

New London, Conn.,

July 23-91

Genl. O. C. Howard,

(My Dear Sir. -

(May I take the liberty to address you concerning a matter of deep interest to me.

In May 1886 one William Basely (alias Butler) deserted from Co. F. 15th Infantry, stationed at Fort Beaufort, Dakota. In March 1890 he enlisted again and is now a member of

Bat. L. 2nd Artillery, stationed at Fort Trumbull, in this city. He is now under arrest because of his offense, and an official notification of the case has been or will be soon handed to you.



I wish to plead for clemency
in his case. The officers
at Fort Trumbull speak well
of his character and conduct.
But prior to his exposure,
perhaps two months, he
became interested in the
church of which I am
pastor, and professed conversion.
He gave every evidence
of sincerity, and we all believe
that he gave himself to
God from genuine conviction.
We were encouraged in his
case, He says he is ready
to bear whatever penalty his
offense merits, but we hope
it may be permitted to
the extent, at least, of
allowing him to remain
here, where he may be
under our influence.

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A genuine work of grace
has been carried on by my
people among the soldiers at
the fort, and several have
been converted. We are
deeply interested in these
young men, a number of
whom have become excellent
members of the Church. We
hope the work will continue.

Hoping you may find
it wise according to your
judgment to deal leniently
with Mr Baseley,

I remain,

Very truly yours,

A. J. Coultas,

Pastor, Federal St. M. E. Church.

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26 Broadway,
New York.

January 2nd, 1891.

O. O. Howard,

Major-Gen. U. S. Army,

Governor's Island,

New York City.

Dear General:

I hear that you have had the misfortune, to lose a portion of the funds you had collected, for the purchase of the church property referred to in your letter of Dec. 20th.

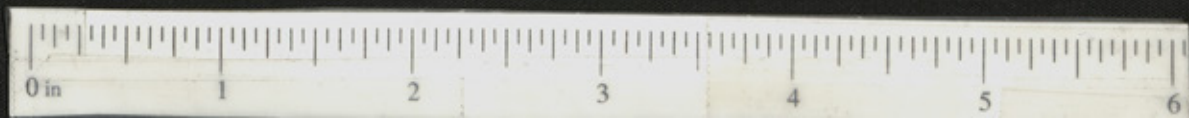
Will you kindly let me know the facts,

and whether the loss falls upon you.

Yours very truly,

John D. Rockefeller
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5 West 35th Street
New York City

