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140,
San Francisco, July 18th 1888

WJ
Gen O. O. Howard
Dear Sir

A Party of Young Ladies and Gentlemen who have been active in helping the Mission Branch Young Men's Christian Association, desire to visit Angel Island on Washington's Birthday, Wednesday of next week. Can you issue a pass allowing them to go and return on the Government vessel? I think there will be about 23 in number, perhaps 25. If this can be done consistent with your regulations it will oblige them and myself

Yours most truly
J. W. Butler

John H. Butler.

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Feb 11 1898

O. O. Andrews

Dear Sir

I have the pleasure to inform you that the
Board of Directors of the American Bank and Trust Company
has voted to pay to you the sum of \$1000.00
in full of the principal of the loan made to you
on the 15th day of January 1897. The interest on
this loan has also been paid to you on the 15th
day of January 1898. The enclosed check is for
the amount of \$1000.00. It is payable to the order
of the American Bank and Trust Company. I am,
very respectfully,
Yours truly,
John H. Butler
President

Rev. J. K. Noble.

file 200 1/2 Mass. Ave

Washington

Feb. 18th 1888

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

San Francisco

My dear General

I write to thank you for the letter you sent to Gen. Franklin. In regard to my health, rest and my travel in Europe have done for me what medical treatment could not have done, and as the appointment to the Chaplaincy will not be made for more than a year my hope is that by that time my throat will be all right, so that in the

genial climate of Southern
Cal. I shall be able to
use it as much as will be
necessary in a Soldier's
Home. I certainly should
not desire the position
unless able to fulfil
the duties.

I am glad to know that
my daughter's "cheerful
spirit and kindly words"
of which you speak
are of some service in
your large Bible
class of which she is
a member and which
she so greatly enjoys.

You will be glad to know
that the First Cong. Church
here of which you were
one of the pillars, is doing
a large and beneficent
work. The University too
is apparently prosperous.
I visited it the other day
and heard Dr. Patton con-
-duct recitations in
Natural Theology and
Political Economy and
was greatly interested
by the intelligent questions
and answers by the
members of the Classes.

Very sincerely Yours
J. H. Noble,

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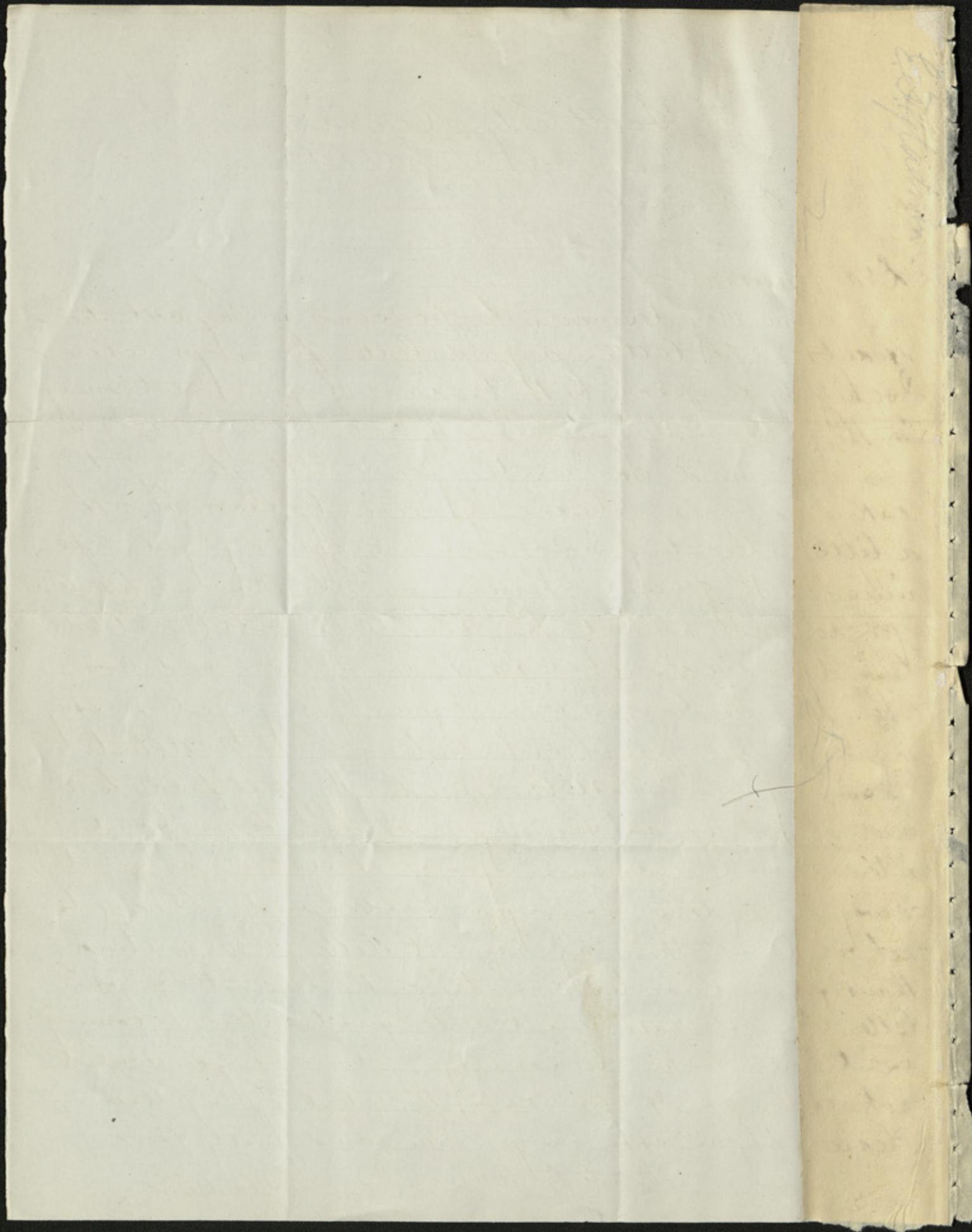
Scott City, Kansas,
J. Feb. 19/88.

