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File 29.

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Lewiston - Maine -

Nov. 29, 1889.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,  
Governor's Island.

Dear Sir -

A band of ladies  
in Lewiston is making  
great effort to prevent the  
ruin of working girls who  
come from all the  
country around to this  
manufacturing city.

To this end we are trying  
to found a Young Women's Home.



Will you kindly read  
the enclosed endorsement  
and brief statement in  
regard to this work?

Our Home fund has now  
reached a little over  
\$3000<sup>00</sup>

When this is doubled we  
can build.

In aid of this fund we  
are preparing to hold a  
sale of useful and fancy  
articles before Christmas.  
Could you kindly send

us a small contribution,  
either in something salable  
or in money?

We shall be most grateful  
for the least help.

Any contribution may be  
sent to the secretary of  
the association.

Mrs. Rev. W. H. Washburn.

Trinity Rectory,

Leviston - Me.

or to

Yours very respectfully,

Mrs. B. F. Hayes.  
P.S.

8 Mountain Ave. Leviston, Maine.



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We, the undersigned, heartily endorse the work of the WOMAN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, and especially commend their present effort to secure funds for the founding of a Young Woman's Home. We assure all who may be disposed to contribute to this worthy object, that the ladies having this matter in charge are fully competent to manage the enterprise, and that all money entrusted to them will be judiciously expended.

HORACE C. LITTLE, Mayor,  
GEO. M. HOWE, Pastor of Pine St Congregational Church,  
C. C. TILLY, Pastor, First Baptist Church,  
WM. H. WASHBURN, Rector, Trinity Episcopal Church,  
MARTYN SUMERBELL, D. D., Pastor, Main St. Free Baptist Church,  
WM. J. TWORT, Pastor, Pine St. Free Baptist Church,  
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WM. P. FRYE, U. S. Senator,  
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ALONZO GARCELON, M. D., Ex-Governor of Maine.  
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LEWISTON, MAINE.

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The city has about twenty-one thousand inhabitants, of whom, at least seven thousand are women and girls in the mills and shops.

They come from all parts of New England and the Provinces, often arriving strangers, not knowing where they will find employment, exposed to the snares of the vile, and sadly needing just such help and influences as this Home would provide. This Association has already done much for them, but the many sad cases of temptation, suffering and sin that have come to our knowledge, which such an institution might have prevented, have moved us to make greater efforts than ever before to establish this Home at once.

There are so few people in Lewiston who are able to do much for this, that we are obliged to appeal to others. Could you kindly send us a small contribution? The aid and encouragement you would thus give will be most gratefully appreciated.

MRS. B. F. HAYES, *President of Woman's Benevolent Association.*

MRS. E. S. DAVIS, *Treasurer.*

MRS. W. H. WASHBURN, *Secretary.*

LEWISTON, MAINE.

*Most of the property in Lewiston is owned by men who reside in other cities and very few of them will take interest in any benevolent work here. This compels us to look to those who have no reason for aiding in this undertaking aside from pure philanthropy. Mrs. B. F. H.*



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*contributing with from your philanthropy. Mrs. A. H.*



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Military Service Institution

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THE MILITARY SERVICE INSTITUTION,

GOVERNOR'S ISLAND, N. Y. H.

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To

Major General O. O. Harwood  
Newbury.

Dear Sir,

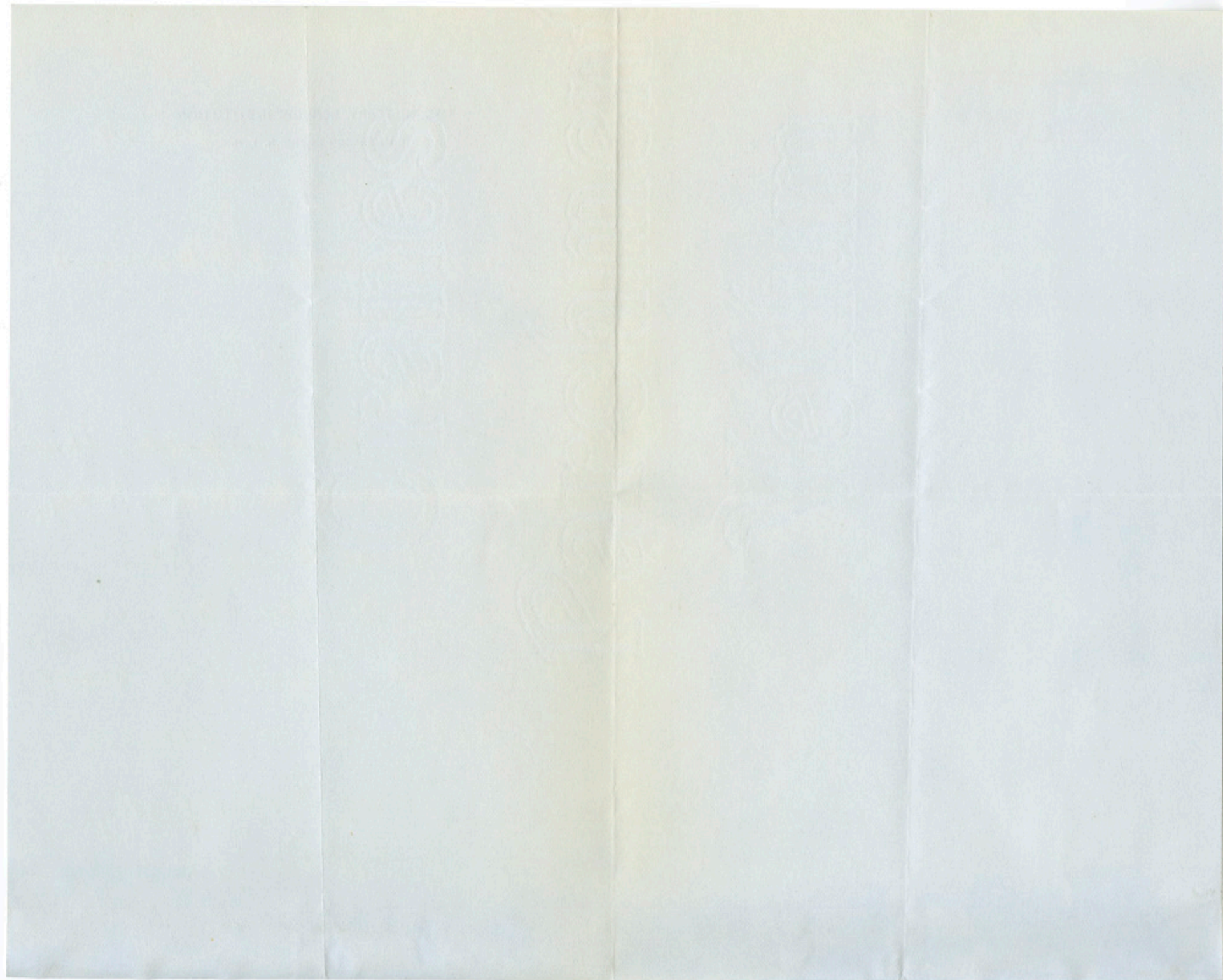
It is expected that  
the proof will be ready today  
I have just sent the  
envelopes to the printers,  
and will send the proof  
as soon as we receive it.

Very Respectfully

J. C. Birch.

1st Lt. 5th Cav.







