

heavy snows in 1901-02 and 1902-03.

Gen. O. O. Howard's Report.

WASHINGTON CITY, Nov. 4.—The report of Gen. O. O. Howard, commanding the division of the Atlantic, to the adjutant general, for the year ended Sept. 30, 1889, calls attention to the lack of armament of nearly all sea coast cities. In this connection, he says, the subject of high explosives should be discussed. He calls attention to "Americanite," the invention of a young Russian, formerly a botanist of the Point Barrow expedition, which is the safest and best explosive the general knows. It has been adopted by the Standard Oil company for "shooting" its wells. "With such a powerful agent," the report says, "the problem of coast defense is resolved almost into one of range and our great seaboard cities can be made comparatively safe without excessive expenditure."

York in doubt, render it probable that the Republicans will carry Ohio by a fair majority, and place the Republican majority in Iowa at fifteen thousand. There is little doubt that the Republicans will carry Virginia on a fair vote and an honest count, but as the Democrats are in control of the state government and the election machinery Mahone will be counted out if it is possible for them to do it.

THE supreme court of Michigan has rendered a decision in the case of The People vs. Congdon which declares unconstitutional a law which was in operation continually from 1861 to 1887. By this action many vested rights in this state are imperiled and

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man, Manager, Port Huron, Mich.

Port Huron, Mich., Dec 4th 1889

Genl. A. Howard Commanding
Division of the Atlantic
Coast

would you be kind enough
to inform me where the Explosive
called Americanite, spoken of,
in your report to the adjutant
General, is manufactured and
if it is for sale any where
Yours Respt
F. I. Meryman

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Meryman F. S.

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Geo. W. Quimby,

REAL ESTATE AGENT,

AND

Agent for Verdigre Town Lots.

ABSTRACTS FURNISHED.

Verdigre, Neb., Nov 4 - 1889

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 Maj Genl O. O. Howard
 Washington D.C.

My Dear General

Enclosed please find an affidavit, which, if your recollection will bear you out, you will confer a favor on me by signing and have executed (if it is necessary)

When I was detailed as your Special Scout my Capt. made out my Descriptive roll and entrusted it to me to be delivered to my new Commanding officer (Capt Kerlin, Chf. of Scouts) This I neglected to do, but carried it until my promotion. When I delivered it to the Mustering officer at Hilton Head, Hence my wound does not appear of record.

My Regt and Co officers cannot testify to the above facts because they could not possibly have personally knowledge of it.

I am General

Very Respectfully Your Obedt Servt

Geo W Quimby

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OFFICE OF

Geo. W. Quincy

REAL ESTATE AGENT
AND
Agent for Verdigre Town Lots.
ABSTRACTS FURNISHED.

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Washburner B.C.
O.C. Howard

My dear General

Enclosed please find an
affidavit, which, if your recollection will
bear you out, you will confer a favor on me
by signing and have executed (if it is necessary)
When I was detailed as your officer about
My Capt. made out my description roll and
entrusted it to me to be delivered to my new
Commanding officer (Capt. Ketcher, Chf. of Genl)
This I neglected to do, but crossed it until
my promotion. When I delivered it to the Mustang
officer at Holston Head, there was around there
not officer of record
Myself and Co officers cannot testify to
the above fact because they could not possibly
have personally knowledge of it.

I am General
Very Respectfully Yours G. W. Quincy
Geo. W. Quincy

Verdigre, Mo., Nov 14 - 1882

Oldest House in Knox County.

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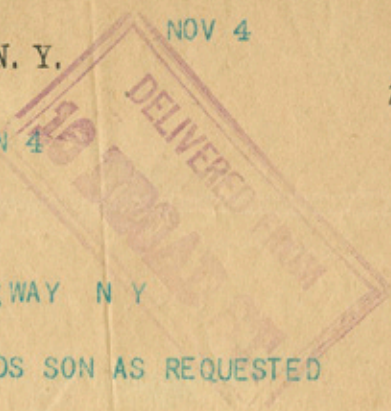
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DISPATCH RECEIVED WILL CALL ON GENERAL HOWARDS SON AS REQUESTED

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Newark, N. Y.
Nov. 4th 1889

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My Dear General

You will no doubt
be astonished at my writing you
but seeing your name mentioned so
often by the public press brought many
remembrances of you up to me and
speciaily the last time that I saw
you when you rode onto the field
at South Mountain I think minus
your good right arm, I was then a
Sergeant in "Gibsons Battery" Horse Art.
Since then I stood examination &
was Commis'd. in the 3rd Cav. and in
my service in New Mexico was unfortunate
enough to lose my left arm & eye also a
portion of my right hand so that I
somewhat shattered physically tho in
the enjoyment of excellent health, I
was firing at a target with an old