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Gen. O. O. Howard
San Francisco, Cal.
Dear General.

I am very desirous to possess in my collection of autograph letters a good letter from you whom I so highly respect both because of your past courage in the field and your stand point in the field of the Christian, and so I write you a letter today to ask if you will please graciously favor me with a little interesting information regarding your experience with General Sherman on the Mississippi. Were you not with him at the "Rice Mill" I believe it was termed, and was it a fact as I have read somewhere that the troops were joyously engaged in singing on their march or trip toward Ft. McAllister? I assure you I shall be exceedingly gratified to receive a few words from you on this to me point of interest and I assure you I shall ever prize it, coming as it does from your kind hand. Please do not overlook this, my kindest letter; I will return thankful acknowledgements on the receipt of your letter, which I shall await with great interest, coming as it will to me personally. I am sure you would not refuse me, if you knew the extent of my desire. Please reply as soon as you can, and greatly favor
Very truly yours,
Edgar F. Gladwin.





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LAKE STORE

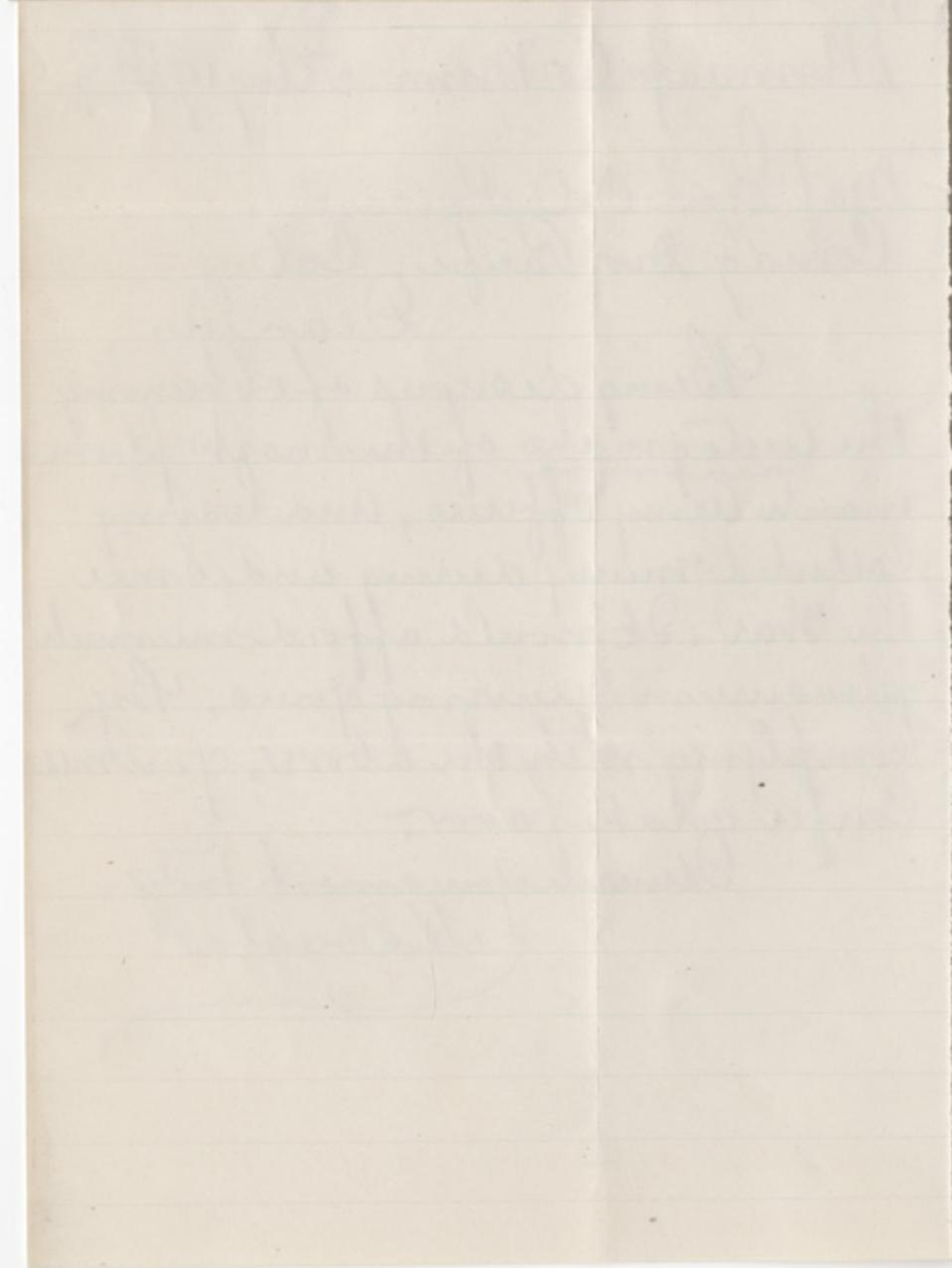
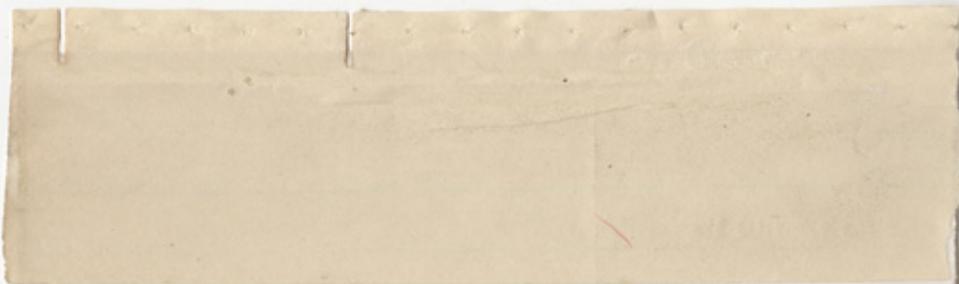
Minneapolis Minn. Feb 19th 1881

Maj. Genl O. O. Howard.
Comdg Div Pacific, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Being desirous of obtaining
the Autographs of the most prom-
inent Army officers, and having
collected many during and since
the War. It would afford me much
pleasure in receiving yours, By
Complying with the above, you will
confer great favor.

