Ans by Gen. Feb. 20/86.

104.

Howard

Whipple Barracks
Arizona
Feb. 13/86.

Dear Genral Howard:

As two vacancies in the grade of Brig-adier Genral U.S. Army are soon to be filled, I will be very greatly obliged if you will now-

do me the kindness to recommend my promotion. and send me a copy of your letter for file with my papers.

You wrote me that you would be glad to write a letter in my behalf & would greatly enjoy doing so. and I therefore trust that you will,

at this time, give me your earnest and valuable support - for which you may rest assured I would ever be very grateful. - Hoping soon to see you receive the appointment of Maj. Gen.

I am dear General
Truly Your friend
O. O. Howard

Gen. O. O. Howard
Omaha
Nebr.

P.S. I enclose herewith a brief sketch of my services for your information.

Grierson, Col. 10th Cav.

Benjamin Henry Grierson, was born in Pittsburgh, Pa. July 8th, 1826, and at the breaking out of the war resided in Jacksonville, Ill. He entered the volunteer service, May 8th, 1861, as Aide-de-Camp to General B. M. Prentiss. and served three months in that capacity, with the nominal rank of Lieutenant, *without pay*, at Cairo, Ill.; subsequently at Ironton, Mo. and accompanied Gen. Prentiss on his expedition thence to Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

He was commissioned Major 6th Ill. Cavalry October 24th, 1861; and remained on duty as a Staff Officer with Gen. Prentiss, serving in Northern and Central Mo. until the last of November 1861, when he joined his regiment at Shawneetown, Ill. and commanded Battalion 6th Ill. Cavalry, at that point and at Smithfield and Paducah, Ky. from December 1861,to March 1862.

He was promoted Colonel 6th Ill. Cavalry in April 1862, and commanded the regiment until the following December, serving in Kentucky, Tennessee and Mississippi, under Generals Sherman, Grant and Mc Pherson. In actions at Hernando, Coldwater Station, Olive Branch and Cockrum's Cross Roads, Mississippi, Germantown, Collierville, Covington, Wolf and the Loosehatchie Rivers, Tenn.; and was engaged throughout Gen. Grant's Mississippi campaign, and commanded expeditions from Oxford, Miss., to Helena, Ark., to communicate with Gen. Steele, and in pursuit of Gen. Van Dorn, into Tennessee, and thence southward into Mississippi.

He commanded the 1st Cavalry Brigade, Army of the Tennessee, from December 1862, and was promoted Brigadier General of Volunteers June 3d, 1863, *for gallant and distinguished service* in the great raid from La Grange, Tenn. through the state of Mississippi to Baton Rouge, Louisiana in April and May, 1863.

He was in command of the Cavalry, Department of the Gulf, from May to July, 1863; in actions at Clinton, Redwood Bridge and Pretty Creek, and engaged in the investment and siege of Port Hudson, Louisiana.

He commmanded Cavalry division 16th Army Corps, from August, 1863, to July, 1864; was engaged in guarding the line of the Memphis and Charleston railroad, and in Generals W. Sooy Smith's, Sturgis' and A. J. Smith's expeditions into Northern Mississippi. In engagements of West Point, Okalona, Ivy Farm, Pontotoc, Old Town Creek, and battles of Gun Town and Tupelo.

He commanded Cavalry Corps, District of West Tennessee, from July, 1864, to January, 1865, and was

A brief record of
General Grierson's services, during the War,
and since, on the Frontier.

Enclosed with letter
from Gen. Grierson
Feb. 13, 1886

promoted Brevet Major General of Volunteers, February 10th, 1865, *for gallant and meritorious services* in expedition from Memphis, against Hood's communications with the South, the Ohio and Mobile and the Central Mississippi railroads, and capture of Verona and Egypt Stations, in December, 1864, and January, 1865.

