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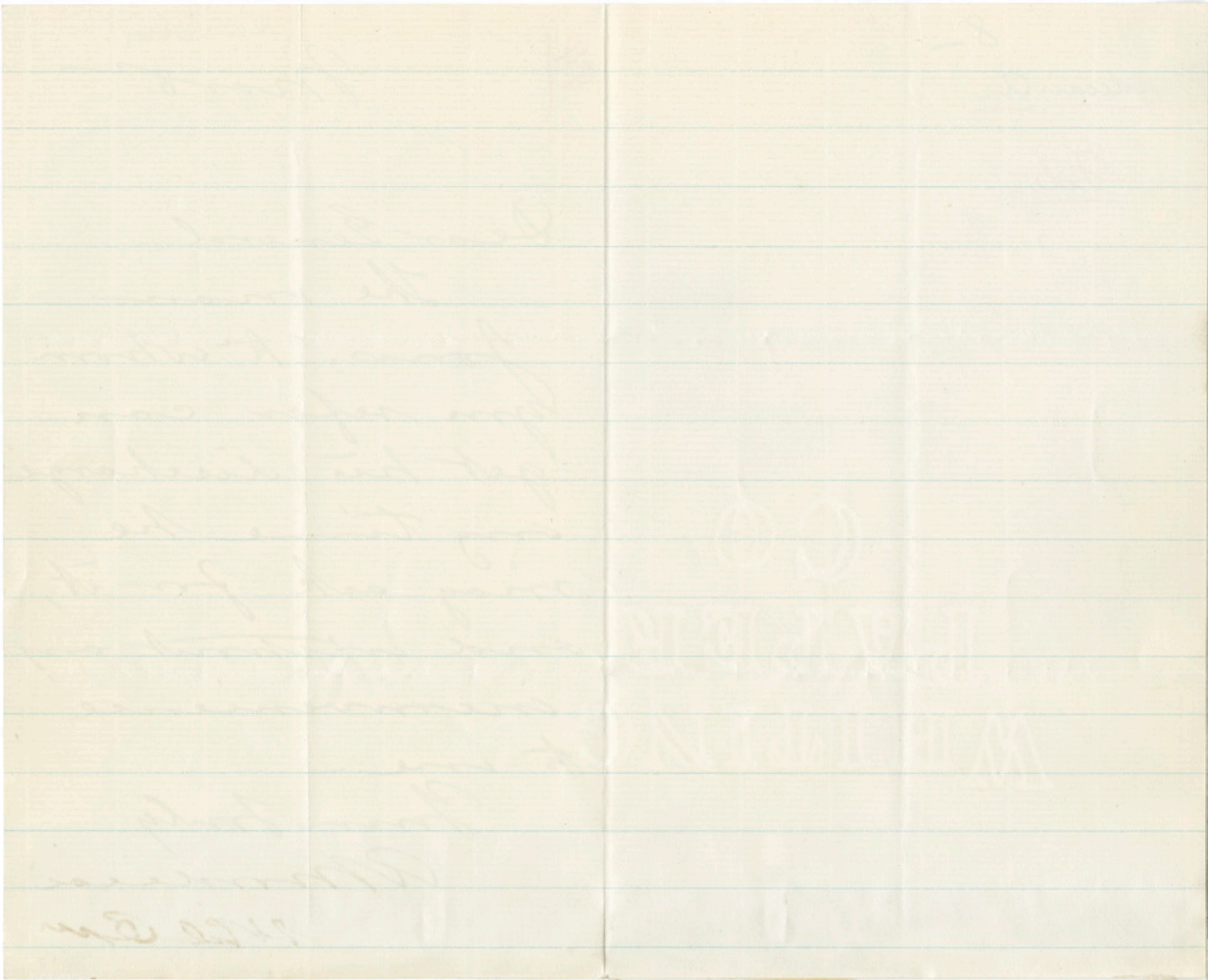
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Dear General

The man
Jones, to whom
you refer, can
get his discharge
any time he
may ask for it,
and without any
inconvenience
to me.

Yours Truly

A Mondecai
W. H. C. B.



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THE UNION LEAGUE CLUB.

NEW YORK, March 8, 1890.