Smith & Sills,

Importers,

Wholesale Grocers and Flour Dealers,

750 & 752 8th Ave., & 247 West 46th St

S. Waldo Smith.

J. S. Sills.

New York, Nov 29<sup>th</sup> 1889

Major Gen O O Howard

Your letter with inclosure received. We have referred the matter to the Supt of our fruit department, who will make an investigation, and give you the desired information

Yours Fraternally.

S Waldo Smith

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Smith & Wadsworth

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Smith & Wadsworth

Importers

Wholesale Grocers and Flour Dealers

700 & 725 8th Ave. & 2nd West Side St.

S. Wadsworth

P. O. Box

Chicago, Ill.

My dear Sir,  
I am sorry to hear of the death of your son. I am  
glad to hear that you are well and hope that  
you will be able to visit us soon.

Very respectfully,  
S. Wadsworth

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St Nicholas Society

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Nov 29, 1882

The Saint Nicholas Society  
of the City of New York  
request the pleasure of the company of  
General O. O. Howard

at their Anniversary Dinner at  
Delmonicos.

on Friday December sixth  
at six o'clock.

New York November 29<sup>th</sup> 1882

An answer is requested addressed to

William Jay

48 Wall St.

New York







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Swain A. G.

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Washington D.C.  
Nov 30<sup>th</sup> 1889.

My Dear General.

Excuse me for the delay  
in sending the enclosed letter to  
Secty. Endicott, for the consideration  
of the President, which I promised  
I would send you some time ago.  
I have been away from home and  
the few days I have been here I have  
been exceedingly busy.

I have never been able to get an  
answer to this letter. Mr. Cleveland  
said he could not answer it except  
to grant my request.

Let me know what you think of it?  
Cov. Pub in GCM O. 19 of 1885.

Very Respectfully and Truly  
W. L. Swain  
Maj. Genl. Howard  
U.S.A.



Washington D.C.  
Nov 30 1879

My dear General

I have been very busy  
in reading the material letter  
last night, for the construction  
of the building, which I have  
been waiting for some time  
to have been sent from your  
the first of the year but have  
been so busy that I have  
not been able to do so  
I have been so busy that I have  
not been able to do so  
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not been able to do so

I am very sorry to hear  
of the loss of your son

Very respectfully,  
Wm. H. Wood

The Hon. Secy of the Interior  
Washington D.C.



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Engineer.

Major George W. Cooney,  
Secretary.

OFFICE OF

NEW YORK BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,  
Gettysburg Monuments.

23 FIFTH AVENUE.

New York, Nov. 30 1889

My dear General: If you happen to be  
in the City on Wednesday about eleven  
in the morning, I wish you would drop  
in here & meet the Commissioners, as we  
shall then inspect & consider the designs  
submitted for the New York State Monument  
at Gettysburg, — and we will be very glad  
to hear your impressions about them.

Sincerely,  
D. F. Sickles.

If not convenient to meet us on Wednesday, pray  
come another day — and if I am not here, either  
Mr. Zabriskie, our Engineer, or our Secretary Mr.  
Cooney, will show you the designs.

Mr. Gen. Howard U. S. A.



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Dickens H. G.

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22 FIFTH AVENUE

City of New York  
Mr. J. A. Smith

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the proposed plan for the improvement of the City of New York, and to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours very truly,  
J. A. Smith

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WE OWN A PRIVATE WIRE.

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PRESS ROOM AT SHELTON.

AN INDEPENDENT JOURNAL.

*N.Y.*  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~, 30<sup>th</sup> November, 1889.

Dear General Howard:

This town is located at the head of navigation on the Housatonic River, only seventy miles via rail from the city of New York.

A dam of solid masonry, twenty-two feet in height, constructed in the most approved and substantial manner across the Housatonic River at this point, creates the largest and most reliable water power in the State. The river extends over 100 miles above the dam, and drains 2000 square miles of territory; on its tributaries are numerous lakes with a combined area of not less than 10,000 acres, which serve as natural store-houses for water, equalizing the flow and affording a large amount at all seasons of the year. This, together with the immense reservoir above the dam, five miles in length, ensures a supply of not less than 300 cubic feet per second, equal to 2500 Horse-power, twelve hours per day. There are at present 18 mills in operation giving employment to a large number of hands.

The advantages of the location are:—

1st. Its proximity to New York city, its connection therewith by rail and water, being distant only two and one-quarter hours via rail, the frequency of the trains allowing ample time for daily transaction of business, and return, from either point.

2d. Transportation via Water, daily line Steamboats, and two competing lines of Railroad, and third building, to either Bridgeport or New Haven, ensures low rates and connection with all freight lines throughout the country.

3d. The location in the midst of a manufacturing community, there being a population of 21000 within a radius of two miles, and the proximity of other manufacturing towns of the Naugatuck Valley, is of great advantage in respect to the supply of skilled labor.

4th. For beauty of scenery, health and educational facilities, the location ranks among the first. The beautiful views up either river—Housatonic and Naugatuck, which form a junction here—are the subject of remark by all who visit the place. Birmingham has churches of all denominations, excellent schools, Bank with \$300,000 capital, Savings Bank with over \$1,000,000 deposit, two Telegraph Offices, three Express, also Gas, Electric Light, Electric R. R., Horse Cars and Water Works; its proximity to New Haven, only ten miles distant via rail, adds to its desirability as a place of residence.

When any of my old  
and deserving U. S. R. Comrades  
are in distress they invariably  
come to me and I never turn a  
deaf ear to their tales of distress.

Yesterday, while in this city,  
a former Comrade in the 15<sup>th</sup>  
Regt. called at my hotel. His case  
is a very sad one. Two years ago  
he was doing well here, but in  
an unfortunate hour he was  
induced to abandon all and go  
West. After hardships and ex-  
penses innumerable he deter-  
mined to return to N.Y. with  
his motherless child, and on  
December 15 he will have his old  
place back again.

He is a worthy, Christian  
soldier, who is trying to live  
uprightly, and such ought not  
to suffer. I have done what  
I could for him, and then deci-  
ded to lay his case before you  
with a little more help he will

be able to bridge over his troubles. He is unwilling  
to pose as a mendicant, and asked me to forward the  
enclosed relic of New England Colonial times to you, asking  
you to send him anything for it and for any sum, whatever,  
he would be profoundly grateful. I ~~have~~ leave time  
at 10 this morning, and if you will kindly send your contribu-  
tion for "L. S. Cadwell" to "Mrs. E. M. Calvin, 411 West 37<sup>th</sup>  
St. New York," it would not be forgotten.

To Gen. O. V. Howard.

Yours in P. C. H.

Darwin C. Favey, Editor.



THE DAILY ADVERTISER

A MORNING NEWSPAPER

1887

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Jancy D.L.  
File

The Board of Directors of the Bank of Montreal, in their annual report to the shareholders, have stated that the business of the bank during the year 1886 was successful, and that the profits were larger than in any previous year. The report also states that the bank has been able to maintain its position as one of the leading financial institutions of the world, and that it has been able to meet all the demands of its customers.

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Dear Sir,  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst., in relation to the above-mentioned matter. I am sorry to hear that you are having trouble with your business, and I am sure that I shall be able to do all in my power to assist you in your efforts to get it on its feet again.

I have been thinking of you very much lately, and I have been wondering how you are getting on. I hope that you are well, and that you are able to do all that you wish to do. I am sure that I shall be able to do all in my power to assist you in your efforts to get it on its feet again.

