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Gen. C. M. Howard:

Dear Sir:

Will you please be so kind as to give me your autograph on one of the enclosed cards?

By so doing you will greatly oblige.

Yours Very Truly,

C. D. Burtles
Narvick, Ct.,
March 5, 1886.

Bouton, C.R.,
Requests out of
Seil, H.
United States Senate,
WASHINGTON, D.C., Mch 5th, 1867

Brig. Genl. O. O. Howard
W.s.a.
Ft. Omaha, Neb

My Dear Sir—

Your letter of Mch 29th was received, and was glad to learn that the Estimates for Ft. Robinson (# 80, 304, #5) had gone forward.

Very Truly,

[Signature]

Czar. A. Anderson
but because I do not think he has been treated right.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Washington, D.C., March 5th, 1886

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

Omaha, Neb.

My dear General:

A somewhat extraordinary case of

an enlisted man who wishes to be discharged the

service, has come to my knowledge, & I felt very

much interested for the man whose story bears

upon it, bears the impress of truth. He is stationed

at present in your Department, living at Fort

Barnes, and his name is Robert Vorheller Ditto. He is a

private in C. C. 7th U. S. L. I. His story is about as

follows:

He enlisted on April 24, 1885. On Nov. 24, 1885, he

married a widow with eight small children; the oldest

only 11 years old. In committing which rash act, he

little thought that he might have to leave them (they

are at Charming C.) In less than two weeks after his

marriage, he was transferred West & has

been there ever since. While his wife nominally

resides in Charming C., she practically does not,

as it is under the care of an administrator, all

she derives from it is $30. a month for herself.
children to live on. She has been very ill since her last marriage, is now a confirmed invalid, is totally unable to do anything for her support, although her husband sends her every month the $150 she earns, she does not, of course, have enough to live on; in consequence, she has been obliged to contract debts. She made an application to the Secretary of War to discharge her husband. The request was referred to the commanding officers of the C. S. Rgt, &c, as far as is known, but of them favorably endorsed it. The request was then referred to the Commanding Officer at Columbus, who, on investigation, reports, that the officer on the strength of the real estate owned by the wife, evidently was misled, & reported adversely, as the Secretary soon chose after decline to discharge the soldiers on the ground that "the interests of the service will not admit of the request being complied with."

Now, is not this a sad case? One in which it is not out of place to grant a man's request for discharge? The men, as an hard-up for soldiers that must keep busy in the Army who have a family of nine persons to look after? This man's family must suffer because the husband is unable to attend to their wants, strangers attend to what property they have; debt are incurred. I all because of the hard rules not to let an efficient soldier go until his term of enlistment has expired. It is true the man should have had seven years not to marry while in the Army, but having committed the error through an evident misconception of fact, it is absurdly an excusable one, if it is neither saw nor past, in my opinion, to have the man, his wife & his stepchildren suffer for four years or more in consequence of it.

Do me the kindness to consider this case, if you can do so in a spare moment or two, & if you believe, as I do, that he should not be retained in service on the statement of facts above given, I beg you will write a letter to the Secretary of War expressing your opinion, & send it to me. It would bring much value to me in another effort which I propose making for this soldier's release. I propose to personally by the matter before the Secretary himself. If I think on a proper presentation of all the facts, he will reverse his former decision. If you feel justified in granting my request, I shall publish it a great favor if you will do so. As I said before, I have secured considerably interested in this case, & I wish to do all I can for the man, not for pecuniary interest.
Ill Fulton street, 
Ilay, N.Y. March 5, 1887.

To General All. Howard

My beloved Father: 
Yesterday evening I 
heard of the appointment I am to another, in 
the place which we have 
all looked would be 
given to you. I have 
to study hard last night 
all day to-day until 
now. It is nearly six 
O'clock p.m. I have 
return to my room 
I wish to write you 
a short letter before I 
take my supper 
I am sure that this 
appointment is felt 
by thousands of the
best people of our land
that you have not
received the position.
But I am sure that
this will be to you
but a small trouble
when compared with
the many which led
in less I plan. I am
seen fit to have you
undergo.
Certain, it is for
some good that this
is done. I am
perfectly resigned to
it.
I realize each day
that the country is in
the hands of per-
sons who did not
seem to have it
general interest at
heart. Persons who
have selfish, motiva-
cions.
But you can be sure
that the number of
your friends, money
and people as you
desire as friend, has
increased. I have not
seen a single news-
paper which has ap-
proved the president's
action in this matter.
The N.Y. Tribune has an
excellent article in
your praise. P[. . .] Other
papers also.
But do not be dis-
heartened or at all
cast down. Just
think of the thousands
who have only have
not been advanced in
their grade of civil office.
If it may be permitted, I hope to relieve some spirit of christand philosophy.