He was assigned to duty with brevet rank of Major General, and command of Cavalry Corps Military Division of West Mississippi, from March to August, '65, and during Gen. Canby's campaign against Mobile, Ala. and was promoted Major General of Volunteers May, 27th, 1865 *for gallant and meritorious services during the war*, and expedition from Mobile Bay to Eufala, Ala. and Georgetown, Ga., Montgomery, Ala. and Columbus, Mississippi; engaged in re-organizing Cavalry at New Orleans for service in Texas; was assigned to the command of the Military District of Northern Alabama in September 1865, and honorably mustered out of the Volunteer service April 30th, 1866.

General Grierson was appointed Colonel of the 10th regiment of Cavalry, U. S. Army in July, 1866; was stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. and engaged in organizing regiment from September 1866 to August 1867. Promoted Bvt. Brigadier General U. S. Army, March 1867, *for gallant and distinguished service* in the raid through Mississippi, in 1863. Bvt. Major General U. S. Army, March 1867, *for gallant and meritorious service* in raid through Mississippi, in 1864–'5.

He was in command of his regiment and Fort Riley, Kan. from September, 1867 to April, 1868; Fort Gibson, Camp Wichita, Fort Sill and District of the Indian Territory, from 1868, to 1873; engaged in active scouting, extensive explorations, campaigns against the Kiowas, Comanches, Cheyennes and other Indians, and in removing intruders from the Indian Territory.

He was Superintendent of the General Mounted Recruiting service, St. Louis Bks. Mo. in 1873–'4, and in command of his regiment, Fort Concho, Texas, and District of the Pecos, from 1875 to 1881; actively engaged in scouting and exploring the country throughout Western Texas, and adjacent Territory of New Mexico, and in campaigns against the Apaches, Victorio's band and other Indians. He commanded Fort Concho, and Sub Posts, in 1881—'2; Department of Texas, in September and October, 1883; Fort Davis, Sub Posts and country west of the Pecos River, Tex. from 1883, to 1885, and since May, 1885, has been in command of regiment and Whipple Barracks, Prescott, Arizona Territory.

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Philadelphia Feb 13th 1886

Gen O O Howard
Dept of the Platte
Omaha Neb

Dear Sir:

We require a short narration of the Yellowstone Battle, and if you could furnish us a couple of pages it would be highly gratifying. We simply require a narration briefly of each days contest, which we know you are in position to give.

Yours truly
Hubbard Bros
Sibbald

Philada. Pa.,
Febry. 13th 1886.

Hubbard Bros.

Desire article on Battle of Gettysburg.

Fort D. A. Russell Wyo
February 13th 1886

Genl O. O. Howard -
Comdg Dept of the Platte
Omaha Neb -

Genl -

In reply to your letter of the 9th inst - I have the honor to state that I have this day forwarded to the Chief Qr Master of the Dept. the following papers belonging to Private Frank L Quackenbush - a deserter from Company E 9th inft - viz -

Diploma Columbia Med College
Certificate Bellevue Hospital -
New York Asylum for Insane
Licence to practice Medicine and Surgery in Canada -

Very Respectfully
Your obt Svt
Jno. C. Mason
Capt 9th Infty -
Comdg Post -

advancement in worldly station, if it be for the best for you & us, your family; or for his general plan. But if you are not promoted? for my part, shall be also contented, for I am sure there will be a divine reason for not having done so. The river is very high & many cellars & 1st floors of the houses along the river are filled with water. Boats are in some of the street also. But altho money is lost, no other harm is done by the present flood here & warm early thaw. I have not time to write about the lots Colonel Edwin wrote me, neither to look at them. W. Troy is at present mostly under water also. Please tell Edwin this. I have a letter here from another, but this will have to do for her too as it is past midnight. I am very well, & have courage to stick on. I hope you can decipher my hasty writing with but little to

your & all the family's

Howard, Jas. W. 107

Troy, N.Y., Feb 14. '86.

My dear Father.