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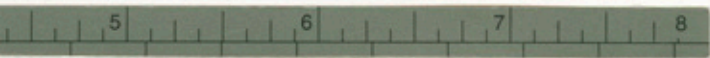
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The Board of Officers of  
The New England Society  
in the city of New York, requests the  
company of Genl O. O. Howard  
at the next Anniversary Dinner of  
the society at Delmonico's, on the evening  
of December twenty-~~second~~<sup>third</sup> at half past  
six o'clock.

The favor of an answer is requested, addressed to  
Cornelius N. Bliss, Trust  
117 Duane St  
New York





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Jal O.O. Howard,

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117 DUANE STREET.

New York, November 30th 1889.

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Dear Sir:-  
Mal O.O. Howard,

Governor's Island, N Y.

Dear Sir:-

You were kind enough to write me last year in response to my request that you would attend the New England Dinner , that , although prevented by circumstances from attendance at that time, you would on some other occasion be glad to accept our invitation. Another year has rolled around , and the New England Banquet will be given this year at pelmonico's on Monday, the 23rd of December.

I have mailed to you under another cover a formal invitation , and should be very happy if you would kindly respond to the toastof "The Army".

I send with this the record of the proceedingsat the Dinners of 1887 and 1888, which may be interesting to you.

Trusting that the Society may be favored with your presence.

I am, Dear Sir,

Very truly yours,

C. H. Hobbs,  
President



New England Society

Oliver Bell

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117 DUANE STREET.

New York, November 30th 1889.

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Governor's Island, N. Y.

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HOTEL LAFAYETTE

L. U. MALTRY.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov 30

1889

Ym OO Howard Sir

Please remember (according  
to our correspondence of last  
Spring) the address to our  
College boys at New York  
University, for next  
Monday, Dec 2<sup>d</sup>, at 10 A.M.  
The 3<sup>d</sup> are Elevated bridge  
to Bleecker St near the Square  
on 8<sup>th</sup> St - The University is  
on Washington Square East  
I should have written to



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remind you of the date  
sooner, but let my duty  
escape my mind.

45 to 50 minutes are  
set apart for the talk  
on a subject pertaining  
to Morals or Religion.

We are anticipating much  
pleasure in seeing and hearing  
you - Our Chapel is a  
small room, holding  
only 200 -

Please come to my office  
on arrival at building

Yrs very respectfully  
Henry McChesbrough  
Vice-Chancellor  
N. Y. Univ



U. S. Military Academy,

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West Point, N. Y. Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> 89

Major Genl. O. O. Howard  
U. S. Army

My dear General:

I am greatly indebted  
for the copies of your very interesting  
reports which reached me this morning.  
I have read them with pleasure  
and profit.

I hope that we will  
have the pleasure of seeing you  
here ere long, for it will gratify  
me to have the privilege of firing  
a salute in your honor.

Yours very truly  
John M. Wilson  
Col. Regt.



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Wilson J. M.

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HENRY BOOTH, Commander.  
IRA F. COLLINS, S. V. C.  
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C. S. BOWMAN, Judge Advocate.  
E. P. DIEHL, Asst. Inspector.  
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HEADQUARTERS

Department of Kansas, C. B. R.

Assistant • Adjutant • General's • Office.

120 East Sixth Avenue.

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Genl O. O. Howard  
New York City

Topeka, Kansas,

Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> 1889

Dear Sir:-

In common with thousands of ex-soldiers who fought from Sumpter to Appomattox, and who by their loyalty, bravery and endurance made it possible for you to win the reputation and laurels to day crowning you, and made it possible for you as commander of the Department of the East, to now surround yourself with peace and plenty, I am surprised at the reported public address recently delivered by you, on the subject of Pensions.

In the first place, in view of your reputation having been made by the Union volunteer and the position now occupied by you in the U.S.A. I cannot see any sense of propriety in your coming out on the side of ex-rebels, Democrats and Pension opposers in general. Wherein do you gain anything by this course or on the other hand, wherein do you lose anything; should a Service Pension bill be passed before you die?





HENRY BOOTH  
HENRY COLLIER  
IRA F. COLLIER  
B. M. COLLIER  
HORACE P. LA  
F. M. LA  
LAWRENCE M.  
LAWRENCE M.  
S. D. LA  
GEO. K.

Department of the Interior

General Land Office

Nov. 30, 1899

My dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th inst. in relation to the land in the section of the Township of ...

I am sorry to hear that you are unable to visit the land in person. I will endeavor to have the necessary information furnished to you as soon as possible.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
J. H. ...



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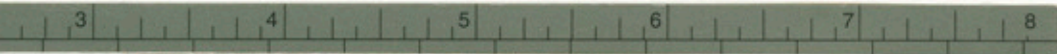
120 East Sixth Avenue.

*Topeka, Kansas,*  
You certainly do not expect to live to see <sup>18</sup>1915 -  
And if you do not live that long, how can any of  
the men who shared with you the danger, <sup>and</sup> much  
more hardship, than you ever saw, hope to live  
that long? As a Regular Army officer, you have  
always been well paid and well cared for <sup>and</sup> in the  
nature of things, you are bound to be clothed & fed &  
cared for, until the end of your honorable & gal-  
lant career, by the people you have served -

Where then is the propriety, the sense of justice  
to the men you commanded, in your coming out  
against a liberal pensioning of the men who are  
now bending under the weight of premature age  
caused by exposure, danger and hardship of the  
late war? As a man, I have long admired you as  
the Havelock of our army <sup>and</sup> while having no per-  
sonal acquaintance with you I have often spoken  
to and shaken hands with you at the Congregational  
church in Washington D.C. - hence I am anxious to  
have your influence on the right side of this  
Pension question, and not your opposition -

It was my good fortune to serve from June 1861 to





HENRY BOOTH, Cor.  
A. F. COLLINS, S. V.  
HORACE P. PORTER, Med.  
E. F. FOLAND, Chaplain.  
SAMUEL M. WILSON, A. G.  
C. S. BOWMAN, Asst. Inspector.  
GEO. A. SPENCER, Chief M. O.

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120 East Sixth Avenue

Topeka, Kansas,

July 1864 in Co. "D." 7<sup>th</sup> O.V.I. - after Antietam, <sup>8</sup> at Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, & Lookout Mt. Mission Ridge & Ringgold Ga. we were in Geary's Div. of the 12<sup>th</sup> Corps under that gallant little General Henry W. Slocum. We were also on the Atlanta Campaign as far as Kennesaw, when we were relieved and sent home to Cleveland O. and discharged.

As a Regt. we stand no. 2 from the state of Ohio in killed & mortally wounded & no. 1 at date of muster out - the 49<sup>th</sup> O.V.I. having veteranized and served longer, last more during its entire term, than we did. At Cedar Mt. Aug. 9/62 we lost out of 307 men present 55 - killed and mortally wounded and 180 wounded. At Ringgold Ga. Nov. 27/63 our Col. Lt. Col. and adjt. were all killed and 13 out of 14 officers present, were killed and wounded. I was present and wounded at both battles mentioned. I cite these things to show I did not see the battle from afar. I trust you will consider this letter as coming from a friend and not from a foe and if you can find time to reply, shall be most happy to hear from you. Sincerely & Respectfully Yours  
 Laurence Wilson



Wilson Lawrence.

