“Military and Naval Pensions of the United States,” is the title of a paper to be read by Major General O. O. Howard, U. S. Army, before the Military Service Institution, at Governor’s Island, N. Y. H., on Saturday, November 23, 1889, at 2 P. M.

Steamer “Atlantic” will leave Barge Office, Battery, at 1:15 and 1:45 P. M.

J. H. Robinson
Bt. Brig-Gen. U. S. A.
Secretary.
Major General O. O. Howard
U.S.A.
Gouverneur Island
N.Y. S.
Governor's Island,
New York City,

Nov. 13th, 1887

Dear General:

Referring to your note of the 11th inst., you can say that the President of the American Company in Washington so informed your Judge Office (myself) in September last. This, I think, I told you at the time.

Very Truely yours,

[Signature]

Gen. O.O. Howard
U.S. Army
Governor E.

[Signature]
LIBRARY: NEW-YORK, November 16, 1889.

SIR:

You are respectfully invited to be present at the Celebration of the EIGHTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY of the Founding of the Society, at the Library, in Second Avenue, corner of Eleventh Street, on Thursday Evening, November 21, 1889, at eight o'clock.

The Rev. John Hall, D.D., will deliver the ADDRESS, on "The Uses of History."

Benjamin H. Field,
Frederic Gallatin,
Charles Isham,
Anniversary Committee.
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UNION PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

Union Division

Andrew J. Poppleton,

General Attorney

Omaha, Neb., September 17th, 1885.

To whom it may concern:

This is to certify that Mr. A. J. Adams has been in my employ for several months, as stenographer and type-writer and leaves me at his own desire.

I have found him accurate, industrious and competent.

Very respectfully,

Signed—A. J. Poppleton,

General Att'y.

# I was taken very ill and left at my physician's advice.

I have seen you often, and for that reason write...
Little Falls, N. Y., Nov. 16th, 1889

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

Respected Sir:

I trust you will pardon the liberty taken in addressing you in this manner.

I am a stenographer having had about five years experience, am 23 years of age. I would very much like to secure a position in your Division, and write to you, as Commandant, with such object.

Enclosed please find copy of letter given me by Mr. A. J. Poppleton, who was General Attorney of the Union Pacific Ry Co., while I was in his employ, and at such time you were located at Omaha, where I have seen you often, and for that reason write you after this long period in this matter.

I have had a good education and attended University of Michigan for one year—1887—88: have no bad habits and would strive to give perfect satisfaction. My home is at Ithaca, N. Y. and I would respectfully refer you to any one there regarding my standing.

Hoping you will give this your kind consideration and that I may hear from you, I am sir,

Respectfully,

Alfred J. Adams
Commandant's Office,
Navy Yard, New York.

November 16th, 1899

General, Postm. of Army,

My dear General,

I should be pleased to see you on Wednesday, November 20th, at eleven a.m., if it will be perfectly agreeable to you.

Weather permitting, affectionately,

D. L. Braine

Dear Admiral, U.S. Navy.
Maj. C. C. Howard.
Commander Out of the Atlantic.

Gentleman Sir:

As I have the honor of being known to you
for some time, during which period I trust my conduct
has impressed you favorably, I take the liberty of soliciting
at your hands the following favor: I am employed in
the C. Scimitar, Sept. under the direction of Maj. C. C. Howard,
as such hands in boats of the New Atlantic, but only as a
substitute, unfortunately, my services shall be suspended
in a few days. I served in May 30th. C. S. N. formerly discharged
Sept. 2nd. 1863. My occupation is that of Deserter, still working
fully paid, my apprenticeship at Elbridge, New York, thus enabling
me to perform the same duties at our many yards, where such
work is in progress. I respectfully beg, that you may furnish
me with a letter of reference for such employment.

I am, most respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

Alexander Heiller.
Miller Alexander

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Been a few months in my employ as deck hand and has given satisfactory service. Character excellent. Good. J.H.
Dear Sir:—We make bold to write you because we know you to be an earnest Christian man. Lieut. Geo. W. Chace, of your Staff, is a young man much beloved by us, he having been a pupil of ours in his boyhood, and we feel a great interest in him, and much desire him to become a Christian. His great confidence in you gives you a strong power over him, and we appeal to you to use your influence with yours in such ways as you deem best to induce him to give himself to Christ. Our prayers are with you to this end, and that you may long be spared to your country.

