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Newtown 2d. April 22, 1871

Dear General,

Enclosed please find the Bills you requested me to send.

There is also twenty-seven dollars due the painter for painting and papering the Church and A. Storm instead of Halsomining as in contract. Making sixty-seven dollars in all. I will send you the receipts as soon as the men are paid. Yours very truly,

N. H. Camps
Major General Howard: U.S. Army.
Governor's Island, N.Y.

My dear General:

You will hardly believe that I have been so little at home since your letter of March 4th came, that I have not had an opportunity to reply to it, but such is the case. I am away from home nearly all the time, only returning frequently, for a night or a Sunday, or else on one of my long trips. So you will understand that I would not willingly have permitted it to remain so long unanswered.

In regard to Mr. Blanchard's letter, while I am not what is called a bright Mason, yet I am bright enough to know that, as far as I have gone in Masonry, it not only does not teach salvation without Christ, but it does not teach salvation at all, in the sense that it is a religious code. It is not a religion, and does not supply the place of one, and does not pretend to do so. A man may be a Catholic, a Protestant, or a Jew, and be a good Mason, provided he lives up to the moral teachings of his church. It teaches morality, and inculcates what we call the Christian virtues, but that neither teaches a form of religious belief, nor interferes with any man's religious beliefs, so long as he believes in an all-wise, omnipotent Creator, who watches over the welfare of his children, and holds them to an accountability for their actions so far as they affect their fellow men and themselves.

The light of day might be let in to the entire Masonic plan, and its critics would be awfully disappointed if so little would be found to find fault with. These critics magnify its importance. It is made very little of by most Masons themselves. There is not one in three that goes to his lodge once a year. I have not been for several years, and I am a fair specimen of the average Mason.

As to Dr. Bealy, I do not know where he is. I think that since his retirement he has left San Francisco. Soon after that event, he was married to his old housekeeper, and I have been told that they soon after left that city.

I felt very much chagrined about that publication in the Ogden. I spent two or three days there, with your nephew, O.O. Junior, most pleasantly. He is a splendid fellow, and has a very charming half-brother from the good State of Maine. He did me a real good service by his friendly help in Ogden. His Editor-in-chief, whose acquaintance I made, told him, in my presence, to get some reminiscences of my Army life. I laughingly told him that I could not give him anything that would be of the slightest interest to the reading public, and that I could not be made a deserting. I thought the thing was given up, but your nephew, with whom
I am very happy to receive your letter and I am glad to hear from you. I have been thinking about you a lot lately and I am glad to hear that you are well. I hope you are doing well and that your health is good.

I want to thank you for your kind words about me in your letter. I am flattered by your words and I am touched by your concern. I hope that my work is of some use to you and that it is helping you in some way.

I understand that you are busy with your work and that you have a lot to do. I am glad to hear that you are doing well and that you are happy with your work. I hope that you will continue to be successful and that you will achieve all your goals.

I am looking forward to hearing from you again soon. I hope that you will write to me soon.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
I was staying, is an adroit fellow, and he commenced to talk about the Cochise visit, with which he really seemed more familiar than I was myself, and this led on to the various campaigns you had conducted through the Northwest, and lo, the next morning appeared the article.

As it appeared in a locality where I did not know half a dozen people I should not have cared a great deal about it, but I knew that it would reach those, outside of that section, who would think I was getting garrulous and reckless as to my facts, in my old age, after the manner of the typical old retired soldier. However, I know you know me well enough to understand that I am not so thirsty for notoriety that I am fond of seeing my name in print. Indeed, I shrink from, and avoid it constantly, and when a reporter gets after me here, as one occasionally does, I get into my shell, like a clam, and furnish him very little food for his pen.

We were very much alarmed here a few weeks ago, by seeing that, according to the press dispatches, Mrs. Howard was alarmingly ill. I was away from home at the time, but on my return I went to see Capt. Gray and glad to learn through him that she was much better. Give her our sincere love, and tell her not to alarm us that way again. Wood tells me that he saw you in New York, and that you seemed as well and vigorous and busy as ever. I know that you would not be happy if you were not busy. I sent you a paper containing the notice of the obsequies of our old friend Homily. He must have been very old.

I wish you would tell me if Geronimo is the old brutal looking Indian whom we waited so long for, in Cochise's camp, and who wore Lieut. Cushing's shirt at our final powow. Sam Sumner says he is the same. You must have seen him frequently since, and I am curious to know if he is the same man. Nachische, Gen. Crook told me, was the little son of Cochise, who used to crawl under my blankets during the cold nights we spent in the Dragoon mountains. I should very much like to have seen them again.

