Mon. Dec 20, 1886.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

My Dear Friend,

In the first letter you wrote me you said that if I kept at work I would get the confidence of you and Mrs. Towne.

I will stand by that proposition. I'm willing to work hard anywhere. I am anxious to get into better quarters and better pay, and there is no out of the way in that. I'm not as tough and strong as the men that work at this business, and I get very tired, then is the time if I write a letter I will write a
Nothing discouraging one and if I follow my impulses I will look for different work. In your first letter you said I’d no right to decline you. There was no such intention. I came here with a strong resolution to stick. I drove mules only one day. Lately I’ve been picking up lumber and nailing it around the new house they are building. I’ve been happy and contented simply because I’ve not been overworked and have gained strength all the time. We are certainly well fed here and cared for. I think I appreciate your many favors and interest in me. I’ve got to stay by my work. Things grow better all the time.

Yours truly, Geo. S. Torrance
Merced, Cal.
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES U. S.,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec 20th, 1866

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

Sir:

I would like you to send me a copy of your report in connection with the failure of the Freedman's Bank, or that you refer me to the official records where I can see your statement of the management of that institution. Personally, I may not be remembered by you — the last time I saw you was near the railroad track after you had lost your life at Fair Oaks — then Assistant of the 65th Regt.

Your truly,

[Signature]
afterwards, Cols. of that Regt. have
a Representative in Congress from the
State of Virginia, and a member of the Committee
on Banking and Currency of the present Congress.
The enclosed report has been referred to the
House of Refr. to this Committee - the
Chairman of the Currency Committee appears
before the Committee once, and after the
holidays - he is to appear again - and
it is likely his recommendation will be
formally referred to the House by our Committee.
I may not be necessary, but if it is,
I want to nearly and able to defend
you good name from the assaults
of Democratic politicians from the
such some of whom manifest a disposition
to blame you for the Bank.
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES U. S.,
WASHINGTON, D. C., 188

I have been charged that you violated the law in becoming a depositor in the Bank and as a borrower therefore. I would like to be properly fully about your connection with the bank and the nature of the compromises made in settlement of your indebtedness, and I presume that you official report explain all this, and to which I beg to be informed.

[Signature]

Wm. Yank

[Signature]
Washington, D.C.
Dec 20, 1866.

Brady, Jas.

Member of Congress from 1st.

Asks copy of General Howard's report, a
reference to each record as shall show

General Howard's connection with Freedmen.

Bank, etc.

Act: Dec. 27, 1866.
My dear General:

Joaquin Miller called here today and related a circumstance in regard to you which I had already read in the newspaper and which I had intended to speak to you about in a letter.

I now take pleasure in doing so this evening. It was the fact that you on Arbor Day returned to yerba buena island after most of the people had left, and led the charge up that steep and tedious hill on a hot and sultry day, with
bucket of water thus setting the example to others which they cheerfully followed.

This act, though small in itself, was a heroic one and in my opinion, equal to a charge led in battle.

I wish to express to you in my own behalf and in behalf of everyone interested in tree planting, my most heartfelt thanks for having done that under your own direction which was the only thing that could have preserved the little trees which had just been planted.

I owe you an apology for not having remained until your return from Alcatraz with your water brigade, but the ladies with nine wanted to get off and so I had to go.

Hoping to have the honor and pleasure of seeing you Mrs. Howard and your mother out at Littler Heights at an early day, if possible in time for breakfast at 10.30 O’clock.

I am with the highest regard

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
Major Genl. C. O. Howard,
San Francisco, Cal.

Respected Sir:

Will you kindly forward me a copy of the roster
Roll of your Department up to date and thereby greatly oblige,

Yours most respectfully,

[Signature]
Agent.
THE BANKERS LIFE ASSOCIATION.

F. J. Burnham, Moorhead, Minn., $2,000.
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Clarence T. Ward, Redwood Falls, Minn., $2,000.
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Patrick Henry, Chamberlain, D. T., $2,000.
W. B. Sanders, Milbank, D. T., $2,000.
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Alfred J. Goss, Hudson, Wis., $2,000.
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Partial list of some of the prominent members who are insured in the BANKERS LIFE ASSOCIATION for amounts of $2,000, $4,000 and $6,000.

