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MIDDLESEX CLUB

ORGANIZED 1867.

Boston, April 13 1891.

Gen. O. O Howard
New York.

Dear Sir:-

We are much disappointed that you have declined the Club's invitation to our meeting of April 25., in commemoration of the birth day of Gen. Grant. We shall spare no effort to make the occasion a worthy and appropriate tribute to the memory of the Great Soldier. We, rarely in our preparations, decided to increase the interest of the day by the presence of some one, at least, of those officers, who, like yourself held a commanding and prominent position in the memorable war. In selecting your name we voiced the sentiment of our club, and of this Community, because in Massachusetts as elsewhere throughout the Country the fame and the name of Gen. Howard

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are held in high respect and honor.

You will pardon so direct an allusion to yourself in a letter from a stranger to you formally, but my justification must lie in the gratitude which all free Americans feel for your efforts in behalf of humanity, as well as your gallantry as a soldier. We are much in earnest in asking if there is not a possibility of your revising your previous intention, and accepting our invitation, hereby renewed, to be our guest on the 25th.

Trusting that you will do so, I am

Most respectfully Yours

John Haskell Butler

Butler John H.

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White John S.

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Berkeley School,
6 East 44th Street.

JOHN S. WHITE, LL.D.,
HEAD MASTER.
J. CLARK READ, A. M.,
REGISTRAR.

New York, April 13, 1891.

Capt Chas. G. Trask,
Aide-de-Camp,
Commanding Zouaves,

My dear Sir,

At the last moment on Saturday it was discovered that we could not get the 1500 chairs promised for the 22nd Regt Armory, so that we should have been in great difficulty but for the tender of the 9th Regt Armory for Friday night instead of Thursday. Will you kindly convey our thanks to Gen. Howard for his kind acceptance and ask if he will admit the "amendment" to Friday Eng

I enclose invitations. Col. Morgan hopes that you will come personally.

If more tickets are desired please let me know

Yours faithfully,
John D. White

Gen. Howard's party
will have "Jordan Suite"
reserved in Curtain of Lo. Arch

E. C. BRIDGMAN,
PUBLISHER OF
MAPS, CHARTS, Etc.
MANUFACTURER OF
CONGRESS TIE ENVELOPES.
84 WARREN STREET.

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NEW YORK, April 13 1891

My dear Sir.

Our "Y.M.C.A." at Tompkinsville Staten Island has been prospering of late — It has secured an entire building very slightly located & now thro' the kindness of Mr Wm Butler Duncan we have a Gymnasium apparatus.

We propose to hold some special Exercises when this new room is opened — we want the Y.M.C.A. word & Christian Manhood help up to our Staten Island people — for the influence of nearly all the other athletic associations has been injurious to their members.

We know you are a very busy man & yet we hope it may suit your convenience & engagements, & be with us on some evening in latter part of the month or early in May – I think Tuesday or Thursday would suit us best.

We wish to invite not only all our members but also many prominent men, who friendly aid & interest we hope to secure.

With my respects

I am Sir

Yrs very truly

C. C. Bridgman

For the Y.M.C.A.
of East Shore
of Staten Island

To
General O. O. Howard

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Head-quarters Old Guard
(Veteran Battalion.)
Armory 5th Ave. & West 14th Street.

New York: April 13th 1891

General O. O. Howard
Gov. Island

General

The Old Guard will celebrate its Sixty Fifth Anniversary, on Wednesday the 22nd inst, as per enclosed Order and programme.

You are cordially invited to participate in the ceremonies of the day, and mess with the Battalion at the Armory, at 6. P. M.

Very truly Yours
Lieut Jas. F. Newman
Chairman Committee

R. S. V. P.

Head-Quarters Armory

"OLD GUARD"

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Commanding.

General
Will you kindly
favor me with
an answer.
E. R.

Roberts E.

