I left my my Council Bluff home in charge of a renter to come here with my family for needed rest and recuperation.

Now Gen. Howard I ask this favor. That you will write to your son Chauncey for a confirmation of the above facts, ~~as~~ and then write me in relation to the matter, and will you give me the assurance that the $600.00 shall be paid; which sum I voluntarily released you from being legally responsible for, but still hold you as morally responsible. Please let me hear from you and oblige.

Yours Respectfully
H.C. Raymond.

Station C. Los Angeles. Calif.

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O.O.H.

Raymond H.C. 12th

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answered.

Station C. Los Angeles. Calif.
Jan 12th/89

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard -
Dear Sir,

During the winter of 1886, while you were in Omaha, I sold to Mefrs Taylor and Howard the entire Nursery stock from the Pomona Nurseries at Omaha; I received as part payment a note of $700.00 which was endorsed by you. This note was due last February. Prior to that time I was aware that Chauncey was having dificulty in meeting his indebtedness as it became due, but I willingly sold him Nursery stock from my Council Bluffs

nursery on time, for which I still hold his note. I did so because I believed Chauncey was honest, and would eventually pay, and that a temporary help would be a permanent benefit to him. Last winter I wrote him as to what disposition was to be made of the $700.00 note. He earnestly pleaded for additional time in which to pay it, and asked me to abstain from writing to you or troubling you in any manner about it. Understanding his feelings, and still having faith in his integrity, and still wishing to favor him in his financial trouble, I acceeded to his request, and delivered up the $700.00 note endorsed by you, and accepted his personal note of $600.00 (dated Jan 25th/88. due in three months) and $100.00 in cash.

Our correspondence continued until in April last, since which time I can get no reply to my letters (4 or 5 in number) to him. Through others I learn that he is still in business ~~there~~ at Omaha.

I have never up to this time taken any steps to legally collect any money due me from him, and so far as I know, there has been none but kindly feeling between us, and I do not understand why he refuses to answer my letters. I am, as I have been, willing to give him any reasonable length of time in which to make payment of what is justly my due, but I am in <u>need</u> of the money.

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The Young Men's Christian Association,
of San Francisco.
No. 232 Sutter Street.

GEORGE W. GIBBS, PRESIDENT.
HENRY J. McCOY, GEN. SECY.

File
no ans.

San Francisco, Cal. Jan. 12th, 1889.

Gen. O. O. Howard,
Governor's Island.

My Dear General:—

I learned by the San Francisco papers of the death of your dear mother, and take this, my earliest opportunity, of expressing to you my heartfelt sympathy in your bereavement.

Your loss is her eternal gain; and glad

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McCoy H. J.

File

Answer

as you would have been to have kept her here, I am sure when you contemplate the eternal joy upon which she has entered, you can help but rejoice that her work is done and her tired feet rest in the eternal city of our God.

May the dear Lord bless you richly in all things. Very often do I get homesick for you and wish I might have the former pleasure of seeing and laboring with you in the Master's cause, but I suppose such will never be my privilege again; but we will talk over earthly experiences in the home He has prepared for those who love and honor Him.

Very cordially your brother,

J. Buckley.

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Ans Jan 17/89

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18 & 20 ASTOR PLACE
44 FLEET ST·LONDON·
NEW YORK.

January 12th, 1889.

Gen. O. O. Howard:

Dear Sir:

We believe you to be a citizen whose love for justice, for cleanness in political methods, for the Republic, is above that of party. Hence we venture to ask permission to call your attention to a fresh and striking illustration of the degradation into which the politics of this country has sunken.

It is now "between campaigns"; a great effort should be made by men who believe that the most important (and in the end most potent) force is conscience, that moral blindness and deafness are not "good politics" if we look forward far enough, and must prove destructive to a government by the people--an earnest, great effort should be made by such men to fix attention upon the increasing political corruption and dishonesty, that the public conscience may be aroused, and politics be lifted to a higher plane. We dare not permit the proverb to chrystallize further "that all is fair in politics." This is a proverb from the pit, and in the end surely means anarchy.