I remain yours most truly,
H. Douglas.



to despair and bring
law before any thin
ning millions that
comes along. No wrong
can ever be righted
because it was done during
the time of a previous
administration - What
a principle! - what
a Government?!

Please let me know
whether there is any
hope left or not.

In the meantime my
poor folks would ap-
preciate a square meal
if we could get it. We
have been living on
scraps for 2 days.

Yours very respectfully
H. De Alton

ROYAL
MAILS

734 Pine Street

Feb. 19th 1888

Major General 143 *branch*
O. O. Howard U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

If I could possibly avoid
it I should not write you
this or trouble you with
our sufferings, but there
is no help for it that
I can see. Please let me
know whether there is
any prospect regarding the
matters that were spoken
of when Mr. Guiley and
myself were with you
last? In the meantime
I have my little one

sick with diphtheria
and have not a
dime in the house
to buy provisions, let
alone coal and coal
oil for the lamps.
My children have no
shoes on their feet
and I am too sick
with Asthma to even
think of going out
if going out could
possibly do me any
good. How can I tell
you all the rest if
you wish to know
about us
Please do not talk
about this letter to
your wife or camp

or to anybody else
connected with the
army. They are all of
them too comfortably
situated and too mesito-
rious to be able to appre-
ciate the situation of
a man who has had for
years to defend himself
against starvation and
ruin of his family
because he has not
stated hundreds or
thousands or millions
when in the service
so as to get respected
in society and be sent
to Congress. You know
my dear God that the
whole system is a humbug
they drive honest folks

etc

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Stockton February 19th
Genl O. O. Howard

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Dear Sir: -

Arrangements have been completed for your lecture on Thursday night next, and the school have appointed a committee to meet you on your arrival & conduct you to the Hotel. The morning train leaves San F^o at 9 I think & arrives here at 1. Please let me know if you will come on that train or otherwise. Would you consent to visit the school say at 2 or 2.30 & give the scholars a little talk about something. I am sure they

would be delighted to see &
hear you in the school
rooms

Yours very truly

S. W. Williams

SIGNAL SERVICE, U. S. ARMY,

OFFICE OF OFFICER IN CHARGE.

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San Francisco ^{145,}

February 20th, 1888

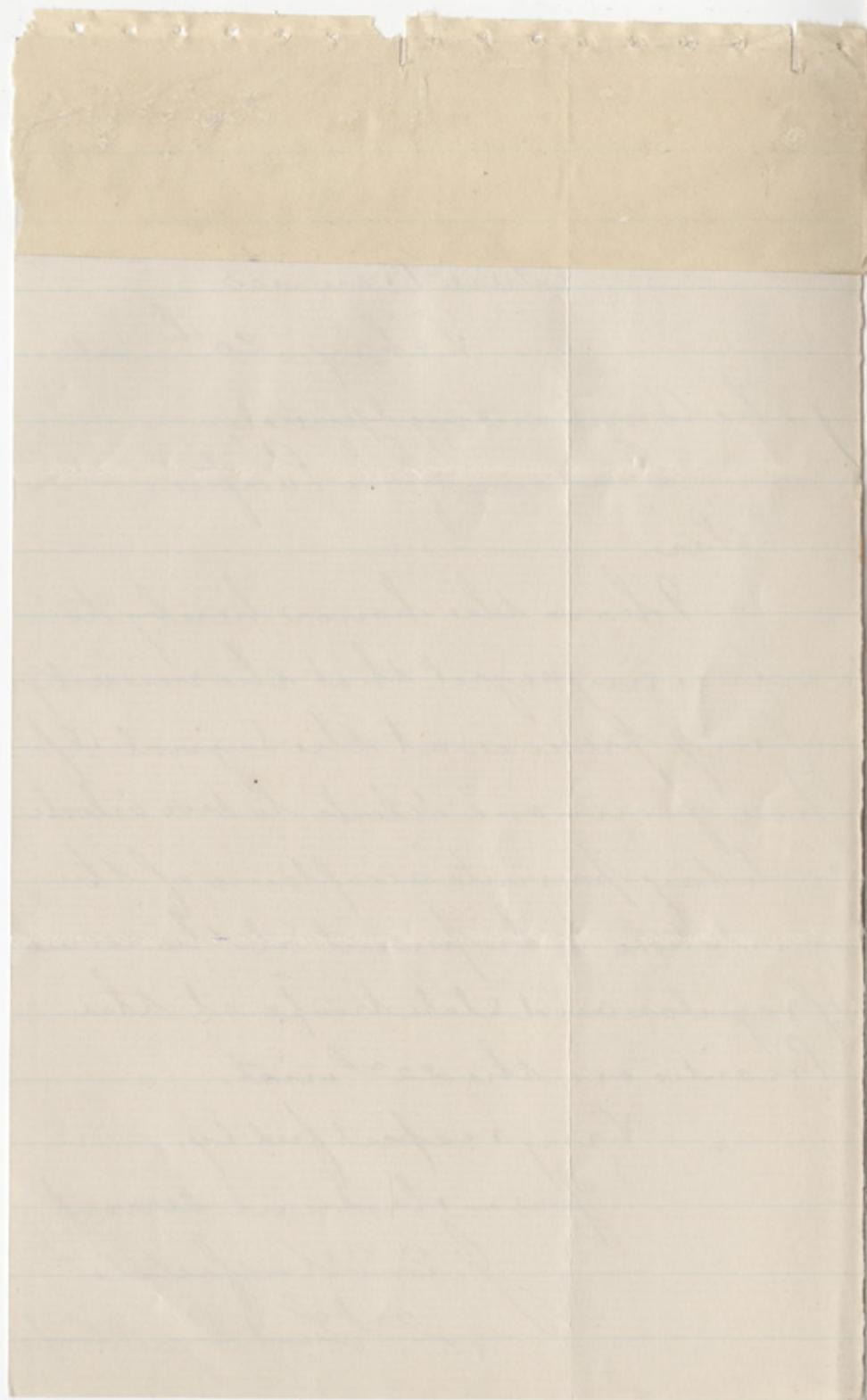
The Commanding General,
Division of the Pacific.