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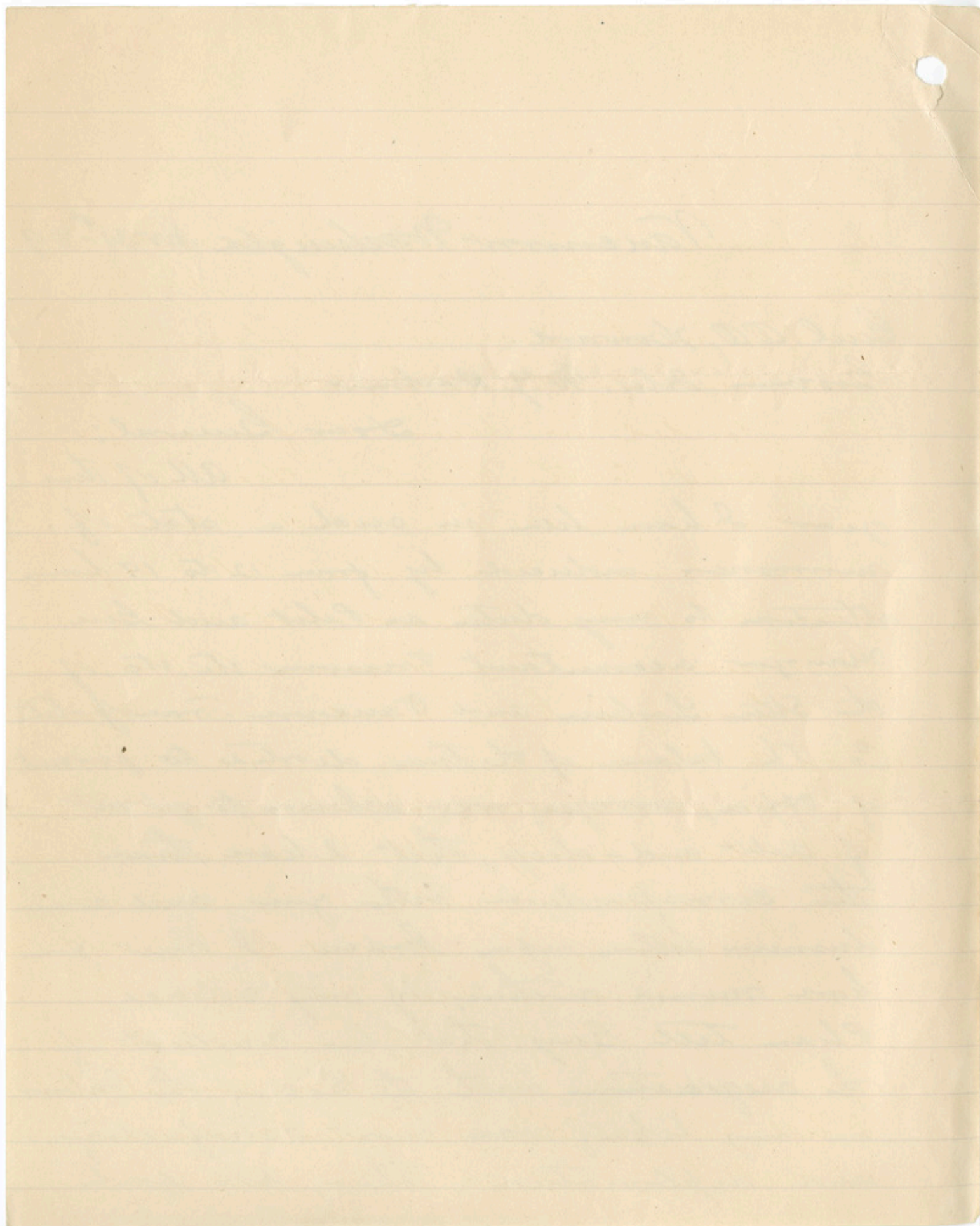
Genl. C.C. Howard.

Grover Island N.Y. Harbor.

Dear General:

All of this year I have been in such a state of nervousness induced by from 12 to 19 hours attention to my duties as Pilot and Gen. Manager accountant Treasurer etc. etc. of the Steam Line and Vancouver Transport Co. The balance of the time devoted to pursuit of office, worrying over schemes to get out of debt - and - sleep, that I have thrown the correspondence with you and some business letters upon Grace I trust you have missed nothing by my silence. Please tell Guy that his conduct of the negotiations with the Sec of the Interior in my behalf was most satisfactory and diplomatic. There are quite





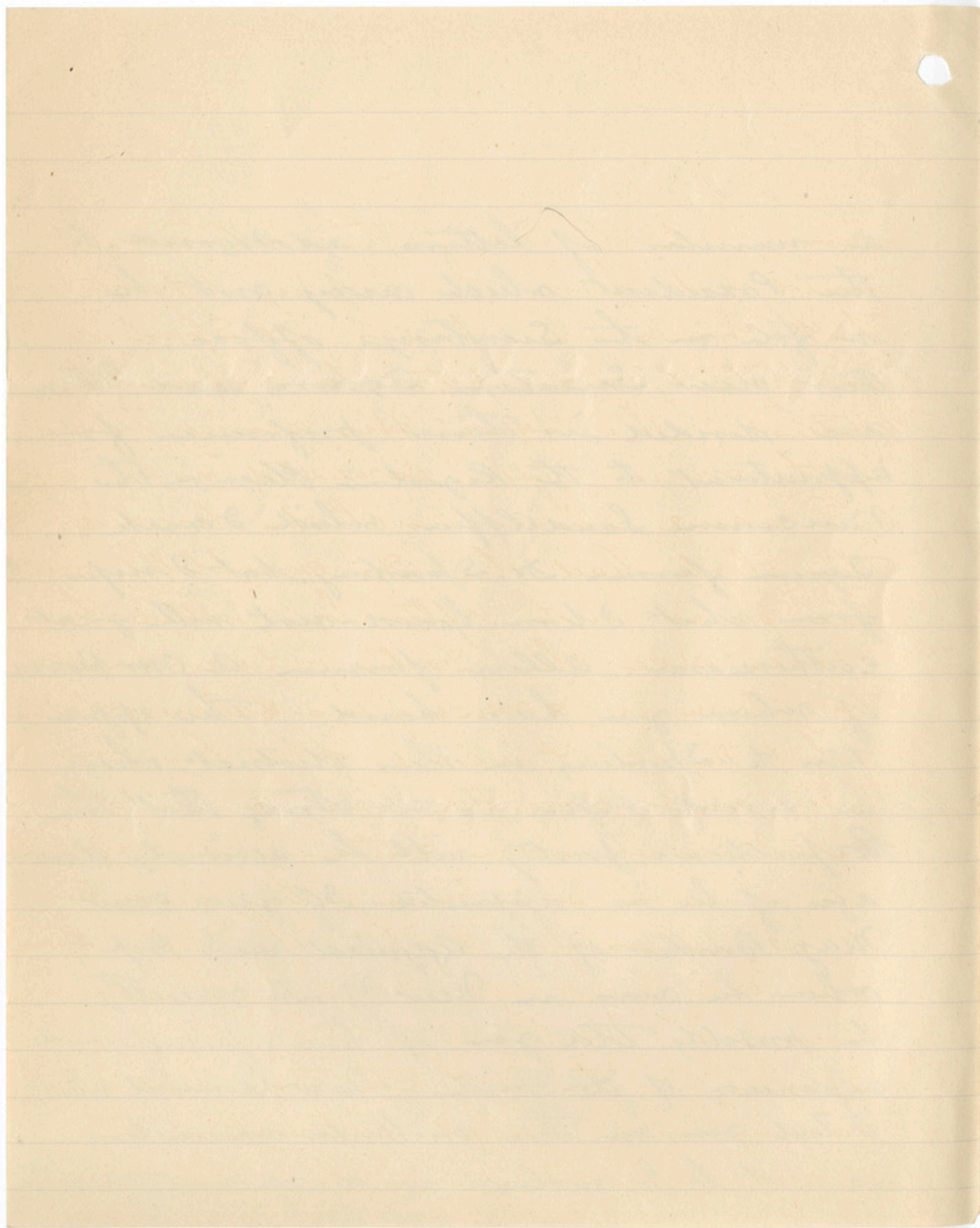


a number of letters addressed to the President which may not be on file in the Secretary's office.

