Department of the Interior,

PENSION OFFICE,

Washington, D. C., .........................., 188.

Sir:

The Commissioner of Pensions acknowledges the receipt of your written communication asking for special action in the case of ....................................................

No. ............, Co. ..........., ............ Regiment

........................................ The recitals therein contained are insufficient and the action asked for cannot be taken upon said statement.

It is manifest to you that the expedition of one claim must be at the cost of delay to thousands of others, and, therefore, the discretion which is lodged in the Commissioner must be exercised with reason and judgment, and he has established, as prerequisite to the favorable consideration of an application for special action, that said application must set forth as follows:

Such circumstances as will justify the action of the Commissioner in the minds of those whose claims will be put back; as extreme age; or threatened dissolution of claimant; or dependence of the claimant on charity; or other like special and urgent reasons which may be particular to the case, and which must be submitted to the discretion of the Commissioner for his approval or disapproval.

These statements must be verified by the oath of the claimant making them, or of some reputable party acting for him. A communication from you covering the contents of this Circular will entitle the claim to which you refer to favorable consideration.

Very respectfully,

[Signature]

Commissioner

[Date: 6-4-85—10,000.]
2-1-90
Feb.

My Friend Maj. Gen. Howard:
I have been here in Washington just three weeks to day. I was turned out of the Treasury right after President Cleveland was inaugurated. I was a $1200 Clerk. On the 1-30-90 I was reinstated under rule 10 of the Civil Service @ $900. That rule was made by Cleveland that a man could only be reinstated for one yr. after discharge. Pres. Harrison so modified it that it should not apply to sailors or soldiers i.e. that they could be reinstated at any time. Well I'm very
thankful to be able to make some money to put some good buildings on my farm. I have $300. of the $1200. that I got in pension on interest. Owing to affairs at home that my wife will want to look after she will not come here till next fall. In the mean time I put my mask to save $50. a month. It costs me say $20. to board - then $5. for incidentals. In trying to get reinstated a private sec. of the Treasury read a letter of a Chief to me - that had been addressed to the Sec. when I was here before stating that a desk that I'd been transferred on to required a very efficient clerk & that I tended to business & was temperate.
that I was not up to the high water mark that was required on that deck. Well I told the Private Secretary that when I was here before that I was too ambitious for promotion & worried my superiors & also that when they got to transferring me every Chief that I went under would not show me only just part of the work on a deck. Well he said = We will lay this letter aside, your former record shall not mitigate against you. We shall put you on somewhat of a mitigate desk as it is the only place, but take your time and learn it, you shall be amply instructed, don't try to do too much at first. And if it is too hard for you we will transfer you & it shall not damage you or the service.
The desk is settling the pay rolls of the Marine Corps.
I'm in a room with 4 men and a lady — very pleasant. I think I can handle the desk. I shall not go over an item till I understand it. As in a nervous temperament, I shall exercise much outdoors, and "keep my heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life." I read an item: "Keep your wants within your possessions, and your ambition within your abilities." I thought of coming via N.J. and seeing if you would not help me into the War Dept. through Mrs Tweeddale — I served there 2 months on the Raper roll once, but I'm glad I did not trouble you because you
Dear enough to look after + it is not likely you would have thought it judicious to have assisted me after the number of times that I knocked your feet from under you. You do not think me fitted for a good place, but I will prove to you the opposite. I know you will be glad to see me succeed + you will have that satisfaction. Give me personally a note of encouragement. I contend that I'm just the man to help the Govt. + myself. Shall keep my eyes open + my mouth shut + stay at my desk + do honest work.

Very truly + sincerely
Yours George S. Torrance
941 - H. & I. N.W.
over Washington D.C.
I need the $900. of my pension paying debts.
It cost a good deal to
start a new farm,
buildings, horses, tools. Shall
keep my farm as a
base to fall back on.

G. E. T.
New York.
Feb 12th, 90.

Gen Howard,
Dear Sir,

I am requested to say by the members of the Committee of the Lincoln Dinner to be given by Lafayette Camp N.Y. that Gen. Scour has promised to be present also on that occasion.
He will respond to the toast G.A.R.

We consider ourselves most fortunate in being able to expect The Triumvirate of the "March to the Sea" with us that evening.