Sir:

I have the honor hereby to express my regret that the necessity of my presence at the Signal Office from one o'clock to two o'clock each day prevents acceptance of the invitation to be present at the review of regular and state troops at the Presidio on the 22nd inst.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant.

J. E. Maxfield
2nd Lieut. Signal Corps.



OFFICE OF
ISAAC TRUMBO,
322 Montgomery St.

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San Francisco, February 20th, 1881

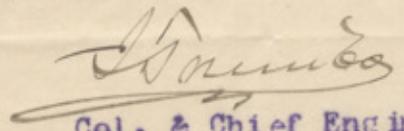
Gen'l. O.O. Howard,

Sir :-

I take great pleasure in extending to you
an invitation to attend a dinner to be given Gov. Waterman
and Staff, and a few select friends at the Palace Hotel, on the
evening of Feb. 22d at 8 o'clock.

Hoping you will find it your pleasure to attend, I
beg to remain,

Your obedient servant,



Please attend in uniform.

Col. & Chief Engineer,
Staff of the Commanding Chief

R.S.V.P.

1.2.4.2.

Please attend in uniform.

Staff of the Commanding Officer
Col. S. Ghil Engineer.

Your obedient servant.

Yours to remain.

Hoping you will find it your pleasure to attend. I

am of Rep. Red at 8 o'clock.

and Staff, and a few select friends at the Palace Hotel, on the
in invitation to attend a dinner to be given Gov. W. J. J. J. J.

I take great pleasure in extending to you

SIR :-

Yours, T. O. O. Howard,

Don Francisco,

Legation, Sochi,

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Don Francisco

Yours

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Foot-Halla-Halla,

Feb. 20. 1888.

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Gen. O. O. Howard, }
U. S. Army } }

My dear Sir,

I see by the papers, that
Major Bennett is or-
dered to his home,
to await retirement.
And I ask as a
personal favor, if
a field officer is to
be stationed at the

Presidio, that you
with detail my
husband.

I have grown
up children that
require education
some of which I
wish to send to
the State University
of California.

He owns
property in Berke-
ly, and Benicia,
Cal. which requires

for attention and
which we could
then look after.

I
understand that
Gen. Sweitzer will
go on leave this
summer, which
will bring Lt. Col.
John Green to Halla.
Halla, to command
the regiment.

All the
other field officers

Mrs. McGregor.

of the regiment have
been stationed at
the Presidio, with the
exception of my
husband.

Hoping
that my request
may be favorably
considered.

I remain

Very respectfully
Yours.

Jennie M. S. McGregor.

Major-Gen. O. O. Howard,
San Francisco, Cal.

witch i have so boldly taken in
addressing you in the like manner

from your most humble
servant

John Kiley

No 72 Oak St
Portland
Oregon

P.S. I pray to god that you may
consider fairly on what i
have asked you and that i may
soon have news from home
than i have had for
ye as god knows i shall appreciate

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Ans July 20
1888.

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Sur
Portland Oregon Feb. 21. 88
General Howard

I am a discharged soldier
having served ^{years} five in the 8
Cavalry from 68 to 73 against
hostile indians in arizona and
New Mexico and five in comd of
Bernard's troop in the first cav
where throo the neepers were of 77
and all throo the Banick were
of 78 and against the sheep
eaters in 78 where the cause of the
few men that were of us standing
when attacked by the indians when
the infantry broke and ran and
left me of three comrades behind
wounded i packed him out
under the fire of the indians
and prevented him from

shoving a knife in to his own heart
I further ran in to the brush
where the indians whin and
brought him out to caulkers of
water all thow the poor man dyed
his name where Eagen where
a member of Lieut Caley troop
my first discharge is issued
Excellent and my discharge from
the first Cav is issued.

an Excellent Cavalry soldier
active intelligent and
trust worthy
sergeant and Capt Bernard in
conversation with me told me
that is where a disreputing man and
that it would give him pleasure
to at any time be able to do me favour
but the counsel is to fore a way
and sur General knowing the
good apperiment that you held of
counsel Bernard hope that you

might take up from yourself to
do what he would do with
pleasure if he whin hear what I
would graciously ^{wish so that you} use your influence
to ward getting me a situation either
in the fire department working
about the custom house on P. O.
office or with any of the R.R.
companies as any of these
places seem to meach influence
and general it dose seem to me
as thow it might be an inspiration
from god apply to General
Howard home has so many
friends and grate in financ
sur General my thanks shall
be many both to God and you
for the kindness should be
fortunely exempt to get me
a situation with any of the above
named places I shall wait
for fully the return of this
beggin pardon for the liberty

and
O.S.H.

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Petaluma Sonoma Co. California

Feb 21 1888

Major Genl. C. C. Howard

My Dear Bro.

The Board of Trustees of the
Cong. Ch. have received my report last Evening and
accepted the conditions of yourself Dr. Brown
and Dr. Johnson to lecture. I accept your term
of "our half of the net proceeds" also to not make
public the above terms your expense will be paid
and you will be, I think here, the guest of Bro. and
Comrade W. P. Brownard. Antietam Post here
will do all it can to make the lecture a
financial success. All desire the subject to be
"Gethsemane" The date fixed for the lecture
is Tuesday Evening March 27. I will write
again later - If the date does not suit some
convenient place inform me in time.