Would you permit us to ask you to consider in this connection this thought: The time is rapidly approaching when America will have a population of 100 millions of people. There will then be inevitably an exceeding great diversity of interest--a diversity that must increase with the population--so that the interests at stake in our elections will be tremendous. Our only safety will lie in a willing-

ness to abide by the decisions of the ballot-box. But what, if there be no confidence in the integrity of the ballot-box? A combination of circumstances will be easily possible to bring on political revolution and chaos. At the last election had 8,000 men who voted for Hill and Harrison voted instead for Hill and Cleveland, this State would have cast her electoral vote for Cleveland. In that case the result would have depended on the close and disputed election in West Virginia. We would have had 1876 over again, with this difference--the Democratic party would have been in power at the White House. The danger would have been exceedingly grave, and immensely aggravated by the conviction that is spreading among all our people that the politicians who are in control in both parties are utterly dishonest--corrupt every way--in the management of elections. If this condition of things continue, it can be a question only of time when there will be the requisite combination of circumstances that will bring an appalling calamity.

The crime described in the accompanying copy of THE VOICE is only an incident of the general political corruption; but it is an incident that appeals to the public mind.

Would you, regardless of the political party to which you belong or the party it may hurt, be willing to write us a sentence or two in reference to this crime and the corruption it illustrates, such as may make our politicians call a halt, by helping to awaken the public conscience?

Yours respectfully,

I. K. FUNK, Editor of "Voice."

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Funk Dr. J. K.

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Ans Jan 17 '89.

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Conway Addie

File

attended to

161 Hull St.
Brooklyn Jan 12-89.

Genl O. O. Howard:
Dear Sir,

File attended to

I write to ask if I may have an interview with you at such time as will be convenient to you. I am the widow of Genl Thomas W. Conway. I find among my husbands letters one written by you to him in which you express to him your appreciation of the services rendered by him when in Louisiana acting as Asst Commissioner. My husband died very suddenly leaving me with two children and with no means of support. I am advised by the many friends of Mr Conway to try and get a pension and Judge Noah Davis who proposes doing all he can for me suggested that I call on you. I would like to see you and could explain matters to you and

if you will drop me a line
stating when convenient I will
call.

I started for Gov. Stange
yesterday but was told that
you were in the city.

Hoping to hear from you
soon I am

Yours Respectfully
Addie Conway.

Genl O. O. Howard.

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Kimball H. – MD.

File

ans Jan 13th 1889.

262. File.
Ans.

New York Nov. 12th /89

Genl. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir – I take the liberty of writing to interest you in behalf of Genl. R. H. Jackson, of Fort Schuyler – N.Y. Harbor. This gentleman I have known for a year, or more in business relations, and for whom I have a very high regard – My sympathies have been aroused for him and his wife by the recent death of their only son at West Point by this event they have been thrown into the most profound grief – in fact are crushed by it – the saddest part is that they have no comfort arising from a Christian hope – I have reason to think that they know nothing of the sustaining power of Christ's presence in this trial – I have written to him twice with the hope of leading him to Jesus as a helper he is utterly heart broken now that this staff on which he hoped to lean in his declining years – has been taken away – and I know not how to come nearer to him in my longing that he may see the hand of God seeking to bring him to the Saviour –

I am aware dear Sir – that I am taking a great liberty in writing to you but I believe you will pardon it for His sake who has taught us to be one another's benefactors – ~~Knowing~~ Knowing the professional

you sustain to the Genl — and in the belief that your Christian type pattern may be enlisted, so far as to lead you to take some way of communication with him — I rejoiced to know, when you were appointed to the command of the post at Governors Island — that our City would have the benefit of your well known Christian influence — I thank God for that — and will hope that you may find some speedy access to these hearts (himself & Mrs Lockson) so open to Christian effort — and so needing — the tenderness of Christ's presence thro' some one of his disciples —

I write from my Office at No 3. Wall St — at which place I meet almost every day Col. Beck from the Island, under your Command — and thro' him I first became acquainted with Genl Lockson — and

May God guide and direct this needy — suffering to the Lamb of God — and may he bless any effort you may think proper to make for the glory of His Name

I am Dear Sir Very Respy Yours

Horace Kimball. M.D.

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File

Brooklyn. City Mission Rooms.
June 12 - 89.

Genl. O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir.

Rev. Edward Judson, D. D. of New York, the honored son of the American pioneer missionary to Burma, will be the other speaker at the "Woman's Evening Harvest Meeting." You will be pleased to meet him.