Our new Senators Squire and Allen are divided in their preference for appointment to the Register's Place in the Vancouver Land Office which I seek.

Squire favors Dr. Sparling, but I infer from what I have heard - not with great enthusiasm. Allen favors a Mr Bowen of whom you have heard. - The opposition to Sparling in this district, where he served before, is so strong that the Republican party will be seriously damaged if he is appointed. - If you saw Maj Barker of the Adjutant Gen's Dept. when he was in New York recently he probably told you of his opinion and experience of Dr. Sparling. Now General what I tell you in this particular connection is not to be included in a special message



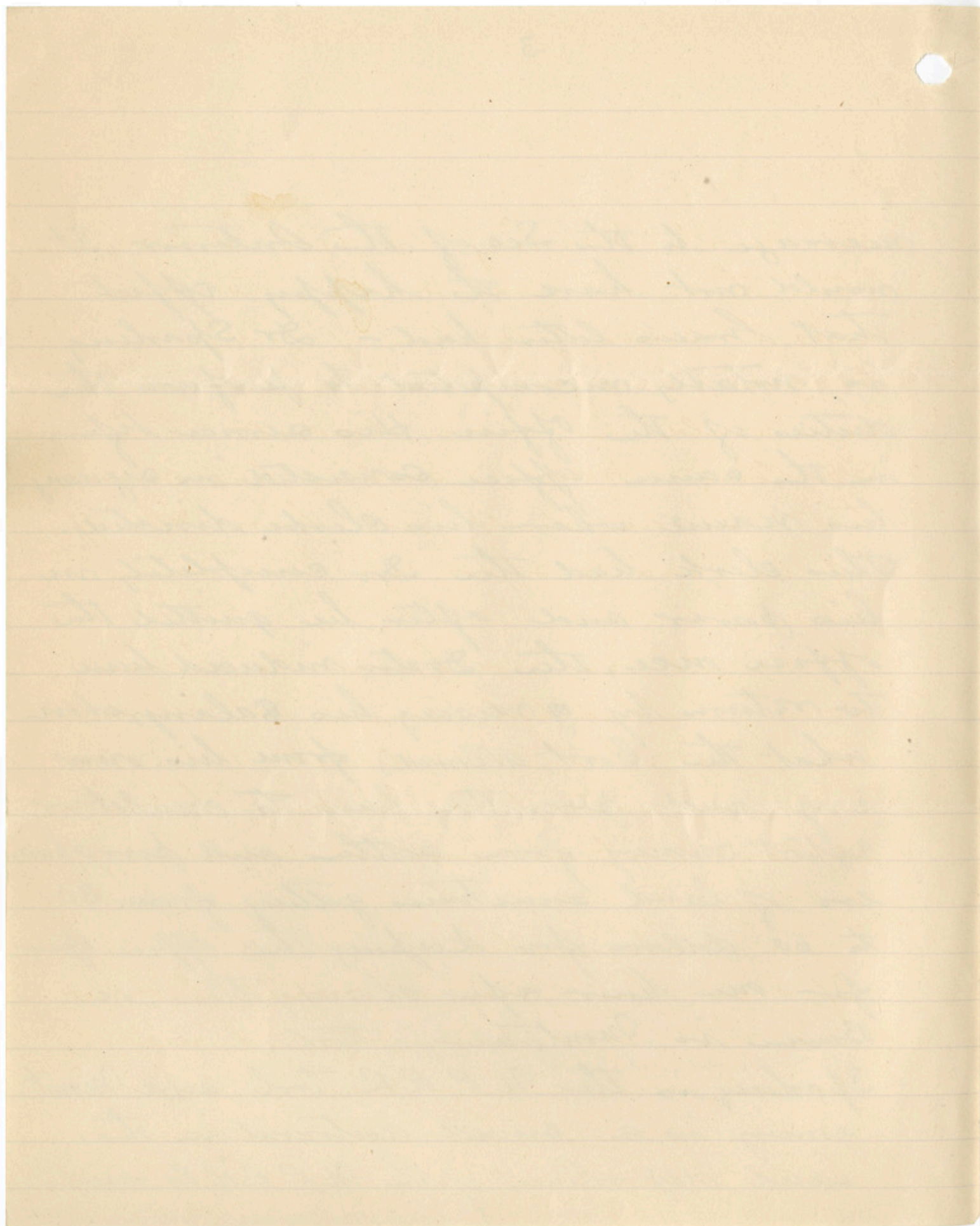




message to the Sec. of the Interior. It would not have the happy effect that Gracie's letter had. - Dr. Sparling is notably incompetent to perform the duties of the office. His service before in the same office consisted in signing his name where his clerk directed. This clerk had the Dr. completely in his power and after he quitted the office once, the Doctor induced him to return by raising his salary, took what the Govt. allowed, from his own pay, and permitting him to mulct or extort money from settlers and purchasers of land, sometimes getting from 30- to 60 dollars for keeping the office open for one hour after closing time, &c. Brown is Montgomery's tool.

Sparling is the N. P. R. R. tool and Montgomery is a small autocrat in the land department of the N. P. R. R. Co and







