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Washington, D.C. Dec. 7, 1876.
My Dear Gen. Howard:
I received your letter of the 25th ultimo last week, and turn aside for a moment from an ocean of manuscript, to write you a few lines by my own weary hand.
Since I wrote you last I have gone through the two volumes.
volumes and some contemporary literature of
the time.
I give a chapter to the
establishment of the Bureau
your detail by the Presi-
dent; a sketch of your
life, army service &c.;
and show the difficult
nature of the work. This
is chapter 71. But in
Chapter XV, The Results
of [Emancipation] &
Reconstruction, I ex-
amine the causes
which
Buffalo, N.Y., Dec. 7th, 1886.

General O.O. Howard,

Care of the Adjutant General U.S. Army,

Washington, D.C.,

Dear Sir:

The writer is making earnest research for records of the life and soldiership of the late General Israel B. Richardson, who was mortally wounded at the battle of Antietam, but not knowing where such information can be obtained, appeals to you as an authority, knowing that you were formerly of the Army of the Potomac, in which General Richardson also fought.

If you knew General Richardson personally, may I ask that you will be so kind as to tell me something of your personal recollection of him? Did he leave any family besides his sister? Can you tell me anything concerning the circumstances of his death, and where he is buried? Can you refer me to any memoir or other source of information in regard to him?

Any enlightenment on this subject will be esteemed a kindness for which the writer will be cordially grateful.

Very truly yours,

E.M. Howard,

83 West Avenue, Buffalo, N.Y.
Bhursto, N.Y. Dec. 4th, 1885

General O.O. Howard

United States Army
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

The purpose is making earnest request to receive an

affirmative of the late General Grant's request. By

request, I wish to make known that I am fully informed of

point of view and will be an unimpeachable factor in the

affair. If you know General Astor personally, may I ask you

will be so kind as to tell me something of your character

and personal details of my family and family business. If I

can you tell me anything concerning the circumstances

of the death, and where I am to put up? Can you take me to

Yonkers to view the remains of the General? Will you forward

a copy of the will to my name? Very truly yours,

E.M. Howard.

36 West Avenue, Buffalo, N.Y.
FROM
GEO. W. MARSTON & CO.,
SAN DIEGO.

Dec 7th
1886.

Dear Sir: Your letter of 25th ult. & also letter of Geo. Howard, Chicago, have had attention.

With much respect

Yours truly,

Geo. Marston
Dec 7 1886.
Sacramento, 1886.

Gen O.C. Howard

My Dear Sir,

Yes, Reid and Contents voted

Respecting your inability to meet our date, we recognize the force of your explanation and thank you most sincerely for the honor you do us to permit us to name a later date. As from the 13th to 18th in the month of our Northern fair, which will be an absurdity, since all being interested desire to put up no counter entertainment. We have therefore fixed upon the 21st of Dec, a week from Tuesday next, if agreeable to you. Please notify me that I may get out the tickets to make all the arrangements necessary.

Very Truly For the Council

[Signature]

[Name]

[Title]
San Francisco, Dec 7, 1886

My dear O. D. Howard,

Dear General,

This will intro-

duce to you my old esteemed friend
Geor. A. Moore, Pres. Pacific
Life Ins. Co. He is a

true Christian man,

at work in The Free
Baptist Church of this city.

He would like to have

your give his people a
talk at some occasion
which he will explain.

While you are disposed
to do so may good things
if your please

help him if you can—

Dr. Carl von

Mayfield, S.

Chapel

John.

Dear Carl,

I am pleased to hear from you. Your letter arrived in good time, and I was delighted to receive it. I trust you are well and that all is going on as usual.

I am also pleased to hear that you are working on the project with enthusiasm. I believe that it is a very important endeavor, and I am confident that you will succeed. If you need any assistance or advice, please do not hesitate to ask.

Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to help. I am always here to support you in any way I can.

Best regards,

[Signature]

STM

25th February, 19XX
Dear General,

I am going to ask a very very great favor. It is so difficult to know how to ask that which I so much desire. But if it be, I know your good heart will give it to me if it be a possible thing. I am well aware that I am interfering, but that which Wedings alone to my husband, said although she is as anxious to beg as I am—she will not ask.
To make a long story short, I could not back the Red Sox at the 2nd of the 2nd at the President.

I ask you more favor for the benefit of my children than I would probably deserve from you—my daughter Mary is now 15 years of age. Educational advantages are exceedingly poor in Watertown. My husband has only six years more before his retirement, and those six years would be everything to my children.

Before I close I have another favor to ask—never trade me. Therefore, know that I have written this letter. Do not answer this if you can.
4 ½ Trumpaul Street,
Washington, D.C., Dec. 8, 1881.

