Saturday Evening

Maj. Earl C. Howard
Dear Earl,

Your communication of yesterday and this P.M. is received with the kind expression of a compliment which would give me more pleasure than to think of Earl, Munamaker about you.

My best respects my thanks by using the language of a Frenchman who wished to acknowledge a compliment said "You do me proud"

Post Master Earl, Munamaker was in the O. Yoke Post Office to-day. He was expected by D. J. Smith in my letter to you a few days since. About thirty years ago I
Little Rock Ark

June 1, 89

General Howard
Governor's Island, N. Y. 91.

Sir,

I hope you will pardon the liberty I take in addressing you. I am an old soldier's wife. My husband enlisted early in the war and served 3 years in Co. G. 9th Maine Vol. and 1 year in Hancock's Veteran Corps, and has been almost continuously in the service ever since, 26 ½ years. Recently this company was transferred to your division and it was informed that an enlisted man's wife could not get quarters in the
Garrison. I am well acquainted in Little Rock, as Co. C. was stationed here from 1876 to 1880. I was then a laundress in the company, I know that the impression prevails among the citizens here that when a soldier's wife is not permitted to live in the garrison, it must be for some serious cause.

Now General I appeal to you for aid, and I ask it in the name of the Stars and Stripes that my faithful soldier husband has fought and died for. I have been with my husband in Co. C. Under 3 different Captains, Capt. Sigent, Pratt, and Bishop, and this is the first time I have been refused quarters. My husband has forwarded a request to your staff through his Captain asking permission to occupy the 3d Sergt. quarters, there are other vacant rooms in the garrison that I would be glad to live in if I were allowed to.

My husband can retire in 3½ years from now, and we are trying to save all the money we can to buy us a home in our old age, if I have to live in town and pay rent it will take at least $8 or $10 dollars per month.

 Hoping you will act favorably upon this request is the fervent prayer of your humble servant.

Mary M. Bradfield
San Jose, Cal., June 1st, 1887

Gen. O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir: I trust that you will not consider me impertinent in addressing you on a subject which concerns me very closely, while not acquainted with you personally I have often heard of you at the Y.M.C.A. in San Francisco, where you lectured and feel that you will sympathize with the feelings which lead me to address you.

It has been the one ambition of my life to enter the West Point Academy and for the last two years I have devoted all my energies to preparing myself for the entrance examinations. There was to have been a competitive trial in the Kansas Congregational Dist. in which I resided, but unfortunately for me before the time set for the examination arrived our family was forced to move West to Cal.

This was a great disappointment to me as I have no friends or influence here now.
Practically speaking and the competitive examination in this district is in the distant future; that being the case there is no chance for me except by a Presidential appointment of which I have heard there are few, not at present, being able to raise money sufficient to go to Washington. I have nowhere else to write to some influential person like yourself, who might, perhaps, be willing to aid me without money and without price, not in a monetary way but with their influence, if possible I would like to enter in June 1890. I am nineteen years of age can furnish the best of reference as to character etc., and should be very happy if you care to reply to this letter.

Very Respectfully,

Lyn A. Washburne
138 E. St. James St.
San Jose, Cal.
Dated.

Brooklyn June 1st, 1889.

Maj Gen'l A. A. Howard, U. S. F.
Governor's Island, N. Y.

My Dear General.

The children's day in Brooklyn will be next Wednesday, when it will be one of the most beautiful sights you and your good family ever witnessed as they march by the reviewing stand on Clinton and Lafayette Avenues where I have procured tickets for yourself and family to witness it. Mr. Smith and myself would be pleased to have you come to Brooklyn and lunch with us at my house on Washington and Green Aves. The green and gates open face the door. The house is a corner one with a fountain in front by which you will easily recognize it. If convenient for you to come, be at the house between 12 and 1 o'clock. The only apology I can offer for troubling you with invitations is that we are all exceedingly fond of General Howard and his family.

Very sincerely yours,

A. G. Smith.
S. Y. June 1st 1889

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly oblige me with your autograph so that I may give it a place amongst my collection of autographs of distinguished men of the world. Hoping to receive an early reply, I am,

Yours truly,

John P. Nies

Gen. O. O. Howard
Governors Island
N. Y.
June 5, 1889

Dear O. C. Howard

1st Brigade
1st Div., U. S. A.

My Dear Sir,

As I write the gloomy morning of June 15, 1862, I wish to mind the date on which was fought the memorable battle of Fair Oaks, on which occasion, unknown to your memory, a member of the First Brigade of the Fifty-fifth Illinois Vols., I assisted Surgeon Sprout in the amputation of your arm, and now and then I have frequently (annually) occurred to me the idea of communicating with you on this never-to-be-forgotten anniversary, the propriety of writing, simply to advise you that all the "Boys" are not yet the subject of "Decoration day ceremonies" and although twenty seven years have now
elapsed, the juvenile spirit still prevails, notwithstanding the fact that the hair is turning gray and the joints are growing stiff.