DEAR SIR :

In order that all the members of The Union League Club may be advised in regard to the suggested leasing of the Vanderbilt house, No. 453 Fifth Avenue, adjoining the Club, it has been deemed advisable to make the following statement :

In the first place the idea of enlarging the Club House is no new scheme. It has been talked of for years, but always with the idea of purchasing one or more stables adjoining on 39th Street. The recent sale of the first stable now renders any enlargement in that direction impossible. For several months past efforts have been made to secure from Mr. Vanderbilt a refusal of his house, but it was not until the day before the last regular meeting of the Club that this refusal was obtained, when it was offered to the Club for eight years at \$10,000 per annum. The reasons for advising this lease are as follows :

The present Club House is constructed with the idea that bed rooms are to be a permanent feature of the Club and in the event of their utter abandonment they would be of little use for other purposes except at considerable expense for alteration. At the same time their limited number makes them a constant source of discussion, as there are always more applicants than can be accommodated. The Vanderbilt house has four bed rooms on each of the second and third stories, and six on the fourth. A conservative estimate of the income from these rooms is \$16.00 per day for the second story, \$12.00 for the third story, and \$6.00 for the fourth story ; the latter being entirely reserved for transient rooms.

This would give an income of at least \$12,000 per annum, \$2,000 more than sufficient to pay the rent of the building and leaving the first floor and basement for the use of the Club.

It is proposed to use a portion of the first floor for a café and the rest for any other purpose that might appear advisable to the members of the Club.

The connections between the two houses would be so made as not to injure or deface the present building. The expense for service would not be increased as the waiters would simply be brought down from upstairs when required.

It appeared to those who investigated the subject that the leasing of this house would harmonize the views of the various coteries in the Club. The suggestion of using the Club theatre for other purposes would no longer be thought of. Members desiring rooms transiently would be able to get them, and the comfort of those who would use the restaurant more frequently in the evening would be increased, and all at little or no additional cost to the Club.

The object of making a lease for eight years would be that the expense of connecting the two buildings, estimated at \$8,000, would be spread over a long enough period to make it amount to only \$1,000 per year, and the lease would expire at the time when the lease of the land upon which the Club House stands will be renewed.

Very Respectfully Yours,

M. W. COOPER,
Chairman Executive Committee.

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Union League Club.

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DEAR SIR:
In order that all the members of the Union League Club may be advised in regard to the proposed leasing of the Vandebilt house, No. 428 Fifth Avenue, adjoining the Club, it has been deemed advisable to make the following statement:

In the first place the idea of enlarging the Club House is no new scheme. It has been talked of for years, but always with members or purchasing one or more stories adjoining on West Street. The recent sale of the first stable now renders any enlargement in that direction impossible. For several months past efforts have been made to secure from Mr. Vandebilt a refusal of his house, but it was not until the day before the last regular meeting of the Club that this refusal was obtained, when it was offered to the Club for eight years at \$10,000 per annum. The reasons for advising this lease are as follows:

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This would give an income of at least \$12,000 per annum, \$5,000 more than sufficient to pay the rent of the building and leaving the first floor and basement for the use of the Club.

It is proposed to use a portion of the first floor for a club and the rest for any other purpose that might appear advisable to the members of the Club.

The connection between the two houses would be so made as not to injure or detract from the present building. The expense for service would not be increased as the waiters would simply be brought down from upstairs when required.

It appeared to those who investigated the subject that the leasing of this house would harmonize the views of the various coteries in the Club. The suggestion of using the Club theatre for other purposes would no longer be thought of. Members desiring more transiently would be able to get them, and the comfort of those who would use the restaurant more frequently in the evening would be increased, and all at little or no additional cost to the Club.

The object of making a lease for eight years would be that the expense of connecting the two buildings, estimated at \$8,000, would be spread over a long enough period to make it amount to only \$1,000 per year, and the lease would expire at the time when the lease of the land upon which the Club House stands will be renewed.

Very Respectfully Yours,

M. W. COOPER.

Chairman Executive Committee

Alcatraz Island, Cal.,
March 8. 1890.

L Major Gen. O. O. Howard,
Governor's Island, N. Y.,

Dear General,

You will remember that I wrote you some-
time ago relative to my being transferred
East to take charge of the Captive Apaches, who
are now at Mt. Vernon Bks, Ala. The more
I think about them ^{the more} and I convinced that
they greatly need some one to look after
their moral and spiritual needs.

And while the work, no doubt, will re-
quire great care and patient perseverance,
by the help of the Lord I think my great
good might be accomplished among them.

I have studied the matter carefully, and
prayerfully, and am perfectly willing to
go to them, and devote my time in
laboring to elevate and Christianize them.

I spent, some time in the South, after the war,
among the poor whites, colored people, and I

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think, by the help of the Almighty, I might be
of service to the poor Indians. I have
been anxiously waiting, for Congress to de-
termine where they shall be permanently
located. I presume, the matter is still un-
certain, as to their final destination.

However, I suppose, they will be permanently
settled, somewhere, in the near future.