Respectfully and Fraternally,

W. F. Bainbridge.
Supt. of Soc.

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Bainbridge Wm. J.

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263. File Ans. Jan. 21/89

28 East 23d Street
New York Jany 12. 1889

My dear General,

Altho the prospects of my new field of labor are most encouraging, I find there is a large amount of missionary work to be done, to awaken the american people to a sense of the importance of patriotic education, all of which I find requires money to start it and carry it on.

As I need more capital than I can command I have placed a mortgage of $500. on my library in 5 notes of $100 each - the library consisting of some 1200 vols of professional volumes and nearly 500 pamphlets.

Major Helvitt has taken 100 dolls of it and two other friends with take 100 each to help along until I can get the enterprise on firm ground.

The 25.00. I borrowed of you Nov 30/85 amounts now, principal and interest to 29.90 so say $30. I should like to secure this for you, and at the same time get a little more material aid for my work. As every little helps, if you can afford it I should like it if you could take $100. on this mortgage in a note at 10 months from Jany 2/89 with interest. paying $70. on it when

old note.

I have just established an agency for Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska, and another at Boston for New England, & next week shall establish another for the State of Ohio with its 13,000 schools. but it will be some time before I can count on any revenue of importance from them, so that I must for a time depend on other resources.

If you should reply to my request in the affirmative I will send or bring you the note endorsed to you by the Trustee who holds the mortgage, Mr Henry A. Gauge of 47 Beekman St. in this City with a copy of his agreement as such Trustee attached –

On the next time I come over I will bring you a copy of the Chart of the Declaration – with the official attached, to hang in your private office.

Very sincerely yours.

Geo. T. Balch

Gen O O Howard USA
Governors Island. NY

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Whipple Wm D.

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Governor's Island,
New York,
Jan. 13 1889.

Dear General,

The address of the Quartermaster in Philadelphia is

Lieut. Col. M. I. Ludington
Depot Quartermaster
1428 Arch St.
Philadelphia.

He is not one of the depot-Qr. Masters under the Commander of the Corps Div. of the Atlantic

Very respectfully
Wm Whipple A.A.G.

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McKray, Geo.

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Ans Jan 17th 89.

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File

Ans Jan 17th 1889.

Omaha 1/13/89

Jan 18

Dear General.

I arrived safe in Omaha on the 4th. Saw Mr Kimball he put me to work in the Machine shops my pay is 17½ cts per hour work 9 hours a day. General while I was in Chicago I saw my friend there G. M. Foster. but could hear nothing of Trip but Foster will do all he can to find him. General I would like to have you write to Mr Kimball and ask him to put me out on the Road as a fire man as soon as feasible for I can make more Money

on the road than in the Machine Shop.

General I. will ask one more favor of you. and that is a letter from you that I can use at any time should I leave the N.P. give my regards to Mrs Seward and family

Yours Respt.
Geo. McKray
709 Pacific St.

of appointing only one man from the same county to an office, he is willing to withdraw in Mr. Swalland's favor. for he says his work deserves recognition. This would not be put in any letter of recommendation, but Mr. Marsh could tell Genl. Harrison that. Will you ask Genl. Sherman for a letter for James, and Mr. John Sherman and Genl. R. B. Hayes if you think best. It is possible that the latter being an ex-President may feel unwilling to make any recommendation, but James met him & Mr. John Sherman out here. It was probably owing to his remarks regarding the absence of a stone from Oregon in the Washington Monument. That led Pres. Hayes to investigate the matter; as about

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File
Ans. 1/24/89

Vancouver, Wash. Ter.
Jan 13. 1889.

Dear Papa -

We think that it is very probable that James can get the appointment of Register of the Land Office here. He can get letters from fifty or more of the most prominent men of Oregon & Washington, and although it has been suggested that he might get some better office, he thinks it best to remain here at present, on account of the promising outlook of this part of the country. The next to the last Register was Hon. A. C. Marsh of Indiana, who will be glad to help James in any way possible. I think he knows Genl. Harrison personally. Mr. & Mrs. Marsh are personal friends

was a good republican & of ours, & Mr. Marsh did a great deal of work in the west ~~by~~ political speeches all over the country, before Cleveland was elected, & no doubt he worked equally hard this year in Indiana. Mr. Brown says he thinks that all that will be necessary will be for Mr. Marsh to know that James desires the office. But James prefers to send on these good letters, and also get you to use your influence for him.