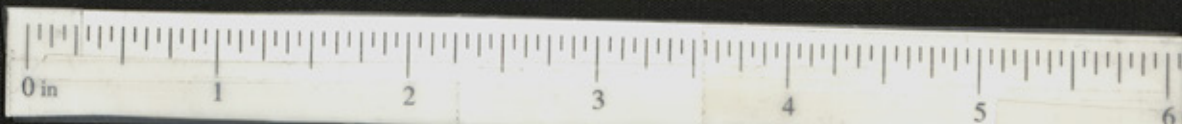
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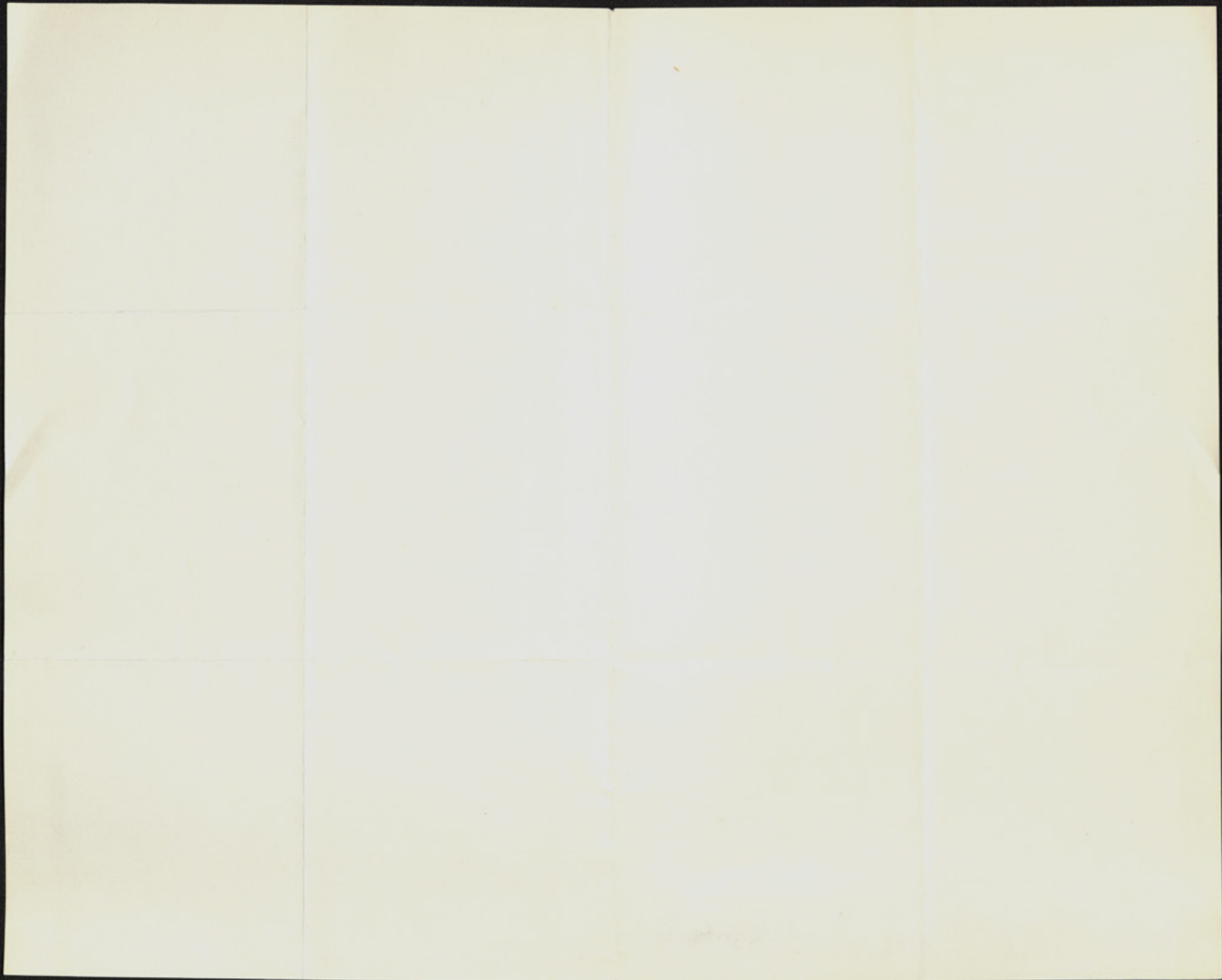
Dear General:

I enclose a note and a check with it, which I received this morning for you. The check was made payable to my order, but I have endorsed it over to you, as the readiest way of settling the money into your hands. The ~~check~~ note will let you see to whom you are indebted for this kindness. I have written to Miss Cochran, thanking her for her gift, but a note from you would be worth a hundred from me. Miss Cochran & her sisters live together a maiden sisterhood, & they like to have a hand in such good work as that which you are now engaged in. Kind regards to Mrs Howard & family from all here.

Yours faithfully

Wm M. Taylor





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24 Wall St
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Gen O. Howard
U.S.A.

My Dear General
Mr. Finch

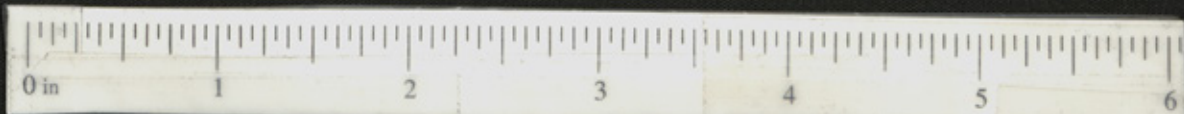
man of No 80 Madison Av,
New York has a son Lt.
Delaware Sheritt under
your command now
stationed at Fort Ham-
ilton whom she is
exceeding anxious
to have stationed at
Governors Island
It will certainly
be very gratifying to



to me if you shall find
it proper in the due exer-
cise of your authority to
accede to her request.

I understand from
Mrs Hinckman that there
is a vacancy of the rank
of 2^d Lt. at Governors Island,
& I venture to make this
request. With sincere respect

I am my Dear General
Yours obt. Servant
Wm Davis



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Personal opinion about it. I want to
do all things for the best and my
experience in Indian affairs is limited.

Any suggestions you may make
will be appreciated by me.

With highest regards to yourself
and family. I am, Dear Genl.

Very Respectfully
Yours Truly
W. H. Carson,
Chaplain U.S.A.