Send for circulars which give full information as to its system, rates, cost, etc., and instructions showing how a membership may be secured. Correspondence invited.

The names of a few only of the larger policyholders are submitted as indisputable evidence of the esteem in which the BANKERS LIFE ASSOCIATION is held by the leading bankers, manufacturers, professional and business men of the Country.

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M. Auerbach, Of Auerbach, Fitch & Van Slyck.
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V. G. Hush, Banker, Minneapolis, 6,000.
W. D. Halverson, Lumber Manufacturer, Minneapolis, 6,000.

A. R. Miller, Hardware, Minneapolis, 6,000.
Geo. H. Miller, Hardware, Minneapolis, 6,000.

C. H. Bigelow, President Fire & Marine Insurance Company, St. Paul, 6,000.
Albert Schofield, Cashier Bank of Minnesota, St. Paul, 6,000.

Herman Scheffer, Assistant Cashier Bank of Minnesota, St. Paul, 6,000.
Richard E. Stover, Cashier Third National Bank, St. Paul, 6,000.

Gen. John B. Samborn, Attorney at Law, Stillwater, 6,000.

Dudley H. Hersey, Lumber, Stillwater, 6,000.
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Matt. Clark, Lumber, Stillwater, 6,000.

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E. A. Barber, Miller, Minneapolis, 6,000.
Franklin Greenleaf, Miller, Minneapolis, 6,000.

H. W. Holmes, Miller, Minneapolis, 6,000.

Full Payment of Policies Guaranteed by the Reserve Fund.

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A Rigid Medical Examination the inflexible rule of The Bankers Life Association.

A close investigation will be made as to the past and present PERSONAL HABITS of each Applicant.
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### Persons engaged in hazardous occupations uninsurable in The Bankers Life Association

- Thomas Mehl, Faribault, Minn., $4,000
- Peter Peterson, Glenwood, Minn., $4,000
- Pierce J. Knies, Le Sueur, Minn., $4,000
- Valentine G. Hush, Minneapolis, Minn., $4,000
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- Thos. H. Armstrong, Albert Lea, Minn., $2,000
- G. B. Ward, Alexandria, Minn., $2,000
- Chas. F. Ireland, Appleton, Minn., $2,000
- H. W. Stone, Benson, Minn., $2,000
- T. M. Faine, Beld Island, Minn., $2,000
- E. Marshall, Caledonia, Minn., $2,000

### The Guaranty Trust Fund

The Guaranty Trust Fund invested in United States Registered Bonds.

- E. Mendelsohn, Cannon Falls, Minn., $2,000
- G. A. Du Toit, Curver, Minn., $2,000
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- Joseph Kraker, Melrose, Minn., $2,000
- Wm. Powell, Minneapolis, Minn., $2,000
- Milton E. Titus, Monticello, Minn., $2,000
- Citizens Bank
I would very respectfully call the attention of
to the advantages offered by the Bankers' for providing the
safest and most economical insurance yet offered. No extra
charge for Military risks and no restrictions as to change of
residence. Fixed periods of payment.

Kindly send me your age that I may submit cost of policy, &c.
As an evidence of the popularity of the Bankers among Army
Officers, I would simply call your attention to the following
list of policies recently written by me:

