CHIEF ENGINEER'S OFFICE—AQUEDUCT COMMISSIONERS.

ROOM 215, STEWART BUILDING.

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BENJAMIN S. CHURCH,
Chief Engineer.

New York, Nov 12th 1886

To Gen O. O. Howard
Comdg Div of the Pacific
San Francisco Cal.

Gen O. O. Howard

Dear Sir:

Being informed that a plan is contemplated which may lead to the development of a new water supply and the possibility of a construction company being organized soon, I take the liberty of respectfully asking if a copy of the latest military map such as will show the Topographical and Hydrophical surveys within a Radii of 50 miles of San Francisco could be furnished me.

Hoping General that I am not asking of you too much, and for which I may get under some service for your kindness,

I would respectfully
Desire to remain
Yours very truly.

Charles C. Manning #280 Broadway N.Y.
asst. Oflsman to Aqueduct Commission, Room 215

New York, Nov 2 1886.

Manning Chas. C.
Asst Draftsman, Aqueduct Commission

Asks Copy of Military Map of San Francisco & Country adjacent thereto.

Ans. & Map sent Nov 24. 1886.

LAW OFFICE OF ALLAN RUTHERFORD,
(LATE THIRD AUDITOR U. S. TREASURY,)
Corcoran Building, Fifteenth and F Streets, Rooms Nos. 98, 99, and 102. (Opposite Treasury Department.)
Practices before the Supreme Court of the United States, Court of Claims, Claims Commissions, and the different Committees of Congress, and all Departments of the Government.

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Washington, D.C. Nov. 13th 1886

Genl. O. O. Howard

Dear General

I have yours of the 4th Inst enclosing Draft for $27.44 to pay Premiums on Life Ins Policy in the "Phoenix". I called on the Agent's of both Companies you named and asked for information, was informed that the Cos had not accumulated a sufficient fund and that was the reason why they were as yet unable to make dividends on the Notes but they both said that the prospect was good in the near future

Yours Very Truly
Allan Rutherford

Rutherford Allen.

Ask Jy. Pf. for payment of premiums ~~Life~~ on Policy Geo. Howard in the "Phoenix". Explanation as to dividends on Notes.

532 Delay St. Nov. 18th/86

Gen. O. O. Howard

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My dear sir.

It is probably unnecessary - but you will nevertheless allow me to remind you that we count upon your presence at our club dinner on Monday next. We meet at 6½ at The Baldwin Hotel. Appreciating

the honor conferred, and hoping the evening may not be without satisfaction to you. I am

Very respectfully yours

Abner L. Murdock

Re. 312 Dictated

From Col. Geo. W. Williams.

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Nov 24/86.

4½ & Trumbull Sts.,
Washington, D. C.
Nov. 13th 1886.

My dear General:

I am obliged by your favor of the 14th current in reply to my letter of inquiry bearing date of Oct. 26th. I have made an engagement to meet Genl Ballock next Tuesday evening when I hope to explain to him the nature of the work I am doing: and to request him to elucidate some portion of his record as Disbursing Officer of the Bureau which is not exactly clear to my mind; and also request the loan of the volumes sighted in your letter.

I have before me a letter from Adjutant Genl Drum, of the 10th current in which he offers to open to me the Records of the Freedman's Bureau; and, being acquainted with the Secretary of War, who is from my State, (Mass.) I apprehend no serious obstruction in this direction; but should it come I shall have the Massachusetts Senators urge the necessity of the record being opened to my inspection.

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panegyric, and to vindicate you, — who I am honestly convinced did more than any other living man upon this continent to rescue the South from anarchy and to lay the foundation, broad and sure, of the future of the Negro Race, are the desires nearest my heart as a Historian. So you can see, my dear general, that I ought to have at least a week's talk with you in which I could lead you just in logical order along the lines I desire you to throw light upon; I could bring you out so that you would inspire me to write a great work.

