Headquarters of the Army,

Washington, D.C., October 25, 1863.

Major General O. O. Howard,

Commanding Division of the Atlantic, and
Governors Island, N.Y.

Dear General:

The subject referred to in your letter of yesterday has been much considered, and it is found to be surrounded with difficulties. A general pardon to all unapprehended deserters would seem even more unjust to those undergoing punishment than would special acts of mercy in exceptional cases. There must be at large many deserters who deserve no mercy, either on their own account or on that of others dependent upon them. I do not see how we can do better than to exercise the clemency which the law allows in the special cases where the soldier himself seems to merit it, and ask the President to pardon in those cases where mercy, pure and simple, seems to be warranted on account of dependent victims.

It is not considered proper for Courts Martial, nor even for the generals who review their proceedings, to act upon grounds extraneous to the case. That is the province of the pardoning power.

If we succeed, as it is hoped we may, in substantially check-
ing desertions, it may then be possible in some way to clear the
slate and begin anew.

I have shown your letter to the Secretary of War and his
views upon this subject are in general concurrence with mine.

Yours very truly,

[signature]

Major General.
General Howard

Dear friend,

An answer to your kind letter has been delayed through my desire to confer with Miss Hillard. I am deeply grateful for your interest in my Dept. of effort on behalf of old soldiers, and will gratefully avail myself of your offer to write to the three ex-officers of the Nat'l Home for our disabled volunteers soldiers.

These gentlemen (the President of the United States, the Secretary of War, and the Chief Justice) certainly have it in their power, to remedy many
abuse. It does not seemfitting that I should suggest how this can be done. The problem is a difficult one, and, as I have listened to the various arguments presented for and against the justice of sale of beer, etc., I have said to myself—that seems reasonable, but the final conclusion is invariably in favor of the stern declaration of God's holy law. "Thou shalt not.

Can it be pleasing to Him whose servants we are? To license an iniquity?

As lovers of humanity, we cannot refrain from efforts to rescue and save the victims of the cruel traffic. But what excuse is there for such a Government as ours—a christian Nation—to help to make drunkards?

We have taken retrograde steps, in the Army, for in 1881, a prohibitory law.
Was passed. We cannot afford to retreat before this enemy of our race any longer. Let us sound a bugle blast to call all our mighty forces into the field and rout him utterly! I think I should ask President Harrison to appoint a "Commission of Enquiry" into the condition of Soldiers' Homes and that it be composed of men and women; that Mrs. Logan be one of its members, as she is so popular with the veterans.

It seems important to ascertain how reliable these reports of the state of affairs within the institutions are. They may have been much exaggerated, but truth should be known.
General Franklin has taken no notice of my letter, and I am thinking of having it printed for circulation. In that case, I will send a copy to the whole Board of Managers.

May God endue us with wisdom from on high for these difficult undertakings! This is my daily prayer. Believe me, yet for Christ's cause and the good of humanity.

Sarah A. McClees
Board of Indian Commissioners,

Washington, D.C., Oct. 25, 1887

Dear Gen. Howard,

Please put your autograph on this paper under the head of recommendations if you can conscientiously do it. We arrived home Sat. all right. Reminiscing will always be pleasant with you.

James Early
E. M. Whittemore
Dear Sir,

I think you will give Mr. Wabrous a letter introducing to the Hon. Henry Hawes. It will be of much use, or one to the Hon. Sec'y Trenor. I have left a note with Mr. Hammond and hope Bellingham will find your original letter in protest to Washington.

Sincerely,

E. G. Treat
1875
Oct. 25, 1889.

Governor’s Island,
N.Y. Harbor.

My dear General:

I am appealed to by warm personal and strong political friends to intercede with you in behalf of Frank A. Davenport, charged with desertion and绒ized under your command as I am informed. If you are willing to grant me an audience and will name an hour and day most convenient for you to see me, I will do myself the honor of then calling on you.

With respect,

Very sincerely,

Edward S. Fowler.
Oct 25, 1889

175 West Fifty Eighth Street.

Dear Geo. Howard,

Will you kindly advise me at which Pennsylvania Railroad Ticket Office you bought your tickets to Cincinnati, where we went out to the Army Reserve, I am trying to recollect my own payment. In reason of an imperfect receipt given me. Yours I think was all right, and you came back at one thirde past nine. Your last letter was a little clear. Lady Pass. and ask me where you purchased yours.

I hope you are all well and happy after Cincinnati, New York, Kauai, and the American Board.

Very Truly Yours,

Christian B. S.

Postscript: I am not sure if this is the right ticket office.
One Pair of Gloves for Two.

Gen. Joe Hooker, a member of congress from the Seventh Mississippi district, was one of the heroes of the late war against the Union. He carries an empty sleeve as a relic of his experiences on the field. Maj. Powell, the chief of the geological survey, was in the Union army, and he also carries an empty sleeve. Gen. Hooker's lost arm was on the right side and Maj. Powell's on the left. Their remaining hands are of the same proportions, and they have a mutual agreement under which they purchase gloves in common, Maj. Powell using all of the "rights," and Gen. Hooker the "lefts." No difficulty ever occurs between them about the selection of these gloves, for they pay little attention to the perennial changes in modes and fashions.—Washington Cor. Pittsburg Dispatch.
Shoicholtz, of Kansas, is visiting his friend, Fred Hoagland, and his wife started this week for Elmira, N. Y., to visit his parents.

