New York June 9th, 1869

Dear sir,

would you please be kind enough to give me some work in the army building, cleaning or scrubbing. My husband has been out of work for 8 months and cannot get any thing to do. He cannot pass civil service. I have a large family of six children by giving me some work to do or get my husband work you would be doing an act of charity. My husband has been a Republican since he has had a vote; he belongs to the grand army to Wade post 520. Myself belongs to the Woman Relief Corp. No. 13. Wadsworth. I was advised to go and see you and it was so far I thought I would.
write to you first and see what
you could do for me or my husband
who can furnish you with the best
of reference. I will close hoping
to hear from you soon.
Mrs. Smith, 224 West 17th
New York City.

File
Around by Mr. Bovee and
offering work cleaning.
To: Mr. St. John

My nephews, Aaron Emerson and Henry, wish very much to take a photograph of the interior of Yat Spratly, in Staten Island. It has since been told on the premises that it is against the rules to permit anything of the kind. Is this a mere form to prevent intrusion, or are permits given in special cases? The reason why my nephews' special interest in this fortification is, that it was named after my great-grandfather, Sir. Spratling. Will you, then, inform me whether it can be honestly accomplished, and how? If it can be done, you, will deem the privilege, Sir.
I take the liberty of asking that
from or of you.
Place Address
Miss J. J. Cocke
Pitts Station,
Balt. Co.
Mississauga, Ont.

June 10th [1889]

Miss

Compressed Musk

10
June 10, 1859

General O. O. Howard
Governor Island
New York

My dear Sir:

Allow me, as an officer of the Young Men’s Christian association of New Jersey, to thank you for your interest in its welfare, as evidenced by your promised visit on Sunday next the 16th inst. to address a Union meeting of the churches in the interest your need for building. Regarding the trains I would say that the one on the
New York & New Haven Road (as per tickets enclosed) leaving New York at 5 P.M. in the best—You will be met upon arrival at Mt. Vernon, and be the guest of one of our Directors. Should you have to return this same evening the 10 1/2 will be the best train, reaching Phil. about 10 1/2. I have asked you to remain over until the morning.

That you may have some idea of the situation, I send you herewith extracts from our last annual report, a summary of the works to James" of the present fiscal year, need a brief statement of the condition of the building fund.

I am

Your sincerely,

[Signature]
Extracts from the Report of the Mount Vernon Association
for the year ending September 30th, 1888.

Attendance at Association rooms [including devotional meetings]...........3532
Attendance at Sunday afternoon meetings........................................2180
Requests for prayer.................................................................17
Confessed Christ............................................................................15
United with the Church.................................................................11
Employment found for.......................................................................9
Directed to Boarding-houses..........................................................30
Boys' attendance at rooms............................................................3028
Attendance at Boys' Sunday afternoon meetings..............................815

September 30th, 1888 to June 1st, 1889.

Attendance at Association rooms [including devotional meetings].........4427
Requests for prayer.........................................................................13
Confessed Christ.............................................................................5
United with the Church...................................................................4
Employment found for.......................................................................8
Directed to Boarding-houses............................................................13
Otherwise assisted..........................................................................13
Total membership...........................................................................127
Boys' attendance at rooms [including devotional meetings]..........1563
Boys converted.................................................................................2

On account of having to move, and taking temporary quarters in the gymnasium
of the unfinished building, the work shows no recent growth.

THE BUILDING.

Total cost, including site and furnishing.........................................$40,000.
Total amount of subscriptions.......................................................$12,000.
Two years loan..............................................................................$15,000.
$23,000.
Amount needed to complete.........................................................$12,000. ✻

✻ We have decided to make an appeal for $14,000 - all subscriptions to be payable quarterly during the next two years, thereby allowing a margin of $2,000 for chaffage etc.
Excerpts from the report of the Women's Veteran Association

For the year ending September 30th, 1938

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Attendance at Association Home (Including General Meeting)

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September 30th, 1938 to June 30th, 1939

Attendance at Association Home (Including General Meeting)

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The Building

Total cost of construction and furnishings

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*Note: Additional notes and calculations are present at the bottom of the page.*
Amesbury, Mass., June 10, 1889.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,
My Dear General,

Permit me to introduce myself as one of your "boys" of 1861—being one of the original members of C Company (Capt. Jarvis). It was my good fortune to serve under you and your successors to the colonelcy of that dear old regiment—the Third Maine—during its entire term of service.