Of course, I am desirous of entering
upon the work intelligently, and have, there-
fore, had some correspondence on the
subject, with Genl. Armstrong, of the Hampton
School, and Capt. Pratt, of Carlisle, Pa.

Both of these gentlemen seem anxious
that I should take hold of the work,
and indeed that I may the better per-
form my duties among them; They think
it would be well for me to visit
their schools, before hand, and gather such
information, as will be very helpful to
me in my prospective work. I presume,
I will be expected to supervise the schools,
among them, in addition to my other labors.

In view, of these facts, and that I
may be enabled to visit Hampton, & Carlisle,

before entering upon my work among
them, I wish you would ask the Hon.
Secy of War, to order my transfer now,
to take effect immediately after they
shall be permanently located. This will
make it sure that I am to take charge
of them, and, in the meantime, I can be
gathering useful knowledge, to enable me
to be of much greater service to them -
than I could otherwise be. If my
request meets with your approval will
you kindly inform me of the same.

I am, my dear Genl,

Very Respectfully

Yours Obedient Servant

W. H. Pearson

Post Chaplain M. Army
Alcatraz Island Cal.

Maj. Genl. A. W. Ward.

Comd. In Chief

Government Island

N. Y. Harbor.

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20 Nassau St. N.Y.
March 8 1890.

Major Genl O. O. Howard -

My dear Sir -
As President
of the Society of the Friendly Sons
of St Patrick of this City, I have
the honor of inviting you
to respond to the Toast to
be offered to "The Army and
Navy" at the Dinner of the
Society at Delmonico's on Monday
17 inst. - I will be glad if
you will accept, and asking
the favor of an early answer, and
Yours truly
David McClure

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Dr. James Brown
March 27/90.

My dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th inst. in relation to the matter of the
estate of the late John Brown, deceased, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper
authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours, very truly,
Richard Lamb

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War Department,
Adjutant General's Office,
Washington, March 8, 1890.

Major General O. C. Howard,
Comd'g Division of the Atlantic,
Governor's Island, New York City.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 6th instant, on the subject of brevets for service in Indian campaigns, and asking that you be furnished with the names of officers recommended by you while Commanding the Department of the Columbia for such brevet promotion, &c, I have the honor to inform you that, as shown by the official records, the following named officers were so recommended by you during the period in question:

1st Lieut. Edward S. Farrow (then 2d Lieut.) 76th

Adjutant General

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Infantry, recommended October 20, 1879, for the Brevet of 1st Lieut. and Captain, for distinguished ability, perseverance and gallantry in conducting operations, expedition of 1879, against hostile Indians in Middle Idaho, resulting in the capture of the entire band - to date from August 14, and October 8, 1879, respectively.

1st Lieut. Wm. C. Brown (then 2d Lieut.) 1st Cavalry, recommended October 20, 1879, for the Brevet of 1st Lieut., for distinguished perseverance, energy and gallantry in action against hostile Indians of Middle Idaho, expedition of 1879, which operations resulted in the capture of the entire band - to date from August 19, 1879. [In accordance with request contained in letter of the 3d instant, from General Howard, the words "in the field" will be substituted for "in action" in the foregoing recommendation]. Captain Charles T. Humphrey,

Assistant Quartermaster [then 1st Lieut. 1st Artillery], recommended December 21, 1877, and April 20, 1888, for the Brevet of Captain and Major, respectively, for gallant and meritorious services in action with Steyer Perces Indians in the South Fork of the Clearwater, Idaho - to date from June 11 and 12, 1877, respectively.

The recommendations now on file will be considered by the Department in making nominations for brevet promotion.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,
J. C. Kelton
Adjutant General.

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Booaid David

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Re:

Mar. 8, 1890.
New York City.

Gen. T. O. Howard

Dear Sir -

I take the liberty of addressing you in behalf of the Students Movement of New York City, an organization with whose work, I understand, you are already acquainted.

Our object being the maintenance of religious interest among the 6,000 students of New York City, we have been holding a central meeting for students on Sunday evenings during the past year, but now in order to awaken interest in new quarters and to

promote that intercollegiate spirit which has been found so useful in such work, we purpose holding a reception for all students of the City on Friday evening, March 21st at 8.00 P.M., in the Concert Hall of the Metropolitan Opera House.

To make this a success we want an address from some one or more gentlemen whose names will draw out the students - I have therefore been requested to invite you to address the students at that time & place.

We recognize that we have

no claim upon you, sir, apart from the interest which you have ever manifested in such work; this, we hope, will be sufficient to lead you to grant our request.