Spanish C. por. and at the second
shot the ball lodged about a foot from
the muzzle I directed the man to drop the
hammer and I took his place and on
the first force I used an explosion
occurred from some cause the gun did
not burst nor show a flaw afterwards
but I was shot an arm and eye,

The Gun was the property of Maxwells
the proprietor of the Ranch given to him
by the late Col. Benjamin Bull and
as I had no written orders to use it
the Retiring Board held my injury
was not incidental to the service,

Still all the orders I had was a personal
letter from Genl. Carlton to feed and
care for 1800 Indians Utes and Apaches,

I can say one thing that I done my full
duty by those people, I done stuff duty for
a year prior to retirement, and since
then have lived in this valley of the Genesee
have been junior warden of Grace Church
since 1870, have a family of three boys the
eldest in the Medical Dept. N. Y. University

now today 23. Neph 21. studying Music
having a magnificent Bass voice the
youngest 17 in the classical course
in our Academy.

Now Genl, I am request, if you
have a spare Photo. of yourself I would
value it highly I Genl. M. Williams, Sherman
which he gave Mrs. C. and many others
and of course I could obtain all from
some photographers but they are made
to see, I got one of Schofield and I am
sure he would deny it, hoping that I
have not worn out your patience
and many sincere wishes for

your health and happiness
I am most respectfully

Your obt. servt
Geo. J. Campbell
St. N. Y.,

EDWIN PACKARD, PRESIDENT.
FRED'K B. SCHENCK, } VICE-PRESIDENTS.
HENRY DALLEY, JR., }
A. H. VAN COTT, RECORDING SECRETARY.
CHAS. M. HAY, TREASURER.
EDWIN F. SEE, GENERAL SECRETARY.
J. B. FERGUSON, ASST. GEN'L SEC'Y.

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Young Men's Christian Association,

No. 502 Fulton Street,

November 5th, 1889.

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

Dear General Howard:---

Your letter of the 2nd inst., inquiring concerning Mr. W. F. Bainbridge of 160 Prospect Pl., Brooklyn, came to hand during my absence for a few days from town. Mr. Bainbridge is the Superintendent of the City Missionary Society of our City, and I think has done successful work in that connection. He has a good reputation throughout the City among Christian people, and so far as I know is entirely reliable and deserving of a reference to your name in connection with his proposed business.

Yours sincerely,

Edwin F. See

Gen'l Sec'y B.Y.M.C.A.

EDWIN PACKARD, President.
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Young Men's Christian Association

No. 502 Fulton Street

November 5th, 1889.

Major-General O. O. Howard,

Governor's Island, N.Y.

Dear General Howard:--

Your letter of the 2nd inst., inquiring

concerning Mr. W. R. Rainbridge of 180 Prospect Pl., Brooklyn,

came to hand during my absence for a few days from town.

Mr. Rainbridge is the Superintendent of the City Missionary

Society of our City, and I think has done successful work in that

connection. He has a good reputation throughout the City among

Christian people, and so far as I know is entirely reliable and

deserving of a reference to your name in connection with his

proposed business.

Yours sincerely,

James E. Lee

Gen'l Sec'y B.Y.M.C.A.

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Williams Abbie M.

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South Boston Nov 5th 1889

Gen O C Howard Sir

I beg your pardon for addressing you again Sir but I am told so often of what a whole souled Big hearted Gentleman you are I feel more Impressed to write you again concerning my boys case and tell you just how it is he was but little over nineteen years of age when he enlisted and he enlisted with out his Father or my knowledge his Father was not aware of the fact till he was Apprehended 16th of July he went & he has always been a Sick boy Subject to bad Coughs and pains In chest he came Home June 7th 1889 a very Sick Boy with a bad Throat had to Hospital three times a week

While he was at home then when
he was arrested he was sent to
Fort Warren Boston Harbor at
the Hospital at that place his
Intention was to go back soon as
his Throat was better Drs have told
me it would Eventually turn to
a cancer if the Greatest care was
not taken of it I don't think the
boy really knew the penalty of
his coming home in that way
he enlisted under the name of
Frank E Ward and I therefore appeal
to you once again to use your influence
to have him restored to duty if not
discharged for the sake of a Mother
that loves her Boy he has had his
trial but not Sentenced yet that
fore I cling to the hope Sir that
you can do something in his behalf
for I am so nearly heartbroken therefore
I ask again to do what you can

for him my boy and your reward
is in the Great Unknown if it don't
lie in my power ^{here} to show my thankful
ness on Earth I will close now hoping
you will remember my boy and
his heartbroken Mother

Mrs Abbie M Williams

115 No St South Boston Mass

Angelica, Allegany Co. N.Y. 173-
Nov. 6th 1889.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,

Very Dear Sir: - Mrs. Anna
S. Howland came to us Oct. the
1st. & staid until Mon. the 7th. Since which
I've heard or seen nothing of her.

