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To General O. O. Howard
Please reply.
McLellan John

Friday, 2.30 P.M.
5 July 1889

Dear General,

I enquired for your son, and learning that he was in Hospital, stopped there this afternoon while making my rounds as officer of the day. I found him asleep in his bed — and was
informed by the Stewards that he was suffering with a bilious attack, not very sick, and would probably be out of Hospital in a day or two.

Sincerely yours,

John Mitchell.
Young Men's Christian Association,
64 & 68 Fourth Avenue,
Mt. Vernon, N. Y.,

July 1st, 1889

Gen. O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir:

We wish to acknowledge your subscription of $60. given at the Union Service on Sunday evening, the 16th inst., for the purpose of completing the Building for this Association.

When you desire to remit all or any part of the above, kindly do so to Mr. C. M. Moseman, Treasurer.

Thanking you in behalf of the Association for your co-operation, I am

Yours truly,

[Signature]
Santa Cruz, California
July 1st, 1889

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Comdgy. Dept. of the Atlantic
New York City

In forwarding the enclosed letter written to you by Mrs. Hamilton, I beg leave to state

That this letter refers to her brother Otis Smith, late First Sqr. Co. D, 8th Michigan
Infy. Vol. Who was allowed Pension Cap. 741795

It is now under consideration upon his application for an increased rate of something more

That the present rate is $8 per month.

That said pension, Otis Smith now resides at Sempel, in this County. That

I have visited him, and made personal inquiry and examination as to his condition and needs.

He not only suffers from the effects of wounds, but is in addition so emaciated that debilitated from

Chronic sickness as to require the constant care and help of an attendant. His real rank
was that I am inclined to amend his application to conform to the facts.

This case is certainly one that calls for immediate action in the way of an order for an examination for increased rate. And as this is all that this old soldier asks for (an immediate examination), I feel the more at liberty to ask that you will kindly forward this letter, with the enclosures, backed by a few words from yourself, to the Commissioner of Pensions.

I have the honor to be General

Very respectfully,

[Signature]

John [Last Name]
Georgetown, Md. July 1st, 1887.

Major General Howard
United States Army:

Your kind letter is received, for which I am grateful. General Sherman and General Meigs have both given me their recommendations to the Secretary of War. If I should be selected for the position, I hope that with the honored assistance I shall be useful in it.

With great respect,
Sincerely and thankfully yours,

M. D. Howard.
Los Angeles July 1/89

Oscar Howard
San Francisco

Dear Sir,

There must be some mistake about the within enclose letter of yours. I am the only Somes staffing at the New Vatick House. I have lived here a long time but do not know W.T. Somes.

Yours very truly,

W.T. Somes
THE MILITARY SERVICE INSTITUTION
of the United States,
Governor's Island, N. Y. H.,
July 1, 1888.

Sir:

In the Journal of this Institution, for July, appears an article entitled "Mobilization." The tenor of this paper and of recent articles in the public press, convey an impression that the operation of concentrating troops in New York, for the Centennial Parade, was entirely successful and may serve as a model for a scheme of mobilization in time of War. The criticism has been made however, that such publications do harm by omitting to notice faults as well as the commendable features of a military movement. It is claimed that by too flattering comment the public is lulled into a false sense of security, hitherto the most serious obstacle in the way of providing for the National Defense.

With the view of deriving the utmost profit, as a professional study, from the history of this military operation the Publication Committee invites your remarks under the following and such other heads as may occur to you:

1. Give designation and station of your command.
2. When was the earliest reliable information of the contemplated movement received at your Headquarters.
3. When was the official order received.
4. What preparations (including transportation arrangements) were made under above information.

Some of these queries have been framed for Co. of State Troops.
The Military Service Institution

of the United States

Governor's Island, N. Y.

July 1, 1889

Sir:

I have the honor to submit to you the report of this paper and to request your favorable comments and suggestions upon it. The report on which this paper is based is that of a committee appointed by the War Department to inquire into the subject of the maintenance of the National Guard as a force of national defense. The report is the result of a careful study of the subject, and the committee have made a thorough investigation of the matter. The report is in the form of a series of recommendations, and I have the honor to submit it to you for your consideration.

I am, etc.,

[Signature]
5. When did movement commence, and when and by what route did your command reach New York.

6. Describe uniform-dress, arms etc.

7. Is your command now provided with complete field equipment.

8. Have you a field train or any wheeled transportation.

9. How was your command quartered and subsisted during absence from its station.

10. What violation of orders or other deficiencies did you observe.

11. What suggestions would you make (as the result of your experience) for future attempts at mobilization.

In order to afford sufficient space in the Journal it is suggested that the remarks of each contributor be limited to 1,500 words and be accompanied by the name of the writer for publication, or not, as he may prefer.