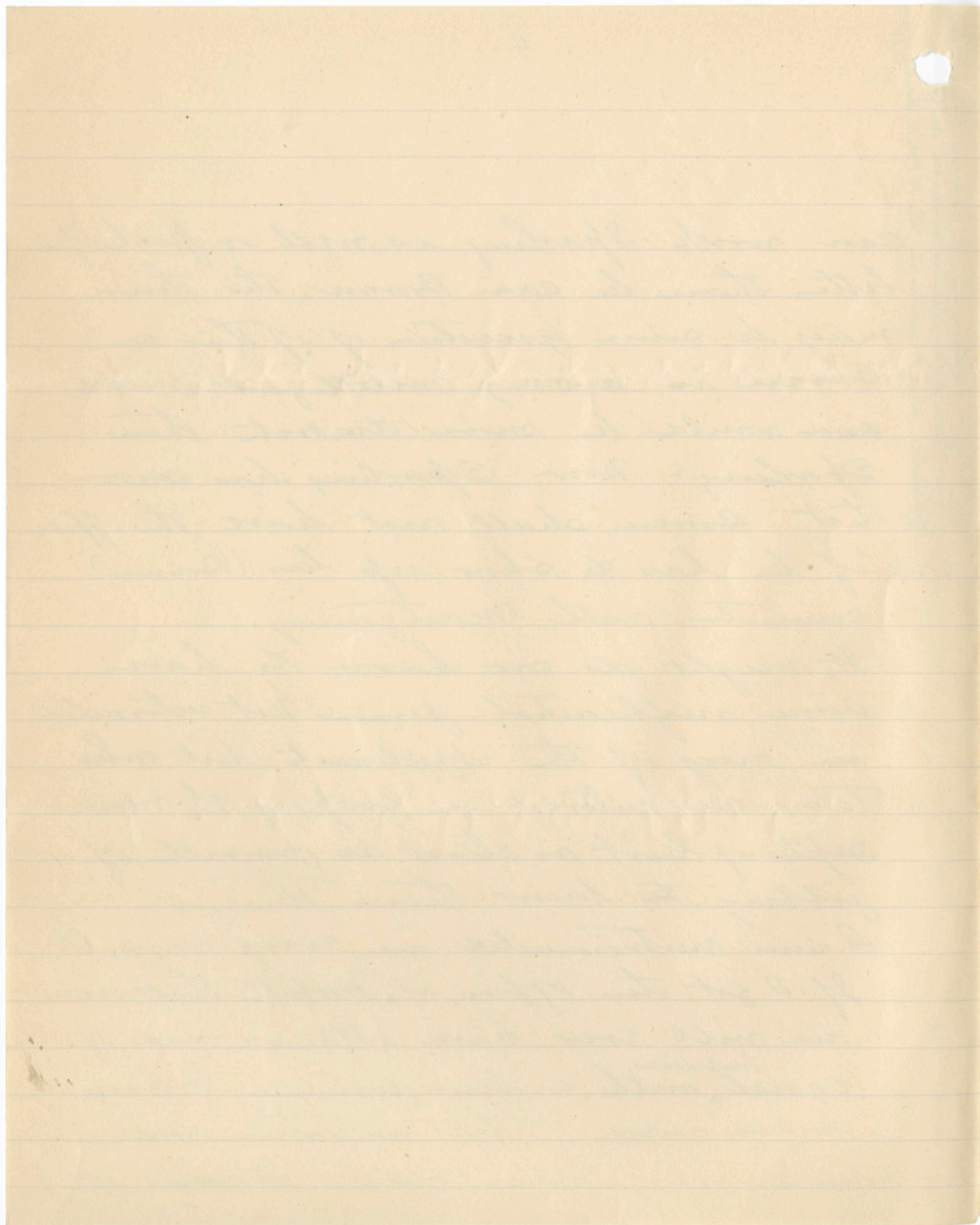
Sparling is explaining to some Hunt - his former Clerk to tell place as soon as he is appointed. Hunt now in the N.P.R.R. Land office

can work Sparling as well or perhaps better than he can Brown, tho there may be some question of this as Brown is a very intelligent man and would be more discrete than Sparling - Now Sparling has sworn that Brown shall not have the office even if he has to show up his (Brown's) connection with Montgomery.

It might do no harm to have some influential person not interested in any of the applicants but who takes an interest in keeping the various Dept's of Govt as clear as possible of jockeying to know these things

I am untrammelled in every respect. If I get this office it is <sup>for</sup> certain that no one will ever have obtained one of equal <sup>importance</sup> with a few promises. I have made none. The selection will be made very soon now. I wish it



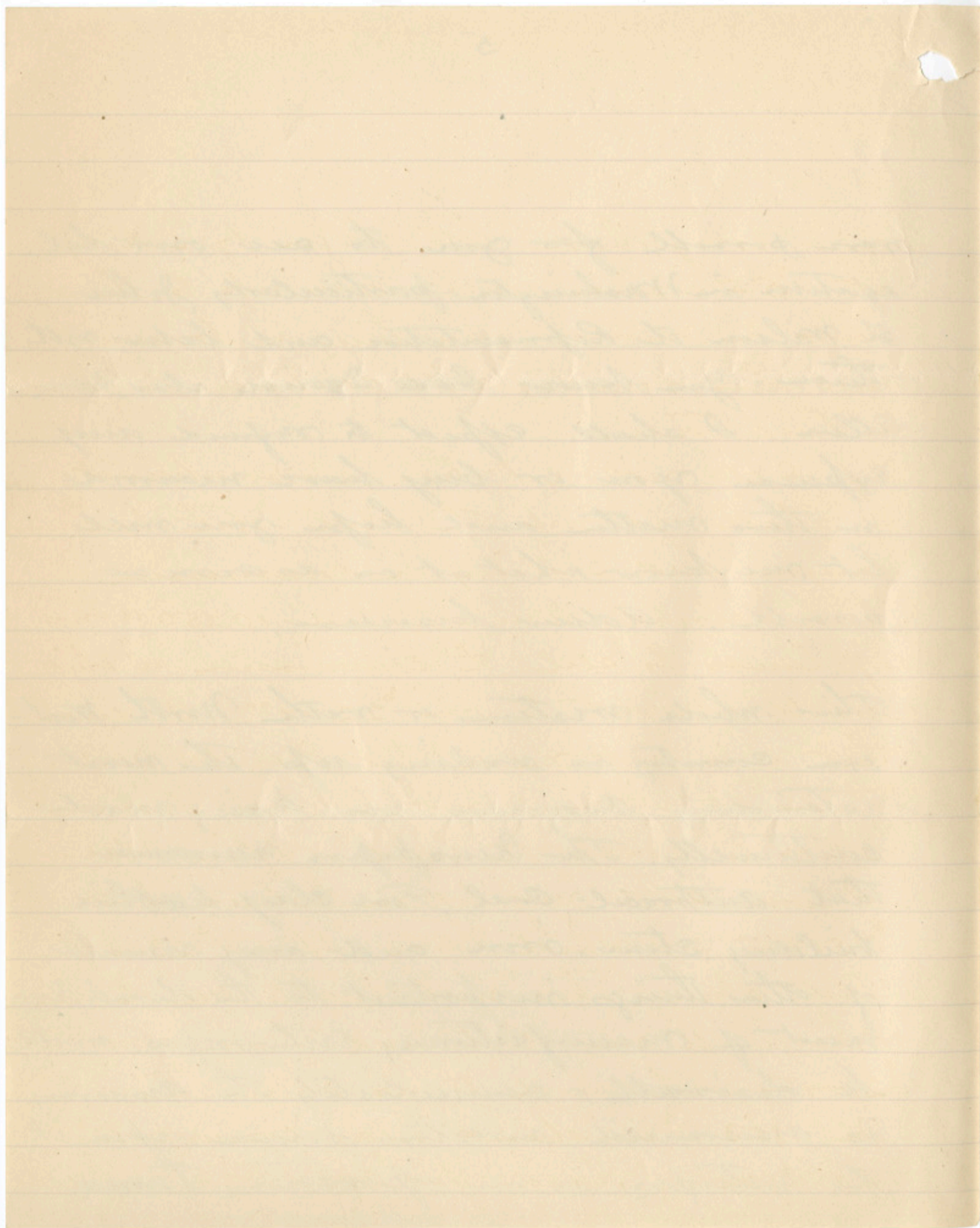




more possibl for you to see our del-  
 egation in Washington, particularly John  
 L. Wilson the Representative and later with  
 them. You know Gov. Squire also Sen.  
 Allen. I shall expect to refund any  
 expense you or any have incurred  
 in this matter and hope you will  
 let me know what it is as soon as  
 possibl. Adieu business.