About the 28th ult. I received from Lon-
don, Eng. A card.

In precious memory of
Stafford Allen.

Parkfield Upper Clapton East,
London Eng.

Who slept in Jesus the 14th of 10th month.

The everlasting God is thy refuge; and
underneath are the everlasting arms.
There she - Mrs. W. had been visiting.
He was my friend - is gone.

I send regards, - I shall be home a -
bout the 15th. - at Angelica. I'm in Castle
a few days.

Truly & sincerely yours,
Calvin Fairbank.

6- Fairbank Saloon

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Department of the Interior.
BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, D.C. Nov 6th 1889

O. O. Howard Major General U.S. Army
Honored Commander

I handed Gen^l Raum Commissioner of
Pensions your very kind recommend to
my son "Hubert" together with a strong
Letter from Senator J. N. Mitchell of
Oregon indicating what you was pleased
to do in my Boys behalf - I inclose
The Commissioners Acknowledgment of
The Same - now General that you are
aware of the Person that is Commissioner
if you would be so kind as to drop him
a Line in behalf of the Boy I am quite
sure that it would settle it - I only asked
a boys Messinger Position how^{ev} a year
my health having intirly given out - from
wound and Hart-Trouble makes me greatly
in need of his assistance - will write you
of Bill for relief of My volunteers Soon

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With Heartfelt Thanks for your past
Kindnesses I am Dear General
your obedient Servant - And To Command
Geo Hunter

Capt of the Watch
U.S. Pension Bldg
Washington D.C.

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GEN. HOWARD'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

He Calls Attention to "Americanite" for Coast-Defense Uses.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—The report of Gen. O. O. Howard, commanding the division of the Atlantic, to the Adjutant-General for the year ended Sept. 30, 1889, calls attention to the lack of armament of nearly all sea-coast stations. "The time has undoubtedly come," he says, "when some positive action in the matter of permanent defenses is demanded." In this connection the subject of high explosives is discussed. He calls attention to "Americanite," the invention of a young Russian, formerly botanist of the Point Barrow expedition. "Americanite" is the safest and best explosive the General knows. It has been adopted by the Standard Oil Company for "shooting" its wells. "With such a powerful agent the problem of coast defense is resolved almost into one of range, and our great seaboard cities can be made comparatively safe without excessive expenditure."

After discussing the subject of desertions, Gen. Howard says: "Were apprehension and punishment made as certain for this offense as for petty crimes in civil life, none but serious reasons would cause men to commit an act the result of which terminates in almost certain penal servitude. As it is, the chances of punishment are altogether too few."

Gen. Howard joins Gen. Crook in recommending that the infantry arm of the service be reorganized by giving the regiments three battalions of four companies each. He recommends also that the present rifle for infantry and cavalry be exchanged for a magazine gun. For small-arm practice Gen. Howard reports, it will be necessary to secure a range near New York City, and he recommends the purchase of one or Fisher's Island.

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S. T. APOLLONIO, PRESIDENT.

ELECTRIC BLASTING APPARATUS.

DETONATORS.

SAFETY FUSE,

communicative regarding the present excitement, though he says, as did Dr. Dwight, that the object of the Faculty is not to conceal but to make plain the facts in relation thereto. He insists there is no spread of the fever.

"To the very best of my knowledge and belief," he said, "there has been no new case of the fever for two weeks."

This tallies with the statement of a wide-awake New Haven reporter, who has watched carefully and says he can find no proof of any new case since the death of Freshman Brown. Dr. Seaver disagreed, though he did not know it, with President Dwight.

"Do you think, doctor, that it is true that the germs of this disease have been acquired by all these students elsewhere and brought here to develop?"

"No, except in one case."

The doctor took a different view, too, from that of President Dwight on the question of prevalent uneasiness in the college. He says there is a great deal of anxiety among students and more among their parents. The parents in some cases, he said, have come here from their homes many miles away. He told of students coming to him with harrowing tales they had heard of the spread of fever in college.