John Fiscel has returned home from his trip visiting friends in Iowa.

Lew Payne is boarding again.

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My Dear General:

Permit me to thank you most cordially for your kind note enclosing photograph which I received a few days since at the hands of your brother Charles, but I cannot tell you how highly I shall prize both note and picture. The latter is excellent — it is interesting to compare it with others that I have taken 25 or 26 years ago. I observe how kindly the years have treated you, with all the hardships of frontier life and Indian warfare. I send you a little book on Niagara I got out last summer, I beg to remain, with remembrances that time has made still warmer.

Yours truly,

Frank Bramhall
STATEN ISLAND RAPID TRANSIT RAILROAD COMPANY,
OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT,
FOOT WHITEHALL STREET.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25th, 1889.

IN REPLY TO YOURS OF

Major-General O. O. Howard, U.S.A.,
Commanding Division of the Atlantic,
Governors Island, New York.

Dear Sir:—

Referring to the matter of the lunch-stand under our offices at the Battery: One of our Directors and a friend of Secretary Windoms, Chas. Watrous, Esq., is going to Washington tomorrow; and it suggests itself that a letter from you to Secretary Proctor would help us in our opposition to the threatened nuisance.

Will you kindly send me a letter of introduction for Mr. Watrous to Secretary Proctor, by bearer? Might I suggest that you will include in the letter a few of the particulars as you understand them, so that the Secretary will fully appreciate the situation?

Respectfully yours,

[Signature]

President.
Major General O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir:

I write to inquire concerning your days for receiving calls. Mrs. Rice, wife of Lieut. Frank S. Rice of San Francisco is making a visit in Morristown, N. J. and I would be pleased to bring her to call on you and your family at such time as may be agreeable to you.

I enclose postal card on which you can send reply.

Truly Yours:

Lucien Clark
Ramosio, N.J.
Oct. 26th 89

Dear General,

I enclose as directed a copy of the letter you 2st kindle gave me and which procured the employment so much needed.

With heartfelt thanks
Most sincerely Yours
Mary E. Peyton Worth

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Governor Island
N. Y.
Adrian beach, Oct. 26th 1889

My dear friend, as my Br. Dr. S. S. Smith, had been to the coast, in Cala-
not, I did know his present ad-
and immediately wrote my Br. Rev.
S. S. Smith, of Georgetown Ohio.
He writes, title of claim, No. 572, 522, Otis Smith 2nd Sent.
(Interiors) John G. Black
Commissioner.

Capt. E. D. Allen, M. C.
writes me, I have no copy of
the bill you refer to, being a Senate
bill, I had only one farm
files. If Genl. Howard is at the
capital when Congress is in session
I will see that he is a copy.
Yours sincerely, 19th Dec.
P.S. As I now have Br. Otis Smith's address I have written to California.
OCTOBER 26th 1889.

My dear Mr. Howard,

Governor Island N.Y.

Please accept my sincere thanks for rewriting your letter of April 6th, 1888. I shall try to prove myself worthy of all you say.

Very much truly yours,

A.B. Darby.

Gen. O. O. Howard.

My Dear Sir:—

The Young Men's Christian Association each year observes a week of prayer which commences this year on Sunday, Nov. 10th. The Harlem Branch with which I am connected are this year making special arrangements for its observance. The first year in our new building has been largely given to developing our membership and material resources, and now we want to give more attention to our religious work.

We are to have a meeting for young men in our building at five o'clock Sunday afternoon, Nov. 10th., and we should be very glad if you could be present and address the young men. Should you be able to accept our invitation I should be glad to have you and your wife, or other member of your family whom you might wish to accompany you, go with me from church directly to my house which is only a few rods distant from the building of the Harlem Branch.

Hoping for a favorable reply, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]
Dear Mr. [Name],

The Woman's Christian Association

has been operating a week or perhaps a couple of years. I am unfamiliar with your organization, but I trust it is well-respected for its appearance.

I have been working on several projects, and I am feeling quite busy at the moment. I am writing to you to ask if you would be interested in collaborating on a project. I believe it would be mutually beneficial to both of us.

Please let me know if you are interested, and we can schedule a meeting to discuss further.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Warm regards,

[Your Name]
First Reble Oct 27/89

My dear General,

Your letter received I do not know exactly how to answer. I appreciate your kindness in suggesting this as a course of study. Let me once more write a letter in correction except on official business.

I remain your obedient servant.

Respectfully,

The historian of the war (and of foreign to the truth) as we now realize, I zoom to, not feel as if I had not been through one battle with all my relations with object. A grand from the end of the war there made me very careful in what I write and say.

And as full a date as they Man could have had.
All the private correspondence of Genl Grant & Rawlins from Cairo to Genl.
It became necessary after Rawlins death to destroy Rawlins letters.
I will explain why when I see you and you will appreciate my action.

My dying of the last two

War is of the

Mothers home in Washington

From 41 to 89 is a long time

To trust one memory.

If I ever write without evidence to sustain all I would say I will think on the

Matted word if I can

Will do as you suggest.

Again thanking you.

I am very truly

in friend

Geo. B. Howard

[Signature]