This whole western or rather North West-  
 ern country is making up the most  
 astonishing discoveries are being made  
 continually. The Newspapers announce  
 that anthracite coal, Fire clay, kaolin  
 building stone, iron and any number  
 of other things important to the develop-  
 ment of manufacturing, enterprizes, would  
 be desirable. - immediately the discovery  
 is announced investors pour upon it  
 the enterprize is in operation. Some





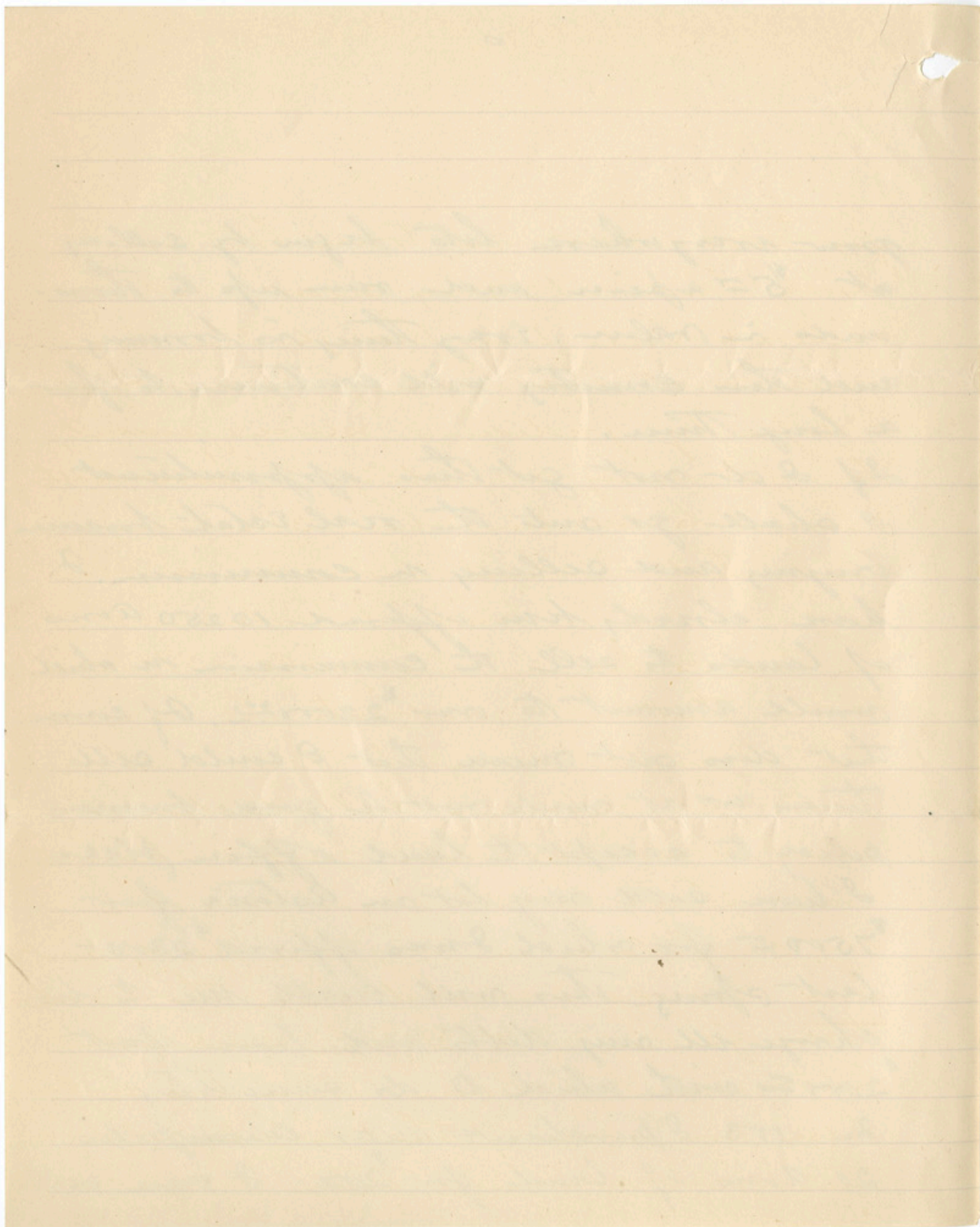


grow everywhere. Its begin by selling  
at \$5 = a piece and run up to thousands  
in value. Every thing is booming,  
and this country will continue to grow  
a long time.

If I do not get this appointment  
I shall go into the real estate business  
buying and selling on commission. I  
have already been offered 10250 acres  
of lands to sell on commission on which  
would amount to over \$22000. Of course  
that does not mean that I could sell  
them or it would not be good business  
policy to accept the land office place.  
I have sold my lot in Astoria for  
\$7500 = for which I was offered \$2300 -  
last spring. This will enable me to dis-  
charge all my debts and leave about  
\$2000 = with which to do something.