Contributions on this subject should reach this office on or before August 1st, 1889.

Very respectfully, Your obedient servant,

J. H. Rodenburgh
B'vt Brig.-Gen., U. S. A.

Secretary, M. S. I.

To
Major Gen. O. O. Howard
U.S. Army
Mr. Service Institution

Rodmanough J. F.

When your movement commence, any way, and by what route, all

Desire uniform clothes, arms, etc.

Are you in your command now provisioned with complete field equipment?

Have you a field staff or any necessary equipment?

How were your command distributed and supervised during a campaign?

From this action:

What notice of orders or other instructions did you receive?

What suggestions would you make as the result of your experience

Increasing the number of infantry and the strength of the division.

In order to allow additional space in the camp, it is

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words and be accompanied by the name of the writer for publication.

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or before August 1st.

Very respectfully, Your obedient servant,

[Signature]


Sec. of War.

To

[Signature]
Mt. Pleasant, N.C.
July 1st, 188...

Major General O.O. Howard:

Dear Sir,

I was very agreeably surprised to receive so kind a letter from you, one who I suppose would send me the information I desired and care not what ever came of it.

I took your gentle rebuke to heart and told my parents I was thinking of a military life and took their advice. I am going to school two more years at when I will graduate and be 19 years old, leaving me time still to do whatever I desire.
I have given up the Army for the present but have a friend who desires to know what are the requirements to get in the Army. He says he could not stand the examination, if he desired to go to West Point. He desires to know how to get in the Army & whether he can be sure of getting in before he leaves here. He says he would prefer it to the blacksmith shop in which he is now. He is stout & well built and I think would make a good soldier.

Please answer and oblige.

Herbert E. Barrier
Mt. Pleasant
Cabarrus Co.
N.C.
WAR DEPARTMENT,
PAYMASTER GENERAL’S OFFICE,

July 1st, 1889

O. O. Howard
Major General M.A.
Governor Island
N.Y.

SIR:

Your accounts for mileage have been received and, as the appropriation for mileage is exhausted, will be placed on file for payment as soon as Congress shall provide the necessary funds.

Very respectfully,

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Paymaster General, U.S.A.
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Sir,

Your favor of June 29, expressing, although it is expressions complimentary to me, Jane, nevertheless, my much disappointed in its tone regarding the marting of the lines of battle of the Army of Northern Virginia at Gettysburg. In fact, I depend upon your sending a strong letter approving the plan of completing the marting of that important field early in day. I have received letters of the marting character from Ex. Governor Alger of Michigan, Ex. Governor Hamlin of Minnesota, Ex. Governor Hommer of Maine and Major General John E. Robins of New York. Besides others, no person of lesser note, served kindly enough to use their influence to secure the passage of an appropriations bill.

I suppose, however, that I must expect adverse opinions. It has occurred to me that my views may not have been sufficiently explicit in describing the object of the marting for Confederate organizations. I desired to convey the idea that the marting would be plain and simple for historic purposes, that it already forms an open letter opposing the erection of a number of at
Bacheleder John 18

Fighting by the dead and the great to commemorate bravery, in
which God, was more concerned, to the omission of a monument
at Gettysburg whose legend goes. The poem honored to the man
who fought against the flag, as to the man that fought for it.

Nonetheless, I am in favor of preserving all the
details for historic purposes, not only of the trails but of the
battlefields. This can only be done by making every effort
spent on the field, while it can be done with solecism.

Last summer I attended the 250th anniversary of the settlement of
the Town of Hampton N.Y. History describes many points of
interest, old forts, Block-houses &c. But not one of them can
be definitely located. Could they be, it would greatly add to the
attractiveness of that old Summer resort. And to Gettysburg
would be very much more interesting 250 years from
now if not only the lives of trait, but the names of command
were inscribed.

When I commenced my Ignoritius Dream of Gettysburg
"wise men" shook their heads, I shall never forget to express
of incredulity on General Meade's command men who
repeal at his headquarters at Brandy Station, and that
who I prepared to do. But today it is an accomplished
fact, and all my friends those positive laid down, with company
for command. Then I advocated the making of the positions
of regiment. Sleper looked at each other with a knowing look, one
said I was a "crank," because the thing had never been done.

Thus spent the best part of a lifetime in developing and plains
Gettysburg. The result is best shown by comparing that field with the
battlefield, I now desire to round up a life work by completing the
making of the field, and I confidently hope for the assistance of every
action of the army of the Potomac. Very truly yours,

L. E. Bacheleder
Headquarters U. S. Military Academy,

West Point, N. Y., July 2, 1887.