Col. Merriam of Ft Laramie $6000
Capt. Wheelan of Ft. Walla Walla $4000
Capt. Ulio of Ft. Omaha $2000
Capt. Bell of Ft. Buford $4000
Capt. Patterson of Ft. Assinaboine $4000
Capt. Hunter of Ft. Assinaboine $2000
Capt. Harris of Ft. Custer $6000
Capt. Comba of Ft. Laramie $2000
Dr. Pilcher of Ft. Custer $6000
Dr. McChesney of Ft. Bennett $6000
Dr. Ferguson of Ft. Bennett $6000
Dr. Burton of Ft. Assinaboine $4000
Dr. Maus of Ft. Lincoln $2000
Dr. Cunningham of Ft Lewis Col. $2000
Chaplain Macomber of Ft. Custer $2000
Chaplain Wilson of Ft. Meade $3000
Lt. Lott of Ft. Sully $6000
Lt. Myer of Ft. Bennett $6000
Lt. Howe of Ft. D. A. Russell $6000
Lt. Bell of Ft. Buford $4000
Lt. Foster of Ft Assinaboine $2000
Arthur H. Coe, of Ft. Assinaboine $2000

We will shortly publish a Catalogue of members
and would like very much to add your name to the special list
of our U. S. A. policy holders to be inserted therein. As I have
the special duty of bringing the above Association to the
attention of your Department, I would respectfully
request that all communications be addressed to Wm. O. Jones,
care of Bankers Life Association, St. Paul, Minn.

Yours very respectfully,

WILLIAM O. JONES,
Agent.
would very respectfully call the attention of the gentlemen to the experience and now economic insurance you offer. No extra cost for disability risks, and no restrictions as to change of residence. Fixed periods of payment.

I kindly send my resume letter and my schedule cost of policy, etc.

As evidence of the popularity of the Bankers' annuity among

We will shortly publish a catalogue of members.

We would like very much to add your name to the special list of Bankers. I would respectfully

Yours very respectfully,

WILLIAM O. JONES

Agent.
Dec. 21, 1886

Dr. Armstrong, Park Ramsey Co. Minn.

Dear Sir, will you have the kindness to inform me if George Weeks, of the Commissary Dept., is still stationed there, or if removed, would you be so kind as to send me his address. This information will be most gratefully received.

Very Respectfully yours,

Mrs. J. H. F. Harvey.
Sacramento
Dec. 21st, 1886

My dear General: I would like very much to see you before you start down. I enjoyed you at your last visit.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Prof. [Name], U.S. Army

[Signature]
Santa Cruz, Dec. 22nd, 1864

Rev. O. P. Howard
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find the papers, in regard to my Father's Pension Order, which we have had filled out, and signed by my Mother and Brother. I now forward the same to you, as you can look them over, and add anything which you might see fit before forwarding them to the Department.

My Father's health
is a little letter tomorrow.

It was when you were down here, he is still very weak, but recently he is all right.

Please give my regards to your son.

Thanking you for your kind assistance in my Father's care,

I remain Your truly,

[Signature]
Dec. 22, 1886.

My Friend Gen. O.O. Howard. I received your last letter. I grow stouter. The most disagreeable part of my life is the unceasing racket that the men keep up evenings while I am trying to study to fit myself for teaching and thereby better my condition. I'm considered very sensible where I am well known. Of course the great fault has been with me not sticking steadily at anything. The seeking of a desirable place for
an honest man may play out, but I know that I went to see a Grand Army man in "San Francisco" and I found that he had a good clerkship and kept a saloon evenings besides. There are certainly places – perhaps an honest sober man can not get one. It may be senseless trying to get one, but I think it is laudable for a man to try to better himself. One thing that has unsettled me somewhat is the fact of my family being East. About half the time I've thought I'd go then the other half I would try for a place. It is hard.
to tell at times what is for the best. There is a gentleman in "Frisco" who has some vineyards farther south or fruit farms. He writes me that his farm will be up soon and he will see what can be done about me a place on a fruit farm. My Uncle C.C. Torrance who can not live long will be in Los Angeles of course I'd like to see him. If I went to the fruit farm I'd be near him. How long do you want me to work here before you would be willing to ask Mr. Torne to advance me just a little? You have your family around you I'd like after washing
hard all day to at least have a quiet evening. Our food and lodging here is good. I'm going to stay till I can better myself—that is the true way. I see you are troubled and if I'm bothering you too much I'll quit writing to you. I'm certainly improving fast— you recollect I only started one day on a ranch when I went out before. I shall pay you what I owe you before I leave Cal. I know you are in no hurry. I think I appreciate the trouble you have taken for me.

