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Norwalk Ct
Mch. 5-86

Gen. O. W. Howard:

Dear Sir:

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

By so doing you will greatly oblige

Yours Very Truly
C. R. Boulton

Norwalk, Ct.,
March 5th 1886.

Boulton, C. R.,
Requests auto. of
Genl. St.

Ans. Mch. 8th '86.

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United States Senate,

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mch 5th, 1886

Brig Genl O. O. Howard
U.S.A.
Ft Omaha, Neb

My Dear Sir – Your letter of Mch 2d/86 was received, and was glad to learn that the Estimates for Ft Robinson (# 80.304.45) had gone forward.

Very Resty –

Chas F. Manderson

Washington, D.C.
March 5. 86.

Manderson, Hon. C.F.

In regard to estimates for enlarging Park Robinson.

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

Very truly yours,

Allan Rutherford

Washington D.C.
March 5th 1886.
Rutherford, Allan.
In regard to R. Von der Goltz, Pvt. Co. "C", 7th Inf'y, who desires discharge.

Genl. Mch. 8th 86.

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Washington, D.C., March 5th 1886

Gen. O. O. 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 feel very much interested for the man whose story bears upon its face the imprint of truth. He is stationed at present in your Department, being at Fort Laramie. His name is Robert Von der Goltz, & he is a private in Co. C. 7. U.S. Inf. His story is about as follows:

He enlisted on April 21, 1885. On Novbr. 26, 1885, he married a widow with eight small children, the oldest only 14 years old, in committing which rash act, he little thought that he might have to leave them (they are at Columbus, O.) In less than two weeks after his marriage, he was transferred West & has been there ever since. While his wife nominally owns property in Columbus, 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 $13.00 he earns, she does not, of course, have enough to live & in consequence, 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 Co. & Regt., &, as far as is known, both of them favorably endorsed it. The request was then referred to the Commanding Officer at Columbus Bks., O., for investigation & report, & that Officer on the strength of the real estate owned (?) by the wife, evidently was misled & reported adversely, as the Secretary soon thereafter declined to discharge the soldier 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? Are we then, so hard up for soldiers that we must keep men in the Army who have a family of nine persons to look after? This man's family must suffer because the husband & father can not attend to their wants; strangers attend to what property they have; debts are incurred, & 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 sense enough not to marry while in the Army, but having committed the error through an evident misapprehension of fact, it is assuredly an excusable one, & it is neither fair nor just, 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 by me, will you write a letter to the Secretary of War expressing your opinion, & <u>send it to me</u>? It would be of much value to me in another effort which I propose making for this soldier's release. I propose to personally lay the matter before the Secretary himself, & 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 esteem it a great favor if you will do so. As I said before, I have becomed considerably interested in this case, & I wish to do all I can for the man, not for pecuniary interests

but have never been deprived of position & pay. I am convinced that we all have home, clothing, food & good friends. Do you ever think of the bonds which unite you to your friends. Some men are united to their friends by ties of mutual selfish ends, of mutual dependence in their schemes &c But you are united to your friends by the bonds of Christian fellowship, philanthropy, mutual respect, & the service of a common Master.

It matters very little (except to our blind or short sighted eyes) what rank or position we hold in earthly matters among men. As to your work in this world & what you have accomplished, with God's blessing: I can tell of a result

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711 Fulton street,
Troy, N.Y. March 5, 1887.

To General O.O. Howard

My beloved Father:

Yesterday evening I heard of the appointment of another, in the place which we had all hoped would be given to you. I had to study hard last night & all day to-day until now. It is nearly six o'clock p.m. I have returned to my room & I wish to write you a short letter before I take my supper.

I am sure that disappointment 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 God, in his plan, has seen fit to have you undergo.

Certainly 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 persons who do not seem to have its general interests at heart — persons who have selfish motives & ends.

But you can be sure that the number of your friends, among such people as you desire as friends, has increased. I have not seen a single newspaper which has approved the president's action in this matter. The N.Y. Tribune has an excellent article in your praise &c. Other papers also.