Your Check for $20. came Friday. To-day is Sunday. It is now almost twelve at night. I must be short. I slept late this morning. I have been with Mr. Smith this afternoon & took supper with Mr. Cheell & fy, an earnest christian worker in Troy, — the proprietor of a large factory here. I am very busy. Last Monday work begins & will continue for five weeks severe for me. I recite from 9:A.M to 5:P.M. & all lessons must be learned at night & saturdays till midnight I use to do the extra accumulated over work of the week. But at the end of four weeks more I will again have less night work. I had to take up one extra subject

— ~~to~~ one of the two remaining unfinished of the year I have skipped. I had to take this up so as to go on with Analytical Geometry which commences four weeks hence.

The shades & shadows of Church's book were given to us in two lessons — all the subject. That made me work hard two days I assure you. Then came three lessons in a higher text book on the S. & S. by Warren. I have three more recitations in the higher & that finishes S. & S. Perspective or — rather a completion of it comes next & will last perhaps a week. I have already passed in the plainer perspective of ordinary descriptive geometry. All these subjects are directly or indirectly — descriptive geometry — a subject impossible for some people to conceive & then we are worked at such a high pressure — so rapidly — that some are necessarily left behind or dropped. Our class lost two more members at the end of last term. There are hardly 20 left now of the 1½ years ago original 80 — a good weeding out — perhaps here & there one has gone from inability, but the most of them were lazy or dissipated. I shall try to put off the payment of my tuition a few days longer — waiting until the last moment — perhaps you will be able to spare me some more money. It has been hard for you lately & I can just as well wait as any one & hence the Institute a few days longer. I am very busy and hence I cannot read any papers. But I presume I will hear from home if you are promoted & where you will go to live. I pray that God may grant you this

File.

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Law Offices of
Benj. F. Butler.
Washburn and Webster.
No. 16 Pemberton Square.
Frank L. Washburn. Rooms 1.2.3. Prentiss Webster.
Boston.

February 15, 1886.

My dear General Howard:-

Many of our later years have thrown us far apart in our several avocations. You have continued your service of the country under arms, mine has been a varied life but always on the civil side. I can hardly give efficient utterance to the great pleasure the reception of your letter gave me, because it seemed like a renewal of a former friendship which I felt, and which your letter shows me that you knew I felt, towards the most conscientious, and one of the most deserving and efficient soldiers of our war.

I had forgotten entirely until you called it to my mind, the little episode where I intefered with Belknap's attempted performance to create a vacancy which he might fill. What I did there was from a sense of public duty, about which I never waivered, and it did not render my action unpalatable to me that it stood in the line of my private friendship.

When I had inquired, as naturally I would be led to do, about the promotions consequent upon the retirement of Pope I learned that there was a possibility that the Senior Brigadier General might be overslawed for political reasons; but the lamented death of Hancock, which will now bring together two promotions, I have reason to believe will stop a small trick to get Crook promoted over you; because to meet the other case will bring up Miles, and as he is not a West Point graduate, the army will hardly stand the overslawing of a West Pointer by a volunteer, although, as you know, I must believe that the volunteers were a great deal better than you; and I hope I am right in this matter, and that you and Terry can go up together. Or, if not they will have to

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Thanking you for your kind letter, and also for your kindly speaking of my young friend, Lieutenant Reade, and saying to you that if you ever need a signal officer in your Department you never can get a better informed one than he is, and I believe he is right in all other respects, I am,

Your friend,

Wm. F. Smith

Brig. Gen. O. O. Howard, U. S. A.,
Omaha, Neb.

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Your friend,

Brig. Gen. O. O. Howard, U. S. A.,
Omaha, Neb.

Chatto, Mass.
Feby. 1, 1878.
Genl. Howard, Comdg. D.P.

ans. Febry 18/86.

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PUBLICATION HOUSE
OF
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Nos. 10 and 12 Dey Street.

EDITORIAL ROOMS OF "THE VOICE."

NEW YORK, February 15th 1886

Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

We have taken the pleasure of placing you on our free list of Pocket Lesson Notes for one year, and also thanking you for your kind words.

Yours Respectfully
Funk & Wagnalls
Per A. Cassot

New York City,
Febry. 18, 1881.

Funk & Wagnalls.