"Day before yesterday," said he, "I sent a man named Bradley home. Nothing in the world ailed him but facial neuralgia. Yet students have visited me with the story that he had fallen a victim to typhoid fever and gone home in a dying state. The boys are as scared as can be, and needlessly."

Dr. Seaver said nine or ten days was typhoid fever period of development. The

THE EXCELSIOR DYNAMITE COMPANY.

MANUFACTURERS OF

"EXCELSIOR" DYNAMITE,

45 BROADWAY,

ROOM 80.

New York, Nov 6th 1889.

SAFETY FUSE,
DETONATORS.

ELECTRIC BLASTING APPARATUS.

S. T. APOLLONIO, PRESIDENT.

General;

May we ask of you as at liberty to give us the name & address of the "Young Russian" referred to in the enclosed slip, as such information will enable us to investigate the merits of "Americanite"?

Thanking you in advance for the courtesy of a reply.

Very respectfully,

THE EXCELSIOR DYNAMITE CO.

J. T. Apollonio, Pres.

To,

Major-General O. O. Howard,

Genl Commanding.

Division of the Atlantic.

Governor's Island.
N.Y.

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Abraham J. J.

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Dynamite Co.

THE EXCELSIOR DYNAMITE COMPANY.

EXCELSIOR DYNAMITE

42 BROADWAY

ROOM 20

New York, Nov 2 1887

My dear Sir,
I have just received your letter of the 29th inst. in relation to the matter of the dynamite. I am sorry that I cannot give you a more definite answer at this time, but I will endeavor to do so as soon as possible. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours,
J. J. [Signature]

THE EXCELSIOR DYNAMITE CO.

J. J. [Signature]

Chief Clerk C. O. [Signature]
Dynamite Co.
[Signature]

Respectfully,
[Signature]



Temple Richard
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351 State st

Albany, N. Y.

My dear General Nov. 6th 1889

Mr Temple & myself
were very much disappointed
on our return home to find
that you & your son had called
during our absence. In your
note, informing us of your intention
to pay us a visit, you wrote
that you would take us by
surprise. Ever since the receipt
of the promise your room had
been in readiness to receive our
much expected guest, but all
our expectations, for the present,
at least, have been in vain.

The question now is what is
to be done. In case that your
professional engagements will
not take you to Albany again
for some months, it will be
necessary, I suppose, that I should
come down in order to have
another talk on the subject of
which I spoke to James & yourself
the evening before I left your house.
I have not been in New York
since, otherwise I should have
called upon you. Will you
let me know when it will be
most convenient for you to see
me.

With kindest regards to Mrs Howard
& the rest of the family in which Mrs
Temple heartily joins, Sincerely Yours
Major Gen. Howard Richard Temple
Governor's Island,
N. Y.

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F. Wadsworth, N. Y. N.

Nov. 7 1889.

Dear General:

I will bring
the note up to you
sometime this week if I
can get away from here.

We are all well &
are enjoying life here
very much. The "bull"
rather stopped regular
house-keeping for 3 or 4
days but Gertrude says
she will have no
harlequin sets in future

and, I think, rather
looks upon the smash
up, in the light of a
blessing. I can't quite
see it from her point
of view. With love to
the family Very truly yours
E. St. J. Tieble

Gen. O. O. Howard.

N. I. Army
Governors Island.
N. Y. H.

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HIGH EXPLOSIVES.
LOW GRADE DYNAMITE,
(a substitute for Black Powder,)
SAFETY FUSE,
DETONATORS,
ELECTRIC BLASTING APPARATUS.
S. T. APOLLONIO, PRESIDENT.
W. VAN TINE, Sec'y.

THE EXCELSIOR DYNAMITE CO.,

MANUFACTURERS OF

"EXCELSIOR" POWDER.

45 BROADWAY,

New York,

Nov 7th

1883

General;
We are greatly obliged
to you for the information
contained in your favor of even
date.

Very respectfully,

THE EXCELSIOR DYNAMITE CO.

S. T. Apollonio, Pres.

To
Genl O. O. Howard.

Genl Commanding.

Division of the Atlantic.

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Apollonio S. J.

~~THE EXCELSIOR DYNAMITE CO.~~

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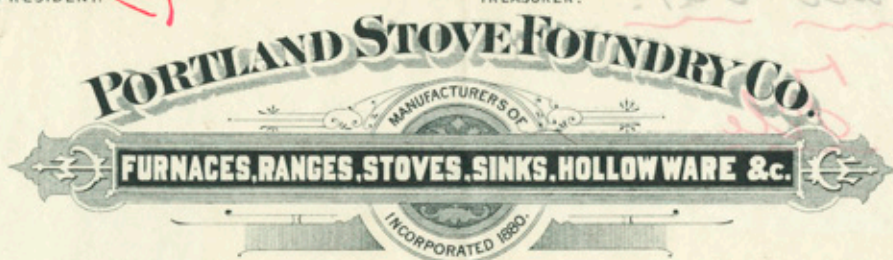
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THE EXCELSIOR DYNAMITE CO.