But do not be disheartened or at all cast down — Just think of the thousands who not only have not been advanced in their grade of civil offices,

Jas. W. Hayward.

If it may be permitted I take to become of your spirit of christian philanthropy — as Elisha did of Elijah. I am sure I strive to be more & more worthy each day of being a servant worthy of his hire, "much has been given me": Health, education, culture, travel, languages & the power of attracting others to me as friends in christ; and now "much will be required": I have no fear for my future; — clothing & shelter & food will be provided — a way will open to me to earn that, for me & for the one who encourages me in what is christian, pure & noble, & who hopes to help me ~~[illegible]~~ my entire life — even as she does spiritually now. I hope you are well & will write hastily & absolutely put thoughts in this letter — but my duties here call me now. I am well with love from your son

Charles Warren Howard

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of which you have probably not thought. It touches myself. As for me I have been much benefitted by the trials & struggles thro' which you have come. It seems almost that I myself have passed thro' them in part, & that I have gained experiences which will serve me all my life, & that for awhile I still have (God willing it) many years to remain on this world. In a letter to Gen Sherman you are wrote of your "desire to preserve an unsullied record for my children's inspection" You have been & still strive to be an example for us — you have been & are for me. I write this gladly, now that it seems a proper

and fitting time to do so.
In my heart I have always admired John Brown & his "spirit" surely "goes marching on". For at least 10 years ago I read of how his sons were faithful to him.
I am sick to you.
Especially since my residence in Geneva, Switzerland, I have steadily become firmer in my resolve to take as my earthly models such men as yourself & De Bosparin.
A friend of mine – especially to those who "lack the one thing needful" & also of those men, who are restless & dissatisfied in this life & who have not the time nor the opportunity for education. To such poor hard working men I can go & help them. I find it so here in Troy. Late Thursday evenings. I often need a body of the "laborers" & their families. I am benefitted, if I am bold enough to say that they are too.
Christian "laborers", or "contenders for wages", have a peace & contentment which takes from them all discontent, & which prevents them from urging on or joining in malicious strikes. The laborer has his rights, but a christian laborer never wishes more than his just dues.
You may feel sure that in this, my generation I shall, God helping me, try to be to my fellow men, what you have been in your generation.

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L. DEANE.
LAW AND PATENTS.
515 7th St. N. W.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mch 5 188 6

Dear Gen.

I now hand you a page from a letter rec'd this a.m. from my cousin. It will show you that you have an unknown host of friends who are doing their best to have the President made to realize that you ought to be duly promoted.

You need not return said enclosure.

I hope & pray you may get the next vacancy.

Sincerely

L. Deane.

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

Deane, L.

Enclosed part of letter from Mr. Z. Jellison.

March
Z. JELLISON.
[Mar, 1886?]

Mr J. is a leading man in Dr. Cuyler's church

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would writing about - I tried to have Dr. Cuyler write to the Pres. 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 Terry seems to be the senior Maj. Gen. even if Howard gets Pope's place. I was very anxious to have Howard get the place. But we may as well consider that the "jig is up", and that the scum, if not present, intemperate libertine will put on his true colors, and soon be known to the fools, as he was and is to older & wiser

Notes
T. ELLISON.
Entry, 1880-?

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[illegible] I am a leading [illegible]
Mr. Eugene Olmsted
Esq

would nothing about it - I think
I have [illegible] made it
the fault in [illegible] Honour
but as you [illegible] for the
Mr. Theodore [illegible]
since his [illegible] in the "[illegible]
Company", I am not [illegible]
[illegible] as not the [illegible] my part
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the [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] if
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see no [illegible] [illegible] Honour
Honourable [illegible].
But it [illegible] as [illegible] [illegible]
that the [illegible] is [illegible]. [illegible]
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Fort Niagara N.Y.
5th March 1886

Dear father:

The disappointment and chagrin caused by yesterday's news of General Terry's election so disheartened 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 were made, the decision is, that the President & Senate of that day did wrong in dating back your commission to let you continue to rank General Terry as you did in the Volunteer Army or whether it is a simple party move to reward Genl Terry

Howard D. Gregory

for any extra kind but try and bear as your nervous system is more acute than it need to be and needs more repose than you are often willing to give it. Jeanie & Helen have gone to bed but Jeanie wished me to send her love. Give mine love to mother. I hope you are not so completely in the dark as to reasons & probabilities as we are here. The secret of the appointment here has been to shaken the officers' confidence in the Presidents honesty of purpose but I have confidence in the outcome being good for us all.