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Philadelphia Feb 15th 1886

Gen O O Howard
Omaha Neb

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 11th is received enclosing article on "Indians" for which we are greatly obliged.

Also your favor of the 13th, and are glad to note that you expect to get the articles mailed at once.

Yours very truly
Hubbard Bros
Sibbald

Pleasant, Ia.
Febry. 10. 1886.

Hubbard Bros.

Acknowledges receipt of article on "Indians".

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ALLAN RUTHERFORD,
(LATE 3D AUDITOR U. S. TREASURY,)
Attorney and Counsellor at Law,
Corcoran Building, 15th and F Sts., Rooms, Nos. 98 and 99.
(OPPOSITE TREASURY DEPARTMENT.)

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Hon. W. P. CANADAY, Sergeant-at-Arms, U. S. Senate, Washington, D. C.

Washington, D. C., Feby 15th 1886

Genl. O. O. Howard
Omaha Neb

Dear General

Enclosed herein I send account made up to date and draft on New York for balance due you ($6 54/100).

The Plumbing Bills were absolutely necessary. Same with Bill Van 3 for repairing roof & chimney.

In the matter of collections from Wm Fry, "N" St Lot, I suppose I must have been or sent to him over twenty times in order to collect. As the Building is practically worthless I thought it best to let him stay, and take chances on what I can get out of him.

Very Truly Yours
Allan Rutherford

Washington, D. C.,
Febry. 15th 1886.

Rutherford, Allan.

Statement of Genl. A/c.
& Draft for balance to
date.

ALBERT S. COLE,
Attorney at Law.

Ans. Feby 16. 86 by Gen.

111.

Nebraska City, Neb., 2/15th 1886

Gen O. O. Howard
Omaha Neb.

Dear Genl.

In all human probability you will soon be promoted & removed to some other command. I am very anxious to have you come here before you go and give us your lecture upon Gen Grant. under the auspices of our Post of the G. A. R. Can you find leisure from 20 to 30? & would your terms be the same as you first mentioned to me $50.00 I think you would have a good audience and that you would do some good. Please advise at your earliest convenience.

Yours Very Truly
Albert S. Cole

Nebr. City, Neb.,
Febry. 15th 1886.

Cole, Albert S.

Desires Gen. H. to lecture in his town esp. on "Genl. Grant."

ALBERT S. COLE
Attorney at Law
Nebraska City, Neb.