I am ambitious to make this substantially the History of our country for the twenty years it embraces, — 1865 to 1885. I will give you the merest out line of my work. Title: A History of the Reconstruction of the Late Insurrectionary States, 1865-1885. Part I, The Ante Bellum View, — in which I contrast the two sections of our country, — after a brief review of the establishment of slavery upon this continent and its influence upon the Constitution and growth of the nation, — together with the number of acres of land under culti-

vation

I have read carefully every line of Senate Executive Document No. 27, 39th Cong. 1st Sess., which was transmitted by President Johnson to the Senate Mch. 5, 1866; also House Miss. Doc. 87, 42 Cong. 3rd Sess., being your communication in reference to the Late Bureau &c. I have read the reports of Mr. Alvord on the educational feature of the Bureau; — in fact I have read every single report of the Assistant Commissions, and I send you a copy of my list of documents covering this branch of my historical investigation: Senate Ex. Doc. 4 - 39th Cong. 2nd Sess., Senate Ex. Doc. 1 - 40th Cong. 1st Sess., House Ex. Doc. 142, 41st Cong. 2nd Sess., House Rep. 120 - 41st Cong. 2nd Sess., House Rep. 121 - 41st Cong. 2nd Sess. and House Miss. Doc. 87 - 42nd Cong. 3rd Sess.

But these are merely dry bones of history, and now to put the flesh and blood of philosophy upon them; to handle them with judicial candor and power of literary expression, to separate error from truth; to show the malevolence and irascible spirit of party slander; and put myself outside of partisan fervor or the tendency to racial

panegyric

vation, agriculture, including rice, bacco, sugar, and hemp; live-stock manufactories, tonnage, railways banks, news-papers, amount of money spent for home and foreign missions condition of punative and eleemosy institutions, character of municipal government, valuation of property of both sections, the number of fighting men from 18 to 45, the number of in excess of females, the geographical distribution of emigrants, the death rate according to density of population the basis of Southern and Northern representation in Congress, the valuation of real and personal property in the North and South, including slaves; and in every thing showing that the North had the advantage of the South on account of its system of free and compensated labor. Part II. Provisional Military Governments; — first a description of the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia to Gen. Grant, giving the number of troops in the Union Army under each of the several calls, their nationality, the number of battles fought by them, and the debt incurred by

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by us in putting down the Slave Holder's Rebellion, the number of troops under the different calls in the Confederate Army during the war, the number surrendered, the cost of maintaining the Confederate Army, the amount of the Confederate Debt. Next a description of the Assination of President Lincoln; and a Sketch of Andrew Johnson and his conflict with the Secretary of War, and his impeachment ~~and~~ trial. Then I deal with the measures of reconstruction beginning with those that passed in 1864 and coming down to Sherman's order, issued from Savannah Jan. 16-1865. Then a Bill for the Creation of the Freedman's Bureau, the Proclamation of President Lincoln respecting the admission of Arkansas and Louisana. Then comes a description of the lamentable and impoverished condition of the South, the distress among all classes of people, and the magnanimous feeling of the North as manifested in the Bureau for Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands. I examine the difficulty

under

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Now, my dear general, I hope you will regard this letter has private and confidential. It would give me great pleasure to make a trip to San Francisco to see you, because the whole question of this work is largely bound up in the Freedman's Bureau; and to see you and be with you for some time would be of very great value I assure you, but I do not see how I can afford the expense of the trip at this time. It is not long since I came back from a trip of the entire continent of Europe, and I feel a great deal like staying at home; however, if a way should open up I will endeavor to come in Dec. or Jan. What is the price of a ticket to San Francisco and return?

I have just delivered an oration on the Emancipation of the Slaves of Cuba, a copy of which I will forward to you next week. With sincere respect, I am,

Your humble and obedient servant,

Geo. W. Williams.

Maj. Gen'l O. O. Howard,
Presidio, Cal.

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under which this great Bureau was established, the character of the men appointed under yourself as Commissioner, the nature of the work they had to perform, the obstacles with which they had to contend and the vast work accomplished for both classes and its cost; and many other features are to be discussed under this head I have not the time to call your attention to.

Part III. The Klu-Klux Conspiracy.
Part IV. The National Southern Policy.
Part V. The Local Modus Operandi of the Insurrectionary States.
Part VI. Bayonets at the Polls.
Part VII. Reaction, Peril and Pacification.
Part VIII. Results of Reconstruction Statistics Vital, Commercial, Industrial Educational, Social.
Part IX. Copiah and Danville.
Pat. X. Plantation Credit System.
Part XI Convict Labor of the South.
Part XII What the Republican Party has done for the Negro and Humanity.
Part XIII What the South must do ~~that~~ to Solve the Negro Problem: It is not a political but economic question, &c.

Now

Washington, DC
Nov 13, 1886.

Williams, Col Geo. W.

In connection with affairs of Freedmen's Bureau, a statement of which will appear in his "History of Reconstruction in Insurrectionary States 1861–'85," would like to confer with Genl Howard.