My dear General:

Since writing you yesterday, I have had a brief interview with Senator Sanford as you suggested. I scarcely knew how to approach him, but finally said I was neither a borrower nor beggar, that if I could borrow the funds sufficient to make the trip to the Pacific coast to see you, I would involve the expense. At this point he was called away.

Mrs. Dec. 8 1881.
away to "executive session."
Then he returned he said,
"Now then, to the point; I
will give you a pass from
New Orleans to San Fran-
cisco & return; but I do
not loan money." Say-
ing he added, "Tell my
secretary to make out a
pass for you," and left
me.
I have been thinking what
to do about the matter,
and have come to this
conclusion: — So go from
here.
San Francisco, Cal. Dec 4th, 1885

My Dear Sir:

I have received from New York a Commission issued out of the Supreme Court of the City and County of New York, to take your testimony in the Case of William B. Hagen vs. George Jones.

Annexed to the Commission are interrogatories and cross-interrogatories, which, perhaps, you would like to examine before giving your testimony. If so, I shall be pleased to call at your office and show the same to you.

Will you please inform me when it will suit your convenience to have your deposition taken?

Your very truly,

Frank J. French
Thanks for kind letter,
only regrets that opportunity does not offer for him to serve in our line.

My dear Persival.

John is a good fellow.
The 28th ult.coon came down to hand.
I highly appreciate the kind feeling & letters.
Thank Heaven & every one except one who dies not practical for the day & don't want to work & can't...
In guidance. As some future time may hope for pleasure may be realized. I hope this well find you and your in good health. We are all well here. 

Edward J. Anderson

M. C. [signature]
Washington, D.C., Dec. 9, 1886

Dear Mr. O.O. Howard,

Your telegram was not read last night. I saw Mr. Neat this A.M., and he said they would try and sell the property, and divide the proceeds among the stockholders, and that he will write you.

The building is a total ruin and a portion of the offices are burned.

Very truly yours,

Allan Rutherford
Washington, D. C., Dec. 9, 1886

Genl O.O. Howard U.S.A.

Dear General,

You have probably noticed among the late Washington News items, the loss by fire of the Lincoln Hall (late YMCA) building. The Directors unanimously determined not to rebuild for the reason that the purpose for which the joint Stock Co. having long since, hopelessly failed, there is no reason why the Co. should not now go into liquidation and Cease to exist, at the earliest practicable moment, which it will probably be able to do on better terms for the stockholders than any of them for many years have hoped for.

The Co. owes, mortgage debt $35,000 against which it has a Quintupling fund of about $8,000 and the Real Estate, which in my judgment will bring $75,000 or $80,000 leaving a net balance of $45,000 or $50,000. I $5,000 or $55,000 to be divided on the whole of $115,000. The Directors fixed the price at $125,000 and hope Congress will purchase at this price for a City P. O. its central location and...
the fact that the Old Soldiers Home was lost of the stock, being arguments for, and its position and the large lobby are worked for other sides against. It will also be offered as a site for the new District building, which Congress will pretty certainly provide for this Winter, but the D.C. Commissions do not favor the location. My belief is that it will probably be sold at auction during the Winter, and that it will probably bring about the price named. The C. under Charter has as power to sell without further authority of law, or under a foreclosure of mortgage to give title; but either is practicable without any great amount of delay.

I write these details thinking they will be of interest to you, and especially to ask you if you have ever recovered your stock which was missing. If not, no time should be lost in looking it up, or in applying for a new issue of stock, if any has been actually lost.

Yours Very Truly,

Y. H. Smith
Mrs. Howard:

Dear Sirs:

Please excuse this intrusion upon your time, but if you can recall to memory any of the enclosed incidents, and will write a few words to certify that such is the case, it will be an act of justice to one who is near or very near death, as some member of the "Relief Corp" do not believe that it is what she asserts and that she has any claim on their charity.
Yours most respectfully,

Mrs. John A. Cunningham

1323 8th St.

Sacramento

Cal.
December 11, 1886.

Major Gen. O.O. Howard.

My Dear Sir:

Yesterday and today I lay off from work to study up for the school examination Mon. & Tue. The other day I harrowed with four mules abreast. It made one pretty lame. We did not leave the field till after dark, then had the mules to water, unharness, and feed. Then come to my room to hear a lot of coarse men discuss their drinking affairs and the town women they visit. I may get some more painting to do but the next regular job is for me to go up five miles to work scraping in a ditch they are making. I am not strong enough for the work and especially when "gray backs" body lice bite me during the night. Where a lot of men bunk together and never wash their blankets from one year's end to another, lice are bound to prevail. My Uncle C.C. Torrance in a few days will arrive at Los Angeles for his health. He was Dist. Attorney of Erie Co. N.Y. right after the War & Groves Cleveland was his assistant. Now by seeing
My Uncle I think I can get him to get a letter of introduction to the Sec. of War and then use his influence to get me appointed there. Then as you are acquainted with the Chief Clerk Mr. Tweedale I think if you put in a good word for him I would get appointed there. I was there two months as a Clerk @ $1000 per year on the labor roll. Another place that I would prefer would be as a door keeper in the U.S. Senate. I think Mr. Tweedale might possibly get me that or some other place in the Senate where I'd be able to get a sum of money ahead to buy a piece of land of my own. I have written to a friend of the directors who a short time ago wanted a tenant. When you see Mr. Tweed about the place just sandwich me in to assist your family on the route.