We suggest that you write a personal letter to Genl. Harrison, asking him not to make the appointment ~~until~~ before James' application reaches him. You will know best when the right time for that letter would be — before or after the 4th of March. It is best not to be premature, but there is another man trying to get the appointment. He goes to work in an altogether different way, by circulating a petition for every one he can get to sign. He is not a well educated man & in any respect a suitable man for the office. Dr. Spalding held it once & the present incumbent Maj. Austin (a democrat) is a friend of James.

Now Mr. Scott Smallwood has figured prominently in this years campaign, and has achieved the feat of changing a more than five hundred dem. majority of last year in this County to a Rep. majority this year. He was chairman of the Rep. Com. of Clarke County, & his indefatigable distribution of thousands of campaign documents, & formation of clubs of young men in all localities helped to result all over the ~~country~~ territory. For all this his favor has gone abroad, & there is little doubt of his getting the office of Receiver. James does not want to spoil his chances at all, & if there is a question

and back before the 4th of March
why, send them here. Are you
going to the Inauguration?
~~Why could you not choose some~~
~~good man there to present~~
~~them for Judges at that time?~~
~~If you would not think best to~~
~~do it yourself~~ I don't see my-
self any reason why you could
not ~~do it~~ use your influence in addition
to that from here. If a civil office &
nothing to do with the Army -
It may be that some one will be
sent out here from the East as
Marshal was, though Austin was
not. I think I shall have to go on
myself & join the ranks of wire
wire-pullers!

It will not do to have these appli-
cations go in unknown to the Representa-
tives & Senators from this northwest.
Elwell expects at present to get Genl. Wallace
& Mr. White, friends of the president-elect
and Mr. Allen our Delegate. James gets
these facts from Mr. Thompson (J.R.) who
is the one person who has managed the
business for Elwell so far, whom

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two weeks after his return to the
White House there was a notification
in the Oregonian that "if Oregonians want
a stone there she had better hurry
up about it." Mrs. Hayes was of the
opinion that there was a stone already
from Oregon, & made a note of the
question, saying it "must be looked up."
She will surely remember this discus-
sion, & so will not have forgotten James.
Mr. John Sherman may not re-
member him.

Now for a word about the record
of Mr. Gray as a pioneer. He was
instrumental in bringing settlers
out here & in connection with Dr.
Whitman saving the state of Oregon
to the United States. He labored
with his wife as missionaries &
kept schools in many localities by
the greatest loss to himself pecuniarily
and now has to be supported by his sons
in his old age. None of his sons
have ever held office under Government
or been recognized in any way, un-
til lately. Henry was a member of the

of the Legislature of Oregon - and Will is Pres. of the Board of Trade at Pasco - This year Henry is going to try for the Custom Office at Astoria that is in Oregon. James wants an office in Washington Territory. Someone suggested the office of United States Marshal, but it may be that some one has already worked for that - & anyway we have a desire to remain here in Vancouver.

The salary is three thousand a year for the Register.

You know what that means for us - complete freedom from the steamboat connection - clearance of debts, & work that will be done here in town with a possibility of a home of our own - After four years matters now under way will be in good condition to pay well, & James begins to hope for better things at last. There is no use to begin already to rejoice, but I feel hopeful.

Your loving daughter
Grace E. H. Gray.

P.S. We find that the time for the expiration of the term of the present incumbent is the latter part of this year. But everything must be getting ready to be presented as soon after the fourth of March as possible - Already there are three men working for this office - one unfortunately has obtained letters from Rev. J. R. Thompson, late Pres. of the Legislative Council of Wash. Ter. & through him communicated with Hon John B. Allen Delegate to Congress. Mr. Thompson says he wishes he had known of James desire for the position before he wrote for Elwell. He would most cheerfully and gladly have forwarded his application. Mr. Elwell thinks he is sure of the Radical delegation - and now will you please write immediately to Gen. Lew Wallace - and get him to write a personal letter? James says he wants all the letters to be addressed to Gen. Harrison. If there is time for these letters to be sent out here

Thompson himself persuaded to make the application, in order, as he said, to beat a bad man with a good one.