Fred is in my old regiment, the 14th, and seems to take kindly to his military life. He enjoys serving out here where there are so many of his boyhood friends. Carrie and Mrs. Sladen join me in love to you all.

Give Guy and his wife our kindest regards, also Jamie and his wife. You are gathering around you a good sized collection of grandchildren.

I want to thank you very much for your continued kindness in sending me those volumes of the Rebellion Record. I have every one of them, and I value them very highly.

With sincere regards,

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

P.S. Remember me kindly to Texas.
Maj. Gen. W. D. Howard, U.S.A.,
Governor's Island, N.Y.

Sir:—Will you kindly indicate where we can obtain information for a brief article on "Ration, in the U.S. Army and Navy" for our cyclopedia?

Very respectfully,

John B. Alden,

Maj. Gen.
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No 244 Water Street

New York, April 24, 1891

Major-General O. O. Howard, U.S.A.

Dear Sir,

On June 4th, in the afternoon, the Sunday Schools of the Eastern District of Brooklyn held their annual anniversary exercises and parade. Not less than twenty thousand teachers and scholars with a large audience took part in the march. It was a beautiful spectacle and was greatly enjoyed. Before the time of march, exercises were held in the Church, consisting of singing and brief addresses.

It would be a pleasure to many if you could be present and participate in the exercises. Speaking to the children that will be gathered, in one of the largest avenues in

[Signature]
Bedford Avenue. You will receive a hearty Christian welcome, I am requested to write you and extend the invitation, in the hope, that it may meet your pleasure and convenience to accept it. Directing the favor of your notice. Very truly yours.

S. R. Thomas.
Gen. C. Q. Howard,

Dear Sir,

When you spoke of coming to Mission, last Wednesday evening, I did not think it to invite you to visit our Bethany Mission. The Church is on Seventh Ave., near 36th St. I know you are fully occupied on

James May 3
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Sunday, but on Tues.

April 17th, we

have our Sunday

School Anniversary, or Clos.

ing exercises. And we

would be much pleased

to see you. Dr. Taylor

will be present and

will speak to the

School for a few min.

utes, and we should

be delighted to have

you speak to the

Children for ten min.

utes. Then they will

reaward you. I am

thinking for teeth,

fort after, I mean.

Mrs. Howard

Mar. 31, 1919

New York
Port Jefferson Apr 22nd 1871

Major Gen. O. C. Howard

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 16th has also the one of the 20th containing Extract from Provost Warrants is at hand.

Before proceeding any further I wish to ask you if you would still advise my brother to make her application in the face of Law which read, if the Soldier left a Widow or child under Sixteen years of age, the Brother would not be entitled to Pension.

I am quite sure that in my conversation with you I mentioned the fact of my Brother leaving a wife and child
The Widow remarried two years after his death. We presume that the little boy has drawn a pension as the
new step father applied for one sometime ago. Louie was seventeen the 22nd of last Dec.

We do not wish to deprive the little fatherless boy of anything, but it does seem very unjust, laws that
will not make some provision for an old gray haired mother, who suffered so much with having her child
from Home. The angriest days, and sleepless nights. Worrying to know, if he had a place to lay his head.

I suppose it is far due to find fault with the laws, however stubborn they
may seem.

Thanking you for your trouble
you are taking for us
I anxiously await your decision.
Yours Truly Annie D. Conklin
My dear Sister, I write to say that we are now ready to commence selling tickets for May 7. Every ticket sold at full is thus added to surplus. The preliminary work is done, and I think thankfully of you. I will write a few lines to the Eagle and Standard and mention the fact that the Thesman Memorial Hour in the Brooklyn Academy of Music is announced for May 14th. Appropriately as that date was the time I wrote on the March for Atlanta. It will start under enthusiasm that would be overwhelming—so if you prefer write to me as fast as the moment I will hear it, in all the news.

James Beyon [illegible]
Miss Brown,

Do please give me the letter from my Aunt. We have just two weeks to sell tickets by keeping twice the usual. Can have a good surplus the letter suggested would reach the expense of advertising and write much more.

If I want to sell all the tickets before May then is the night a storm, receipts allowed.
Brunswick, Me., April 21st 1891.

Gentlemen:

Dear Sir,

Bowdoin plans to send out an eight-oared crew again this year and has race partially arranged with the University of Pennsylvania and Harvard.

The credit which this year's crew is due to bring to the college, together with our desire to use the trained material we have at our command, and the prospect that no crew will be sent out next year, leading us to desire to make a showing this season, that will maintain the reputation Bowdoin now has for producing gritty oarsmen; all induces us...
Brunswick, Me. 1891.

to ask from you a contribution towards the $1400 necessary for the marine operations.

Checks should be made payable to Prof. W. A. Moody, the graduate treasurer.