Yours truly,

Geo. S. Torrance,

Merced,

Merced Co.

Cal.
St. Augurian, MD.  
December 13th, 1876

General O.O. Howard  
Commander Division of the Pacific  
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that my intention is to apply for an appointment as Adjutant General and respectfully request your kind offer to assist me in so doing. I now respectfully request that, if agreeable, you will give me such a letter of recommendation as you are justified in giving, as I have served during the following facts relative to my service.

Your offer as above mentioned was made to me at the close of the campaign of '75; having served during that period as Messenger. Since then I have been in the service seventeen years, five of which were served in Troops A 2nd Cavalry, 
Commander in Troops A 2nd Cavalry almost seventeen years of which time I have been a non-commissioned officer.
Dear Sir,

Very Respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Adolph Berghmeier

Sergeant 2nd Regt. N.Y. Vol. Inf.

My dear George Howard,

I send you this paper at the request of Sgt. Berghmeier. I know you have always taken an interest in the enlisted man at heart and as this Non-Commissioned officer is an old soldier I consider him fully worthy of the freedom for which he is about to apply for. He has stated that you are familiar with his services and particularly during the Negro Soldiers' Campaign. On receipt of your reply I will forward his application approved.

Your sincere friend,

Thomas Garrett.
San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 12, 1887

My dear Howse,

San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir,

Here you can obtain a lovely view of the Sierra Nevada; this time again! I suppose it is because there is a lovely view for an observer, as it stands on the lower end of the Sierra, and the Sierra and the mountains are lovely; I suppose it is only a question of opinion.

All looks lovely near the Sierra and the mountains.
he old India whose joy

she in charge to assume

to settle for him and me,

I think, woke it as a near

compliment of your Intention

shoule direct him to peace

and make the times, as he

was desiring. But I don't

hes use some or let her

about this as my sitting

motion. I am very grateful

to have the use of the thing

with us where we are now.

About one more task and all the

planting will be done from the

present. All of the space in

chosen can help the success

down as the time and we

suggestion here usually will lead

of beauty may from now. Some

to the one James Jones Miller
BANK OF YOLO.

WOODLAND, CAL.

Dec. 12th, 1886

Gen. O.O. Howard

Kind Sirs:

Before stating who I am I will first state my business & account for my addressing you. Some weeks since a few persons believing that something might yet be done to arrest the thoughts of many of our indifferent people turn them into higher channels conceived the plan of giving a course of lectures in this place with that end in view.

From the idea of these there, (as they were ladies) there has sprung into existence an organization of 120 members known as the Woodland Lecture Bureau. The Executive Committee have decided on a course of five or six lectures during this winter, selecting & receiving favorable replies from Dr. Batten, Prof. N.P. Blagden, Dr. C.C. Stratton, Rev. Mr. Aveney of Oakland.

Your many friends in Woodland, G.A.R., Y.M.C.A. members of the Congregational Church & many others desire that if it can be done that we have you for the fifth lecture.

While we deeply appreciate the many calls upon your valuable time & are aware of the greatness of the favor we
we can but offer our motives as extenuating circumstances
We would in all probability not call upon you until
February 10th, if it meets with your approval and your
Engagements would permit a favorable reply I assure
you would be most gratefully accepted, by our organiza-

city which needs much.

Trust to receive an early and favorable
reply that if agreeable you will name your terms.

I sign myself

F. W. Gregg

To E. Bureau.

[Signature]

Dec 13, 1886

[Note: The date of Dec 13, 1886, is written in red ink at the bottom right corner of the page.]
Who is in California for travel and dining, having recently returned from a severe attack of illness. As a man of independent fortune, Mr. Audubon has traveled widely and serves to add California and Mexico to his Cur-.

I need add nothing to the formal introduction.

Dear General:

I take great pleasure in introducing to you Mr. A. B. Audubon, son of Frank who will present this in person. Mr. Audubon is an artist of distinction.
Santa Fe, N. M., Dec. 12/86

Dear General Howard:

I have informed Mr. M. L. W. that you contemplate a visit to Santa Fe.

I desire to say that

Mrs. Grinnell Themselves
will be most happy to entertain you and your family during your stay. Please write to telegraph me the date you will arrive here, that I may arrange to meet you and your party at the depot with train. With the greatest regard and respect, your friend.