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April 14th 1881

To General O. Howard U.S.A

Please permit me General to introduce myself to you as a pensioner of the late war. I went to see you last week but your daughter Miss Bessie told me you were in the City I went to ask if you could let me have free quarters on Governor's Island, I find it hard work in my old age to live in any comfort & pay rent in the

Getting old & suffering from Asthma very much, if I had no rent to pay I could get along nicely on my boy's earnings & my pension. hoping that I may be able to enlist your sympathy in granting my request

I am very respectfully
your very Humble Servt

Ellen Roberts
436 East 35th St
New York City

City having only my pension
and the earnings of my son
who has just finished
his apprenticeship as a
painter and paper hanger
last September, his trade got
dull so that he has been
most of the winter months
idle. My first husband
Ordinance Serg.t George
Williams was born in the
Army & died in it, being
an enlisted man for over
26 years at the time of his
death which occured on
the 8th of September 1865

he died of yellow fever
while stationed in charge
at New Orleans Barracks
previous to his promotion
to the Ordinance Department
he was Drum Major of the
6th ~~united~~ Infantry for over
14 years, he was severely
wounded in the Mexican
war being shot through both
~~thigh both~~ thighs he also
served as Drummer boy
in the Florida war.
I myself served as nurse
for 23 months during the
late Rebellion. I am now

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and myself to the
hope of receiving
one from you -
Yours very sincerely
Dorothy Stanley
14th.

Executive Office Mont

My dear General -

Your kind letter touches me very much -
Mr Stanley will be so proud of these gracious
words - I am so very glad to have more
about the Indians - he came through
Arizona and I spoke to all the Indians
I could meet - without much response -
but it was interesting to see them -
and now - to read about them -
As soon as I get to London I want to send
you a good photograph of Mr Stanley

Kelley W.W.

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St. John's Church.
530 Bedford ave.
Brooklyn.
Apr. 14. 1891.

Major Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear & Honored General.

Several times I have either written or spoken to you about my desire to arrange a meeting for the young men of this part of Brooklyn, to be held in my church some Sunday Evening, with yourself as one of the speakers.

My plan, a year ago, was to have you & Gen C. B. Fisk: but he has been assigned to duty in another world.

My wish now is to substitute Rev. Dr. Cuyler in Fisk's place.

It was my hope to meet you as well as Dr. Cuyler last Evening at the reception given to

Archbishop Ireland.

Failing that, I write this morning to ask if you can possibly do us the great favor to make an address (with Dr. Cuyler) in my church on Sunday evening, May 10th.

Dr. Cuyler can come then, & will do so if you can come.

You may remember that I wrote you, with a request like the one now made, almost as soon as you had taken command at Governor's Island.

Ever since, I have clung to this dear desire & plan, which I earnestly hope may not be impossible of realization.

Believe me, with high Esteem,

Most cordially yours

Wm. V. Kelley

Pastor St. John's Church.

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Albany, N. Y., April 14, 1891.

Mr Gen. O. O. Howard

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Respectfully yours,

Chas. H. Freeman,
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IF NOT DELIVERED
RETURN TO
GEN. D. BUTTERFIELD,
616 5TH AVENUE, N. Y.

4-14-91.

My Dear General:-

When the detail were coming down from West Point with the horses for the staff officers to ride at Gen. Sherman's funeral they were to arrive at 5.00 o'clock and instructions had been given for them, in the absence of any public or army stables to remain in the street. As this would have exposed the horses and men to unnecessary hardship and fatigue, in view of the arduous duties they had to undertake I asked Dagle's

stables
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stables near 59th St.
to arrange stables for
the horses to remain in
from their arrival at
5:00 o'clock in the morning
until noon, which was
done. Mr. Dagle renders
the bill to me personally
for this accommodation and
care of the horses.

Will you arrange it
so the Quarter Master's
Dept can pay this; and
to whom shall I instruct
Mr. Dagle to send the bill
he has rendered to me
for this service.

Very respectfully yours
Wm. D. Butterfield

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To Gen O. O. Howard,
Governors Island
N.Y. Harbor.

Butterfield Daniel

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Dying in a distant Land, His last thoughts
Returned to Home and Mother,
His wife wrote us, that He cried out to
see his Mother's face once more on Earth
But Dear Boy he had to pass away
without the wish being gratified.
It seems as if it would be a poor consolation
to my Mother for the Loss of him. If
She could have the assurance of being
provided for, while She lives.
My Mother regretted so much that
She was denied the Honor of grasping
your hand, and listening to your Voice,
But we hope you will visit our Village
again, and then we hope to have you
as our guest.
I trust I have not tired you with
my Story, and hope through you, that
my Mother may be fortunate enough
to get an Allowance from the
Government. I will close Hoping to
be Honored with a reply
I am Very Respectfully Yours

Miss Annie D Conklin

Conklin Annie D.