Yours truly,

Jonathan P. Cilley, Jr.
Ross. J.
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Ross

[Handwritten text]

Dear Sir,

I thank you very much for the kind offer concerning the news of our family. I am attached if sent to Washington. I am confined to a bed as much as possible. I must marry Robert and make arrangements for a home order.
but I shall be at home any hour after twelve.

Between me,

G. H. Eady

S. H.

R. S. Howel

Surround Island
New York April 23rd, 1891

Genl. O. O. Howard,
Governor's Island, N. Y.

Dear Comrade:

It affords me very great pleasure to inform you, that by unanimous vote you have been elected a member of the Board of Trustees of the Union Prisoners of War National Memorial Association, for the year ending January 1892.

Very truly yours, in F. G. & L.

[Signature]

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New York, April 23rd, 1891.

Gen. 0. O. Howard,
Governor's Island, N. Y.

My Dear General:

We have a movement in Canandaigua for a new organization. Over 150 young men have made promised membership. They have held young men's meetings for two months on Sunday Afternoon averaging 50 or 60 in attendance, etc. We are advising them to delay formal organization until Autumn but keep on with their present work. The main difficulty is with the Congregational clergyman located there named Calhoun who is opposed to any work done outside of the churches. He feels that each church should do the Association work. As the Congregational church is the most wealthy they would expect the best support from them, and are anxious to create public sentiment in favor of the Association. The young men at the head of this are leading young lawyers, cashier of a bank, etc., etc. They particularly want a letter from you as a Congregational list giving your opinion of Young Men's
If you will kindly dictate at your convenience such a letter I will send it to one of their young men that it may be published in one of the local papers. I enclose you a little document which we are circulating on this line.

Kindest regards to Mrs. Howard and family. Hoping to meet you when we next go to Kansas City. Week after next.

Very truly yours,

Geo. A. Hall

New York, April 17, 1867.
My dear General,

The appointment will be in the Autumn

The publication of a series of volumes to be called "Illustrious Soldiers." The books will contain about 325 pages or say 150,000 words, and will be sold at $1.25. The series is to contain fourteen vols, and will include Washington, Greenback

Drummond, Grant, Hancock, and Sheridan. A sale of from ten to twenty thousand copies is expected in this country and the series will be reprinted in England. The author of the work to be paid 10 per cent copyright and where it is desired, the publisher will advance a retainer on sale of copyright for a couple of hundred dollars. $200.
New York April 24, 1891
314 N. 45 Waterley Place

Maj'nr. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir,

Will you be willing to add to your many kind acts in my behalf by adding me some part of a recommendatory letter addressed to Mr. William H. Webb, the retired ship builder asking for employment of some kind for the Mr. Webb is about to fund a Sequoia's college or retreat. I have met him. He probably knows favorably of my career in offering the Dread Rice. It is not important, I think, if you do not happen to be personally acquainted with Mr. Webb. He is a plain man.
and in special good health, only as the duty, and approachable. I know he would regard as a compliment a letter from you in any case. Please speak of my brother, the late Mr. Baset.

Miss you, Editha F. Marshall.

Yours truly, Eufy.

Respectfully,

April 24, 1891.

Maj. Gen'l. O.O. Howard, U.S.A.,

Commanding Division of the Atlantic,

Governor's Island, New York City.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th instant, enclosing an extract from a letter to you from Mr. Frank Streamer, referring to the appeal case of Heirs of Franklin Freer v. Heirs of Everett C. Burch and involving lands in the North Yakima district, Washington.

In accordance with your request I have to-day written to Mr. Streamer and have given him a statement of the condition of the case, which will be reached for action in a few months from the present time.

Very respectfully,

First Asst. Secretary.

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Fifty seven Second Avenue
Newark N.J.

April 24th, 1891.

My dear General:

Your kind invitation
to dinner for Thursday evening, April thirty-first, is received.

I accept the honor
with great pleasure.

With mutual feelings
of esteem and friendship,

I am, Very truly yours,

W. Hume

Major General O. O. Howard,
Governor Indiana,
New York.
April 24th 1891

General Howard. Dear Sir,

This is to ask you to please forward my son George W. Seal and let him free from the army as he is my youngest son and will be a great help to me in my old age. I see and know how a great deal of trouble he has been and he is so anxious to come home to see me please write to the Secretary of War and have him released from my sake. If you only knew my trouble I am sure that you would do all that you could for my son. I am old and have no help until it is hand on me and I beg of you.
To send my Son home to me once more as I think you can if you will. I am old and his Hatter is old and we would like so much to have him with us as we know no one to help us as pleased write and tell me what you will do for me in the name of God please send him home from his Mother and Father.

Mother and God your miserable servant

Direct to Marion Hill

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