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Mount Vernon Pk. Alabama.
January 28th 1891.

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

My Dear General,

Knowing your
interest in the Indians here, I desire to
inform you that in many respects they
are gradually improving in every way.

When I first came here I found
many of the Indians, both men and women,
drinking and gambling, I have been en-
deavouring all along to teach them that it is
wrong to drink and gamble, and Mr.
Whitson has also been talking to them
and, consequently, they are doing some
better. As to drinking I cannot see
that they are improving very much, but
they have almost ceased to gamble, and
we hope soon to be able to persuade
them to abandon the drink habit.

I have been going through the Camp daily talking to them, and teaching them civilized ways and I can see considerable improvement in their manners, methods, etc.

We hold a Sunday School for them Sunday morning and services for the older people in the afternoon. Both services are well attended, and the Indians seem very much interested.

I have sent for "Temperance Pledge" and am going to have those addicted to drink pledge themselves to abstain therefrom for, say, two months, or 3 months, at a time, and see what effect it will have upon them.

I want to say that many of the Indians are industrious, hard working men. I have watched them closely and I sincerely believe that the time will come when they can be placed on a farm, or at some occupation where they can sustain themselves well without government aid.

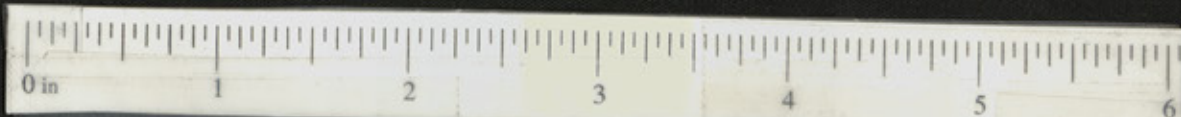
They seem to like to have a nice house, with civilized surroundings, stoves, lamps, tables, etc., etc.

Some time ago one of the Indians came to me and wanted me to marry him according to our method. I talked to him - told him what it all meant - its obligations, etc. and married him & he is doing well.

Now, my dear Girl, I want to know what you think about my marrying them. Do you think it would be best for me to urge upon them to be married by me, or would you let them go along in their ancient way.

Of course, I cannot marry them according to the laws of Alabama, then procuring a license, as they are not citizens but I can unite them by the religious rite - impressing upon their minds at the time its obligations, etc. and perhaps it may tend to lift them up a little.

I should like, however, to have your



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SURGEON GENERALS OFFICE,
WASHINGTON.

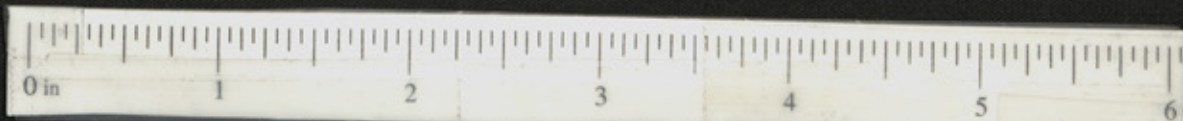
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My dear General

Your letter of yesterday was duly received. The matter is now before the Secretary and when it is referred to me I will give it careful consideration.

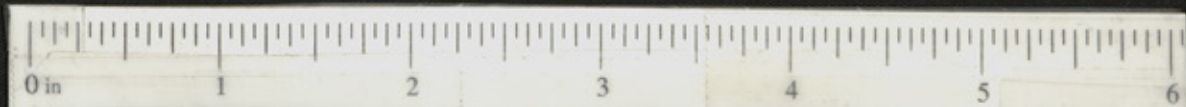
Hoping you will
remain
very sincerely
C. Sutherland.

Very truly
yours,
F. W. Sutherland



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Fort-Bowie Arizona

January 26th 1891
[24?]Major General O.O. Howard
U.S. ArmyMy dear General
Your kind letter

of Jan 17th is received and I hasten
to reply - thanking you most-heartily for
your interest - in my behalf. As you say -
it is too late to secure a transfer to
General Miles in the field - And yet it
may be - from prospects - only a little too
early. The tribes outside the circle may
break out - in the spring - in which case the
area of disturbance will be much lar-
ger than the present - one. This detail is
exclusively in the province of the Secretary
of War. And General Miles the present
Division Commander gave me the strong-

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Howard G.O.