Ans. Nov 24. 1886.

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Whipple Barracks A. T.
Nov. 13th. 1886.

Maj Genl O. O. Howard.
Commanding Div of Pacific
San Francisco Cal.

My Dear Gen.

My health continuing to fail in this altitude I was compelled to apply (through the regular military channels) for a change of station

I wish not only to reach a lower altitude but a more bracing atmosphere I can find a lower altitude in this department but there the heat of summer will be oppressive and I am satisfied I could not stand it.

I have information that there is a vacancy at Alcatraz, and I think if you will consent to appoint me

to that station perhaps the Secy of Navy will transfer me to the Department of California.

As a Methodist Minister I have done considerable mission work among the lonely and think I should be pleased to devote my time in ministering to the prisoners.

I trust you would be so kind as to inform me whether you could assign me to Alcatraz or to some other Post on or near the Coast of S should be transferred to that Department.

As my health is at stake and I think the sea-breeze would benefit me I trust you may be able to comply with my request. Wishing you well always I am my dear Sir

Yrs Sincy. W. H. Pearson Post Chapl.

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Benicia,
Nov. 13, 1886.

General E. Coward,
San Francisco, Cal.,
Dear Sir:-

I called at the Presidio last week to present Col. Burlett's letter; but was told your office was now in Army building. I also called at the latter place twice, but failed to see you.

Very Respectfully,
Hope Morgan.

Benicia Cal. Nov. 13. 1866

O.y Miss Hope

Has called to present letter from Col Bartlett, but was unable to see Gen'l Howard.

San Francisco
November 13, 1886

Balz. Adolph

Requests to know the reason why he was not favored with a reply to his application of May 1st, for a position on the General Service Detachmt.

See letter in answer
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Ans. Nov 18. 1886.

refer to Gen. McKeever.

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San Francisco Calif.
November 13. 1886.

Major-General O. O. Howard.
Commanding Division Pacific.
San Francisco. Calif.

General:

I most respectfully take the liberty to state, that April, 30th last past, I handed you a letter from Colonel Sullivan, U.S., dated April, 23. 1886., and upon your advice, made May, 1st application to the Assistant Adjutant General for a position in the General service department at the Presidio. — However, not having heard anything since, I concluded

respectfully to inquire the reason I was never favored with a reply. —

I have a number of testimonials and letters in my possession from various officers of the Army I have served under from 1856. to Novbr. 1884., which I cheerfully will lay before you, in order to convince you, that my past record up to the time of my discharge by Capt. Eagan, was without a shadow of a stain. —

General, you bear the reputation of a strictly just and christian officer, please give me a chance to vindicate myself.

I am, with the highest esteem,

Your most obedient Servant,

Adolph Balz.

No. 444. 20th St. —

E. S. BABCOCK, JR. Pres't. H. L. STORY Vice Pres't. O. S. HUBBELL, Sec'y & Treas.

OFFICE OF
CORONADO BEACH CO.
CAPITAL $1.000.000.

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San Diego, Cal. Nov. 14th, 1886. 188__

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Nov 18/86.

