Young Men's Building,
232, Sutter Street,
San Francisco.
Febry: 18th/87.

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Dear Brother,

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors, held last Monday, you were appointed a member of the committee on Entertainment to secure entertainment for delegates attending the 27th International Convention to hold its sessions in this city May 11-15.

You will receive due notice of the meetings of the committee.

Very cordially yours
Henry J. McCoy,
Chairman.

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Answered

WILLIAM L. PUTNAM.
Attorney & Counselor.
PORTLAND, MAINE.

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February 18. 1887.

Dear General:-

Can you supply me with a Steel Engraving of yourself, which I can frame and present to Thatcher Post, G.A.R., of this City, who are desirous of making at least a partial collection of portraits of distinguished Maine Officers?

Respectfully Yours,

William L. Putnam

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BOSTON, MASS., U. S. A., February 18, 1887.

The American Peace Society, Organized A. D. 1828.

TO THE PEACE SOCIETIES OF EUROPE;

GREETING:

In pursuance of our duty, and moved by rumors and threats of *war*, which the almost daily increase of national armaments originate and augment, we, in common with other peace-loving Americans, venture to address you as in sympathy with us in endeavors to avert its impending calamities.

Recent history affords so many examples of successful international arbitration as to strengthen our belief and hope that resort may be had to it, not only in present emergencies, but permanently, as an inexpensive and bloodless method of settling national quarrels. This hope has impelled us to address our own Government through a multitude of petitions, each numerously signed, praying it to enter into negotiations with other Governments in order to constitute a permanent International Court of Arbitration; and, till that be secured, to put an Arbitration Clause in every treaty. The Congress of the United States has thus far responded favorably.

Will you allow us to suggest and urge that each of your Societies memorialize your own Governments, and indeed all Governments under which Peace Societies do not exist, to attempt arbitration if negotiation fails to secure peace.

Every preparation for war on the part of any Government is seized upon by its neighbors as a pretext to enormously increase their own armaments, and thus augment taxation and debt. This has gone on till some nations are, even in peace, on the verge of bankruptcy. The irksome idleness and frightful cost of vast armies; the increasing expense incident to the introduction of the latest military inventions; the self-confidence born of such immense preparations, with the natural desire to employ them; all urge to war. If there be no sufficient pretext, Governments are tempted to invent one.

Delays are dangerous. A single diplomatic misunderstanding or alleged insult; some inadvertence upon the frontier or the high seas which may be construed as dishonoring a flag, or outraging a citizen, may precipitate a war, the limits, cost, suffering and wrongs of which the wisest cannot estimate.

It seems our duty as a Society organized for the promotion of Peace, earnestly and at once by every means in our power, to protest against the warlike attitude of Christendom, as a causeless and unreasonable jeopardizing of the peace of the world, and with it all the highest and best interests of mankind. You will undoubtedly unite with us and kindred Societies in this earnest protest, and also in a persistent and perpetual effort to secure practical and governmental expression to that sentiment of international concord, which exists in the hearts of the best subjects and citizens of all countries.

With High Respect and Earnest Sympathy,

EDWARD S. TOBEY, *President.*

ROWLAND B. HOWARD, *Secretary.*

Gen. O. O. Howard

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Young Men's Christian Association,
232 SUTTER STREET.

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SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Feb. 19, 1887.

MY DEAR SIR:

The pleasure of your company is most respectfully solicited at our hall next Tuesday evening, February 22nd, at 8 o'clock, at which time Mr. E. W. Watkins, of New York, will deliver a special address to young men on the following subject: "Some Reasons Why Young Men Remain at the Bottom of the Commercial Ladder."

Unless we hear from you to the contrary we shall certainly expect the pleasure of your company.

Very truly yours,

HENRY J. McCOY,

General Secretary.

Please meet the General Secretary and other friends in the office at 7-45 and occupy a seat on the platform during the lecture

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Joliet. Ills. Feb. 19. 188[illegible]

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Gen. Howard.

Sir. I am very desirous of adding your autograph to my collection, if I may. Father is a great admirer of you, but at the time he was in the war I had not seen the light of day.