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best possible assistance on my applications
in 1884. The Secretary of War refused me
the detail then solely on the ground of
expense of changing station and asked
General Crook, then Commanding the Missouri
Division to recommend an officer to relieve
Captain Harris. Should the Secretary
ask General Miles now. I would
be recommended by him. My original
application is still pending.

I shall apply for permission
to march through via Salt Lake City
on terms by which the Government
will be put at no expense.

Again thanking you I remain

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

G. C. Harvey

Captain 2nd Cavalry

Pennsylvania Military Academy,
Chester Pa. Jan. 24th 91

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

General:

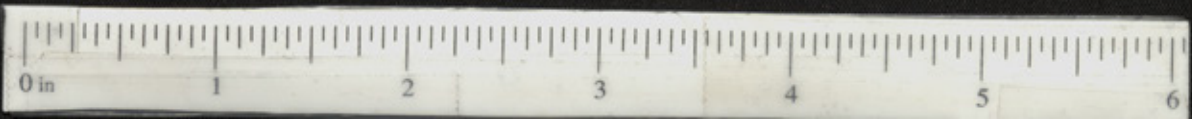
It is our intention to publish a military magazine devoted primarily to the interests of our Corps of Cadets.

I had the pleasure of listening to your address in Chester last year and then conceived the idea of importuning you in behalf of the "Reveille" for some war reminiscences. Since that time the "Reveille" has been discontinued and we purpose to replace it, on a more extensive scale, by the "Sabre". You well know, General, how eagerly each line from the distinguished pen of a veteran commander is devoured by the volunteer soldier. While the specific pursuit for which the members of this corps are destined is peace, there

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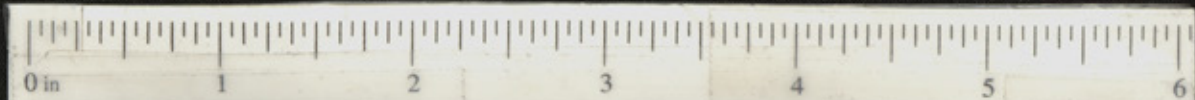
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is represented here that germ of patriot Americanism, the embryo soldier, who with his bright horoscope and his unlimited emotional faculties yearns to rally under the old flag, - he knows not when but feels instinctively that sometime in the dim future he shall reel with the wild intoxication of battle, that some vague day the fullest realization of his most ideal dream is to be accomplished.

This is the kind of impulsive organism which must exist in sufficient numbers to check any popular indifference, an evil to which a nation absorbed alone in commerce must needs pay tribute. There is, a good deal more sentiment, six, in the average American youth than he is willing to admit or is even cognizant of.

I trust then, General, that your well known cordiality will overlook the un-

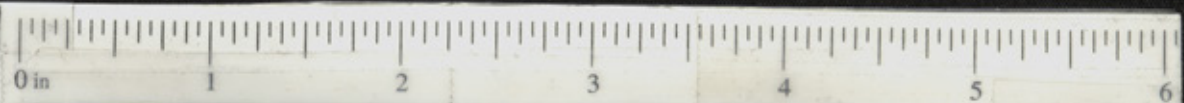


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in response to the great question of what
is the nature of the world, who with his
light of knowledge and his unlimited power
of faculties appears to walk under the
old flag, - the banner of the old faith in
the things that are passing in the time
of the world and the world's history of
the past, that have again and again
manifested of his most actual power in
the world.

There is the kind of
fulfilling experience which we seek in
different moments to seek and realize
in different ways and to which we return
again and again, and which we seek
to find. There is a good deal more
than that, and the answer is, however
young, that he is willing to admit
is even more important.

I trust when General, that your well-
known cordiality will comfort the

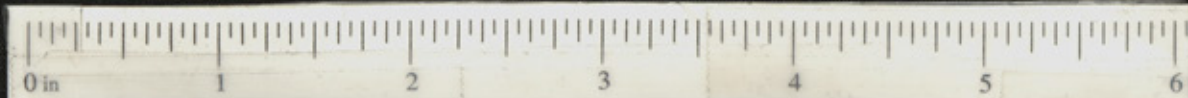


military length of my letter and not allow
the Cadets of the Pennsylvania Military Acad.
emy to be long deprived of a pleasure for
which they are so eager.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant

Jos. L. Kelly



Wells. Geo. J. D.