Yours very truly,

Mr. & Mrs. E. Stewes
Dear Friend: There is some "mighty interesting radio" in the 2nd column p. 154 of today's New York Sun (Sunday Nov. 17). It is on the Russian subject.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Anna B. Fry
New York, Nov. 18, 1889

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Governors Island, N.Y. H.

Dear General,

Notice of Military Service Institution announcing your paper to be read on the 22d inst. "Military and Naval Pensions of the U.S." just received and I take the liberty of enclosing a copy of service pension bill advocated by our Association which we esteem the most equitable one yet presented.

In a very short time we had names of nearly 2000 petitioners forwarded to Congress and but for the erratic course of our late Com. of Pensions felt quite hopeful of favorable action by the next Congress.

Hope to avail myself of the opportunity to listen to your paper. — Very sincerely yours,

Charles A. Wells
Wells Charles A.

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The Per Diem Rated Service Pension Bill,

SENATE BILL NO. 1537.

To grant pensions for service in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to place on the pension-roll of the United States the names of all persons specified in the following section, upon making due proof that they performed the service specified in said section.

SEC. 2. That persons entitled as beneficiaries under the preceding sections are as follows: Any officer or enlisted man who shall have served in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States, including regulars and volunteers, subsequent to the fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, and prior to the first day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-six.

SEC. 3. That the rate of pension for such service shall be at the rate per month of one cent for each day's service rendered in said Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States.

SEC. 4. That the period of service shall be computed from the date of muster into the United States service to the date of discharge; but no pension shall be granted under this act to or on account of any person who deserted prior to July first, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, until he shall have obtained a proper certificate of discharge from the service from which he deserted; and no discharge which was given to any person by reason of re-enlistment as a veteran volunteer, or to enable him to accept a promotion, shall be deemed a discharge from the services within the meaning of this act.

SEC. 5. That pension under this act shall be at the rate specified in section three, and shall be paid to the persons entitled thereto for the term of their lives from and after the passage of this bill.

SEC. 6. That this bill is intended as a service pension bill, and is intended as an addition to all invalid pensions which have been or may hereafter be granted for disability.
To grant pensions to service in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States.

The several Sections are as follows:

SEC. 1. That the Secretary of the Treasury shall, upon the President of the United States arriving at the names of persons whose pension applications have been duly made, to the Secretary of the Treasury, and presenting to the same to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Treasury shall grant to the person so named, a pension in the sum of $100 per month, to commence at the time of the President's arrival at the name presented to the Secretary of the Treasury, and to continue in force until the death of the person so named.

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DEAR SIR AND COMRADE:

At the National Convention held at Irving Hall, in this city, on March 1st, the above-named officers were unanimously elected.

The plan of organization adopted provides "that a Vice President from each State and Territory shall be appointed by the President of this Association, upon the nomination of a majority of the active members of the Per Diem National Rated Service Pension Association residing in the several States and Territories." Thereupon the delegations from their respective States placed the following names in nomination and they were appointed Vice Presidents of the Association and members of the Executive Committee by virtue of such appointment:

Ohio—Capt. J. C. Westmacott, Newark.
New Jersey—Gen. E. Reed Murray, Burlington.

Some States, having small delegations present, preferred to consult with other veteran organizations at home before placing any one in nomination. Therefore, all organizations of survivors of the war of the rebellion, in States and Territories other than the above-named, are requested to name at once a Comrade of influence and energy for Vice President—one who will give the necessary time to have a Committee of Veterans appointed in every election district in your State (where not already appointed) to circulate petitions. The Comrade named by the greatest number of soldiers organizations will be appointed. Do not let personal friendship alone influence your selection, but choose the most effective worker. Immediate, intelligent, persistent action by each member individually, and each organization collectively, will secure the passage of our bill before Congress adjourns.

The following resolution was reported from the Committee on Resolutions, and unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That the Executive Committee be authorized to make such an appeal to all Veterans and Veteran Organizations of the late war, as they may deem expedient to raise funds to defray the necessary expenses of postage, clerk hire, printing, stationery, etc., of being understood that no salaries are to be paid to any of the officers.