In 1853 I purchased near Cincinnati  
20 acres of land for \$200 - I can sell

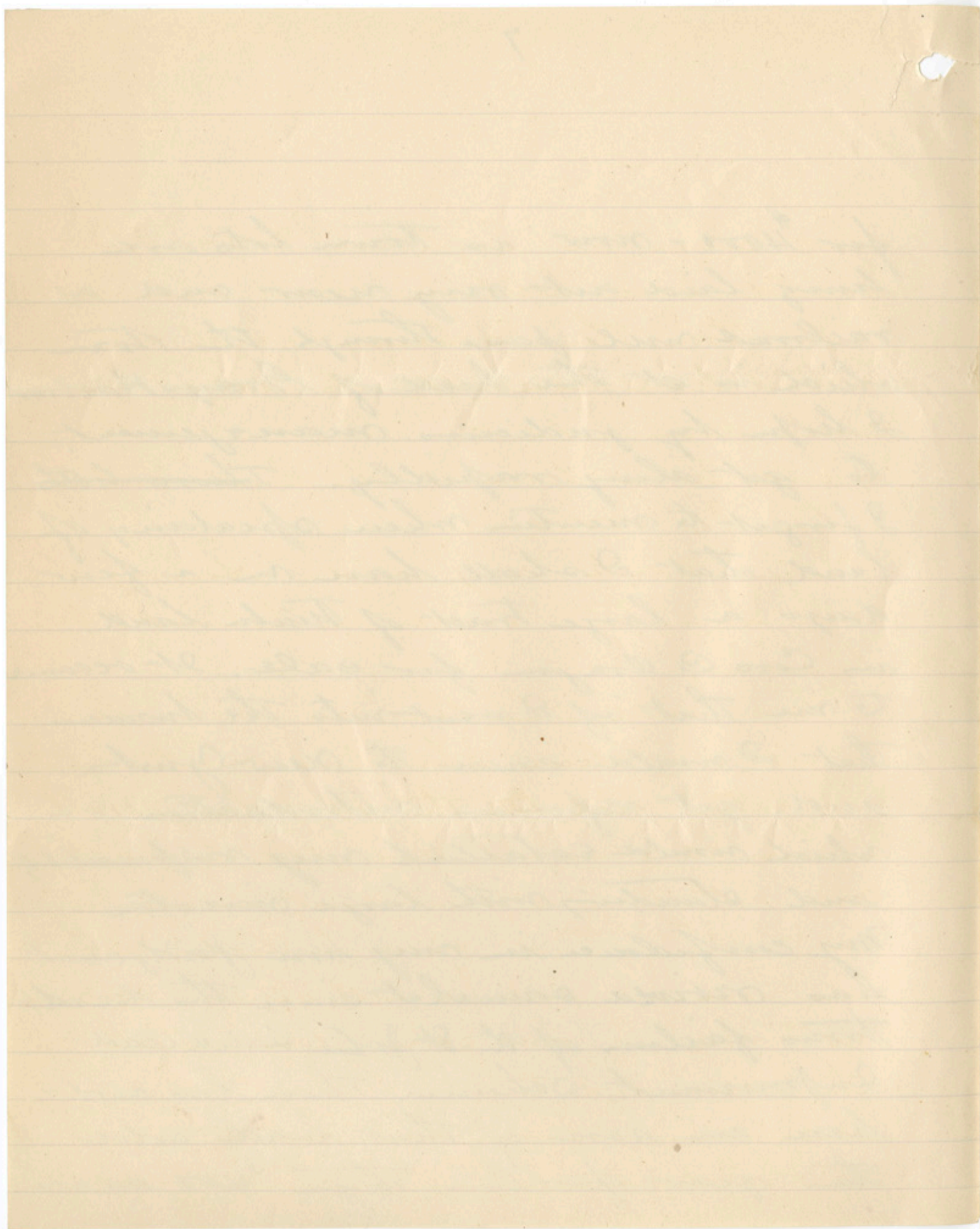






for \$4000 - now as town lots are  
 being laid out very near and a  
 railroad will pass through the town  
 which is at the head of Grays Harbor.  
 I hope by judicious management  
 to get along rapidly. ~~There little~~  
 I forget to mention when speaking of  
 land, that I shall have in a few  
 days a large tract of timber land  
 in Coos Co Oregon for sale. It occurred  
 to me that if I went into the business  
 that I would come to New York  
 and get references introduction &c.  
 which would establish my responsibility  
 and standing with large investors.  
 My confidence in my own judgment  
 has revived somewhat since the disas-  
 trous failure of the St John Land and  
 Improvement Scheme. There has not  
 been an acre of that land sold  
 this year for less than \$400, an acre







and some as high as \$800 - If we could have held on and carried out the the scheme - which we would have been all to do if we could have held it first - my share would have been at the least calculation \$1,000,000. -

Please thank Guy and Harry for me for their service in the Land Office business.

Mam and the children are all well. I think she has written lately. My father died on the 14 of this month. He was 80 years old. and glad to go. I was with him a great deal during his last illness <sup>or decline</sup>, and when he died, nature was worn out - and he fell asleep. no pain no trouble. The four seem years instead of three seem and ten.

I suppose Grace has written you that I have left the business over



I hope that we shall not miss the  
regular salary

Remember me to all at Home &  
hope to become better acquainted with  
them

Very affectionately yours  
James T. Gray

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Gray James T.

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Chattanooga, Dalton, Resaca, New Hope Church, Pine and Ken-  
caw Mountain, Atlanta, Lookout Mountain, Jonesboro, Thompson  
Station, Franklin and Nashville, are glorious memories never to be  
forgotten.

As from the summit of the pyramids forty centuries were  
said by Napoleon to be looking down upon the action of the armies  
of France, when in Egypt, so, in ages yet to come, your achieve-  
ments on the field of Chickamauga, amid the clouds upon the  
frowning heights of Lookout Mountain, or in the siege of be-  
lleguered cities will be an inspiration to the future soldiers of  
the republic.

How pleasant then, for you the survivors of so many battles,  
to meet to renew the comradeship formed in the tested field and  
cemented by the blood of comrades. Your old commander and  
his wife join in cordial invitation to you and your wife, and ask  
that you accept of the hospitality of our home on the twenty-  
fifth anniversary of the battle of Nashville, December 16, 1889.  
Let there be no strangers. Let each surviving comrade and his  
loving wife, return to the rendezvous, No. 65 Sibley street, Chicago,  
Illinois, on Monday, December 16, and there participate in the  
reception to be given the members of that regiment of glorious  
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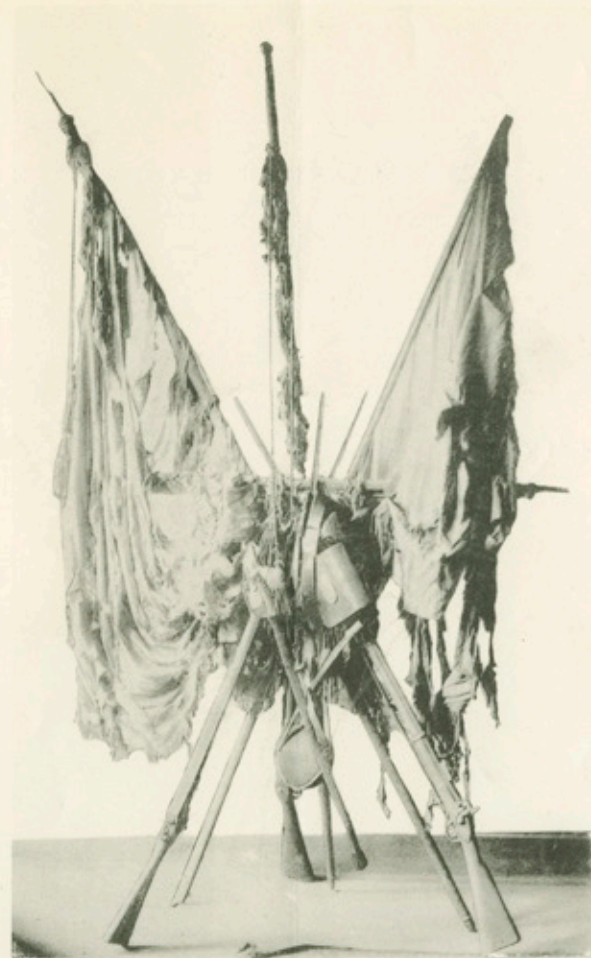
Comrades, you were ever prompt to obey the orders of your  
commander. Now, cheerfully accept the invitation of your com-  
rade and let no one be absent unless on surgeon's certificate,  
and there is no ambulance trip.

Faithfully yours,

Gen. and Mrs. J. C.

Home of Mrs. J. C. Smith, 65 Sibley street, Chicago, Ill.

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NASHVILLE, TENN.,  
DECEMBER 16, 1864.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,  
DECEMBER 16, 1889.

COMRADES:—

The anniversary of battles for the preservation of the Union  
in which each one of you bore a patriot soldier's part, brings with  
it memories of years gone by, and, dream-like, we pass in review  
the fatigue of marches, the thrilling incidents of the skirmish and  
terrible ordeal of the field of battle. Fort Donelson, Triune,  
Liberty Gap, Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, Mission Ridge,



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Liberty and Union, under God, are ours forever.

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Comrades, you were ever prompt to obey the orders of your  
commander. Now, cheerfully accept the invitation of your com-  
rade, and let no one be absent, unless on surgeon's certificate,  
and there is no ambulance train.

Please answer immediately, if you and your wife will be present.

Faithfully yours,

GEN. AND MRS. J. C.

Hours of reception: Assembly, 4 P. M. Retreat  
out, 12 P. M.

Chicago, Nov. 30, 1889.