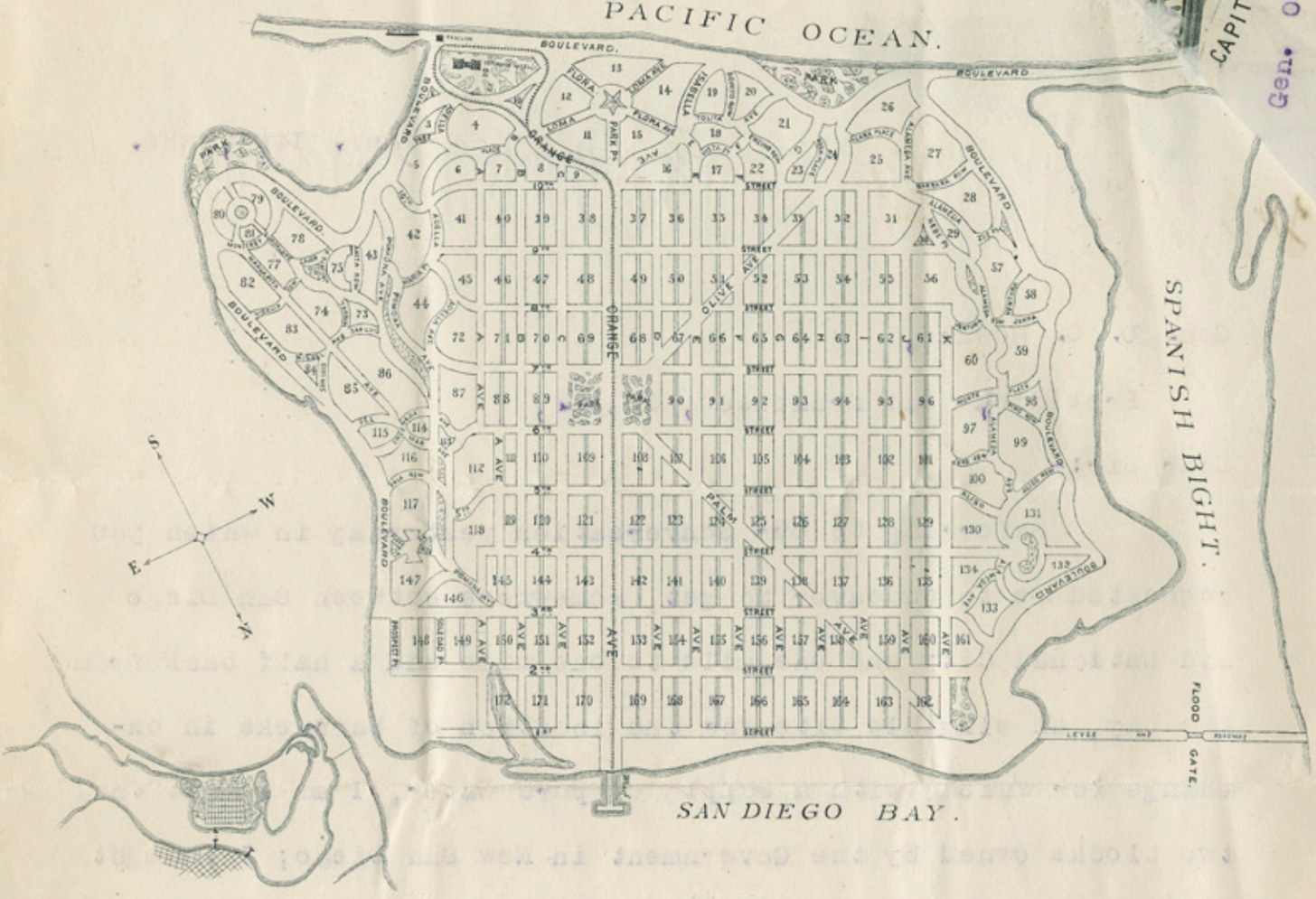
Gen. O. O. Howard,

Presidio, San Francisco, Calif.,

Dear Sir:-

Referring to our conversation yesterday in which you requested me to endeavor to get, somewhere between San Diego and National City and one mile to one mile and a half back from the bay, an eligible site for the location of barracks in exchange for which, with a supply of pure water, I am to get the two blocks owned by the Government in New San Diego; I thought it well to place on record my intended plans, so that in the future there can be no question as to the motives.

I propose to secure three of the most disinterested and reliable real estate dealers and request them, without their knowing what the proposition is for, to place an estimate on the two blocks of the Government land. I then propose to take that amount, or nearly so, and invest it in land in the locality you suggested and in the laying down of water pipes from our present terminus to that locality. In my estimate of the water pipe I shall figure, on a good, large sized, cast-iron pipe, most of the way, so that yuu can get full pressure and a free flow. It may be months before I can complete arrangements



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The view of ocean, bay and mountain scenery is magnificent and in variety and beauty cannot be equalled.

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For further particulars address the CORONADO BEACH CO., SAN DIEGO, CAL.

CAPITAL $1,000,000.
Gen. O. O. Howard
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It may be

H. L. STORY Vice Pres't. O. S. HUBBELL, Sec'y & Treas.

OFFICE OF
CORONADO BEACH CO.
CAPITAL $1.000.000.