If you can spare time to favor me, I should be much flattered.

Hoping you will pardon my presumption.

I remain.

John H. Garney.

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Ans July 23 1887

415 Stockton St

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San Francisco
Feb 19th 1887

Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir
Will you please look over this matter. I was in see you a week ago I want to bring my beloved wife from China to this country, you very to introduce me to Gen. Carey Esq. But he give me no premise, It is

stranger the Christian Land to seperate my wife. will sir, Sen. did you love your wife; I love my Dear wife too

Please be kind Enough to help me this matter in Oblige

Yours Highly Very Respectfully

Thomas W. Kim Yin

415 Stockton St

...seller, and Statio...
475 PA. AVENUE.

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P. O. Box 266.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feby 19th 1887

Maj Genl O. O. Howard
Dear Sir

At the request of Lt Col W. Winthrop I send per this mail a copy of his "Abridgement of Military Law" which has just been adopted by the War Dept - & is being used at the West Point. I trust it will meet with your approval as for your use in order for the Posts under your Command

Yours truly
W. H. Morrison

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION
Young Men's Christian Association,
NEW YORK STATE.

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Utica, Feb. 17-20, 1887.
Feb 19 (Sat.)

It may at first seem strange to receive a letter from me here. I will explain. On my return from Andover the first week in Feb. I found a message from Mr J. A. Hall to please go to the Y. M. C. A. convention at its session. I mustered that I would if my studies permitted. Last Thursday I found that I had no recitations on Friday afternoon. Whether that may hitherto excuse it would be said. I therefore left Troy Friday noon, brought some books with me. There are here more than 600

delegates. I enclose a programme. The interest is complete. Impetus is given to the work. Energy accumulates here & is carried to every city & town in my state. Mr. Hull is here. He appears well & is still very active. Utica is under very deep snow - but it seems to be a homesome city of homes. I wish that more of our cities were "cities of homes" This is such, and the very character of its young people is affected very much by it.

I am well indeed, my studies are hard, But God granting me health,

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of body & brain I will finish the course, my class is much diminished. With a few additions from elsewhere in the U.S. we have now about 21 members who will graduate.

Adelaide is well & happy. She had hoped a little to go to her mother's this summer. But so many invitations come to her that she will probably remain here this summer.

I have not yet arranged for my summer. But I think I see one or two openings which will be good for me this summer. Perhaps I can earn my way home & back — "more or less". Please keep in mind my prospective openings in business, which you may hear of or meet with. For when I graduate in June 1888, I would like to obtain work as soon as practically possible. I am putting my time now on my studies — with

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now & then a very little outside work, — a visit now & then at a friend's house — Sometimes I write a short report or article for a newspaper. Once in a while I am offered other means of earning a little money, & I have earned since last September between one & two hundred dollars. Speaking of money makes me think that I had intended to write you at my first opportunity asking for some money, if you

can spare some for me.
Last week I paid my tuition
for the summer term —
until June 14th. I have
also paid all my bills
except for some books. I
will soon again have
to pay board, room, books, etc.
Can you send me $68.
as soon as possible con-
venient. I have but $10.
on hand and I must not
get out of money — for I must
not have any bills.
I am well. To-morrow even-
ing I am to address the Con-
vention upon a subject which
is important, namely. "The
proper preparation for po-
sitions of importance"

Write but a few words

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357 S. Second St.
San Jose. Feb. 19. 1887.

Maj. General O. O. Howard;

On behalf of the Chautauqua Literary & Scientific Association of California, I have the honor to convey to you the invitation of its Executive Committee, of which I am a member, to address the Summer Assembly to be held at Pacific Grove near Monterey the coming summer. The Assembly convenes the last week of June and continues ten days in session.

I regret that by necessary absence

from San Jose for three or four days, I am deprived of the pleasure of listening to your address on behalf of the Young Mens Christian Association, and of the opportunity to convey this invitation in person.

The Executive Committee meet on Wednesday the 23 to arrange the programme, and an early reply is desired.

I regret that our organization can offer no pecuniary inducement except "expenses of board, and travel paid, for the speakers and their wives."