General O. O. Howard,
Governor's Island, N. Y. H.

General:

Your portrait intended for the Library painted by Mr. W. M. J. Rice has been received together with Mr. Rice's bill for $350.00. Information is desired whether you examined the portrait and whether the work meets with your approval as the payment of the bill is contingent upon your acceptance of the work.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]

Sgt. Col. 23d Infantry
Condt. of Cadets,
Acting Superintendent.
Washington, D.C., July 2, 1889


Dear Friend,

I am greatly afraid that my much writing has offended you. I don't wonder, I would not write you one word more only it really seems to me you have not in fact any just conception of all the points at issue. If you had i dont see how you could occupy the extremely conservative position you do. The understanding here is that practically you side with Patton and J. B. Johnson.

If it is a fact, as reported, that you withheld your resignation as member of the board of Trustees at J. B. Johnson’s request you will understand why the Patton folks are so joyful to think they have succeeded in preventing your voting, or the selection of some new man who would vote for Dr. Rankin, and why Dr. Rankin’s friends think you are practically siding with Dr. Rankin’s opponents.

Your kindness in your replies to me render it necessary for me to apologise for any seeming persistency in this correspondence. I promise not to worry you further with it, and I hope you won't think any answer to this is needed, at any rate, so far as courtesy goes.

Sincerely,

L. Deane

dictated.
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Eston Lake July 9th, 1887

Major General J. O. Howard
Dear Sir,

I hope you have received your check for seven dollars, to aid in paying the debt on the B.P.O.E. Church property at Eston Lake.

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your liberal gift—also the grateful acknowledgments of the members of our church. I hope that prosperity may ever attend you through all the duties of life—and that you may realize a blessing in every act of benevolence.

Yours truly,

Sarah B. Vail
To thank you for the restoration of the order referring it. What you have said of the act what others have said cause of the near term the restoration of the order.

I will endeavor to do conduct my department as to meet the expectations of my friend.

With sincere regards,

D.L. Spurgeon

July 3rd, 1889

Dear General Howard,

Your note of yesterday is at hand.

Your portrait now adorns the Library, in position with the portraits of the other Inspectors. I was desirous of having it for Grand Hall but Gen'l Porter said it should be placed in the library.

I think the portrait an excellent one, though to see the expression of

Spurgeon W.T.

File West Point, N.Y.

July 3rd, 1889
The Countenance seems just a little more, or austere.

Capt. C. H. Williams A.J.G. who now has charge of the Contingent Fund formerly designated the U.S. Mil. Academy Post Fund, days that he will in a day or so prepare a check in favor of Will Rice and transmit the same to you, with a check for $350. He would have sent same to-day but having spent his money as a deposit to the pub. treasury he has not yet received back the Certificate of deposit.

I desire to take this opportunity to say...
Dear Mr. Howard:

I am not asking this under any supposition of advising you to do anything but to give you the opinion of my friends, who are present, and who have been with me. I believe you have a right to consider them in this case. I wish to give you the opinion of my friends, who are present, and who have been with me. I believe you have a right to consider them in this case.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

PS. Please return Mr. Trimmer's letter.

I do not mean to imply that I should certainly accept it, if it did not offend me. But, the manner in which it was offered, would greatly offend my sentiments.

P.S. Have you been better for Elise? If he had taken his wife's advice, I am sure to tell you what my wife says. Either Mr. Howard has lost all his interests in Harvard University, or he does not want you President there.

If either is true, I think I can help matters by withdrawing my name. On that point, I send Mr. Trimmer's letter to show you how the intended people feel.

It is Dr. Pallott, J.A., I say to my mind, over the rough situation.
of your old friend, Rev. Dr. Ryan.

I am one of the trustees, when the colored school was re-opened. He was Rev. A. R. A., a member, when the trustees declined to spend the latter part of the year. I have been one of the trustees. Now, if you want the policy advocated by Rev. Dr. Ryan to prevail there, let Dr. R. P. J. B. have their votes, as to Pres. A. W.

I do not think either of them has anything against me personally.

Bill, if I have, as to the colored people, any personal idea, and it is your idea, I have been in the first rank, Ch. because I believed in it. I have been, you see.
influential men in this city.

Please place this matter before

Gen. Howard and obtain from

him a letter of recommendation to

President, and any advice which he

might be pleased to give.

I have been in the employ of the S.M.

Reg. since 1880 as a Civil Engineer, etc.,

during this time I have surveyed all the

lines of the Reservoir, laid out roads,

of the road and streets, etc., etc., etc.