Answered Feb. 5/86

W. D. Hunter, President.
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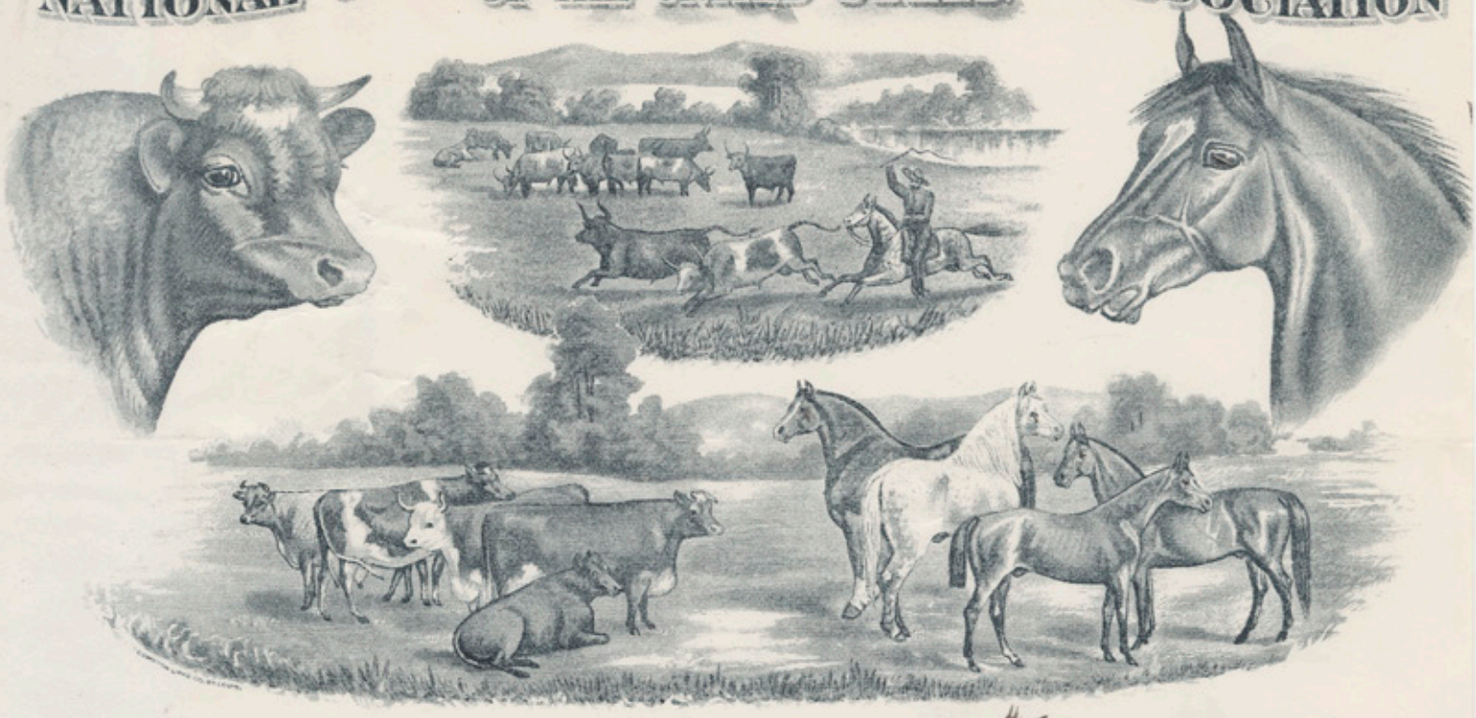

OFFICE OF THE VICE PREST.

Fort Niobrara Neb. July 15th 1886

My Dear General

I found a letter written to you several days ago not mailed yet. I send it here it is old. I want to say to you the plans and specifications are done for the new buildings or nearly so and I have made some changes and improvements on the old ones. These I would like to explain to you & Genl Handy or have him come up. If he cannot come up can you order me down for a day. I think it quite important that the plans should be explained verbally as the expenditure will be $20 000 and that sum needs care. I would like to take a leave and run down but I have no more leave due me in

this year and would have to go on half pay, I think you want to see me any way. Mrs Brisbin will go down some day this week to have some dresses made. She will stop at the Paxton. I do not wish her or any one of my people to bother folks when they go down there. The Hotels are good enough. Our new houses are done at post. I wish you could see them they are the finest and best houses I have ever seen in the Army. We have been out all day fighting the ice in the Nobrama and trying to save our bridge. I had 100 men at work all day. I guess we can save it but it is a tough job. Do you get any news about your promotion from Washington. I fear the President may wait for Pope to go & make a one day job of it: but you Jerry Wilcox and Rogers will fill the vacancies when they are filled. I wish you could come & see us once more. I have a fine school over 100 Colored men learning nightly under the Chaplain. It is a fine sight. Drop me a line