Hoping for a favorable reply, which we should like to have at once, as our time for making arrangements is so short, I am,

Yours very truly,
David Bovaird Jr.

Address Secretary of the
#40 East 23rd St. Students Movement,
New York City.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION,
ASSOCIATION BUILDING, 129-133 N. JAMES STREET.

F. A. TYLER, *President.*
H. H. CONVERSE, *Treasurer.*
H. S. NINDE, *General Secretary.*

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Rome, N.Y. Mar 10 1890

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard:
New York City:

Dear Sir & Bro.

Allow us to renew our question
of a year ago - and ask if your engagements
will permit of your being present at our
anniversary exercises - either late in May or early in
June - date being fixed to suit your convenience.

Yours truly,

H. S. Ninde Secretary

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THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
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WILLIAM PATTERSON,
President.
CLARENCE VALENTINE,
Treasurer.

FRANK W. OBER,
General Secretary.

Albany, N. Y., March 10 1889

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Major Gen. O. O. Howard
Dear Sir

We hold our annual meeting of the Y.M.C.A. of Albany on Sunday afternoon March 23. at our building corner Pearl and Steuben Streets. Last year we held seven meetings in as many churches, this year we hope to rouse a renewed interest in our work by holding one meeting - at which we would like to have you deliver the principal address, Hoping that you may be able to make it convenient to do us this favor which we will most thoroughly appreciate.

I remain Respectfully,
Chas H Mills
Chm. Com on Amm.

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General Secretary.

Albany, N. Y.

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Gen. Howard,

Dear Sir -

I wish to add my
earnest request for you
to come to Albany at
this time if you possibly
can - I feel that you
can render the cause
a great service by so
doing. We need just
such help as you can
give - Sincerely yours
Frank W. Ober.

ymba Albany
Ober Frank W.

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developed and opened
it up to settlement.
The gentleman, himself, came
to Congress after a residence
of only 10 years there.
But of course that is only
little, and not the reason
now, the President has
but one appointment
to the Academy. And while
we have the strongest sort
of letters on file, I have
no one to make it a
personal matter
and am therefore, sure
I shall not get it
by that route.

Pierce, Margaret E.
Thornton, W. Va.

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March 10. 1890.

Major Gen. O. O. Howard
U. S. Army.

My dear Gen.

I thank
you very sincerely
for your most kind
and prompt re-
ply to my request
for a letter to the
President concern-
ing an appointment.

to the Naval Academy
for our only son, Warren.
Your letter with ~~those~~
of others, is filed with
the President.

I was in Washington
a few days since &
learned that the
Member from the new
State of Washington had
an appointment to
the Naval Academy
unfilled, and im-
mediately went to
see him.

Soon he had been
having considerable
trouble to dispose of
his farm. had offered
to three boys & had it
declined. But said
he could not give
to me because I was
not a bona fide
resident of the State.

I was lived $8\frac{1}{2}$ years
of his life of 17 years
in Washington Territory.
And his father lost
his life in cutting to

and if you have time
to do this for us, please
send the bill of ex-
penses incurred to
me and receive our thanks,
even tho. the effort fails.
I must beg your pardon
for intruding upon
you in this way, but
there are so few to whom
I can turn for help,
that I must make my-
self little short of a
nuisance to my friends.

Very much love to
Mrs. Howard & the fam-
ily.

Very truly, Margaret E. Bruce

~~that~~ General, if you can
add one more to the
many kind things
you have said and
done for us and run
on to Washington & see
this Mr. Wilson for me
I feel sure that I can
get the place. He
wants something to fall
back upon in the
shape of strong influence,
when he shall be assail-
ed by his constituents
for making the ap. out

side the State.

I saw Gen. Miles and asked him to see Mr. Wilson, which he very promptly did; but his letter today gives no great encouragement.

Gen. Sawtelle said you had the most potential influence in Wash. Territory & if I could only secure your cooperation, he thought the result assured.

Just think of that ap-

pointment being round loose & I want it so much! Certainly the 2^d Infantry served Washington long & faithfully - and there could be no objection to this appointment when the boy has no home at all & lived the larger part of ^{his life} within its borders.

