New York, 27 Mai 1892.

Mon cher général,

Le temps semble décidément avoir attrapé un affreux rhume de cerveau, car le verbe pleinsions continue à se conjuger sans un soufflement de tons, pour ce qui me concerne, je ne m'arrête pas. Je ne me sens pas, comme pour y mettre un peu de variété. Mais il y a lieu d'espérer que le jour du tombeau n'en épargnera et que votre eloquence ne l'oubliera pas dans l'eau.

L'autre jour un homme, ou plutôt un jeune homme, que je connais de vue depuis à peu près dix-huit ans, sans lui avoir jamais parlé, se trouvait assis à côté de moi à la Cooper Union. Tout à coup il me tendit une espèce, et comme je ne possédais pas, il m'a partagé avec lui. Il est alors une autre idée qui ne me paraît pas moins réjouissante. Il me dit qu'il avait raison de croire que j'étais, comme lui, dans l'enseignement, et que je parlais italien. Sur ce il parla italien et je lui répondis de même. Il m'apprit alors qu'à moitis il octobre prochain une école du soir pour Italiens (plusieurs dix leçons d'anglais, à trois dollars la leçon) deviendrait probablement solitaire, on croyait quelques mots de recommandation pour un maître de l'École publique de Vanderwater et ce nous le faisons, et je me rendis dans cette dernière place et obtins la recommandation du dit maître, et cela. Il y aura un examen dans trois semaines. Je m'y présenterai. Si je réussi, ce sera tout, je joue quelque chose de commencer le reste viendra. Il est quelque regret d'aller de cette affaire, car je ne peux m'empêcher de penser qu'il devrait mieux.
tombée à genoux et criais merci.

Morale: Ne songeons pas que l'habitude d'expliquer devienne une seconde nature. Ne soyons pas prêts à chaque instant à démontrer que la lune n'est pas un fromage de Gruyères.

Mais les limites de ma réservation sont atteintes, si ne les franchisais pas. Autrement vous jeterez ma lettre au panier sans l'achever en marmonnant: Quantum sufficit!

Et je prie Dieu qu'il vous ait en sa sainte garde!

George A. Beck, 188 Chrysler S.
New York, 25 Mai 1892
Mon cher général,

Vous voici donc encore loin de cette charmante ile, et cette lettre ne sera point portée par la fléau
de suis charne d'apprendre que ma conjuguaison de plusieurs
n'a pas eu de dureuses conséquences et de voir que vous
approfondissez mes lâches poétique.

Votre voyage d'aujourd'hui me rappelle certaines
réflexions que je fis, lors de votre dernier départ
pour Washington, sur les inconvénients qu'entraîne
quelques l'habitude d'enseignes. Je remarquai alors
causant avec un certain Sunday-School Teacher de
vraie date qu'il était curieux que le général Knowl,-
à peine retourné de Washington, y avait déjà affaire de nouveau.
C'était une observation des plus simples comme si j'avais
dit : Bon, voila qu'il pleut de nouveau ! Mais je fus tout
échaudé, quand ce pélagique, d'enseignant, m'expliqua gru-
vement et longuement, que le général, étant le chef de ceci,
et le chef de cela, pouvait avoir été appelé à Washington
pour expliquer plus clairement des points que les papiers de
ministérielles avaient laisses obscures, quel se pouvait
que... que je ne songeais peut-être pas que...

M'sieur, je m'écriai je à la fin, est-ce que vous
croyez réellement que ma cervelle n'est pas assez
puissante pour en tenter de pareilles hypothèses ? C'est
assez, je vous en conjure, monsieur moi-même pour
suivre le cours de ces suppositions jusqu'à ce que vous
Letter no. 28264:

H. A. Bridgman to OOT, Boston, May 27, 1892:

attached to and filed with letter no. 28219:

Trist Wood to OOT, New Orleans, May 20, 1892—
plus enclosed to, copy of a document, newsclippings, and misc. ms. material.
Bakersfield, Cal., May 27, 1892

Gen. A. C. Howard
Fowey's Island, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

It will be impossible for me to go and look at your land in person, but I shall send a copy of your letter to Mr. S. W. Egbert, the confidential agent of the Kern County Land Co., and, after looking over the letter and referring to the map, he stated that he felt convinced from the location that he had a first-class piece of land fully worth, with the water right on it, $75.00 per acre. He states that mine land quite near prox only a mile or so away had been sold quite lately at $25.00 per acre without water. This is the best I can do at the present time. I may be able to ascertain something more about the matter in time.

Very respectfully,

Frank B. Reé
I am writing this letter 15 a.m. until dark. Have 16 lead of men and 80 men at 1000 acres, plowing and putting in new crops. Egyptian Co. for the Kern Co. Dredge Co. 1 osm. on literature on the subject. Have just completed a canal 160 feet wide and 15 miles long, and an atome of 30 miles of 12, 18, 6 and 4-foot ditches. Camp outside the town and eat the pleasant of food. Am content as an Indian, and reduce in flesh to quite thin proportions, but am in good health and spirits.
41 East 21 St.
New York
27 May 92

Dear General Howard,

A letter from Mr. May tells me that James is on his way East.

Naturally I am very eager to see...
Dear [Name],

Wishing you a very happy New Year. I would be very glad if you could let me know when he is expected in New York.

I trust that you and your family are well. With best regards.

Believe me,
Yours very truly,

[Signature]
My dear General:—

I duly received your communication with inclosures, and have read with interest your long letter. I note what you say in regard to Lieutenant Howard who fully deserves it all and more, I am sure. I have heard him spoken of always in the highest terms, and think as you do that his claims for promotion to the position of Captain and Assistant Quartermaster are very strong.