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Port Jefferson Apl 14th/1891

Maj. General O O Howard

Dear Sir

I have not forgotten, that you were so
kind as to give me the priviledge
of writing to you, if I so desired.
Therefore deeming it an Honor and
an exquisite Pleasure I venture to Address
you. When I called on you at Mrs
Smith's House on the Evening of the
10th inst I felt somewhat embarrassed to
disclose to you, with perfect freedom,
our domestic affairs in the presence of
the whole family, my acquaintance with
them only extends so far as my dealings
with Mr Smith Sen. In a Business transaction,
I called expressly to see you Hoping

that your influence would be of more account used in our behalf, than any ordinary man, whom I could consult, on a matter of such vital importance to my mother and myself. I am well and able to take care of myself, and could be useful in the world in many ways, but my mother has entered her seventieth year and is not fit to live alone, neither does she feel that she can be separated from me now, in her decline of life. We own a little home, but we have had to struggle with a debt on it for years, we have managed to keep the interest paid up, but still the principal remains, and it is such a moth, keeping us cramped down, hindering us from repairing the house, as it sorely needs. When my brother died it took from under our last prop of support, and my mother and I have had to look out for ourselves the best we could. You asked me if Brother Lewis was wounded, No. He came home without a scratch, but he was very much emaciated, and after getting married, and clerking in the insurance business in New York, for a few years his physician told him, that it would probably prolong his life if he removed to Lower California, which he did, but he was so broken down in health that he soon pined away, and died two years later. He was taken sick while on the March through the Shennandoah Valley and went to Hospital at Fort McHenry with Typhoid fever, and altho he never recovered his former health still rejoined his Reg" and participated in the Battle of Gettysburgh, and then went to Chatanooga and was one of Dear Old Shermans Soldiers Who Marched Across the Continent. My poor brother passed away in early life

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REGISTRATION BUREAU

OF THE

CHARITY ORGANIZATION SOCIETY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,

21 UNIVERSITY PLACE.

CONFIDENTIAL REPORT.

INVESTIGATIONS OFTEN REQUIRE VISITS AND LETTERS TO PERSONS WIDELY SEPARATED, CAUSING MUCH DELAY.

NEW YORK, April 14 1891

Gen Howard Governor's Island

In answer to your request, we send you the information on record with the Society and the result of the investigation made by our agent with respect to the case of

John W. 38 and Annie 25 Goodwin

residing ~~at~~ formerly at Harrisburgh Pa.

Another report will be made if further investigation discloses additional facts of importance, and further particulars may be had on personal application at this office.

Yours Respectfully,

Miss E. J. Scott

Registrar. M

The woman brought by your messenger stated that her husband is in the Guard House on David's Island for desertion. That she has two children Carrie 8 a cripple with Mrs. Brightbill 7th St. Harrisburgh Pa and John 2½.

(OVER.)

You wrote a letter for Mrs. Goodwin to take to St. Barnabas House, where she

could remain until she heard from her husband. She refused it, saying she was anxious to return to her crippled child in Pa. and preferred begging her way back to Harrisburgh. She said she came here on a pass and could get another to return. She then left the office.

Respectfully yours

W. P. Le

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56 Willow St., Brooklyn, N.Y.

(Dictated). April 14th, 1891.

My dear Gen. Howard,

I write in answer to the request of your messenger whom I saw Sunday evening. Our prayer-meetings are just now being conducted on a published list of topics, which will carry us to and through the first of May. If on the 8th of May you could meet with us, the people would be very glad to welcome you and to hear from you respecting your mission work. It is against our rule to take up contributions in the Friday evening prayer-meeting. I have found by experience that it does more damage to the devotional spirit than it does good to the charitable causes. But undoubtedly some account would be given in the press of your remarks, and I should be very glad if you could so interest individuals as to secure from them subscriptions for your good work. I must add in candor, that I do not think you can count on a great deal from Plymouth Church, because we are doing a large mission work ourselves in a district in Brooklyn which requires it quite as sorely as the work which you are doing in New York, and must therefore necessarily reserve our funds chiefly for our own work.

Yours truly

Lyman Abbott.

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Lawrence Abbott