As a Congregationalist, and one warmly interested in the work of the Young Mens Christian Associations, permit me to express my thankfulness that the soldier whom our nation delights to honor, is enrolled with the christian workers of the Pacific Coast.

Hoping for an early reply I am with high respect,

Very Truly Yours,

Mary E. B. Norton.

Teacher of Botany, State Normal School, San Jose.

February 19, 1887

U.S. Navy Yard.
Mare Island
The Commandant

Acknowledges the receipt of Genl Howard's invitation to witness the review of the troops at the Presidio, on the 22d inst, as regrets that prior arrangements will prevent his being present.

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Commandant's Office,

U. S. Navy Yard, Mare Island, Cal.

Feb. 19th 1887.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard U.S.A.
Comdg Division of the Pacific
Headquarters
San Francisco Cal

Dear General:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your courteous invitation to witness the Review of the troops at the Presidio on the 22d instant, and regret that prior arrangements will prevent my being present at so interesting an occasion.

Possibly some of the officers of the station may be on the ground informally.

Very truly, Yours,

Geo. E. Beckwith

Commodore U.S.N. Commandant.

Ills. Ans. July 24/87.

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Home Seminary
San Jose Cal.
Feb 21/87

Major Gen Howard

Mother and myself were very anxious to have you address our little Home Seminary on the Freedmen especially on the growth work at Hampton. but we found that your engagements so great demand, so concluded to write and ask you to send a letter to our little Missionary society giving them such information as you think would be most interesting

and instructive for young
ladies from sixteen to
twenty. Also to let me know
where to look for information.
I am the mother of four many
cares you can find time to
write me I feel sure it will be
sowing seed in good ground,
which may spring up & bear
much fruit.

Very respectfully
Mrs M. S. Cadleman.

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HEADQUARTERS SECOND BRIGADE,
National Guard of California.

San Francisco, Feb 21 1887

Personal.

My dear General,

As the present storm will make the grounds at the Presidio unfit for the proposed parade of tomorrow, if agreeable to your goodself, I will countermand my orders to the 2nd brigade. If there was any probability of a let up in the rain I would suggest a review on Yankee Avenue (by my brigade) but as the men have no overcoats I do not like to take the risk and responsibility of ordering them out except in case of urgent necessity.

Awaiting your reply I remain

Very sincerely yours

C. H. Dimond

Major Genl Howard
Cmdg Mil Div. Pacific

Cmdg 2nd Bde N.G.C.

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Chaneyville Feb 21st 87.
Calvert Co. Md.

Brig. Genl. O. O. Howard
Omaha Neb.

My dear Sir I write to you in regards to some fencing and wood destroyed by the Soldiers of the Union Army under your command when encamped on my fathers place. - I have often heard my father say that the only loss that he suffered from the soldiers was a lot of fencing, some few sheep and the breaking of a pump. - Now as I was too young to remember anything about the matter and my father being now dead. I write to you to know if you remember any thing about

destruction of said

Ty, As my representative
in Congress, Mr Compton told
me that if I could establish
my claim, he would present
the same to Congress. This
is a small matter, but if I
prove that this property was
destroyed, and could be compensated
for it, it would be the means
of helping me to pay of a
small debt on the farm that
my father left behind (Security debt)
Believing that you a friend of
my father, who in better days
entertained you and your officers
will aid me as far as you
are able.

Respectfully
Thos. J. Grahame
Lieut. Calvert Light Infty.
Chaneyville Md.

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Santa Fe. N. M.
Feb. 21st 1887.

Dear General Howard:

Your note of the 12th inst. enclosing your recommendation for my promotion duly received.

I desire to return you my heart-felt thanks for the earnest and befitting manner in which

you have responded to my request - with the assurance that your great kindness in this matter will not be forgotten.

I have forwarded your letter with the enclosures - to the Adjutant General - stating that I was authorized by you to do so - and requesting that the papers be placed on file with those of Gen. Schofield's & others - to be presented to the President at the proper time.

I am dear General,
With great regard & esteem -
Respectfully & truly
Your friend
B. H. Grierson

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