Lieutenant Long's selection has, of course, filled the vacancy that was pending, but there will be others in the Quartermaster and Subsistence Departments at the close of the year, and when the question of filling them arises Lieutenant Howard's case and all you say in his behalf will have full consideration.

Yours truly, &c.,

L. B. Etters

General O. O. Howard,
Governor's Island,
New York Harbor, N. Y.
Wire Government

Office of the President

Washington

May 31, 1938

Mr. President:

I write to enquire how matters are progressing with your consent, and

have your assistant, John L. Turner, I hope, and you

with your consent, know. Your letter, I note, reveals that

the situation there is very serious, and that you go to great lengths to

preclude any possibility of a repetition of the same incident again.

I trust that your attention has been drawn to the

necessity that we have the power to act. It is here, I agree, that

the President's powers are of the utmost importance. If

you can, may you explain the situation of this

Union, and may you say whether or not you see it in the present situation?

Yours truly, etc.

[Signature]
Boston
May 27/72

Mr. O.S. Howard,

Dear General,

I presume you will remember the same things as when we were with you as a surveyor at Sandown in 1863? I think he is a relative of your good wife - I have been asked by some of the family - to write you - to acquaint you with his condition and to ask if you could in any way assist him. He has been very ill during the past winter and is now much able to be up and around the house - he is quite feeble and I may say penniless - the family are keeping him - he has been with us since a few of his sister Emily also lives in South Berwick. I was told the way eels upon your purse and I know that the us. do not pay her.
Nelson Eugene.
any too much — certainly
not enough to be very —
especially in charity.
If you feel like giving
something to the good
old man — I know he would
like a visit — a brief,
short letter — a hint
of your much shorter
expenditure 6th June —
anything you can spare
may be sent to

Mr. Eugene Nelson

Southwaterford,
Maine.
Alleged facts:

[Handwritten text that is not legible]
B. F. Smith, Jr., Albany, N.Y.
May 27th, 1882

My dear General,

Your letter of the 23rd was duly received, I would have been answered at once, had I been able to do so.

About the middle of February, I was taken very ill, confined to bed for four weeks. I, since then, to the house, a helpless invalid, but let me assure you, that I feel your disappointment far more keenly than my own.

Your questions, I am sorry to write, I cannot answer.

I am afraid that the advice of the 'sharp lawyer' is too suggestive.

As it regards myself, I would rather that you should wait until freed from your official relation with the Government.

Very sincerely yours,

B. F. Smith, Jr., Albany, N.Y.
Governor's Island

Richard Temple
New Orleans, May 27th., 1892.

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard,
Governors Island, N. Y.

Dear General,

Your letter of the 23rd. inst. has been received. I am sorry you cannot utilize the portrait, as it is considered such a good likeness by those who have seen Gen. Taylor himself; but suppose the one you speak of must be extremely faithful. Besides those used in memoirs, text books, etc. there are a great many portraits of Gen. Taylor in the family, but the one I send is the best of any so far as I can make out. You have therefore raised my curiosity greatly about the portrait you mention. The portrait used in Montgomery's book is very good. Most of the pictures of Gen. Taylor are nothing more or less than caricatures. He was a noble, if rugged, looking man - and nothing all like a Dutch butcher. I can then congratulate you on securing a good picture.

Mrs. Jones promised me a tree of the Taylor family extending down to Gen. Zachary's generation, and beginning with the American founder; from which I thought of selecting and sending any matter possibly useful to you; but the tree has not yet arrived, and, instead of the intended extracts, I forward you a sketch of the Taylor family made by me recently. It was not gotten up for inspection, so excuse its condition. As mentioned in the sketch, the
New Orleans, May 29th, 1862.

Dear General,

Your letter of the 28th is come to hand, and I am ready to accept the post of the Secretary of War, as it is considered as to be consolidated with the Treasury. I have seen Gen. Taylor himself, and he has been through the mail a copy of my report on the Inland Trade, and he has been much pleased with the result. He says that he will send a copy to Gen. Taylor in the future, and I am sure that you have done all in your power to make the best of the war. The Secretary needs a man of your ability, and I am sure that you will do your best to fill the position.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
The dates used in the beginning of it are from notes left by Gen. James Taylor, of Newport, Ky. The date of the emigration he gives is 1682 — this does not coincide with that which is usually set forth in biographies, 1692; and less so with that entered by Gen. Thomas Taylor, of Louisville, on the tree which he has just compiled (and which he doubtless showed you when you were in Louisville last,) — 1658. I am inclined from the detailed way Gen. James wrote about the year of emigration, dating events before and after it, that he is correct. Will you not be so kind as to send back the sketch after you have looked over it.

I have retained the acknowledgement of property sale that I might let it accompany this. The original is written in a hand hard to decipher; but with the aid of a lawyer I think I have correctly reproduced the text — which even then, as you perceive, is somewhat mixed and vague. In fact, the only interest that the document has lies in the signature it contains. Margaret Taylor signed her name very much like her husband’s.

But I fear I am boring you with all this.

With much respect,

Very truly,

43 Union St.

F. F. — I will send the wills as soon as I unravel some of their mysteries.
Dear Sir,

I am very much impressed by the work of Mr. Smith in the United States. I have been told by many people that he is an excellent lawyer and that he always works hard for his clients.

I am writing to express my gratitude for your assistance. Your letter of recommendation was very helpful in securing a position with the law firm where I am now employed. I am sure that my success there is in large part due to your kind words.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

P.S. If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.