Affectionately your son
Guy

for expressing Fitz John Porter's case and a rebuke to your so called extreme views in response to Gen. Sheridan & his shortcomings. I saw a report of some injudicious proceedings of Baptist Ministers in Boston putting you forward as an anti-catholic champion which I was sorry for. I had hoped the President was too honest & too just to act on the second reason. If it was on the first ~~to~~ of course it is necessary to submit to the quirks of legal decisions by which the shadow is made to appear the substance & take the next place.

If it has been done in any spirit of reproach to your work in education & reorganization in the South, it will make it necessary for you 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 & see, doing everything you can to keep in the best physical health and not to call upon yourself

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Fort Snelling Minn

March 6 1886.

Dear General,

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 my congratulations to you

Yours sincerely

Alfred W. Terry

General O. O. Howard

Omaha Nebr.

Fort Snelling, Minn.
Mgenerals Ofc. 1866.

Terry, A. H.,
Maj. Genl., U.S.A.

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O. N. RAMSEY, Sec. and Treas.

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Omaha March 6th 1886

Dear Genl Harrode

Your note asking me to lead the meeting Sunday night just finds me in such a fix I hardly know what to say – Think in justice to myself I should decline.

I have not been well at all since the party at Mr Goodmans – A part of the time in bed & not able to go to the office.

Further our old friend Brackenridge's body is to be buried Sunday afternoon & if able I shal have to be there.

Last if the subject is temperance I should be a flat failure –

Sorry, but I aught to decline.

Can I not trye to be present & assist you in some way. If so advise me of the subject & obey – Very truly yrs

M M Marshall

Omaha, Nebr.,
March 6th 1886.

Marshall, Mo.

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Genl O. O. Howard
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 recieving the promotion you so justly deserved. 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 cause. I should regret very much to have you go away from us, but my joy on account of your promotion would more than over come a selfish desire

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to enjoy your presence - and Christian influence, but 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 & appreciative patriotism, that I read this morning in the Republican, the report of a brother soldier who was a witness to your bravery and good judgment at Gettysburg. That interview shal remain and be pasted in my scrap book while I live. And I shal read it always with pride & pleasure to my children and friends - This article alone it appears to me should go for to compensate you for your disappointments, ~~and~~ for it is a scrap of history that probably

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never would have been called forth but for the sympathy of that soldier over your loss—

Do not be discouraged or cast down. Perhaps our Master means 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 joys and honor ~~at~~ in the kingdom of Heaven.

May God bless & prosper you is the wish & prayer of

Your Friend

M M Marshall

Omaha, Neb.,
March 6th 86.

Marshall, Mo.

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Chicago, MARCG 6TH 1886.

GEN. O. O. HOWARD,

OMAHA, NEBRASKA.

DEAR BROTHER:-

I HAVE THOUGHT IT EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO TAKE WHAT STEPS WE CAN TO PREVENT ANOTHER OVERSLAUGH. I SAW CHARLIE MULLIGAN TODAY, AND HE PROMISED TO SEE MR. GOUDY, 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. GOUDY. I HAVE ALSO BEEN TO SEE MELL.FULLER. HE SPEAKS OF YOU AS HIS COLLEGE MATE AND SEEMS TO TAKE A PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE MATTER. HE, LIKE MR. GOUDY, 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 HE NOT OBTAINED THE PROMOTION AT THIS TIME WOULD NEVER, IT WOULD SEEM,

HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO COMMAND THE ARMY. AT ANY RATE, I THINK THAT FULLER AND GOUDY WILL DO MORE WITH PRESIDENT CLEAVELAND THAN ANY ONE ELSE THAT I COULD REACH. I WILL WRITE TO JOHN N. JEWETT, WHO IS ABSENT ATTENDING COURT AT GALENA, AND ASK HIM TO SEND ON ONE OR TWO LETTERS IN VIEW OF PRESENT SITUATION.