Trusting that nothing will prevent your presence.

Yours very truly,

Edward Frechamps
Chairman
Washington, D.C., Feb. 1st, 1890

Sir,

I would respectfully inform you that the pension claim of Edward Chambeau was allowed on January 29, 1891, at the rate of $240 per month. A more deserving pension has not been allowed by the Government for many years.

Respectfully,

J.M. Field
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To: Gen. O. O. Howard (Governors Island, N.Y.)

Sec'y of War will be in New York tomorrow if you will kindly see him & tell him what C. H. Howard says regarding my enterprise and any other assistance you could render will be appreciated. Final hearing of the Case will come up as soon as Sec'y returns on the 14th Inst. W. H. Lewellyn.
Dear Sir:

There will be a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Evangelical Alliance at this office [117 Bible House] on Friday, February 7th, at 4 o'clock P.M.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

General Secretary.
New York, February 25, 1890

Dear General,

I was and am very much obliged for your kind letter and list of officers. Pray do not make me of the latter for the benefit of our Society for the benefit of our Society for the benefit of our Society.

Your son was here today but I was not aware of it. Did you? I must always be glad to see him here and at home. I was glad to hear that he seemed satisfied with some of our materials. In a few days we shall be able to show other materials of interest to every one. I should you feel interested when you have nothing better to do shall be pleased to have you drop in here.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Gen. O. O. Howard

[Signature]
Honored and dear Sir,

May I further trespass upon your kindness to ask information as to whether or not a clergyman has to be under a certain age to be eligible for a chaplaincy in Army or Navy?

If I may trouble you further I would be much obliged if you will tell me who appoints to any particular post.

I would have no objection myself to go anywhere, but having the impediments of wife and child, the wife
may dread going far from relatives. I would be glad to know if there are any positions not far away from New York or Philadelphia for which one might apply, or if one can only apply for a position in general?

Pardon me, but if I should get so far as to wish and apply for a chaplaincy, did I understand you that the application should be addressed to the President and sent to the Sec'y of War, or addressed to the Sec'y of War?

In the Navy could a chaplain have his family with him? and are they liable to exposure to unhealthy climates? and are there
vacancies in the Navy?
Pardon me if I am
trespassing too much upon
your time and kindness,
and believe me.

With esteem

Very respectfully
Benjamin R. Phelps
chaplain

Gen. O. Howard
Commanding Dept. of the East,
Governor's Island
N.Y.
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Phelps Benj. R.

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ATLANTA UNIVERSITY, ATLANTA, Ga.

REV. HORACE BUMSTEAD, D.D., PRESIDENT.

Northern Address: Care J. F. Bumstead & Co.,
148 Tremont St., Boston.

In regard to... of...

Dear General:

Your note is received. I will come tomorrow (Tuesday) on the train that leaves at 9:30.

Yours sincerely,

Horace Bumstead

Gen. C. O. Howard
Governor's Island
N.Y.
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,
WASHINGTON, D. C.,

February 3" 1890.

Gen'l. O. O. Howard, U. S. A.,
Governor's Island,
New York City.

Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of the 30th. ultimo, addressed to Mrs. S. S. Sampson, I have the honor to inform you that the claim of Otis Smith, late of Co. D. 8" Michigan Volunteers, has been allowed. The Certificate, number 374,795, was mailed on the 11th. ultimo, to the U. S. Pension Agent at San Francisco, California.

Very respectfully,

[Signature]

Deputy Commissioner.
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT

WASHINGTON D.C.

September 2, 1890.

To Mr. Howard, U.S.A.

Governor, I am

New York City.

Sir:

I am writing to your inquiry of the

80th ultimo, addressed to Mr. J. S. Simpson, I have the honor

to inform you that the claim of Otto Smith, late of Co. D.

8th Infantry Volunteers, has been allowed. The Certificate number

846, 190, was written on the 11th ultimo, to the U.S. Pension

Agent of San Francisco, California.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Deputy Commissioner.
Mr. & Mrs. Elliott F. Shepard
request the pleasure of
General O. O. Howard's
company at dinner,
on Monday, February 3, 1890
at half after seven o'clock.

accepted
2 West Fifty-second Street.