I regretted exceedingly that I was unable to see you at the time you made your call on our esteemed townsman and poet John G. Whittier a year ago. I think Mr. Whittier has given me to understand...
that, should you call upon him again, he will endeavor to notify me.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Y.M.C.A. Association a committee of three were chosen to arrange for a proper observance of the Anniversary of the Association to be held Sunday, September 8th, 1889. At a meeting of this committee (of which I am a member) I was delegated to correspond with you, and, if possible, obtain your consent to deliver the address.

We believe that our Association is doing a good work among our...
Amesbury, Mass., 1889.

Young men, but we are handi-
capped for want of suitable
rooms.

Our business men respond quite
liberally with their subscriptions
but fail in giving the work that
moral and religious support so
much desired.

We are therefore desirous, if within
our financial means, of securing
some one who will draw them
out to this service and then per-
suade to more activity in this
branch of the Master's work. We
feel assured that you can do
this. The only question with us
is the financial one.
Amesbury, Mass., 1889.

We have a membership of nearly 200, and by judicious management have succeeded in meeting all expenses. We shall esteem it a pleasure, indeed, to be able to report to the Committee, at an early date, your willingness to respond, and also the probable expense to the Association.

Pardon me General, if I have encroached too much upon your valuable time and charge it to the account of one of your soldier boys who is now trying to do his humble duty in the great army of Prince Emmanuel, and believe me ever yours to command.

G. T. Morrill
10

Ymla.

Morrill Sea.

Tell
Col. Howard, T. A.,

Camps, Med. Div. Atlantic

Dear Colonel:

I am glad to see you coming to the meeting.

Col. King (Secretary) says not having from you he had asked the Defense to speak at the Court of the United States, the President. He has no definite time yet from the Defense. If he does not speak at that Court I think you ought to leave it. Instead I think you ought to try any case. But there is another Court, the Army and Navy which stands next in importance, if that would come up, I am sure you do not have the first.

You need not stick to the tent you know. Say what you like on any topic. It will all be right.

I shall go to Orange Tuesday evening.

New York, June 10, 1889.
Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Please come to "Park Hotel" near "Ormea Station".

[Signature]
New York, June 10, 1889

Major General O. O. Howard U.S.W.
Commanding Department of the Atlantic
Governors Island
N.Y.W.

General

Recording Sec. Col. Horatio King of the Society of the Army of the Potomac informed me that you would be present at the reunion of the Society at Orange N.J. next Monday. As the 11th Army Corps was not represented at the last reunion at Gettysburg and many comrades of the above Corps being desirous to keep up the organization have commissioned me to ask you whether you would have the kindness to participate at the business meeting at 10:30 a.m. next Tuesday and whether you would consent again to become the leader of the 11th Corps in the Society of the Army of the Potomac.

An early reply by wire or mail will greatly oblige your old and loyal servant,


1st Reg. 36th N.Y. Inf. 1st Arty N.Y. Vol.
June 10th 1889

Searcy,

The regiment will march to
Brooklyn and to establish a line
of entrenchments before and near
the Brooklyn Bridge on Thursday, June 13th, at
6:30 PM.

If you are living to see the
initial attack of a National Guard
unit on bands of demoralized enemy
by its own officers, I shudder
at my present belief to turn you
 accompany me and while I cannot
exam the location of cot, hotel, and
resorts to make you as comfortable
as possible.

Very sincerely yours,

David C. Hunter
Col. Command

Sgt. M. N. Harmon
Corrs. Dist. Allerton
Pacific Gas Improvement Co.
Corner of Annie & Stevenson Streets.
Adjoining the Palace Hotel on the West.
San Francisco, June 10, 1887.

Major General O. O. Howard, W. S. Army.
Governor Idaho.
New York Harbor.

I have the honor to
of this date, on their New York Office for $16,000.00, in payment of
Dividends No. 1, upon your 40 shares of $10.00 each in this Company.

Very respectfully yours,

[Signature]

J. M. Livingston, Secretary.
June 10, 1899

Washington, D.C.

Maj. Gen. Howard,

Dear Friend,

It is not my purpose now to worry you with my letters or to provoke you into a correspondence. So kindly consider what I am about to say as merely a suggestion and there let the matter rest.

I was sorry to note in your last that you had any such idea that Dr. Rankin was too old to undertake the work of getting Howard University on a broad and strong foundation equal to the great opportunities of the case. Some dozen years ago Dr. Patton was not thought at the same age too old and he yet has the vigor and life of an ordinary man of forty. It is a very marvel to me that with the magnificent opportunities before him when he came to Washington that he should have put his aims and plans on such a distressingly low level and in the past few years has found so much time to make such grave blunders as in his semi political article on the Civil Rights Act and his leadership in the new crusade towards Universalism.