On the removal of Mr. Arch to

S.F. I was transferred to the office of

Gen. Perry, Chief Surveyor, etc., etc., etc.,

and during the past year in addition to

my other duties I have been in charge of

the work on the Presidio Reservoir

under the special appropriation which

have been made for that purpose.

Hoping to receive your assistance,

San Francisco July 3, 1889.

Lieut. C. H. Chase, A.B.C.

1st Lieut. 1st Infantry.

Alleged at Atlanta, N.Y.

My dear Sir,

It is my intention to apply to the

President for appointment as Surveyor

General of California, but, before doing

so, I desire to ascertain just what

suppose I can rely upon to aid me

in my application. As I have been

continuously in the employ of the

Inland Water Department since 1880

I must of necessity rely to a great

extent upon Army Officers for reference

as to my character and ability.

It is a matter of the utmost importance

to the Government to have a person

appointed to this position who is well

acquainted with the Presidio Lines and
who can be thoroughly relied upon.

Feb. 12 It was incorporated in this city an association known as the "Cedar Land Association."

Senator Hearst was elected president. This association has purchased the equity claims to Residency and will endeavor to have the court line changed to the Strata survey line which runs from Mountain Pass to Union St. and cuts off about 400 acres of the Residency Reservation worth over $200,000.

P. J. O'Connor has applied for another grant which he claims to own.

Located entirely within the Reservation. His first grant was located on the Reservation through improper surveys. I am satisfied from evidence which I am collecting to which I

expect to be able to prove.

Colonel Batchelder has supported me in this matter and is very anxious if my receiving the appointment, in fact it was on his advice that I am making the application, well showing the efforts which would be used by the association and the necessity of the Government having a person appointed to the position thoroughly acquainted with the matter. As these claimants rely to a great extent upon the Surveyor General for survey in accordance with their claims.

I have received the endorsement of Gent. Niles, Col. Batchelder, Capt. Goodall, A.T. Merly, Dr. P. Faulkner, pass. of the Chamber of Commerce, Union Iron Works, Henry D. Scott and many other well known and
in this matter

Dear Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant

James H. Humphreys
Room 222 Kelas Building

Please reply at your very earliest convenience & oblige
Santa Cruz, Cal., July 24, 1889.

My dear friend,

I trust that you and your family will spend a pleasant Fourth in Santa Cruz, as very few of the summer visitors are here at this time. We are all sorry that you are not with us.

This year, I send you the Golden Chamois that his sister was you acquainted with. His case is one that I believe deserves proper attention. You will find it in my

Yours truly,

John Sullivan
No 62 Cambridge Place
Brooklyn N.Y. July 4 '89
Major Genl. O.O. Howard, USA.

Dear Sir and Comrade,

Having heard that you had been absent from these parts, I send by this day's mail a copy of my address, which you were good enough to send me at Peffle Post. No 355 Rept N.Y. at Brooklyn on the occasion of our Sabbath afternoon service, May 26 ult., and as far as which entire service we were all, greatly gratified by your expressions of satisfaction.

The only request our own comrades made was that you knowing, positively that your presence was assured or that...
If present, you would speak, we had no stenographer present. We would all have been more than pleased to have had your timely and eloquent words taken down, and with your permission printed.

With great respect and most polite regards,
Yours in F. O. K.

W. Shander.
Sir Francis, July 4th, 1849

Gen. P. O. Howard

Dear Sir and Friend,

I take this liberty in writing, asking a favor of you. I trust you will pardon me. You remember Mr. Selfridge my husband—how kind such a creature that he cannot ask anything for himself—very truly I am trying with the help of my trusted master—and at the suggestion of a friend to ask for him. As there has been a change at the Mint, there will be many appointments. I have just in an application for first machinist. Mr. Dimond, Gen. Dimond, the new superintendent, is not acquainted with him and the thought came to me if you could conscientiously write a letter of recommendation to Mr. Dimond as to his ability as a mechanic or faithfulness to duty which have some influence. Mr. Selfridge was a faithful soldier served three years in the 22nd Michigan Infantry—enlisted as private. When our homes were threatened I then he was...
discharged was First Lieutenant and acting R. L. Davis.

The army life has broken a naturally strong constitution
and now the time has come when he must give up these ship
Of course I am very anxious - but I would not nothing
for the will of God - He has led one through many
dark and trying places - and still my feeble hands are
outstretched - thinking all in all - He is asleep in the
hindermost part of my trail and will awaken when
very thin - I will then pray for us - the little prayer
that were offered in the study where our Bible class
met - I feel have been answered - with many prayers for
you and yours - I am yours in the fullest Christ
Mrs. Robert T. Selridge
San Francisco
California