I send these "orders" to refresh your memory in regard to my husband's service &

10 Rosevear
Merrick W.H. 3/10/90

My dear Oth -

We shall be delighted
to have you & Guy pay
us a visit when you
are in town but I am
awfully sorry to say
that in consequence
of the Dickens in the
house we cannot offer
to put you up - the
best time I believe in
the history of Rosevear
since we lived in it
that it has been necessary
to wave off our friends.
Lally is here having
to live the life of an
invalid partly due to

on Pompeii experiences
partly due to other causes
I am about the house
and get a walk of
a quarter mile or so
as the limit of my journey
although improving daily
we dine at 8 - and
have supper at 6.30
then to visit the ruins -
Come to either meals
that suits you -
There is a train from
9.45 am at 12 - our
pound road to Cheltenham
are at 12.16 - if you
come by the latter you
can get a cab at Cheltenham
and Germantown to bring
you over - or if you will
say when we meet I will
affectionately
Yours
W H W

Fort Monroe Va.

March 10th 1890.

To the,

Asst Adjt Genl.

Division of the Atlantic.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith two letters from Capt C. F. Humphreys, Quartermaster's Department, in relation to his services in the battle of Blairwater, D. T., and in the Campaign of Major Genl Howard against the Nez Perce Indians - 1877.

His statements as to his services are true. The instances of his daring acts on the day of the battle were many, also at the crossing at Ravina, in the face of the Indian fire, he exhibited his usual brave conduct, and I trust the Major General Commanding will read his paper.

In my opinion, of all his acts, he was exposed the the most danger on the charge to take the ridge, spoken of in his and

Fort Monroe, Va., March 10, 1890.

Major M. D. Miller,
5th Artillery.

Enclosed two letters from Captain Charles S. Humphreys, A. Q. M., dated February 27 and March 3, 1890, in relation to his services in the battle of Blairwater, D. T., July 11 and 17, 1877, and in the Campaign of Major General O. O. Howard against the Nez Perce Indians in 1877, and for which he thinks himself entitled to the brevet of Lieutenant Colonel.

Recd. Div. Atla. March 12, 1890.

my letter, on the evening of July 11th; he got nearer to the enemy than ^{any} other officer: to within about 15 yds of their Stone Shelters.

The result of the charge gave us advanced positions, enabled us to haul within our lines the galling guns, to examine the grounds about the lone tree and in front of the position of the howitzers and secure the wounded.

Capt Humphreys thinks he has been recommended for two Brevets, if so he deserves them, I have never been informed as to any recommendations having been made for Brevets for any of the officers.

He seems to think he deserves another, that being a question usually left to superior officers I hesitate to make any direct recommendation unless called upon by a superior officer to do so. I can say that his bravery was conspicuous on four important occasions as follows and in order of occurrences.

1st July 11th. Forenoon. Conducting a party of ten men of Battery B. 4th Art., across dangerous grounds to reinforce the lines near Capt Ote's Howitzer Battery, and by example of coolness and bravery holding and directing their fire, adding greatly to the

final safety of the battery.

2^d In charge taking the ridge, above alluded to, about dusk July 11th.

3^d In skillfully and bravely handling his company in the charge of the 4th Art. Battalion. July 12th whereby his company in close conflict outflanked the Indians right, forced them down the hills into and across the river.

The credit of this act in Genl Howards report Dec 21st 1877 to the Head Quarters Division of the Pacific was erroneously given to Capt Rodney 4th Art.

4th In unhesitatingly and with zeal, crossing his Company in Canoes at Kamia in the face of the fire of the Indians and in clearing the heights upon the opposite bank. July 15th. This effort was not met by as much opposition as anticipated, but the strength of the Indians was unknown at the commencement of the operation. Yet on account of the enemy's fire the party attempting to repair the Cable ferry had just previously been driven away and it was found necessary to fore the ensuing.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. H. Miller. Major 5th Art.

been left by the cavalry in a dangerous position. I called out to you that I was in front of the gun and would protect it; you seemed surprised to find any of your men so far to the front, and then and there commended me for it. After you had caused the gun to be hauled off, you ordered me to fall back, and on joining you we found ourselves the only officers on the line. Burton with his company had disappeared without your knowledge and you were very angry about it. I heard subsequently he had been ordered back by Col. Mason. You, remaining with the line, gave me permission to go to the rear for my blouse, and on returning you gave me charge of the line where I remained till after daylight when I was ordered to the command of A. Company in another part of the field. To go back, the men who passed to the front

Office Depot Quartermaster,

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Cheyenne, W. T. February 27th 1890.

My dear Colonel:

While your very generous letter of recommendation is far more than I could have anticipated, I take the liberty of returning it to you inasmuch as you say if I find errors to return it and you will correct them. I think there are no errors, if any, however. I should say they are in my favor, but I would invite your attention to my conduct on the afternoon of the 11th, to which you refer, as it would add to that you already have said and so still further increase my chances for higher brevet, or at least a higher one than given to any other Lieutenant's company commander, or aide, quartermaster or commissary in the fight or near it.