As Edith and I don't know when to be such an example.

I am sure I strive to be more wortly each day.

I hope for a servant wortly of his life, brand to brand, bond and health education.

culture, travel, languages, & the power of attracting those ture to friends in France. And now, much will be required. I have no one for any future clothes, clothing, food will be provided, a way must of time to earn that I have for the one who encourages me in what is christand, peace, and mobile. I also hope to tell me about my entire life, the lives of spiritual by n:m. I hope you are well. I will meet

It might be put thought in this letter, but my sister has faith and seems. I will end with love from your

I which you have probably mentioned, it touches myself. As for me, I have been much benefitted by the trials of struggles which you have come.

It seems almost that I may have passed, that there in part, that I have gained experiences which will serve me well in my life of the hereafter. I still have (God willing) many years to become in this world. In a letter to

them or you and write of your desire to presume an unoffended record for my children's inspection. You know still

try to be an example for us. You have been a

for me. I write this gladly

now that it seems a proper
and sitting there to do so. In my heart I have always admired Julius Brown. His spirit would grow stronger. For at least 10 years ago I read of how his son was faithful to him. I am old to you.

Especially since my residence in Geneva, Switzerland. I have steadily become fixed in my resolve to take my earthly models and men as my self of the Huguenot. A friend of mine—especially to those who "lack the one thing needful"—of a kinder spirit who are resolver at this life and who choose not the time for the opportunity for education. To each man handwaving once I saw

30th July 7th. I find it so hard in Troy. Late Tuesday evening. I often send a letter to the Laboratory of their families. I can be affected if I am held enough times that they are too Christian "labors" and have a peace of contentment which takes from them all discontent of which prevents them from urging on or pursuing malicious strikes. The laborer has his rights but a Christian laborer never under more than his just dues. You may feel sure that in this day generation that I shall God helping me stay to be to my fellow men, what you have been in your generation.
Dear Sir,

I now hand you a page from a letter Fred has just shown me from my cousin. It will show you that you have an unknown heath of friends who are doing their very best to have the President realize that you ought to be duly promoted. You need not return said enclosure.

I hope sooner or later you may get the next vacancy.

Sincerely,

L. Deane.
Washington, D.C.,
March 8, 1886.

Deane,

Enclosed part of letter from Mr. Z. J. E.

I was unable to return to New York as I
thought it best not to risk the journey.
My affairs were in a state of chaos,
and it seemed best to await the
next opportunity to attend to them.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Don't writing about. I tried to have Dr. Coyle write to the post in behalf of Howard, but as my action for the Dr. has entirely subsided since his action in the Blaine Campaign, I am not certain whether or not he did any good service. Certainly it did not avail, as far seems. The senior Maj. Gen. E. D. Howard get's Paris place. I was very anxious to have Howard get the place. But we may as well consider that the "fog is up," and that the enemy, if not present, intermeddles. Delegation will put on his true colors, and soon be known to the foe, as he was and is to older times.
Dear father: The disappointment and the pain caused by yesterday's news of General Terry's rejection as misleading me that I could not write you. I am still at a loss to conceive on what ground the appointment was made, whether as a result of the way your original appointment was made, the decision is that the President & Senate of that day did err in deposing back your commission to let you continue to rank General Terry as you did in the Volunteer Army or whether it is a simple petty move to reward such Terry.
for expounding the John Brown case and submit to your so-called extreme views in reference to Gen. Sheridan—his short comings. I saw a report of some injustices proceedings of Captain Minnies in Boston putting your forward as an anti-catholic champion which I was sorry for. I had hoped the President was too honest to just to act on the least reason. If it was on the points of course it is necessary to submit to the quirk of legal decisions by which the shadow is made to appear the substance to take the next place.