To Genl O.O. Howard.
Genl Commanding
Division of the Atlantic.
Mr.

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JAMES NOYES,
PRESIDENT.

F. M. LAWRENCE,
TREASURER.

ARTHUR P. HOWARD,
SECRETARY.



Portland, Me. Nov 7 1889

Lieut. Guy Howard

Dear Sir:

yours received. I must have misunderstood the General. I have received a very kind letter from Rev. T. O. Paine of Bridgewater. Mr. Paine married the daughter of Adonis Howard.

If convenient, will you please give me the genealogy of your own family, beginning as early as you have it. I fear I am asking too much of you. If I can be of service to you at any time shall be happy to reciprocate.

Very truly yours
Arthur P. Howard

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Howard A.P.

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E. M. LAWRENCE
TREASURER

JAMES HOYES
PRESIDENT

Portland, Me. Nov 7 1889

Dear Sir

Yours received. I must have
misunderstood the General. I have
received a very kind letter from
Gen. T. Davis of Bangor. Mr. Davis
mentioned the daughter of John Howard.
Apparentment, will you
please give me the genealogy of
your own family, beginning as
early as you have it. I fear
I am asking too much of you. If
I can be of service to you at any
time shall be happy to respond.
Very truly yours
Arthur D. Howard

Macoma NY Nov 7th 1889

Dear General

It is so long since the events herewith
narrated, that I have much hesitancy
as to the propriety of calling them to your
attention. But having been long under your
command I must, begging pardon, claim
a soldiers privilege. And if the incident
shall be deemed to warrant, — It would
be held of the highest-value to me. If you
would write a testimonial of credit or a
word of commendation that I might cherish
through life. As to the manner in which the
orders received by me that night were carried
out — The report of the General Officer of the
Day to you enabled you to march quickly
and without feeling your way to my position
thus hurrying your command very much
nearer to General Grays assistance and
without a moments loss of time.

A cold shudder has come upon me many
times when thinking of the consequences to
the main army, had this detachment been
been swallowed up without giving any sign;
as would without doubt been the result had
it moved without a curtain of darkness.
For the reason that the night was starlight, we
approached the enemys lines from an elevation

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— And with the sky as a back ground, they could discover our strength and permit us to enter their lines without Challenge. And then you would have been unopprized and most of us doubtless have miserably perished in Andersonville, as the record shows, did Corporal Hurd, who went forward with the Countersign, Henry Havens, Minby Van Gelder, and others who were captured that night.

But the length of my line of skirmishers deceived them into the conception of a much larger force, and that possibly their entire movement was discovered. As Captain Decker was very persistent in holding his ground and I gave a second order to retire and directed the final deployment in part in person. The Sergeant, ^{Hiram Durrell,} in immediate command of this post was cut off, and lay on his back in a creek, until our four command drove the rebels over the first hills and came up bringing him within the lines again.

My instructions from the general office of the day, were most cruel, i.e., they were calculated to throw me completely of my guard, no hint of meeting an enemy there, a sense of responsibility, & the rule of caution, alone, saved my command. General Krzyzanowski often said to me: "You earn your spurs that night" and we became personal friends

over.

as I had aided him in his duties

as I had aided him in his duties
of vigilance as Genl. Officer of the day
And I say to you General that if without
Stimickers at the head of my column I
had suddenly found myself entrapped within
the enemies lines, My mortification, Shame &
Sense of guilt, would have been so great,
that in order to give you needed warnings;
I should have ordered my men to fire though at
the peril of a thousand bayonets

My Regiment was assigned to Kryzanowski's
command after Gettysburg. We had come up
from the Peninsula. Hence he had not much
opportunity to become acquainted with me at that time
Else, he would not have said "There be, o no
rebels there" Now General if from your stand
point of soldierly feeling You can write a special
order as of that day, or otherwise, or make any other
response deemed more suitable by you, I shall hold
it as a testimonial of inestimable value as will those
who come after me

With profound Respect Your Obedt Servt,
Charles W. Claiborne Lt Col
141st Md Inf

To
Maj Gen O O Howard
Governors Island N York Harbor

Communication
in reference
to the seal with the
Coach Hatchie
October 28th / 1863

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