Yours Truly Jas S Brisbin

R. D. Hunter, President.
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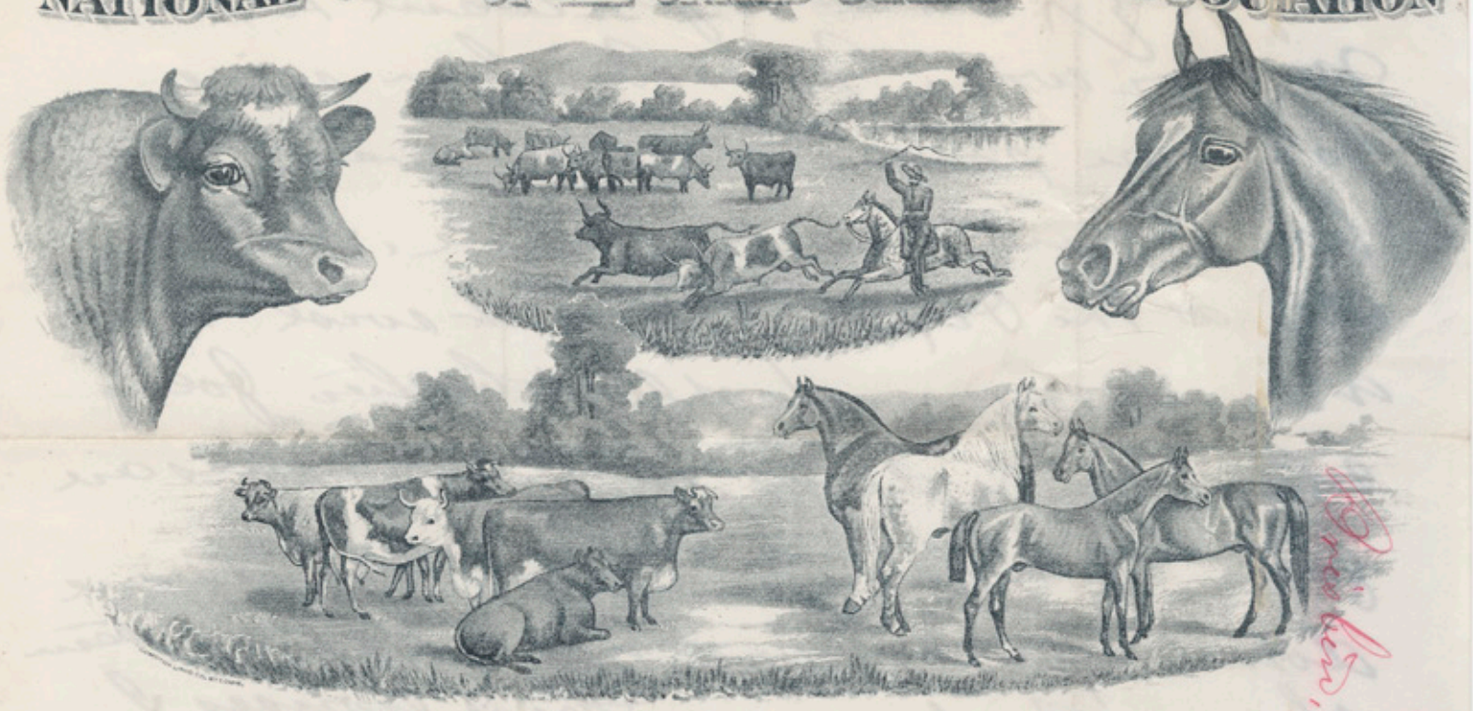

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Gen O O Howard
Omaha Neb.

Dear Sir:

Your article on Infantry is received, and is eminently satisfactory to our Editors.

We should like a definition of "Martial Law", very brief and as understood in America, and as soon as convenient.

Yours truly
Hubbard Bros
Sibbald

Philadelphia,
Febry. 16th '86.

Stubbard Bros.

Acknowledge receipt of articles on Amer. Infantry.

679. A.C.P. 1886.

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War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, February 16, 1886.

Brig. Genl O. O. Howard,

President of Retiring Board,

Omaha,

Nebraska.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of an order directing Capt. Gustavus Valois, 9th Cav. to report to you by letter and to hold himself in readiness to appear for examination before the board of which you are the president when summoned, together with a statement of his military service, compiled from the records of this office, and the papers in his case

The Secretary of War desires you to notify the officer of the date the board will be ready to take up his case, and that you summon him to appear before the board on that date, in order that he may not be detained longer than his examination requires, it having been decided that an officer ordered before a retiring board cannot be provided with quarters while in attendance.

The address of Captain Valois is Fort Robinson,

Nebraska

SPECIAL ORDERS, No. 38.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, February 15, 1886.

Extract.