Yours truly, Geo. D. Torrance

Merced Cal.
Ripley, Ohio, Dec. 22, 1886

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir,

After many years of separation, I write to you, and think you will probably remember who I am where you observe the name at the top of this page. My connection with you for a while during the late war was such that you might remember me, and most truly after I write into a detailed statement of matters re: I was your orderly for awhile after you took Command of the Army of the Tennessee, just after McPherson's death, he being killed July 22, 64, and you taking Command July 28, 64. I rode with you in the capacity of private orderly for a time and was with you in the lines at front of Atlanta, Ga. In the morning of the 6th day of Aug. 1864 when you had your hand extended by a shot from the Enemy.
Ripley, Ohio,

What I desire from you is this: After many years I have concluded to present a claim for a pension which I know I am entitled to and have been all the while my claim is for Capture & threat trouble of course you know nothing of the capture of the desolation as it was before, but with you there's plenty of evidence on that point from my own but desire to have that I was afflicted with the troubles when with you. You could observe that I thought it a good idea and deemed it best to have the matter when bad money always made me more or less troubled with my head and heart.

I would like a statement from you that I was acting in the capacity of Private orderly before in Aug. 1864 and that you noticed about my troubles.
Your affidavit would be of advantage to me as I did not go into a hospital for treatment and although your statement is true I think it will show the continuance of the trouble in the service. Then you certain can give me a very good account of what I went where you did there certainly was danger. I remember you as one of the most daring brave officers I ever saw write in the service. I will send you a blank for your testimony and what you may learn please write in & return to me with bill of expense stating fee & I will remit. Hoping to hear from you shortly I am with respect,

Louis H. Williams
Late of the 4th Ohio Independent Vol. Co. Co.
Forefathers' Day.

The Annual Celebration of Forefathers' Day, by the Congregational Club, will take place on Tuesday, Dec., 21st inst., at the Rooms of the "Pacific Club," corner of Post and Dupont Streets.

A New England Dinner will be served to a limited number, followed by an Oration, by Prof. Homer B. Sprague, and an original Poem, by Miss Milicent W. Shinn.

Members of the Club and their wives (or one lady friend) will be admitted on one membership ticket. The Club will assemble at 5 o’clock P. M. Dinner served promptly at 6 o’clock, and the Exercises close at 9:30 P. M.

It is of Vital Importance that the Secretary should have timely notice of the number of seats required, and you are expected to reply by the enclosed postal, no later than Saturday, Dec. 19th, or seats may not be reserved.

Dinner Cards will be furnished to members.

J. S. Bacon, Secretary,

214 California Street.

San Francisco, Dec. 11, 1886.
Learning inside
the past two
months and our
anxiety to be
more established
in comfortable
quarters. An
improving
move is greatly
to be desired
unto, and I sincerely
trust that the
Major's being re-
mitted to Altajma
be permitted to
remain here
at least, suffici-
that such is not the case and that the map is not accurate to continue us to suppose here, would later to such place in such part of the State as would be most likely to afford greatest relief. You can well appreciate such a great offence have been
I am sorry to determine the effect of the climate upon the health. It seems to be improving daily. The air is clean so much more chief. Those that of "Candy" the Major has been a very sick man and another
Separate from all ville kindness would be distressing to both of us.

Hoping that your decision will be what is best for us.

I remain yours truly,

Lizzie Randall

Mrs.
121 Haight St, San Francisco
Le 23 Décembre 1886

Cher Monsieur le Général,


J’aimerais beaucoup que Mlle la Barcel, le consul suisse, fût votre connaissance. Il sera au culte dimanche prochain. Si vous pourriez venir, vous me ferez un bien grand plaisir. Je regrette beau coup de n’avoir pas l’adresse de M. le Col. Stewart mais je m’efforcerai de la trouver.

Veuillez me croire, cher Monsieur le Général
Votre humble fille en Christ, M.S.

P. Ph. Briel