Your record, which has been clearly observed by me, in the quiet walks of a merchantile life in the Pennsylvania oil field, has been followed with pleasure, and I feel proud at recalling the part taken by me in doing what little lay in a private power to alleviate the suffering of one of our Country's honored leaders.

It seems to me that now I have commenced this long deferred letter, almost impossible to suppress a series of reminiscences of the scenes taking place, during that Civil Strife, but as my letter has already taken
up possibly too much of your time, I will bring it to a close, simply hoping it may be accepted in the spirit which prompts its writing and that yours may be a long and happy life.

Yours Fraternally

H. R. Radebach
Received at 2:05 P.M., June 1, 1889.

Dated Boston, Mass.

To Mr. Geo. O. Howard

Your Island very

Anticipate with much pleasure seeing you Monday. Haut

Brunswick Most Convenient

To Berkeley Temple.

William A. Paine
Washington, D.C.
June 1st, 1889

My dear Sir,

I write you some days ago requesting that you would in general terms give me a letter of recommendation to Mr. John Newman for that my services under you in the Freedmen's Bureau at Washington and Tennessee Va. were acceptable &c. I lost my right arm as you know at Fredericksburg, Va. Dec 13th 62. and in the Pay Dept. when I have been employed since I left Va. I have been advanced up to the year 1874 to the grade of Class 3 $1,000. per annum. But have children yet to educate one of whom I wish being now at the St. Mary Female College and I amid it is pretty hard to help square up.
I am very sorry to hear that your health is not improving. I hope that you will soon be able to resume your normal activities. In the meantime, please take care of yourself and do not hesitate to seek medical advice if necessary.

The news from the city is still the same. There are no signs of improvement in the situation. However, the government is working hard to find a solution. I am confident that they will find a way to resolve the crisis.

I have been hearing about the political situation in Europe. It seems that there is a lot of unrest and uncertainty. I hope that the situation will improve soon.

Please keep me updated on your progress. I am thinking of you and hope to hear from you soon.

Yours sincerely,
[Signature]
She wrote, "If you could say a kind word on my signature in my behalf as you have done so many times before, it might aid me now. I think when I sent all my papers to Arch Schofield he will also endorse as you know the hard change of the registration in several counties of the - held the first elections (as Supreme Court) for delegates to the Constitutional Convention. I held to nothing you my dear General, but I hope you will try to aid me as I believe there will be an opportunity for my advancement after July 17. I send the recommendation to me that I may place it with Hon. P.B. Reed, after I am now a citizen of his Dist. Old orchard Beach me, Very truly and respectfully,

Your Old Est.

Sara Ann Clay & P. Clayman. A. MacArthur
Montgomery Ala June 14th 1889

General C. C. Howard
Commanding Division of the States
Governor Island N.Y.

Dear Friend: I entertain for you the warmest regard and cherish the most tender recollections of you as a friend and benefactor. Your kindness and sympathy for the while at Howard University will always deserve the immortal gratitude of my heart. I am at present engaged in the grocery business at Montgomery. I am now a married man and have for my wife a former school mate at Howard. We have two interesting little children— a little boy and a bright and beautiful little girl in Heaven. On leaving Howard I entered the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and held the important position of Deputy Collector for a number of years in this city and by reason of my efficiency and fidelity to duty found entire satisfaction. Many of my Republican friends in this State, white and colored, now endorse me for the position of Receiver of Public Monies at Montgomery. I would greatly appreciate a letter from you to President Harrison.
Making my qualification for the position
Should I fail to induce the President
and find favor, I trust you will send
your letter direct to the President
and forward to me a copy of the
same. I have in my possession
a letter from Senator Russell of
Missouri stating that he will say to
the President that I am entirely
qualified for the place and Gent.
I shall feel proud of your en-
dorsement.

My mother joins me in kind regards to you.

Sincerely yours,

Nathan Howard Alexander
No. 5511 Washington Street
Montgomery, Ala.
June 21st, 1889.

Geil O. O. Howard

My dear Comrade-

I had purposed writing you on the 31st ult. and to express to you, not only my own thanks, but the thanks of the Comrades of our Post for the earnest words you were kind enough to speak to us at the tomb of Gen'l Grant on Memorial Day.

It did all the Comrades good to see and hear you — and I was thankful by very many of them for the privilege they had enjoyed — trusting we may also have the pleasure of seeing you at some of our Encampments. I remain

Very sincerely and patriotically yours,

George A. Price

Commander.