But we will pass over his astonishing career in Washington with all its bad results, including the almost wreckoage of the first Church, and come back to Dr. Rankin. The minister here have a mean saying about the "dead line of 50" by which they imply that after a man has passed that climacteric he is on the down grade mentally as well as physically. Now there may be some general truth in all this saying which is as old as Horace, but it is not an absolute truth. Dr. Rankin has, humanly speaking, some ten years of good work in him; his record in the past is fine; his popularity in Washington almost unbounded; his ability as an or-
June 10th

Dear Mr. Godfrey,

I'm sorry to hear that you haven't had any success with the suggestion to me that you took from me. However, I must say that I do not think it was a good idea. The suggestion was made in the hope that I might be able to help you with some of your problems.

I'd like to offer my sincere apologies for any inconvenience that you might have suffered as a result of my suggestion. I understand that you have been working very hard on your project and that you have had some setbacks. I hope that you are able to overcome these difficulties.

I am sure that you will find a solution to your problem that is satisfactory to you. Please let me know if there is anything that I can do to assist you.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Sanizer and worker I consider first class; his hold on the conservative, large
hearted and benevolent in this land is strong; his scholarship fair; his intellec-
tual fitness beyond the average. For all and in all you cannot find a man, as
it seems to me, who has more of the desired qualifications and less of the objec-
tionable characteristics than Dr. Rankin. Any other man has got to learn all the
needs and possibilities of the situation. Dr R. knows them all now, and can if
elected, as easily take the helm at once as if he had been on deck always.

To help you to easy reading of what that grand old poet, Longfellow, says
about men being too old for work, let me call your attention to his famous lines in
"Morituri Salutamus".

But why you ask me, should this tale be
told
To men grown old, or who are growing
old?
It is too late! Ah, nothing is too late
Till the tired heart shall cease to palpi-
tate.

Cato learned Greek at eighty; Sophocles
Wrote his grand OEdipus, and Simonides
Bore off the prize of verse from his com-
pers,
When each had numbered more than
fourscore years,
And Theophrastus, at fourscore and ten,
Had but begun his Characters of Men
Chaucer, at Woodstock with the night-
ingales,
At sixty wrote the Canterbury Tales:  
Goethe at Weimar, toiling to the last,  
Completed Faust when eighty years were past.  
These are indeed exceptions; but they show  
How far the gulf-stream of our youth may flow  
Into the arctic regions of our lives,  
Where little else than life itself survives.

And have you recently seen in the newspapers that Rev. Dr. Edward Beecher, pastor at Parkville church, in New York, is 88 years old, and though six weeks ago he broke his leg, yet Sunday before last was able to preach a rousing sermon.

No, my dear General, you must find some better excuse than old age before you reject Dr. Rankin, and if you knew over and above all else I have said how much we need his good and wise counsels down here in matters religious and theological you would feel yet more inclined to send him here. At the rate of downward progress since Dr. R. left it will take but a few years to give Universalism and infidelity such a hold here that some of our churches can call themselves Temple of Reason, and loudly preach the Gospel of Tom Paine and Voltaire, without any sentimental use of cheap phrases to hide the real meaning of their utterances.

Yours truly

dictated
Howard University.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 10, 1889.

DEAR SIR:

A sufficient number of Trustees to conform to the By-Laws requiring the President to call a special meeting of the Trustees of HOWARD UNIVERSITY having made request to that effect, a meeting of said Trustees will be held at the office of the President on June 17th, at 7.30 o'clock P. M., to consider the question of the Presidency of the Institution, and other matters pertaining to instruction.

By order of the President.

J. B. JOHNSON,
Secretary
Howard University Fels
File.
New York, June 11, 1889

Dear General Howard,

I never beg except in behalf of the Y.M.C.A.

My query now is: can the steamer, Chester A. Arthur, be used for the Outing Club of the Y.M.C.A. of this city on July 4th, and if so, at what price? The boys have decided to go to the Atlantic Highlands for the day, but find it hard to get a boat such as they need. I thought we expect to be in camp, at the Highland, at that time and we shall do what we can for those who come. Only members of the Association can, probably not more than 100, under the course, it will be part of the arrangement.
ment that an Army Office must come on the occasion. In this case it would greatly delight the boys to have you and any or all of your family go.

Can you let me know about this within a day or two?

Yours truly,

Harford Crawford

Maj. Ad. Howard,
Governor's Island.
June 11, 1889.

My dear General:-

I was sorry that you had to hurry off from the Philadelphia Convention. Your presence would have been a great help to the Convention, if you could have remained. I was very glad, however, to have you open the Convention and start us off in good shape. The Convention was very large and very successful in every respect except financially. We received but $6,000 in new subscriptions and that left $13,000 to be provided to carry us the rest of the year.