The "bad man" is Mr. Wilmarth a man of not good moral character, but who, if let alone would certainly succeed.

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Gray Gracie E. H.

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Farm, Field and Stockman,

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GEN. C. H. HOWARD, EDITOR.
J. W. WILSON, BUSINESS MANAGER.

156 and 158 Washington Street.

Chicago January 14, 1889

Major General, O. O. Howard,

Governors Island, N. Y.

Dear Sir:- Acknowledging receipt of yours of the 12th. Will say that tickets from Omaha to Chicago and return have been mailed to C. O. Howard for self and wife. Will leave yourself and Gen. C. H. to settle the matter between you as he may feel disposed.

Yours Very Truly,

Jas W Wilson

Wilson John
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GEO. H. BRYANT.

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MAX PRACHT,
ASHLAND,
OREGON.

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ans 1/24/89

Ashland, Jan 14 1889

E. St J. Greble
1st Lieut 2d Arty
A. D. C.

My dear Sir

In reply to your favor of the 7th inst I beg leave to say, that while the circumstances of my acquaintance with Maj. Gen. Howard are of so trivial a character as to almost put me to the blush in asking him to renew in the manner indicated in my previous letter, the most generous offer made me at the time, yet the situation is such that I may consistently ask for the favor without perhaps running the risk of being classed among the genus boor which afflicts prominent men in the nation.

My first meeting with the General was on the upper Columbia, in 79 I think when we were fellow passengers on one of the steamboats, subsequently I had

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the pleasure of doing him ever so slight a service when we were fellow passengers on the U. P. Ry bound for the East, an episode of an upper and lower berth, (which I know from a pleasant note recd from him while yet at Black Point, he has not forgotten.) and before we parted at Omaha he kindly volunteered to give me a personal introduction to our then Prest Hayes if my business would allow me to stop over in Washington. this unfortunately was not possible as I was rushed to catch the Liverpool steamer, being en route to Scotland to buy goods for my then concern in San Francisco. of which you will please find card enclosed.

Please tell the General for me, that if he wants New York references as to myself, before granting me, what may now be a decided favor in the matter of an introductory note to Genl Harrison. that I can furnish an abundance of such.

I was a comrade of

Jos A. Thomas

MAX PRACHT,
ASHLAND,
OREGON.

Ashland, ... 188

set # 2.
Funeral to
Burnside

ost # 2. Dept of Cala. until after my removal to Oregon, having since joined Burnside Post # 23 - Dept of Oregon of which I now have the honor of being Commander -

Awaiting your return favor

I am —

Yours Sincerely

Max Brecher

MAX PRACHT,
ASHLAND,
OREGON.

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Head Quarters Ninth Regiment, N. G., S. N. Y.

New York, Jan. 14th 1889.

SEWARD JR. WM.

Colonel Commanding.

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Armory
West 26th St.

HEAD QUARTERS

NINTH REGT.

National Guard State New York

New York January 14 1889

Major General O. O. Howard
Governor's Island. N.Y.

My dear General.

I take the liberty of introducing to you in the bearer of these lines, Captain W. Willcocks of the 9th Regt. N.Y.S.N.G. who desires to confer with you relative to making arrangements for the visit of one of the Companies located on Governors Island to the Armory of this regiment for the purpose of giving an Exhibition drill.

While I do not have the pleasure of an personal acquaintance I am emboldened to address you knowing the interest you take in National Guard organizations and your willingness to promote in every reasonable way their Efficiency. Whatever may be your decision permit me to thank you in advance for any courtesy you show to

Captain Willcock's and to assure you
shall take the earliest opportunity to
express personally my appreciation.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
your obt. Servant
Wm Seward Jr
Col. Commdg

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Jan. 14th 1889

Gen O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir,

Will you kindly send me your autograph on the enclosed papers, to become part of a large collection

and oblige

Yours Respectfully

John B. Wands.

Lord time to read them as this has been a busy day in the office. Writing this will find yourself and family well and with our kind & regards to them I remain as always

Most truly yours
Alex. J. Perry

To
Maj Genl O. O. Howard
Gov Island
N.Y.

Rec'd
Ans.