* * * * *

4. The following order has been received from the War Department:

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Washington, February* 15, 1886.

By direction of the President Captain *Gustavus Valois*, 9th Cavalry, will report by letter to Brigadier General *Oliver O. Howard*, president of the Army retiring board convoked at Omaha, Nebraska, by an order from the War Department dated February 15, 1886, published in Special Orders, No. 38, February 15, 1886, from the Headquarters of the Army, and will appear before the board for examination when summoned.

WM. C. ENDICOTT,
Secretary of War.

The travel enjoined is necessary for the public service.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL SHERIDAN:

R. C. DRUM,
Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Wm. J. Volkmar
Assistant Adjutant General.

Brig. Genl. O. O. Howard,
President of the Army Retiring Board,
Omaha, Nebr, thro'
A. G. & P. Branch.

The fo

679. A.

The following are the papers in his case:

679. A.G.O. 1886.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. C. Kelton

Asst Adjutant General.

Feby. 16, 1886.

Adjutant General

Transmits to Brig Genl. O. O. Howard, Pres. Army Retiring Board convened at Omaha Neb. by S.O. #38, ex. A.G.O. copy par. 4. S.O. #38, a. directing Capt. G. Valois, 9 Cavalry to report to him (Genl Howard) by letter & to hold himself in readiness to appear before the Board for examination. Encloses statement of Capt Valois' services & papers in his case.

(8 encls)

1st. ENDORSEMENT.

HEADQUARTERS DEPT OF THE PLATTE

Omaha, Neb. Feby 20 1886

Respectfully referred to 2nd. Lieut. G.A. Chase, 4th. Infty. A.D.C., detailed by par. 3. Special Orders No. 17, current series from these Headquarters (Copy Enclosed) as Recorder for the Army Retiring Board appointed to meet in this city.

By Command of Brig. Gen'l Howard:

Chas. Rich

Aft'r Adjutant General.

Indianapolis Arsenal,
Febry. 16, 1886.
Recd. Capt. Eng. C.

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Indianapolis Arsenal,

Indianapolis, Ind., February 16th, 1886.

General O.O.Howard, U.S.Army.

Dear General.

It is not probable that I shall say, or write, anything new to you, in that which follows, and, under present circumstances, it does not apply to your case; but it might become applicable if your promotion should be postponed until the retirement of General Pope.

Par. 25 A.R. 1881, reads thus-"Appointments to the grade of general officer will be made by selection from the Army.-(Regs 1863, Par 21)''

Sec. 1257 Rev. Stats. "When an officer in the line of promotion is retired from active service, the next officer in rank shall be promoted to his place, according to the established rules of the service;''

In view of the above, I do not see how there could ever have been any question about your right to promotion vice Pope, or to General Terry's right thereto, after you are promoted in Gen Hancock's place

It can not be claimed that the office of major general is not in the line of promotion; and it would be, evidently, a very strain-

ed construction to say that the words" Any officer in the line of pro-
motion'' make the law applicable only in cases where the retired offi-
cer was entitled to promotion to a higher grade; and not applicable
when a major general retires, because that is the highest grade in the
army, therefore he can not be promoted; and is not in the line of pro
motion.—Such a construction is decidedly averse to the spirit of the
section of the statutes I have quoted; this spirit is sufficiently in-
dicated by the index references adjoining the section. "Vacancies by
retirement''. The law is for the purpose of fixing the method of filling
all vacancies so caused.

The appointments of Gen Pope vice McDowell,
Stanley and Gibbon, vice Pope and McKenzie; were in conformity with
the view I have taken of the requirement of the law; and I hope it has
been settled as the proper thing by the great CONSTRUING authorities.

The power to construe a law being so often greater than the
power to enact it.

It is now the 24th of the month. The newspapers say
that no major general will be appointed until Gen Pope retires. If this
is true, would it not be well to confer with some Senator, friendly to
you, and inform him as to your legal rights, in promotion consequent on
Pope's retirement? securing his opposition to the substitution of any
name for yours. If there were any certainty of justice prevailing
it would be unnecessary for you to take any active measures and you
could remain quiet with a feeling of assurance that you would have the
first commission; but I KNOW some things have been done in a corner, by
the powers that BE; recently, which would astonish you. Professions of
fair play or justice are a sham; merely for effect.