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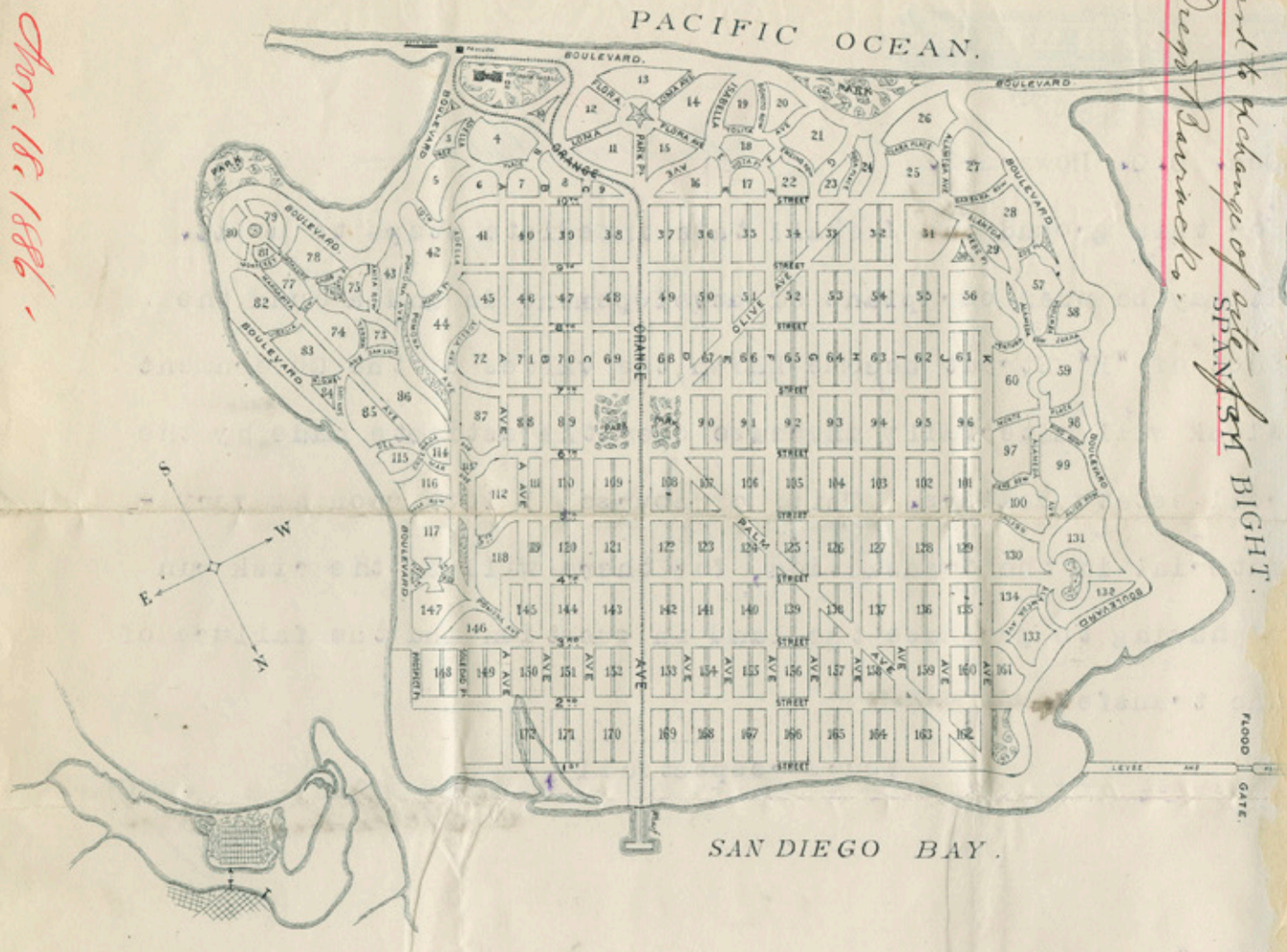
for this ground ~~and~~ but I shall take immediate steps to do it. It may be when our plans of developement in and around the foot of "H" Street become known, the values of the Government block will materially increase over the estimate made by the real estate dealers. This, of course, I look upon as very material in the transaction, for there will be the risk run of having to purchase the land in question and the failure of the transfer.

Yours respectfully,

E. S. Babcock Jr.

Mr. Abe. 15, 1886.

In regard to exchange of orders
SPANISH BIGHT.
San Diego Barracks.



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YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION,

BUILDING AND BUSINESS OFFICES, 232 SUTTER ST.

SAN FRANCISCO,

CALIFORNIA.

Answered & Personal Promise

Nov. 15th., 1886.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

36 New Montgomery St., City.

My dear General:

Next Thursday evening, the 18th., Chaplain L. B. Hartt of Milton is to deliver a lecture in our hall on the Battle of Gettysburg. This is the opening lecture in the popular course for the season. Our Committee on Social and Literary work are desirous of having you introduce Chaplain Hartt. Would you be willing to do it? I dont know Chaplain Hartt but think he is from New York State somewhere. An early reply will greatly oblige.