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ST. ANTHONY CLUB

29 EAST TWENTY EIGHTH ST.

24th Jan'y '91

Genl A.O. Howard
Governors Island

My dear Sir

Being an applicant
for membership to the
Military Order of the Loyal
Legion I would be very
much indebted if your
slight acquaintance with
me would permit your
endorsing my applica-
tion. Mr Lawrence
Napkins and Mr Royall
Farragut are the only
gentlemen of my acquaintance
who belong to the New
York Commandery with



the exception of yourself.

I am a son of the late
Genl Benj S Roberts,
U.S.A. Through whom I
inherit the right to become
a member of the order.

My brother, Capt B.K.
Roberts 5th U.S. Artillery,
is a member by his own
right & has waived his
claim as eldest son in
my favor. I can refer
you to Genl Whipple,
Major Wallace Randolph
and possibly to your son,
all of whom I have known
for some years past.

Mr Hapkins & Mr Farragut
have already signed my
application and my
apology for thus calling

on you is that I do not know a third
member of this Commandery with the
exception of yourself.

Very soon you will have no hesitancy
in declining if you feel the circumstances
make it desirable, you should withhold
your endorsement.

Very sincerely

B. S. Roberts

78 Highland Ave

Spring King

Miss.

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Riverside Drive 76th St
New York Jan 24/91

Gen O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir,

I am
deeply interested in the mission
work, which is so nobly carried on
by you and many other good
Christian men & women, and learn-
ing by yesterday's Tribune of your
unfortunate loss by the failure
of J. A. Keane & Co. I hasten to
contribute my mite to make up
that loss. Please find my check
for hundred dollars, which it gives
me pleasure to contribute to the

Evangelistic work in which
you & your son are engaged
on to the amount needed to pay
for the Little Welch Church, if you
prefer to apply it.

With the fervent desire that
our common Master may richly
bless the work which you are
doing in His behalf, and that
many, helped by your prayer
and teaching may be persuaded
to enlist under His banner,
I am yours, with high esteem,

Wm. C. Lobenstine



J. B. BURNS,
Formerly 6th U. S. Cavalry,
Adjutant General,
No. 1831 TATLOW STREET,
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

DR. W. H. HUTT,
Formerly 8th U. S. Infantry,
Commander in Chief,
No. 670 N. NINETEENTH ST.,
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

28 JOHN McCULLOUGH,
Formerly 22d U. S. Infantry,
Quartermaster General,
No. 2220 MADISON SQUARE,
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

NATIONAL DIVISION
GENERAL SERVICE CORPS

U. S. Army and Navy.

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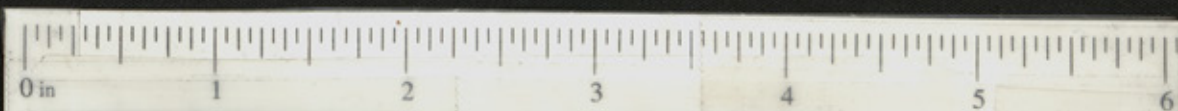
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Major General O. O. Howard. C. S. A.

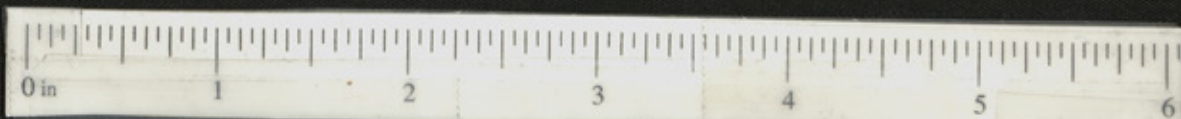
Dear General.

Permit me to thank you, both as a representative of this association and individually to thank you for your just and heroic remarks on the personal of the enlisted men of the U. S. Army, and their patriotism at the outbreak of our late rebellion, as published in the Phila Sunday Press of Jan 18th. This association is composed of those who have served at some time in the Regular Army or Navy, our object is to promote the general well fare of those who have so served, and to renew the ties of honorable service. Among our members are many who only served as enlisted men and who in civil life hold positions of honor and trust, and who reflect credit on the personal of the enlisted men. We



believe that our example will not only
have a beneficial influence on civilians
but those who now or may serve in a
like position. The regular has been for-
gotten and no monuments exist to
testify their valor. but truth from officers
of your rank who have so loyally served
their country, will do much to rectify
mistakes, I enclose you a copy of our
little paper, and request that you will
contribute a short article for the next
issue (April) giving some data as to
the losses sustained by the regulars
during the war, and I also request
you consent to be proposed as an
honorary member of Gen J. M. Schofield
Division No 1. G. S. C.