If it has been done in any spirit of approach to your work in education & organization in the South, it will make it unnecessary for your to again become prominent in helping the Republican party to reorganize itself as the party of human rights. I think many of the leaders will see this. So I think by far the best thing to do after reasonable representations to the President. Senate upon Military records alone is to wait & all, doing everything you can to keep in the best physical health and wish to call upon yourself.
Fort Snelling Minn
March 6, 1886,

Dear Emma,

I thank you for your generous congratulations. That the President should act so quickly, was entirely unexpected by me. I had been informed that no action would be taken before the 16th of March.

I hope that ten days hence I shall have the pleasure of sending you my congratulations. If you

Yours sincerely,

Oscar O. Howard
Omaha, Neb.
Dear Mr. [Name],

Glad to hear from you. Have heard that you are on your way to town next week. I am glad to hear that. I had been planning to start work on your plans for the town. I am glad to hear that you are coming.

I am afraid that I will have to decline your offer. I have been busy with my own work and have not had time to attend to your plans. I have been working on my own project, which I believe will be completed in the near future.

I am glad to hear that you are coming. I look forward to seeing you.

Yours truly,

[Your Name]
Gent O.H.,
City —

My dear friend —

I have wished for two days that I could in some pleasant way express my sorrow & sympathy — with you at your disappointment in not receiving the promotion you so justly deserve. Outside of your own family, you could hardly have a friend that regrets the mistake our President has made worse than myself. Political influence is evidently the case. I should regret very much to have you go away from us, but my joy on account of your promotion would more than overcome a selfish desire.
to enjoy your presence and Christian influence. And knowing you would continue to be as good and faithful anywhere else.

It was with tears of joy in my eyes, and a heart full of love and appreciation patriotic, that I read this morning in the Republican the report of a Brother Soldier who was a witness to war bravery and good judgment at Gettysburg. That interview shall remain and be preserved in my camp book while I live. And shall read it always with pride. Pleasure to my children and friends -- This article done it appears to me should go far to compensate you for your disappointment, for it is a scrap of history that forever
Never would have been called for it but for the sympathy of that soldier over your loss.

Do not be discouraged or cast down. Perhaps our Master meant to make you more useful without that promotion.

The salvation of souls is of greater importance than commanding an army, and a righteous life brings our promotion and a lasting commission to increasing your land and honor.

May God help you for you are in the Kingdom of Heaven.

May God bless you forever and ever is the wish of your dear friend.

M. M. Marshall
GENO.

GEN. G. O. HOWARD,

OMAHA, NEBRASKA.

DEAR BROTHER:

I HAVE THOUGHT IT EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO TAKE WHAT STEPS WE CAN TO PREVENT ANOTHER OVERSLAUGHT. I SAW CHARLIE MULLIGAN TODAY, AND HE PROMISED TO SEE MR. GOUDEY, WHO IS A FELLOW MEMBER IN HIS FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND WHO IS THE MOST EFFICIENT DEMOCRAT IN CHICAGO WITH PRESIDENT CLEAVELAND, UNLESS IT BE M. W. FULLER. MR. MULLIGAN THOUGHT HE COULD SECURE A GOOD LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT FROM MR. GOUDEY.

I HAVE ALSO BEEN TO SEE W. W. FULLER. HE SPEAKS OF YOU AS HIS COLLEGE MATE AND SEEMS TO TAKE A PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE MATTER. HE, LIKE MR. GOUDEY, IS A WILEY POLITICIAN AND LIFE LONG DEMOCRAT. HE IS GOING ON TO SEE THE PRESIDENT NEXT WEEK. HE PROMISED ME HE WILL DO WHAT HE CAN FOR YOU. HE HAS NO INTEREST IN PUSHING THE CLAIMS OF MILES OR CROOK, ALTHOUGH HE IS PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH CROOK AND LIKES HIM. YET HE THINKS THERE IS NO GOOD REASON WHY THEY SHOULD BE PUT ABOVE YOU.