The most effective appeal we can probably make, is the business-like one of stating what has been already accomplished: Our first circular was dated Jan. 30th, 1898—just 37 days ago. We sent copies of it to each of the 6,000 G. A. R Posts in the United States and to other veteran organizations. In all we have sent out some 22,000 circulars and over 4,000 blank petitions to the smaller places where it was inconvenient to have them printed. As a result we can point to petitions bearing the signatures of over 50,000 Veterans already before Congress, and coming in at the rate of 24 to 30 petitions a day. To keep up this work and enlarge results we must have prompt financial aid. Funds sent in now can be used with great advantage, where later on they would be valueless, so far as helping the passage of the Per Diem Bill by this Congress is concerned.

We therefore ask all Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, Commands of the Union Veterans Union, Camps of the Union Veteran Legion, and every veteran organization, county or regimental, to contribute, according to their membership and prosperity, toward these necessary expenses. It but a fair per centage of these organizations will at once send a small contribution it will provide ample means. You can hardly afford in this case to follow the usual procedure in general appeals for funds by "laying it on the table," expecting some other organization will give. The result will be that few give. On the contrary, each one should at once send some amount. If the organization declines, the individual members who favor this measure should "chip in," and do their share in supplying the sinses of war. We give our best efforts and must have your hearty co-operation in every way to succeed.

Send funds by draft, P. O. order, or registered letter, to Maj.-Gen. SCHUYLER HAMILTON, Treasurer, Room 34, No. 84 Nassau St., N. Y. City.

Veterans, whatever you propose to do in this matter, as organizations or individuals, do at once. Every comrade throughout the land is personally interested. This bill is for the benefit of all alike who served the country in the war.

In conclusion, let us urge you not to cease working for this bill, until such time as it becomes a law. While seeing that every veteran of your section has signed a petition, insist that each and every one shall write a personal letter to their Representative and Senators. A short note "requesting their influence and vote for House bill 5662 and Senate bill 1387, which, if granted, will be reciprocated by himself and friends at the earliest opportunity" is logic that will claim immediate attention, and, if this suggestion is strictly followed, the bill is certain of success.

In order to thoroughly canvass your section it would be advisable to perfect a county organization and appoint committees in each election district to circulate petitions. If that cannot be done for any reason, use the organization of which you are a member to do the work. Be sure that every veteran sailor, soldier and marine in your county has an opportunity to sign a petition. We also suggest that mixed canvassers of gentlemen and ladies be appointed in every election district and furnished with petitions, for signatures of those not in the war. In Lawrence Co., Pa., they expect to forward each such petition with signatures of 10,000 men and women. Petitions for signers should have columns for name, occupation, profession, and P. O. address. The Woman's Relief Corps and the Sons of Veterans could materially aid in such a movement and would eagerly assist.

Comrade, to win success requires unceasing work of every friend of the measure for the next two months, and it is important that most of it be done in the next thirty days. Will you put your shoulder to the wheel and urge every veteran of your acquaintance to do likewise. Remember dying Cushing's last shot at Gettysburg for Union and Liberty. Do it at once, and fire your shot as a good comrade.

For the Committee,

CHARLES A. WELLS, President.

JOSEPH A. JOEL, Secretary.
Dear General Howard,

Your letter of the 12th has followed me and finds me here in this.

If you will write to Gen. Green B. Howes, your old Comrade, now Comp. of Pension, I am sure he will give you the information you desire. Or if you can wait till I return about Dec. 1st I will...
gladly attend to

matter.

With kind regards
to Mrs. Howard and
all your family.

Yours truly,

E. Whittlesey
November 18th, 1889.

Major Gen. O. O. Howard,
U.S.A.,
Governor's Island,
N. Y.

My Dear General:

I have the honor of your letter of the 16th, enclosing that of your cousin and of the minister, and I assure you I will do everything I can at all times to further your wishes.

Yours very truly,

Postmaster General.
Post Office Department
Office of Postmaster General
Washington, D.C.

November 18th, 1930

Mr. John

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My Dear General:

I have the honor of your favor of the 15th, and
recognize your courtesy and of the Minister and I assure you
I will go everywhere I can to enforce your wishes.

Yours very truly,

Postmaster General
357 State St. Nov 18th 1889

To Maj. General Howard,

My dear general,

Here I am instead of being with you at Governor's Island. Mr. Temple feels worse to-day than usual. It is impossible for me to leave her at present. When I can do so, I cannot tell how you may rest assured that I shall be with you the first moment I can reasonably leave home.

In great haste,

Sincerely yours,

Richard Temple.