will fully explain and I have no doubt his kind and considerate treatment of your hands will prove useful.

Yours truly,

Geo. M. O'Brien
Dear O. C. Rowan of W. J. Army,

My dear General,

I enclose you a letter from one of your old command which will in a measure explain itself. What I want to find is, the proceedings of the Court Martial to which he refers. So that I may ascertain upon what grounds he was found "Not Guilty of Desertion" as I understand him that his defense was, that he had not been mustered into the army. Yet the War Dept has a record of him, but no record of this Court Martial, the proceedings and findings of which
I desire to ask if you can give me any information on the subject of I will be greatly obliged if I can

From Very Truly,

Edmunst B. Reisfarth

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...
Philadelphia, Jan. 29th, 1886

Gen. O.O. Howard,
Dept. of the Interior,
Lincoln, Neb.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 25th is referred. I have crossed an order for the 36th of Nov. giving you $200. I am asked to add to the articles you already have in hand, the subject of "Indians," to which I have thought that by uniting these two subjects you could probably condense them so as to come both in five pages.

Yours truly,

A. Hubbard Brooks

P.S. The sooner we can have the articles the better.
Fort Smith, Ark., Jan. 30th, 1886

July 22, 1886.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 22nd inst., asking information concerning the Indian Territory, is received. I send by to-day's mail one of my speeches which happens to be at hand, and a couple of Indian papers, from which you may obtain some of the information you desire. In a few days I will endeavor to furnish you with further information upon the subject.

Very respectfully,

Your ob't. servt.,

E. C. Boudinot
Gen. O. O. Howard, U. S. A.,

Omaha, Neb.

Dear Sir:—

Your letter of Jany. 14th urging me to assist Mr. Francis in collecting his claim against J. W. Skiles & Son was duly received. I have no doubt but that Mr. Francis is a very worthy man, and that the Skiles should pay this claim. My efforts at collecting the amount however, have not been successful.

Colonel Skiles and his son are in financial trouble, and are very slow pay. I fear that Mr. Francis may not succeed in getting anything from him.

Very truly,

[Signature]

Dictated.
Eben M. Marlin
Alyd at last
Dedford Door
Jan 30th 1876
Gen. O. Howard Col. U.
Rel. to S. H.
My Francis collect
his claim against
Ded Silsby.

Dear Sir:
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Very truly,

[Signature]
Omaha le 31 janvier 1946

Monsieur le Général

Monsieur,

Je vends.

des reçois, votre très aimable lettre.

et je vous en remercie mille fois.

Je l'ai expédié tout de suite à ma

tœur et je suis sûre qu'elle sera

très contente. Merci beaucoup pour

votre très bonne recommandation, car

avec ça ma tœur aura beaucoup de

succès.

Veuillez recevoir, monsieur le général, l'as-

surance de mes sentiments distingués

Elie Loentz.
Fort Reno and Fort,  
January 31, 1856

Dear General,

The solitude of our home in this central part of the Indian Territory (a blots on the map of the U.S. as Carl Miles calls it) was delightfully broken in upon by your note finding us greeting and sending kind words. It will be a real pleasure for me to serve you even in the service you ask and I will endeavor to give you all the information I possess in regard to the country when a tribe of Indians has been well punished and forcibly brought into subjection it is ready to take any land as a reservation or make any terms provided peace and good are assured. In succeeding years they forgot the punishment of war and influence by dehersing white men can ready to pick faults in the agreement and lay claims not only to the country they live upon but also to the lands they were driven from. This is now the situation of the Cheyennes.
[Handwritten text illegible]
They were removed from the North and placed on their present reservation by Executive order but they claim the whole country from here to Kansas on the Cherokee Strip.

The constant friction between these of the white race who desire to occupy and improve the lands now idle but held by Government for Indians and this Indians, with others who sympathize with them, is so great that a strong military force is required to keep it at all times to preserve peace. With a few exceptions the white men in the territory are negligible from justice and if any thing was done the Indians, requiring this military force quite as much. It may be justly said that it is a country without civil government. The U.S. Courts of Kansas and Arkansas have a sort of joint jurisdiction but they seem to have no power to either prevent or punish criminal offenses. It would I think be impossible to convince a jury in either State that a white man could do a wrong in this Territory and the public sentiment is so strong in those border States for settlement that I doubt if a jury man could remain in
the community who would sustain the
Government in its attempts to keep settlers
out. The troops from this post are con
tinually in the field including trespassers but
the offenders return as often as they are
put out. They suffer losses and all kinds
of discomfort but still return and are
again and again marched out. The Government
of the Territory should be of a more independent
character as the gallery of having jurisdiction
in adjoining states without justice is but
too apparent. A territorial government over
a country where all the authorized inhabitants
are directly under the control of the U.S.
Government might lead to some entanglement,
but any thing would be better than the present
system which admits of its being a safe abode
for any rascal who chooses to come and
need be taken a prisoner. By reference to
the map you will see that the Oklahoma
Country is a wedge between the Indian Nations
on the East and the Cheyenne, Arapahos, Nebras
on the West, with the Pawnees on the South. In my opinion the settlement
of Oklahoma by white men would be an endless source of trouble; the boundary would never be recognized by either white or Indians and the presence of this whole army would not prevent strife and bloodshed. Indian towns would be in the white man's camp and all the white men's cattle would parasitize upon the Indian pastures.

The simple alternative is to settle all the outside Indians west of the 98th degree, which is the boundary of Oklahoma, in the Oklahoma land and open all the country west of Oklahoma from Kansas to Texas for settlement. A strip of neutral land should be reserved by the Government pay toward the land between the two and this I believe would prevent encroachment. One military post on this strip would be sufficient to keep the peace and all the country west being settled up the post now occupied by troops in the territory could be abandoned. Good schools are maintained at all the Agencies. The attendance is good and children will succeed in making fair progress.
The young and middle-aged men of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes have been
selected as scouts and directed them in valuables in hunting. "Boomers" in Oklahoma
inside their tents, in the fields keeps them out of mischief at home. The old men womens
perform as elders and hang about in a youthful manner. The school system is not
what it should be signifies something more practical, but even now something is gained
if the children are kept out of the camps.

The state of New York may be of interest to the coming Cheyenne, but I doubt it.
As old Uncle John Reynolds said to the signal man, "Go on; shake your flag on the hill top. It looks like business, but when I want any thing I will send an orderly."
A large amount of money is 

...
boy could learn a valuable lesson and the Government save the crops thus saving part of the expense of the school. A practical farmer should be at the head of the establishment and would cost no more than a Mathematician. There are two Mennonite missions in the territory one at this point and the other at Cantonment 60 miles West. These missions are very prosperous and are doing much good in the way of educating children. There are no established churches and no Roman Catholic priest is at all I have seen in the way of the ministering. Army Chaplains and Army Surgeons can find all the souls & bodies they desire to save at convenient posts on the Rail Road. I trust General I have covered the ground and answered your questions. If I have not I hope you will not hesitate to call upon me again. Mr. Summer & the girls join me in regards to Mrs. Howard. myself, your Truly Yours

[Signature]

Mrs. Robers