Very sincerely yours,

H. M. Cox

Gen. O. O. Howard.
Gen. Mfg. Dep.
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Gen'l Howard to introduce Chaplain Hartt, who is to lecture in Mfg. Dep. on "Battle of Gettysburg"

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION,
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Very sincerely yours,

W. H. Warren Chairman

PACIFIC
POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY

EXECUTIVE OFFICE
202 SANSOME STREET

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Ans. Nov 20/86.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov 15 1886.

Gen. O. O. Howard
Commanding Dept of Pacific
San Francisco, Cal

Dear Sir –

Referring to my letter of Oct 28th in reference to permission to construct a telegraph pole line across Yerba Buena Island, I wish you would kindly inform me what you have heard in reference to the necessary permission –

I would not trouble you on this matter but our cables will soon be here and we would like to commence laying them the moment they arrive –

An early reply will oblige

Yours truly
Samuel Rosener
Acting Presty.

San Francisco, Cal. Oct. 20, 1886

Pac. Postal Tel. Cable Co.

Samuel Rosener.

President

asks reply to letter of Oct 28th which applied for authority to land telegraph lines on Yerba Buena Island Cal.

POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY
PACIFIC DIVISION
GENERAL OFFICE
30 PINE STREET
SAN FRANCISCO, 188 6

Ans. Oct. 20. 1886.

J. N. Bray & Co.

—Dealer in—

Boots and Shoes,

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Grinnell, Iowa, Nov 15 1886

Maj Gen O. O. Howard
San Francisco Cal.

My Dear Friend
You will
Please excuse me, for
not acknowledging your
letter of Oct 6th with check
for $20.00 in it sooner,
as I was expecting to
hear from the Com
at C. B. & them the
time since then has
gone very fast. I waited
expecting that the trial
would have been all
through with. & as yet
it has not been tried.
I do wish it was all
over & settled. It does
seem to me as though
R. I. S. should be punished

for his miserable acts.
He should be working
for the State, for a
long time. So it seems
to me. Mrs Bray & myself
are well & send our
best wishes to you.
I remain as ever yours
truly L. N. Bray.

Hunnewell Bray Esq.
Care of Jno. A. Dodge, Esq.
Cook Co. Ill.

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Omaha Nov. 15 [1886] 1115

Genl Howard.

My dear Friend.

Yours with request for letters of dismissal is recd. Sam. Jones is here for 2 weeks & all other mtgs are discontd. With next mtg of Advisory Board & follow'g mtg of the Church, we will act upon & send them. I am glad to think of you together in that Church. May it long be their privilege & yours. We are just now hav'g large meetings with S. J. Last evg, the Exposition building was filled, floor & galleries, with men only. at least 6000. He preached well & held them all to the end. The found'ts of the new Ch. are now going in, with promise of complet'n next year. The rink building was hot for summer, but is

all right again now. I some
intend to lay down my work here
with the end of the year. I hardly
know why, only a natural separation
seems to me going on. I have paid
very little. but I ~~such~~ feel it to be
likely. I have no plans ahead.
This summer, our Germ. Mission became
a Ch, - also we have org'd two
North, so there are now 7, in city
immed.te suburbs. The one, at Cherry
Hill, is in immediate neighborhood
of Chauncey & I hope he will be an
active, good helper in it.
I greatly miss you. Your place has
never been made up. I should
very much like to see you.
With kindest love to each one of the
family & yourself,
Ever & truly your friend A. E. Thomas

C. S. PREBLE, SURVEYOR-GENERAL. M. D. NOTEWARE, DEPUTY.

Office of
SURVEYOR-GENERAL,
Carson City, Nevada.

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Ans through Pres Genl

Carson City Nev. Nov. 15 1886

General O. O. Howard U. S. A.
San Francisco, Cal.