B.F. Richardson

San Francisco, California
Kansas City, Dec. 3, 1881

Gen'l A. G. Stewart,

Dear General,

In reply to your of 20, I would say that for the best information I can obtain I consider it for the advantage of the Missouri & Co. to consolidate with the Missouri & Kansas. The Missouri earned last year 10% and 7% with an increasing business. The latter now is com-
As best possible
in making a sale
of the five shares
but as it has no
value on the open
market will be
obliged to sell to
some one in the
management.
Dr. Bell wishes
so to be kindly re-
membered. I think
regarding Mr. He-
ward
I am sure
not to do so I wire

G. W. Parker

412 Temple
December 20, 1856

Barker H.

May 1st, 1856.

casts upon Howard to accept
courtship of his home during
his stay in Prescott Co.

Dear General Howard,

General McRaven, while
his, maintained the possibility
of your visiting Dept. at your
colony, view time in the near
future, and if you shall do so
I hope you will come to my
home and do my guests during
your visit.

I have two comfortable
rooms, opening into each
other, that at your leisure
you may be as welcome to
receive your friends as
at your own home.

I am not keeping house,
my family being absent.
Our lesson is as good as the country afforded and we can be found there as at your room or at your house.
I assume you know it will be a pleasure to us all if you will come and all will do my thing in our favor to make your visit agreeable.
Hoping to hear from you that you will come,

remain dear

Our sincere yours

W. W. Jr.

[Postmark: 6, 9, 60]
Memorandum for Major General Howard.

A tracing of survey of ground adjoining Fort Point made in 1847 by Captain Warner, Engineer, shows the Mexican fort in about the same ground as is now occupied by Fort Point. Perhaps this is "The Old Mexican Castle." If not, I find nothing else at all suggestive.

The "Russian Fire" and "The Sailors Well" are new to me and I can suggest nothing as to them.

Major mill, Engineer, wrote a little story for the Overland Monthly in 1869 or 1870, which dealt with one or more Russian expeditions. It is possible that it may contain some thing in point, or the story or the early incident of the Presidio. I have no copy, but undoubtedly the librarian would contain files.

The Surveyor General's Office in the Treasury building has the Old Spanish and Mexican Archives. Perhaps some light can be secured there.

There are two tracings...
belonging to this office which are the earliest I can find. It is requested that they may be returned — one of them is Captain Warren’s Map already noted and the other bears no authority but it, as well as the other shown, the position of the Mexican battery.

(2 enclosure)

San Francisco
Dec 13, 1886.

[Signature]

[Col. and Capt.]

[Signature]
San Joaquin Valley College

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Cal. Dec 13 1886

Gen. C. D. Howard,
San Francisco, Cal.
Sir -

We are arranging for the Fifth Annual Lecture Course in our College, and should be especially honored to have you accept a place on the course. We expect to secure Rev. Dr. Stowell of San Francisco, John P. Irish of Oakland, Judge J. G. Swinton of Stockton and Mr. Heindl of Sacramento. The lectures will be given in the College hall before a mixed audience of students and citizens. You can reach our place via C.P.R.R. at 6 a.m. and return on the following evening if your time is limited. If you can come and address our people with early response stating your subject and what remuneration you will
Desire with greatly appreciate. We should like to have you come on Thursday Feb 2nd or Sat Feb 5th. We have no lecture course fund and depend upon the doonies to pay the expenses of the course.

Hoping for an early and favorable reply I am

Sincerely

D. A. Mobley

For Dean Section Faculty Club

Cableloses to Leland Oct 15th

May

March 8th 1886
San Francisco, Jan 13, 1886.

Major Gen. O.O. Howard,
Commanding Officers of the Pacific.

General

The officers' association is honored by your presence at its banquet to be given to Governor Stoneman, on the evening of the 15th inst. at the Republican Hotel, it will be pleased to hear from you in response to the toast, "The Regular Army."

Yours Respectfully,

[Signature]

Secretary.
1st

on the 1st of August 1876

versed, per capita

of the Governor at the

Government House,

from the

Day the Governor

A.D. 1876

[Signature]

May 13, 1876

[Signature]
Berkely, Dec. 13, 1886.
Ben. Howard:

Dear Sir,

Your kind letter has been received. I hope that we shall have the pleasure of hearing your lecture. I will let you know in due season, when our canvass for the lecture has been completed.

Very respectfully yours,

W. F. Bickford.
Pastor Park Church.
Richmond, Va.

Pastor Park Church

Religious issues to be released in Berkeley City.

Lately a few press notices have been received. I hope that we shall soon hear from some leaders of press work. For the present the service for the children and young people might be started.

Mr. J.B. Compton