Your Comrade & Bro. in Christ

A. G. Rankin

W. P. had good audience last Sabbath Church even-
ing had 45 present 17 were young men a geology
and debatement



A. L. Beckman

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University of California

Sept 11 1920

Dear Mr. ...

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I have just received your letter of the 10th and am glad to hear that you are well. I am also well and hope this letter finds you the same. I have not much news to write at present.

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LIEUT. COL. G. H. MENDELL,
CORPS OF ENGINEERS, U. S. A.
POST-OFFICE BOX 2426.

U. S. Engineer Office,

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No. 533 Kearny St., San Francisco, Cal.

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Feb'y 21. 1888.

1 Lieut. J. A. Chase,

4th Infantry,

A. D. C.

Sir:

Be pleased to express to the Major General my appreciation of his invitation to accompany him at the review tomorrow and my regrets that not being very well, I am not able to accept.

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant,

G. H. Mendell,

Captain, Corp of Engineers

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152. Feb 21. 1888

Maj General O. O. Howard
San Francisco

St General

Will you recom-
mend me for the grade
of Brigadier General,
my reason for asking
to same. though any
vacancy in that grade
& remote, so that I
am filing my record
with such notices of
honorable mention I
now have, and may
obtain from those who

have commended me,
in Washington for a place
where I could serve.

Having served in the
Volunteer and Regular
Army twenty seven years
as a general officer and
Colonel I believe you
will pardon me for
aspiring ^{to} the grade of
Brigadier General.

It is needless to say
your recommendation
will be of great value.
and can you conscientiously
give it I shall be greatly
obliged.

Very truly yours
Edward Hatch
Co. Reg. U.S. Army

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Office of U. S. Light-House Engineer,
TWELFTH DISTRICT,

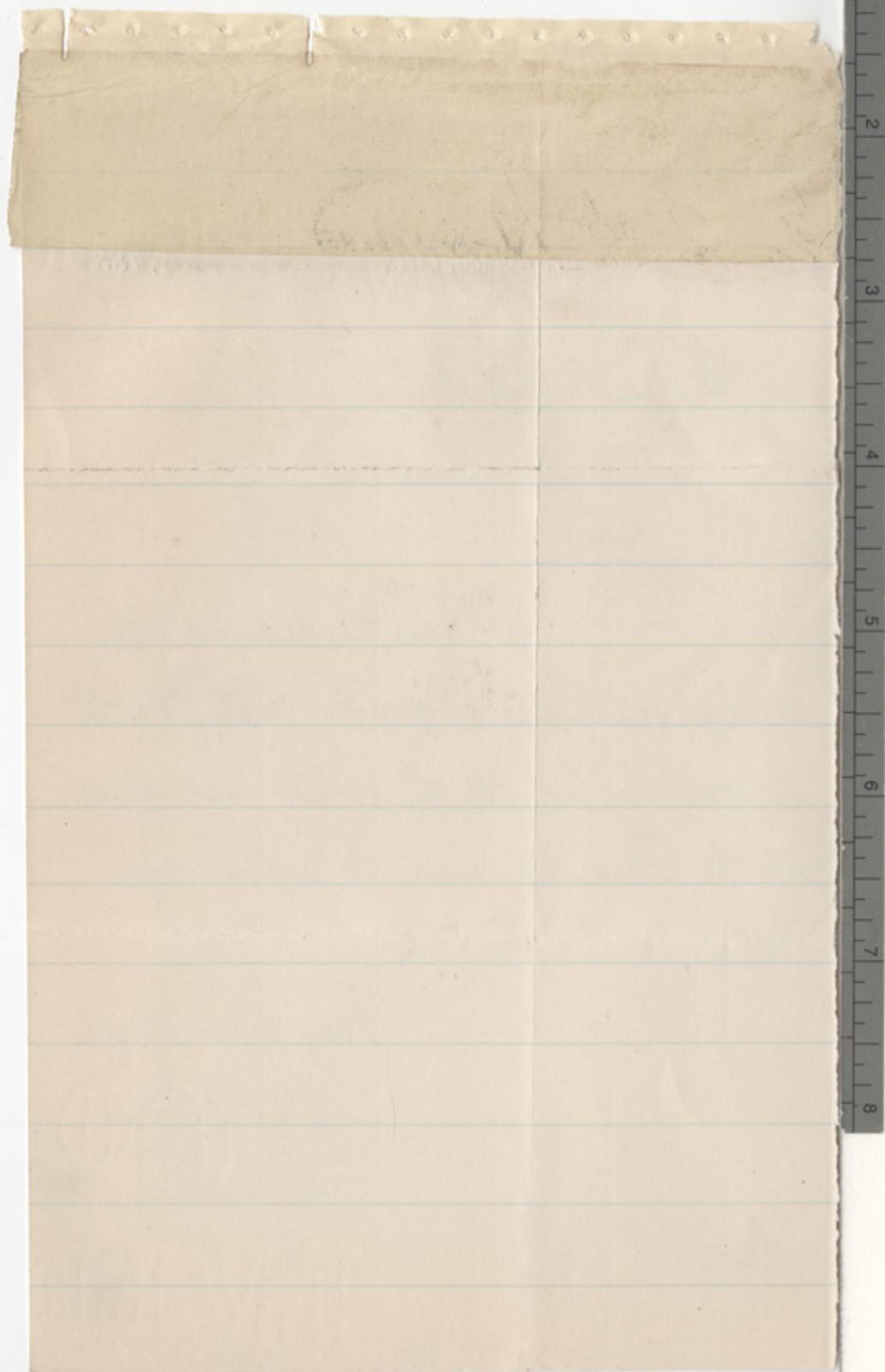
153 San Francisco, Cal., *Feb* 21st, 1888.