HE THINKS THE COMPARATIVELY NEAR DATES BETWEEN YOU AND TERRY AND THE DISPUTE ON A TECHNICALITY AS TO WHETHER IT WERE STRICTLY LEGAL TO ANTE-DATE YOUR COMMISSION MAY HAVE HAD SOME WEIGHT WITH THE PRESIDENT, OR AT LEAST WAS PROBABLY TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF BY TERRY'S FRIENDS. YOU KNOW IT WAS A SORT OF DEATH STRUGGLE WITH TERRY, AS HE IS SO MUCH OLDER AND HAD NOT OBTAINED THE PROMOTION AT THIS TIME WOULD NEVER, IT WOULD SEEM.
I have had a chance to command the Army. At any rate, I think that Fuller and Goudy will do more with President Cleaveland than anyone else that I could reach. I will write to John N. Jewett, who is attending court at Galena, and ask him to send on one or two letters in view of present situation.

Affectionately,

[Signature]

P.S. We are all pretty well except Kitty who is sick in bed from a very hard cold upon the lungs. I hope to find her in better condition tonight. Cousin Carry Annkenny goes up to spend the Sabbath. Cousin Lizzie has gone home to Richmond.
HEADQUARTERS DIVISION OF THE MISSOURI,

Chicago, III., March 4, 1884

Gentlemen,

Shofield, J. M.,
Maj. Genl., U.S.A.

Dear General,

Your letter of the 1st reached me this morning. You must excuse my very much disappoint at not receiving the first promotion. But I take it for granted you will follow upon the retirement of Genl. R. A. then, as Genl. Terry is three years your senior in years, the dates of commission are
Major [redacted] will not
be able to attend
as much as your
disadvantages.

I am not at present
as close as it may appear
of Commander. It
is true, a complication
that and somewhat difficult
call for action. In the
mean time, I would
be glad to know your
preference. [redacted]
will, I think, [redacted]
San Francisco. I
suppose we will not
be called upon to decline
until after [redacted]
Boston, March 6, 1886.

Gen. O. O. Howard, Omaha, Nebr.

My dear Sir:

At the meeting of the Citizens' Law and Order League of the United States, held in Cincinnati, on the 22nd and 23rd of February, the constitution was amended to provide for the support of the organization by five dollar memberships. Heretofore, the National League has had no scheme for raising money, and its expenses have been borne by a few of us, who at the same time, had the work to do.

It is very desirable that a membership as strong as possible may be secured at once throughout the country. I send you ten certificates of membership and trust that you will secure at least that number of members in your vicinity.

Please return the stubs of the certificates to me, that the names of the members you secure may be properly enrolled.

Very truly yours,

L. Edwin Dudley
Secretary.
March 6th 86

R. C. Dudley
To R. X. O. Legree

Enclosed 10 Cents of

My dear Mr.:

At the meeting on the 6th

It is very desirable that a new

Please notify me at the stamps of the

Very truly yours

Sincerely yours,

Boston, Mass.
Walla Walla, W. T.
March 6th, 1886

Gent. O. O. Howard
Mr. Leavensworth Nat.

Sir,

I herewith enclose you a copy of an affidavit and claim which I am about to bring before Congress and if not pressing too much upon your kindness I wish you would make a statement of such matters appertaining thereto as come to your knowledge and send them to me at Walla Walla.

Very Respectfully,

Arthur D. Chapman
My dear General:

I enclose a copy of a letter from Mr. A. C. Benson, the eighth political county in your letter to Judge S. C. Reed. I am not certain but am under the impression that this and other articles may give the means of redress to the judge. I do not know that you have admitted that any one had claimed that the appointment was yours, but if you have done I don't believe your friends would move.
The same accession. The dear
I think about it. He knew
her from back Ireck I don't
want it stay a single word
in the present of him.
Sorry with Luddy partner but
When I think of your splendid
military record, so conspicuous
that it makes a history of the
War and leave you fame
and deeds that would be like
The play of Hamlet with
Hamlet left into him.
I think of all the sacrifices
You have made for your country
Due to the giving up of your
right arm. That all there
years you have been in service
of your country. When I
think of these and other things
I come moral as well as
physical. You are one
of that seven class of men
who will face a difficulty
and like a conference to
occasion occur and your
unique ability to exercise
high command. I am Gratefully
disappointed and I just wish
that the selection of the President
will have passed you. The
Trophy in the Endless & article
does not at all compared
you to many other...