File

San Francisco Cal
Jan 14th. 89

File
no ans.

My dear General

Your kind note of the 9th instant is at hand. Many thanks for your kind & messages, Mrs Perry & I often refer to the pleasant associations we enjoyed with you and yours, and hope some day they may be renewed.

Chambreau is doing well & is well settled in his new place.—

I enclose as requested the copy of your kind letter recommending me for the Sile-

cession, as you requested, it is as you perceive, addressed to Mr Endicott - and after the fourth of March, as you suggested before you left, it of course would be better to have one addressed differently. I am counting greatly on your help with Mr Harrison and I will write out a memorandum for you giving some points - if you will permit me to do so

I am not surprised at what you say in regard to Tom Phinis expectations, he has always claimed to be a devoted democrat & I presume he counted largely on that, — but of course that will not be so potent a factor now. I presume you will not write the letter to take the place of the one to Endicott until after the Inauguration. So that it may be more direct. I trust it may be some good friend of yours who takes the War Portfolio. I see Alex's name mentioned every now & then. I have just received the papers with your remarks at the Emancipation day celebration — but have not

File on Jan 17 1889

Sing Sing. N. Y.
Jan. 14/89

Genl O. O. Howard -

My Dear Bro. in Christ -

I had thought - to see you on this, hence no congratulatory note from me, on your coming East -

No one is more delighted that you are with us again, than I, one of your old staff -

Cannot - you and Mrs. Howard, come up here and spend the 2d Sabbath of March with us? It will be our Missionary day, & I want - you to speak or preach to our Church people in the A. M. and make an address to the children in the evening when they will bring in their offerings - I will defray your expenses and take good care of you -

Wife and daughter join me in Christian love to you and yours -

Sincerely - W. H. Wicke.
Pastor M. E. Church -

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Mickle W. H.

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Form No. 1.

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Received at 434 Jan 14 1889

Dated N Germantown Pa

To Genl O O Howard

3939 Chest

Will be happy to see

you we dine at six

W. H Merrick

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Merrick W. H.

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David Patten Howard

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Denver, Colo., 910 16th St., Jan 14 1889

Gen O. O. Howard
Governors Island N.Y.

Dear Uncle Otis:—

I rec'd a letter from E.H.& Co. this morning enclosing two notes receipted. One is not due until April 14 so I returned it to them requesting them to return the $50— to you. I can meet the note all right I think when due. I am again working on D.& R.G. Twist publications and am away during the week. Trusting that they will return the Check I remain

Your aff. nephew
O. O. Howard, Jr.

P.S. Helen is well and I am entirely recovered. Love to Aunt Lizzie & the rest.

O. O. H.

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Howard O. O. Jr.

Title

Casey J. C.
Chief of Engineers
U.S.A.

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All Official Letters to this Office should be Addressed to
THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS, U. S. A.,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Office of the Chief of Engineers,
United States Army,

Washington, D. C., Jan 14, 1889.

Major Gen. O. O. Howard,
Commanding Military Division of the Atlantic,
Governor's Island,
New York.

My dear General:

Replying to your letter of the 12th inst, I regret to say that a compliance with your request for a clerk skilled in drawing and map making, &c, is impracticable.

No one possessing the necessary qualifications can be supplied from the employes of this Office, or by the Officers of the Corps of Engineers. These men are paid by special

appropriations for specific purposes, thus rendering their services illegal when employed otherwise than as specified.

For years past this Office has been submitting annual estimates of $25,000. for expenses of Surveys and Reconnoissances and Publication of Maps at Division and Department Headquarters, but without securing any appropriations.

Should the present Session of Congress give such an appropriation, it will give me pleasure to allot for your Division a sum sufficient to hire a skilled draughtsman.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
Thos Lincoln Casey
Brig. Gen., Chief of Engrs.

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Chambreau Edward
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Ans Jan 21st 1889.

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Ans Jan 21/89.