1st Lieut. G. W. Chase
Aide de Camp

Sir-

I have to acknowledge
receipt of Genl. Howards invitation to
accompany him to the review and drill
at the Presidio and to express my
thanks for the courtesy -

Very respectfully
W. H. Newer.
Maj. Engo.



P.S. I enclose Himself.
By all means read it

Its author is expected
here this week to hold
a convention on
Divine Healing & C^{ms}
will be delighted to
hear him. I will
inform you when
and where the meetings
are to be held.

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154.

Oakland Cal Feb 21/88

Maj Gen @ Howard
Dear Gen

I called several times
to inform you that the
\$25.00 note is due Feb 2^d
I apprehend no difficulty
in meeting it.
Jan 31 Note \$5.00 days
due May Apr 29th have
interest the other note
I have not yet used.
I will have another
one made instead
when needed for longer
time. I am learning good
reports from my chosen

I believe I can get
Los Angeles and sell
enough in two weeks
to pay your Note. I
sell here right away
after distributing my
Circulars. Dr. Libb of the
Rural Health Retreat gives
it to nearly all of the
patients I am informed,
and says that it is
much better than Willow
Charcoal. If the Lord want
me to peddle Charcoal to
pay my expenses, I shall
go at it. I think there
ought to be some lovers
of Truth besides yourself
who would be glad to aid
me in publishing my
evidence. I am glad
that Blaine is out of the

way. I wish you would
lookout monfortro / ^{Politicians}
I believe my evidence
ought to be published if
not a financial success
at the start. I am willing
to sacrifice my pride with
myself if need be to have
Monochism Abolished by
a thorough Exposure.
A Neg. Man told me Mon-
ochism would have to be
ended by the same means
as Slavery. I say justify
the Leadership teach the
Deceived the truth about
their Crime. I have offered
to a lady here for the
loan of \$100, and referred
to you
Sincerely
A. B. Deming

Mrs. Howard

the wrong time as often
I write & ask for money
when I could be running
a week or two behind let
you off for a week or so
& then get money from you
on a fresh month: but
you know best what to do.

I have seated today
& spent my time in various
ways. I enclose you a
R.P.D. Y.M.C.A. Card of meetings
which may be of interest to the
family. Now as the paper
ends here I will close
with love to all from
Your son John.

Troy, N.Y. Feb. 22. 1888.

Dear Father

156.
I am just ready to
go to bed now (10.45 P.M.) but
as I have made arrangements
for clothes & as I thought I
had better let you know at
once I write this letter.

Jennie & I went down
town this morning (vacation)
& he bought himself some
clothes and as I was in-
tending to get ~~some~~ mine
in three weeks I thought I had
best attend to it now so asked
to have a Prince Albert coat
sweat laid aside for the 10th of

March when I shall get it.
I also bought me two pairs
of pants. one to wear every
day the others for better
occasions, the two pair
costing me \$10.00. The Prince
Albert will cost \$23.00

So if in addition to what
you ^{have} sent & my request for
fifteen dollars in my letter ^{of Feb 20.} to
mother, if you would send
me now ten dollars
& about the first of March
send me ^{the} twenty three I should
be fixed,

It may seem strange

that I should make such
a great draft upon you this
month but my wardrobe
like the 'one boss chaise'
has all at the last moment
gone to pieces.

My expenses for Mch
& April & May will drop to
the minimum & I hope to
make that minimum very low
indeed.

You have not ever
written me in regard to my
expenses, which pleases me
for it makes me feel that you
accept my judgement,
but I should rather you would
write me if I tax you at

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Feb. 20th 88

General:

An unfortunate
complication has arisen
at Ft. Walla Walla between
the families of Gen. Switzer
& Maj. Mc Gregor by the mar-
riage of two minor children
which renders it advisable
to assign Maj. Mc Gregor to
duty elsewhere. I am
informed that Maj. Mc Gregor
prefers the President's Col.
to Boise Id. & would to
ask me especially if you

Walla Walla
Change proposed
for records as
provisional
Very Respectfully
John W. Gibbon
Maj. Gen. Switzer
Mr. Mc Gregor
San Francisco
Col.

will order him to the
Providence to replace Maj.
Bennett 2^d Co. Cav. If you
do not desire to do this
please telegraph me to
that effect & I will order
him to take command
of Boise Bk.; where it is
perfectly proper he should
go during the absence
of Lt. Col. Green, tho' I think
it preferable if you do
desire that he should
go to the Providence as being
further away, & probably
a more permanent
arrangement.

There is a good deal of
feeling existing at Ft.
Walla Walla and the
change proposed should
be made as speedily
as possible

Very Respectfully

Yours

John Gibbon

Maj. Gen. Howard

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Col.

S. H. Haskin

Fort Omaha Neb.

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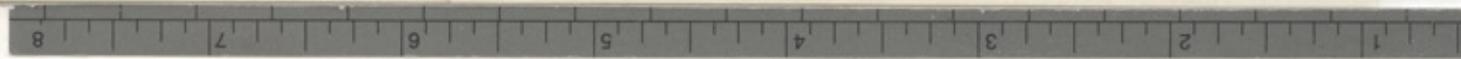
February 23rd 1888.

Major General D. O. Howard,
U. S. Army. 158

Fort Mason
San Francisco. Cal.

General:

I take the liberty of asking your consideration of the inclosed bill, and to beg you to use your influence to favor its passage. I have served in the Army over twelve years. and might receive some benefit from Section 2. and possibly

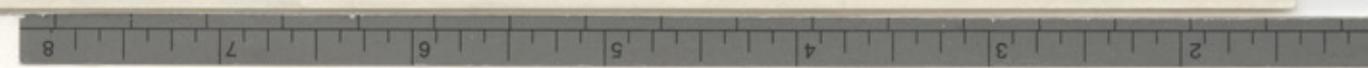


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Very truly
Your Obedt Servt
H. S. Haskin
1st Lt. U.S.A.

from Section 3. as I served
with troops in the field,
among the Indians about
Steens Mountains, Oregon, just
after the close of the Modoc
War.