Respectfully and sincerely yours.

John A. Kress

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Parsonage,
First Congregational Church,
Glenwood, Iowa.

Feb 16 1886

Gen Howard

Dr Bro. Although I am unknown to you I make bold to ask a favor as I am one of the Masters earnest workers

We are doing evangelistic work here Have meetings every night but Sat. The youth & some heads of families are seeking Christ — We dont get hold of the men, especially business men Can you aid us some evening this week or next? If impossible could you come later?

Revs Leeper of Red Oak & Beach of Tarkagio have aided us here

would be glad to know in advance
of your coming & get out as many
as possible & what compensation would be
expected. I do believe that by God's
blessing you could do a great
work here shortly.

I have asked Mr Crafts of
Council Bluffs to say a word for me since I am a
stranger. I say much hope
you can come

Yours
E. T. Holcombe
Pastor

Glenwood, Iowa,
Sep. 16, 1886

Holcombe, Rev. E. T.

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Washington Feb. 16. 1886

Dear Brother Otis

I did not get to see the Pres. & Sec Endicott (my Salem neighbor) and Lee Channing - my companion da. voyage to Nassau (1882) till today - I am always introduced as your brother - and though I had a courteous reception by each, especially cordially by Channing, Mr my spoke of you incidentally - "The President said" the Army Officers gave him much less trouble than the civil ones. in answer to my remark that as a Peace man I called to pay my respects to the Commander-in-chief of the Army as well as the President - Our being brothers

invariably gives rise to humorous remarks not injurious to victor, but socially pleasant and introductory. I do not think my calls with my friend & "member", Col. Stone of Newburyport did you any harm. I notice that Miles & Terry were at Sherman & Crooks funeral and are always here & that you are detailed for a Court Martial at Omaha. Nothing is certain to any one but God. but it seems to me reasonably certain that Cleveland will do right.

Yours J. Porter
Rowland

P.S.

I do not get home till next week as I preach in Phila. Sunday.

Forwarded, Mrs. J. P.

Ans by telegram Feby 16/86.

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Telegram.

February 17th, 1886.

Senator C.F.Manderson,

Washington, D.C.

Replying to your telegram of this date, I notified General Schofield under date June second last of the proposition to exchange the site of Fort Omaha for five hundred acres of land in South Omaha, but after examining the land and considering the subject, concluded that the plant at Fort Omaha was too large to be given up. I found later that the land could be obtained next Fort Omaha at more reasonable rates, and have recommended its purchase. Will see gentleman named.

(Sgd) O.O.Howard,

Brigadier General,

Commanding.

Febry 19. 1886

Howard O. O.
Brig Genl

Telegraphs Senator Manderson in regard to exchange of site of Fort Omaha. Neb.

file. ans. by Sen.

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Washington D.C.
Feb. 17. 1886

Dear Brother Clay

Please read carefully the enclosed note and if you see no objection please sign and send it to my dear friend Morris. who at immense labor and pains and with a non money making spirit is trying to do something for the benefit of the negro in America and Africa.

All who have examined the Oil Machine he has had made & shipped to Africa have approved of it as a most useful & practical invention. Among them were several white men of the Colonization Society here in whose judgment I have

Howard, Rev. R. B.

great confidence. Mr Coffinger. Dr. Peter Parker and others. Friend Morris character is above reproach. He is very poor and while enthusiastic in temperament. It is in doing good. He gets earnest and eloquent.

I simply name your individual name, (no letter) thinking your judgment may have weight with the struggling freedmen who are trying to form companies in the Southern States to purchase the loom & gin. for which Mr Morris will charge only the bare cost.

Yours aff. Brother

Rowland

P.S. There is absolutely no money making scheme about it. R.

I go home to Boston soon.