1301½ Larkin St San Francisco
Cal Jan 14th 1889

My Dear General

I have put off writing to you thinking that we would have a change for the better, but no I am sorry to say, that I have a very sick family. First there are not one of us who has see a well day since we left Fort Mason. I have three now of my family confined to their bed. Mrs Chambreau Georgie & Willie, Georgie is very low and she may not recover. Mrs Chambreau is so complitly broken down, that it will take a long time, befor she can build up again. Willie is also sick from the effects of a bad cold. As for myself I have not lost one watch at the Phelen Building since

you left, though I have been very sick, and I am now, but I have taxed my strenght to the at most, and I cannot stand it any longer,
I will see General Perry tommorrow and ask him to put some one in my place for a while.
Now dear General, Brother & Friend, if ever there was a time that I needed help it is at the present time. Ask the Lord in your prayers to sustain me in my affliction.
May the Lord bless & prosper you.
hoping to hear from you soon. I remain your most obedient servent

Edward Chambrean

major General O. O. Howard
Governer Island New York

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The Parsonage,
Fordham,
New York City.

Dear General

We have closed the week of prayer with successful meetings and are quickened to gather up the years work before us. We were sorry that your good purpose to be present with us was defeated, but I know

You are one who has often turned defeat into victory — a letter from Paris this morn brings only good news from my brother Archie & one Saturday letter of my sister Mrs Claflin's gaining her health again in the South — I am

Ever truly yours

W. F. Anderson
Fordham
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you will be able to sound the President on this case informally before regularly filing of the memorial. I think it to be of the highest importance that the matter be kept absolutely secret until you can talk to him about it. If the newspapers get hold of it, they would probably embarass the President, and annoy and injure me.

I believe the claim to be as sound and legal as was ever presented to the government. I know that while trying to leave the service in the cleanest and most conscientious manner, I was treated in a manner that no man can justify; that I have been compelled to journey and labor in the world as a dismissed officer, [did you ever try to imagine what it is to be a dismissed officer?] and in my case with abominable aggravations. I know that I am entitled to have all this undone so far as may be; but who can restore the 28 years blasted by the government?

I find that I have all along been in the army and am entitled to be Colonel of Ordnance; and I feel justified in honor and conscience in demanding all that the law has preserved for me.

I purpose to submit my case to your management so far as you may be willing, and will be glad of any advice that you may give me

Faithfully Your friend
Wm. T. Welcker

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Dear General;

I write you this private and personal letter as a sequence of our interview when I took lunch with you on the eve of your departure from the Pacific.

I did not tell you then — because I could not — of the pleasure, gratitude and admiration with which I received your generous and friendly proffer of your good offices and powerful interposition for me with the new Presidents.

I at once recognized the wisdom of your advice to memorialize the incoming, rather than the outgoing President, and then and there resolved to follow it.

I did tell you how I was surprised by what you said on that occasion, and assured you, and I now repeat it, that I had not expected or desired to draw from you even an expression of your own opinion: I simply desired to know what

you supposed would be the reception my application would meet with from public sentiment in the army and elsewhere.

I had previously had a similar interview with another officer of rank and experience, but one whose life and views I apprehend to be very different from your own. I don't say this to disparage him, for I have most kindly feelings towards him. My interview with him on this subject was the result of his saying to me quite unexpectedly: "Weleker, they had no right to dismiss you!" In both cases I was taken quite aback by most cordial and generous offers of assistance in my restoration. In the first instance I asked the officer what were his politics, and was astonished by his answering "I am a Democrat!" This made my fear that partisan feeling perhaps had made his judgement too favorable to me; and I desired to get the judgement of some one deeply imbued with the principles of the Republican party.

That and other considerations, notably that I knew I should receive from you a frank and conscientious answer whether favorable or not, caused me to take the liberty of asking your opinion.

I enclose with this note a synopsis of my memorial to the President. I will forward a day later by registered mail a copy of that document, which I have at last succeeded in cutting down to 8 pages of legal cap. I hope you will read the synopsis, and after work the memorial. I think the points of the synopsis are all established in the memorial. But I request that you will point out any errors, defects and objectionable matter which you may discover, so that I may amend it in time.

Although I can ill afford the expense, I suppose that I ought to go to Washington about this matter. Would it be well for me to be there at the inauguration? and if not how soon afterwards? I hope

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I have left vacant the name in the agency and at the end of the memorial for fear of premature disclosure by accident. Should it be necessary from any cause to insert the same I request you to do so for me, and this shall be your power of attorney to do so. Wm. T. Wilcker

To Major Genl O O Howard New York. } Berkeley, Cal. January 16th 1889

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