Very truly
Your Obedt Servt
H. S. Haskin
1st Lt. U.S.A.



crease for length of service all service rendered prior to the passage of this act shall be included. He shall be entitled to forage for one horse actually kept, and to the quarters and commutation for quarters now provided by contract, but his quarters shall be permanently assigned by the post commander during his service at the post.

Sec. 2. All laws and regulations which apply to the retirement of surgeons and assistant surgeons of the Army from active service are hereby extended to include acting assistant surgeons: *Provided*, That no acting assistant surgeon hereafter appointed shall be retired for age whose aggregate service has been less than 20 years.

Sec. 3. Upon the recommendation of his post commander and of the medical director of the department in which he is serving, any acting assistant surgeon, now in the service, who shall have rendered any service with the U. S. Army during the war of the rebellion, whether with the regular, volunteer or militia forces in actual service, or as a surgeon with any of said forces, or who, at the time of making application under this act, shall have served not less than 10 years with the Army and been engaged with troops in any field service incident to Indian disturbances, may be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, an assistant surgeon in the Army, with the rank and pay of first lieutenant, mounted, not to be in the line of promotion, but in all other respects subject to the laws and regulations which apply to assistant surgeons of that rank: *Provided*, That every assistant surgeon appointed under this section shall be in addition to the number of assistant surgeons now allowed by law, and shall be deducted from the number of acting assistant surgeons at the time allowed by law; *Provided further*, That length of service under contract shall determine the relative rank of the officers so appointed, and that in computing length of service for pay, service rendered prior to appointment shall be included.

H. R. 5569, Dunham—To authorize the President to

was at the
 sufficient for the enlargement of the storehouse
 for the care and preservation of all the ordnance
 quartermaster's, subsistence and medical store

[January 28, 1888.]

Hughes and Lieutenant Garrard, Ninth Cavalry; secretary and treasurer, Assistant Surgeon Taylor.

Captain Winslow was summoned to Staten Island by telegraph to attend the bed side of his mother, who was very ill. We regret to be obliged to state that since the captain's departure news of Mrs. Winslow's death has been received.

Lieutenant H. H. Wright, Ninth Cavalry, left the post last Saturday for Cleveland, having been notified by telegram that his father was dangerously ill.

The post quartermaster is putting up some very fine ice which is from 20 to 24 inches thick. It seems now as though ice water never would be at a premium. An extract from the official record shows: Minimum Jan. 12, 12°; Jan. 13, 32°; Jan. 14, 31°; Jan. 15, 31°; Jan. 16, 19°, with heavy winds nearly all the time.

Fort Stanton.—The *Lincoln Independent* of Dec. 29, 1887, contains the following:

The Fort Stanton Social Club, comprising the following organization: J. J. Lavelle, president; M. K. Marshall, secretary; Charles Harvey, treasurer; E. O. Perkins, S. A. McNeely, T. R. Walton, Geo. Wetlaufer, Jno. Lacer, N. Kimball, Miss Kate Kelly, and Jas Wilson, gave an opening ball Tuesday evening, Dec. 27, which was a complete success. The hall was very tastefully decorated with the stars and stripes and signal flags. No pains were spared to assure the enjoyment of the several guests present. A fine supper was served, and dancing was indulged in till the "wee sma'" hours of the morning, when all departed, after thanking the members of the club for the pleasant evening that had been afforded them.

Fort Bennett.—The *Dakota Journal* of Jan. 7 says: "General Orders No. 13, headquarters Department of Dakota, publishing the report of the inspector of rifle practice and the classification of merit of the troops, companies, regiments and posts in the department for the year 1887, shows that Company I, 7th U. S. Infantry, stationed at Fort Bennett

H. R. 5023, Hiestand—That from and after the passage of this act the pay of an acting assistant surgeon in the Army shall be the same allowed by law for a second lieutenant, mounted; and in computing the in-

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Rev. E. P. Hammond.

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Sacramento
Cal.

Feb. 24. /88

Dear Bro. Howard
Yours

Kind letter comes
I should

Can't you
come down here
and spend the
Sabbath.

We are to have a
men's meeting
Saturday night
at which we
expect a 1000

men and Sunday
night 2500 with
3 packed in
the Pavilion.

Do Telegraph
Mr you will come
and I will put
it in the paper -
You will do
a deal of good -

Do come -

I know you are
called in many
directions but
please ask the Lord
if it is not this
will you come here
Yours in Jesus

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Monday

Feb. 24th/88.

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My dear General.

Your note is at hand.