My dear General:

Permit me to present to You the bearer of this, my son Harry. — I have left a letter for you with Ex Governor Salomon, who proposes to speak to you about myself, but I am afraid that there may be a delay in your meeting him. I have instructed my son to tell you the exact situation I find myself in with my numerous family here and also to tell you how this extreme state of destitution and hopelessness was brought about, and how we have endured it for the last 18 months. May be you could save us — To do so is only possible

if you could enlist in our favor the kind interest of a very wealthy man like Mr Leland Stanford for instance. I need a position somewhere in California and I need the money to take my people there, if such a situation is given me.
My poor wife is breaking down under the load and my little daughter Helena must have a change of climate if we want to save her life — Harry can tell you all and that if we shall be saved it must be done within a very short time — I wish I could have awaited your return to the city, but when my wife wrote to me about the great danger my child was in — I could not remain — I had a pass and Senator Jones gave me 20 Dollars — The half of that sum is now all we have yet to live on here —

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YOR-GENERAL,
on City, Nevada.

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...on City, Nevada.

M. D. NOTEWARE, DEPUTY.

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I think my general education & the knowledge of Spanish French & German might enable me to do honor to your recommendation in almost any position of trust where some capacity is required at the same time. Harry can get for you the papers I left with Gov. Salomon and which will furnish you the dates of my antecedents in the public service.

Your kindness now is our only hope — There is nobody here that could help us even if so disposed Harry is working off and on in the different printing offices and as he cannot get off during the day I have told him that

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you would kindly excuse if he
the liberty to call at your prison
residence at Black point.
I do think that your great
popularity and your social or
official position would make it
possible for you to mention us
and our situation to some one
of those millionaires on the coast.
Pardon me for troubling you
thus but I have no other hope
left for my family and myself.
I remain most sincerely
& respectfully your obedt servt
Henry C. De Ahna.

P.S.
Harry could do well enough for
himself, as he is good typesetter
and a talented boy, who has never
any difficulty in making himself
popular with people he comes in
contact with. I know he is very

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much troubled about not having decent clothes to go out in. He has been so long without work or income in Carson ~~city~~ city, that it is no wonder that he has no decent suit left. I beg you will recommend him to some tailor for a good suit of clothes and he will tell you himself how much he can pay every week to settle the bill.

I know that he will keep his agreement, and feel very grateful to you for the favor of affording him a little credit with a tailor in the city, and so will I most assuredly.

H. C. D.

Mrs. Elizabeth
Mrs. Elizabeth

De Ahna. H.C.

So destitute, & appeals to
General Howard for aid

(Mrs. through Harry DeAhna)

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Fort Bridger Wyo
Nov 15th 1886

General O. O. Howard USA
San Francisco Cal

My dear General:

I have been made aware of your two applications for my detail on duty connected with your staff and wish you to know that I fully appreciate your good will. Kindly intention and the estimate you seem to place upon

had they been fulfilled. We shall preserve the memory of them - hope for better success later on should you still entertain your good opinion of me. and wish you and your family all comfort and happiness.

Very truly yours
D. Pollard
1st Army

Fort Bridger W.T.
Oct 15 - 1886

General O. O. Howard
Dear de Gen'l Howard
In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of

upon my capacity as the basis of your regrets to the War Dept. Why you should have been denied a second time must have resulted from suspicion that I am not a 'target crank' and hence not eligible for the position. I have ideas on the subject nevertheless and one is - the necessity for doing away with soldier markers and substituting an automatic electric registering target = telling instantly to the Instructor & shooter the result of his shot next. practice at movable targets - the shooter 1° at rest - and 2° moving.

We are comfortably settled here. I suffer rheumatic pain but feel better in this climate than at Leavenworth. Mrs Poland has not entirely overcome the change of elevation. She joins me in kind regards to Mrs Howard and yourself with thanks for your friendly intentions which would have added very much to our happiness

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Forsyth Ga Nov 15th 86

Genl. O. O. Howard

Most obliging and kind Sir I recieved to day a note from Mrs E. S. J. Greble with Maj Rodgers letter to you, enclosed, and feeling it a binding duty to ans and return many many thanks to you for the interest that you have taken in this case I am very glad that I did not know the full truth of Mr Fisher's crime or I could not have had the courage to plead to you in his favor as I did I would have thought it entirely useless I thank you over and over again for the great favor which you have shown to me I am indeed sorry the he

(Fisher) has acted so mischevious and
are in such trouble I have suffered
so much in this case and have
these next 2 years 7 months to suffer
I think I can advise and help him
to change his conduct I have very
altogether lost confidence in him
yet I shall write to him to morrow as I got
a letter from today and I
hope that I will be allowed
to send him some writing
material accasionally if he
makes it again please accept
the thanks of your humble servant

Mathe J Buckner