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Late on the afternoon of the 11th you came to that part of the line in which I was and said to Burton and me that you were going to go for the Indians in our front; some conversation followed, which I remember but will not state here, when I said "I will lead the charge" which was then ordered and we went forward to the crest of the slight rise of ground in our front where nearly all of the line stopped; I and a few men passed on and down the reverse side to a position very near the Indians and I have never doubted but we would have taken their line of works if our charge had held together. Going down the slope towards the Indians I was struck in the stomach by a ricochet ball, knocked down but got up and passed on some 40 or 50 yards then lay down and opened fire; the man that had passed the ridge with me had halted and laid down where I was knocked over but subse-

quently came forward to my position and opened fire. The breast works of the enemy were plainly in view and but a short distance in our front; I saw the Indian when he fired at me and expected more of a dose than I got and altogether our fire was very hot, the Indians keeping up a sharp fire in our front till about dark when some of them passed around to our left flank and opened fire from there also. The racket was kept up until quite 8-30 p.m. but the Indians did not budge us till getting somewhat in our rear and, consequently, on higher ground, we fell back a little but kept up the fire and stuck to the ground in front of the ridge. It was just before the firing ceased that I heard you a little in rear of my position calling out to the man, who evidently had abandoned the ridge and returned to the original line, to come forward and haul off a cavalry Gatling gun that had

post on our side of the river at the end of the ferry wire rope for its protection and we returned to the main body. Soon after our return you sent for me and promised your orders by saying that you did not like to put me on duty that night having just come off picket, but you wanted me to go and take command of the men at the ferry, that you thought there would be trouble and were fearful the men would leave the post. I proceeded there at once and found the men somewhat stampeded because of its exposed position, probably a mile and a half from the main body, and the message Chief Joseph had sent them.

Soon after I took charge of the post Lawyer Chief of the Treaty Nez Percés sent one of his Indians with a message from Chief Joseph that if I did not abandon the post he would "pull us out and cut our throats during the night". I sent Chief Joseph word that I

Office Depot Quartermaster,

Cheyenne, W. T., 188

With me were Sergeant Hedeman and Pot. Pancos Co. E. and Corporal Myers Co. D. 4th Artillery, Sergeant Martin and Privates Kessler, Alexander and Hutchinson Co. C. 21st Infantry. Privates Hebner Co. C. and Kuhn Co. L. 1st Cavalry. Hutchinson and Kuhn were killed and Hebner wounded. All things considered I think it was a sharp bit of the fight for me that day, though I lost two men shot, non-commissioned officers, of your company in going to the howitzers. It is for the part taken by me that I mention the details of the affair to you now, you had a great deal to do that day and therefore were thinking of other things as well as our particular affair at that time.

There are many things that I did not mention

in my report, for instance on the heels of our successful charge on the 12th I never halted till on the bank of the river. You will remember that when I took the ridge from which the Indians had been firing on our front and left, I faced my company by the right flank and continued on the ridge so when we reached the woods, your battalion having been obliquing to the right, I was some distance in front of the main line and here I faced my company to the left, which brought it again into line and moved double time down the hill.

At the river we got an Indian who begged for his life in good english, but having a gun no attention was paid to his request, in fact there were plenty of them in close proximity and we were too few to take prisoners.

We killed, also, two Indians in their camp and might at that time have killed numbers of

women and children had we deemed it necessary; we made it hot for mounted Indians fording the stream some distance below us, and wounded at least two on the bluffs in rear of their camp. I have since thought that I made a great mistake in not taking the men across the river; they were ready for any thing and we might have taken considerable of the camp, but I had been ordered to halt and finally had word sent me from Rodney that he would place me in arrest if I did not do so.

On arriving on the reservation at Kammia the hostile Indians opened fire to prevent our crossing the river and in the affair my company was the only one that suffered. That night I was on picket and the following day you invited me to go with General Howard and you to reconnoiter the river for a crossing. From a part of the escort you established a picket

sitting near the bank of the river at the old ferry the Indians opened fire on us and you asked who would volunteer to cross and attack them; Jocelyn said he would not volunteer for the work, I said I would take my company and do it; you ordered me to fall in my company which I did and on reporting to you, you asked me whose company would be at the head of the column if on the march that day, I replied that Captain Morris' would be; you said I shall order him for I might lose you and I can't afford that. You told me that I might follow next after Morris and sending Rodney to open fire with the 3-inch gun, you attached Rodney's company, excepting the gun detachment, to Morris' and we moved. I reached the opposite bank soon after Morris and moved up on to the road and formed my company in line;