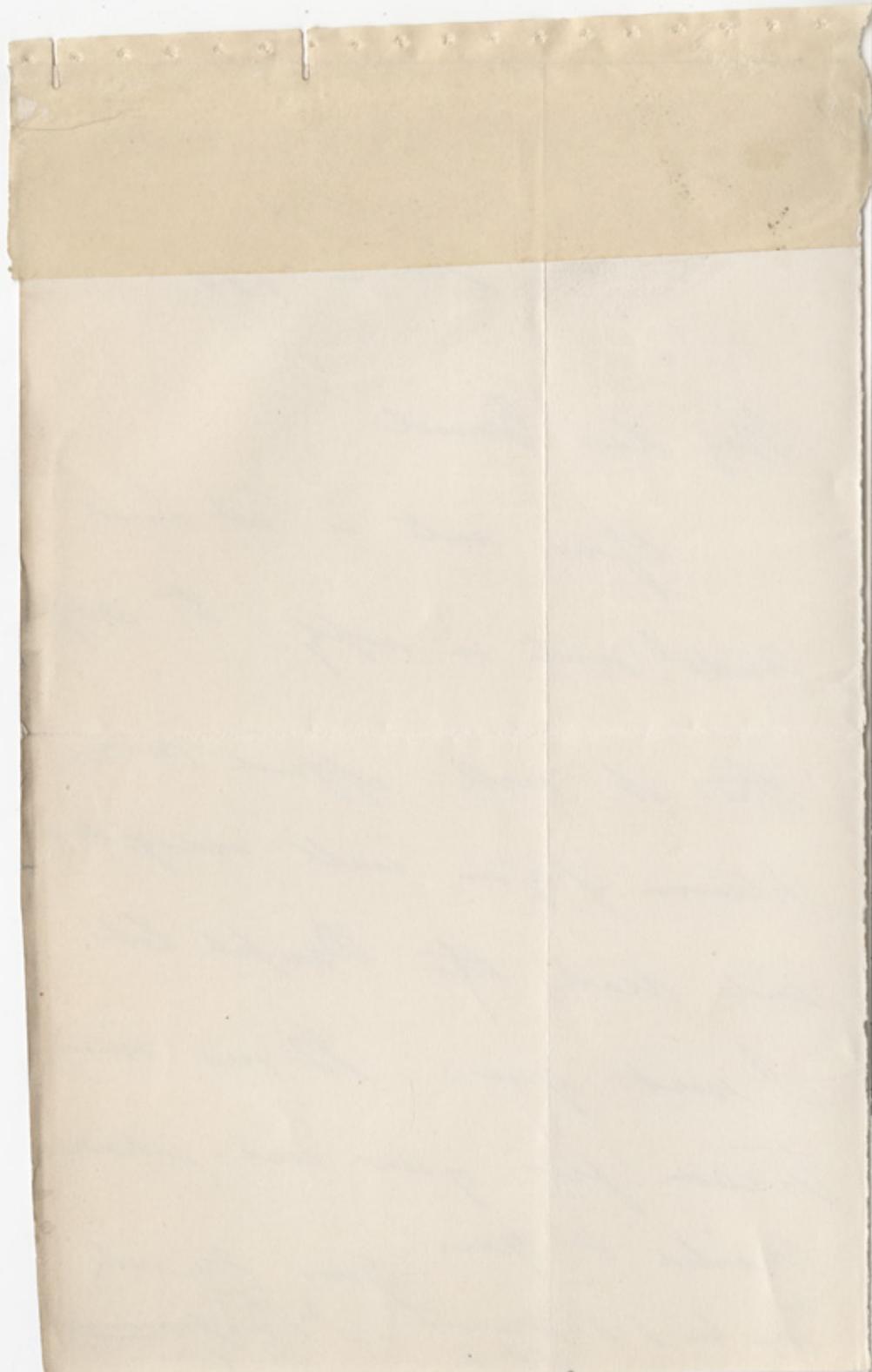
and I write in reply to say

that it will afford my
pleasure if you will accept
and read the Pamphlet

I sent you: It was in-
terested for your use. when
mailed to you.

Yours faithfully
J. Griffin
Col. of Eng.

By Gen. J. S. Howard
D. S. G.



RIGGS HOUSE,
C. W. SPOFFORD, Proprietor,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Letter of rec. to
General

Feb 24th, 1888.

Gen. O. O. Howard U.S.A.

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My dear General:-

Our mutual friend Gen. F. D. Sewall has just said that he shall today write you in my interest - I presume that you will receive this letter and also his by the same mail -

I am about to apply to the President for a Staff Commission in the U.S. Army -

Most of our old field Comrades have sent me the most generous letters of endorsement -

The Maine State Encampment of the G. A. R. at Portland last week elected me junior vice department Commander - That entire organization headed by Comdr in Chief

J. W. Haskell
John P. Lea of Minnesota have
given me letters of recommendation
for Army Commission using in
them words of such unusual
strength that only a man and
soldier superior in merit and ability
to myself might fairly be entitled
to receive them -

I now ask you,
who have been my lifelong
friend, to aid me in my endeavor,
by sending to me at Riggs House,
Washington, a letter addressed to
the President in my behalf -

Hoping for an immediate
reply - after you receive Sewall's letter
as I desire to file my papers
while in the city I remain

Yours very truly
J. W. Haskell

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Washington, D.C.

Feb. 24. 1888.

My dear General;

Our old friend Frank W. Haskell, Brig. Maj. U.S.A., is seeking an appointment in one of the Staff Departments of the Army, either in the Quartermaster or Commissary General's Department. He wished me to write you a few lines in regard to his present standing. You know all about him as a soldier, and I am glad to be able to state that he is a respected and esteemed citizen in Maine now. His reputation is excellent. He is endorsed by our old friends, by many of the officers in my regiment who know more of him than I have for several years. They all speak very highly

of him. He is prominent in the
Grand Army, and has recently been elected
to an important office in that organization in
Maine. I feel confident, from the recom-
mendations he has from those I know, that
you will be perfectly safe in recommending
him if you feel disposed so to do. I always
had a soft place in my heart for Frank
for he was an excellent soldier.

I am still in my old place in Wash-
ington, but am surprised to find myself here.
Remember me kindly to Mrs. Howard.

Yours sincerely,
F. S. Croan

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

Troy le 24, Février 1888.

Mon Cher Père:

Je viens de passer
l'examen dans le **160**
sujet de Thermodynam-
ique; et j'en suis très
content. J'ai reçu
une lettre de Mr.

Baker, qui me dit
de venir à N.Y. le
3 Mars (Samedi) pour
lui parler et aussi
pour parler à Capt.
Greene. Je suis un
peu fatigué; mais
bientôt je serai ré-
posé - car après de-
main est dimanche
de ton Fils fidèle J.W.H.



Gen. [redacted]
Fort Mason San Francisco
California