In sending the enclosed blank, I would call to your mind the fact that you have been giving us a generous subscription of $50.00 a year, and we would like you to do for us what you feel you can, consistent with the many other calls, which I know, come to you, and which you can, so far as you can respond to.

I enclose slip cut from a paper written by Mr. Mc-Williams of Brooklyn, giving a very good idea of the world-wide work which our Committee is now carrying on.

Hoping you are well, I am

Truly yours,

Thomas E. Cess
The honor of your company is requested to meet the Society of the Army of the Potomac at its Annual Reunion, to be held in the City of Orange, New Jersey, on June twelfth and thirteenth, 1889.

George Gray, Chairman.

Gardner R. Colby.
Henry Graves.
D. A. Heald.
Hamilton Wallis.
William Paxson, M.D.

Edward E. Sage.
L. F. Fell.
C. G. Kidder.
A. H. Ryan.
Geo. H. Hartford.

Please send reply to

Edward E. Sage, Secretary.
Hillside Avenue, Orange, N.J.
June 12th, 1889

Dear O. O. Howard,

Governor Island, N.Y.

My dear Sir:

We expect to celebrate our second anniversary July 14th. Will it not be possible for you to be with us on that occasion and deliver an association address?

We hope to make this an interesting and helpful time to our association and we need just
just such stirring patriotic remarks to brace up the work as you can give.

By such work the increasing interest will develop into action for a building.

P.S. In case your time is limited you could leave New York 3:30 P.M. Nov. 13th. Directly through on the Saratoga Express. Return by Sleeper arrive in New York at 7:00 A.M. Monday.

Fraternally yours,

A.B. Altman

[Signature]

[Date]
Gen. O.O. Howard
Washington D.C.

Hon. Sir,

I beg your attention for one minute. If I am right you were in command of the 16th Army Corps during the latter part of the late war. My father, Thos Clancy, was enrolled in 1861, 90th Ill. Vol., at Galena, Ill., on the 26th of August 1862, and was transferred to the Signal Service in Feb. 1862. He was in the 16th Corps under your command. While there he received an injury by his horse falling with him from which he died in the spring of 1863. My mother has applied for a pension. The Department requires evidence from some of his comrades who knew him at the time of the accident. If you will kindly inform me how I can find the address of those who were with him, I have written
The Adjutant Gen of the Army says there is no such organization known to that office as the 16th Signal Corps. I have heard my father say there were but six of them altogether and all Strangers to him. So you see the difficulty in finding any of them. I addressed letters to him "Carl O.O. Howard." If you will consider this and give me some information it will greatly oblige yours very respectfully

J.W. Clancy
27 Grove St., NEW YORK, June 12th, 1889.

Dear Sir:

A special meeting of the Executive Committee of the American Sabbath Union will be held Monday next (June 17) 3.30 P.M., at 23 Park Row, City.

Your presence is earnestly desired.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Sec’y Executive Comm.
Congregational Library.

June 12th, 1889.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

My dear Sir:-

An effort is being made by various denominations to have the number of army chaplains increased by law to one hundred.

The matter is to be brought before our Congregational State Association next week and I do not know the merits of the case. May I ask your opinion as a favor to myself whether it is wise to petition Congress for this increase?

Whatever you may say, I shall regard as personal for myself, unless you are willing that I should state your opinion. May I beg the favor of an early answer for the sake of so important a question?

With great respect.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

[Handwritten name]
Augusta, A. J.
File

Washington, June 24th

My Gent & Co. New
Governor of N. Y. & Co.

My dear Gent:

I send you by the mail a paper pub-
lished here by a colored man
by the name of Chase, in
which is copied a confiden-
tial letter written to me by
you, at the time you were
kind enough to send me
this testimonial. None of the
statements are true excepting
your letter, nor do I care
anything about them. I myself
personally, but it looked
to me that some one had
formed some from you a coat
and was endeavoring...
being discredit upon me through the public press with a private correspondent, and at the same time I wish to call your attention to the man that has violated your confidence.

I remain very respectfully,

[Signature]

1319 [Address]
New York, June 12, 1889


Dear Sir:

Would you kindly inform me what steps are necessary to procure a permit to visit Governors Island for several lady friends and myself? We would like to make our visit on Saturday afternoon if possible so your early attention would much oblige.

Yours very respectfully,

J. H. Collier

109 E. 65 St.

N.Y.

P.S. Our party will consist of 14 or 15 persons.