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proposed to hold the place and he could come on. Some little time before dark Chief Lawyer came to us in person and asked me to abandon the post. for said he Joseph will do what he says, I repeated to him about what I had already said on the subject and he left us. A great difficulty with me was that I could not tell the hostile from the treaty Indians and as Indians were passing on the road constantly during the afternoon and knowing that many of the treaty Indians had been engaged in the recent fight, I halted all and compelled them to pass singly. As the friendly chief was leaving I told him to tell his bucks that I would fire on any Indian approaching

the post after sun down, and as soon as it was dark I began building a defensive post which was soon completed and Chief Joseph would have had a tug to get us out of it. Having completed our work, I sent Sergeant Downy to you with the information I had that in case of heavy firing in the night you would know what was up. During the first half of the night there was a good deal of firing on both sides, for my orders were to prevent the Indians detaching the farther end of the wire rope and when ever they approached the vicinity of it our fire was opened on them. I was convinced Joseph's bucks were about us during the first part of the night, but we were too strongly posted to admit of his threat being carried out, if, even, he had the intention to do so. About 2-30 a.m. General Howard with two Indian scouts came to the post, I halted them and in reply to

my challenge I thought, by the voice replying to it, that it was Captain Morris who, with his company, had been sent by you on account of the firing.

I told him we were all right and I had no room for him but suggested that he put his company in line in rear of the ridge just back of us; learning by this time that I had challenged Gen. Howard, he approached and joined us and in course of conversation said he had felt worried for our safety and determined to come and see how we were. On the general's return to camp, before daylight, he insisted on leaving one of the scouts with me as he thought my force small in case of attack. The next morning, early, Sergeant Downy came in and reported he became lost in the woods and could not find the camp; the main body soon after came down to the ferry. On same afternoon when several officers were

Sincerely,

C. F. Murphy,

Captain & Assistant Quartermaster
U. S. Army

Colonel M. P. Miller.

Major 5th Artillery.

Fortress Monroe, Va.

Office Depot Quartermaster,

Cheyenne, W. T.,

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1st Sergeant Wright of D. company asked me to allow him and his company to go on with me, I formed them on the left of my company all in skirmishing order and started for the hills in our front. I passed over two slight ranges and saw plenty of Indians, but they did not want a fight and I did not think it prudent to fire on them first because of Gen. Howard's orders to do nothing to provoke hostilities on the part of the reservation Indians; we could not tell whether, or not, they were hostiles. I remained on this line till near sun down when the rest of the command having crossed, I was ordered to rejoin the main body.

Nothing farther of particular interest to me transpired till in the Bitterroot Valley the foot

Troops were halted and the cavalry proceeded on in pursuit of the hostiles; even I received orders to fill my company up to 40 men by selection from the battalion and go on and join the cavalry. At Camos Prairie when the Indians jumped us I was in command of the pickets belonging to the foot troops whose posts were on the right bank of the creek where the Indians made their first attack just before daylight; the pickets beat them off and no artilleryman fell back on the camp.

Finally on the upper Missouri after the surrender some of us got in later than the main body and when we met Gen. Howard on the steamer "Carroll" he placed his hand on my shoulder and said "here is the man who never wanted to turn back, always ready to march and fight" and at the reception Gen. McDowell gave the officers of the command at San Francisco, Gen. Howard

in introducing me spoke of my having been his "right hand man". I intended to do my duty and in view of your commendation think that I succeeded thoroughly well and if rewards be given, they should, in justice, be given in accordance with deserts. The brevet of major to a 1st Lieutenant is a distinguished honor if it means any thing, but it does not mean much if given to officers serving with me when it is known that the recipient did little or nothing of a dangerous nature, and if dangerous because he was obliged to.

If you think proper to embody in your report the special features of my action on the afternoon of the 11th, please do so, and, if you think I am entitled to the brevet of Lieut. Colonel I wish you would so inform Gen. Howard. I certainly am entitled to it if the mediocrity get the brevet of the next lower grade.

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My dear General:

I enclose you with this a letter I received a day since from Col. Miller in reply to one I wrote him some time since enquiring what his report of the Neg Perce campaign contained with reference to me as I had never seen it.

Please endorse the paper and forward to the Adjutant General of the Army for file with other papers on same subject.

You will see that Col. Miller thinks I deserve reward for my action on the 12th of July as well as on the day preceding it. So it is consistent with your ideas to recommend me for the brevet of Lieutenant Colonel, in addition to your present recommendation for brevet

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Colonel^s.