AFFECTIONATELY,

C. H. Howard

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 ANKENNY GOES UP TO SPEND THE SABBATH. COUSIN LIZZIE HAS GONE HOME TO RICHMOND.

Chicago, Ill.
March 6, '86.

Howard, C. H.

Acc. Mch. 8, 1886.

Chicago, Ills.
March 6th '86.

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

Ans. Mch. 8th '86.

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HEADQUARTERS DIVISION OF THE MISSOURI,

Chicago, Ill., March 4, 1886

Genl C. C. Howard
Omaha Neb.

Dear General

Your letter of the 4th reached me this morning. You must of course feel very much disappointed at not receiving the first promotion. But I take it for granted you will follow upon the retirement of Genl Ripley. Then, as Genl Terry is there yours your senior in years, the dates of commission as

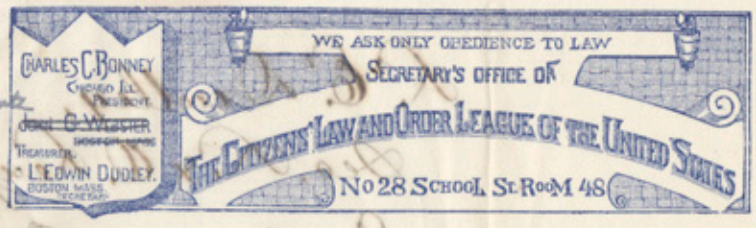
Major General will not
deem so much to your
disadvantage.

I am not yet prepared
to decide as to my preference
of Commands. It
is, true, a complicated and somewhat difficult question. In the
mean time, I would
be glad to know your
preference. And Terry
will, I think, prefer
San Francisco. I
suppose we will not
be called upon to decide
until after Genl Rosecrans
retirement; but if any
thing occurs to fix
my own status earlier
I will inform you.

Very truly Yours
Jno Schofield

File, no ans.

Lyman Abbott
N.Y.



Boston, March 6, 1886.

Gen. O. O. Howard,
Omaha, Neb.

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.

Boston, Mass.,
March 6, 86.

L. E. Dudley,
Sec. L. & O. League

Enclosed 10 Cert. of membership.

File. enclosure. ret. with letter from Gen. to Arthur J. Chapman. March 18th 1886.

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Walla Walla W. T.
March 6th 1886

Gen. O. O. Howard
Ft. Leavenworth Neb

Sir -

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

Very Respectfully
Arthur J. Chapman

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

Chapman, A. J.
In regard to claim against the Govt.

Ans. Mch. 18th 86.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF DAKOTA,

INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,

FORT SNELLING, MINN., March 6th 1886

My dear General

I enclose you a slip from the St Paul Pioneer Press - I am not certain - but am under the impression this and other articles are from the pen of Col Barr the Engineer detailed of the Depot - I don't know that you ever admitted that any one had stronger claims to this appointment than yourself - If you ever did I don't believe your friends would make

Maj. G. 1886

Mason, A.A.G.G.

[illegible] publish the article you sent to me - it came too late -

Am very sincerely yours,

Edwin C Mason

the same admission. The longer I think about it. the more disappointed I feel. I don't want to say a single word in disparagement of General Terry and I never not. but when I think of your splendid fighting record. so comprehensive that to write a history of the war and leave your name and deeds out would be like the play of Hamlet with Hamlet left out. When I think of all the sacrifices you have made for your country even to the giving of your right arm. that all these years you have been the recognized leader in your profession. when I think of these and other things. your courage moral as well as physical. for you are one of that select class of men who will face a difficulty and take a responsibility when occasion requires. and your eminent ability to exercise high command. I am thoroughly disappointed and disgusted that the selection of the President should have passed you. The Tribune in the enclosed article does not at all compensate you for the wrong done. I