Yours Respectfully
W. H. H. M. D.



Lancaster, Pa., *Friday* 24th 1891

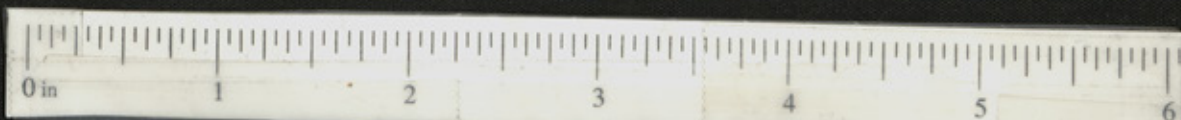
Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard

My Dear Sir

Our Board of Directors are anxiously awaiting your acceptance of their invitation to address the Anniversary of the Young Men's Chinaman Association to be held in the Court Room as per terms and time mentioned in the letter sent you. If you can possibly spare the time to come, please give us a favorable reply.

Our people have a right to see our old War heroes and you should not object to indulging them while you enjoy health and strength. The Young Men of this City will appreciate it on this occasion.

Very truly yours *Hugh R. Fulton*



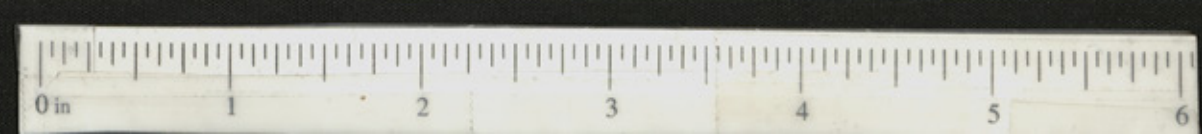
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United States Engineer Office.
Florida District.

St. Augustine, Fla., January 24th, 1891.

Major General O. O. Howard,
Commander Division of the Atlantic,
Governor's Island, N. Y.

General:-

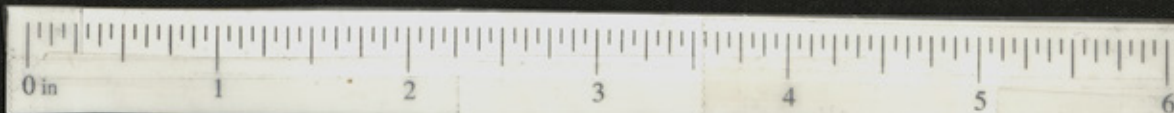
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of an official copy
of your letter of January 20th, addressed to the Hon B. M. Cutcheon,
and referring to Fort Matanzas, Florida.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

N. M. Black

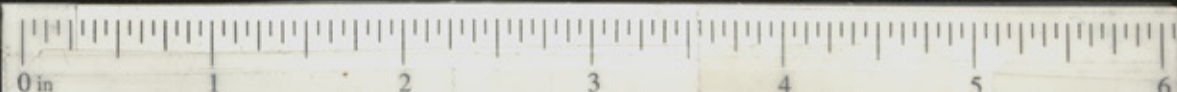
Captain, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A.



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I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of an original copy
of your letter of January 2nd, 1882, in relation to the
proposed sale of the land in the town of
and in reply to inform you that the same has been
referred to the proper authorities for their consideration.
Very respectfully,
J. H. [Signature]



Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 24th, 1891.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,

Governor's Island, N. Y.

Dear General:-

There is an effort being made to re-open the American National Bank, of this City, that closed its doors last Monday.

I am applying to the Comptroller of Currency for the position of Receiver, should the effort to re-organize fail.

I shall be strongly recommended by prominent men here.

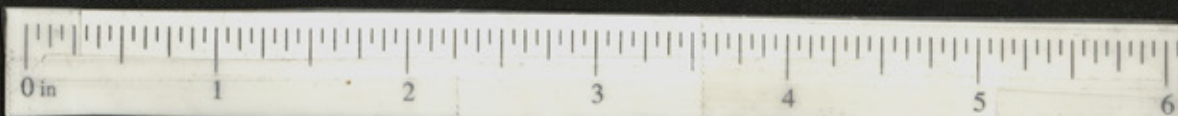
I would consider it a great favor for you to write the Comptroller, giving me such endorsement as you may be able.

With kind regards to Mrs. Howard,

I am,

Sincerely Yours,

E. W. Rigdon



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Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 24th, 1891.

Mat. Gen. O. O. Howard,

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