Honors of the kind now bestowed would be of great value to me in case of war, which I believe will come upon us from some direction ere long, and in such event I certainly shall secure commission in the volunteer infantry - nothing would tempt me to serve in my own department, or in any other staff department.

I see the Act of Congress authorizing the President to confer brevets for certain service - states that the particular service shall be mentioned in commission, so if you concur in Col. Miller's opinion please recommend that the commission, if only one be given, state in effect that it is for conspicuous gallantry in preventing the Howitzer Battery from capture by the enemy.

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proper division of the above should be made.
I think one of my best acts on the 11th was
in leading a charge late in the afternoon to
which Col. Miller probably refers to in his letter.
I enclose you a copy of letter sent to Col. Miller
to-day, but concluded not to return his report
for a loss of time would ensue thereby, he
may send you a sub report on my conduct
in the affair above referred to, as I tell him
I have forwarded his paper to you.

I trust you will read the copy of letter as it
is a plain and correct statement of facts
occurring during the campaign so far as it
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Hoping to hear from you at your earliest
convenience,

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Sincerely

C. M. Munn

Capt. & Asst. Dr. U.S.A.

Major General O. O. Howard

U. S. Army

Governor Island.

New York Harbor

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Fort Maximus Mont
Feb 10th 90.

Mr Chas. G. Torak. age.

Dear Sir.

In reply to yours of the 1st inst
I have to inform you that I do not remember
the circumstances of the loss of the Hacer you mention.
The dawn bay Hacer I do not remember
at all, but I have an indistinct recollection of seeing
the General ride the Mouse colored Hacer. and I remem-
ber that a few days before the command reached Carroll
Mont. something happened to the General's Hacer and
I gave him a gray mule that I was riding. At this
time a herd of broken down Hacer was being driven behind
the column, and on our reaching Carroll where a week or two
later the greater portion of the scouts & Indian employees
were discharged, a good many Hacer were stolen from this
broken down herd. It is undoubtedly a fact that this
Hacer of the General was stolen with others at Carroll.

Yours very respectfully.

Jno. Q. Adams
Capt 1st Cavalry.

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Mr. Charles T. Jones

Dear Sir

I have to inform you that I do not remember
the circumstances of the loss of the Higgins in question.
The date was about 1860 I do not remember
at all. But I have an indistinct recollection of seeing
the Higgins with the name on its side. And I remember
- but that a few days before the command, Higgins
Higgins, something happened to the Higgins. And
I saw Higgins there that day. At this
time a lot of other things were being done about
the Higgins, and on one of the Higgins I saw two
later the greater portion of the Higgins. Higgins
was changed. Higgins was taken from this
room. Higgins. It is understood that Higgins
Higgins of the Higgins was taken with Higgins.

Very respectfully
J. Q. Adams
Capt. Higgins

Albert Miller, President.

C. O. G. Miller, Treasurer.

J. M. Livingston, Secy.

Pacific Gas Improvement Co.

Corner of Annie & Stevenson Streets,

Adjoining the Palace Hotel on the West.

San Francisco, March 10th 1890.

Major General O O Howard

W J Army

Governors Island

New York Harbor

Sir,

I have the honor to inclose
herewith Wells Fargo & Co's Bill of Exchange, of this date, on New York
for Sixteen dollars & 16.⁰⁰ in payment of dividend N^o 60. upon your
40 shares of stock in this Company.

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Wm. Miller, President

Wm. Miller, Treasurer

J. M. Thompson, Secy.

Pacific Gas Improvement Co.

Corner of Main & Second Streets

San Francisco, Cal.

San Francisco, March 10, 1880

103.

Dear Sirs: Please find enclosed
the bill of exchange for
the sum of \$1000.00

Yours

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your bill of exchange of the 10th inst. for the sum of \$1000.00 in payment of the balance of the account of the Pacific Gas Improvement Co. with you.

Very respectfully,
Wm. Miller
President

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Gas Imp Co

to send a
small of Passaic N.J.
you to March 10, 1870
Mr. Chas. E. Treat and his
Dear Sir
In reply to your kind letter,
I am not the widow of
Genl. Anderson, but the Widow
David J. Anderson, Alexander
Patterson's wife has been a good
and faithful servant to me
for the last ten years, and
does not want to leave me, now
that I am growing old & feeble,
by the death of my husband's son
I have two little orphans, as
well as my own property to
look after & care for, I have
and do feel, I do not want a
stranger, by granting this,

a great favour to ask
the discharge of Alexander
Patterson, that he may
assist me in looking after
my affairs, if you wish
I will ~~will~~ go to Governor
Island & make the statement
or I would be very much
pleased to see some of the
the head officers at my
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to me. Respectfully yours
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